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# Quick Start Guide for PeopleSoft Query Basics

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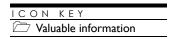


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#### How to Use This Quick Start Guide

As we work our way through the training manual, be on the lookout for this icon which indicates areas of special interest or importance.



The Quick Start Guide is broken down into three sections.

- Section I covers the introduction to PeopleSoft Query with information on how data is stored and accessed through Query Viewer and Query Manager as well as protocol information and helpful terms.
- Section 2 goes over using PeopleSoft Query including Query Viewer and Query Manager as well as Schedule Query. This section also covers the "how to" of using Query Manager to create simple Queries, Joins and Prompts.
- Section 3 details PeopleSoft Query Tips and Tricks. This section provides step by step instruction
  on how to create a number of helpful Prompts, as well as a list of ctcLink core Tables and a list of
  Prompt tables to use. The end of the section contains the QRG (Quick Reference Guide) for
  running large Queries as well as a link to the Student and Course Coding Manual.



# Section 1

# PeopleSoft Query

Welcome to PeopleSoft Query! This versatile tool is simple to use and will allow Query Developers to create Queries in an effective and efficient manner.

# **Introduction to PeopleSoft Query**

eopleSoft Query or PS Query is an end-user reporting tool that allows Query Developers to extract information in the form of a Query from the relational database, without the need to write SQL (Structured Query Language) statements. Queries can be simple or quite complex; they may be used one time or repeatedly, as necessary. Results can be displayed on a page or sent to Excel, HTML, XML or scheduled to run at a later time. In its simplest form a Query is basically a compilation of data from certain fields displayed in the way the user has selected.

# What is a Relational Database?

A relational database is a way of storing information that organizes data into tables. The tables are referred to as records in PS Query and they consist of columns and rows (imagine an Excel Spreadsheet). The columns represent fields and the rows detail each instance of stored information. Tables can be linked by creating a defined relationship. These relationships enable you to retrieve and combine data from one or more tables with a single Query. They are based on keys, or columns that uniquely identify each row of data. If a database only has a single table it is referred to as a flat database but if there are two or more tables it is called a relational database.

Imagine that you are responsible for keeping track of all books checked out of the local library. You might keep a list similar to the following:

First Name	Last Name	Address	Phone	Book Title	Date
Jennifer	Smith	13 Elm St	867-5309	Anne of Green Gables	6/28/2015

This flat database table works pretty well at meeting the basic need to keep track of who has checked out which book, but it does have a few drawbacks in terms of efficiency, space required, and maintenance time. For example, each time Jennifer checks out another book her contact information will have to be entered again and again.



First Name	Last Name	Address	Phone	Book Title	Due Date
Jennifer	Smith	13 Elm St	867-5309	Anne of Green Gables	6/28/2015
Jane	Yellowrock	I Freebie	555-8267	Mercy Blade	7/1/2015
		House Lane			
Jennifer	Smith	13 Elm St	867-5309	Anne of Avonlea	7/13/2015
Jennifer	Smith	13 Elm St	867-5309	Ann f Windy Poplars	7/18/2015

This is less efficient and opens the database up to possible errors (maybe the phone number is entered wrong). Therefore, instead of using flat database, multiple tables can be used to "have a place for everything and everything has a place".

#### Customer Table

First Name	Last Name	Address	Phone
Jennifer	Smith	13 Elm St	867-5309
Jane	Yellowrock	1 Freebie	555-8267
		House Lane	

#### Checkout Table

Book Title	Due Date
Anne of Green Gables	6/28/2015
Mercy Blade	7/1/2015
Anne of Avonlea	7/13/2015
Anne of Windy Poplars	7/18/2015

So now all that is needed is a way to relate the two tables. The easiest way to do this is to use a primary key, a way to tell you what combination of fields in the record make each row unique. In the example below, we have created a CUST\_ID to identify each customer.

#### Customer Table

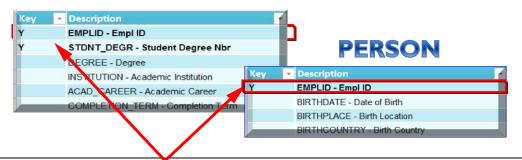
CUST II)	First Name	Last Name	Address	Phone
123	Jennifer	Smith	13 Elm St	867-5309
456	Jane	Yellowrock	I Freebie House Lane	555-8267

#### Checkout Table

	Book Title	Due Date
123	Anne of Green Gables	6/28/2015
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123	Anne of Avonlea	7/13/2015
123	Anne of Windy Poplars	7/18/2015

An example of two PS Query tables which can be related by the primary key EMPLID is below.

# ACAD\_DEGR





# **PeopleSoft Pillars and Modules**

- The CtcLink implementation of PeopleSoft is composed of three Pillars. These are:
  - HCM Human Capital Management
  - CS Campus Solutions
  - FSCM Financials and Supply Chain Management
- Pillars are comprised of modules where data is captured and stored.

Pillar	Module	Module Abbreviation		
CS	Academic Advisement	AA		
CS	Academic Structure	AC		
CS	Campus Community	CC		
CS	Curriculum Management	CM		
CS	Financial Aid	FA		
CS	Recruiting and Admissions	RA		
CS	Student Financials	SF		
CS	Student Records	SR		
FS	Asset Management	AM		
FS	Accounts Payable	AP		
FS	Accounts Receivable	AR		
FS	Billing	BI		
FS	Cash Management	CM		
FS	Contracts	CO		
FS	Expenses	EX		
FS	General Ledger	GL		
FS	Grants	GR		
FS	Commitment Control	KK		
FS	Project Costing	PC		
FS	Purchasing	PO		
FS	Projects	PR		
HC	HR Core	HR		
HC	Absence Management	AB		
HC	Payroll	PY		
HC	Time and Labor	TL		
HC	Talent Acquisition Management	TM		
HC	Benefits Administration	BA		
HC	Faculty Workload	FW		

Each pillar has its own relational database and as you are creating Queries it is important to note that standard Queries cannot cross pillar boundaries.



# **PS Query Protocol**

# Query Development Life Cycle

Query Development

- •Search for an appropriate existing query first.
- •If none found, develop query in PQA (Production Quality Assurance) Environment.
- Make sure the query uses prompts wherever possible.
- •Use the correct query naming convention
- Add description and a definition to query. Include key search terms in the description
- Make guery public and ensure that it is not in a private folder.
- •Test query to make sure it gives the desired results and runs in 1 minute or less.

Request Migration to Production

- Submit Service Desk ticket to migrate query to Production (ERP Support / Data & Reporting / Query Migration Request)
- •Include completed "Query Migration Request Form" form with ticket ensuring the query passes all "Pre-Migration Checklist" requirements.

Production (PRD)

- Query will be tested by Data Services (in Olympia)
- Migration usually occurs overnight and available the next business day
- •Query will be added to Report Library in metaLink

# **Query Migration**

Queries are developed in the CtcLink PQA environment. Once they have been reviewed and tested by the SBCTC Data Services team, they are migrated over to production. There is generally a 24 hour turn-around time for this so the process is quick and efficient.



The Data Services team will review the Query for the following:

- Correct Naming Convention
- Query has a Description
- Query has a Definition

- Query is Public
- Utilization of Prompts
- Performance Standards



The Query Migration Request Form is used by both Query developers and SBCTC to ensure the Query meets all required criteria. Query Developers should first fill out the Pre-Migration Checklist portion of the form before submitting the request for migration. Once the form is submitted with the request, the Data Services team will also review the Query for compliance.

# **Query Migration Request Form**

# Query Pre-Migration Checklist

<ul> <li>□ Do</li> <li>□ Is</li> <li>□ Pr</li> <li>□ Is</li> </ul>	Does the query run without errors and produce the expected results?  Does the query run in 1 minute or less?  Does Query name meet naming standard? See spreadsheet below.  Is the Query Public? Private queries will no longer be migrated.  Prompts – does Query use Prompts instead of hard coding? Eg: institution, term, business unit etc.  Is the Query description included?  Is the Query definition included?					
	Query Migration Request to Production					
Query no	name:					
Pillar:	$\square$ Campus Solutions (CS) $\square$ Human Capital (HCM) $\square$ Finance (FIN)					
Query de	developer's name:					
Query de	developer's college:					
Source e	environment (which environment is the query currently in):					
Target e	Target environment ( where should it be migrated to):					
* Query name consists of: the letter Q (for query), the 2 character pillar abbreviation (from the spreadsheet below), the 2 character module abbreviation (from the spreadsheet below) and a brief description or name, for example: QCS_FA_NEED_R2TF_WORKSHEET						

Pillar	Module	Relevant Functional Module	Pillar	Module	Relevant Functional Module	Pillar	Module	Relevant Functional Module
CS	AA	Academic Advisement	FS	AM	Asset Management	HC	HR	HR Core
CS	AC	Academic Structure	FS	AP	Accounts Payable	HC	AB	Absence Management
CS	CC	Campus Community	FS	AR	Accounts Receivable	HC	PY	Payroll
CS	CM	Curriculum Management	FS	BI	Billing	HC	TL	Time and Labor
CS	FA	Financial Aid	FS	CM	Cash Management	HC	TM	Talent (Acquisition) Management
CS	RA	Recruiting and Admissions	FS	CO	Contracts	HC	BA	Benefits Administration
CS	SF	Student Financials	FS	EX	Expenses	HC	FW	Faculty Workload
CS	SR	Student Records	FS	GL	General Ledger			
			FS	GR	Grants			
			FS	KK	Commitment Control			
			FS	PC	Project Costing			
			FS	PO	Purchasing			
			FS	PR	Projects			

Prior to migration, query will be tested by Data Services in Olympia to ensure it meets performance standards. Please attach this request to the Service Desk migration ticket.



# PS Query Development Protocol

#### SEARCH FOR EXISTING QUERIES BEFORE DEVELOPING NEW QUERIES

Always search existing Queries before creating a new Query. This can potentially save a large amount of time and resources. If you find a Query that is close you can use that as a foundation for your new Query by using "Save As". As all colleges will have access and be storing their Queries in the same places it is likely you will find that the Query you need has already been developed.



#### **QUERY NAMING CONVENTION**

Oueries developed should all follow the same naming convention which allows them not be dropped or deleted by changes to the environment. The correct protocol is to start the Query name with Q for Query or V for View followed by:

• FS – for Finance

• CS – for Campus Solutions

• HC - For Human Capital

For example, a Query for Campus Solutions would start with QCS. This beginning section of the name is then followed by the two character module abbreviation which is then in turn followed by a description. As Query names do not allow for spaces or special characters, use underscores for spaces. An example of a correctly formatted Query name is:



# QUERY DESCRIPTION AND DEFINITION

The Description Field is 30 characters. Use approved abbreviations once the complete list is available. Try to use a description which will facilitate searching.

The Definition is not a searchable field from the standard PS Query search areas, however it can be found by creating a Query to search Queries. Use for the "long" description as there is no character limit. In addition, add your home institution code, name and email address. For example:

- Paula McDaniel
- 890: <u>pmcdaniel@sbctc.edu</u>

#### PUBLIC NOT PRIVATE

Queries can be saved either privately or publically. CtcLink Queries should always be saved as public so that other Query Developers are able to see and use them. If all Queries are public and able to be searched it will prevent the duplication of effort that could happen if a Query was private and not visible to others on the team and then reproduced.

#### PROMPTS UTILIZED WHERE POSSIBLE

Institution:	Runtime Prompts, or prompts are pop-up selection windows which appear when the Query is ran that asks the end user to select something from a
list – for example	e, a specific Institution. Prompts will be discussed in detail later in the course; however it is
important to kee	p in mind that prompts should be used as much as possible to increase the value of the
Query. If a Quer	ry is developed for a specific institution with the institution number hard coded into the
Query that Quer	ry will only ever be good for that institution, however if a prompt is used where the end
user selects whic	th institution they work for; the Query now becomes usable for everyone regardless of
institution.	,



PERFORMANCE STANDARDS



The last thing the Data Analysis team will check is that the Query is efficient and does not take too long to run. Inefficient Queries can use up valuable resources. The best way to ensure your Query is efficient is to run it and verify that its run time is less than one minute.

#### USING QUERIES CREATED BY OTHERS

If you find a Query that is very close to what you need but not quite right, it is absolutely okay to use that Query as a base that you can then change to fit your needs. The caveat is that you must first "Save As" to save the Query to a new name which you can then modify. This includes your own Queries if the one you want to use is already in Production. Keep in mind that there are certain rules to follow for changing Queries already in production – which include Queries created by you. These rules will be discussed further in the training manual.



