

When to select output format ^[1]

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Summary

On a prompt page? This is not a good time to select a different output format.

Detail

As you probably know from watching [Running a Report in CU-Data](#) ^[3], CU-Data's Cognos 11 software lets you switch output formats after your initial run. Also, not shown in the video, you can select an output format at the outset, by selecting *run as* from the three dots "more" menu that appears to the right of the report name.

But the Cognos 11 software also lets you select an output format when you are on an m-Fin prompt page. Don't do this (see reference [Tower of Power](#) ^[4]). It bypasses some of the prompting, which can get really confusing.



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This is an output page.

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INVESTMENT REVENUE			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	

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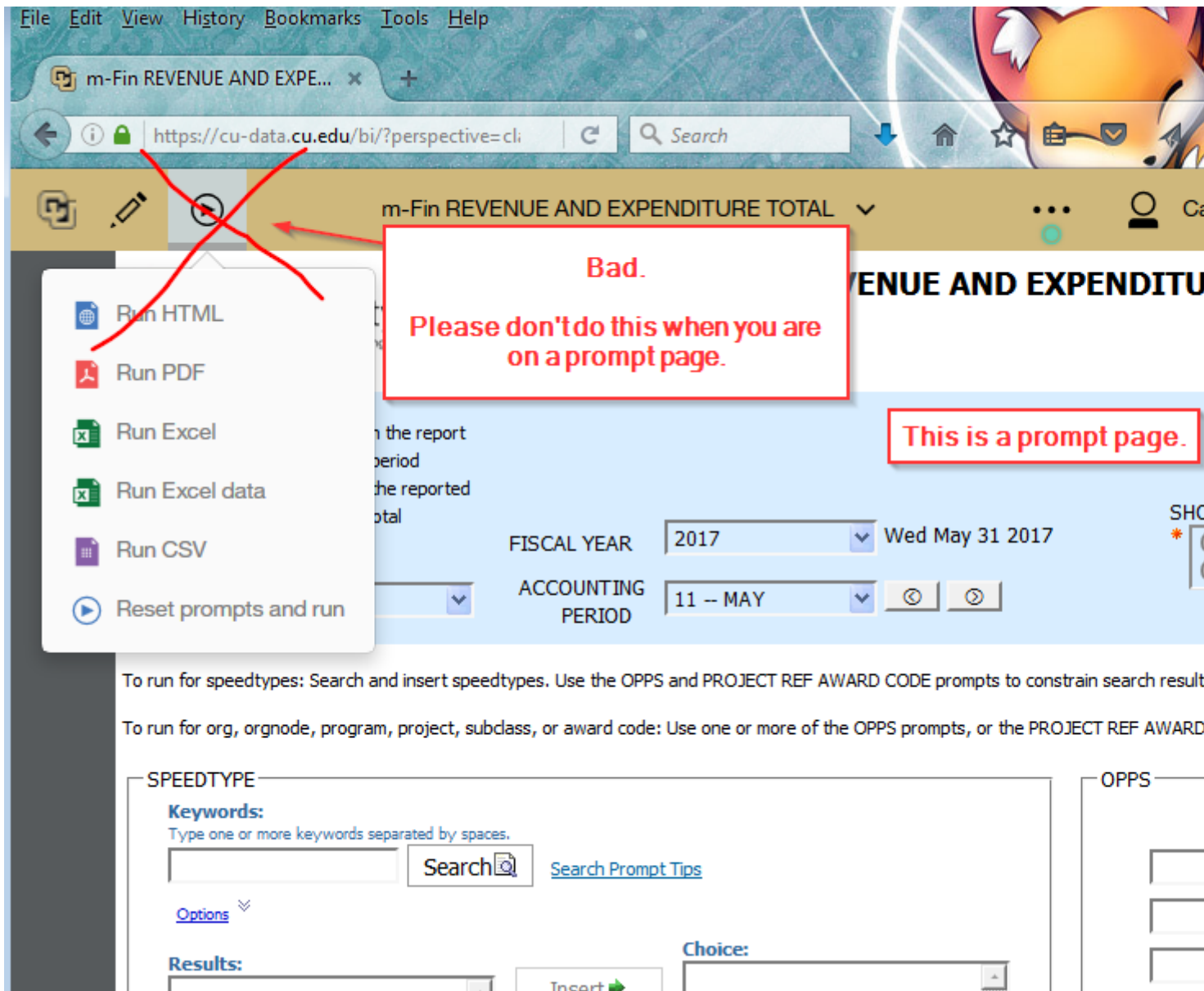
Name ^	Modified
m-Fin POSITION BUDGET I - ACTUALS DETAIL	6:46 PM
m-Fin POSITION BUDGET II	5/1/2017 10:19 PM
m-Fin RECEIVABLES ACTIVITY	5/1/2017 2:50 PM
m-Fin RECEIVABLES TRANSACTION FINDER	5/3/2017 2:55 PM
m-Fin REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACTUALS BY MONTH - TOTAL	5/1/2017 4:44 PM
m-Fin REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY	5/10/2017 11:14 PM
m-Fin REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE TOTAL	5/3/2017 3:02 PM
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m-Fin SPEEDTYPE SUMMARY	5/9/2017 10:19 PM

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