

Deep Dive Into System i Access for Web Session 4:

Database, Security, Tips

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System i Access for Web - Database **Functions**

Access database tables with System i Access for Web.

- View a list of database tables on your target system.
 Perform actions on these tables without having knowledge of SQL and its syntax.
 View the contents of a table in a paged list, using the Quick view
- action.

 Add and update records in a table using the Insert and Update

- actions.

 Display the contents of a table record using the Find record action.

 Create your own customized SQL request for a table using the Run SQL action.

 Create your own customized sQL request for a table using the Copy data to table action.

- View a list of previously saved requests.
 Run or Edit requests from this list.
 Manage lists using the Copy, Delete, and Rename actions
 Create and manage shortcuts to requests

- Run SQL statements dynamically.

 View output as a paged list or in a popular file format, like Microsoft Excel or Lotus 1-2-3. (Output format depends on how you have your browser configured and whether the browser can locate a plug-in for the output type you choose.)

 Customize how data is returned by setting options specific to the output the
- Build SELECT statements using an SQL Wizard.
 Save requests for repeated use.

Copy data to table

- Copy existing data files from your PC to a database table on your

- Copy existing data files from your PC to a database table on your target system.
 These data files can be in many popular file formats, including Microsoft Excel and Lotus 1-2-3.
 Replace the contents of a table or add data to an existing table.
 Create a new database table based on the contents of a workstation file.

 Save requests for generated use.
- Save requests for repeated use.

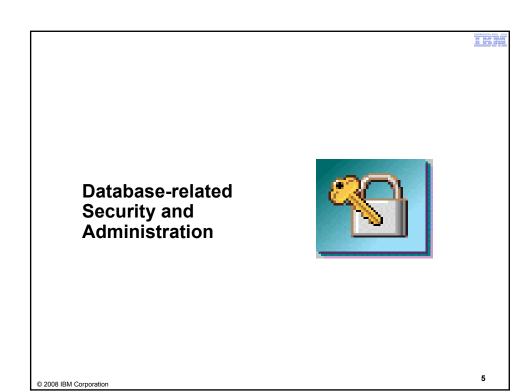
- Import Client Access Data Transfer upload and download requests into System i Access for Web copy data and SQL requests.
 Imported requests are automatically converted to System i Access for Web format.
- Run and edit converted requests just like other copy data and SQL requests.

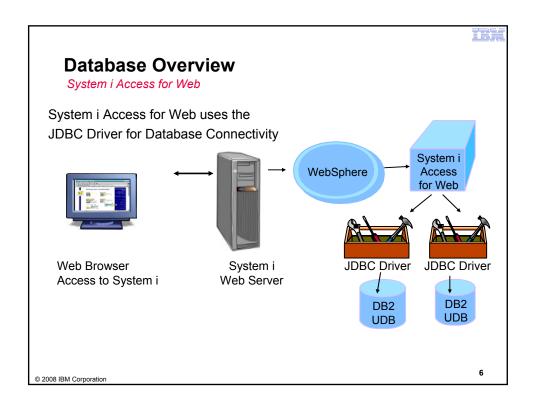
Import query

- Import queries generated by Query for i5/OS and DB2 for i5/OS Query Manager.
 Imported queries can be saved into System i Access for Web
- database requests.
- Run and edit converted queries just like other System i Access for Web SQL requests.

Extract i5/0S data

Extract i5/OS object information into a database table.







Security - Access to DB2 for i5/OS

All database requests in System i Access for Web, System i Access for Windows, and System i Access for Linux flow through the System i Access Database Server

All objects on the system, including SQL objects, are managed by the system security function

- Most IBM SQL operations go through the iSeries Database DB Host Server and use the QIBM_QZDA server exit point.
- This includes Data Transfer, ODBC, .NET, parts of OLE DB, and some functions of the Toolbox (JDBC including Access for Web).
 - http://publib.boulder.ibm.com/iseries/v 5r2/ic2924/index.htm?info/sqlp/rbafym st324.htm

System i Access **Database Server**

- i5/OS Object **Level Security Exit Programs**
 - Database Source **Physical** Files

Exit Programs

- Exit programs written for the QIBM_QZDA NDB, ROI, and SQL exit points may help to restrict certain users from accessing specific files.
- Configured with WRKREGINF on i5/OS
- Given the SQL statement sent from the client application. Statements may be rejected by the user exit program
- May be written in a variety of host languages

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Policies

- · Control Access to Database functions by restricting access to System i Access for Web functions.
- Restrict by specific user, groups of users, all users
- Requires *SECADM authority to use
 - a non-SECADM user can be granted the rights to administer System i Access for Web

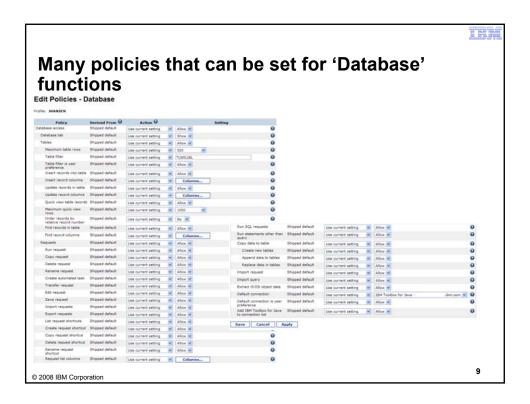
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 Preferences and policy administration custom settings.

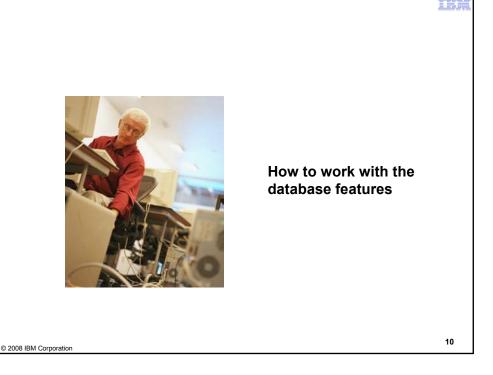
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 Database
 Allowed
 Database tables, requests, and run SQL custom settings.

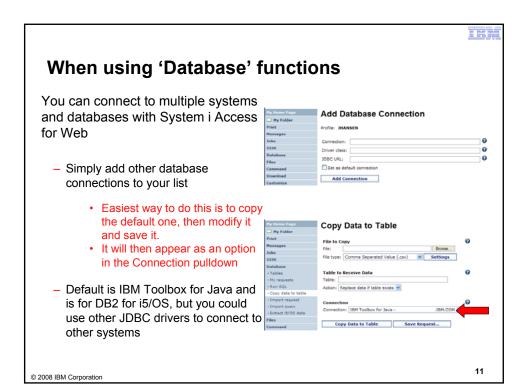
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 Database connections
 Allowed
 Create and edit database connection definitions.
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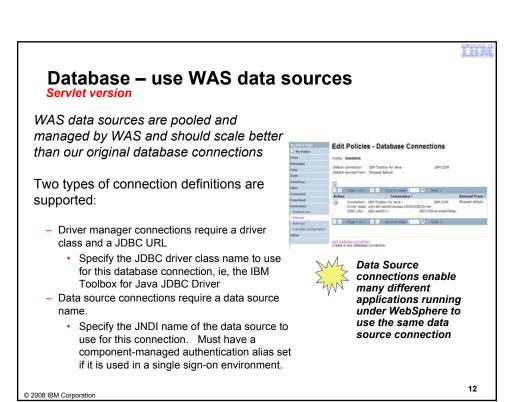
Change category access
Change category access policies for this profile.

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For the 'typical' end user



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My Requests

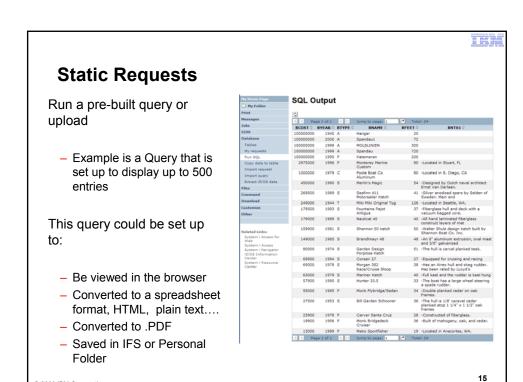
Administrator creates queries or upload requests for end users to run.

- Selected Users are then given access to run these selected data requests
- They're only given access to run those necessary to perform their job

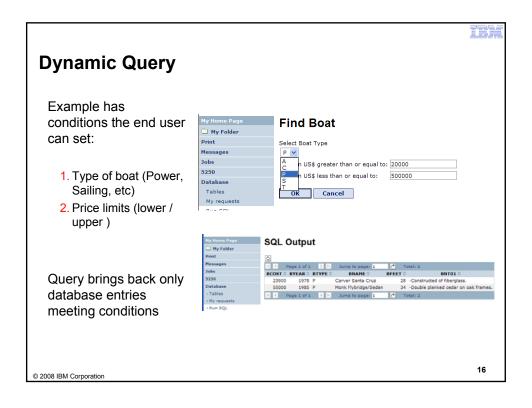


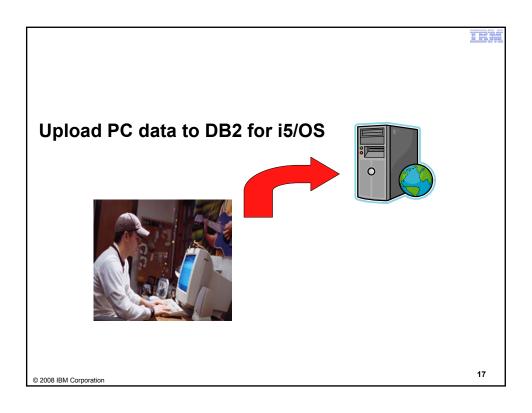
These are called Shortcuts

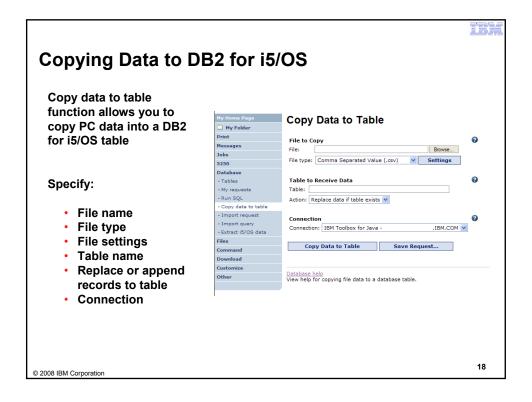
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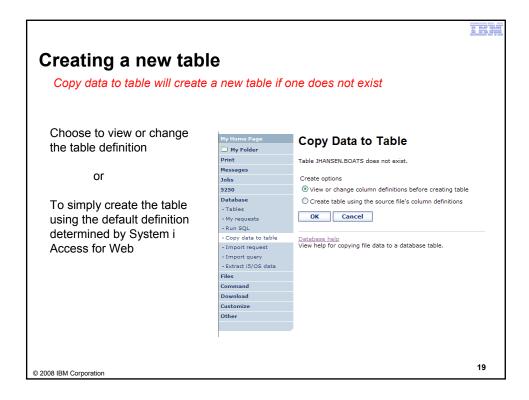


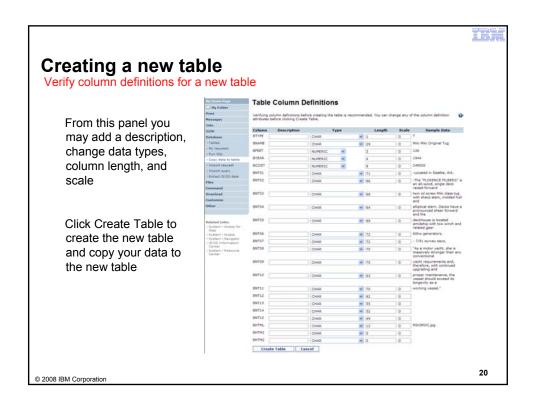
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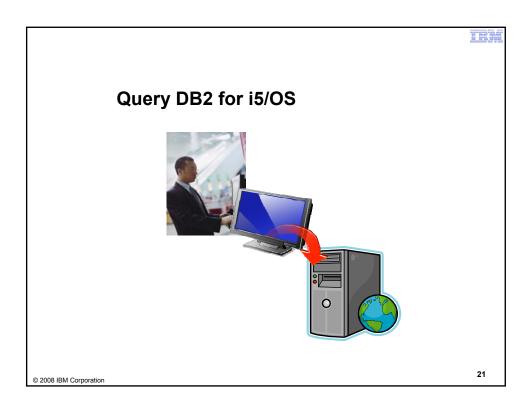


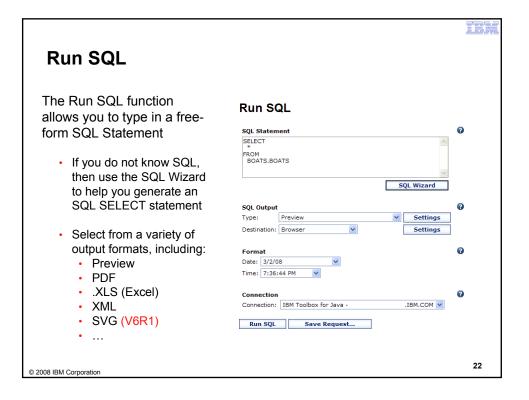


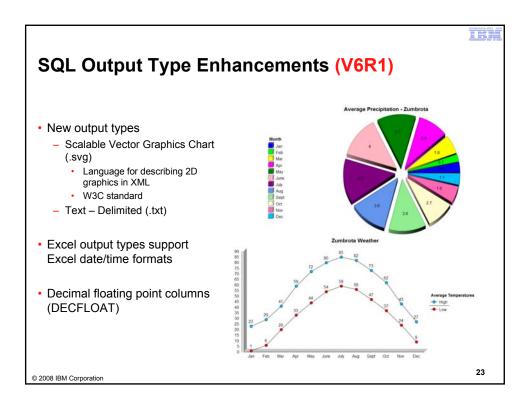


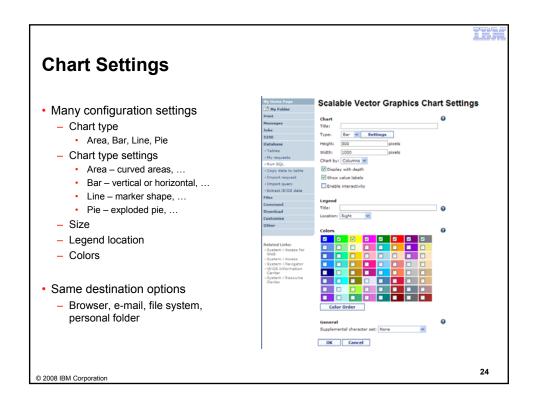


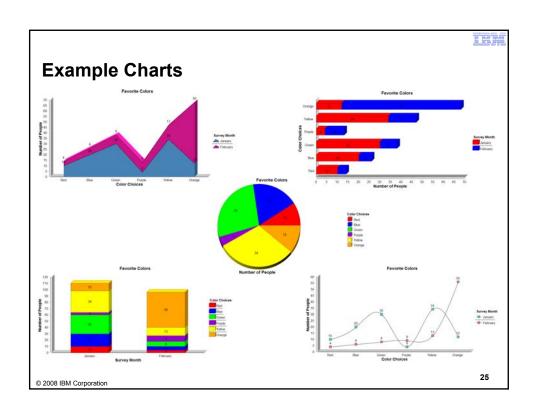


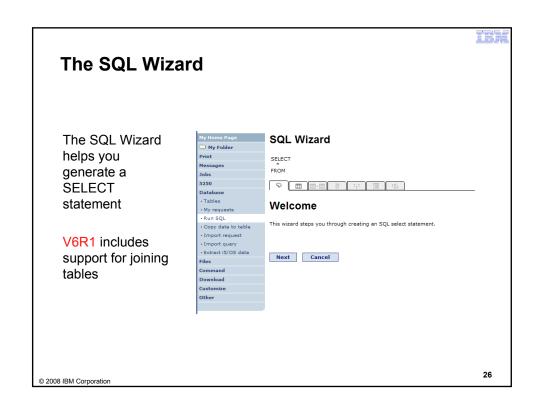


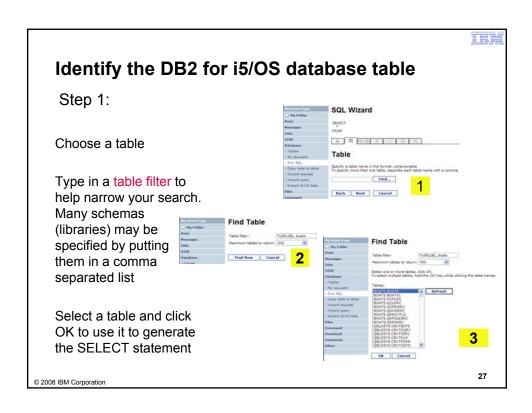


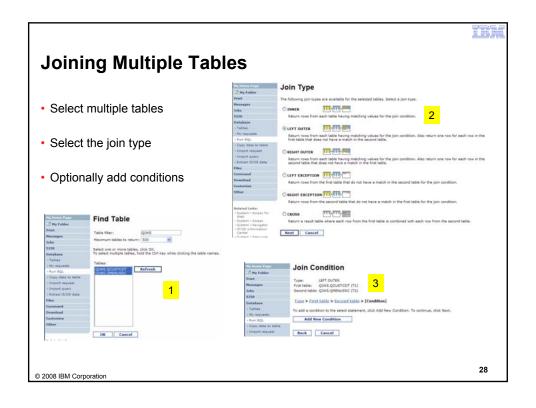


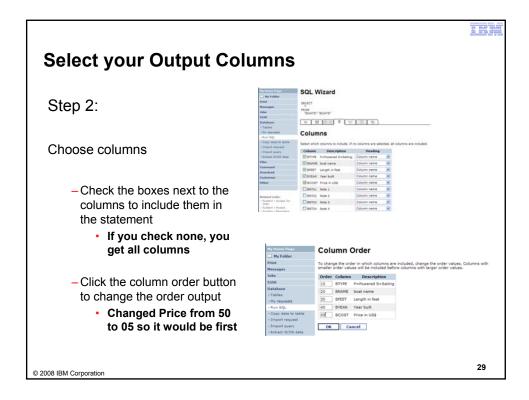


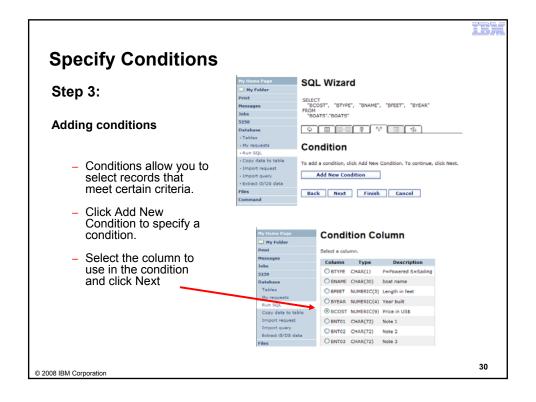


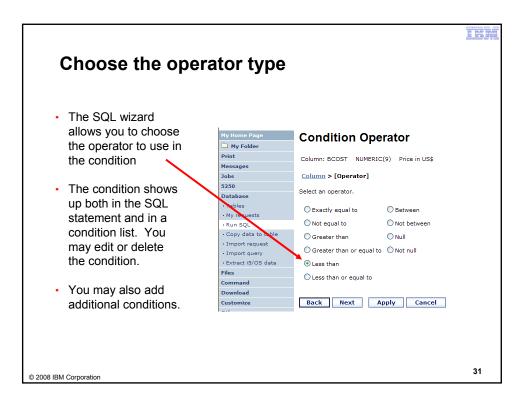


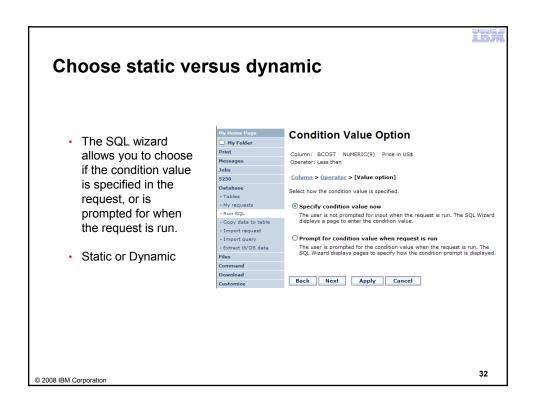


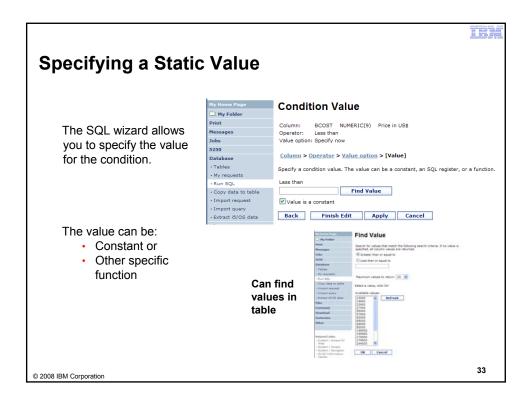


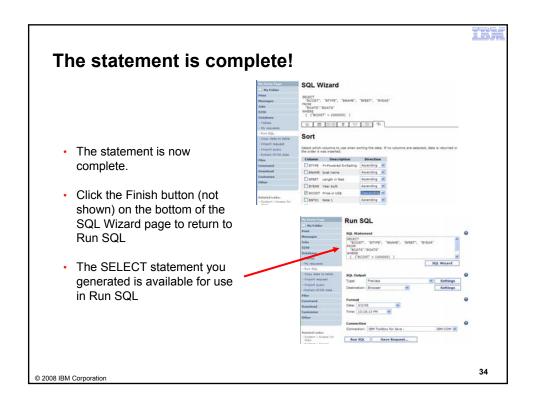


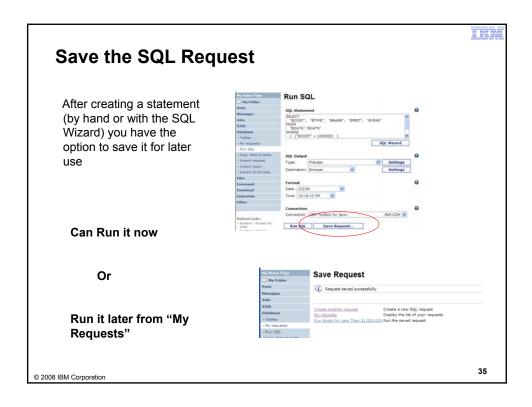


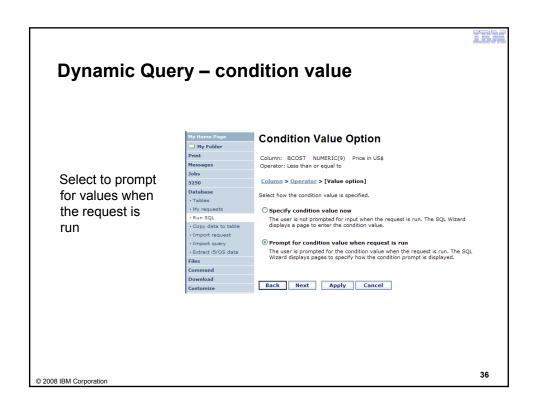


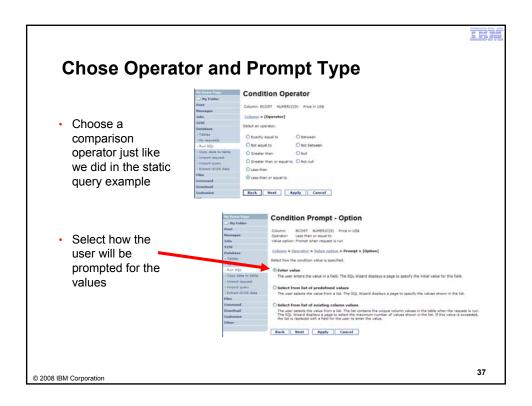


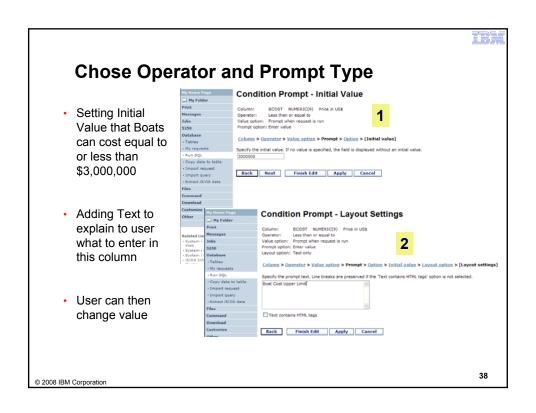


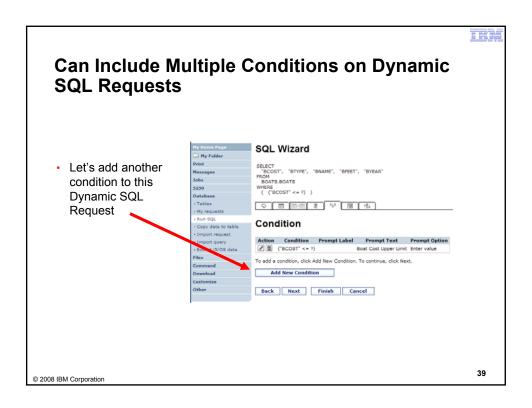


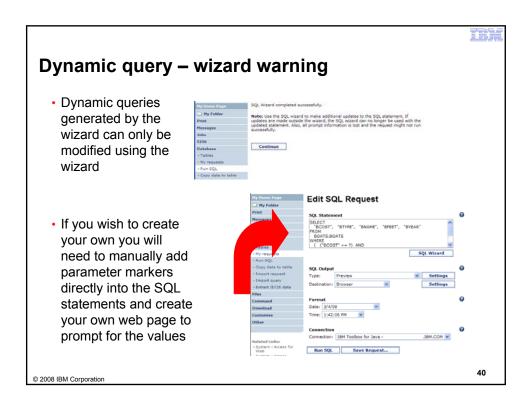


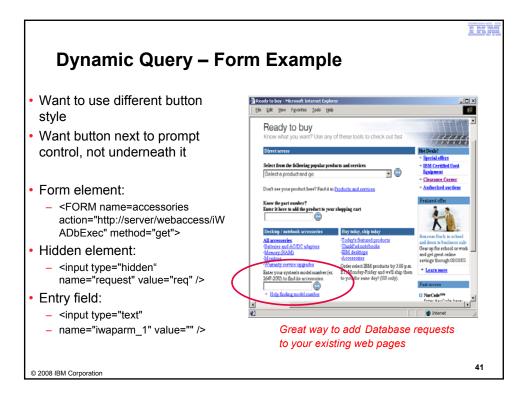


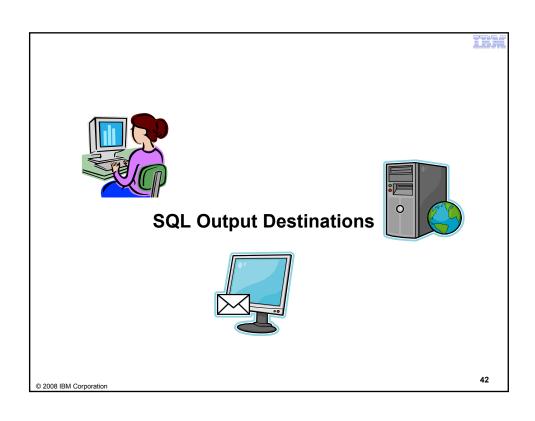


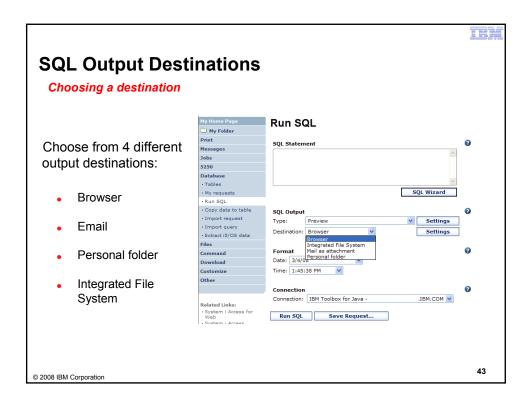


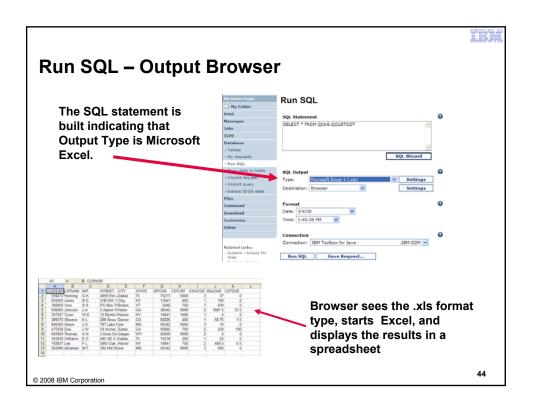


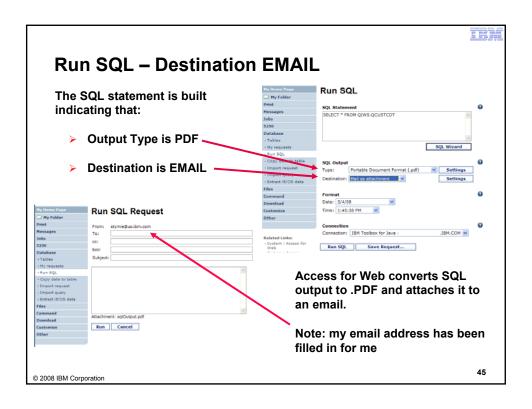


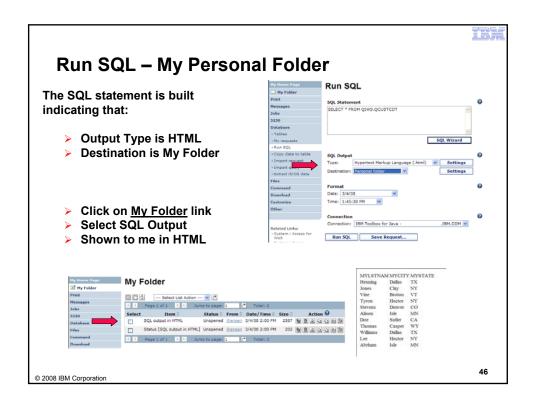


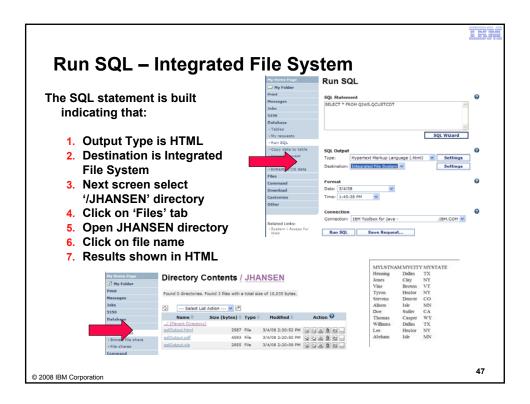


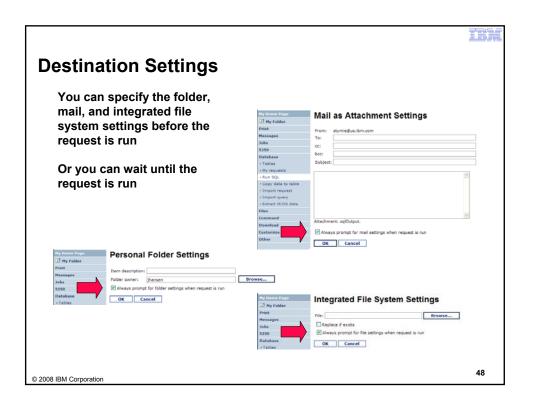
















My Requests

Other ways to manage and use database requests

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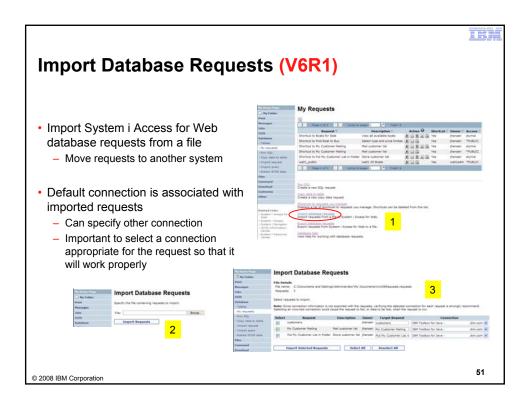
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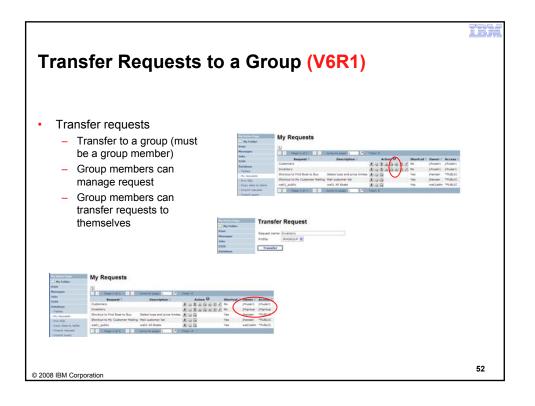
- Save System i Access for Web requests to a file
 - Move requests to another system
 - myDBRequests.requests
- · Only requests can be exported
 - Shortcuts can not be export
- Connection information is not exported with the request
 - Same connections may not be available when importing

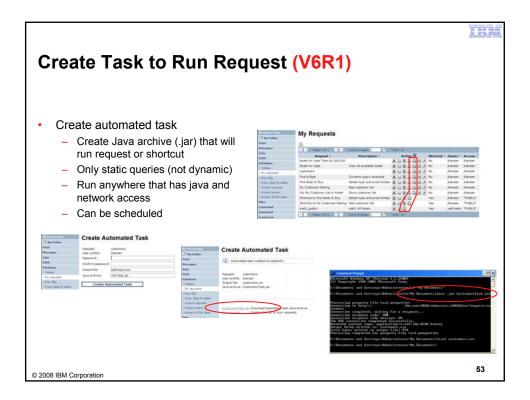


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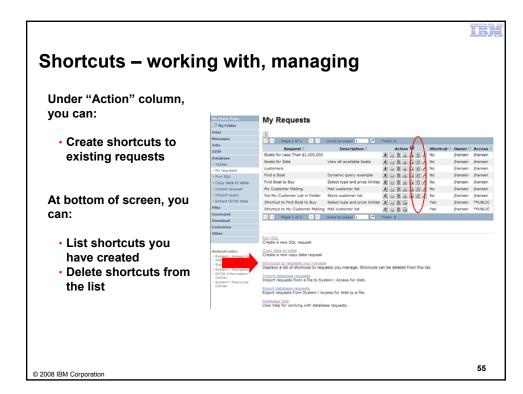
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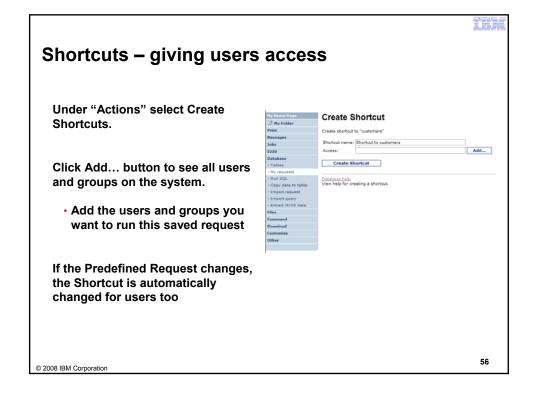




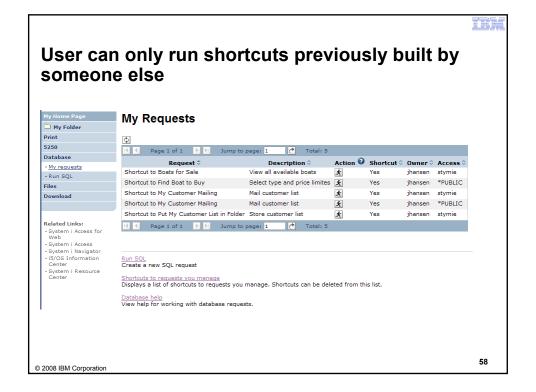


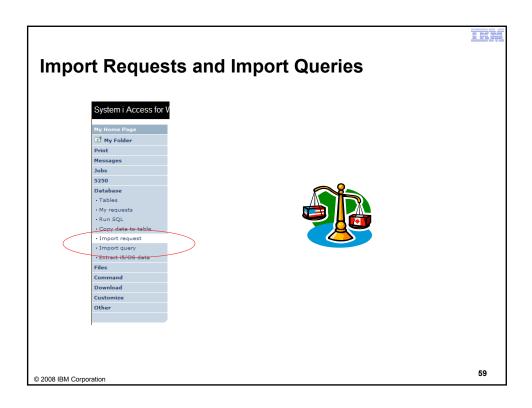


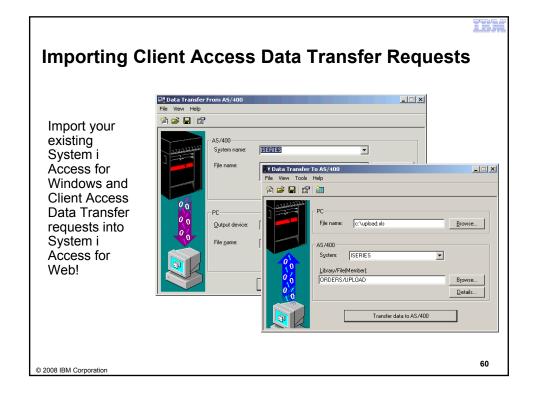


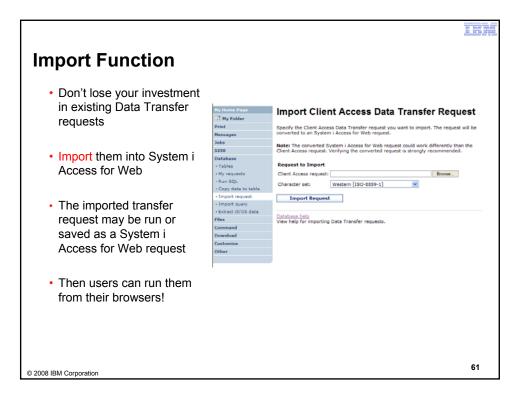


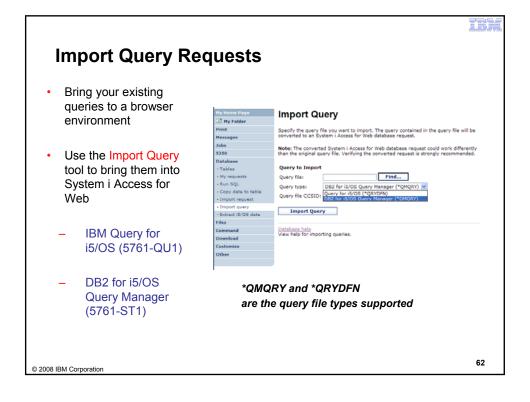


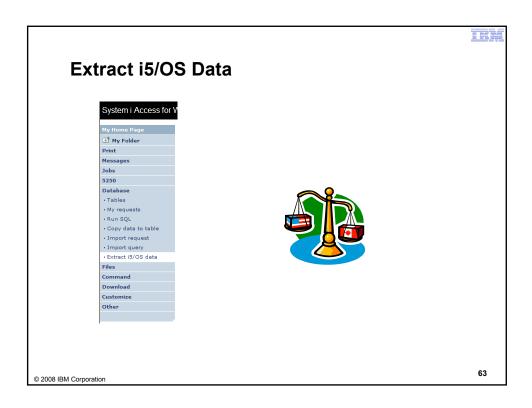


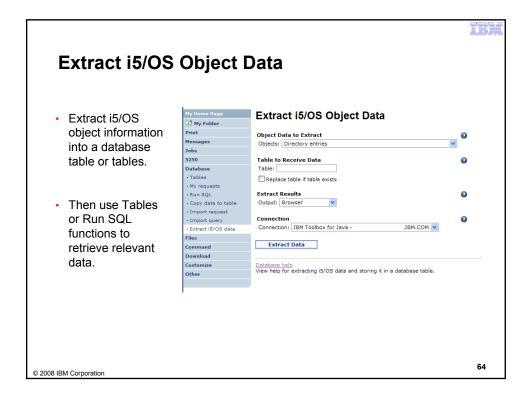












Extract i5/OS Object Data

Extract i5/OS Object Data can be used to retrieve information about i5/OS objects and store the results in a database table

- General object information can be retrieved for any i5/OS object type.
- Object specific information can also be retrieved for the following object types:
 - · Directory entries
 - Messages
 - Software fixes
 - Software products
 - System pool
 - User profiles

- You could easily build a query:
 - To find out what users have used more than 100 MB of storage
 - Or you might want to know what users have had more than 2 invalid sign-on attempts in the past three months.
- This very powerful capability lets you look at your i5/OS object information in any manner that is of importance to you.

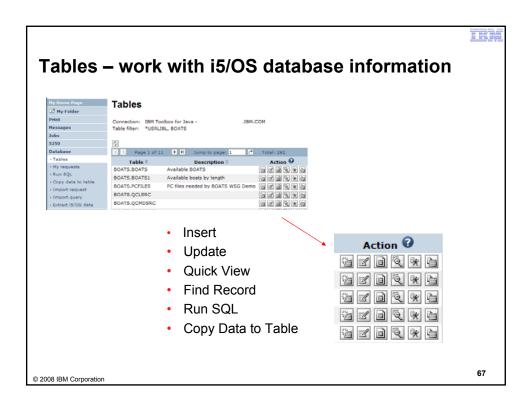
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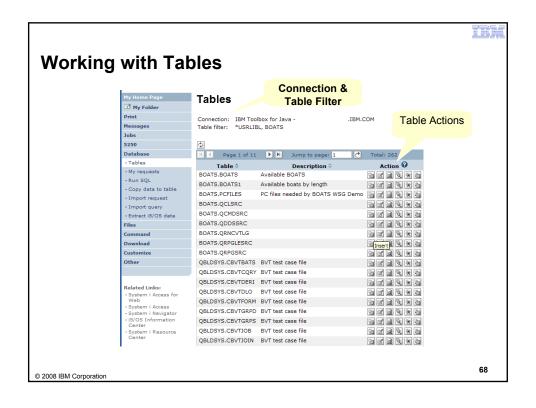
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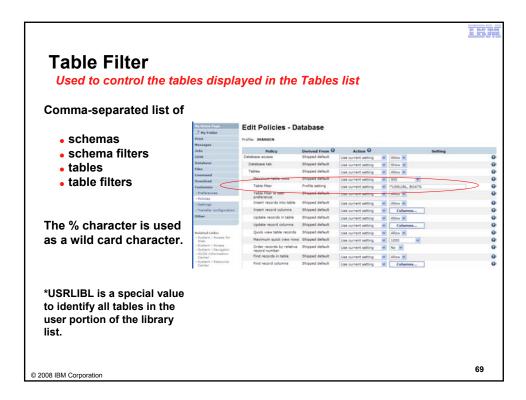
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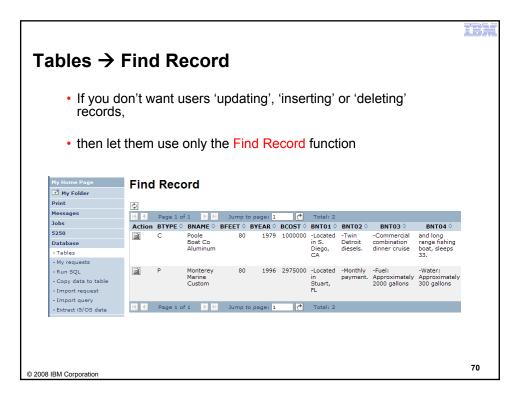


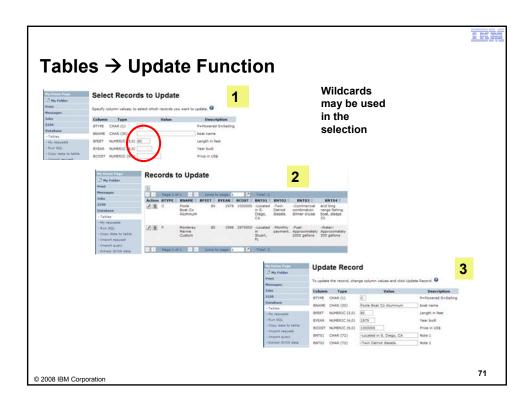
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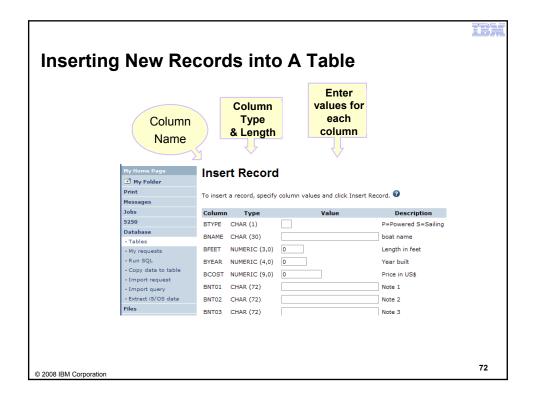








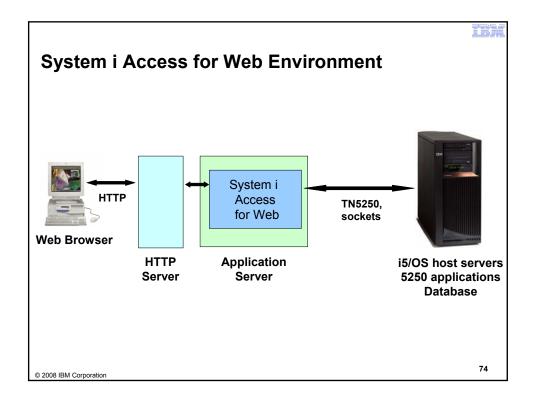


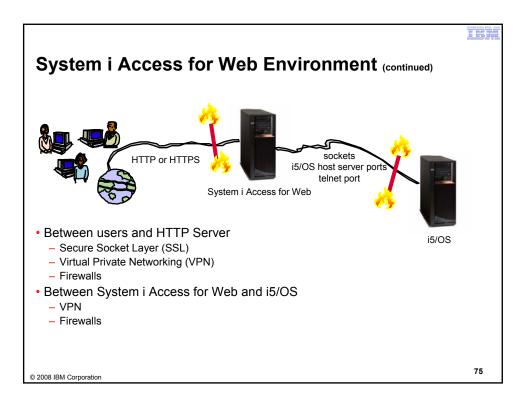




Part 2: Security Considerations

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Authentication security options

- How does the user authenticate to System i Access for Web?
- · How does System i Access for Web authenticate with i5/OS?
- System i Access for Web in a WebSphere Single Signon (SSO) environment
- Special considerations for 5250



Authentication

- Authentication is verifying the identity of the user
- System i Access for Web supports two types of authentication
 - Application
 - System i Access for Web handles the authentication
 - Application Server
 - · WebSphere Application Server handles the authentication
- Specified by the AUTHTYPE parameter on the CFGACCWEB2 command
 - Application: AUTHTYPE(*APP)
 - Application Server: AUTHTYPE(*APPSVR)

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Authorization

 Authorization is verifying that authenticated users have permission to access requested resources

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- System i Access for Web uses the i5/OS user profile and object level security to authorize access to i5/OS resources
- System i Access for Web provides application level control of access to functions through policies
 - Policies can be administered at the i5/OS user and





Application Authentication

- System i Access for Web handles authentication
- i5/OS user profile and password
 - Hostname specified by the TGTSVR parameter on the CFGACCWEB2 command
- Method: HTTP basic authentication
 - RFC2617
 - User profile and password are encoded (not encrypted) in the HTTP headers and should be protected



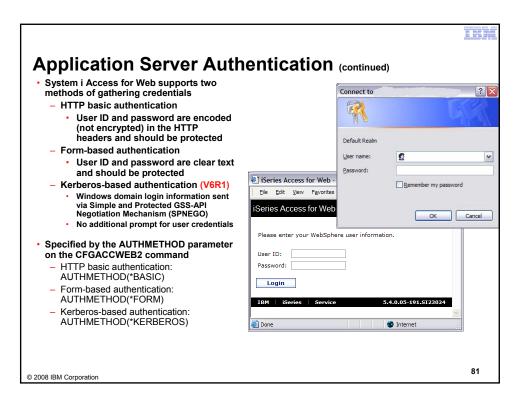
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Application Server Authentication

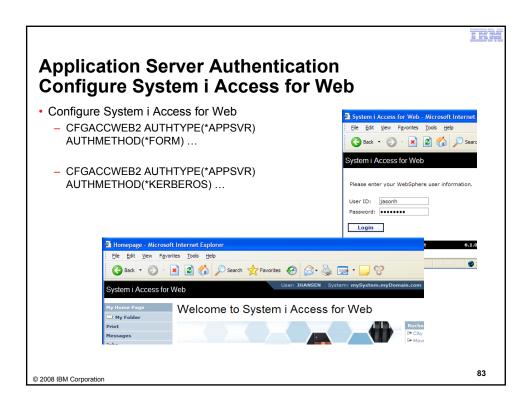
- WebSphere handles authentication
- · WebSphere credentials
 - Typically a user ID and password
 - Can be Windows domain login information (new in V6R1)
 - · Kerberos-based
 - Requires WebSphere Application Server V6.1
 - Authenticated with the active WebSphere user registry
- Specified by the AUTHTYPE parameter on the CFGACCWEB2 command
 - Application Server Authentication: AUTHTYPE(*APPSVR)
- WebSphere provides different methods of gathering credentials
 - Applications can choose which methods to support

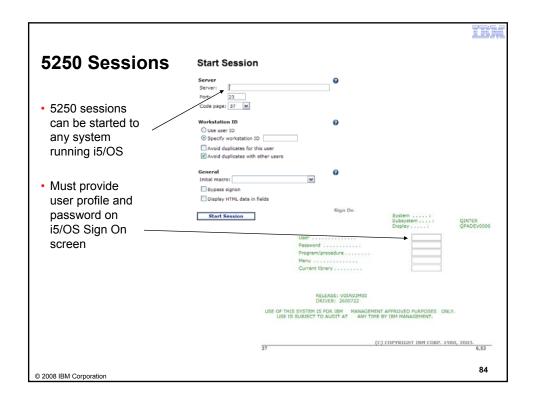


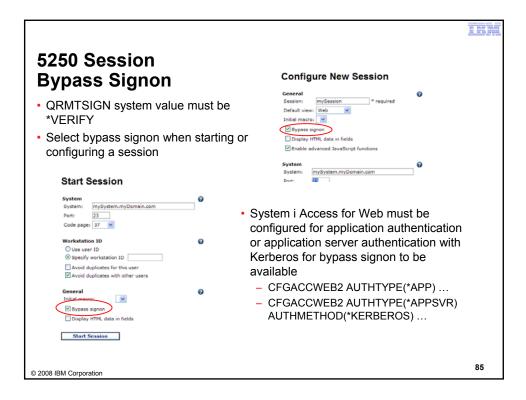
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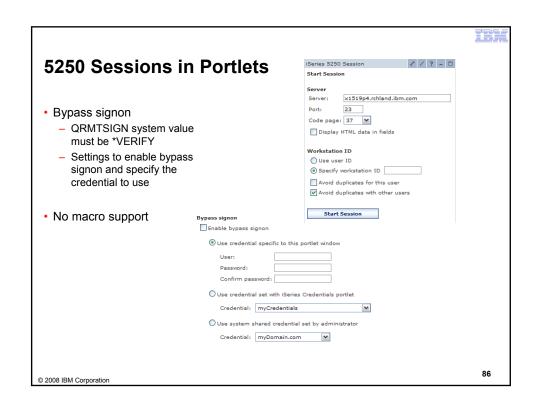
Application Server Authentication Authorization

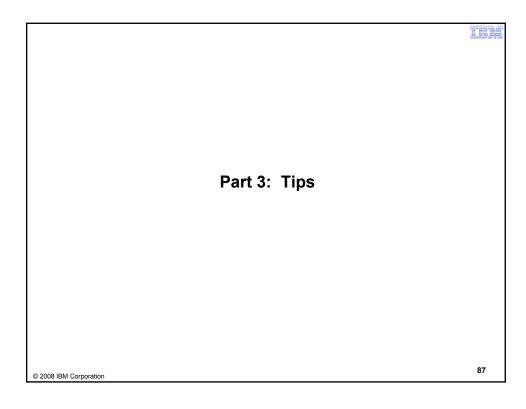
- HTTP basic authentication and form-based authentication
 - System i Access for Web uses Enterprise Identity Mapping (EIM) to map the authenticated WebSphere user identity to an i5/OS user profile
 - System i Access for Web identifies the user by the mapped i5/OS user profile
 - i5/OS user profile is used to authorize access to i5/OS resources using object level security
- Kerberos-based authentication
 - System i Access for Web uses Kerberos-based credentials to authenticate with i5/OS
 - i5/OS uses Network Authentication Service (NAS) and EIM to map the Kerberosbased identity to an i5/OS user profile
 - System i Access for Web identifies the user by the mapped i5/OS user profile
 - i5/OS user profile is used to authorize access to i5/OS resources using object level security



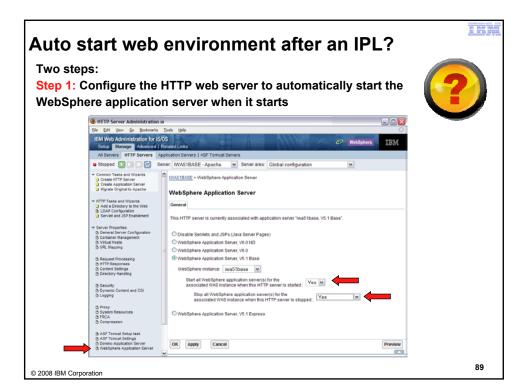












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Auto-start Web environment after an IPL? (cont.)

Step 2: Use the following command to start the HTTP web server as part of your IPL procedures and it will start your WebSphere application server.

STRTCPSVR SERVER(*HTTP) HTTPSVR(<http_server_name>)

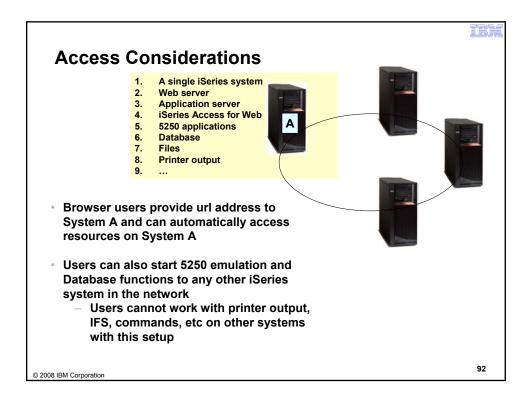
E.g. HTTP server name IWA51BASE
STRTCPSVR SERVER(*HTTP) HTTPSVR(IWA51BASE)

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Tip – Connect to multiple servers

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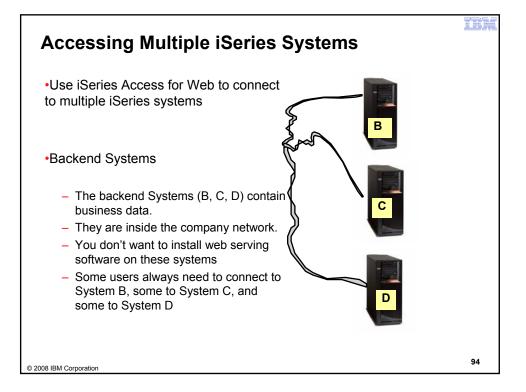


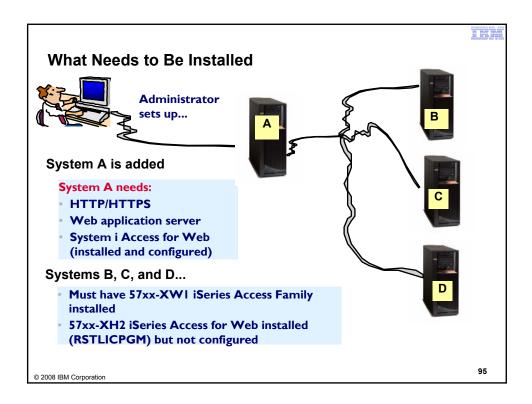
 Can connect to any iSeries in my network and run 5250 emulation and Database (upload, download, work with tables, etc)

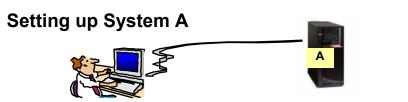
- 5250 Emulation
 - Provides a panel to start a 5250 session and save this session configuration
- Database
 - You can add additional connections via Policy → Database Connections
 - These additional connections are then available to users on the Database screens.



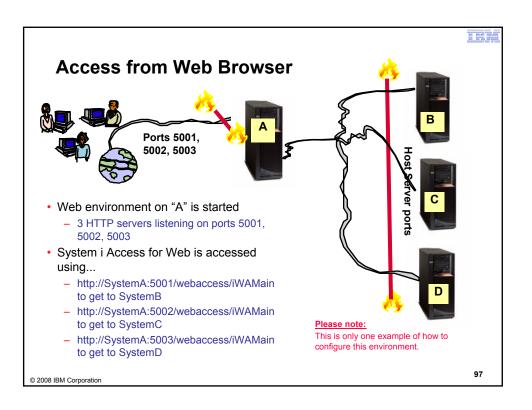
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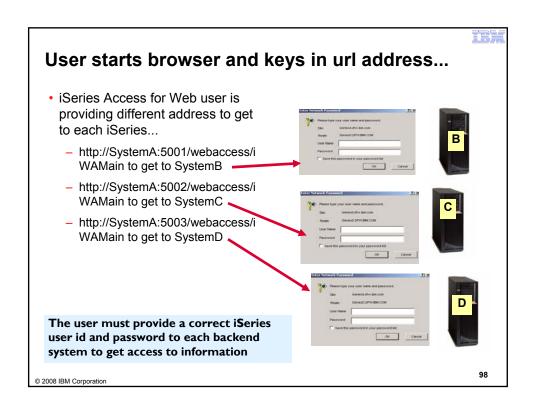


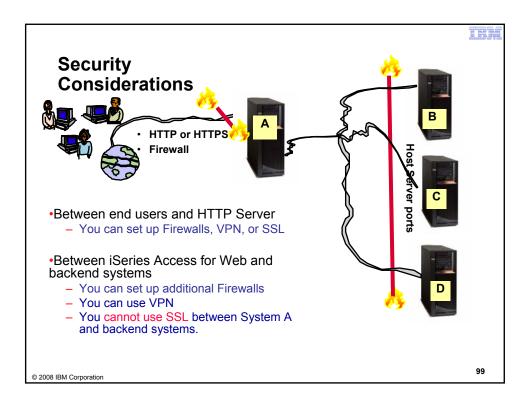




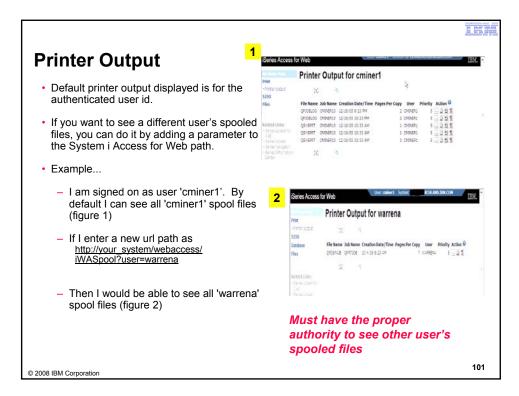
- System A is added to the network.
- System A has HTTP/HTTPS, web app server, and System i Access for Web
 - Configure 3 HTTP servers with 3 different port numbers -- one for System B, one for System C, and one for System D
 - Configure 3 WAS (or Tomcat) instances (one for each system)
 - Configure iSeries Access for Web in each instance (use TGTSVR parameter on CFGACCWEB2 command)
 - Adds "realm=server_name.mydomain.com"
 - For WAS: /QIBM/UserData/Access/web2/<appsvrtype>/<wasinst>/<appsvr>/config/webaccess.properties
 - For Tomcat: /QIBM/UserData/Access/Web2/<appsvrtype>/<tcsvrname> /config/webaccess.properties

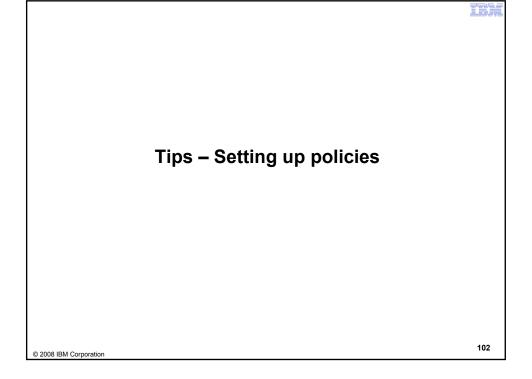






Tip – Displaying printer output for other users





Recommendations for Setting Up Policies

 Do as much customization as you can using *PUBLIC

•Examples:

- Setting up Printer Output view
- Setting up Mail Server
 SMTP address
- Creating look and feel of 5250 sessions
- Creating Database
 Connections
- General Page Layouts

 Create some 'Groups' of users and apply more specific customization

- •Example: Create "Office" group
 - Take away all tabs and functions except (for example) Printer Output, 5250, Database, IFS



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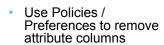
Use *PUBLIC to Set up Printer Output

Shipped look

- 15 columns
- Multiple Actions

Display only attributes that make sense for your users

Fits on one screen

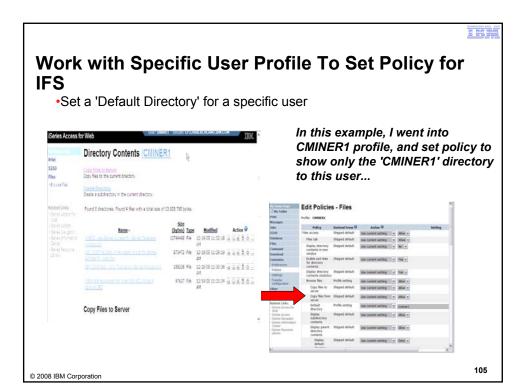


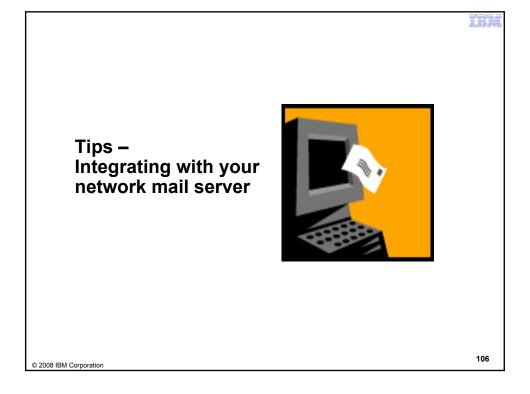
 Use Policies to modify the Action options





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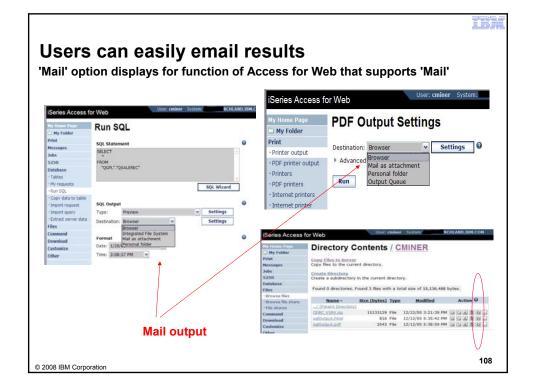


Integrate User's email with System i Access for Web

- Can send results of the following System i Access for Web functions:
 - PDF view of print information
 - Database (SQL) results
 - Information stored in the IFS
 - CL command
- Sent as an attachment to 'email'
- One-step way to distribute information across the network, and particularly useful when recipient is:
 - Not an i5/OS user
 - Does not have access to a web browser

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How to set up Access for Web to use e-mail

- Do nothing
 - If you currently use OS/400 System Distribution Directory (SDD) to store your e-mail addresses, then do nothing to Access for Web.
 - If no SMTP address has been provided, Access for Web will look in SDD for e-mail address for signed-on user
- Use Access for Web 'Customize' function to set up SMTP mail server address and each user's e-mail address
 - Use Policies (*PUBLIC) to set SMTP mail server address for everyone
 - Use Policies for each user to add unique e-mail address, or
 - Let each user use Preferences to set up their own e-mail address
- Use 'Import Policy Settings' function to provide all e-mail addresses to Access for Web

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You must 'Customize' to use Email function

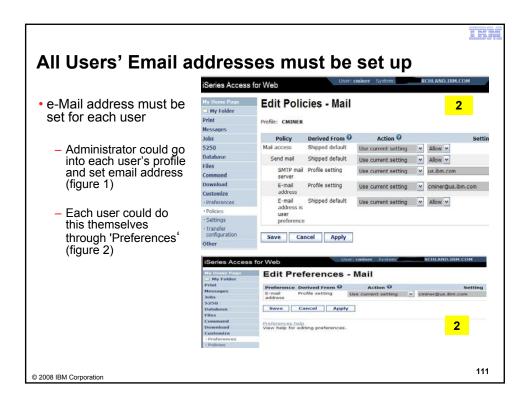
- You need to identify your SMTP Server address
- Use *PUBLIC to set up SMTP Server address
 - You probably have same SMTP server address for all users

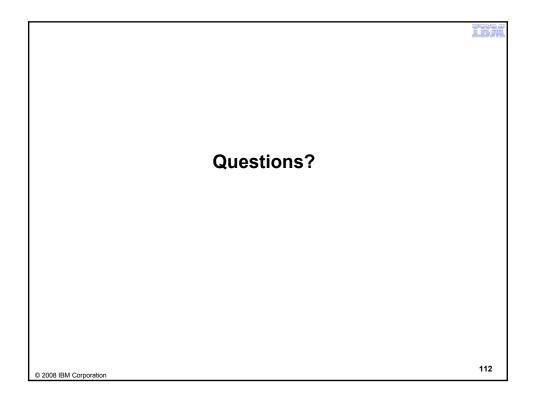


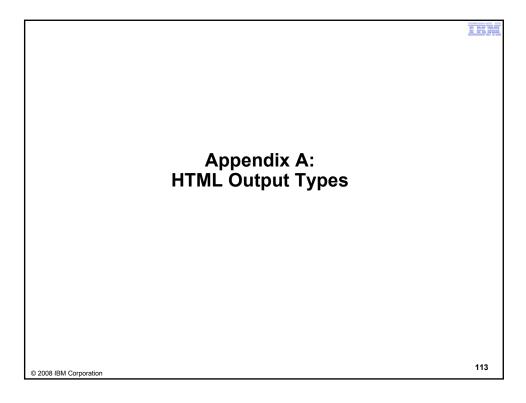
Note:

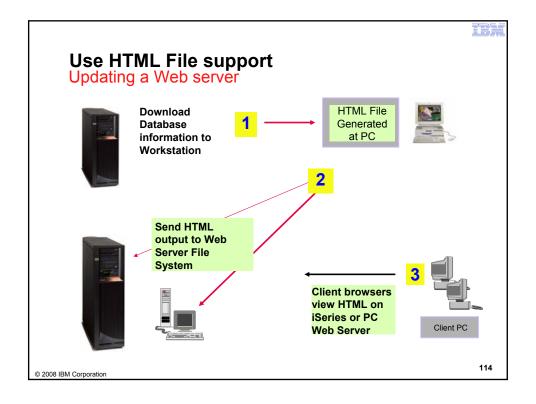
If the SMTP server address is blank, Access for Web will query the system distribution directory (SDD) for email config info for your profile

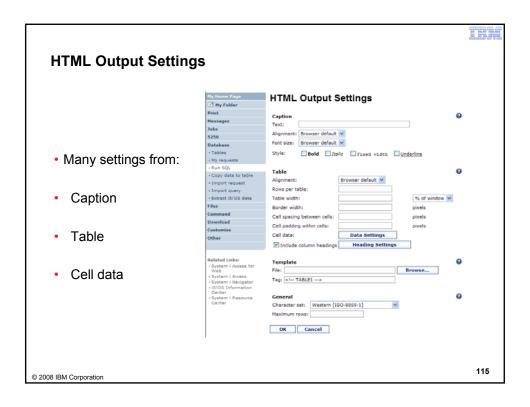
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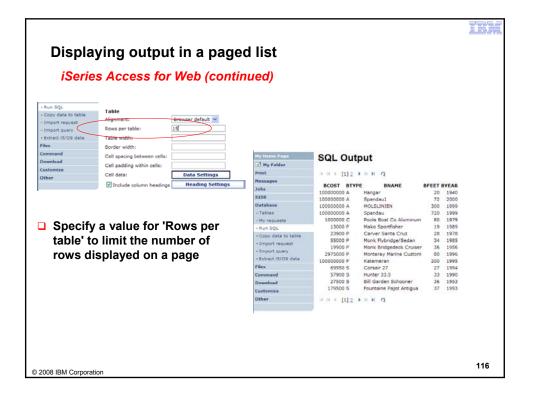


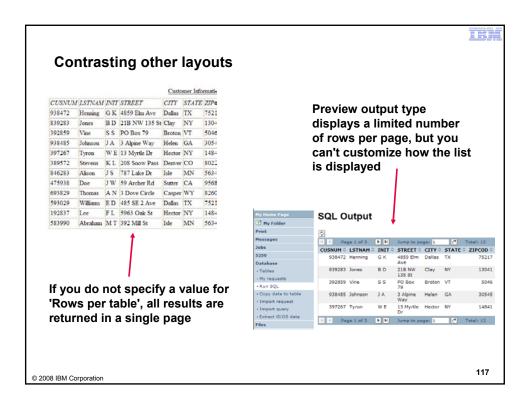


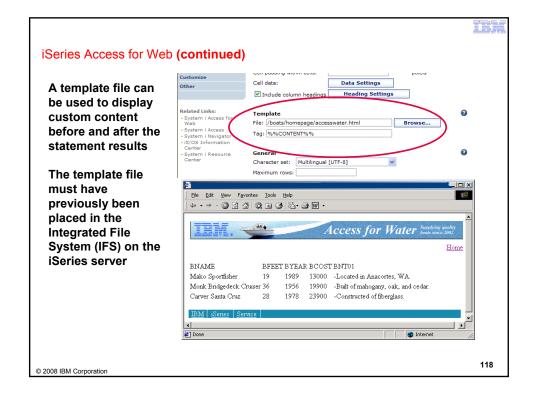












Example of template file

```
<HTML>
<BODY>
<img SRC="boathead.gif" height=43 width=614>
<a href="/webaccess/iWAHome">Home</a>
 <br>
%%CONTENT%%
<br>
<BODY>
</HTML>
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Appendix B: Comparisons - Similarities / Differences

- System i Access for Web
- System i Access for Windows



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Supported File Formats

| Supported file formats | System i Access for Web Database (servlets) | System i Access for Windows Data Transfer |
|--|---|---|
| Comma Separated Variable | Yes | Yes |
| Data Interchange Format | Yes | Yes |
| Extensible Markup Language (XML) | Yes | Yes |
| Hyper Text Markup Language (HTML) (on downloads) | Yes | Yes |
| No conversion | No | Yes |
| ASCII Text | Yes | Yes |
| Text – Tab delimited | Yes | Yes |
| Text - Delimited | Yes | No |
| Basic Random | No | Yes |
| Basic Sequential | No | Yes |
| DOS Random | No | Yes |
| DOS Random Type 2 | No | Yes |
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Supported File Formats (continued)

| Supported file formats | System i Access for Web Database (servlets) | System i Access for Windows Data Transfer |
|--|---|--|
| Preview (on downloads) | Yes | Yes |
| Portable Document Format | Yes | No |
| (PDF) (on downloads) | | (can send to PC printer by selecting 'Print' as output device) |
| Scalable Vector Graphics Chart | Yes | No |
| Microsoft Excel Version 3 | Yes | Yes |
| Microsoft Excel Version 4 | Yes | Yes |
| Microsoft Excel Version 5 | No | Yes |
| Microsoft Excel Version 7 | No | Yes |
| Microsoft Excel Version 8 | No | Yes |
| Microsoft Excel XML | Yes | Yes |
| • Lotus 123 | No | Yes |
| Lotus 123 Version 1 | Yes | No |
| Lotus 123 Version 4 | No | Yes |
| Lotus 123 Version 9 | No | Yes |

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Comparison of Database Capabilities

| Feature / Function | System i Access for Windows | System i Access for Web | System i Access for Linux |
|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ODBC driver | Yes | No | Yes |
| OLE DB provider | Yes | No | No |
| .NET provider | Yes | No | No |
| From i5/OS, start programs/commands on PC - Incoming Remote Command | Yes | No | No |
| GUI to find, add, update, delete selected records in an i5/OS database Table | No | Yes | No |
| GUI to convert query results to .PDF format GUI to convert query results to a chart | No No | Yes Yes | No No |
| GUI to e-mail query results in one step | No | Yes | No |
| Wizard to import Query/400 SQL requests | No | Yes | No |
| Wizard to import Query Manager SQL requests | No | Yes | No |
| Wizard to import System i Access for Windows Data Transfer requests | No | Yes | No |
| Programming Support - ActiveX automation Objects - Limited support using java.net.URL and the documented URL Interfaces | Yes No | No Yes | No No |
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Comparison of Data Transfer and Access for Web Database

| Feature / Function | System i Access for Windows | System i Access for Web |
|--|---|---|
| All SQL Statements Supported | Yes | Yes |
| Wizards to build SELECT statements and convert to PC format | Yes | Yes |
| Can build SELECT statements with group, having, and join support | Yes | Yes |
| Can create dynamic queries (prompted for input at time of running) | No | Yes |
| Access to members other than the default member | Yes | No |
| Wizards to upload PC data to iSeries DB2 | Yes | Yes |
| Support for Source Physical Files | Yes (sequence and data generated on uploads is not returned by default) | No (treated the same as other Table Values) |
| Upload data directly from Excel | Yes | No |
| Excel dates/times handled as dates/times | Yes | Yes |
| Can run predefined saved requests | Yes | Yes |
| Schedule requests to run silently | Yes | No |
| Can Share requests amongst users | No, put on shared drive | Yes, via Shortcuts |
| Can run multiple requests simultaneously (batch) | Yes (RTOPCB, RFROMPCB) | No |
| Asynchronous Processing (ie, control | No | Yes (except for Browser |
| 7.5 yrichionous i roccssing (ic, control | | option) |



Request Types

| | iSeries Access for Web | iSeries Access for Windows | | |
|----|---|--|---|--|
| Da | tabase Requests From i5/OS | Dat | a Transfer From iSeries | |
| 1. | Requests are saved by User name, extension types are not displayed | .DTF - New request type used by System i Access for Windows | | |
| 2. | An "Import" Facility (*) can be used to convert System i Access for | 2. | .TTO - Request type used in 5763- XD1 and DOS Extended clients | |
| | Windows Data Transfer requests to System i Access for Web requests | 3. | .DT - Request type used in Windows 3.1 client | |
| | | 4. | .RTO - Rumba transfer request file | |
| Da | tabase Requests To i5/OS | Dat | a Transfer To iSeries | |
| 1. | Requests are saved by User name, extension types are not displayed | 1. | .DTT - New request type used in System i Access for Windows | |
| 2. | An "Import" Facility (*) can be used to convert System i Access for | 2. | .TFR - Request type used in 5763- XD1 and DOS Extended clients | |
| | Windows Data Transfer requests to System i Access for Web requests | 3. | .DT - Request type used in Windows 3.1 client | |
| | | 4. | .RTO - Rumba transfer request file | |

(*) RTO files are not supported by Import Facility in System i Access for Web

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Microsoft Excel Support

What is significance of various Microsoft Excel formats supported?



- Microsoft Excel XML is the newest type supported by Excel and Word, and it is a defined format that is easy to parse programmatically.
- For System i Access for Web, the Microsoft Excel XML file type is the only "native" Excel file type that is supported for working with very large amounts of rows.
- 3. System i Access for Windows enables you to work with large amounts of rows using BIFF5, BIFF7, BIFF8 file types.

| Supported file formats | System i Access for Web Database (servlets) | System i Access for Windows Data Transfer |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| Microsoft Excel Version 3 | Yes | Yes |
| Microsoft Excel Version 4 | Yes | Yes |
| Microsoft Excel Version 5 | No | Yes |
| Microsoft Excel Version 7 | No | Yes |
| Microsoft Excel Version 8 | No | Yes |
| Microsoft Excel XML | Yes | Yes |



Overall Strengths - database function

System i Access for Windows

Data Transfer

- Runs natively on Windows; can also run on a Windows web server
- Provides an SQL-like interface to allow full file SELECT or customized queries including joins, sorting, and record grouping. Can run advanced queries.
- Transfer source physical files and data physical files to PC file types
- Transfer PC file types to the source and data physical files on System i.
- Transfers may be run interactively, in batch mode, and programmatically
- Can run requests by clicking an icon
- Can schedule data transfers
- Has Excel Add-ins
- **Has ActiveX Automation Objects**

System i Access for Web

Database

- Runs on an i5/OS web server; sends HTML to browser
- You can work directly with Tables, including Find, Insert, Updating, Delete, and Add. You may also view the entire table.
- Can run any SQL statement
- Supports both Dynamic and Static queries
- SQL Wizard helps you build SELECT statements.
- Can email results in many data formats
- Can convert results to PDF
- Can convert results to SVG charts
- Can create Requests and give to other users to run
- Can Import Client Access Data Transfer requests; and IBM Query for i5/OS (5761-QU1) and DB2 Query Manager SQL requests.

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