#### QUERY ORGANIZATION

Folders can be used to categorize and organize Queries. Queries may only be stored in one folder at a time. There is currently no nomenclature standardization at the time of the writing of this manual. In addition to Folders, users may also save Queries in a favorites list for easy access and organization.

# CtcLink PS Query Maintenance Protocol



#### CHANGING QUERIES THAT ARE IN PEOPLESOFT PRODUCTION

Business Rule: Only under the below scenarios can a Query be modified once it's in PeopleSoft production. Any other scenario will result in a new Query being created.

- Prompt(s) can be added to limit result set. Prompt(s) must use a wildcard (%) or blank option so Query can be run as originally created.
- Field(s) can be added to the Query but not removed. New field(s) must not result in row duplication.
- The Query Definition should be updated to include a brief description of changes, change date, initials of Query developer and institution.

The modifications or Query creation must be done in the PQA (test) environment. Once the Query is tested and ready for migration to production, a migration request must be submitted using the Service Desk ticketing system. The Service Desk "Request Type" should be ERP Support > Data & Reporting > Query Migration Request.

Modifications made to Queries should be logged into the Definition field. Users should input:

- The date of the change
- A description of the changes made
- Their name and email address

The Query modification information entered into the Query Definition in Query Properties will be included on the ctcLink Reporting Catalog and communicated to intended audience by Data Services.



# **PS Query Terms**

**Relational Database**: A database system in which the database is organized and accessed according to the relationships between data items without the need for any consideration of physical orientation and relationship. Relationships between data items are expressed by means of tables (records).

**Record/Table**: Records/Tables are the foundation of the Query tool. A record stores data that is arranged by rows (entries) and columns (fields). For example, a record/table containing data about "people" would have a row for each individual person and columns (fields) for each piece of data stored for that individual (ex: name, address, phone). Records can be added to a Query from the "Records" tab.

**Column/Field**: In a database context, a field is the same as a column. For example, a record of people could contain separate fields such as name, address, phone, etc.

**Query**: A Query is a SQL SELECT statement that reads data from Records and views within the database, and returns the result set to the requester. PS Queries cannot change data within the database.

**SQL**: Structured Query Language (SQL) is a language that provides an interface to relational database systems. It was developed by IBM in the 1970s for use in System R. SQL is a de facto standard, as well as an ISO and ANSI standard. Some people pronounce SQL "sequel".

**Criteria**: Specifying criteria in your Query allows you to set conditions which limit the results returned by the Query to only those data that you are interested in. Criteria are viewed and maintained on the "Criteria" tab. Example: You may want to set criteria to limit your Query to retrieve a relevant subset of data such as active undergraduate students as opposed to returning results for all active students.

Join: The process of combining data from two or more Records using matching keys.

**Public Query**: Public Queries are viewable and editable by any user with access to Query Manager and the proper Record access. Public Queries are available for use by many different users, so please do not save any changes that you make to a public Query.

**Private Query**: Private Queries are only viewable by the individual who created the Query.

**Primary Key**: A column in a Record whose values uniquely identify the rows in the Record. A primary key value cannot be NULL.

**Foreign Key**: A column in a Record that does NOT uniquely identify rows in that Record, but is used as a link to matching columns in other Records to indicate a relationship.

Definitions courtesy of http://www.orafaq.com/



Section 2

# **Using PeopleSoft Query**

# **Accessing PS Query**

Once you have logged into PeopleSoft there are three main areas in PS Query you will be able to access:

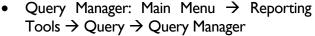
- Query Manager
- Query Viewer
- Schedule Query

Query Manager is used to create and modify Queries and is only available to Query Developers.

Query Viewer is accessible by everyone with a PeopleSoft License and can be used to view Query output in HTML, Excel or XML. Users are also able to schedule a Query to run through Query Viewer.

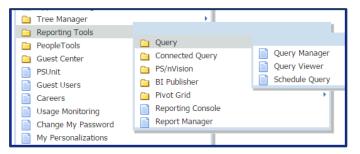
Schedule Query is used exclusively for scheduling a Query to run at a future time or to run large results queries.

Use the following menu paths to access PS Query:





• Schedule Query: Main Menu  $\rightarrow$  Reporting Tools  $\rightarrow$  Query  $\rightarrow$  Schedule Query





# **Using PeopleSoft Query Viewer**

Query Viewer: Main Menu → Reporting Tools → Query → Query Viewer

The first screen of Query Viewer will give users the option to search for a Query as well as display any previously selected Favorite Queries.

# Searching Using Query Viewer



From this screen users are able to search using the Operator "Begins With" by multiple criteria including:

- Access Group Name
- Description
- Folder Name
- Owner

- Query Name
- Type
- Uses Field Name
- Uses Record Name

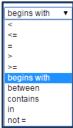


In addition there is an Advanced Search capability where even more search functionality is available including different Operators such as:

- <
- <=
- =
- >
- >=



- Begins With
- Between
- Contains
- In
- Not =





# Searching Using Wildcards

PeopleSoft allows users to use wildcards in place of a single space by using \_ or in place of everything following the wildcard by using %.

\_ matches any single character. For example, \_ones matches any five-character string ending with "ones", such as "Jones" or "Cones".

% matches any string of zero or more characters. For example, C% matches any string starting with C, including C alone.

# **Query Viewer Options**

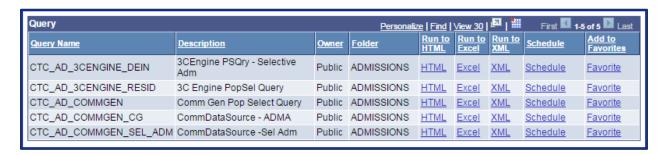
Users are able to further refine search results by selecting folders from the Folder View field.



The Query results allow for users to run the results of the Query to:

- HTML
- Excel
- XML
- Schedule

Note that this is also where regularly accessed Queries can be added to Favorites by simply clicking on the "Favorite" hyperlink.





# Using PeopleSoft Query Manager

Query Manager: Main Menu → Reporting Tools → Query → Query Manager

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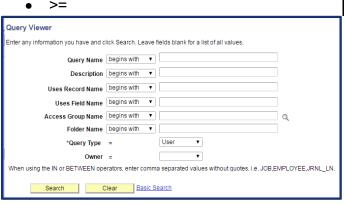
- Access Group Name
- Description
- Folder Name
- Owner

- **Query Name**
- Type
- Uses Field Name
- Uses Record Name

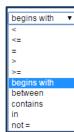


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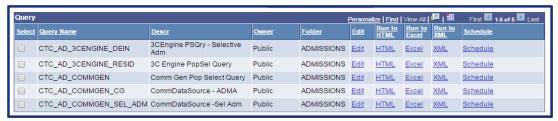


The Query results allow for users either edit the Query or run the results of the Query to:

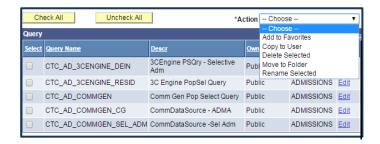
- HTML
- Excel
- XML
- Schedule

Remember that if editing a Query, users must first save the Query under a new name in order not to overwrite any existing data by selecting "Save As". Please see the <u>Using Queries Created by Others</u> section of this document for more information.

In addition Query Manager allows for users to take certain actions on Queries. To the left of the list of results are checkboxes.



One or multiple Queries can be selected. You can then bring up the list of available actions by selecting the drop down menu from the *Actions* field.



Available actions are:

- Add to Favorites
- Copy to User
- Delete Selected
- Move to Folder
- Rename Selected



# **Using PeopleSoft Schedule Query**

Schedule Query is used exclusively for scheduling a Query to run at a future time or to run Queries with large results. However, Queries can also be scheduled through Query Viewer or Query Manager. The process to schedule a Query to run through Query Viewer and Query Manager is the same.

# Scheduling a Query to Run Through Query Viewer and Query Manager

Search for the desired Query and click on "Schedule "from the list of results.

# **Query Manager**



The "Scheduled Query" page will come up with the Query name previously selected already filled in along with designating whether the Query is Private or Public. If there is an existing Run Control ID for the Query it will display here.

If there is not an existing *Run Control ID*, enter one in the Field. A *Run Control ID* is used to tell the system when and where and how you want the report to run. For example, you might tell the system to run the report on the database server at 2 am or every Sunday afternoon, or you might tell it to run the report immediately. For most reports, you must also set parameters that determine the content of the report, such as the business unit or time period on which to report. These parameters are based on the Prompts used in the query and are saved by the *Run Control ID* so they don't have to be re-entered each time you use the *Run Control ID* to run the query.

A run control is a database record that provides values for these settings. Instead of entering the same values each time you run a Query, you create and save a run control with those settings.

There is no specific naming convention for the *Run Control ID* but it is recommended to use the date and description (making sure to use underscore in place of spaces).

Run Control ID's have a 30 character limit and cannot be easily deleted. They are individual to each user and are not visible by others.

Run Control ID's can be used for a single Query to save the parameters or the user can change the Query associated with the ID.

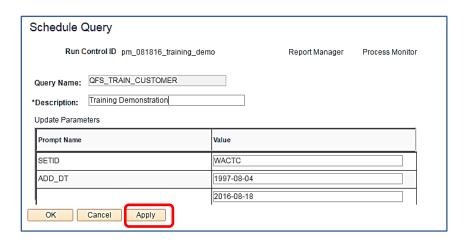
Once the Run Control ID has been entered click on the "Add" button.



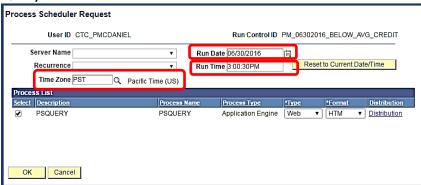


The Schedule Query page will display. The Query name will automatically populate based on the Query selected from Query Viewer or Query Manager. Enter a description for the Query Run Control ID in the Description Field. This will be the Report Name.

Note: if there are prompts (parameters) for the *Run Control ID* they can be updated here by clicking Update Parameters. You can save these changes to the Run Control ID by clicking "Save". This will not, however, schedule the Query. To schedule the Query click on "Apply".

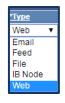


The Process Scheduler Request page will display. Select the Time Zone, Date and Time to run the Query.



The Output Type and Format can also be selected here.

Output Types available are:



Format Types available are:



#### Click "OK".

You will return to the Schedule Query page. Notice there is now a Process Instance number now associated with this Scheduled Query.



#### PROCESS MONITOR

To view the status of your Scheduled Query click the "Process Monitor" hyperlink.

The Process Monitor will display the status of the Scheduled Query.

You are able to see the status of Scheduled Query runs by:

- User ID
- Type
- Number of days past

Click on "Save" to return to the previous page.

Another way to access the Process Monitor is through the menu path: Main Menu> PeopleTools> Process Scheduler > Process Monitor

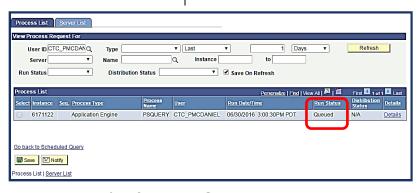
Once the Query has run and you see

a status of "Success" click on "Go

back to Scheduled Query". This will return you to the first Scheduled Query search page. Note that your Run Control ID is filled in so to get to the Scheduled Query page to view the report via Report Manager click on "Enter". Click on the Report Manager hyperlink to view the Report.

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- Server
- Name
- Instance from and to
- Run Status
- Distribution Status



#### REPORT MANAGER

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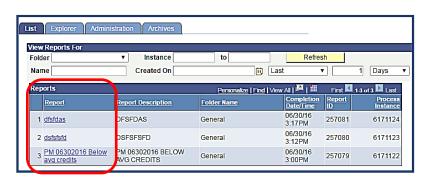
Folder Instance from and to Name Created on Date Number of Days past Date Range

Another way to access the Report Manager is through the menu path: Main Menu> Reporting Tools> Report

Click on the Description found in the Report column to view the output.

Manager







The Query results can be viewed in the selected format by clicking on the Query Name in the Name column.

