

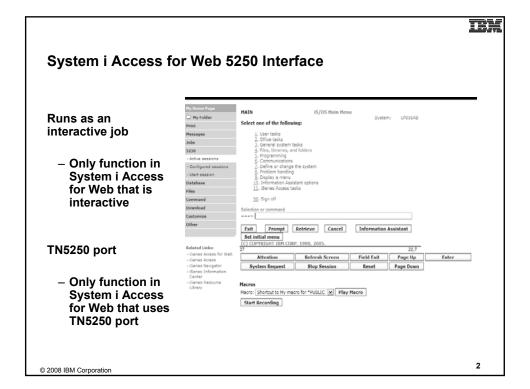
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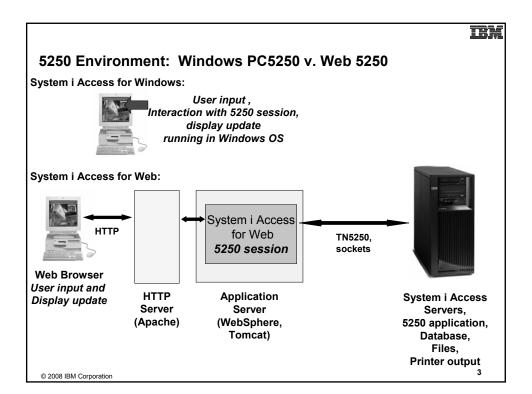
Run 5250 Through a Browser

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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

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



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Run Pre-Configured 5250 Sessions

If you do not want users using anything in System i Access for Web except 5250, you could:

- Simply give them the 5250 url address (i.e., http://systemi/webaccess/iWA52 50)
- Set policies so users end up where you want them to be
 - Could include a macro so user bypasses i5/OS sign-on screen
- Predefine what screens will look like:
 - Colors
 - No Navigation pane

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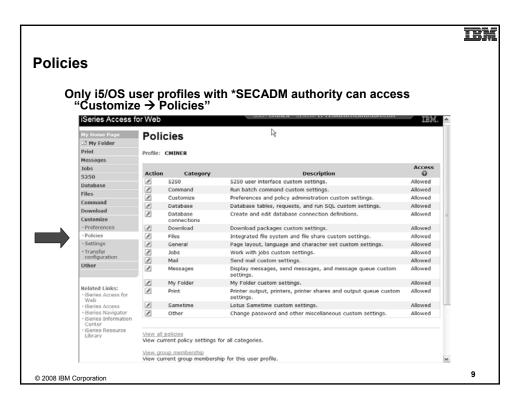




Policies

Policies are used by administrators to control the System i Access for Web functions and behavior

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When any user attempts to start a 5250 session to i5/OS using System i Access for Web, a check is made to see what policies have been set for this i5/OS user profile prior to displaying any information. Enter the control of the co

· User profile

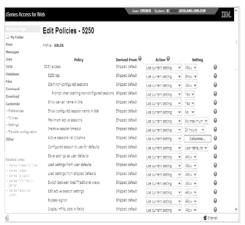
user access:

· Group profile

Setting Policies for 5250

*PUBLIC profile
 (*every System i Access for
 Web user is a member of
 *PUBLIC user group)

checks are made to authenticate



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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

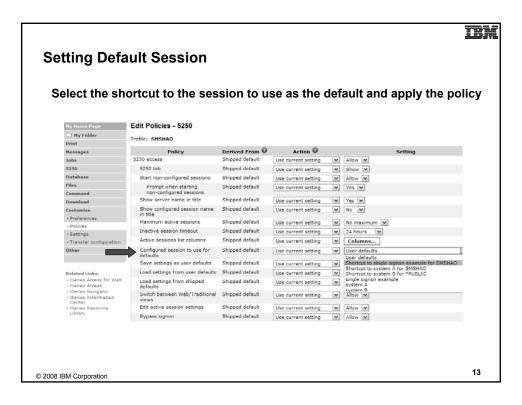
To entirely remove the Navigation pane, go to category "General"

