Overview

This QRG is designed to walk Workday users through the report functionality in Workday. By the end of this QRG, you will be able to run, view, and navigate data within Workday reports.

When running reports in Workday, it is important to understand how it differs from UBI Reporting. Workday Reporting provides real time, drillable data where you can have everything in one place. Conversely, UBI Reporting is not real-time (the data is as of the day prior to when you are running it), but allows you to work with large amounts of data and offers flexibility to customize reports. To access UBI, please refer to the University Business Intelligence web page for more information and the steps to request access.

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Access List of Reports from Workday Search

You can view all reports that your role’s security permissions allow. If you do not have viewing access to a report needed for your position, discuss this with your manager. Access to most of the Workday Finance reports requires the Finance Reporting Viewer role. This role may be automatically assigned to you based on your other security roles. If you do not have this role, you can request it through System Access Requests.

On the Workday Home screen:

1. Type Can Run in the Workday search bar and press Enter.
2. From the search results, the most common options available are as follows:
   - Select Common Reports I Can Run to view a list of the most common reports based on your security role. When you select this report, a Prompts screen displays allowing you to specify criteria to filter and narrow down your report output. Leave the prompts blank and click OK to see a complete list of reports.
   - Select Reports I Can Run to view a list of all reports available to you based on your security role.
3. Review the list of reports and their corresponding descriptions. Select the hyperlinked report you would like to run.

- Depending on your role and security permissions, you can also search for the Fiscal Administrator Persona Spotlight Reports report to view a list of custom reports tagged with “Persona: Fiscal Administrator.” This curated list includes the reports most commonly used by Fiscal Administrators and similar roles.
- You can also perform a generic search for Spotlight in the Workday Search bar to display a list of all the available Spotlight Reports. Spotlight Reports provide a list of custom and standard reports that support different functional areas. Spotlight reports provide a one stop shop to view reports related to a specific functional area (such as, Accounts Payable and Customer Accounts).

**Access Specific Reports from Workday Search**

On the Workday Home screen:

1. Type the name of the specific report in the Search field and select the report. For this example, we will search My Expense Reports.

   ![Search My Expense Reports](image)

If you do not know the specific report to run:

- You can start your search with the word Find. Many reports in Workday start with the word Find (e.g., Find Budget Amendments, Find Purchase Orders, etc.).
- You can also start by searching key terms that are relevant to that report in Workday, such as “expense” or “fund balance” to list reports that include these terms. You can apply similar logic to other report searches.
- You can consult the UBI and Workday Reporting Inventory for a curated list of commonly used reports. The inventory includes UBI reports.
If you are an approver, remember to approve transactions in a timely fashion. To view all tasks that you need to review or approve, you can run the report “Processes Awaiting My Action.” This report shows what tasks you need to act on and how many days it has been since initiation.

On the Report Prompts window:

2. Enter the information required for each field to customize the report to match your specific needs. The available prompts will vary from one report to another.

Did you know? When clicking into a field category, if you would like to select all options in the drop-down list, press CTRL+A, then Enter. If you want to deselect all, press CTRL+A then Enter again. You can apply this logic when filtering on a report column as well.

Save Prompts – If you will use the same parameters to run a specific report frequently, save your selections as a filter. That way, instead of manually selecting your parameters each time you run the report, you can simply select your saved filter. This option may not be available for certain reports.

- Select your filter values (parameters).
- Type a name for your “filter” at the bottom of the Prompts window, then click Save.
3. Click the OK button.

If your report includes a large volume of data, you will see a pop-up notification asking if you would like to be notified when the report is ready. Select the Notify me Later option and continue with other work. Once the report is ready, you will receive a Notification in Workday.

If preferred, you can stay on the page and wait for the report to load.

### Access Reports from Workday Applications & Shortcuts

On the Workday Home screen:

1. Click the View All Apps link on your Workday Homepage or the MENU button on your Workday toolbar.

2. To add an app or shortcut, navigate to the appropriate tab (Apps or Shortcuts).

3. On the tab, click the Add Apps or Add Shortcuts button.

4. In the Search bar, type a key term or the name of the app or shortcut. For example:
   - You might search ‘Expense’ to add the ‘Expenses’ app.
   - For shortcuts, you may want to search ‘Spotlight’ to add your favorite spotlight report.

5. Click the (+) to add the app or shortcut.

6. To see these new changes, click Back to Menu.

7. Select the recently added application or shortcut to navigate to the appropriate report. You may see different prompts or windows displayed to access the appropriate report.
Access Reports from My Reports

Customized reports may be assigned to you and will appear in your My Reports list. Use the following steps to access these reports.

On the Workday Home screen:

1. Select your Profile picture.
2. Select My Reports.

On the My Reports screen:

3. Select the hyperlinked report you would like to run.

Add & Manage Favorites for Reports

On the Workday Home screen:

1. Type Manage Favorites in the Workday search bar and select the task (or select your Profile picture > Favorites > Manage Favorites).

On the Manage Favorites screen:

2. Enter the following fields:
   - **Favorite Tasks/Reports** – Search the specific non-custom report that you want to add as a favorite. You can also search a key term (e.g., “report”) to view a list of available reports that can be added to Favorites.
   - **Favorite Custom Reports** - Search the custom report that you want to add as a favorite. You can also click into the search bar to scroll through all the available custom reports that can be added to Favorites.
   - **Favorite Business Objects** – Leave this field blank.
3. Click the OK button.

On the **Manage Favorites** screen:

4. Click the Done button.
5. To view your recently added favorites, navigate back to the **Workday Home** page.

On the **Workday Home** screen:

6. To access Favorites, select your Profile picture and select Favorites.

On the **Favorite Reports and Tasks** screen:

7. Select the report you want to view. You can navigate through the different tabs to view other reports that you added to your favorite lists.

**NOTE**

You can also manage Favorites by using the **Favorites app**. To add this app to your list of apps in your Menu, follow the steps in [Access Reports from Workday Applications](#).
# Review Report Functions

The table below describes functionality available for reports in Workday. Each function displays via an icon when viewing a report. Several of the icons display at the top right of a report. Not all functions (icons) are available for all reports.

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<th>Icon</th>
<th>Function</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td><img src="image" alt="Sort Icon" /></td>
<td>Sort</td>
<td>Sorting is a process of arranging data in a meaningful order (i.e., in Ascending or Descending order) to analyze information more effectively. Click a column header to access the sort function.</td>
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<tr>
<td><img src="image" alt="Filter Icon" /></td>
<td>Filter</td>
<td>Filters can be used to narrow down data and view only required information in the report. Select <strong>Add Filter</strong> to add customized filter parameter(s) to narrow down search results. You can also click on the column header to filter specific data.</td>
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<tr>
<td><img src="image" alt="Charts Icon" /></td>
<td>Charts</td>
<td>Charts can be used to convert data from a table format to a chart format or vice-versa.</td>
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<tr>
<td><img src="image" alt="Change Selection Icon" /></td>
<td>Change Selection</td>
<td>Change Selection can be used to return to the Prompts window to change the search criteria for the report. Clicking this icon will open the Prompts screen and retain any previous selections.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="image" alt="Download/Print Icon" /></td>
<td>Download/Print</td>
<td>Download a report in PDF or Excel format. Once you export and download the report, you can easily print it by selecting the print icon for the downloaded document.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="image" alt="Toggle Full Screen View Icon" /></td>
<td>Toggle Full Screen view</td>
<td>You can use to open full screen view or use to close full screen view.</td>
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| ![View/Edit Grid Preferences Icon](image) | View/Edit Grid Preferences | You can use this icon to:  
  a) **Freeze** a column, by dragging the column name to the freeze pane. You can only freeze one column at a time.  
  b) **Hide** a column by deselecting its checkbox.  
  c) **Reset** your table view by clicking on the reset button.  
  d) **Reordering** is accomplished by dragging columns to a specific order.  
  e) Select **Apply** to apply changes. |

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**NOTE**  
If you filter the report from within the report itself to reduce the data and then export it, it will still export ALL the rows returned in the original request. To export a subset, you will need to run the report again by selecting the **Change Selection** icon to restrict your data.
Select Time Period Filters

Many reports include the **Time Period** and **Period** filters on the Prompts window. These two filters work together to indicate the time frame for reviewing data in the report. In many cases, you may not need to change the default values unless you are looking for data for a different time frame.

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<th>Filter</th>
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<tr>
<td>Time Period</td>
<td>Select the time period you want to view the data <em>in relation</em> to the Period selected.</td>
<td>Current Period</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Period</td>
<td>Select the “as of period” or “reference point” for reviewing your data.</td>
<td>FY2022-2023 – Nov</td>
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The above example would display results for November in fiscal year 2022-2023. If FY2022-2023 – Sep was selected instead of Nov, then the report would display results for September for fiscal year 2022-2023.

### Additional Examples

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<th>Then...</th>
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<td>Time Period: Current Period YTD</td>
<td>Data from July through Sep for fiscal year 2022 – 2023 displays.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Period: FY2022-2023 - Sep</td>
<td>Workday pulls fiscal year to date data as of Sep 22-23.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Period: FY2022-2023 - Nov</td>
<td>Workday pulls the last 4 periods of data as of Nov 22-23.</td>
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