

How to Convert Dates to Month and Year Format in Power BI

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To convert a date to month and year format in Power BI, you can use the FORMAT function. First, create a new column or measure and use the FORMAT function, specifying the date column as the first argument and the desired format as the second argument. For example, if the date column is named "Date," the formula would be `FORMAT(Date, "MM-yyyy")` to display the date in month and year format. This function will convert the date into a text value, so make sure to change the data type of the new column or measure to "Text" to avoid any errors.

You can use the following formulas in DAX to convert dates to month and year formats in Power BI:

Formula 1: Convert Date to Month and Full Year (e.g. 01/2022)

```
month_year = FORMAT('my_data', "MM/YYYY")
```

Formula 2: Convert Date to Month and Last Two Digits of Year (e.g. 01/22)

```
month_year = FORMAT('my_data', "MM/YY")
```

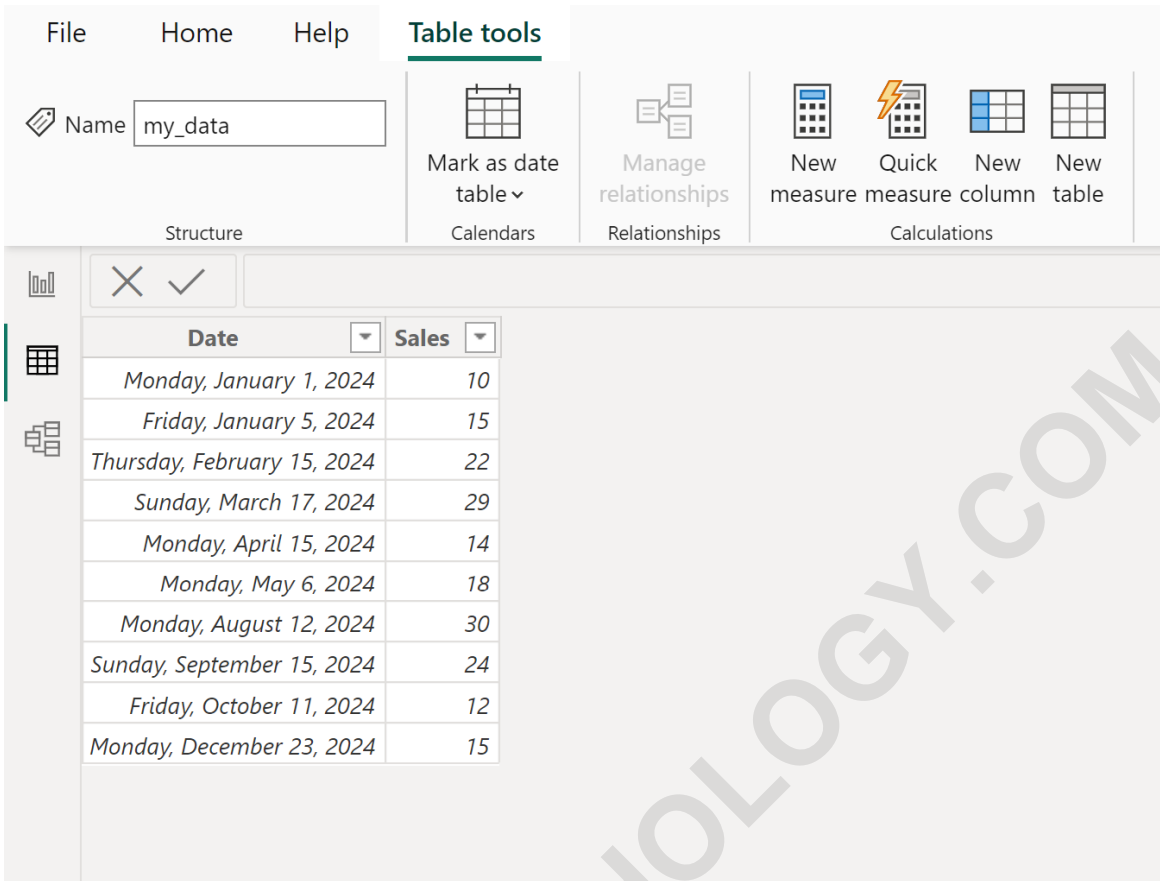
Formula 3: Convert Date to Abbreviated Month and Full Year (e.g. Jan. 2022)

```
month_year = FORMAT('my_data', "MMM. YYYY")
```