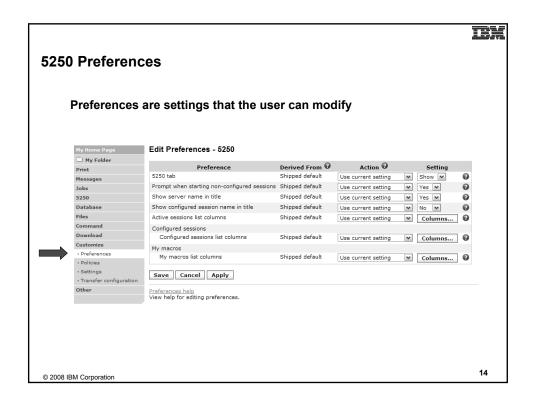
- Navigation = Deny

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'

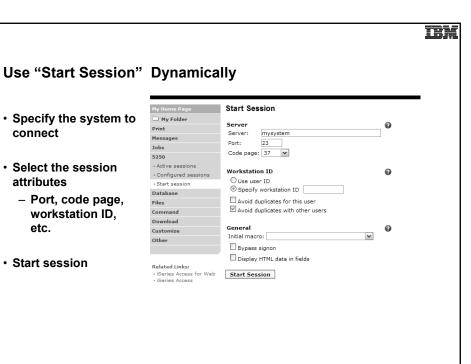
- Select 'Configure New Session' link on lower screen
- Set up as you wish, then click on 'Save'

Start Session

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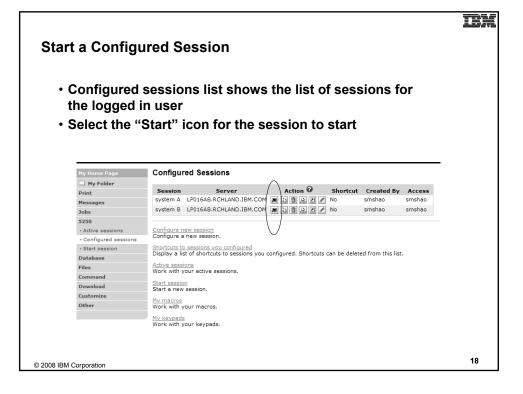
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connect

attributes

etc.

Start session







Configuration options for 5250 sessions

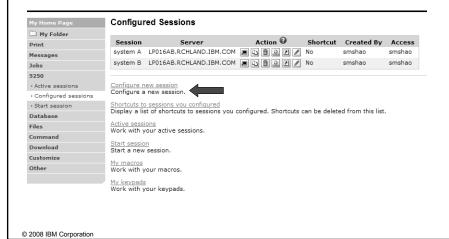
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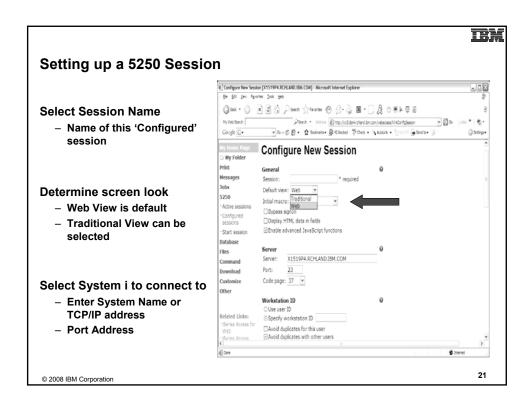
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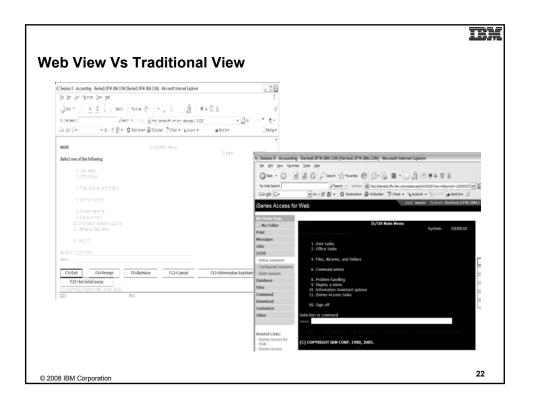
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Configure a New Session

