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.

1. Open Query Explorer
2. Open Query1
3. Insert **Data Items** into the **Data Items Pane**
Create Filters

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
5. Create the next filter – using ADDR_RULE – ‘UNIVSLOT’
Create Data Item

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**

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
Prompt Page

1. Place your cursor over the Page Explorer
2. Select **Prompt Pages**
3. Create the Prompt Page as usual
   a. Insert Table
   b. Insert Text Item
   c. Insert Value Prompt

4. The Prompt Wizard will open
5. Rename the parameter to **Report type**
6. Click **Next**
7. Uncheck the **Create a parameterized filter** checkbox
8. Click **Next**

9. Uncheck the **Create new query** checkbox
10. Click **Finish**
Define Prompt

1. Highlight the Prompt by clicking inside
2. Select Static Choices from the Properties Pane
3. The Static Choices Window will open
4. Select the Add icon
5. Enter “D” in the **Use** field
6. Enter “Detail” in the **Display** field
7. Click **OK**
8. Select the Add icon
9. Enter “M” in the **Use** field
10. Enter “Map” in the **Display** field
Create Report Pages and Rename

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”
5. From the Insertable Objects Pane insert a new Page
6. In the Properties Pane change the **Name** to “Map”

7. Highlight Detail Page
8. Select Render Variable
9. Select <New String Variable>
10. Rename to “Report Type”

11. Click New icon

12. Name “Detail”

13. Click OK
14. Click New Icon
15. Name “Map”
16. Click OK
17. Report Expression Window will open
18. Select **Parameters Tab**
19. Insert Report Type
20. Click **OK**
21. Uncheck Map
22. Click OK
23. Highlight Map Page
24. Select Render Variable
25. Select Report Type
26. Uncheck Detail
27. Click OK

Insert Data Items to Detail Report Page

1. Place Cursor over Page Explorer
2. Open Detail Page
3. Select Date Items tab
4. Insert all Data Items
Map Report Page

1. Place your cursor over the Page Explorer
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
Customizing Color Palette

1. Highlight Region Layers
2. Select Palette
3. Change the range numbers accordingly
Data Dictionary

If you do not change the map setting “Ignore Data with No Features to Yes, Cognos may throw an error if the query returned has a data point that is not also in the map. You can either change the setting to “Yes” to ignore the data or add the data point manually if it is in the map file. In the Dictionary Entry box, the “Name:’ corresponds to the data point in the map file. The “Alias:’ corresponds to the name as it appears in the data source.