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With Cognos 10, MSExcel output format choices are

- 1. Excel 2007 Format
- 2. Excel 2002 Format
- 3. CSV Format

The 2007 format is native Excel XML, also known as XLSX. Each page of output becomes a worksheet tab.

The CSV format is comma separated values. It works for many, but not all, m-Fin reports. CSV is a data set rather than a report and is a good starting point for when you want to do further work with the data in MSExcel.

Cognos supports MSExcel output formats on Microsoft Windows only, not on Apple Macintosh.

Firefox usually needs no special configuration but for Microsoft Internet Explorer 8 on Windows XP, and Microsoft Internet Explorer 9 on Windows 7, the following is necessary:

When you are in Cognos go to Tools, Internet Options, Security tab, and click on Trusted Sites and then the Sites button. If gateway.prod.cu. is not in the list, add it. Then click the Custom Levels button and scrol down to the Downloads section. Enable "Automatic prompting for file downloads."

The Cure For Slowness

You've done the above and now it works but wow is it ever slow getting the data into MSExcel? You can *Save* these files rather than open them, when prompted. After the save completes, click the *Open* button. In Microsoft Internet Explorer, for some reason direct Open can be much slower than Save and then Open. This is not an issue in Firefox.

"Yes but, umm... where did it save the file?"

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Instead of a nice Open
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button after the save you have to go hunt for the report? In Tools, Inter Notify when downloads complete.

Internet Options
General Security Privacy Content Connections Program Advanced Settings
 Enable Suggested Sites Enable third-party browser extensions* Enable visual styles on buttons and controls in webpages Enable websites to use the search pane* Force offscreen compositing even under Terminal Server* Notify when downloads complete
 Reuse windows for launching shortcuts (when tabbed browned by Show friendly HTTP error messages Underline links Always Hover Never Use inline AutoComplete (outside of Internet Explorer) Use most recent order when switching tabs with Ctrl+Tab
*Takes effect after you restart Internet Explorer Restore advanced settings Reset Internet Explorer settings Resets Internet Explorer's settings to their default Condition. You should only use this if your browser is in an unusable state.
OK Cancel Apply

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