Formula 4: Convert Date to Full Month and Full Year (e.g. January 2022)

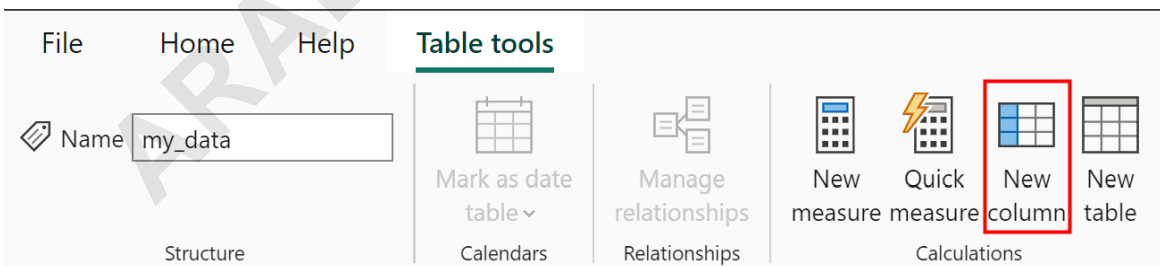
```
month_year = FORMAT('my_data', "MMMM YYYY")
```

The following examples show how to use each method in practice with the following table in Power BI:



Example 1: Convert Date to Month and Full Year

To convert a date to month and full year, click the **Table tools** tab, then click the icon called **New column**:

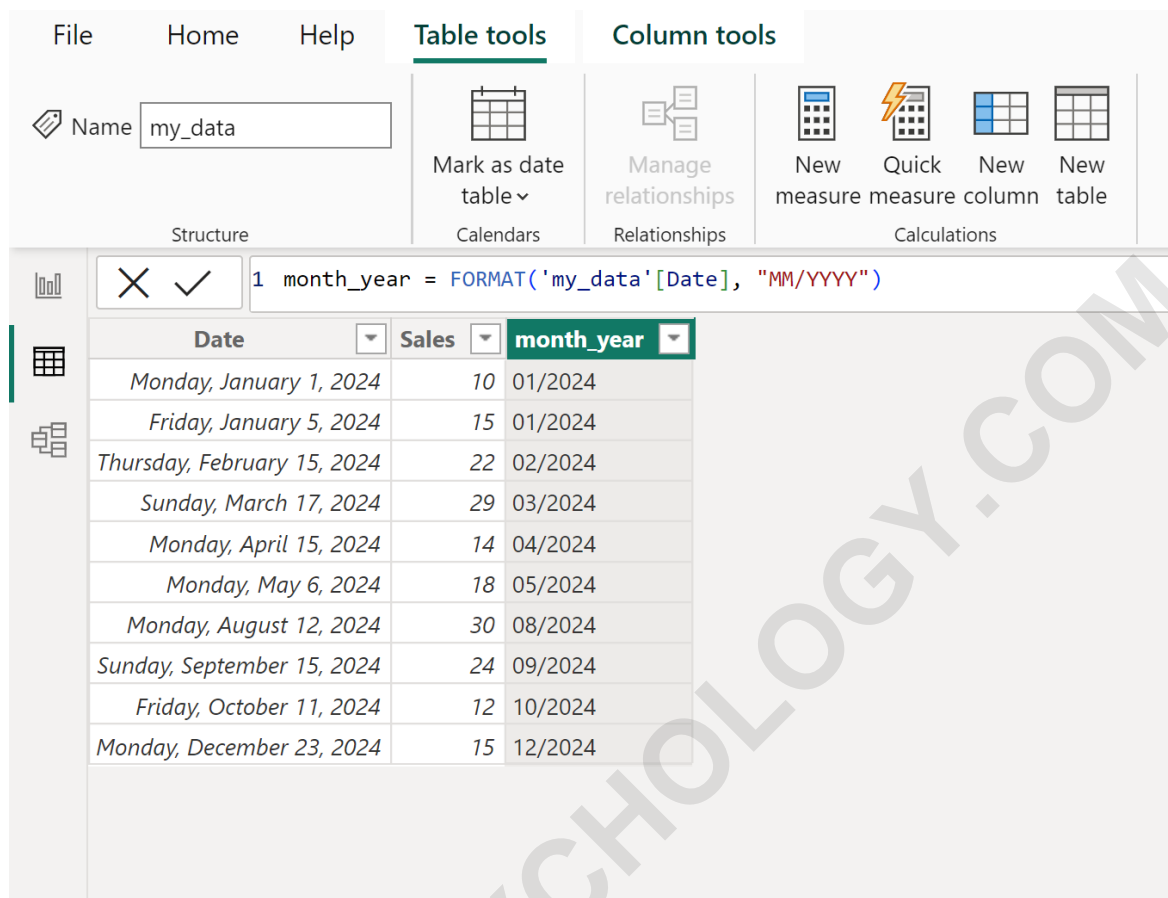


Then type the following formula into the formula bar:

month_year = FORMAT('my_data', "MM/YYYY")