Select the "Configure new session" link



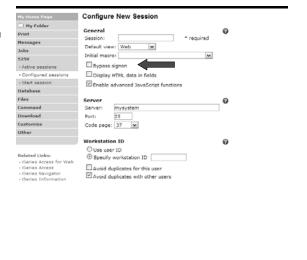






Bypass Signon - V5R4 and later

- Uses the credential the user used to login to System i Access for Web
- Option available for configured and dynamically started session



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Bypass Signon - V5R4 and later

- QRMTSIGN system value must be *VERIFY
- Select bypass signon when starting or configuring a session

Configure New Session



Start Session

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- System i Access for Web must be configured for application authentication or application server authentication with Kerberos for bypass signon to be available
 - CFGACCWEB2 AUTHTYPE(*APP) ...
 - Uses the credential the user used to log in to System i Access for Web
 - CFGACCWEB2 AUTHTYPE(*APPSVR) AUTHMETHOD(*KERBEROS) ... - new in V6R1!



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...



Save | Cancel | Save As Defaults | Load Defaults

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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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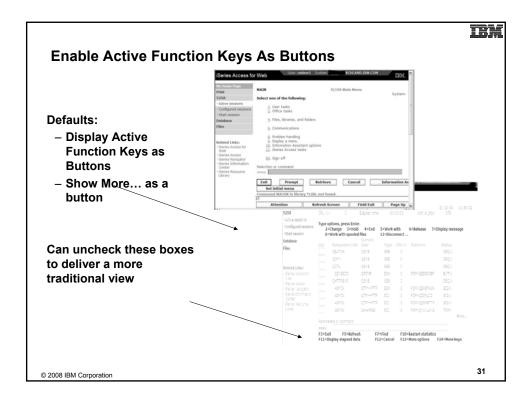
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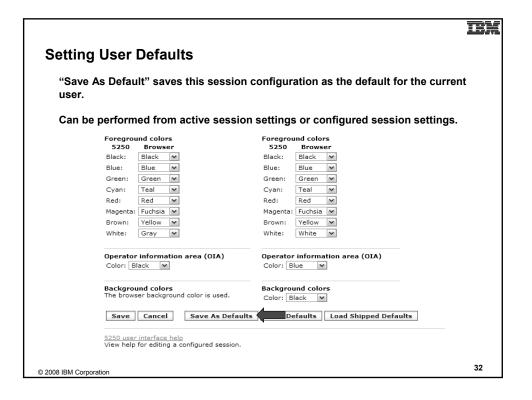
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Fonts

System i Access for Web 5250 is rendered with HTML

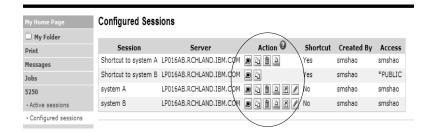
- Fonts are controlled by the browser
- Use browser options to change the font style and font size







Configured Session Actions



Start	Start the configured session
Сору	Make a copy of the configured session for yourself
Delete	Delete the configured session
Rename	Rename the configured session
Create Shortcut	Share the configured session with another user or group of users
Edit	Change the configured session settings

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Creating Shortcuts to your configured sessions

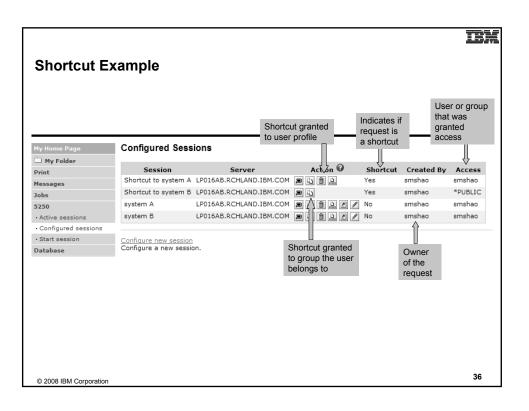


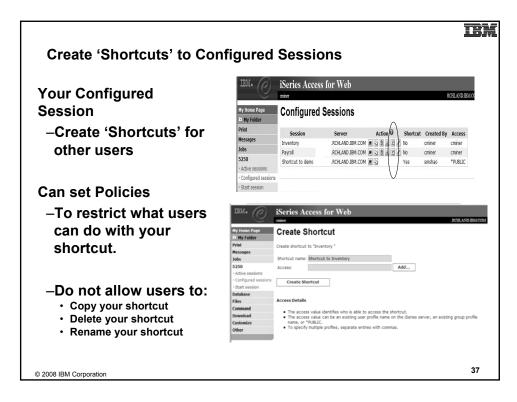


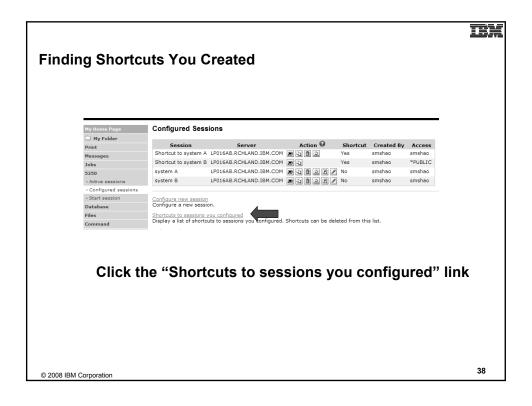
Shortcuts

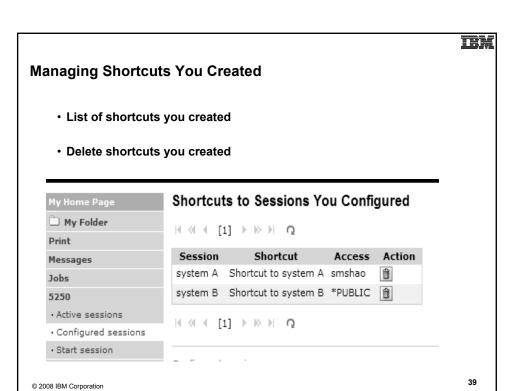
- Shortcut is a pointer to a System i Access for Web object
 - Configured 5250 session
 - Database request
 - Shortcuts to an object are deleted when the object is deleted
- The objects is only accessible to the user that created it
- · Can share the object with other users
 - Create shortcut for user 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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Creating Macros

Shortcuts to Macros

Adding Macros to

Preconfigured Sessions

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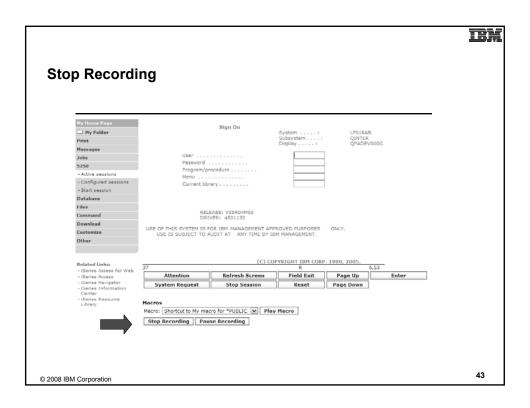
Macros

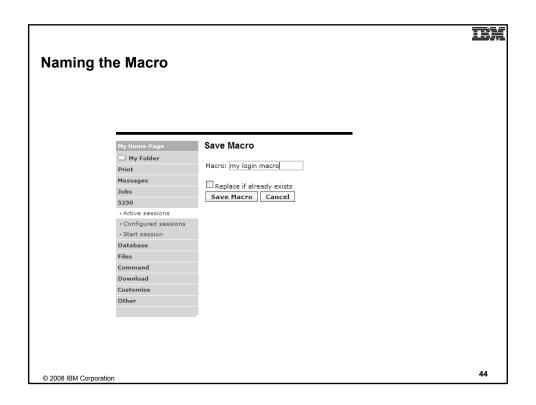
Behave differently than PC5250

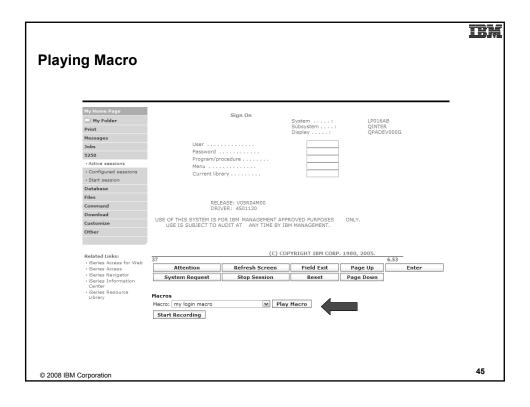
- Keys processed on a screen by screen basis
 - PC5250 every key is recorded and played back
 - System i Access for Web cursor positioned in field and keys entered into field
- On a given screen, keys may not be processed in the same order as they are entered
- Functionally equivalent, but behaves differently

