

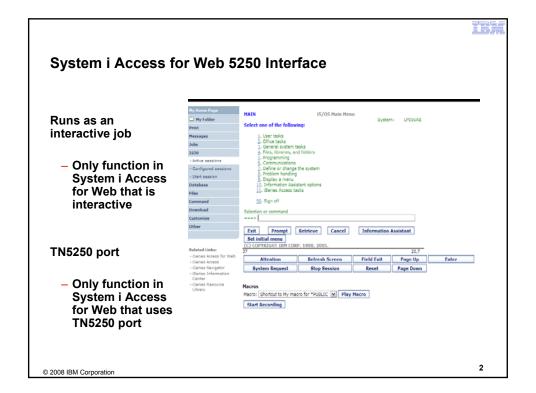
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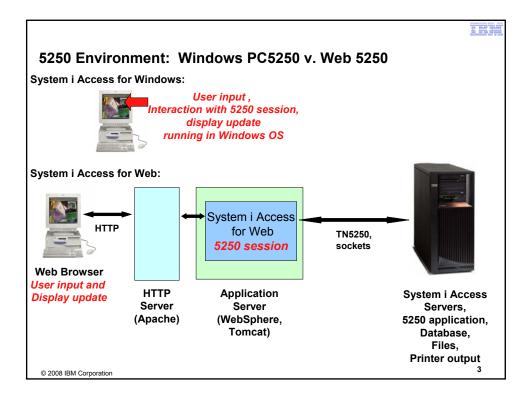
# Run 5250 Through a Browser

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### Things to know

Because 5250 session is implemented using HTML, considerations to be aware of:

- Not intended to replace full function emulators like PC5250, Host On Demand, etc. for purposes of "heads-down" data entry type of operations
  - Does not include graphics, EHLAPPI, DDE functionality
  - Does not provide keyboard mapping
  - Does not support certain keys the way PC5250 does (i.e., Field Exit)
- · Does not include Printer Emulation (push to printer)
  - i5/OS strategy is Internet Printing Protocol (IPP) printing
  - System i Access for Web provides capability to convert spooled files to PDF
- No direct interaction with server, so unsolicited server messages can't be received.
  - Need to request refresh to see break messages
- · Does not include file transfer from session





# **Preconfigured Sessions**

This is the only 5250 function you will likely extend to your users

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# **Run Pre-Configured 5250 Sessions**

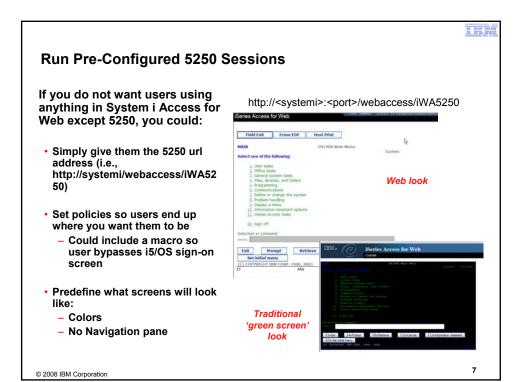
You can limit users to connecting to only specific systems or running only specific applications.

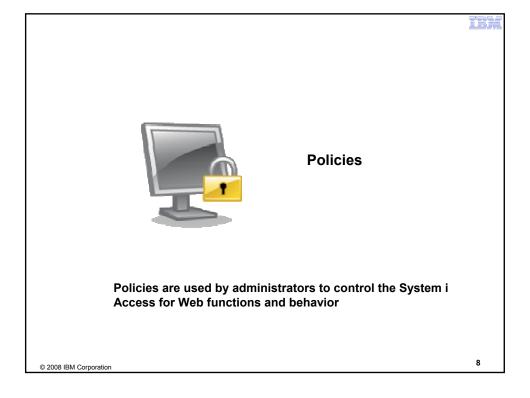
- Create preconfigured 5250 sessions
- Then set policies to restrict users to only preconfigured sessions
- User selects 'Configured Sessions'
  - Only link provided
  - User has only one action
    - → to start a session

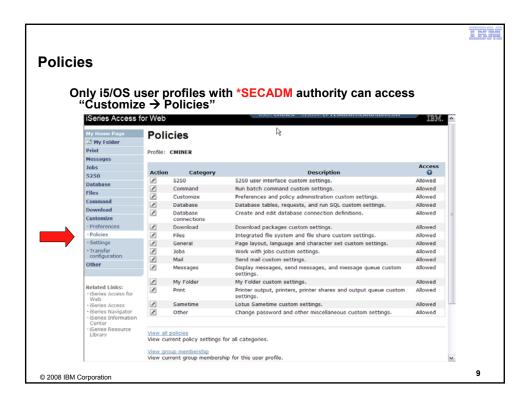
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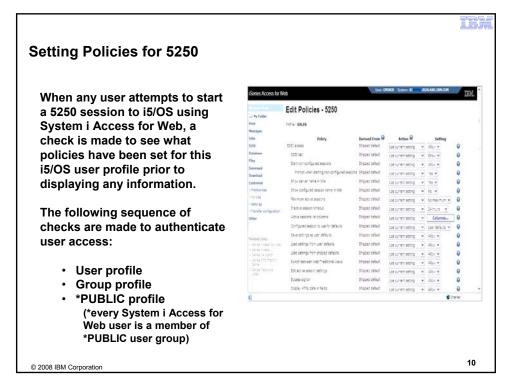


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# Policy settings to use only Preconfigured sessions

Set all the policies listed below to "deny" in order to limit users to using only preconfigured 5250 sessions.

- Start non-configured sessions
- Create configured session
- Copy configured session
- Delete configured session
- Rename configured session
- Edit configured session
- Create configured session shortcut
- Copy configured session shortcut
- Delete configured session shortcut
- Rename configured session shortcut

http://<systemi>:<port>/webaccess/iWAMain



In this example, other policies were also set to remove other functions from the Navigation pane

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# Policy settings to use only 5250 (no navigation pane)

Here are some policies you could set to enable a user to go directly to a 5250 session and not see anything else in System i Access for Web

- Leave "Start non-configured sessions" on Allow
- Set "Prompt when starting nonconfigured sessions" to No
- In "Configured session to use for defaults", add a previously created Configured session that you have given this user/group profile a shortcut to

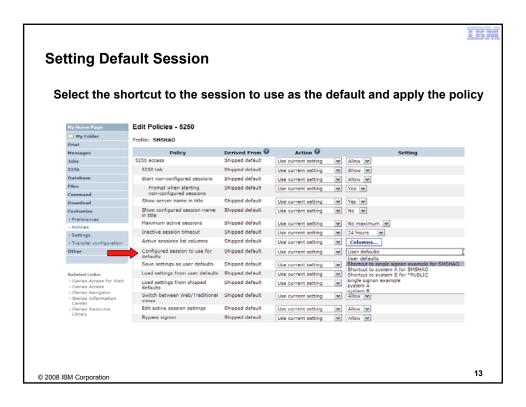
To entirely remove the Navigation pane, go to category "General"

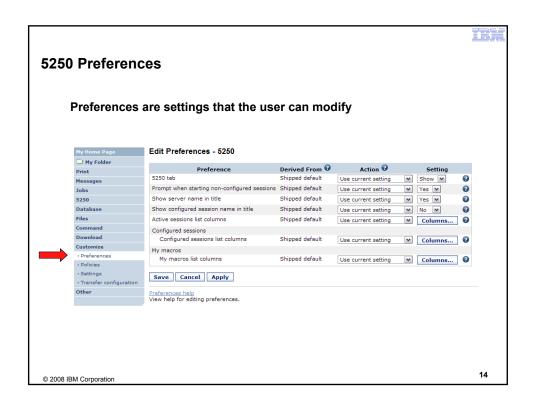
- Navigation = Deny

http://<systemi>:<port>/webaccess/iWA5250



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# Starting a 5250 session

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### How to Start a 5250 Session

# Two options:

### 1. Select 'Start Session'

- Fill in information on Start Session and connect
- To save the session, select 'Active Session Settings' link at bottom of screen, modify any information you wish, then click on 'Save'

# 2. Select 'Configured Sessions'

- Select 'Configure New Session' link on lower screen
- Set up as you wish, then click on 'Save'

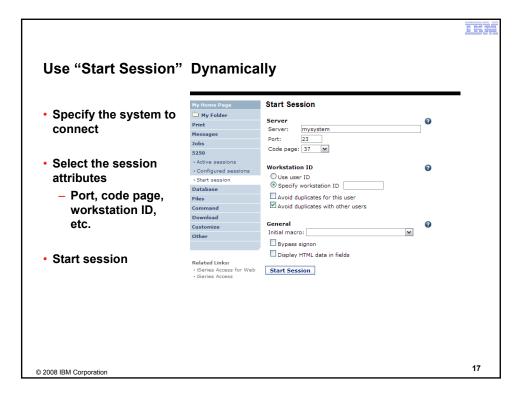
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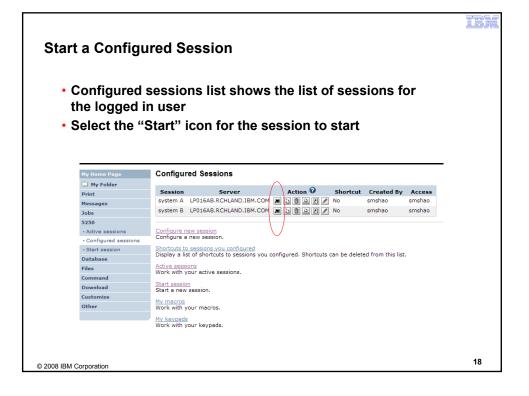
Start Session

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# Configuration options for 5250 sessions

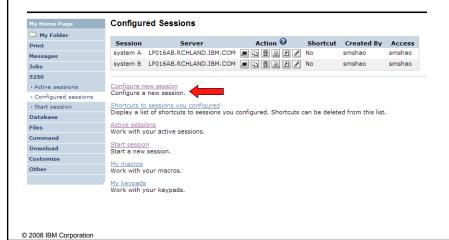
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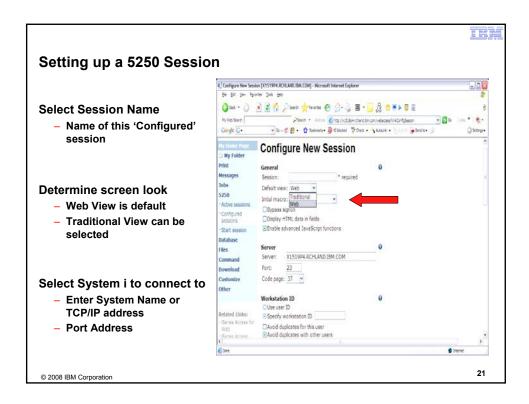
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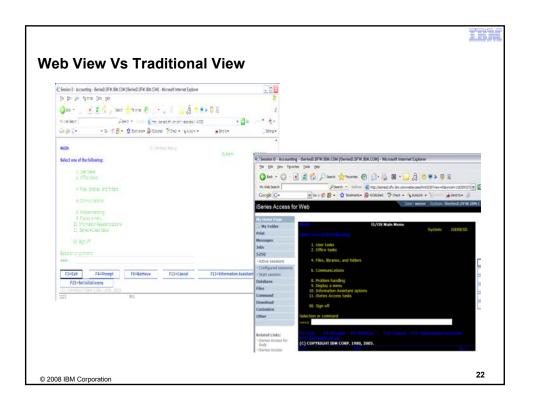
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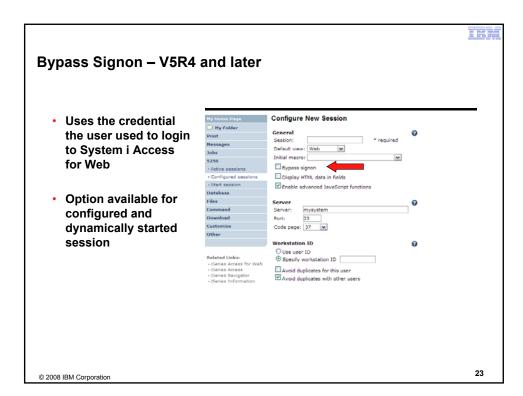
# **Configure a New Session**

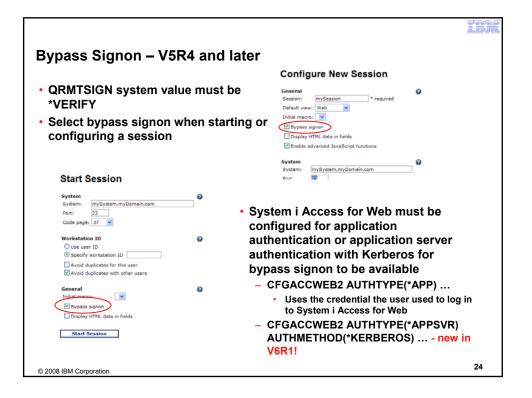
# Select the "Configure new session" link













# Configuring a New Session - Workstation ID

Workstation ID
O Use user ID
Specify workstation ID
Avoid duplicates for this user
Avoid duplicates with other users

Use user ID	System i Access for Web authenticated user ID is used for the workstation ID, up to ten characters.
Specify workstation ID	Enter a workstation ID of your choice, up to ten characters.  If you select the radio button and leave the text field blank, a value is generated by i5/OS. The default device name starts with QPADEV.
Avoid duplicates for this user:	When this option is enabled, a wild card character is added to the device name to make it unique for the current user.
Avoid duplicates with other users:	When this option is enabled, the server adds a wild card character to the device name to make it unique for all users on the server.

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### **Workstation ID**

You can enter keyword and special characters, like you do for PC5250. Here is how they are handled.

Computer name or User name (&COMPN, &USERN): These keywords are accepted.

- However, they will not resolve to the PC name and the Windows login user ID like they do in PC5250
- · Computer name: resolved to the System i name
- User name: resolved to the user profile name of the web application server job.
- Also note that using the &COMPN and &USERN keywords could result in workstation IDs that are longer than ten characters which would then be truncated.

### Session Type ID (%):

- This will add an "S" to workstation ID, indicating that this is a display session.
- With PC5250, a "P" would replace the "%" if a printer session was started. However, System i Access for Web only has display sessions.



### Workstation ID (continued)

Keyword and special characters, continued...

**Short session ID** (\*): Adding this character will make the ID unique for this user.

- The System i Access for Web option Avoid duplicates for this user causes the "\*" character to be added at the end of the ID.
- Therefore, if you use both the "\*" and Avoid duplicates for this user, then two special characters will be added to the workstation ID.

**Collision Avoidance ID (=):** Adding this character will make the session ID unique.

- The System i Access for Web option Avoid duplicates with other users causes the "=" character to be added at the end of the string.
- Therefore, if you use both the "=" and Avoid duplicates with other users, then two "=" will be added to the string..

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# Configuring a New Session (continued)

# Web View and Traditional View settings

- Many keyboard and screen settings can be set to improve end user productivity and satisfaction
- Can also set up different text colors

Create a consistent 'look' for all your users...





# Example: 5250 - Proportional Width vs. Fixed Width

Default for 'Web View' is to display output using Proportional width fonts

To change to Fixed width fonts, check the box that says:

Display text using fixed width fonts

Users can also do this on-the-fly by clicking on the "Active session settings" link and change the setting for this connection, or by switching to Traditional view.





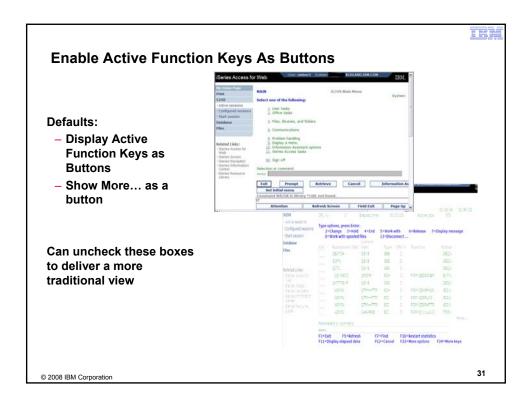
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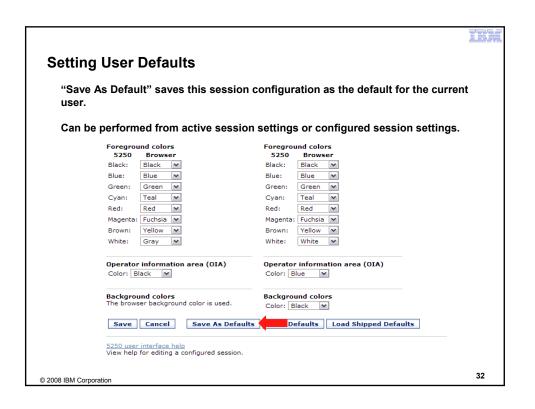
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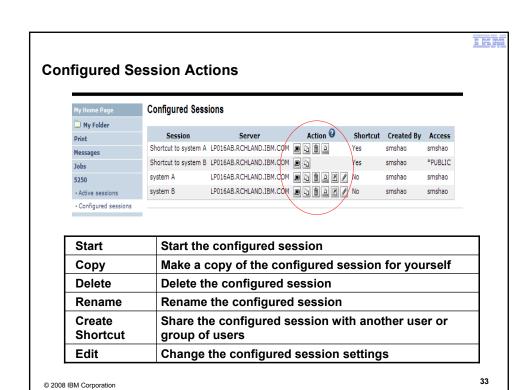
### **Fonts**

System i Access for Web 5250 is rendered with HTML

- Fonts are controlled by the browser
- Use browser options to change the font style and font size







**Creating Shortcuts to your configured sessions** 

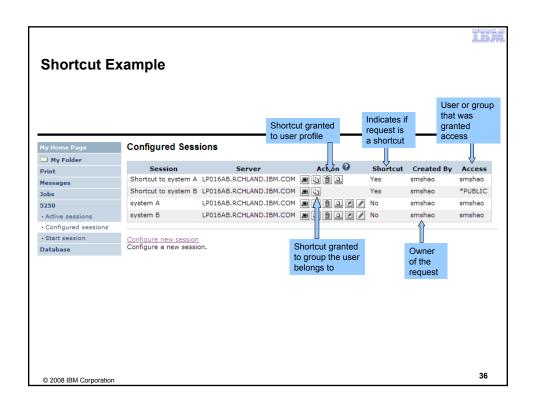


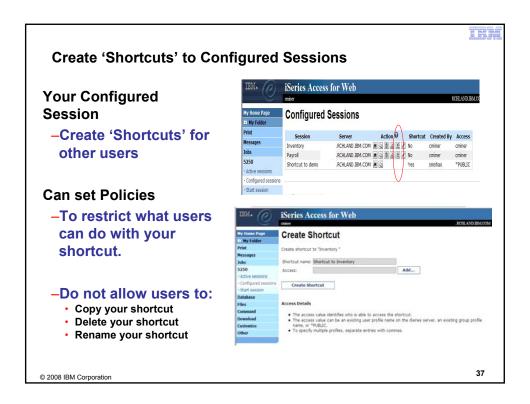


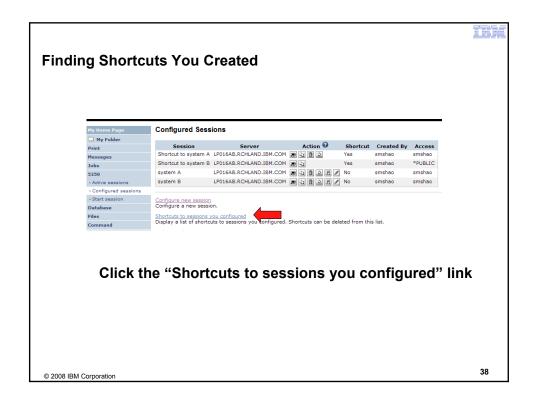
### **Shortcuts**

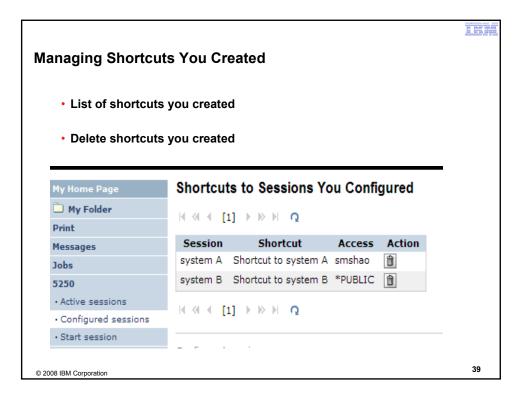
- Shortcut is a pointer to a System i Access for Web object
  - Configured 5250 session
  - Database request
  - Shortcuts to an object are deleted when the object is deleted
- The objects is only accessible to the user that created it
- Can share the object with other users
  - Create shortcut for user or group to share with user or group
- User of the shortcut has read only access to the object
  - Cannot modify or delete the object

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### **Macros**

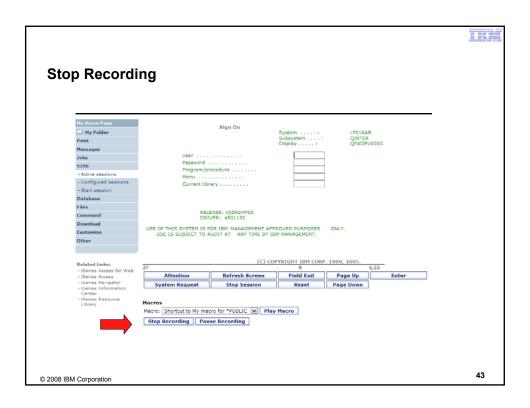
### Behave differently than PC5250

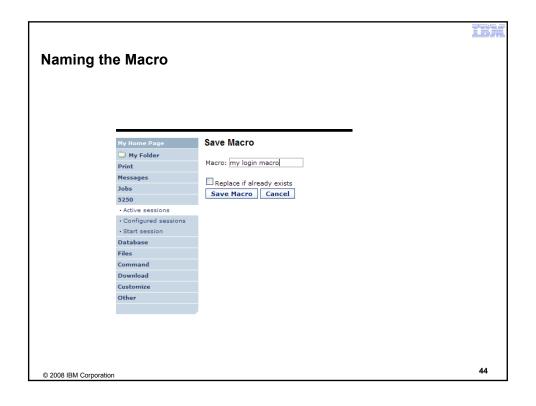
- Keys processed on a screen by screen basis
  - PC5250 every key is recorded and played back
  - System i Access for Web cursor positioned in field and keys entered into field
- On a given screen, keys may not be processed in the same order as they are entered
- Functionally equivalent, but behaves differently

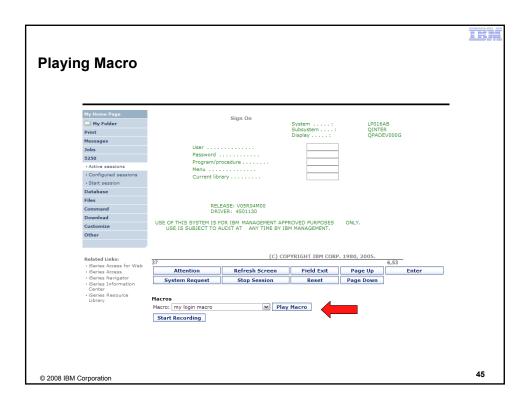
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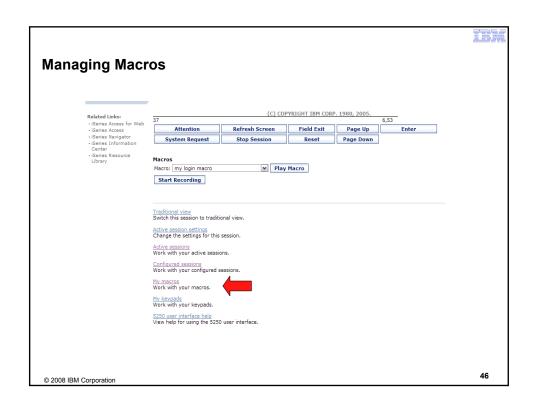
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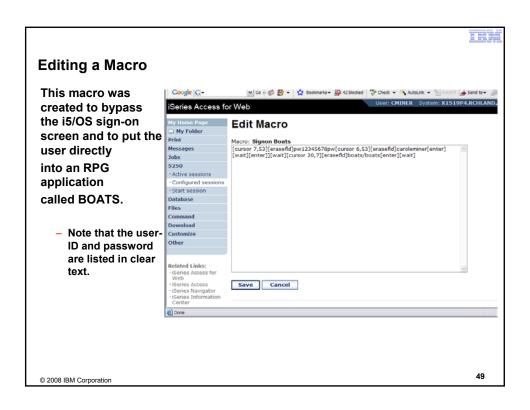


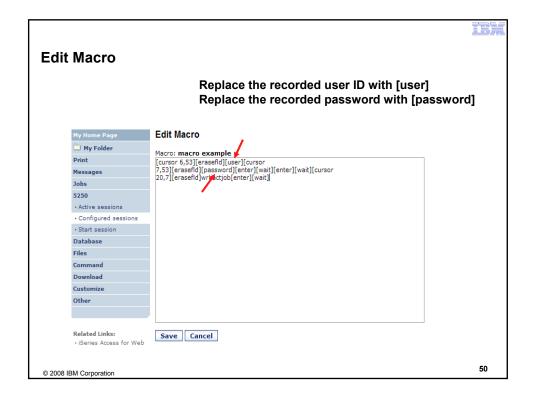
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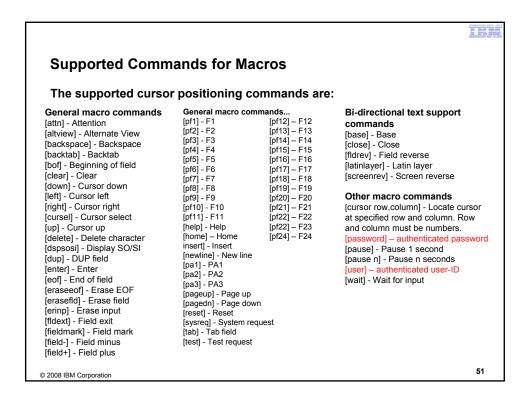
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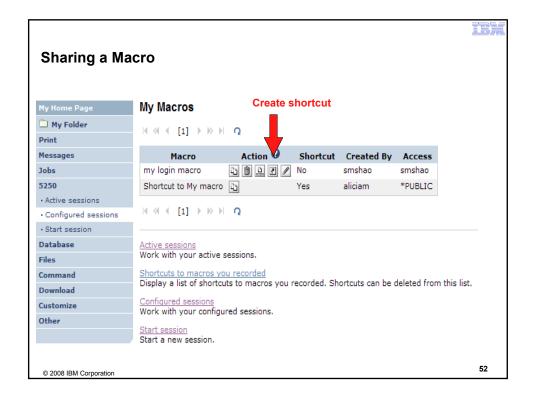
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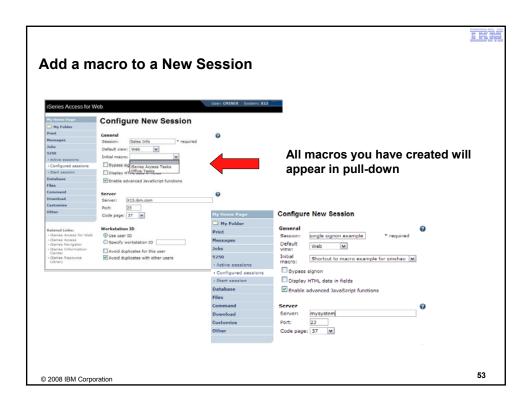
- Create a macro to login to 5250
  - Using your own user ID and password
- Edit the macro and replace your user ID and password with directives to use the user's login
- Share the macro (create shortcut) with the user or group
- Associate the macro with a session so the macro is executed when the session starts
- Share the session (create shortcut) with the user or group

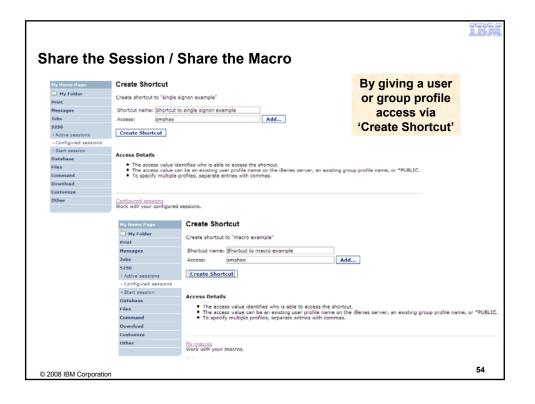


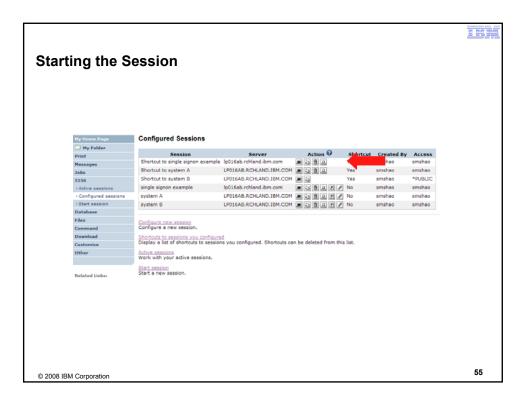


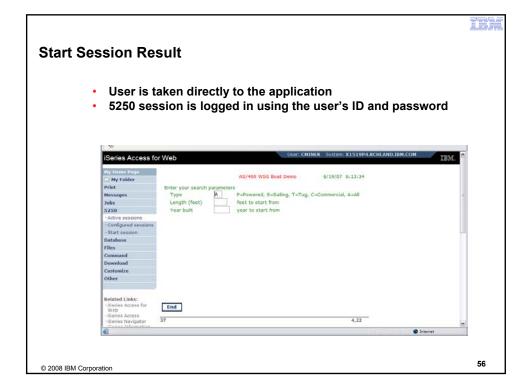


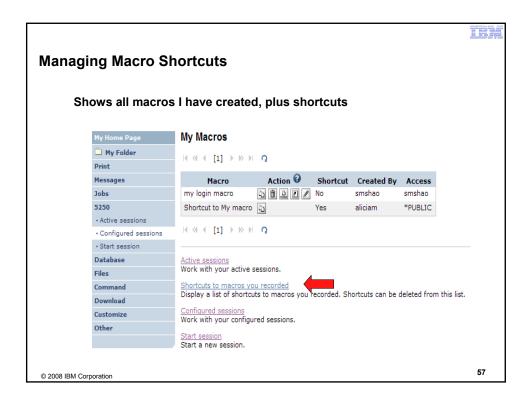


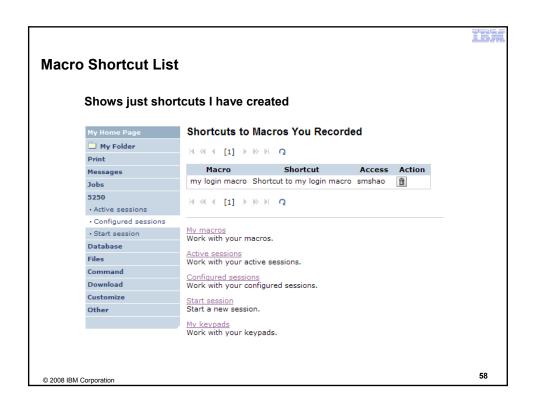
















### **Active Sessions**

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# **Active Session**

- An active session is a session that has been started
  - Dynamically or configured session
- A user may have more than one active session



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# **Active Session Life Span**

- Session resides on the server, not the workstation
- Session remains active until
  - User ends (stops) the session, or
  - Session time out due to inactivity
    - Time out value is configurable through Access for Web



# Taking advantage of active session behavior

- Leave the session and browse on the web, or
- Leave your workstation and go to another workstation and
- Reconnect to your session

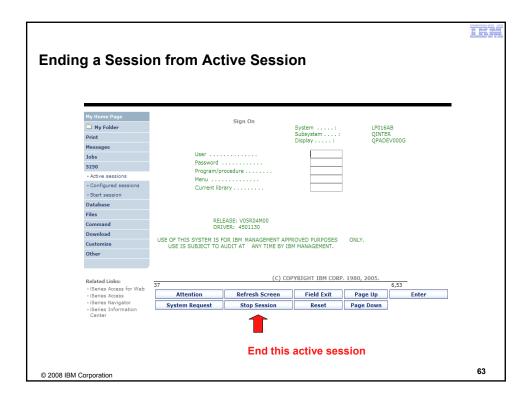
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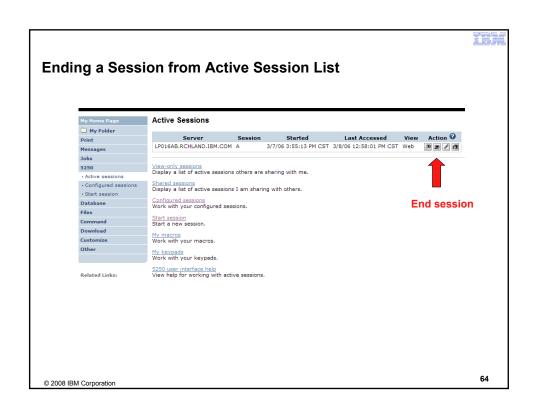
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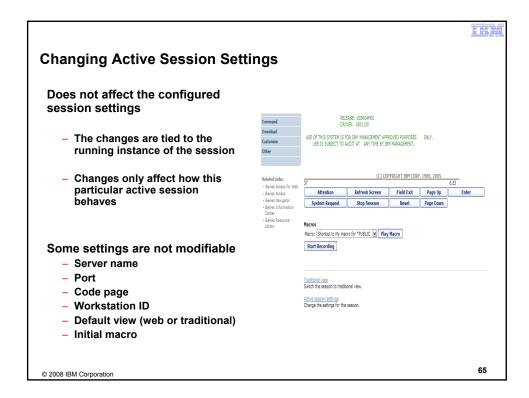
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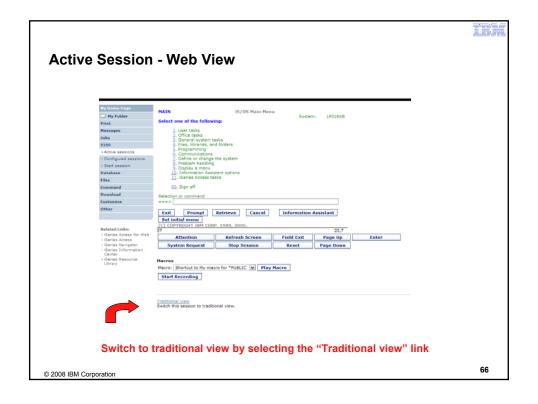
Closing the browser or turning off the workstation does not end the session

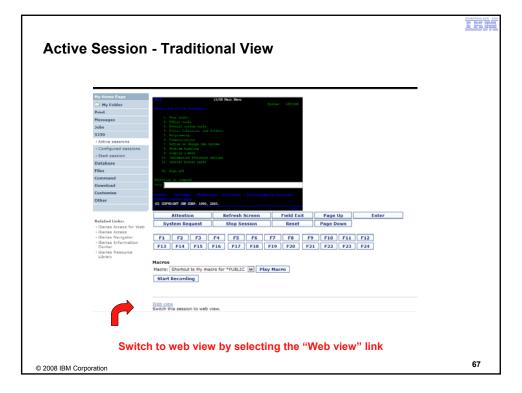
- · Two ways to end a session
  - From an active session
  - From active session list
- Properly cleaning up TN5250 connection
  - Frees up resources in application server (Access for Web)
  - Frees up resources on target server (TN5250)











# Web View vs. Traditional View

### **Web View**

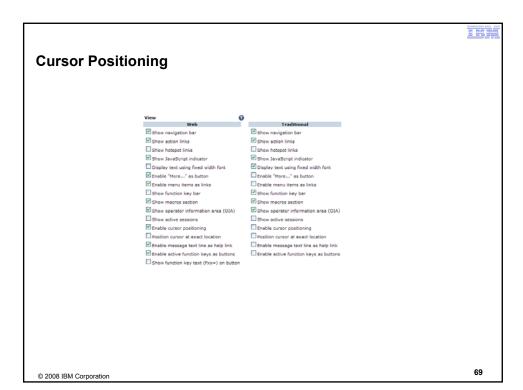
- Proportional font
- Menu displayed as links
- Active function keys displayed as buttons
- Allows cursor positioning at non-input fields
- Display "More..." as button
- Message line (25<sup>th</sup> line) treated as help

### **Traditional View**

- Fixed width font
- Function key bar (F1-F24)
- Background color configurable (default is black)

- All the view settings are configurable.
- · Configure web and traditional view settings for your environment.

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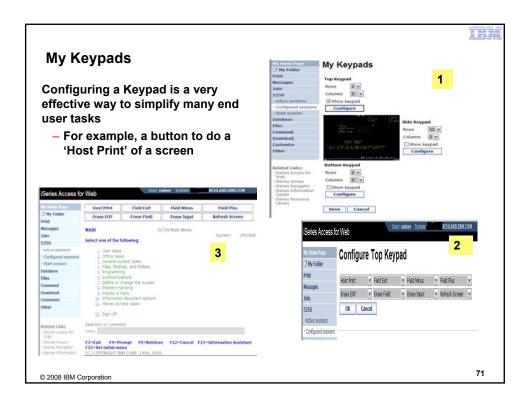


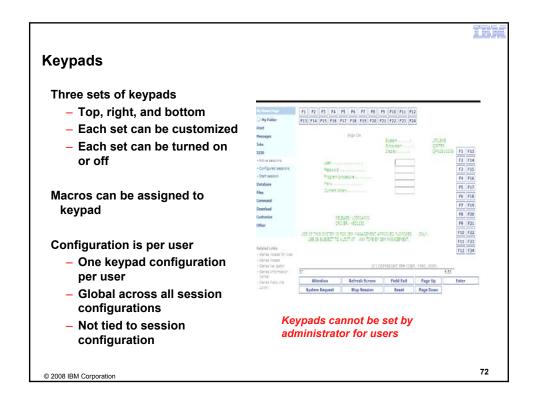


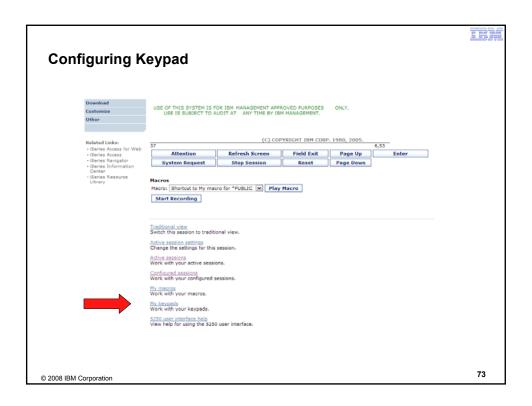
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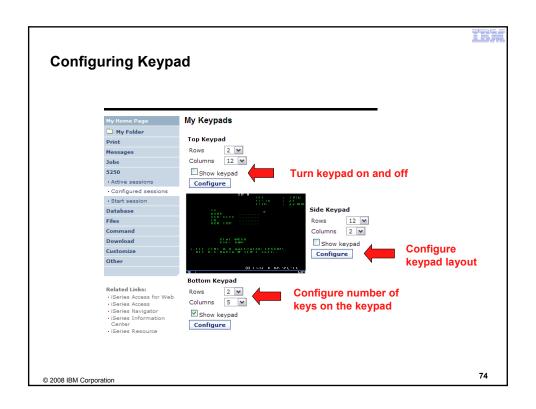


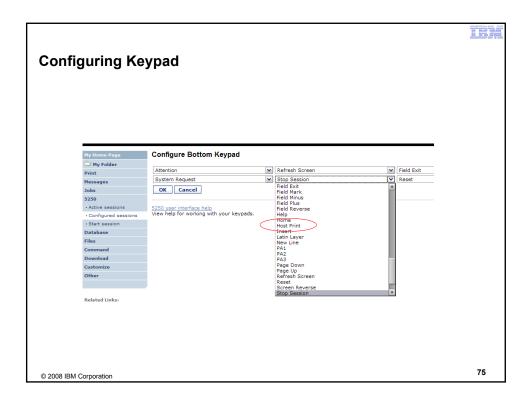
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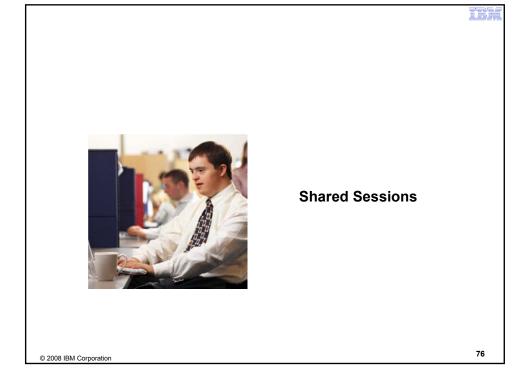






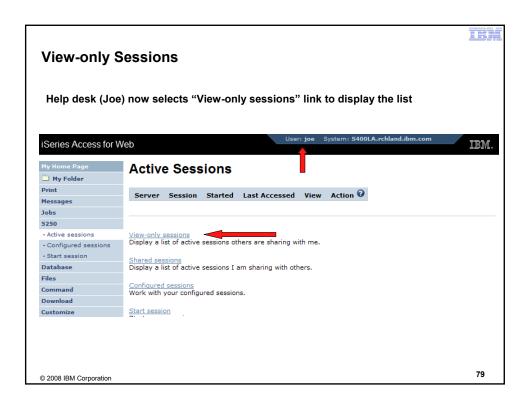


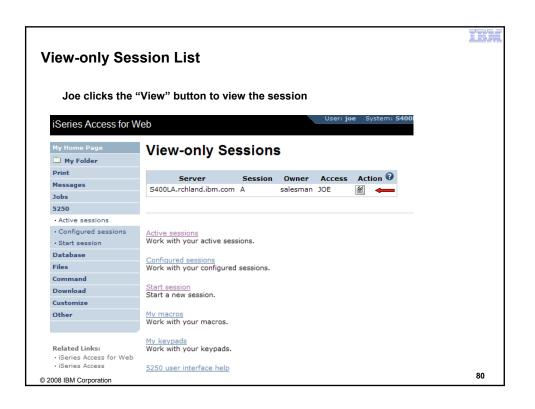


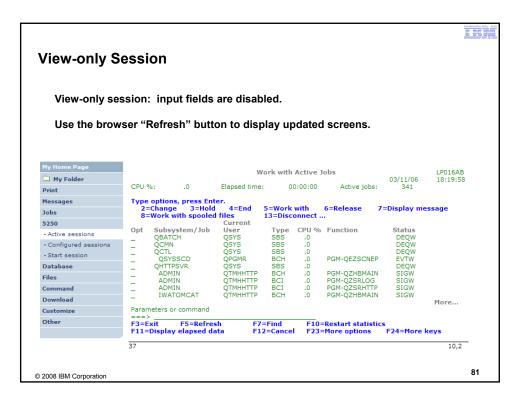


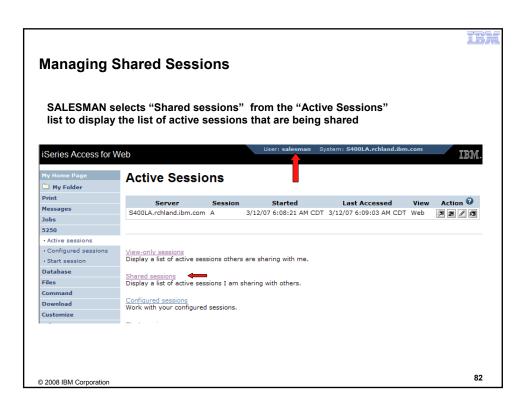


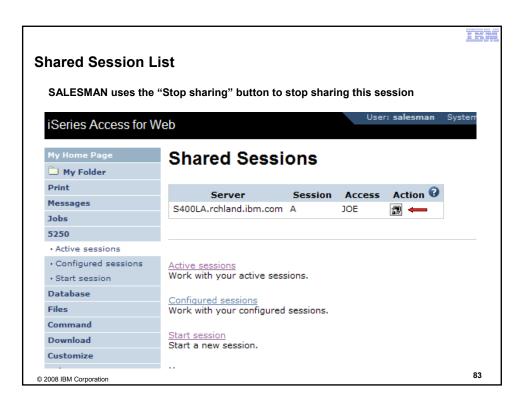


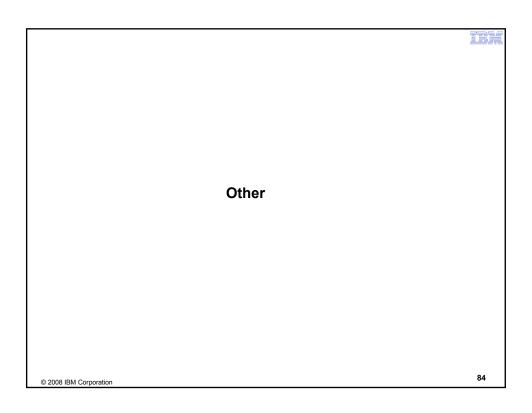


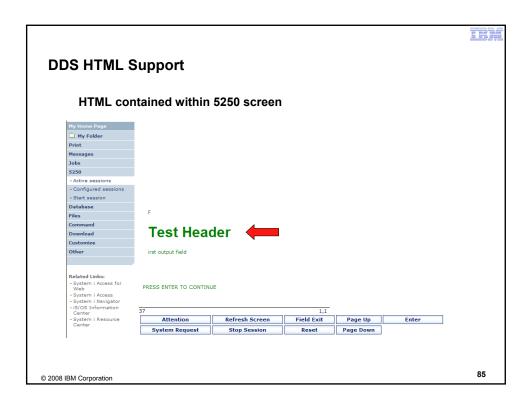


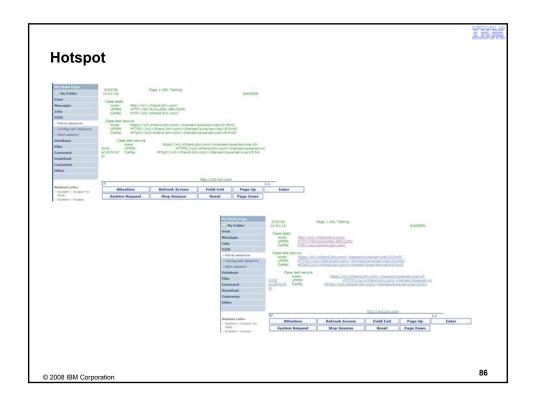


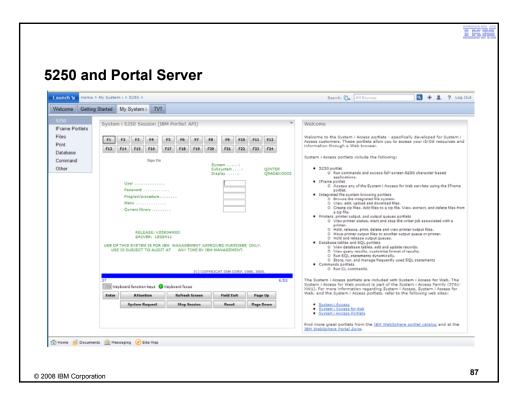


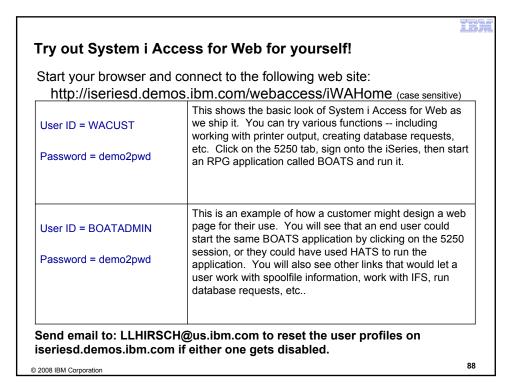














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