This will create a new column named **month_year** that displays the corresponding dates in the

Date column as a month and full year:



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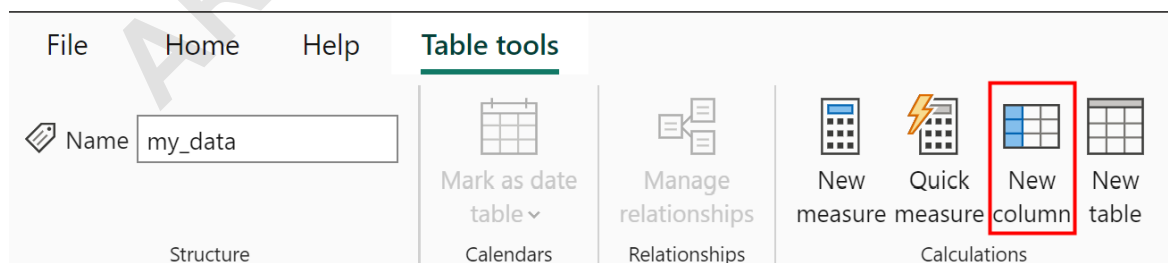
Calculations

1 month_year = FORMAT('my_data'[Date], "MM/YYYY")

Date	Sales	month_year
Monday, January 1, 2024	10	01/2024
Friday, January 5, 2024	15	01/2024
Thursday, February 15, 2024	22	02/2024
Sunday, March 17, 2024	29	03/2024
Monday, April 15, 2024	14	04/2024
Monday, May 6, 2024	18	05/2024
Monday, August 12, 2024	30	08/2024
Sunday, September 15, 2024	24	09/2024
Friday, October 11, 2024	12	10/2024
Monday, December 23, 2024	15	12/2024

Example 2: Convert Date to Month and Last Two Digits of Year

To convert a date to month and last two digits of a year, click the **Table tools** tab, then click the icon called **New column**:



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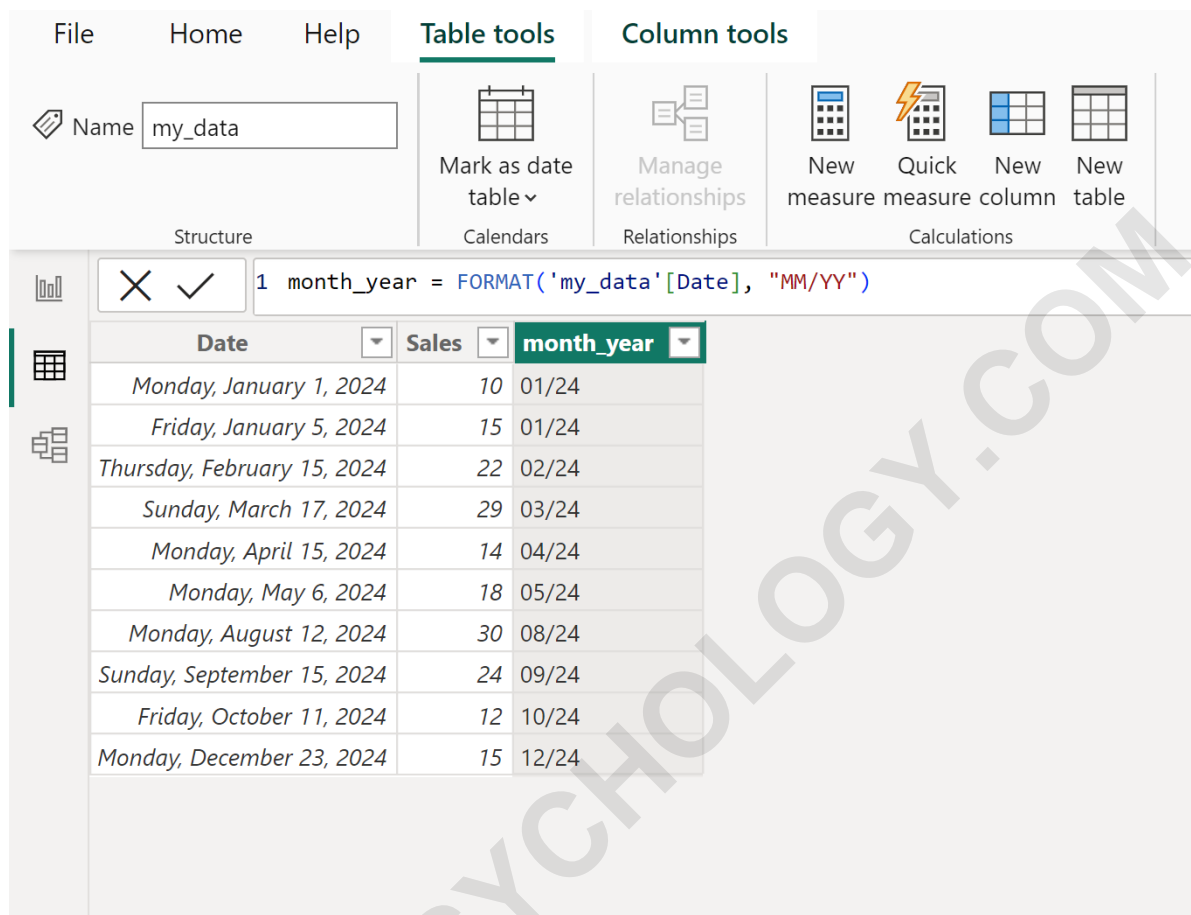
New measure Quick measure **New column** New table

Calculations

Then type the following formula into the formula bar:

month_year = FORMAT('my_data', "MM/YY")

This will create a new column named **month_year** that displays the corresponding dates in the **Date** column as a month and last two digits of the year:



The screenshot shows the Power BI interface with the 'Table tools' ribbon selected. The 'New column' icon is highlighted with a red box. The formula bar contains the following DAX formula:

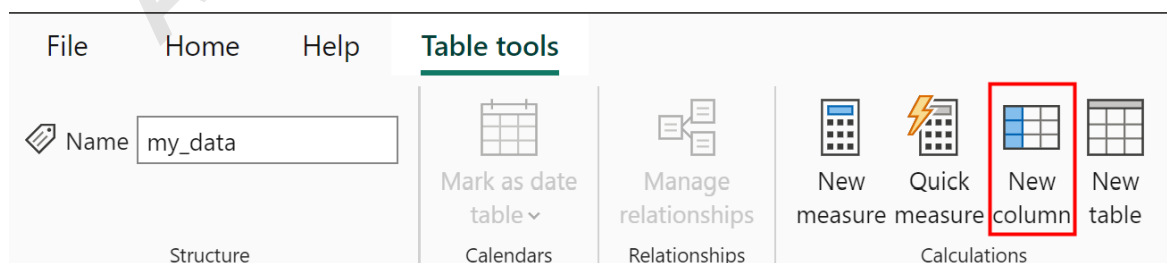
```
1 month_year = FORMAT('my_data'[Date], "MM/YY")
```

Below the formula bar, a table displays the results of the formula. The table has three columns: Date, Sales, and month_year. The data is as follows:

Date	Sales	month_year
Monday, January 1, 2024	10	01/24
Friday, January 5, 2024	15	01/24
Thursday, February 15, 2024	22	02/24
Sunday, March 17, 2024	29	03/24
Monday, April 15, 2024	14	04/24
Monday, May 6, 2024	18	05/24
Monday, August 12, 2024	30	08/24
Sunday, September 15, 2024	24	09/24
Friday, October 11, 2024	12	10/24
Monday, December 23, 2024	15	12/24

Example 3: Convert Date to Abbreviated Month and Full Year

To convert a date to an abbreviated month name and full year, click the **Table tools** tab, then click the icon called **New column**:

