

Appendix B. Homepage Customization



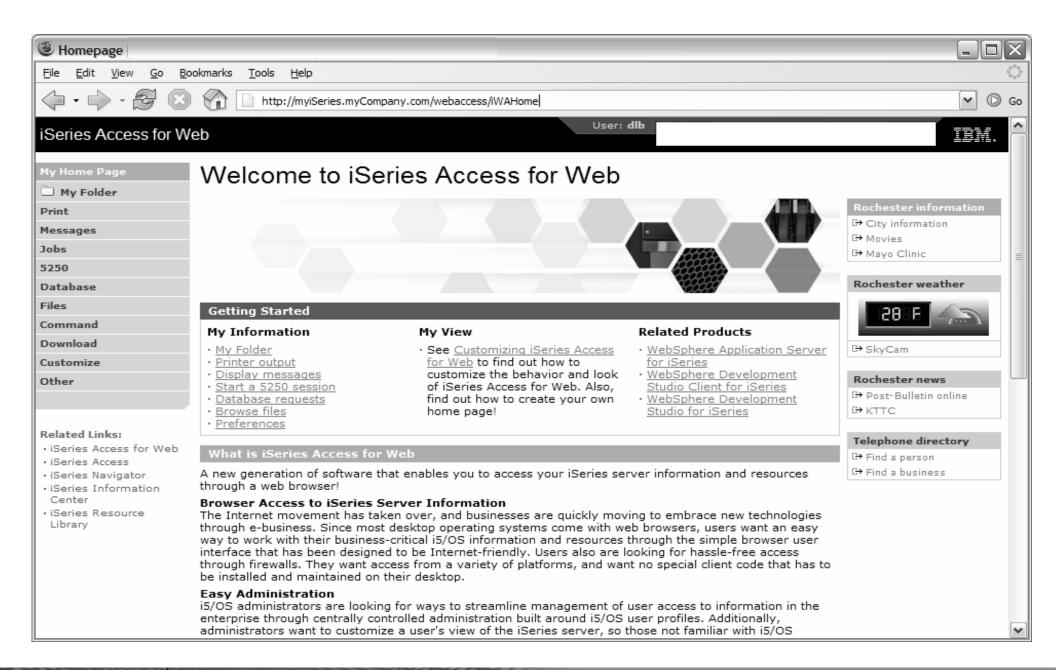


How to build a home page to i5/OS

- A default HTML 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
 System i Access for Web functionality.
- A default HTML template is used to display functional pages of System i Access for Web
- To build a home page to i5/OS...
 - Override the default home page HTML
 - Override the default template HTML
 - Override the default CSS
 - For a specific user, group of users, or all users of the i5/OS system
 - Use the System i Access for Web Customization interface to override

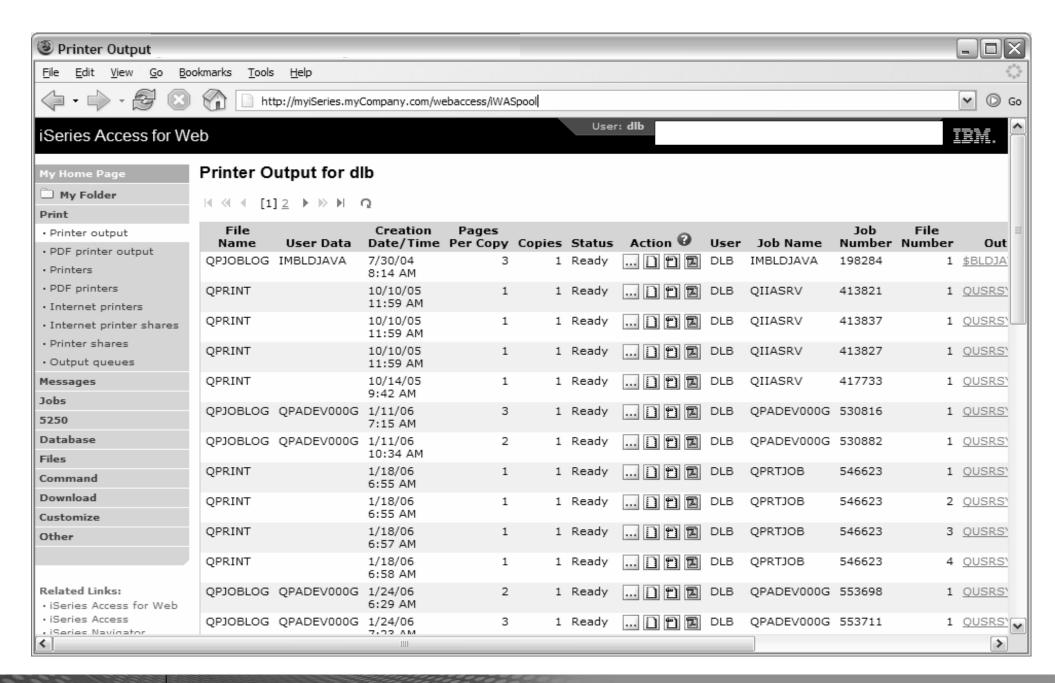


Home Page





Functional Look





Template file customization

- System i 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 System i Access for Web content is placed in the page.

• Default template file replacement can be done for all users (*PUBLIC), or can be changed only for certain users and/or groups of users.



Special tags

- Within the home page and template .html files, special tags are used.
 - When these tags are encountered by the System i 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 i5/OS system being accessed

i5/OS user profile used to access the server

version of System i Access for Web

- For detailed information on these special tags
 - V5R4 System i 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
 - System i Access for Web lab 420063 has an exercise on customizing the home page.
 - Detailed information later in this presentation.

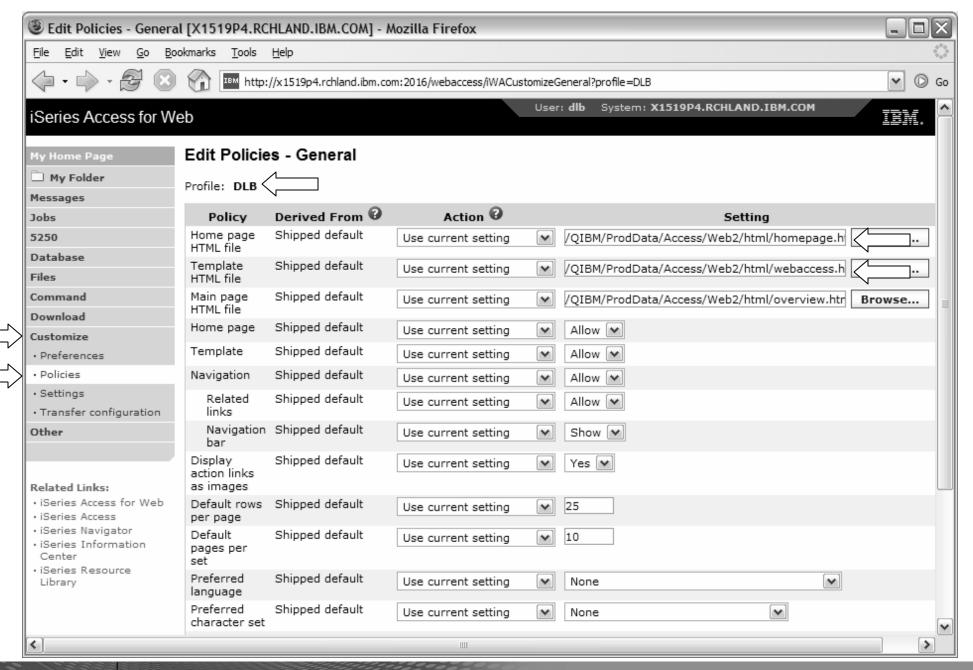


Customization settings

- The Customize function allows you to replace the default home page and template.
- Default home page replacement can be done for all users (*PUBLIC), or can be changed for only certain users and/or groups of users
- The Customize function allows you to override the...
 - Home page
 - Template
 - Main page
 - Allow/Deny access to Home page, and Template
 - Allow/Deny/Show/Hide the navigation bar
 - Display images vs. text links
 - Default rows per page
 - Preferred language
 - etc.

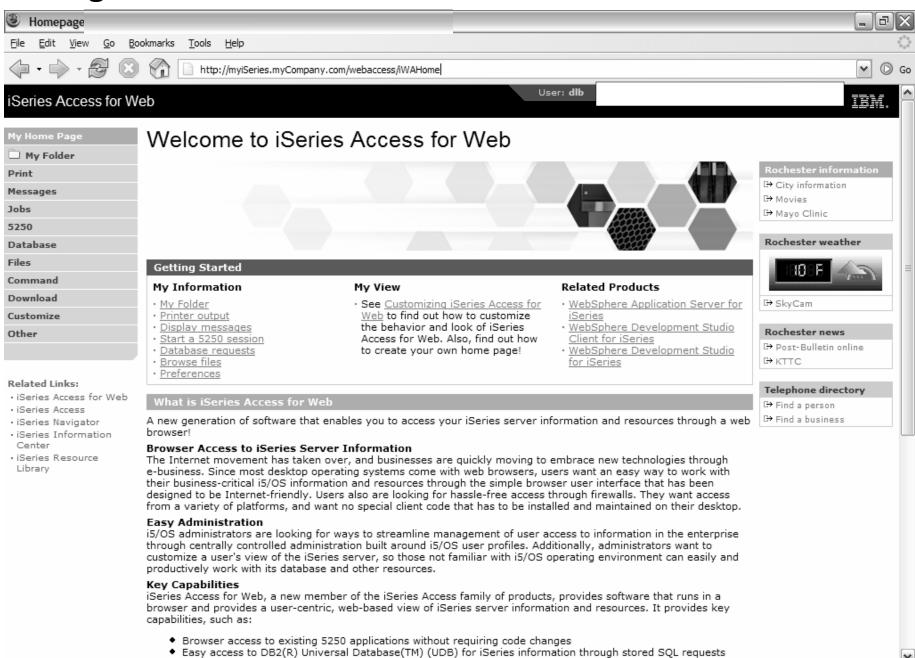


Customization settings (continued)



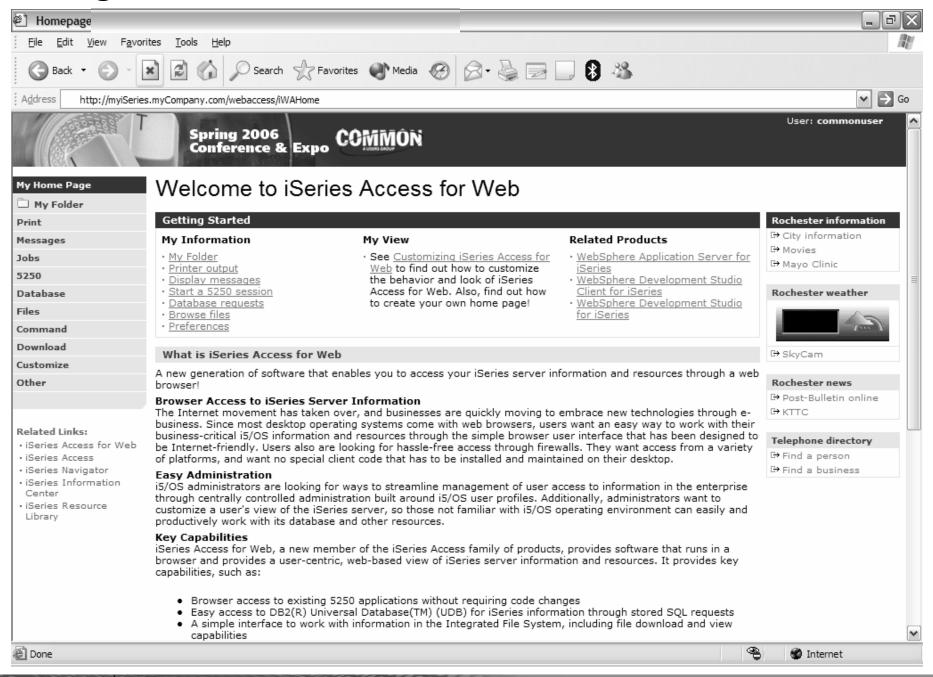


HomePage before – iWAHome servlet



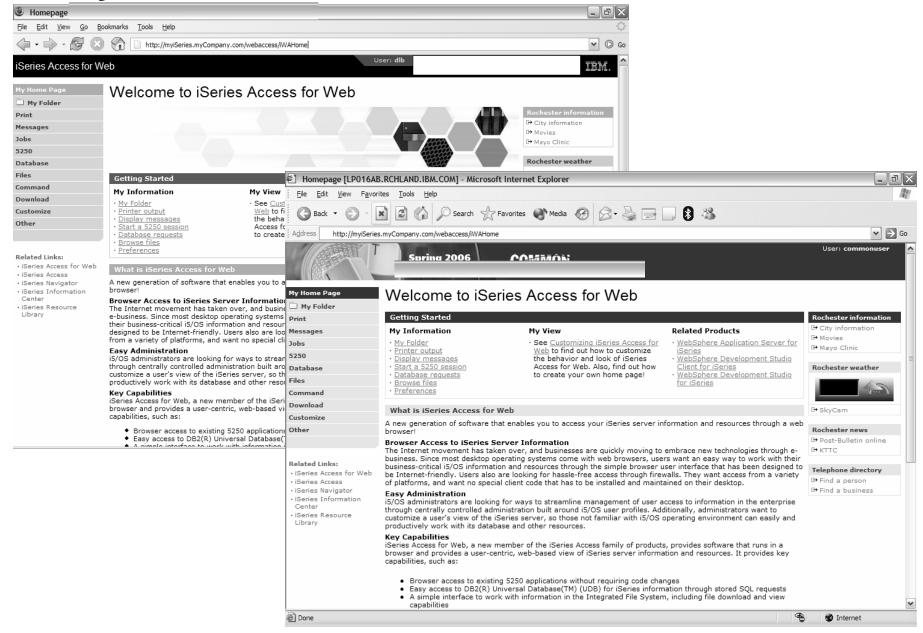


HomePage after – iWAHome servlet



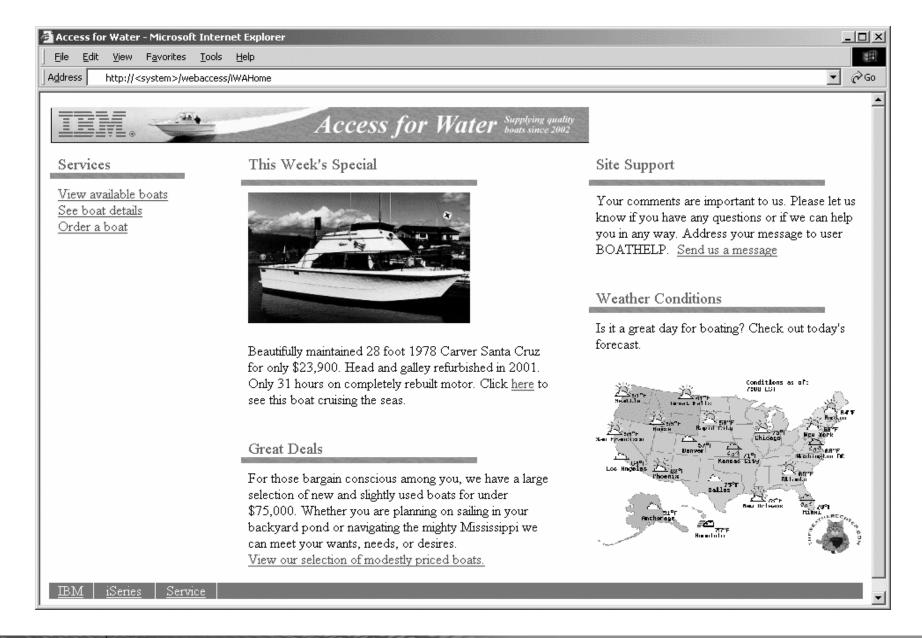


http://<system>/webaccess/iWAHome





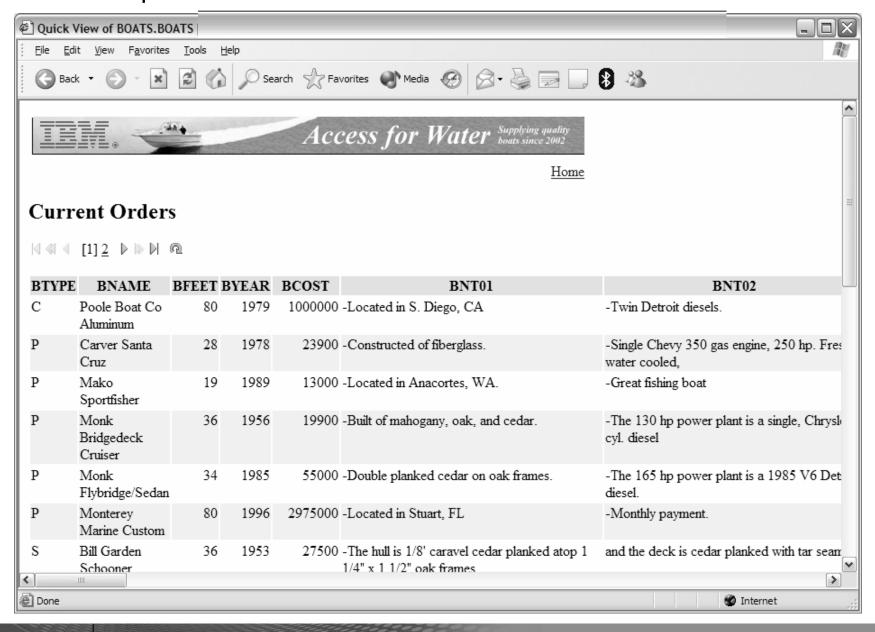
HomePage after – iWAHome (another example)





Home Page/Template Customization Example (continued)

Custom template





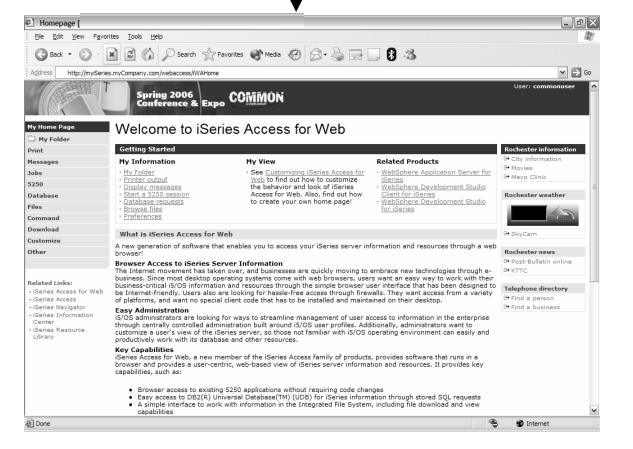
Why build a home page to i5/OS

- Allows you to provide an integrated look/feel for your company
 - Internal
 - External
- Controls how your users access your i5/OS system(s)
- Controls what i5/OS resources your users access
- Allows you to group user access by the type of user and/or their job category
 - Providing unique look and feel vs. other users/groups of users
 - Taylor what functions are presented to a specific user/group of users
 - Predefine view to i5/OS resource so end users don't have to learn new interfaces when all they want is the data



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

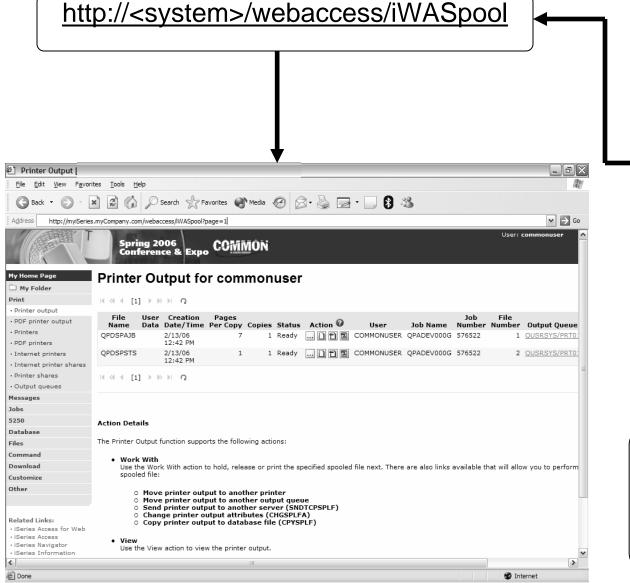
Cascading Style Sheet file

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

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Template file

common_template.html

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

Image files

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Let's demonstrate how to build a home page to your i5/OS



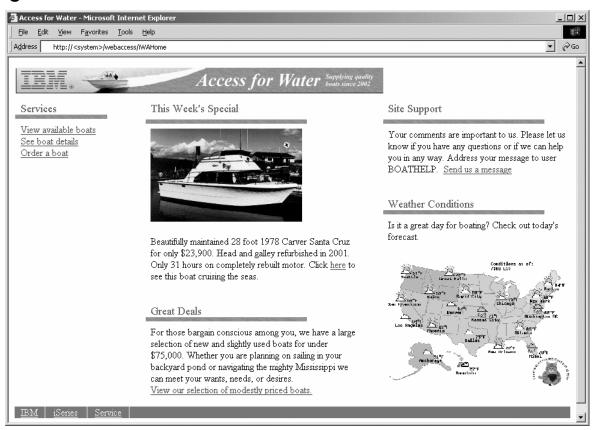
The formula for building a homepage to your i5/OS

- 1. Create a Home web page (an HTML document)
- 2. Setup System i Access for Web functions
- 3. Configure System i Access for Web homepage
- 4. Create/configure System i Access for Web template (an HTML document)



Create a Home web page

- We are going to use Microsoft Word to create a web page (HTML document)
 - Header image, three columns, multimedia, internal/external links



- Specifics
 - Targeting user profile "THE_BOSS" as the user of the web page
 - Use tables to define where content is placed
 - Content = text, hyperlinks, images, etc.
 - Save the web page as "filtered" HTML = boat.htm



Setup System i Access for Web functions

- Define System i Access for Web functions...tasks available from the web page
 - Query database inventory, results as HTML to browser
 - Setup access to invoices, spool file as PDF
 - i5/OS command line, use browser credentials
- Give THE_BOSS user profile access to the actions above
- Setup hyperlinks on the home web page



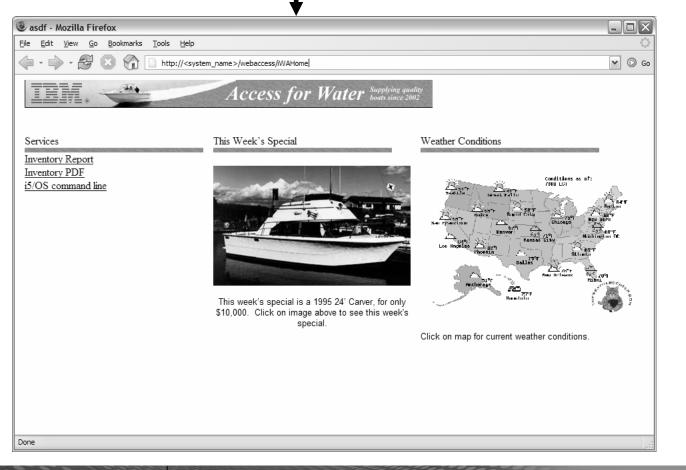
Configure System i Access for Web home page

- Copy web page and associated files to i5/OS integrated file system
 - Use System i Access for Web Browse files
 - Create directory for HTML source file and images
 - Copy files from workstation to i5/OS
- Grant web app. server user profile authority to the directories/files
 - WebSphere App Server QEJBSVR *RX
 - ASF TomcatQTMHTTP *RX
- Configure System i Access for Web to use web page files
 - Set policy for user THE_BOSS to use the new Home web page
 - Policies -> General -> Home page HTML file = /boatdemo/boat.htm
 - Open new browser to http://csys_name:<port>/webaccess/iWAHome
 - User = THE_BOSS



iWAHome - structure

http://<system>/webaccess/iWAHome



Homepage file

/boatdemo/boat.htm

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

Image files

/boatdemo/boat_files/*.gif /boatdemo/boat_files/*.jpg /boatdemo/boat_files/*.mpg



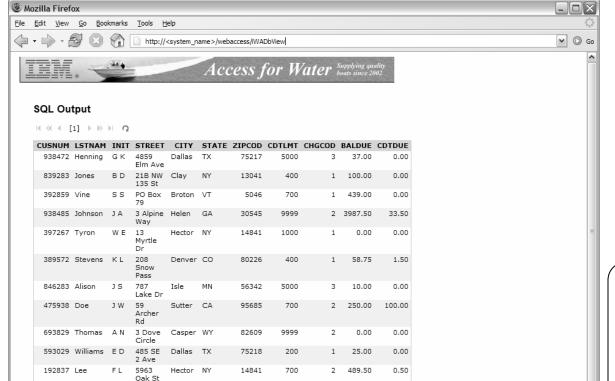
Create/configure iSeries Access for Web template

- We are going to use Microsoft Word to create a web page template (HTML document)
 - Header image, content area, link back to Home page
- Specifics
 - Targeting user profile "THE_BOSS" as the user of the web page template
 - Use a table to define where System i Access for Web content is placed
 - Special Tags
 - Content placed where special tag %%CONTENT%% is place.
 - Content formatted based on the default System i Access for Web cascading style sheet using special tag %%STYLESHEET%%
 - When these tags are encountered by the iSeries Access for Web code, they are replaced with the appropriate content
 - Save the web page as "filtered" HTML = boat_template.htm
- For detailed information on these special tags, refer to the V5R4 System i 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



iWA servlet Template - structure

http://<system>/webaccess/iWADbView



Homepage file

/boatdemo/boat.htm

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

Template file

/boatdemo/boat_template.htm

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

Image files

/boatdemo/boat_template_files/*.gif

Cascading Style Sheet file

/QIBM/ProdData/Access/Web2/html/iwa_styles.css

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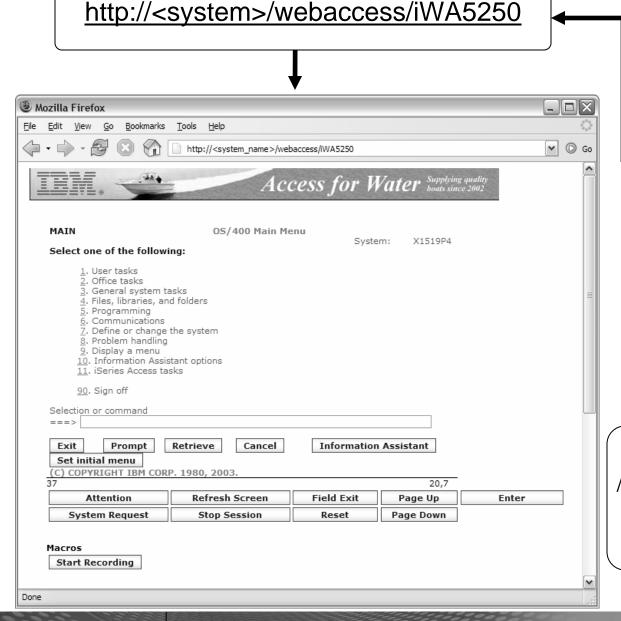
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iWA servlet Template - structure



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The formula for building a homepage to your i5/OS

- Demonstration summary
 - 1. Create a Home web page (an HTML document)
 - 2. Setup System i Access for Web functions
 - 3. Configure System i Access for Web home page
 - 4. Create/configure System i Access for Web template (an HTML document)
- What is the value of this?
 - Quickly integrate your own look/feel into web pages using System i Access for Web
 - Quickly integrate both i5/OS access and other intranet/internet links
 - Control how users access i5/OS resources
 - Control what i5/OS resources users can access
 - Administrate access to your i5/OS from a single point of entry



Home Page Customization

- 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_artic
 le.pdf
 - iSeries 400 Experts Journal



Additional Information – Detailed Example

- The following pages detail the steps to enable the use of a customized Home page through System i Access for Web
- Refer to the structure/flow diagrams shown earlier in this presentation
- The details include...
 - Use the shipped System i Access for Web files as a starting point...
 - Home HTML page, Template HTML page, Cascading Style Sheet (CSS)
 - Setting authorities to the files
 - Where to place image files
 - How/where to set System i Access for Web policies to use the modified files
 - What to modify in the source files
 - How to verify the modifications



iWAHome - Steps to customize

- To customize the pages:
 - 1. Copy System i 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 System i Access for Web .html/.css files

- System i 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:
 - Copy System i Access for Web .html/.css files.
 - 2. Locate and copy image files.
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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')
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Step 3 - Customize policies to use .html files

- System i 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:
 - 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.
 - 7. 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.

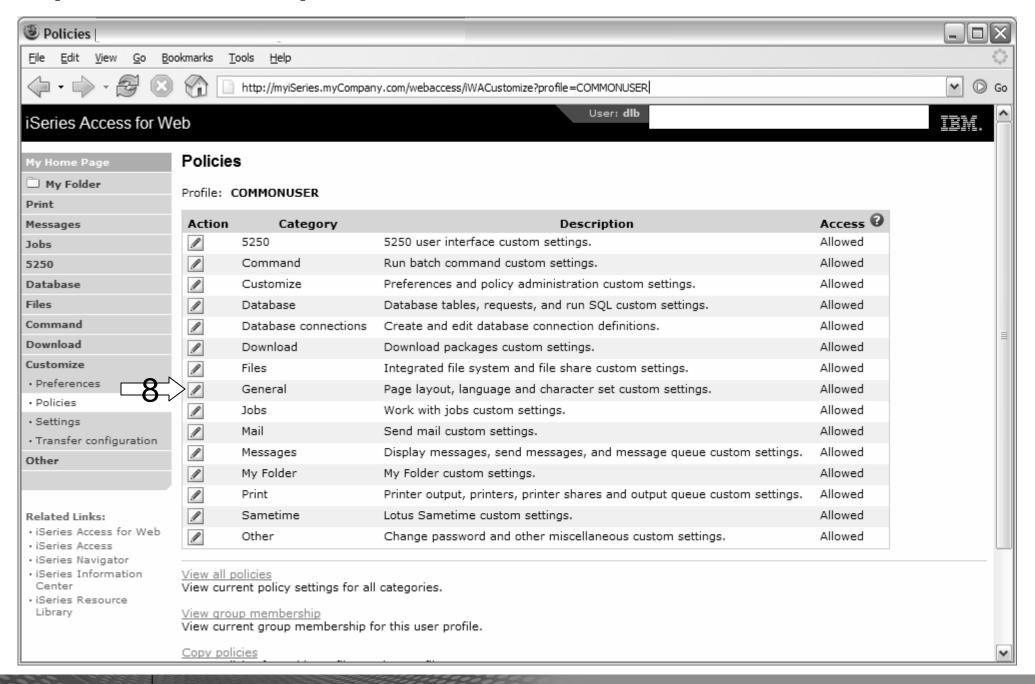


Step 3 - Customize policies to use .html files



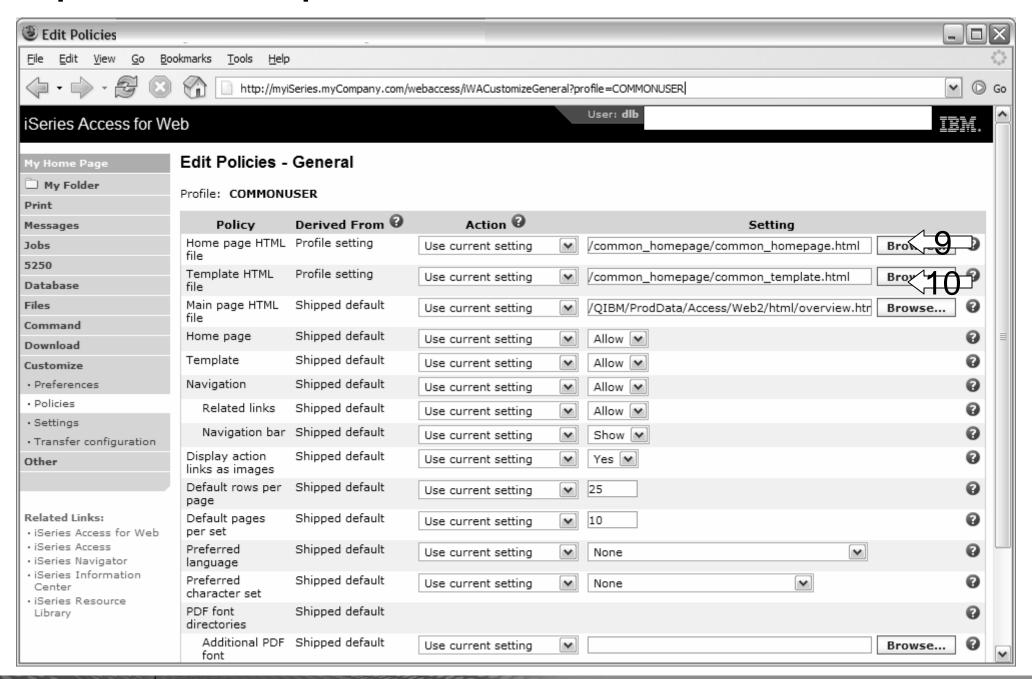


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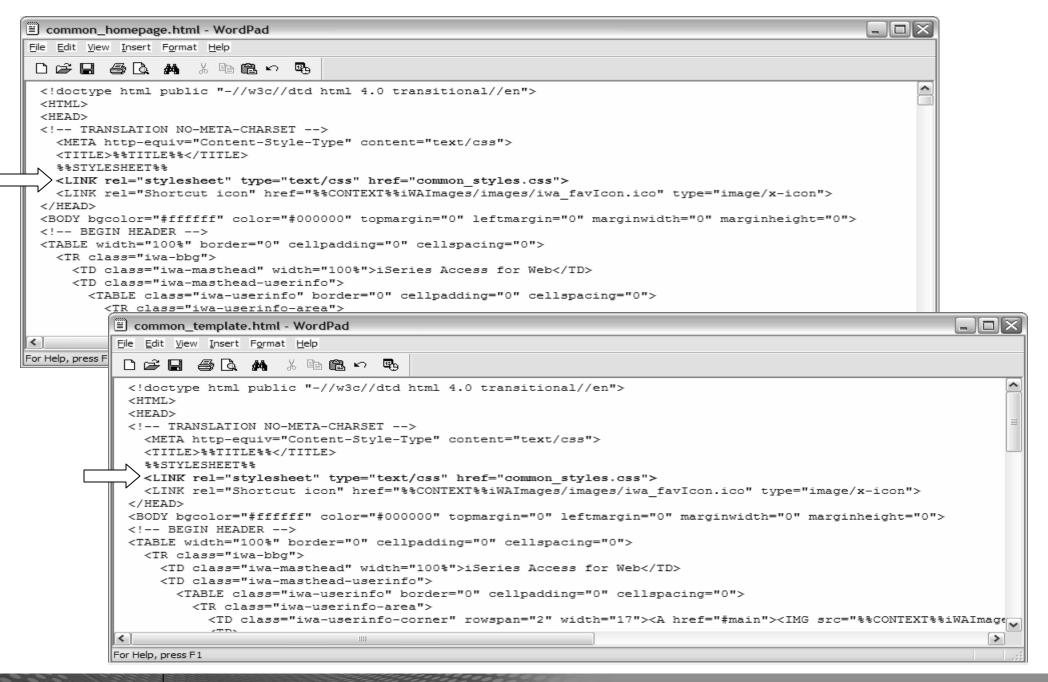


Step 4 - Update .html files - add .css reference

- 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 be occur.



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



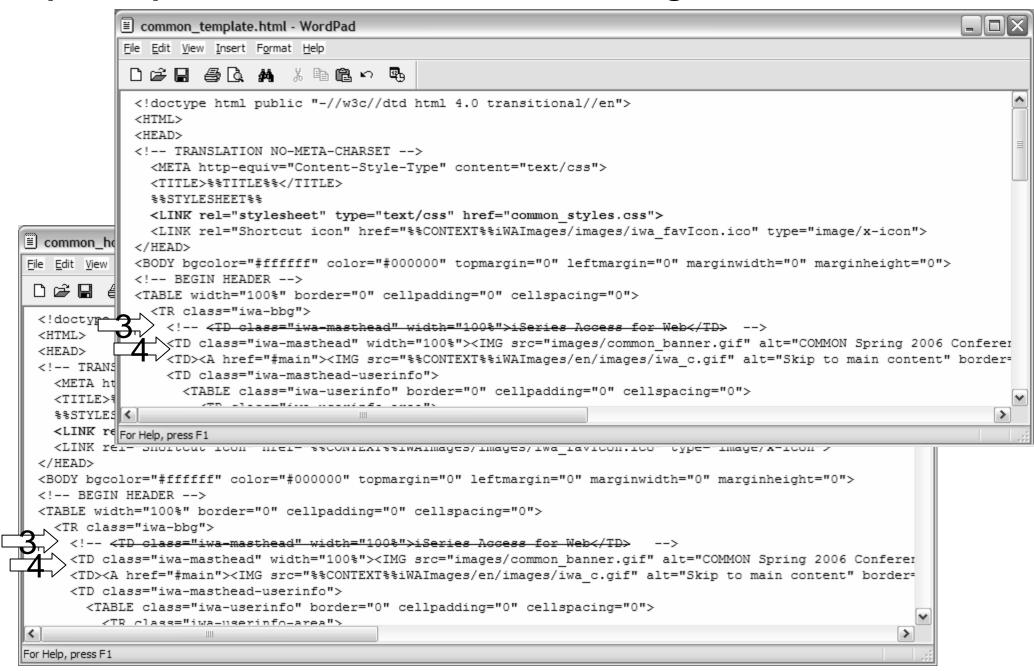


Step 4 – Update .html files – add header image

- 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%"><IMG src="images/common_banner.gif" alt="COMMON Spring 2006 Conference & Spring
 - <TD></TD>
 - 5. Save the changes.
 - 6. Refresh the browser. The image in the header should have changed.



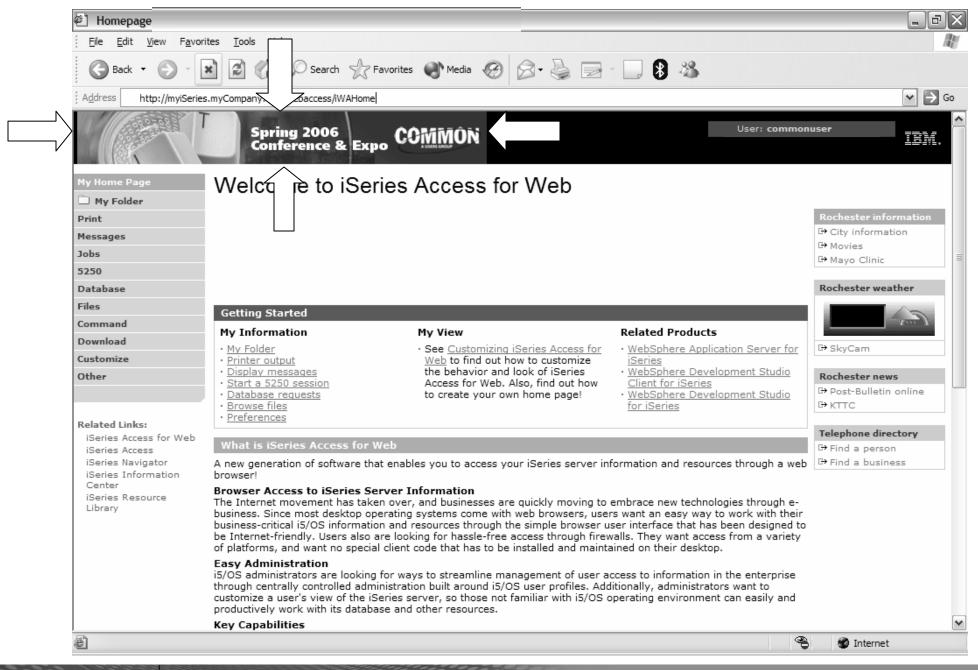
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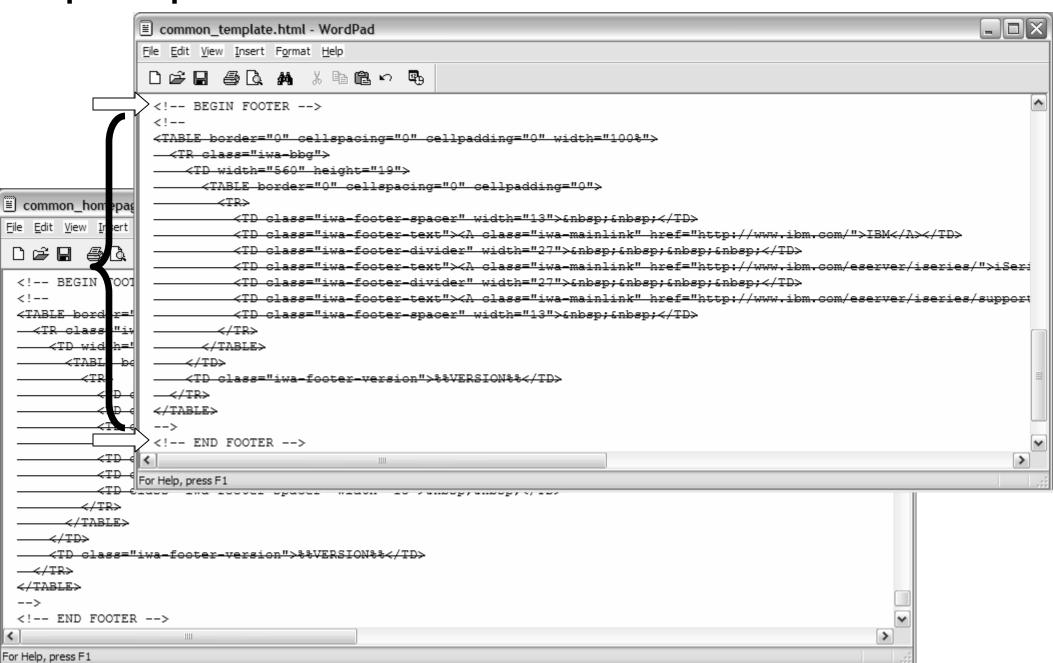
Step 4 – Update .html files – remove footer

- 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 -->
 - 3. 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.



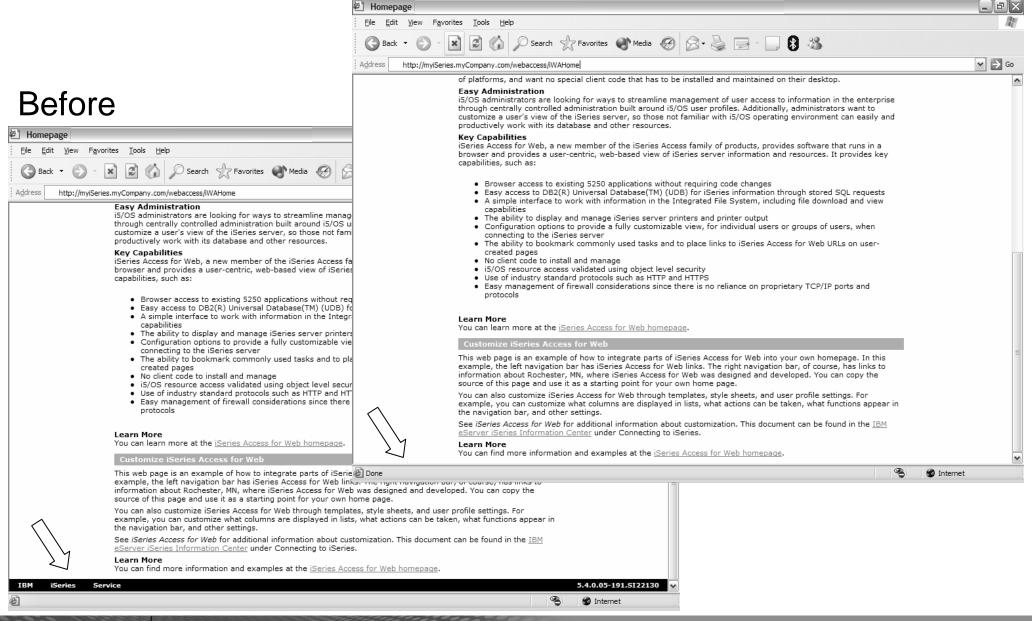
Step 4 – Update .html files – remove footer





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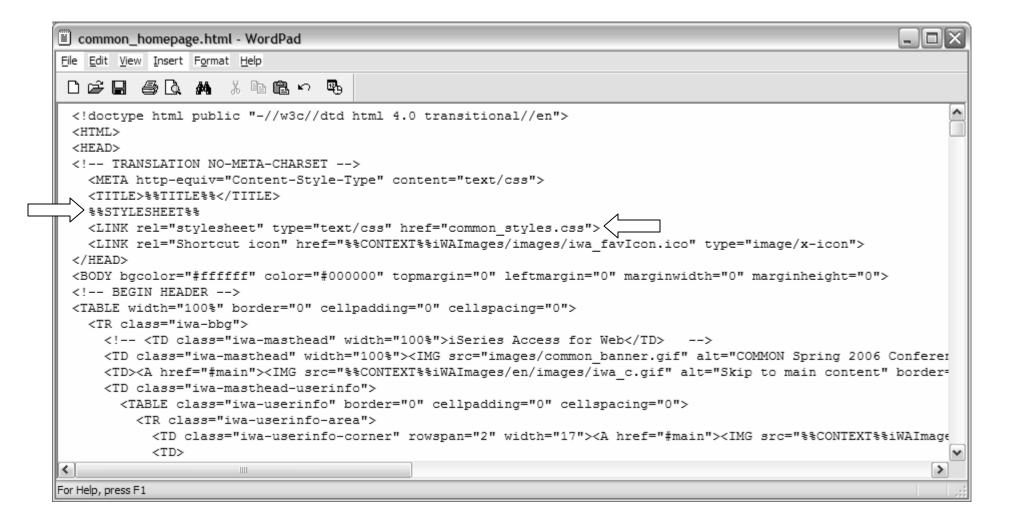
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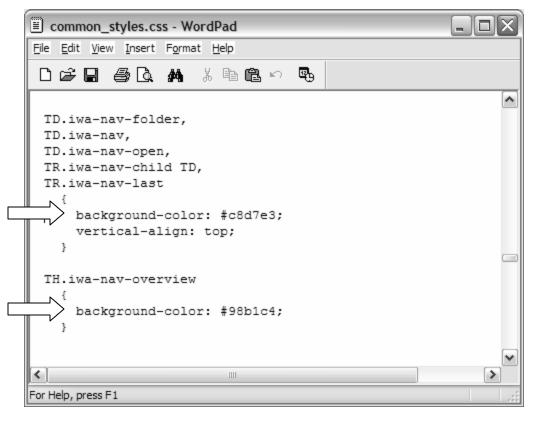
- System i Access for Web uses cascading style sheets (CSS) to control certain aspects of the appearance of web page content.
- For CSS information:
 - www.w3.org/Style/CSS/
 - www.w3.org/Style/LieBos2e/enter/
- The default style sheet controls the look of the page header, footer, navigation bar, and 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 1 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



