

Page customization

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Home Page Customization

- A default home page is displayed when the iWAHome servlet is invoked.
 - http://<mySystem.myCompany.com>/webaccess/iWAHome
 - It's a starting point to highlight functions.
 - It's an example of how to build your own home page or pages that access iSeries Access for Web functionality.
- The Customize function allows you to replace the default home page.
- Default home page replacement can be done for all users (*PUBLIC), or can be changed for only certain users and/or groups of users.

- Great article example
 - Build a quick and easy Web site with iSeries Access for Web" Janet Weber
 - http://www.ibm.com/servers/eserver/iseries/access/pdf/build_website_article.pdf
 - iSeries 400 Experts Journal
 - Updated Oct 2006 in <u>System i News</u> 'Tailor iSeries Access for Web'

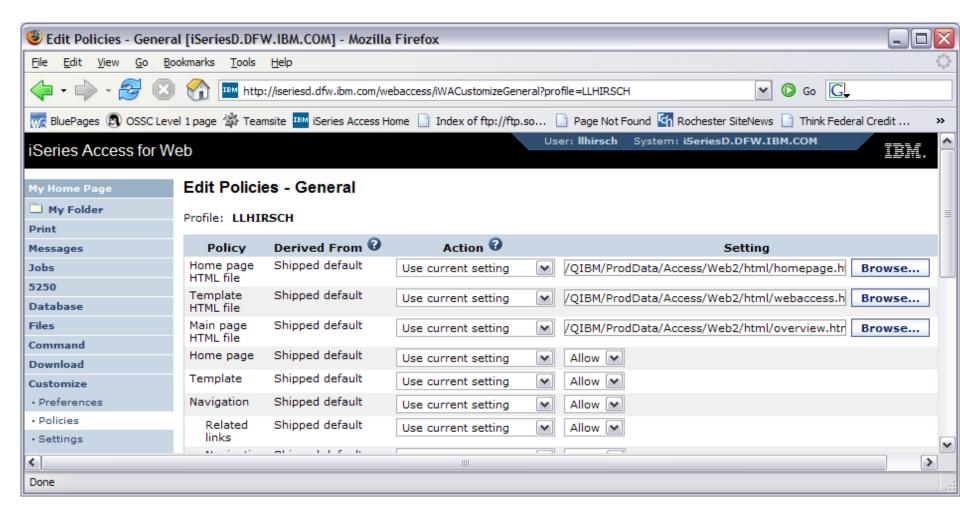


Template file customization

- iSeries Access for Web has a default look for it functional pages.
 - This look is controlled by a template file and cascading style sheet.
- The template file has sections to specify
 - Header/footer areas of functional pages.
 - Where iSeries Access for Web content is placed in the page.
- The Customize function allows you to replace the default template file.
- Default template file replacement can be done for all users (*PUBLIC), or can be changed only for certain users and/or groups of users.



Edit Policies: specify home page and template files





Special tags

- Within the home page and template .html files, special tags are used.
 - When these tags are encountered by the iSeries Access for Web code, they are replaced with the appropriate content.

Special tags...

- %%CONTENT%%
- %%include section=file%%
- %%MENU%%
- %%STYLESHEET%%
- %%STYLESHEET CLASSIC COLORS%%
- %%TITLE%%
- %%SYSTEM%%
- %%USER%%
- %%VERSION%%

Replaced with...

functional content for the page, separates the header/footer

HTML section/fragment to include

navigation bar

default style sheet

default style sheet prior to V5R4

title of the page

name of iSeries being accessed

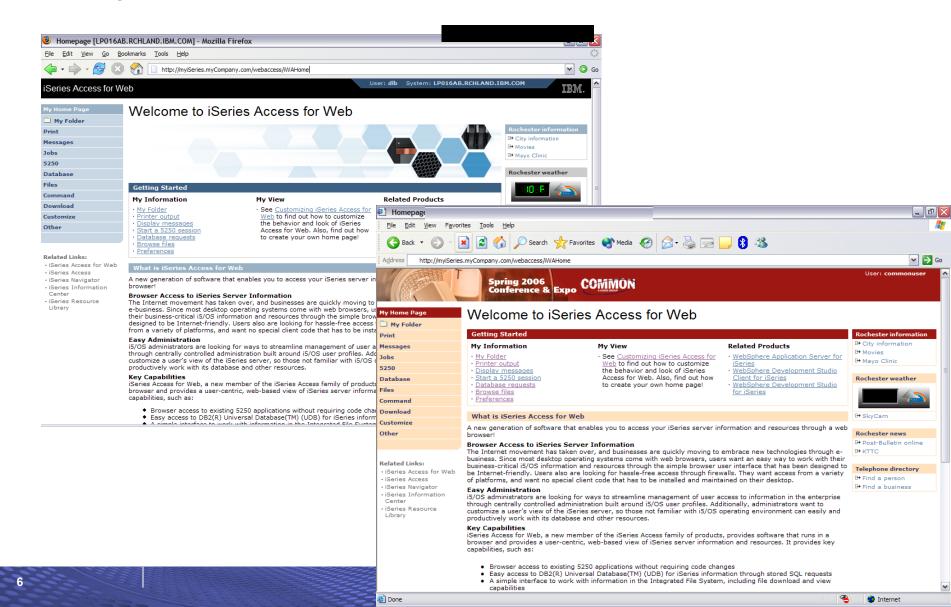
i5/OS user profile used to access the server