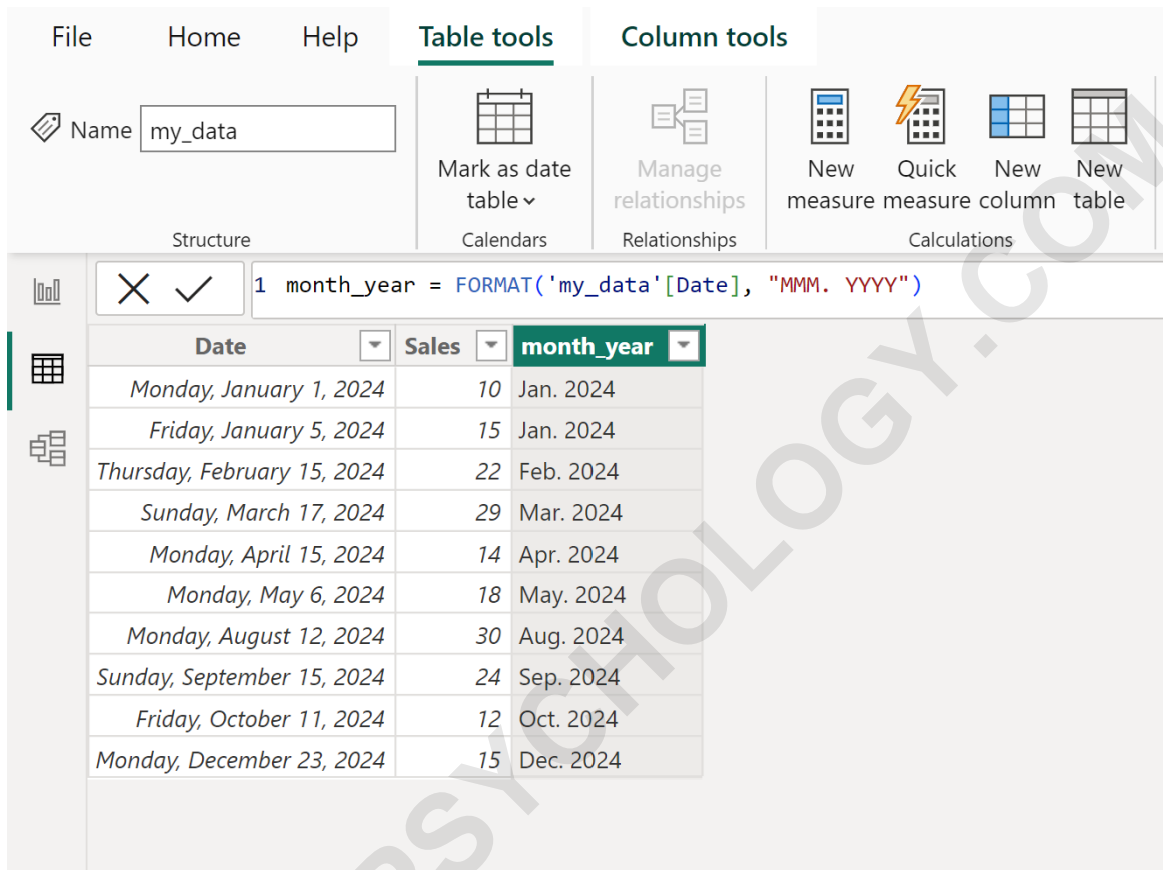


The screenshot shows the Power BI interface with the 'Table tools' ribbon selected. The 'New column' icon is highlighted with a red box.

Then type the following formula into the formula bar:

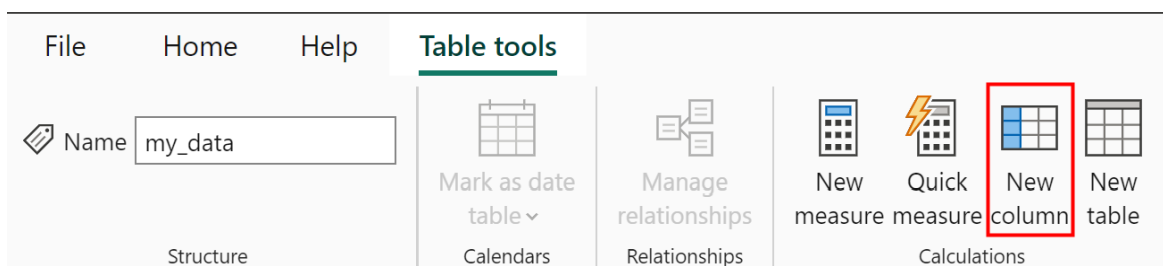
month_year = FORMAT('my_data', "MMM. YYYY")

This will create a new column named **month_year** that displays the corresponding dates in the **Date** column as an abbreviated month name and full year:



Example 4: Convert Date to Full Month and Full Year

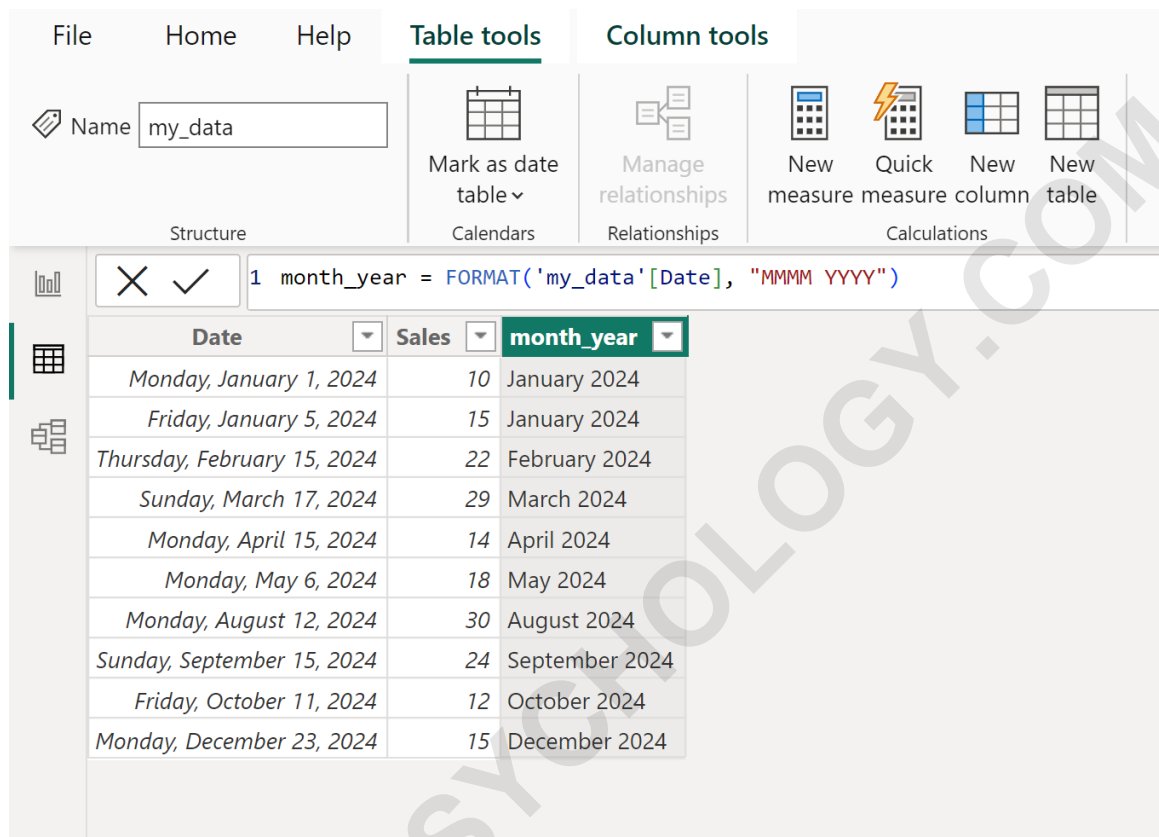
To convert a date to a full month name and full year, click the **Table tools** tab, then click the icon called **New column**:



Then type the following formula into the formula bar:

```
month_year = FORMAT('my_data', "MMMM YYYY")
```

This will create a new column named **month_year** that displays the corresponding dates in the **Date** column as a full month name and full year:



The screenshot shows the Power BI Desktop interface. The ribbon is set to 'Table tools' and 'Column tools'. The 'Name' field is set to 'my_data'. The DAX formula bar contains the formula: `1 month_year = FORMAT('my_data'[Date], "MMMM YYYY")`. Below the formula bar, a table is displayed with the following data:

Date	Sales	month_year
Monday, January 1, 2024	10	January 2024
Friday, January 5, 2024	15	January 2024
Thursday, February 15, 2024	22	February 2024
Sunday, March 17, 2024	29	March 2024
Monday, April 15, 2024	14	April 2024
Monday, May 6, 2024	18	May 2024
Monday, August 12, 2024	30	August 2024
Sunday, September 15, 2024	24	September 2024
Friday, October 11, 2024	12	October 2024
Monday, December 23, 2024	15	December 2024

Note: You can find the complete documentation for the **FORMAT** function in DAX .

The following tutorials explain how to perform other common tasks in Power BI: