

COGNOS User-Defined Prompts and Maps User Guide

Introduction

This user guide will walk you through the steps of creating a user-defined prompt and maps in Cognos. The package we are using for this user guide is not open to the public, but is a genuine example of packages in Cognos. We are using this package because it contains address information, which will be used for creating a map.

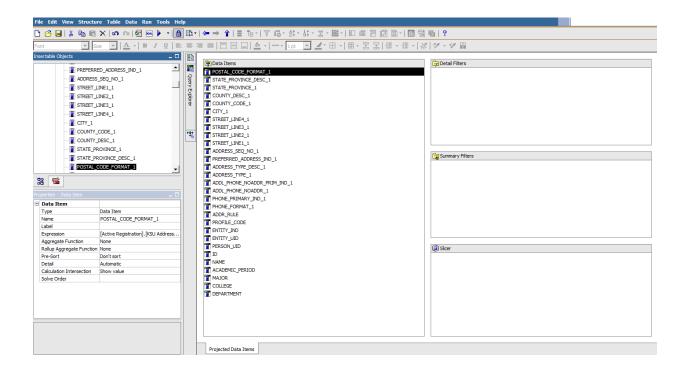
A user-defined prompt is a prompt where the report author can create his or her own prompt values.

Insert Data Items

The first step in creating a report is to insert the data items you want to use in your report. In this example, we will be using both the Academic Study and KSU Address Slot from the KSU Active Registration Training package.

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- 2. Open Query1



3. Insert Data Items into the Data Items Pane

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- 1. Drag and drop the filter Data Item into the **Details Filter Pane**
- 2. Detail Filter Expression will open
- 3. Enter the filter details (in this example we are filtering on Academic Period = '201180')
- 4. Click OK

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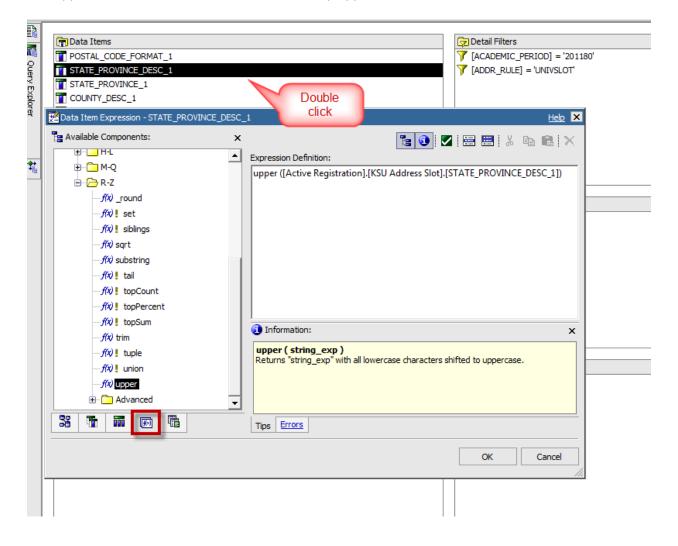
- 1. Select the **Toolbox Tab**
- 2. Insert a Data Item into the Data Items Pane
- 3. Select the Data Items Tab from the Data Item Expression Window
- 4. Enter expression (in this example count ([PERSON_UID] for [STATE_PROVINCE_DESC_1]))
- 5. Click OK

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6. In the Name field of the Properties Pane change the name of the Data Item to "Count"

Adding Upper Function

The Upper Function will reformate all characters up uppercase.



- 1. Double click on the data item to convert to all uppercase (in this example it is STATE_PROVINCE_DESC_1)
- 2. The Data Item Expression Window will open
- 3. Select the Functions Tabs
- 4. Locate the Upper Function in the Common Functions Folder>R-Z
- 5. Insert the Upper Function into the Expression Definition Pane NOTE: Be sure to close the data item with a right parenthesis ")"
- 6. Click OK

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- 2. Select Prompt Pages
- 3. Create the Prompt Page as usual
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 - b. Insert Text Item
 - c. Insert Value Prompt

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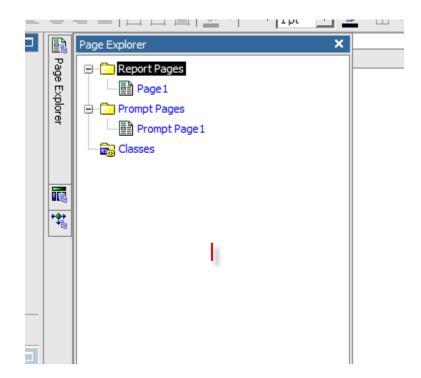
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- 3. The Static Choices Window will open
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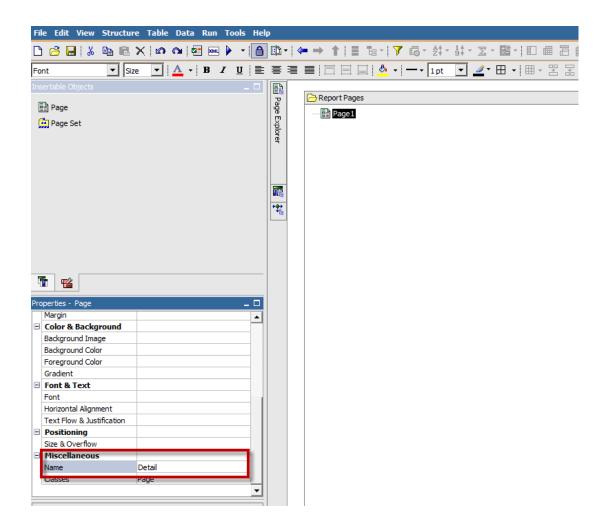
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- 1. Place your cursor over the Page Explorer
- 2. Select Report Pages



- 3. Highlight Page 1
- 4. In the Properties Pane change the Name to "Detail"

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- 5. From the Insertable Objects Pane insert a new Page
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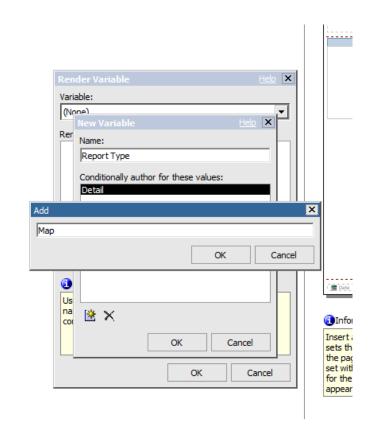
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- 14. Click New Icon 🖄
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- 17. Report Expression Window will open
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- 19. Insert Report Type
- 20. Click **OK**

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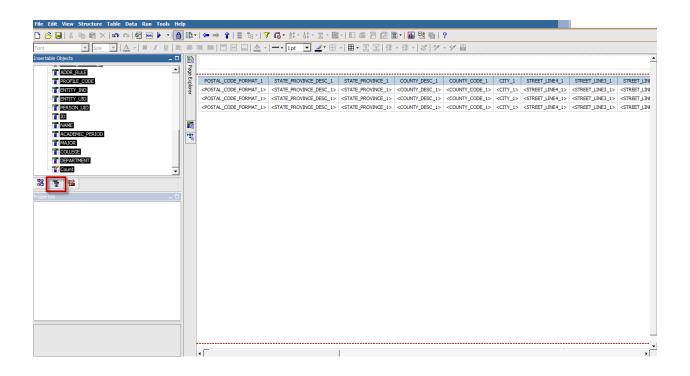
- 23. Highlight Map Page
- 24. Select Render Variable
- 25. Select Report Type

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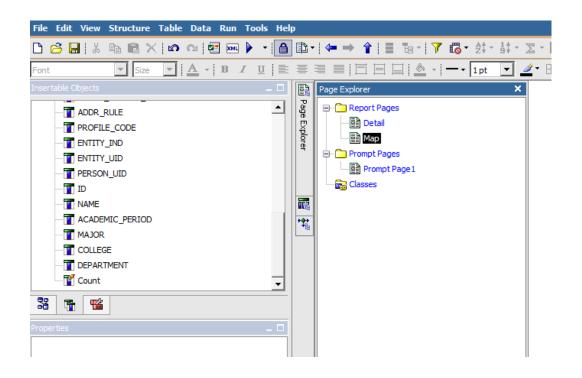
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Insert Data Items to Detail Report Page

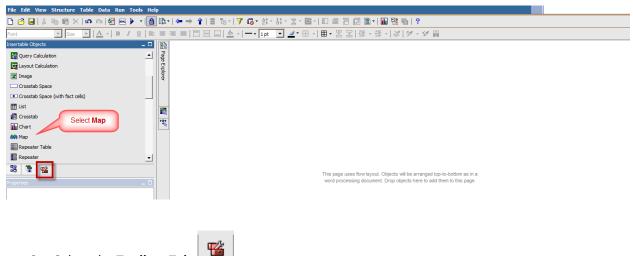


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- 2. Open Detail Page
- 3. Select Date Items tab
- 4. Insert all Data Items

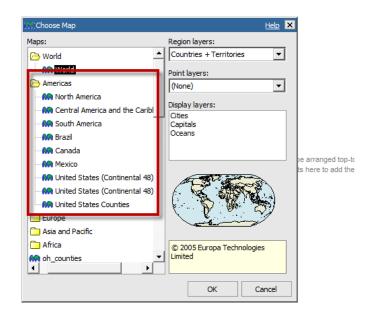
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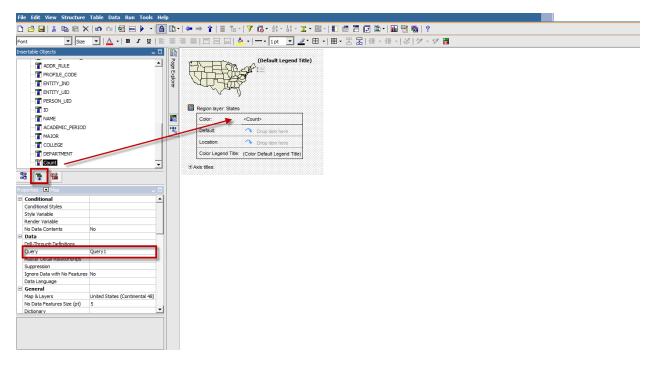
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- 2. Select Map



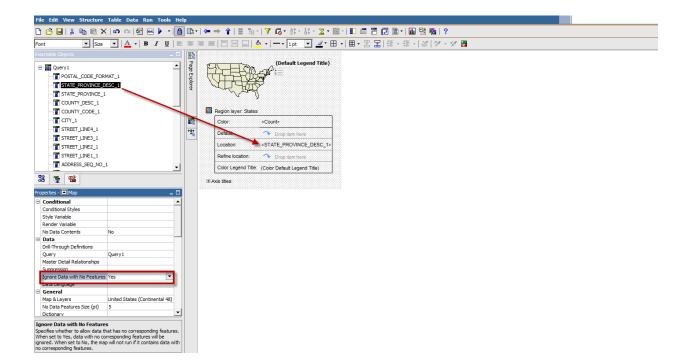
- 3. Select the **Toolbox Tab**
- 4. Locate Map from the Insertable Objects Pane



- 5. Open the **Americas** folder
- 6. Select United States (Continental 48)



- 7. Change Query Name to **Query1**
- 8. Select the Data Items Tab
- 9. Insert "Count" into the **Color** item in the map



- 10. Insert STATE_PROVINCE_DESC_1 into the Location item in the map
- 11. Change Ignore Date with No Features (from Properties Pane) to Yes

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- 3. Change the range numbers accordingly

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