If you are using Internet Explorer 8 and you use an external link to connect into COGNOS to execute a report and receive an error message –

*Internet Explorer has modified this page to help prevent cross-site scripting.*

The way to get around this is to:

- Open an Internet Explorer window. Navigate to the COGNOS database you are trying to access with your link. (example - https://iwprod.princeton.edu).

- Select the arrow next to the Tools menu on the right.

- Then select internet options.
- Select the security tab at the top of the window.

- Click on trusted sites (in the rectangular box labeled – Select a zone to view or change security settings.)
• Then click the sites button just below the box, the URL should be in the box labeled Add this website to the zone:

![Image of Trusted sites dialog box](image1)

• Click the Add button and it will be added into the box labeled Websites: Click Close.

![Image of Trusted sites dialog box after adding a website](image2)
• Now select the button towards the bottom of the window labeled Custom Level…

• Scroll all the way to the bottom and start looking backwards towards the top till you see Enable XSS filter, select the disable bubble, then at the bottom of the page click OK.

• Click OK again and close all open Internet Explorer 8 browser windows in order for the change to take effect. XSS is still enabled except for your trusted sites.