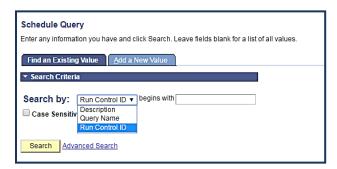


# Scheduling a Query to Run Through Schedule Query

Navigate to the Schedule Query page by following this menu path: Main Menu  $\rightarrow$  Reporting Tools  $\rightarrow$  Query  $\rightarrow$  Schedule Query

You will be brought to the page to search for an existing Scheduled Query via:

- Description
- Query Name
- Run Control ID



Click on the Add a New Value tab to create a new Scheduled Query Run.

Enter a Run Control ID in the Field. There is no specific naming convention for the Run Control ID but it is recommended to use the date and description (making sure to use underscore in place of spaces).

Once the Run Control ID has been entered click on the "Add" button.





The Schedule Query page will display. Search for the correct Query and add a Run Control ID description.

Schedule Query						
Run Control ID:	PM_06302016_DRILLING	Report Manager	Process Monitor Run			
	_PAULA_DRILLING_ITEM		Search			
*Description: PM 0	6302016 PM DRILLING ITEM					
Save			E+Add			

Note: Clicking on "Save" will save the Run Control ID for the Scheduled Query request however it will NOT schedule the Query run. To schedule the Query run, click on "Run". Note that this is different than when accessing Schedule Query through Query Viewer or Query Manager.

The Process Scheduler Request page will display.

Select the Time Zone, Date and Time to run the Query.

The Output Type and Format can also be selected here.

Output Types available are:



Format Types available are:



Process Scheduler Request						
User ID CTC_PMCDANIEI	L		Run Control ID	PM_063	02016_BELOW_	AVG_CREDIT
Server Name	▼	Run Date	06/30/2016	同		
Recurrence		Run Time	3:00:30PM	] L F	Reset to Current I	Date/Time
Time Zone PST Q	Pacific Time (US)					
Process List						
Select Description	Process Na	me	Process Type	*Туре	*Format	Distribution
	PSQUERY		Application Engine	Web	▼ HTM	▼ <u>Distribution</u>
OK Cancel						

Click "OK".

You will return to the Schedule Query page. Notice there is now a Process Instance number now associated with this Scheduled Query.

To view the status of your Scheduled Query click the "Process Monitor" hyperlink.





#### PROCESS MONITOR

To view the status of your Scheduled Query click the "Process Monitor" hyperlink.

The Process Monitor will display the status of the Scheduled Query.

You are able to see the status of Scheduled Query runs by:

- User ID
- Type
- Number of days past

Click on "Save" to return to the previous page.

Another way to access the Process Monitor is through the menu path: Main Menu> PeopleTools> Process Scheduler> Process Monitor

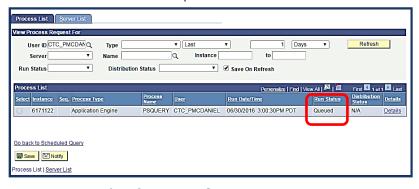
Once the Query has run and you see

a status of "Success" click on "Go

back to Scheduled Query". This will return you to the first Scheduled Query search page. Note that your Run Control ID is filled in so to get to the Scheduled Query page to view the report via Report Manager click on "Enter". Click on the Report Manager hyperlink to view the Report.

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#### REPORT MANAGER

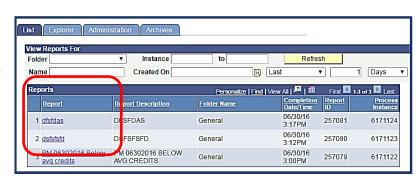
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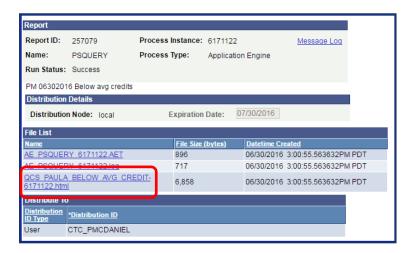
Click on the Description found in the Report column to view the output.







The Query results can be viewed in the selected format by clicking on the Query Name in the *Name* column.



# Scheduling a BI Publisher Report

Some Queries are used as a data source for BI Publisher. BI Publisher will format the Query into a formalized report. To run a BI Publisher report that uses Query or Connected Query as a data source navigate to Query Report Scheduler by going to Reporting Tools  $\rightarrow$ BI Publisher  $\rightarrow$  Query Report Scheduler.

Either add a new Run Control ID or search for an existing one. If creating a new Run Control ID you will need to enter the Run Control ID and click on Add.

This will bring you to the Query Report Scheduler page where you will search for the desired Report. Select either Query or Connected Query as the Data Source Type.



Click on the magnifying glass to the right of the Report Name Field to search.





If there are prompts in the Query or Connected Queries, fill them out.

Note: If using Connected Query as a data source ensure to fill out the prompts with the same information in each Query. While it is technically not necessary to fill out the prompts in each Query it is recommended to do so. The only requirement is to fill in the prompts in the first Query after which PeopleSoft Query will automatically fill in the same information in each subsequent Query however, this is very resource intensive and so the recommendation is to fill in the same information in each subsequent Query. Below is an example of a Connected Query which is comprised of three Queries. Note that the prompt values for each Query are an exact match.

	Query Name	Prompt Name	Prompt Value
1	QCS_SR_FTESFUNDSRC_CQ1	INSTITUTION	WA220
2	QCS_SR_FTESFUNDSRC_CQ1	STRM	2167
3	QCS_SR_FTESFUNDSRC_CQ1	STRM	2165
4	QCS_SR_FTESFUNDSRC_CQ1	STRM	2163
7	QCS_SR_FTESFUNDSRC_SG_CQ2	INSTITUTION	WA220
8	QCS_SR_FTESFUNDSRC_SG_CQ2	STRM	2167
9	QCS_SR_FTESFUNDSRC_SG_CQ2	STRM	2165
10	QCS_SR_FTESFUNDSRC_SG_CQ2	STRM	2163
38	QCS_SR_FTESFUNDSRC_SG_CQ3	INSTITUTION	WA220
39	QCS_SR_FTESFUNDSRC_SG_CQ3	STRM	2167
40	QCS_SR_FTESFUNDSRC_SG_CQ3	STRM	2165
41	QCS_SR_FTESFUNDSRC_SG_CQ3	STRM	2163

Click on Run to run the BI Publisher report.

The Process Scheduler Request page will display.

Select the Time Zone, Date and Time to run the Query.

The Output Type and Format can also be selected here.

Output Types available are:



Format Types available are:





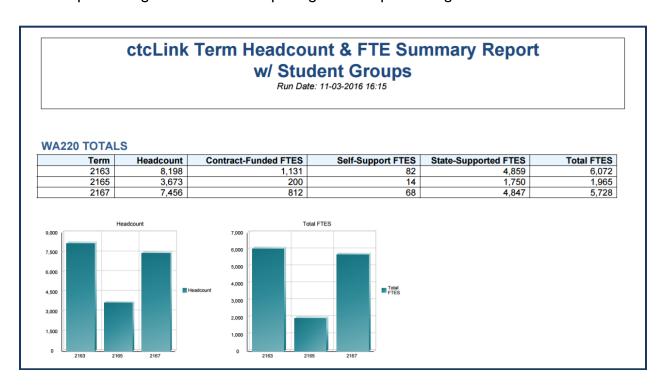
Click "OK".



You will return to the *Query Report Scheduler* page. Notice there is now a Process Instance number now associated with this Scheduled BI Publisher Report.

To view the status of your Scheduled Query click the "Process Monitor" hyperlink or navigate through the menu path to the Process Monitor. Main Menu> PeopleTools> Process Scheduler> Process Monitor

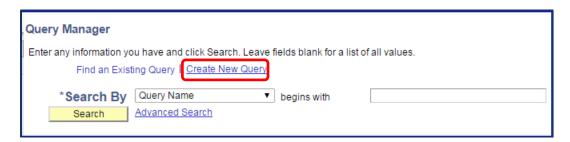
To view the BI Publisher report click on the "Report Manager" hyperlink or navigate through the menu path to the Report Manager. Main Menu> Reporting Tools> Report Manager



# **Creating a Simple Query**

A simple Query uses only a single Record to create the Query. To create a simple Query, navigate to Query Manager. The initial page will display search functionality that will allow you to find existing Queries. It is recommended to always first search for an existing Query that will meet your needs before developing new Queries. Please see the

<u>Search for Existing Queries Before Developing New Queries</u> section of this document for further information. If, after searching, you do not find a suitable Query then click on "Create New Query".



This will take you to the main Query development page. There are 10 tabs available for use in creating Queries – for the purpose of this guide we will discuss only the following tabs:



- Records
- Query
- Prompts
- Fields
- View SQL
- Run



The other tabs are for more advanced developing in PS Query and will be discussed in other trainings/guides.

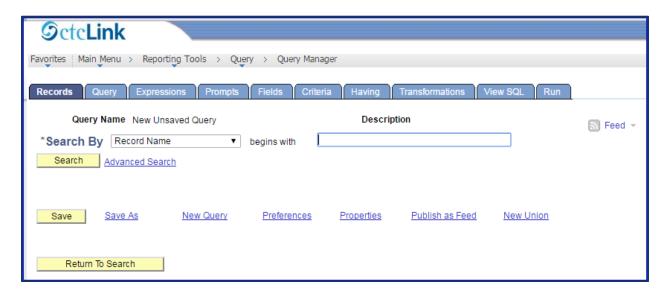
#### The Records Tab

Keeping in mind that a Query is a compilation of fields, the first thing to do is to find the fields to be used. Fields live in Records so it follows that in order to find the correct fields we must find the Records they live in.

To do this we go to the Records tab (note that when "Create New Query" is clicked the system will automatically take you to the Records tab).



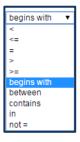
#### SEARCHING RECORDS



The advanced search allows multiple Operators with the same options as the basic search. Wildcards are available for use in both search types.

Description





Click on "Search" to display the list of Records.

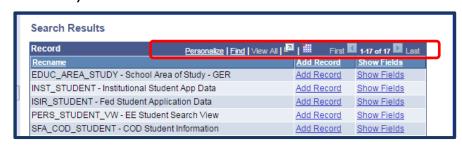




#### USING THE LIST OF RECORDS

The Title Bar has some options available for how you would like to view the list.

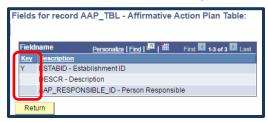
- Personalize allows options on viewing the results in a particular order
- Find will cut the results displayed
- View will give option to view all, 100 records or 20 records



- Zoom creates a pop out window where the results display
- Download allows results to be downloaded to xls file

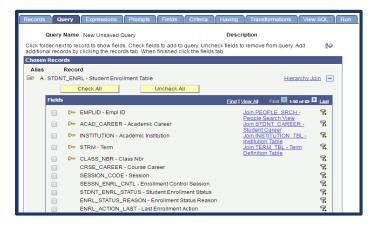
From the list of records users are able to either "Add Record" or "Show Fields".

"Show Fields" will display the Record and all the Fields that comprise the Record. Note that the Key Fields are indicated with a Y in the Key column.



Click on "Return" to go back to the list of Records.

"Add Record" will take the user to the Query tab and allow the user to select which Fields to use in the Query.



Note: Clicking "Return to Search" found at the very bottom of the Record will discard the current Record selection. A pop up window will appear where users can confirm this action.



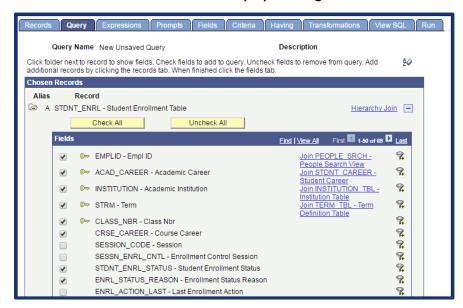




# The Query Tab

The Query tab is where all Records being used in the Query are displayed. As this is a simple Query only a single Record will be displayed here.

Select the Fields to use in the Query by clicking in the checkbox to the left of the Field Name.



Note: Users are able to select or deselect all Fields quickly and easily by clicking the "Check All" or "Uncheck All" buttons.

Once the correct Record has been selected you will see some options appear at the bottom of the page. These options will now display across all the tabs but before moving on and making changes to the Query, it is a good idea to save it.



For new Queries simply click "Save".