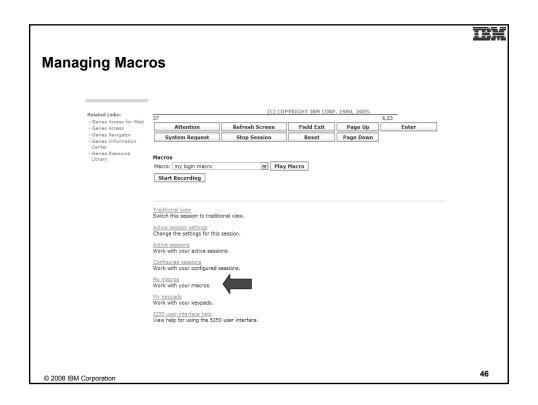
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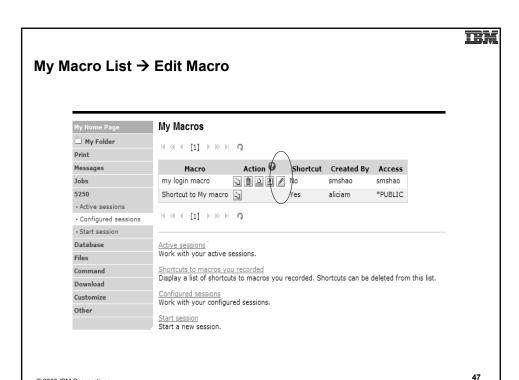
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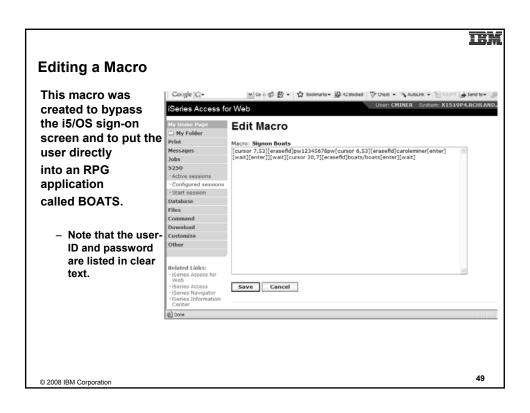


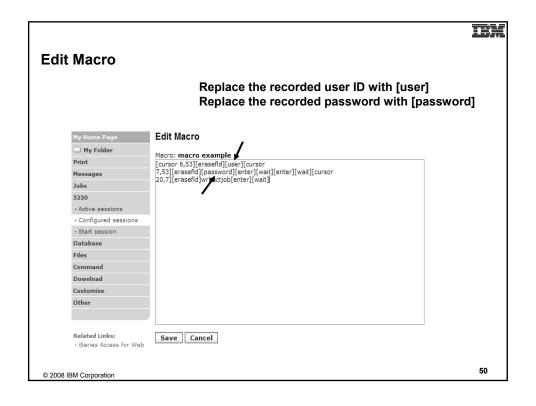


Single Sign On with Macro

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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







Supported Commands for Macros

The supported cursor positioning commands are:

General macro commands... General macro commands [pf12] - F12 [pf1] - F1 [attn] - Attention [pf2] - F2 [pf13] - F13 [altview] - Alternate View [pf3] - F3 [pf14] - F14 [backspace] - Backspace [pf4] - F4 [pf15] - F15 [backtab] - Backtab [pf5] - F5 [pf16] - F16 [bof] - Beginning of field [pf17] - F17 [pf6] - F6 [clear] - Clear [pf7] - F7 [pf18] - F18 [down] - Cursor down [pf19] - F19 [pf8] - F8 [left] - Cursor left [pf9] - F9 [pf20] - F20 [right] - Cursor right [pf21] – F21 [pf10] - F10 [pf11] - F11 [cursel] - