Cognos Report View

Cognos provides the functionality of being able to save your parameter choices for any of the reports. This is useful if you always choose the same department(s), cost centre(s) or source of fund(s).

Creating a Report View

A report view is a copy of a report that is stored in your personal folders. A report view can be set up

✔ so that associated prompt values can be pre-selected and saved with the report view; and
✔ the view can then be scheduled and run unattended using those values.

REMEMBER - You must always make a copy the report you want to use in your personal folder.

To create a new folder, click the New Folder icon in the tool bar, manually enter a folder Name, and ensure that the Location is set to My Folders. Click Finish. For step by step instructions, refer to Getting Started in Cognos manual, section 7.

1. Create a copy of a report view of the report and copy it into one of your folders
   a) From Cognos Connection, tick the report you want to copy, and click on the Copy command in the tool bar, top right of screen
      ![Copy button](image)
      ![New Folder button](image)
   b) Open the folder where you want to store the copied report, and click on the Paste command, to right of Copy.
      ![Paste button](image)
Alternatively, click on *More...* beside the selected report, and click on *Copy*

Optional: Give the report a new name. You can do this later once the report view has been set up by adjusting the *properties* for the report view. See step below.

c) Click on *My Folders*, or click on *Select another location* and navigate to a folder where you have permission to store a report.

d) Click on *OK* to finish

2. Set up the defaults for the report

   a) Navigate to the folder where you stored your report view.

   b) Select the relevant report, and click on *More...*
c) Click on *Set properties*

d) In the *General* tab, it is recommended that you change the name of the report. You can add “copy” before or after to differentiate from public version, but a more specific name may assist in future, particularly if you have many report views for same report.

e) Click on the *Report view* tab
f) Click on Set to select the default prompt values
   The report’s parameter selection screen appears

   g) For each required prompt, select the desired values
      Continue through all selections until finished

   h) Click Finish
      Your selection appears under Prompt values.

   These values can be changed at any time by clicking on Edit... or removed completed by using Clear.

   Note: It is not advised that you uncheck the Prompt for values box as you will need to change the GL period on a monthly basis. If you leave the box checked, the report runs interactively and the prompt page appears each time. This gives you the opportunity to change one or more of the values that you selected, if required, or else, click Finish immediately.

3. Click OK to finish setting up the report view.

   You can create multiple report views of a single report each with its own separate report options - copy the report each time, and rename appropriately!
Scheduling a report with report view set up

You can set the report view to run unattended on a predefined schedule.

a) Select the report, click on the Run with options icon (blue triangle) on the right

b) Click on advanced options in the upper right of the screen

c) Click on Run in the background radio button and choose the date/time. The default will be immediate.

d) Options will be displayed for Formats, such as running the report directly to Excel or PDF, or Delivery, printing or emailing the report to yourself or a colleague/colleagues

e) If you want to change the prompt values that are used in the report view, click on View all under the Prompt values section, but if the Prompt for values box is ticked, you can still change these after you click Run

f) Click on Run when completed