Please note: if the Query is a modification of an existing Query select "Save As"

You will be prompted to enter information regarding the Query. Required fields are denoted with an \*.

Click "OK" to save.

The Query Name and Definition will now display at the top of every tab.

Enter a name to save this query:		
*Query:	Stdnt_Enrl_Inst_Term	
Description:	Stdnts enried by term & insti	
Folder:		
*Query Type:	User ▼	
*Owner:	Public ▼	
Query Definition:  This Query provides a list of students enrollment status by institution and by term with the reason for the enrollment status.		
OK Cancel		



#### The Fields Tab

Once the Fields to be used in the Query have been selected we can then determine how those Fields should be displayed. Clicking on the Fields tab will display a list of all of the Fields previously selected in the Query tab. Here we are able to reorder the display, determine sort order, change heading text and choose translate values, where applicable. In addition, as you continue your PS Query training and learn about more advanced options you will find the Field tab is where many advanced functions are started.

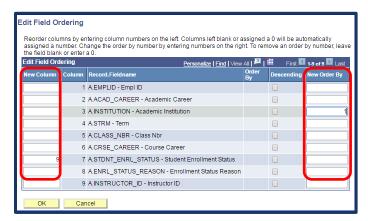


#### REORDER/SORT

Click on the "Reorder/Sort" button to select these options.



Each Field is numbered in the *Column* section and this number determines where the Field will be displayed in the list. To change the order, simply enter in the number of the column where you want the field to display in the *New Column* section. In the example below the Field STDNT ENRL STATUS was moved to column number 9 instead of column number 7.



to return to the Fields tab.

You are also able to select sort order from this screen. In the example to the left a "New Order By" was selected to sort the results by Academic Institution. The results will be sorted in ascending order which is the default. To sort in descending order just click in the checkbox Descending next to the Field you want sorted. Had a previous sort order been determined it would be displayed in the Order By column. Multiple sorts are possible simply by selecting I, 2 or 3 for example. When finished, click "OK"



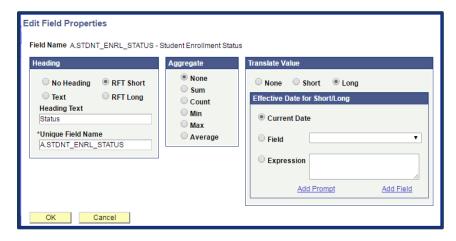
Next, let's select a Field that has an XLAT or Translate Value to edit. In the STDNT\_ENRL Record the field STDNT\_ENRL\_STATUS has a Translate Value as done ENRL\_STATUS\_REASON. Click the "Edit" button next to either Field.



#### **EDITING DISPLAY OPTIONS**

There are three options to modify if the Field has a *Translate Value* and only two options if there is not a *Translate Value*.

- Heading
- Aggregate
- Translate Value



The Heading box allows the user to select "No Heading", "Short Heading", "Long Heading" or to type in a "Text Heading". The default Heading Text will display in the Heading Text Field. This display will change based on the selection. For example, if "No Heading" is selected then nothing will display in the Heading Text Field.

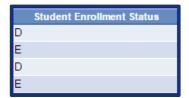
In the example to the right "Text" was selected and "Student Enrollment Status" was manually entered in the *Heading Text* Field.

Aggregate is a more advanced functionality and will be covered, in other training classes and guides. It is used to apply aggregates to the data.



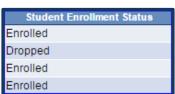


Translate Value is used for Fields that are able to read their display values from a translate table. The default is None which tells the system not use the translate table and to display the non-translated value. For example, the Student Enrollment Status field default values are E and D as shown here.



As this may not make sense to the final end user of the Query it is possible to look up the *Translate Value* and select a different option to display. In this example we will select *Long*.

Now when we run the Query we will see the display values from the translate table which are much more user friendly.



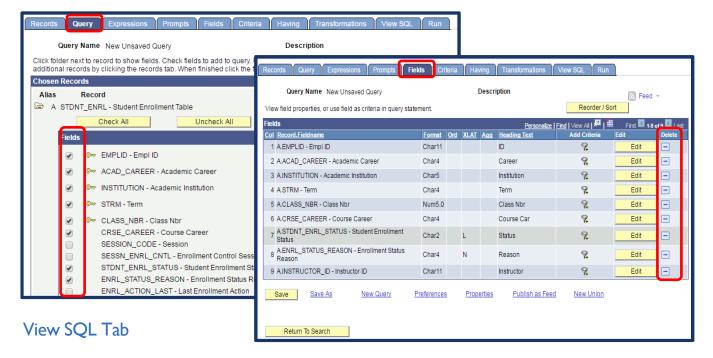


The Effective Date for Short/Long is more advanced functionality and will be covered in other training.

#### REMOVING FIELDS FROM A QUERY

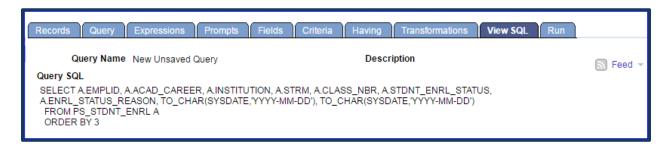
To remove a field from the Query users can go back to the Query tab and de-select the checkbox next to the Field to be removed or from the Field tab click the "Minus Sign" icon next to the selected field.





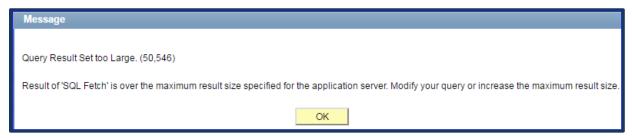


Now that the display options have been selected it is time to review the SQL coding. To do this, simply click on the View SQL tab. This will allow users to review the SQL statements being used in the Query.



#### Run Tab

You are now ready to run the Query and check how the results will display as well as how long it takes to run. Make sure to save any changes to the Query before running. Queries should never take over I minute to run and most should run much quicker than that. In order to run the Query, simply click on the Run tab. This will automatically start the process. You may receive a pop up message stating that the Query is returning too many results.

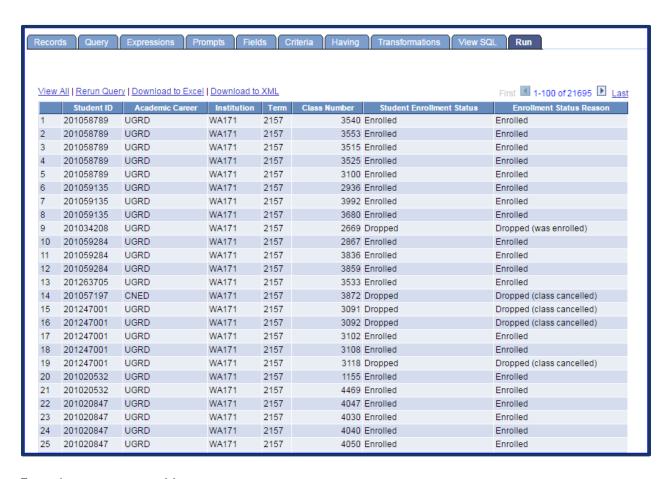


Click "OK" to view the results however consider adding a Prompt or other Criteria to narrow down the number of results.



#### VIEWING QUERY RESULTS

The results of the Query will display. Each row is numbered and each column is labeled in the way that was designated in the Field tab. In addition any *Translate Values* will display as indicated in the Field tab.



From here users are able to:

- View All see all the results in a single page
- Rerun Query
- Download to Excel



# **Creating Joins in PS Query**

Joins are used to create Queries based on multiple records. Users manually link the records to retrieve the output. There are two types of Joins used by PS Query:

Standard or Equivalent Joins

- Left Outer Joins
- [ Joins normally MUST have a Key Field in common to be effective.

This means that if one record has a Key Field of Institution for example, the other record joined to the first must also have the Institution Field.

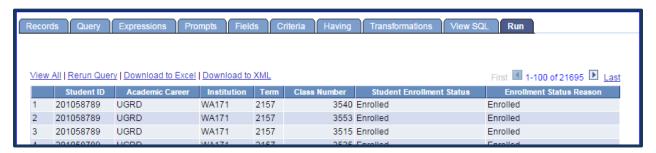
#### CARTESIAN JOINS

If there are no common Key Fields between records then PS Query will join the records but the result is what is called a Cartesian Join or a Cross Join. Each row of the first Record is paired with ALL of the rows of the second Record. This will produce an overwhelming number of results and data that makes no sense. Cartesian Joins are useful for testing but should generally never be used outside of that.

Note: There are instances where Records that do not have common Key Fields but do have common Fields are able to be joined. This is a more advanced process and will be covered in other trainings/guides.

#### Standard Join

Standard Joins match data only when a match occurs between the Field Keys. What this means is that if Record A has 10 rows of data when Record B is joined to it, only rows that have data in both Key Fields will be joined resulting in the possibility of not all rows in the Record B being displayed. Let's take a look at what that means in real life Query development. Our original Query returned 21,695 results.



After performing a Standard Join to add the City and State to the Query there are now 16,411 results as not all of the rows had matching City/State information.

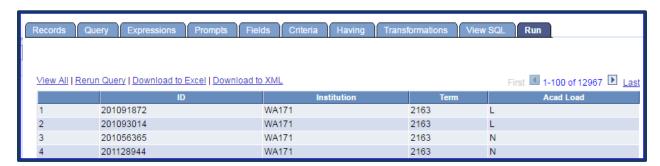


The different Join types all have a purpose it is just important to understand exactly how they work and what the data will reflect.



# Outer Join

This Join type will always return all of the rows in Record A. If there are non-matching fields in Record B then a value of NULL will be returned. In the example below 12,967 rows are returned with our simple Query.



After doing a Left Outer Join to add the Name the Query results still display all 12,967 rows.



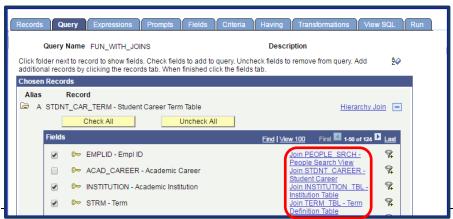
# Creating a Join

There are three ways to create a join:

- Pre-Defined Join
- Hierarchy Join
- Any Join

#### PRE-DEFINED JOIN

Once a Record has been added to the Query you are able to see if there are any pre-defined joins by navigating to the Query tab. To the right of the Fields in the Record you will see any possible predefined joins.





Click on the name of the Record you would like to join and a pop up window will appear with the option to select either Standard or Left Outer Join. Make the selection and click "OK".



Select the Fields to add to the Query from the new Record.

## HIERARCHY JOIN

Once a Record has been added to the Query you are able to see if there are any Hierarchy Joins by navigating to the Query tab. In the upper right corner of the *Chosen Records* box you will see a hyperlink for "Hierarchy Join". Click on the link to see the Hierarchy.



Select the Record from the Hierarchy list to join.

#### ANY JOIN

To complete an Any Join, once you have added the first Record to the Query simply return to the Records tab where you can search for a different Record to add. The list of results will now say "Join Record" instead of "Add Record".



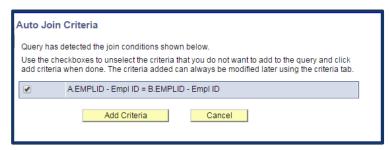


Click on the Record you want to join. A pop up window will appear with the option to select either Standard or Outer Join. In addition there is another pop up window where you need to click the correct hyperlink to tell the system which Record you are joining the second Record to.

In the example below we are joining PERSONAL\_PHONE (Record B) to the first Record STNDT\_CAR\_TERM (Record A). Select the join type and click on they hyperlinked name of the first Record to complete the join.



Another pop up window will appear asking you to confirm the Auto Join Criteria. Click on "Add Criteria".



Select the Fields to add to the Query from the new Record (Record B).

Note: Any Join will allow users to create a Cartesian Join. If a pop up window appears stating that no join conditions were found then the two records do not share any common Key Fields and should usually not be joined. Cartesian joins using Criteria from common Fields is a more advanced topic and will be covered in other classes. Please see the <a href="Cartesian Join">Cartesian Join</a> section of this document for more information.

# **Using Criteria in PS Query**

Criteria allows user to determine filters for their data. For example, instead of returning results for all Institutions, users can specify a specific Institution. For the scope of this guide we are looking at simple Criteria and how to use them though Criteria can be quite complex.

Joins actually create Criteria by stating that the two Record selected must share common information. A typical join Criteria would be that A.EMPLID = B.EMPLID. Meaning that the employee ID from Table A must equal the employee ID from Table B. Other criteria could be specific Institutions, Terms, Instructors, Students, etc.





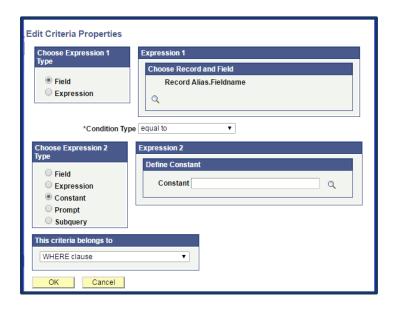
# **Adding Criteria**

There are two ways to add criteria to a Query. Either navigate directly to the Criteria tab or use the "Add Criteria" icon in either the Fields Tab or the Query Tab.

## THE CRITERIA TAB



#### Click on "Add Criteria"



Here we see the options available for creating Criteria.

- Expression I
- Condition Type (Operators)
- Expression 2 Type
- Expression 2
- Criteria Belongs to
- Expression I is WHAT you want to filter on; Institution, Term, State, etc.
- Condition Type is the Operator HOW you want to filter; equal to, less than, greater than, etc.
- Expression 2 is the VALUE for the criteria; Institution WA171, Term 2163, WA, etc.
- Criteria Belongs To is for the SQL coding created and tells the system where to enter the code within the SQL statement.

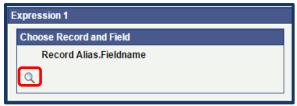




**Expression 1** Expression 1 can be either a Field or an Expression. Here we will choose Field.

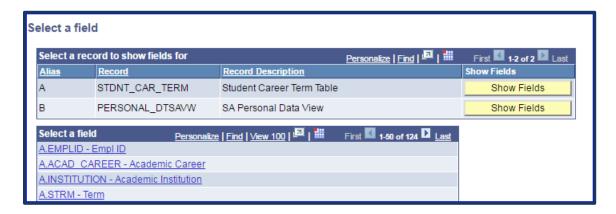


To select WHICH field will be used for *Expression 1* click on the "Magnifying Glass"icon in the *Choose Record* and Field box.



If there is more than one Record being used in the Query, the user will have the option to "Show Fields" from Record A or from Record B.

Click on the hyperlink of the Field to use.

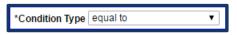


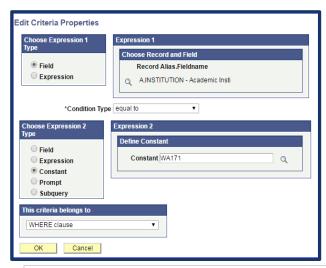
The selected Field will appear in the Choose Record and Field box.





<u>Condition Type</u> The Condition Type determines how Query Manager compares the Expression I to Expression 2. Select the preferred Condition Type. For the example in this Guide the Condition Type is Equal To.





Is Null

Like

Between The value in the selected record field falls between two comparison values. The range is inclusive.

The value in the selected record field exactly Equal to matches the comparison value.

Exists

This operator is different from the others, in that it does not compare a record field to the comparison value. The comparison value is a subquery. If the subquery returns any data, PeopleSoft Query returns the corresponding row.

Greater Than The value in the record field is greater than the comparison value.

In List The value in the selected record field matches one of the comparison values in a list.

In Tree The value in the selected record field appears as a node in a tree created with PeopleSoft Tree Manager. The comparison value for this operator is a tree or branch of a tree that you want PeopleSoft Query to search.

Note: PeopleSoft Query should not use trees that contain a combination of dynamic details and range details. The results returned from trees with this combination of details may be inaccurate. See PeopleSoft Tree Manager Overview.

The selected record field does not have a value in it. You do not specify a comparison value for this operator.

Key fields, required fields, character fields, and numeric fields do not allow null values.

Less Than The value in the record field is less than the comparison value.

The value in the selected field matches a specified string pattern. The comparison value may be a string that contains wildcard characters. The wildcard characters that PeopleSoft Query recognizes are % and .

% matches any string of zero or more characters. For example, *C*% matches any string starting with C, including C alone.

\_ matches any single character. For example, \_ones matches any five-character string ending with ones, such as Jones or Cones.

PeopleSoft Query also recognizes any wild-card characters that your database software supports. See your documentation for your database management system for details.

To use one of the wild-card characters as a literal character (for example, to include a % in your string), precede the character with a \ (for example, percent\%).

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## **Expression 2** Expression 2 can be a:

- Field
- Expression
- Constant
- Prompt
- Subquery



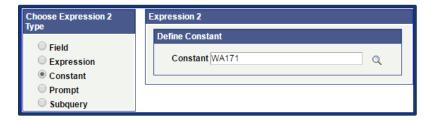
For the purpose of this Guide we will discuss Field, Constant and Prompts.

Using Expression 2 as a Field is how Joins are able to relate two or more Records. For example, the criteria A.EMPLID = B.EMPLID is expressing as Criteria that the Field Employee ID from Record A must be the same as the Field Employee ID in Record B.

Using Expression 2 as a Constant allows the user to enter a specific value, for example, a specific Institution. This means the Query will be developed for this Institution only.

Using Expression 2 as a Prompt allows the user to select the value from a list, for example, a list of Institutions. This allows multiple users to use the same Query as they are each able to select different Institutions. Please see the <u>Using Prompts to Extend the Life of a Query</u> section of this document for more information.

Select Expression 2 as a Constant and enter in WA171 in the Constant Field.



This Criteria Belong To The default for This Criteria Belongs To will be to add the Criteria to the WHERE clause of the SQL Statement. Unless linking two Records in an Outer Join, you should leave the default of the WHERE clause.



Click "OK".

The new Criteria have now been added to the Query and only results for Institution WA171 will display when the Query is ran.

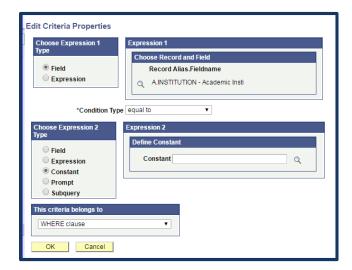




To use the "Add Criteria" icon navigate to the Fields tab or the Query tab. The icon appears to the right of the Field name in the Query tab and in the column Add Criteria in the Fields tab.



Click on the "Add Criteria" icon next to the Field you want to use for the Criteria selection. The first thing you will notice is that you do not need to choose the *Expression I* Field as it will already be automatically filled in by the system using the Field you just selected for the Criteria selection.



From this point on, the way to set up Criteria follows exactly the same steps as the Criteria Tab instructions. Users will select the *Condition Type* and *Expression 2* as explained in the <u>Criteria Tab</u> section of this document.



# Using Prompts to Extend the Life of a Query

Run Time Prompts or Prompts are the most useful functionality to extend the life of your Query and to increase its value. In the section on Criteria we learned how to select a specific value to filter our Query output. In this section we will learn how to do the same thing, with the caveat, that users will be able to select a different value each time the Query is ran. What this means is that a single Query can be developed that would be valuable for all colleges or business units. Each college would simply run the Query, inputting the code for their own Institution in the Prompt.

# Creating Prompts through the Prompts Tab

Again, there are two ways to add Prompts to a Query. Either navigate directly to the Prompts tab or, as Prompts really are a just a specialized type of Criteria, use the "Add Criteria" icon in either the Fields Tab or the Query Tab.

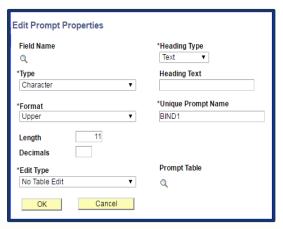
#### THE PROMPTS TAB

From the Prompts tab click on the "Add Prompt" button.



The Edit Prompt Properties page will appear. On this page you are able to add/modify the:

- Field Name select the field to use for the Prompt
- Heading Type select the Long or Short Version of the Field Name or input Text.
- Format choose the format for the prompt table, the system selects the default format for the field selected.
- Unique Prompt Name filled in automatically by the system and shouldn't be changed.
- Length determine the Prompt field's length
- Decimals select how many decimals are allowed for numeric prompts
- Edit Type define the prompt type of field edit
  - No Table Edit Displays a list of values for the user to select. If user enters some other value which is not present in the list then the new value is accepted by the system.
  - Prompt Table Displays the list of values for the user to select. User has to select only those values. If some other value is entered the system gives an error saying, "Invalid Value".
  - Translate Table Provides a dropdown that users can select from. The length of the field should not exceed 4 char.
  - Yes/No Table This is will produce a *Prompt* checkbox. By Default it will be checked (Y).
- Prompt Table provide users with a lists of validated values pulled from a different Record.



\*Edit Type

No Table Edit

No Table Edit

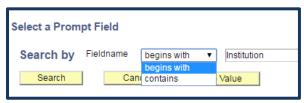
Prompt Table
Translate Table

Yes/No Table

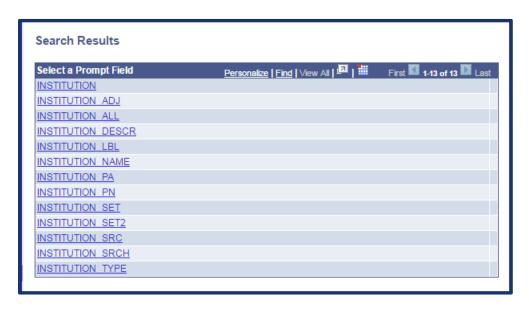


Select the Field Name to use for the Prompt by clicking on the "Magnifying Glass" icon \_\_\_\_ next to Field Name.

Select an Operator of either Begins With or Contains and search for the correct Field Name.

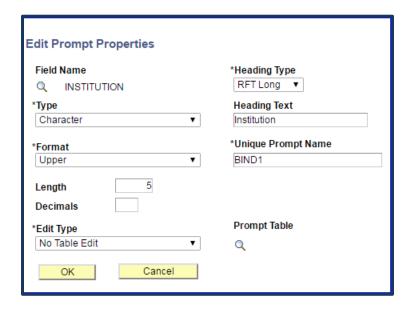


A list of hyperlinked results will appear. Click on the correct Field Name.



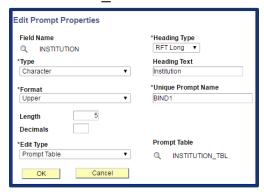
Note: For the Prompt to work the Field selected MUST be a Field from one of the Records used in your Query, however the Field does NOT have to be displayed in your results.

Next make any desired changes to the Heading or other options.



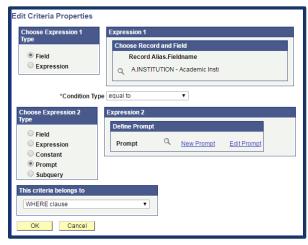


Now select the *Edit Type* via the dropdown menu then find the correct *Prompt Table* by searching via the "Magnifying Glass" icon. In this example, *Prompt Table* was selected for the *Edit Type* and the INSTITUTION TBL was selected as the *Prompt Table*.



### ADDING PROMPTS AS CRITERIA FOR THE QUERY

Now that you have created a Prompt you will need to associate the Prompt to the Query. To do this we will add the Prompt as Criteria for the Query. Go to the Criteria tab and click "Add Criteria". Select the *Field* to be used as the Criteria and then select the *Operator* to use. Select *Prompt* as the "Expression 2 Type" and then click on the "Magnifying Glass" icon in the *Expression 2 Define Prompt* box to search for the Prompt you just created.

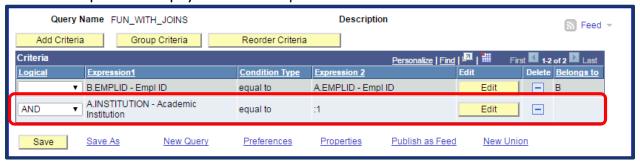


As there is already a Prompt created you can select it from here by simply clicking on the hyperlinked result.



Click OK.

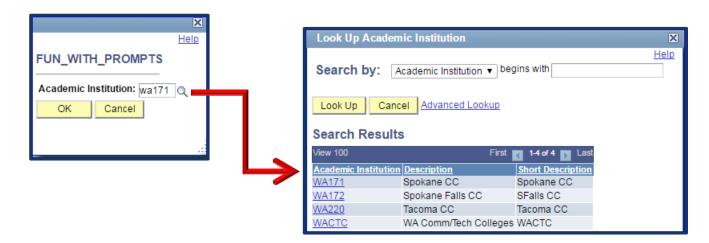
Review the Criteria tab to see that the Prompt is now being used as part of the Criteria for the Query. Note the Prompt displays as a colon and the Prompt number (:1). Prompts increase incrementally. A second Prompt would display as :2 in the Expression 2 column.



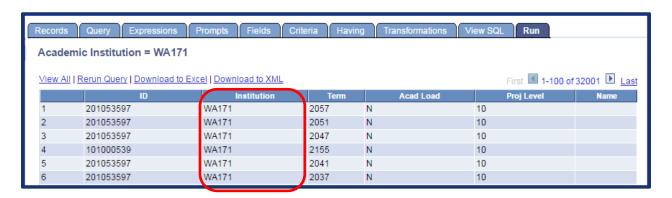


## Run the Query.

A pop up window will appear listing the Query Name and the Prompt Field. Either enter the information in the Field or click on the "Magnifying Glass" icon to see a list of options.



The Query will run based on the information specified in the Prompt.





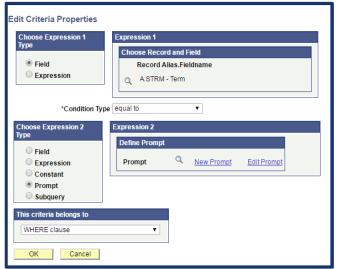
# Creating Prompts Through the "Add Criteria" icon

Creating Prompts through the "Add Criteria" icon in the Fields Tab or the Query Tab allows the system to do some of the work for you, simplifying the process just a bit. The Prompt will automatically be set up as Criteria for the Query and the Prompt Table may automatically populate.

To use the "Add Criteria" icon, navigate to the Fields tab or the Query tab. The icon appears to the right of the field name in the Query tab and in the column Add Criteria in the Fields tab.

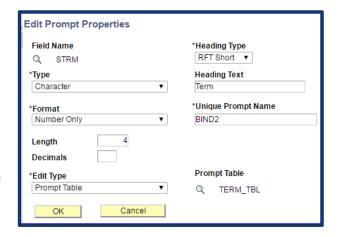


Click on the "Add Criteria" icon next to the Field you want to use for the Prompt selection. Expression 1 will already be automatically filled in by the system using the Field you just selected. Select Prompt as the Expression 2 Type and choose the Condition Type.



Note that the Field Name and Prompt Table have been automatically populated and all that is left to do is update the Prompt Heading, if desired.

Now you are able to either use a Prompt already created by searching using the magnifying glass or create a new Prompt. Click on "New Prompt".

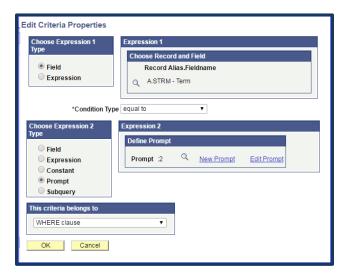


It is very important to note that the selection for the *Prompt Table* made by the system is NOT always accurate. In this example the TERM\_TBL was selected automatically by the system however the correct Prompt Table to use for the Prompt to work is TERM\_VAL\_TBL. If the prompt does not work correctly check this guide in the <a href="Prompt Tables to Use">Prompt Tables to Use</a> section.

Make any changes and click "OK".

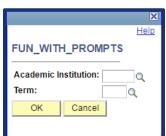
This will take you back out to the Edit Criteria Properties page. Click "OK "again then run the Query.





A pop up window will and the second Prompt value and longevity as which Term to display.

Users are able to start will provide a list based



appear with the first Prompt of Academic Institution of Term. This Query has now been increased in users are able to select which Institution and

typing in the value for the Prompt and the system on the value typed in as shown below.



Or users are also able to pull up the complete list of values to select from as shown in the example to the right.

Note the maximum amount of values to select from is 300.





Section 3

# PeopleSoft Query Tips and Tricks

This section will provide Query Developers with various tips, tricks and shortcuts. Please note that some of the material in this section is a bit more advanced. Each section provides step by step instructions so that all level of users will be able to perform the task.

# **Helpful Prompts**

- In general it is better to create Prompts from the Field tab or the Query tab by clicking the "Add Criteria" icon and create the Prompt new than to use the Prompt tab because, as we have seen, the system is helpful in filling out certain selections this way, saving time.
- It is important to know that Prompts works in cascade, this means that the first Prompt has to work for the second to work and so on.

## Working With Multiple Effective Dates

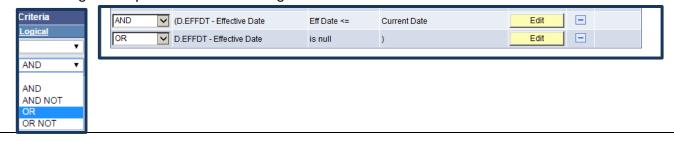
When two Records are joined that both have an EFF\_DATE, it is necessary to manipulate the EFF\_DATE criteria of the second Record to avoid getting NULL results:

#### Create the Query Criteria

- In Criteria tab, click on "Add Criteria" button.
- In the Expression I box search EFF DATE by clicking in the "Magnifying Glass" icon and locate the EFF DATE field (if necessary, select to view the Fields from Record B).
- Select the Condition Type of Is Null.
- Click "OK".

#### Make Modifications to the Query Criteria

- Back at the Criteria tab click "Group Criteria" button.
- Add left and right parenthesis to Group both Criteria.
- Click "OK".
- Change the Expression to Or in the Logical column and click "Save".



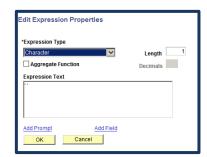




# Optional Prompt with Data Validation

To create a prompt that can be left blank or selected from a list of validated values:

- Create your Prompt as usual (preferably from the Field tab)
- Create a new Expression in the Expression tab.
  - o In Expression Text enter: " (apostrophe-space-apostrophe). It should look like the example to the right.
  - Click "OK".
- Add your Expression as an Optional Prompt to the Query Criteria
  - Navigate to the Criteria tab click the "Add Criteria" button.
    - Select Expression in Expression I Type.
  - Click on the "Magnifying Glass" icon to search for the desired Expression in Expression 1 – and click to select.
  - Select Prompt in Choose Expression 2 Type.
  - Click on the "Magnifying Glass" icon to search for the desired Prompt in Expression 2 – Define Prompt, select the same Prompt created at the beginning of the exercise (:1).



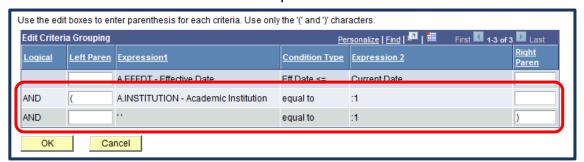


Select an expression

The Criteria tab should now appear similar to the example below:



- Make the final Criteria modifications
  - Back at the "Criteria" tab click "Group Criteria" button.



- Add left and right parenthesis to group both criteria:
- Click "OK".
- Change the Expression to Or in the Logical column and click "Save".



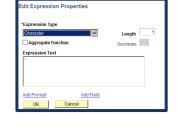


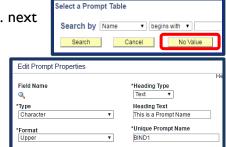
# Optional Prompt with No Data Validation

To create a Query where the Prompt can be left blank or typed in with no data validation (list of values):

- Create a new Expression in the Expression tab.
  - In Expression Text enter: ' (apostrophe-space-apostrophe). It should look like the example to the right.
  - o Click "OK".
- Add your Expression as an Optional Prompt to the Query Criteria
  - Go to the Criteria tab click the "Add Criteria" button.
  - Select Expression in Expression I Type.
  - Click on the "Magnifying Glass" icon to search for the desired Expression in Expression 1 and click to select.
  - Select Prompt in Choose Expression 2 Type.
  - Select "New Prompt" in Expression 2 Define Prompt.
  - Leave the Field Name blank.
  - Select Text from the Heading Text drop down list.
  - Type the Prompt Name in the Heading Text Field.
  - The Edit Type Field should be No Table Edit.
  - Click on the "Magnifying Glass" icon to select a Prompt table. Click on "No Value".
- Match the Selected Field to the Optional Prompt
  - Go to the Fields tab and click on the "Add Criteria" icon. next to the Field to be used for the Prompt.
  - As this was done from the Fields tab Choose Expression I and Expression I – Choose Record and Field will be already filled in with the information from the selected Field.
  - Select Prompt for the Choose Expression 2 Type.
  - Click on the "Magnifying Glass" icon to search for the Optional Prompt in Expression 2 – and click to select.
  - o Click "OK".
- The Criteria tab should now appear similar to the example below:







Prompt Table

Select an expression

Length

Decimals

\*Edit Type

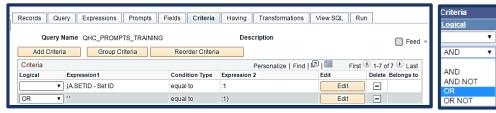


Cancel

- Make the final Criteria modifications
  - Click the "Group Criteria" button.
  - Add left and right parenthesis to group both criteria.



- o Click "OK".
- Change the operator in the Logical column to Or and click "Save".

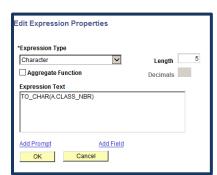


## Optional Numeric Prompt with No Data Validation

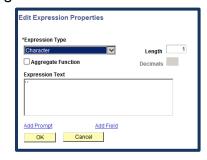
This is a special case since the Field used is numeric and the user wants to have the option to enter a numeric value without having a list to choose from or leave the field blank. This combination doesn't work with a regular "Prompt-Expression" combination. It is necessary to convert the "Numeric" field to a "TO-CHAR" format to make this Prompt work.

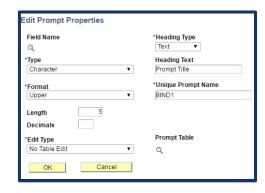
- Create a new Expression in the Expression tab.
  - For Expression Type select Character from the drop down list.
  - Match the original numeric length in the Length Field.
  - Enter TO\_CHAR(X.FIELD\_NAME) where X.FIELD\_NAME is the name of the Field.
  - Click "OK" button to save the new Expression.
  - Back on the Expression tab click "Use as Field" link, to add the Expression as a Field. Make sure to test it.





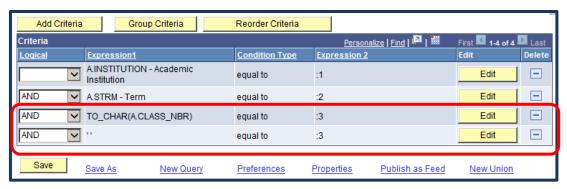
- Run your Query to test the results.
  - o If it runs correctly, re-name the Expression Field and remove the original numeric Field.
- Proceed to create a second Expression.
  - o On the Expressions tab click "Add Expression".
  - In Expression Text enter: ' (apostrophe-space-apostrophe). It should look like the example to the right.
  - Click the "OK" button.
- Create the Optional Prompt
  - Select the Prompts tab and click "Add Prompt" button to create a new Prompt.
  - Leave Field Name blank.
  - Heading Type stays as Text.
  - Name the Prompt in the Heading Text Field.
  - Match the original numeric length in the Length field.
  - Make sure Edit Type is No Table Edit.
  - Leave Prompt Table blank.
  - Click the "OK" button.
- Match the Selected Field to the Optional Prompt as Query Criteria
  - Back at the Fields tab click the "Add Criteria" icon next to your TO CHAR Field.



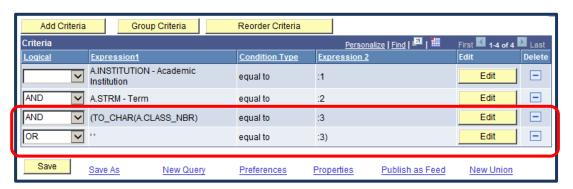




- As this was done from the Fields tab Choose Expression 1 and Expression 1 Choose Record and
  Field will be already filled in with the information from the selected Field.
- On Choose Expression 2 Type select the Prompt radio button.
- On Expression 2 Define Prompt, click on the "Magnifying Glass" icon and select the Optional Prompt.
- Click the "OK" button
- Match your Expression to the Optional Prompt and Add as Query Criteria
  - On Criteria tab click "Add Criteria".
  - For Expression I Type select Expression radio button.
  - Click on the "Magnifying Glass" Icon to find and select the "Apostrophe" Expression in Expression I Define Expression.
  - On Choose Expression 2 Type select the Prompt radio button.
  - On the Expression 2 Define Prompt click on the "Magnifying Glass" Icon to search for the Optional Prompt, once found, click on it to select it.
  - Click the "OK" button. It should look like this:



- Make the final Criteria modifications
  - o Click the "Group Criteria" button.
  - Add left and right parenthesis to group both Criteria.
  - Click the "OK" button.
  - Back on Criteria tab, change the Logical column Expression to Or and click "Save".