version of iSeries Access for Web

- For detailed information on these special tags
 - V5R4 iSeries Access for Web Info Center.
 - Connecting to iSeries->iSeries Access->iSeries Access for Web->iSeries Access for Web in a web
 application sever environment->Customize iSeries Access for Web->Default page content->Home page



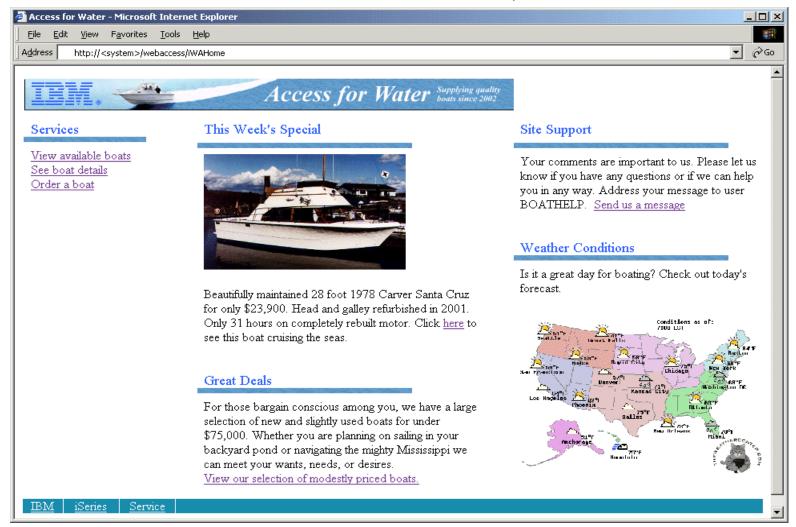
Home Page default – iWAHome servlet http://<system>/webaccess/iWAHome





Home Page customization – iWAHome (another example)

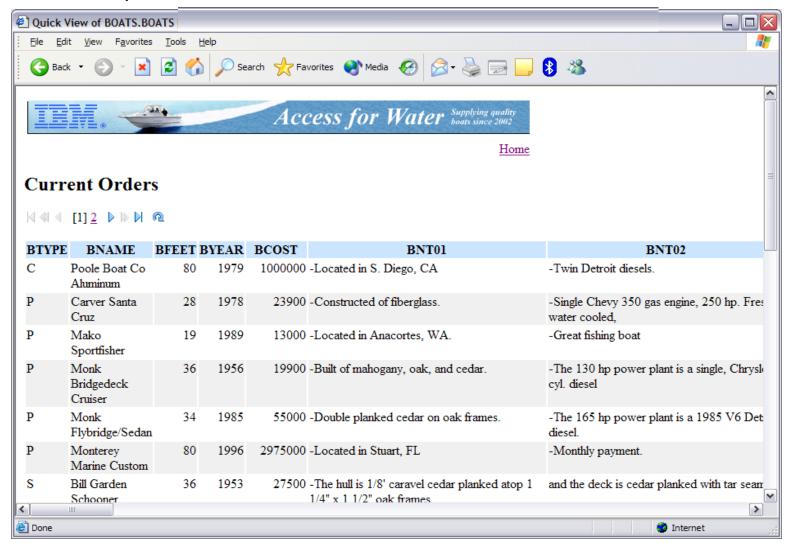
- Custom home page http://iseriesd.dfw.ibm.com/webaccess/iWAHome
 - Refer to chart 6 for info on how to access this sample





Home Page/Template Customization Example (continued)

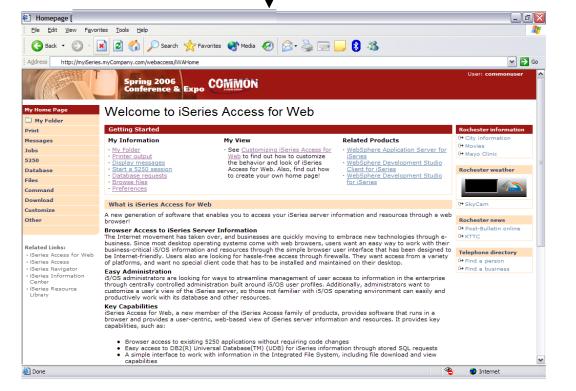
Custom template





iWAHome - structure

http://<system>/webaccess/iWAHome



Homepage file

common_homepage.html

Defines content, layout, images, links to be displayed when the iWAHome servlet is invoked in the browser.

Image files

images/s06common.gif images/iwa_navCorner.gif

Cascading Style Sheet file

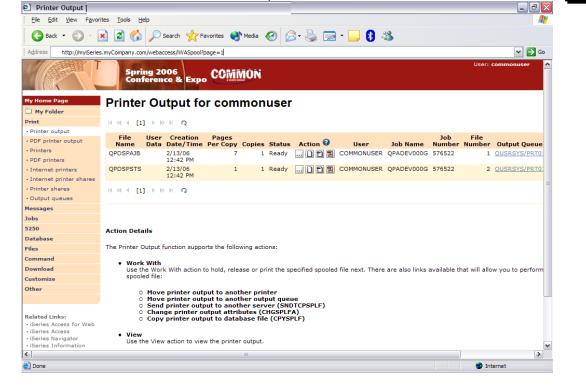
common_styles.css

Defines the colors, fonts, font sizes for the various elements in the .html files.



iWA servlet Template - structure





Homepage file

common_homepage.html

Defines content, layout, images, links to be displayed when the iWAHome servlet is invoked in the browser.

Template file

common_template.html

Defines the header, content, footer on all other servlet pages.

Image files

images/s06common.gif images/iwa_navCorner.gif

Cascading Style Sheet file

common_styles.css

Defines the colors, fonts, font sizes for the various elements in the .html files.



Refer to the Appendix for a step-by-step example of modifying the home page and template files

- Customizing policies to use different home page and template files
- Adding a different image as header, changing the footer
- Updating the cascading style sheet



Appendix



Let's demonstrate how to customize the Home page and Template



iWAHome – Steps to customize

- To customize the pages:
 - 1. Copy iSeries Access for Web .html/.css files.
 - 2. Copy image files.
 - 3. Customize policies to use .html files.
 - 4. Update .html files.
 - 5. Update cascading style sheet.
 - 6. Verify with a browser.



Step 1 - Copy iSeries Access for Web .html/.css files

- iSeries Access for Web provides the source for the default pages
 - Home page for iWAHome servlet
 - Template for all other servlets
 - Cascading Style Sheet to control the styling of HTML elements
- These source files can be used as a starting point for customization.
- Copy the default file(s) supplied to a new location in the integrated file system so they can be modified.
- Steps to copy the files:
 - MKDIR DIR('/common_homepage')
 - 2. CPY OBJ('/qibm/proddata/access/web2/html/en/homepage.html') TOOBJ('/common_homepage/common_homepage.html')
 - 3. CPY OBJ('/qibm/proddata/access/web2/html/en/webaccess.html') TOOBJ('/common_homepage/common_template.html')
 - 4. CPY OBJ('/qibm/proddata/access/web2/html/en/iwa_styles.css') TOOBJ('/common_homepage/common_styles.css')
 - WRKLNK OBJ('/common_homepage')
 - 6. Option #9 to work with authorities
 - Grant *PUBLIC *RWX
 - Repeat for all subdirectories and files



iWAHome – Steps to customize

- To customize the pages:
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Step 2 - Locate and copy image files

- Within the HTML source, images can be specified.
- Locate an image (i.e. your company logo/banner) you can use.
- The image file will need to reside in the same directory, or a directory below, as the .html files that refer to them.
 - Locating the image files in some other location will require HTTP server configuration updates.
- Copy the file(s) to an images subdirectory in the integrated file system, below the location of the .html source.
- Steps to copy the files:
 - MKDIR DIR('/common_homepage/images')
 - 2. Copy your image files to the /common_homepage/images directory.
 - We are using common_banner.gif, iwa_navCorner.gif
 - 3. WRKLNK OBJ('/common_homepage/images')
 - 4. Option #9 to work with authorities
 - Grant *PUBLIC *RWX
 - Repeat for all subdirectories and files



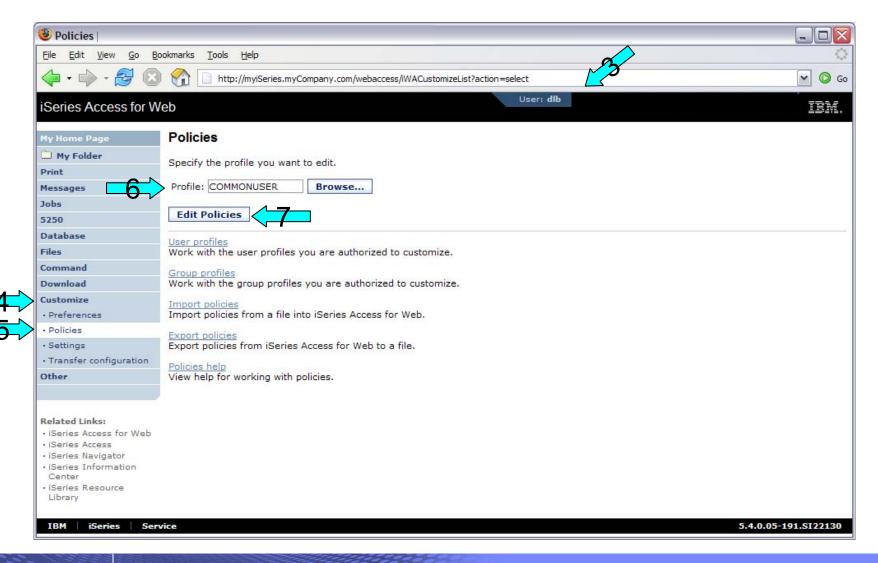
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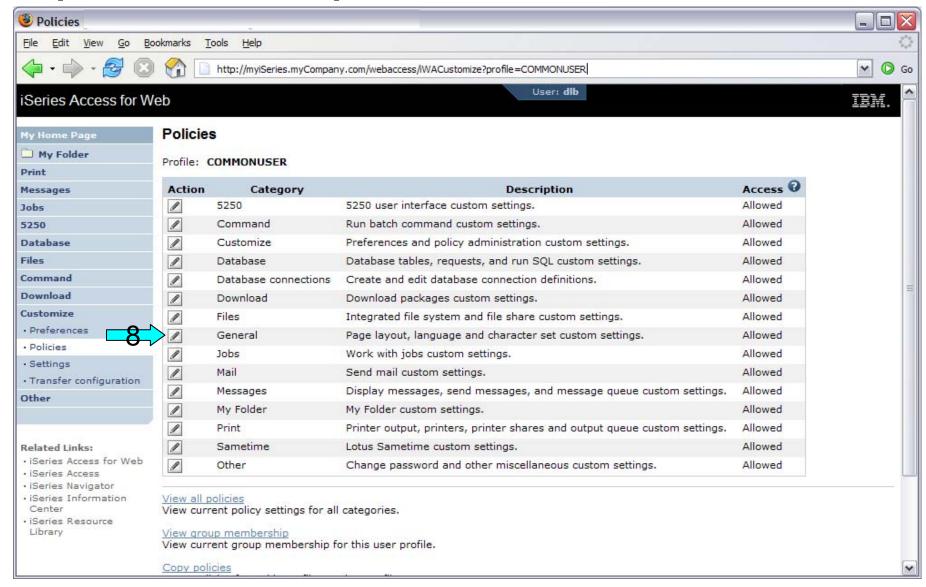


- iSeries Access for Web policies need to be changed to use the .html files.
- This will allow you to verify the incremental changes to the .html source in the following steps.
- Customize policies for a test user profile to use the modified .html files.
- Steps to set policies, shown in screen shots on the next three slides:
 - Identify a test i5/OS user profile you can use, or CRTUSRPRF USRPRF(COMMONUSER) PASSWORD() USRCLS(*USER)
 - 2. Open a browser to <a href="http://<system>/webaccess/iWAMain">http://<system>/webaccess/iWAMain
 - 3. Signon using an administrator level user profile.
 - 4. Click the Customize tab.
 - Click the Policies link.
 - 6. Specify your test user profile, we are using COMMONUSER.
 - Click Edit Policies.
 - 8. Click the Action icon for the General category.
 - 9. Type in the Home page HTML file: /common_homepage/common_homepage.html
 - 10. Type in the Template HTML file: /common homepage/common template.html
 - 11. Scroll down click Save.

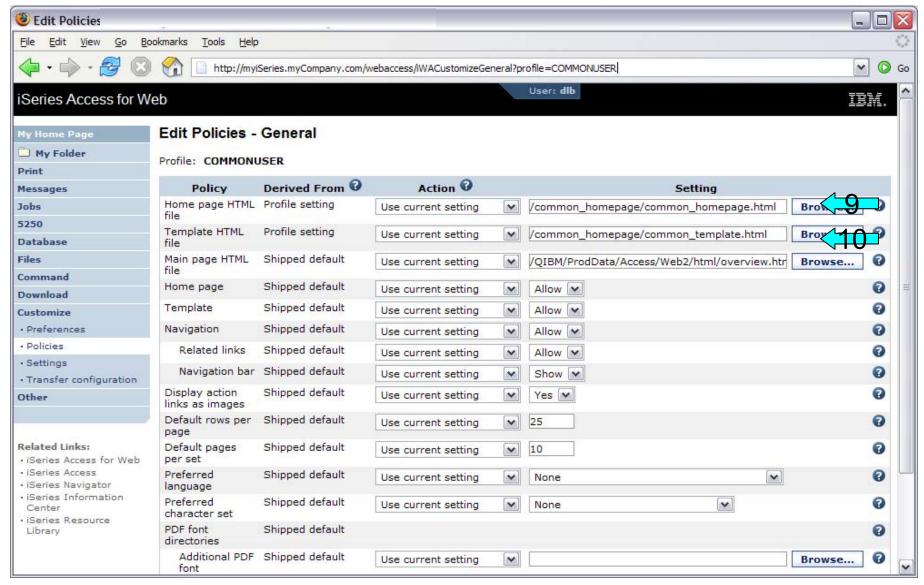














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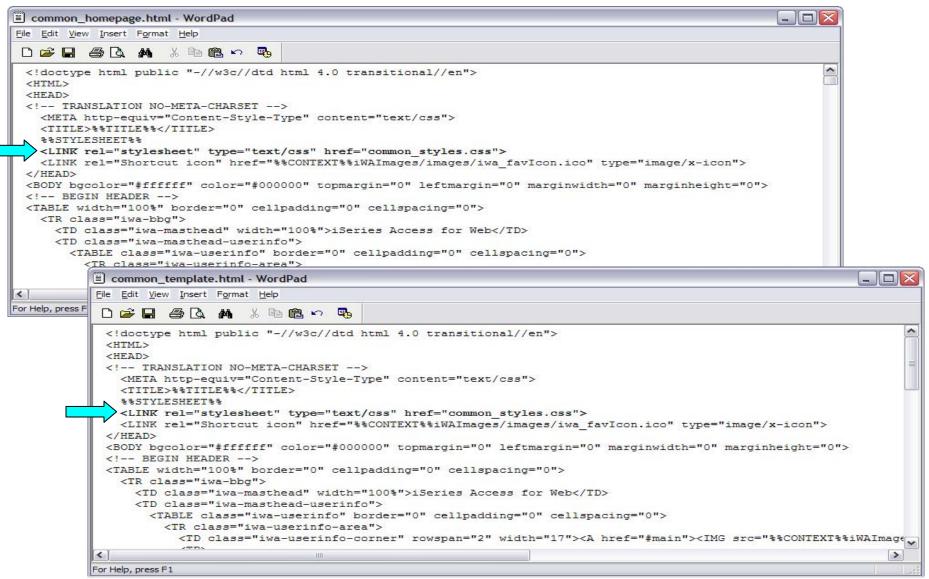


Step 4 – Update .html files – add .css reference

- To override the default cascading style sheet, the .html files must be updated to link to our copy (see Step 1).
- The cascading style sheet will be modified in a later step.
- Add the reference to the cascading style sheet file to both .html files
- Steps to add the reference:
 - 1. Open a browser to <a href="http://<system>/webaccess/iWAHome">http://<system>/webaccess/iWAHome
 - 2. Signon using your test user profile, we are using COMMONUSER.
 - 3. Open the following files with Wordpad
 - /common_homepage/common_homepage.html
 - /common_homepage/common_template.html
 - 4. At the top of the file, add the following below **%%STYLESHEET%%**
 - <LINK rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="common_styles.css">
 - 5. Save the changes to the .html files.
 - 6. Refresh the browser session. No visual changes should occur.



Step 4 – Update .html files – add .css reference



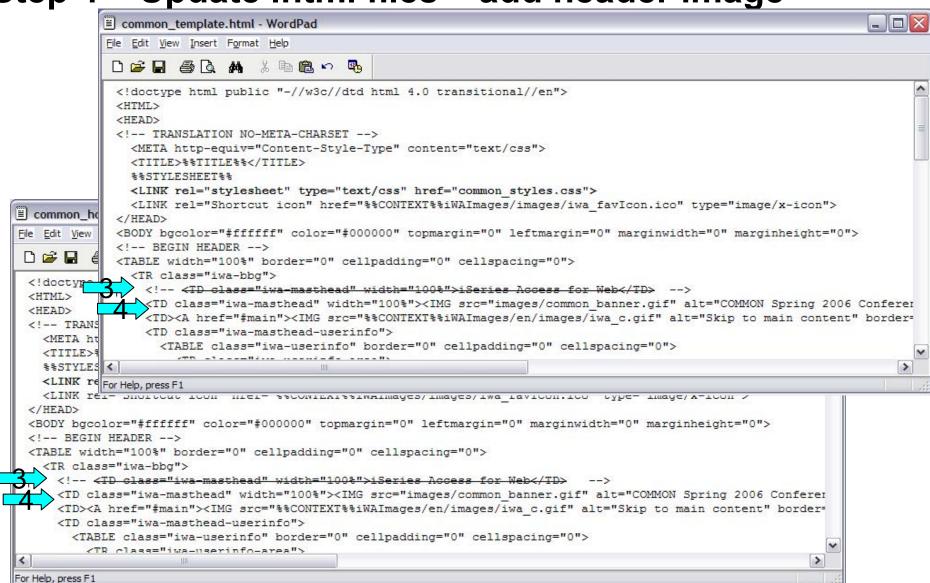


Step 4 – Update .html files – add header image

- To display your company's logo/image, the .html files must be updated to link in a different image file.
- The default masthead (header) reference needs to be removed.
- The new logo/image reference needs to be added.
- Steps to add the reference:
 - 1. Open the following files with Wordpad
 - /common_homepage/common_homepage.html
 - /common_homepage/common_template.html
 - 2. Near the top of the file, locate the following lines:
 - <!-- BEGIN HEADER -->
 - <TABLE width="100%" border="0" cellpadding="0" cellspacing="0">
 - <TR class="iwa-bbg">
 - <TD class="iwa-masthead" width="100%">iSeries Access for Web</TD>
 - 3. Remove this line
 - <TD class="iwa-masthead" width="100%">iSeries Access for Web</TD>
 - 4. Add these or similar lines to replace the masthead (header)
 - <TD class="iwa-masthead" width="100%"></TD>
 - <TD></TD>
 - 5. Save the changes.
 - 6. Refresh the browser. The image in the header should have changed.

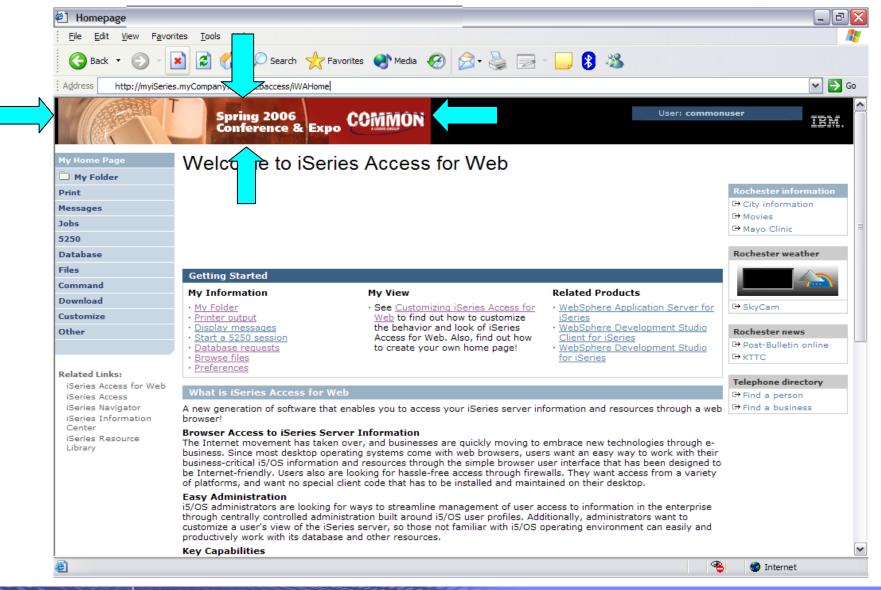


Step 4 – Update .html files – add header image





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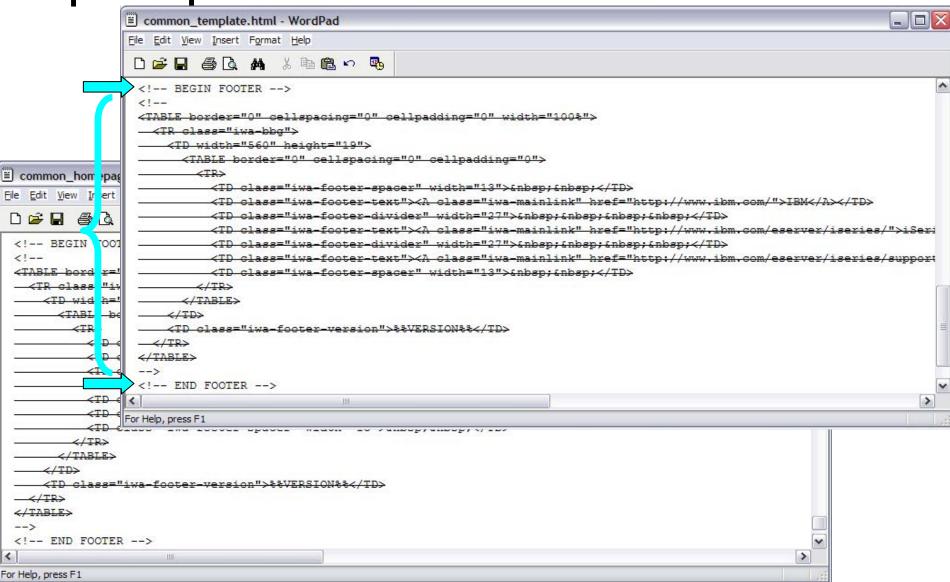
Step 4 – Update .html files – remove footer

- A footer exists at the bottom of the web page.
- We are going to remove that footer to simplify the look of the page.
- Locate the comments BEGIN FOOTER END FOOTER and remove the lines between them.

- Steps to remove the footer:
 - 1. Open the following files with Wordpad
 - /common_homepage/common_homepage.html
 - /common_homepage/common_template.html
 - 2. At the bottom of the file, locate the following lines:
 - <!- BEGIN FOOTER -->
 - <!- END FOOTER -->
 - Remove all lines between the BEGIN-END comments.
 - 4. Save the changes.
 - 5. Close the Wordpad windows.
 - 6. Refresh the browser. Scroll down, the footer not be displayed.



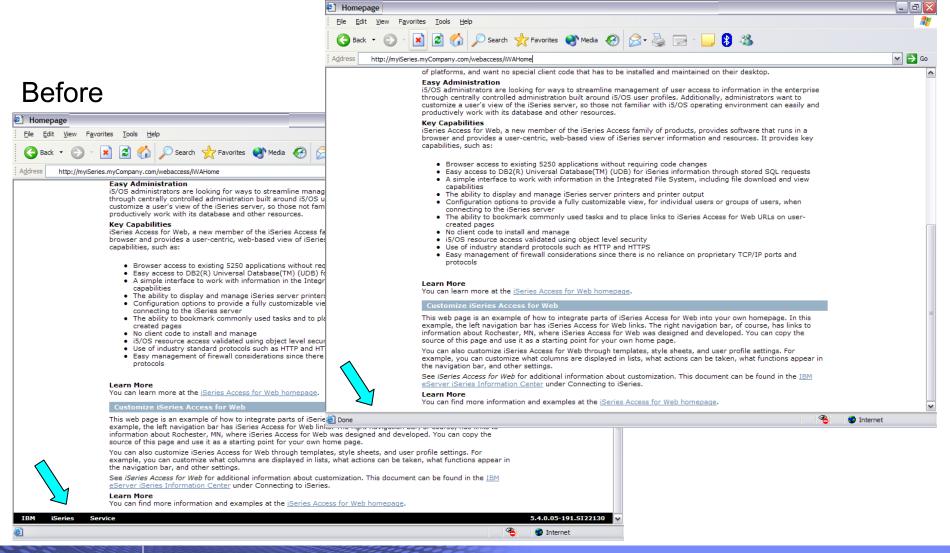
Step 4 – Update .html files – remove footer





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After





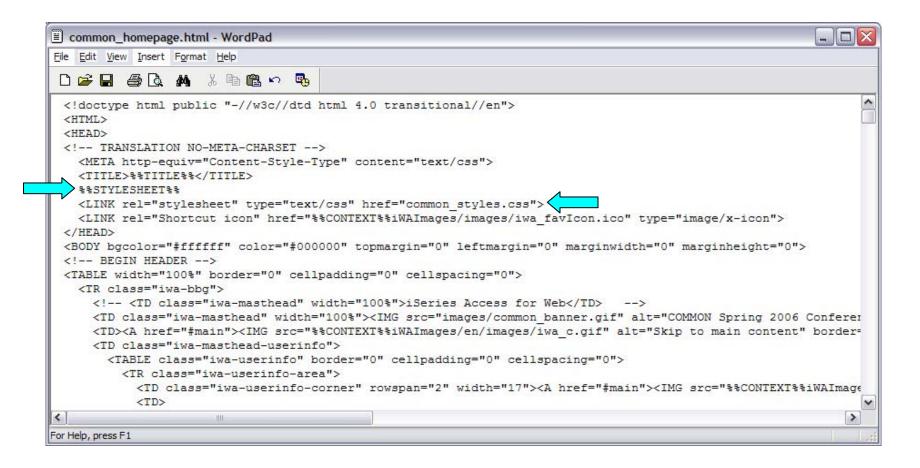
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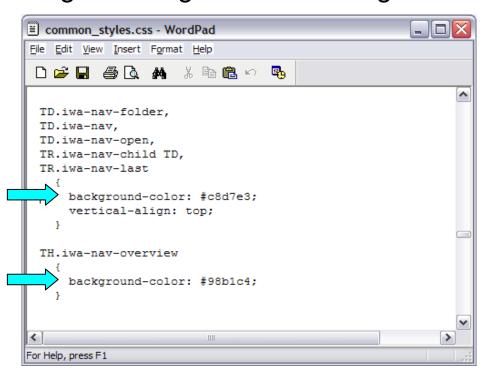
- iSeries Access for Web uses cascading style sheets (CSS) to control certain aspects of the appearance of web page content.
- For CSS information:
 - www.w3.org/Style/CSS/
 - www.w3.org/Style/LieBos2e/enter/
- The default style sheet controls the look of the page header, footer, navigation bar, and page content.
- Style sheets can be used to customize the home page and page template.
- Step 1 copied the shipped style sheet to /common_homepage/common_styles.css
- Step 4 updated the .html files to use our copy
 - /common_homepage/common_styles.css
- Steps to update the .css:
 - 1. Open the following file with Wordpad
 - /common_homepage/common_styles.css
 - 2. Update various styles.
 - 3. Save the changes.
 - 4. Refresh the browser. Verify various areas of the screen were updated.







Original navigation bar settings



Changed navigation bar settings

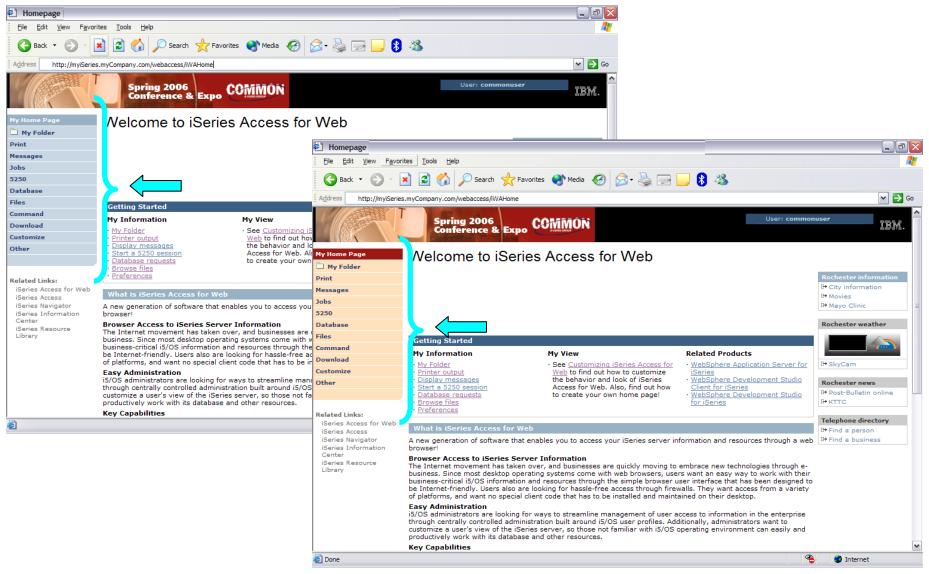
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Ele Edit View Insert Format Help

TD.iwa-nav-folder,
TD.iwa-nav,
TD.iwa-nav-open,
TR.iwa-nav-child TD,
TR.iwa-nav-last
{
background-color: #FFE1BE;
vertical-align: top;
}

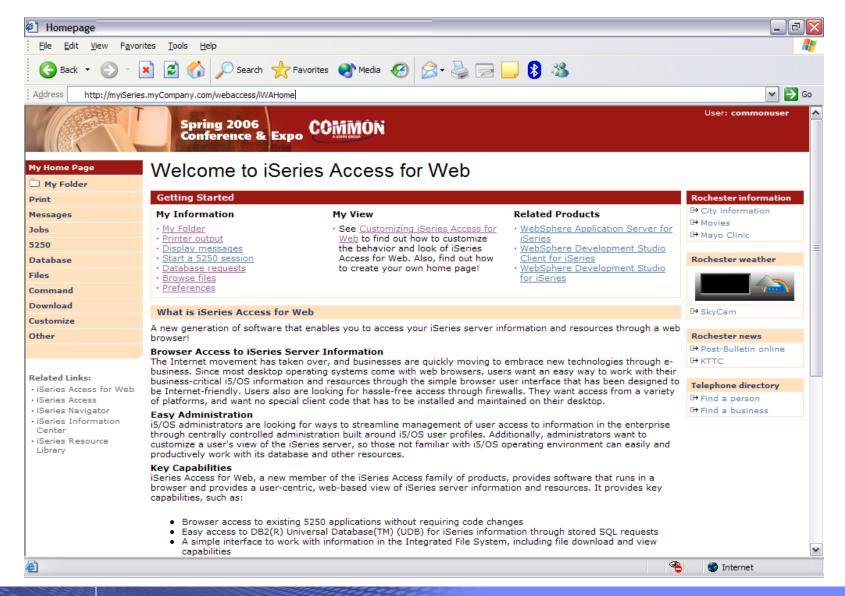
TH.iwa-nav-overview
{
background-color: #9D1813;
}

For Help, press F1
```











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