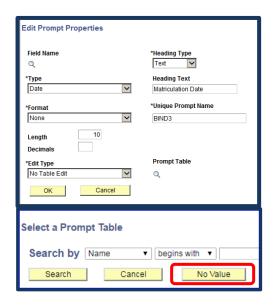


# **Date Prompt**

#### To create a Standard Date Prompt:

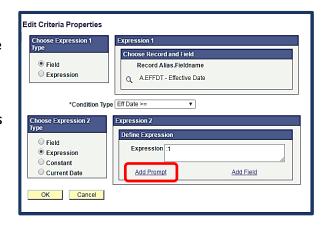
## Create the Date Prompt

- o Go to Prompts tab and click on "Add Prompt".
- Leave the Field Name blank.
- Heading Type should be Text.
- On Type drop down select Date.
- Type the name of the Prompt in the Heading Text Field.
- On Format drop down select None.
- On Edit Type select No Table Edit.
- Finally on Prompt Table click on "Magnifying Glass" icon and click on "No Value" button.
- Click the "Ok" button.



### Link the Date Prompt to the Selected Field as Query Criteria

- From the Criteria Tab click on "Add Criteria".
- Select Field for Choose Expression 1 Type.
- In Expression I select the Date Field where to tie the Prompt by using the "Magnifying Glass" icon. (Alternately, go to the Fields page and use the "Add Criteria" Icon next to the selected Field.)
- Select the Operator. In this case Eff Date >= was selected.
- In "Choose Expression 2 Type select Expression
- In Expression 2 click on "Add Prompt".
- Select the Date Prompt previously created.
- Click "Ok".
- Click "Save"





#### DATE RANGE PROMPT

To create a Date Range prompt where random date range can be select it is necessary to create 2 Date prompts then link them through a criteria added to the date field.

## Create the First Date Prompt

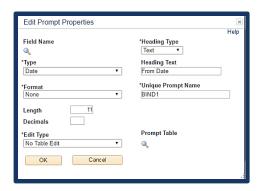
- Go to the Prompts tab and click on "Add Prompt".
- Heading Text should be Text.
- Type "From Date" in the Heading Text Field.
- Select Date on the Type drop down list.
- On the Format drop down list, select None.
- On Edit Type select No Table Edit.
- For the Prompt Table click on the "Magnifying Glass" icon and click on the "No Value" button.
- o Click "Ok".

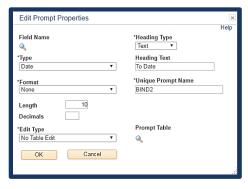
## Create the Second Date Prompt

- Go to the Prompts tab and click on "Add Prompt".
- Heading Text should be Text.
- Type "To Date" in the Heading Text Field.
- Select Date on the Type drop down list.
- On the Format drop down list, select None.
- On Edit Type select No Table Edit.
- For the Prompt Table click on the "Magnifying Glass" icon and click on the "No Value" button.
- Click "Ok".

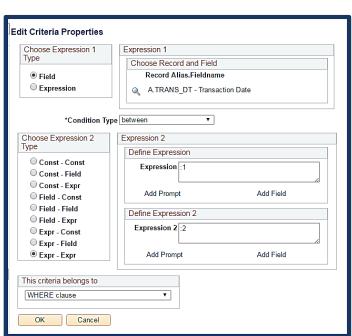
## Match your Prompts to the Selected Date Field and Add Query Criteria

- Go to the Fields tab and identify the Date Field to tie to your Prompts.
- Click on the "Add Criteria"
   icon.
- As this was done from the Fields tab Choose Expression I and Expression I Choose Record and Field will be already filled in with the information from the selected Field.
- For Condition Type select Between from the drop down list.
- For Choose Expression 2 Type select the Expr – Expr radio button.
- On Expression 2 Define Expression click "Add Prompt".
- Select and link the "From Date" Prompt.
- On Expression 2 Define Expression 2 click "Add Prompt"
- Select and link the "To Date" Prompt.
- o "Save".





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# Prompt with wildcard (%)

This prompt allows users to select either one value or multiple values. For example, if usings Union Codes the user could type in W% to search all codes beginning with W or the partial code 17% to find all codes starting with 17 or simply % to search all possible codes.

### Create a new Expression in the Expression tab.

- o In Expression Text enter: ' (apostrophe-space-apostrophe). It should look like the example to the right.
- o Click "OK".

## Add your Expression as an Optional Prompt to the Query Criteria

- o Go to the Criteria tab click the "Add Criteria" button.
- Select Expression in Expression | Type.
- Click on the "Magnifying Glass" icon to search for the desired Expression in Expression 1 – and click to select.
- Select Prompt in Choose Expression 2 Type.
- Select "New Prompt" in Expression 2 Define Prompt to create the Optional Prompt.
- Leave the Field Name blank.
- Select Text from the Heading Text drop down list.
- Type the Prompt Name in the Heading Text Field. Be sure to include instructions regarding Wildcard.
- The Edit Type Field should be No Table Edit.
- Click on the "Magnifying Glass" icon to select a Prompt table. Click on "No Value".

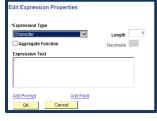
#### Match the Selected Field to the Optional Prompt

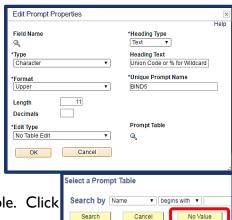
- Go to the Fields tab and click on the "Add Criteria" icon next to the Field to be used for the Prompt.
- Select the Condition Type of Like.
- Select Prompt for the Choose Expression 2 Type.
- Click on the "Magnifying Glass" icon to search for the Optional Prompt and click to select it.
- Click "OK".

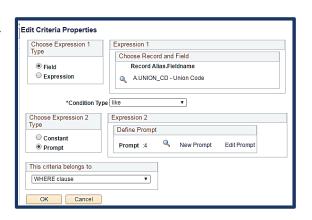
#### Make the final Criteria modifications

- Navigate to the Criteria Tab.
- Click the "Group Criteria" button.
- Add left and right parenthesis to group both criteria:
- Click "OK".
- Change the operator in the Logical column to Or and click "Save".









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# Fields that Don't Match (but look like they do)

There are times that Fields look as though they contain the same type of data across all Records, however that may not always be the case. In the example of EMPLID we see that EMPLID will refer to a Student in a Student Record, a Manager in a Manager Record and an Instructor in a Class Record, etc. Take extra care in using these types of Fields in joining Records together.

For example, in looking at two common Records: STDNT\_ENRL and CLASS\_TBL you will see that both Records contain the Field EMPLID. The EMPLID Field in the STDNT\_ENRL table refers to the Student EMPLID while the one in the CLASS\_TBL Record refers to the Instructor EMPLID. Trying to join these two Records by the EMPLID will produce inconsistent results.



# **PS Query Core Tables**

Now that you have a better understanding of how data is stored and the Pillars being implemented by ctcLink, let's take a look at some of the core tables per Pillar to use in developing Queries. Knowing where to find the correct data is one of the most important components of building successful Queries in PeopleSoft.

## **Campus Solutions ENROLLMENTS** STDNT\_ENRL CLASS CLASS\_TBL **CLASS ATTRIBUTE** CRSE OFFER STDNT GRPS HIST CTC STDNT FTE STDNT\_ATTR\_DTL STUDENT GROUPS: VCS STDNT\_GROUP - Special programs and demographics by Term (very helpful for future or past terms) STUDENT BIO-DEMO PS SCC PERDATA QVW (contains student name) PS RESIDENCY OFF PS\_EMAIL\_ADDRESSES PS PERSON PS NAMES VW PS ADDRESSES PS PERS DATA EFFDT PS\_VISA\_PMT\_DATA PS\_DIVERS\_ETHNIC PS ETHNIC GRP TBL STUDENT PLANS ACAD\_PLAN VW ACAD\_PLAN\_TBL **SERVICE INDICATORS:** SRVC IND DATA - Service Indicator Data SRVC\_IND\_SEL\_VW - Srvc Ind Active Vw

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Finance
              PS VOUCHER
 GENERAL LEDGER
            LEDGER
         PS LEDGER
       JRNL HEADER
           JRNL_LN
   GL ACCOUNT TBL
 PROJECTS
                 PROJECT
           PROJ RESOURCE
          PROJECT STATUS
            PROJ_TYPE_TBL
COMMITMENT CONTROL
          KK SOURCE HDR
            KK_SOURCE_LN
          KK ACTIVITY LOG
               LEDGER KK
BILLING
             BI ACCT ENTY
               BI LINE DST
            BI LINE DST AR
                   BI LINE
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE
               CUSTOMER
             CUST AGING
            CUST HISTORY
                ITEM DST
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
                VOUCHER
        VCHR_ACCTG_LINE
             PAYMENT_TBL
        PYMNT VCHR XREF
PURCHASING
                  PO HDR
                  PO LINE
         PO LINE MATCHED
           PO LINE DISTRIB
             PO APPROVAL
              PO_LINE_SHIP
 ASSET MANAGEMENT
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TRAVEL & EXPENSE
           EX ACCTG LINE
            EX_SHEET_DIST
            EX_SHEET_HDR
                   CASH
MANAGEMENT/TREASURY
          TRA ACCTG HDR
          TRA_ACCTG_LINE
           BANK STMT TBL
          HCM (HCM TO
               FINANCE)
           HR ACCTG LINE
           CS (STUDENT
        FINANCIALS TO
               FINANCE)
             SF_ACCTG_LN
Human Capital
           HR_ACCTG_LINE
               PAY CHECK
          PAY DEDUCTION
            PAY EARNINGS
                 PAY TAX
             PAY GARNISH
            GENL DED TBL
               EMPLOYEES
            PERSON_NAME
                   NAMES
           PERSONAL_DATA
           DEDUCTION TBL
         DEDUCTION_CLASS
                     JOB
             CURRENT JOB
             JOBCODE TBL
                DEPT TBL
            HR_BARG_UNIT
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UNION TBL

PS DISABILITY

PS\_PERS\_DATA\_USA

PS DIVERS ETHNIC

PS ETHNIC GRP TBL

PS PERS DATAEFFDT

**VENDOR** 

**CONTRACTS & GRANTS** 

DIST\_LN

CA\_ACCTG\_LINE CNTRCT\_LINE CNTRCT\_HDR GM\_AWARD GM\_PROPOSAL



# **Prompt Tables to Use**

# Campus Solutions (CS)

Field	Prompt Table	
ACAD_CAREER	ACAD_CAR_SCRTY	
ACAD_ORG	ACAD_ORG_TBL	
ACAD_PROG	ACAD_PROG_TBL	
ACAD_STNDNG_ACTN	ACAD_STACTN_VW	
ADMIT_TYPE	ADMIT_TYPE_TBL	
Business Unit	BUS_UNIT_TBL_SF	
CHECKLIST_CD (FA)	CS_CHKLST_TBL	
Class Number	SE_CLASS_NBR_VW	
EXTERNAL	EXT_ORGSCHL_VW	
ORGANIZATION		
INSTITUTION	INSTITUTN_SCRTY	
INSTRUCTOR or ADVISOR	DVISOR INSTR_ADVSR_VW	
ID		
ITEM_TYPE (for SF on	ITEM_TYPE_VW	
SETID)		
ITEM_TYPE	ITEM_TYPE_BU_VW	
RVC_IND_REASON	SRVC_IN_RSN_TBL	
SESSION_CODE	SESSIONCODE_VW	
SRVC_IND_CD	SRVC_IND_CD_TBL	
STDNT_GROUP	STDNT_GROUP_TBL	
TERM	TERM_VAL_TBL	

# Finance (FIN)

Field	Prompt Table
ACCOUNT	GL_ACCT_NS_VW
BUS_UNIT (SECURITY)	SP_BUS_FS_OPRVW
BUSINESS_UNIT	SP_PCBUGL_CLSVW
CLASS_FLD	CLASS_CF_TBL
COMBINATION	COMBO_RULE_VW
DEPTID	DEPT_TBL
FUND_CODE	fund_ns_vw
MANAGER_ID, EMPLID	PERSONAL_DATA
OPERATING_UNIT	OPER_UNIT_TBL
PROJECT_ID	PROJECT_ID_VW
SETID	SP_SETID_CLSVW
SETID (SECURITY)	PS_SP_SETID_OPRVW

# Human Capital Management (HCM)

Field	Prompt Table	
Business Unit	BUSUNIT_HR_VW	
Business Unit	BUS_UNIT_TBL_HR	
Calendar Group Id	GP_RSLT_ACM_VWI	
Company	COMPANY_TBL	
Department (CF)		
Department (HR)	HR_DEPTL_LY3_VW	
EMPLID	BAS_EVT_EMPLID	
Employee Type		
(empl_class)	CTC_EMPLCLASS_V	
Fund Code	FUND_VW	
GP_PAYGROUP	PAYGROUP_TBL	
JOBCODE	JOBCODE_TBL	
PAY_END_DT	CTC_PAYENDDT_VW	
SETID	DEPT_SETID_VW	
TASKGROUP	TL_TASKGROUP_TBL	
TERM (PTF YRQ)	CTC_PTFTERM_VW	

# **Running Large Queries**

# **Quick Reference Guide**



**Purpose**: Use this document as a reference for running Large Result Delivered Queries in ctcLink. **Audience**: All College Staff in Finance, Human Capital Management (HCM), and Campus Solutions (CS) functions. The procedures listed below may be limited based on security access.

#### What are Large Result Delivered Queries?

**Delivered Queries** are Queries that have been developed and are used to retrieve selected data. **Large Result Delivered Queries** are Queries that have an output that is too large to view in **Query Viewer**. These Queries should be run in **Query Scheduler**.

#### Who will use ctcLink Large Result Delivered Queries?

Finance, HCM, and CS staff when large amounts of operational data is needed. Usage is based on security access.

#### Running a Large Result Delivered Query

Navigation: Main Menu → Reporting Tools → Query → Query Viewer
Use the *Running Reports, Jobs, and Queries in ctcLink* Quick Reference Guide for steps on running a delivered Query.

1. If a delivered Query results are too large to view in Query Viewer, the below error message will result.

Query Result Set too Large. (124,87)

Result of 'SQL Fetch' is over the maximum result size specified for the application server. Modify your query or increase the maximum result size.

 Query Scheduler allows you to run Large Result Delivered Queries. In Query Viewer, under the Search Results, click on the Schedule link.



- 3. The **Scheduled Query** page will appear, prompting you to either create a new or find an existing **Run Control ID**.
- 4. **Run Control IDs** are tied to a user ID and are visible only to the creator. Instead of entering the same values each time a Query is scheduled; a **Run Control** can be saved with these settings. The next time the Query is scheduled, the **Run Control ID** is selected and the system completes the settings with the previously defined parameters.
  - a. To run an existing **Run Control ID**, click the **Find an Existing Value** tab. Type in the name of the **Run Control ID** you wish to retrieve. Click **Search**. Click on the **Run Control ID** you want to run.
  - b. To create a new **Run Control ID**, click on **Add a New Value** tab. Type a **Run Control ID**, using alpha numeric characters with no spaces. Underscore should be used for spacing. Click **Add**.



- 5. If there are prompt(s) associated with the Query (i.e. Institution or Business Unit), a pop up screen will appear asking you to populate the prompt(s). Not all Queries will have prompt(s).
- 6. The Process Scheduler Request screen will appear. Select additional choices on how the Scheduled Query will run.
  - a. **Server Name** should remain blank.
  - b. Recurrence will indicate how frequently the Schedule Query should run. Leave blank for a one-time occurrence.
  - c. Run Date and RunTime indicates when the Scheduled Query will run. The default settings are to run the Scheduled Query immediately. Scheduled Queries can also be run at future dates and times.
- 7. From the **Process List**, use the dropdowns to make the below choices.
  - Type (Emai/Feed/File/IB Node/Web/Window). It is recommended to run Large Result Delivered Queries as Web.



b. **Format** (HTM/PDF /TXT/XFORM/XLS/XML/XMLP). It is recommended to run **Large Result Delivered** Queries as a **TXT** format. This will result in an Excel output file. Click **OK**.

Process Scheduler Request					
User ID CTC_MJOHNSON	Run Control ID MJ_EXAMPLE_QUERY				
Server Name  Recurrence  Time Zone	Run Date 06/15/2015  Run Time 4:09:58PM  Reset to Current Date/Time				
Process List					
Select Description	Process Name Process Type *Type *Format Distribution				
	PSQUERY Application Engine Web ▼ TXT ▼ Distribution				

#### **Process Monitor**

Navigation: Main Menu → PeopleTools → Process Scheduler → Process Monitor

- 1. To view the Query Scheduler output, navigate to **Process Monitor**.
- The Scheduled Query should be listed in the Process Monitor. The Scheduled Query is ready to retrieve when the Run Status shows Success.
- 3. When the Scheduled Query indicates it has run successfully, click on the Details link.
- 4. The **Process Detail** screen will appear. This screen gives details on the **Parameters** used; the **Message Log** gives detail if there are errors running the **Scheduled Query**.
- 5. Click on the View Log/Trace link to retrieve the Scheduled Query.
- 6. Click on the output file. The output file will include the **Scheduled Query** name and the **Process Instance Number** in the name. It will be a .csv file if you selected to run a **TXT**.
- 7. A pop up window will ask what application to open the **Scheduled Query** with. If you selected **TXT**, the default is Microsoft Excel. Click **OK**.
- 8. The **Scheduled Query** output is now available as an Excel file.

# Running Reports, Jobs, and Queries in ctcLink Quick Reference Guide

**Purpose**: Use this document as a reference on running delivered Reports, Jobs, and delivered Queries in ctcLink. **Audience**: All College Staff in Finance, Human Capital Management (HCM), and Campus Solutions (CS) functions. The procedures listed below may be limited based on security access.

#### What are ctcLink Reports, Jobs, and Queries?

A **Report** in ctcLink is an existing report that has defined elements. **Jobs** are collections of ctcLink processing tasks. The term job and process are often used interchangeably. A report is considered a job, so the directions for running a report and job are the same. A **Query** is a tool used to retrieve selected data.

#### Who will use ctcLink Reports, Jobs, and Queries?

Finance, HCM, and CS staff when functional reports or data are needed. Usage is based on security access.

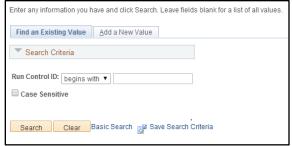
#### Running a Report or Job

Navigation: Main Menu → Function → Sub-function→ Reports → Report Title

1. Select Add a New Value if this is the first time running this job.



2. Run Control IDs are tied to an individual user ID and are visible only to the creator. Instead of entering the same values each time a report is run (such as when the report should run and prompts such as BUSINESS\_UNIT); a Run Control can be saved with these settings. The next time the report is run, a Run Control ID is selected (in Find an Existing Value), and the system completes the settings with previously defined parameters. Be aware that certain Reports and Jobs may need to have a new Run Control depending on the parameters used. Type a Run Control ID, using alpha numeric characters with no spaces. Underscore can be used for spacing i.e. AP1\_LastName.



- 3. Click Add.
- 4. Select parameters for the job. Parameters will vary depending on the job. The next time this job is run, the **Run Control ID** is entered and the saved parameters will appear.
- 5. Click Save.
- 6. Click Run to add the job to the Process Scheduler queue of jobs awaiting execution.
- 7. The **Process Scheduler Request** requires additional choices on how the report/job will run. These choices are **Server Name**, **Recurrence** (leave blank if one-time occurence), and **Run Date/Time** (when report will run).
- 8. Select report from the **Process List.** From the dropdowns, choose the **Type** (email / File / Printer / Web) and **Format** (HTM / PDF / RTF / XLS) then click **OK.**
- 9. After scheduling a job to run, the Run Control Page will display a unique Process Instance number. Please note the number; it will be helpful for troubleshooting if needed. The Process Monitor is generally used to track the progress of a job and insure its success. Report Manager is generally used to review the job output of a report.
- 10. In Process Monitor, the filters can be used to limit the Process List or the existing Process List to see the recent jobs that have been run. The Process List includes Process Type, Process Name, UserID, Run Date/Time, Run Status (Queued, Initiated, Cancelled, Success), Distribution Status (N/A, None, Generated, Not Posted, Posting, or Posted), and Details. If the Run Status indicates Success, the reports can be viewed in Report Manager. The Process Detail page contains the Message Log which helps troubleshooting if the report did not run successfully.
- 11. Click **Report Manager** to view the reports you've run. Click the **Administration** tab to see successfully run reports. Click the **Details** link to view the report. Reports can be deleted on this page for staff with this authorization.

#### **Running a Delivered Query**

Use the following process to run a delivered Query in ctcLink.

Navigation: Main Menu → Reporting Tools → Query → Query Viewer.

- 8. Click **Advanced Search** to find Queries based on selected filters.
- 9. Enter filters for Query Name, Description, Uses Record Name, Uses Field Name, Access Group Folder (functional Query security group), and Folder Name. Within these filters, selections include <, ≤, =, >, ≥, begins with, between, contains, in, and not. The percentage sign (%) is used as a wildcard character.



Query Viewer			
Enter any information you have and clie	ck Search, Leave fir	elds blank for a list of all values.	
Query Name	begins with		
Description	begins with		
Uses Record Name	begins with		
Uses Field Name	begins with 🔻		
Access Group Name	begins with ▼		
Folder Name	begins with 🔻		
*Query Type	=	User ▼	
Owner	=	•	
When using the IN or BETWEEN open	rators, enter commo	a separated values without quotes, i.e. JOB,E	MPLOYEE, JRNL_LN.
Search (	Clear Basic 1	Search	

- 10. Additional filters include: **Query Type** by **Archive, Process, Role**, or **User** and **Owner** by **Private** or **Public**. Private Queries will be listed and can be run only if the Query owner has granted access.
- 11. After the filters are selected, click **Search**.
- 12. The **Search Results** grid displays Queries based on the selected filters. The Query can be run as **HTML** (web-based), **Excel**, **XML**, or **Schedule** a time for the Query to run using **Run Control ID**. The Query can be added to favorites for future quick access.

#### **Additional Information**

- Click on the magnify glass to see available look-up options.
- When searching for Queries or reports, it is recommended to use Contains for search parameters in Description.
- Descriptors in Name or Description are often shortened, such as Vendor to VNDR, so multiple searches may be needed.

# **Coding Manual Link**

To navigate to the Student and Course Coding Manual click the link below:

Student and Course Coding Manual

# **FERPA Data Restrictions in Campus Solutions**

Here we will discuss how to exclude students with FERPA restrictions in queries (Campus Solutions). Currently, the best way to identify students who've chosen to restrict data is to utilize the FERPA field in records SCC\_PERDATA\_QVW (recommended) or PERSONAL\_DATA. The FERPA field in both of these records will be "Y" if a student has restricted any data. The SCC\_PERDATA\_QVW or PERSONAL\_DATA records are great to use for bio-demo information (name, address, phone, birthdate) and you have the option to easily exclude students who have any FERPA restriction when using them.

There are other records available (see below). However, we do not advise using them as testing has found they do not exclude students who have the related FERPA restriction(s). It would be



great to be able to use these records, but currently they are not accurate. Hopefully, the issue with the records below will be identified and they will be available for use later in the implementation.

ACTVTS\_FERPA\_VW - FERPA Activities View
ADDR\_FERPA\_VW - FERPA Address View
EMAIL\_FERPA\_VW - EMAIL FERPA VIEW
NAMES\_FERPA\_VW - FERPA Names View
PERSNL\_FERPA\_VW - FERPA Personal Data View
PHONES\_FERPA\_VW - Phone Ferpa View
PHOTO\_FERPA\_VW - FERPA Photo View

One record that is quite helpful in listing detail of a student's FERPA restrictions is FERPA\_OVERRIDE, which lists students and their specific restrictions.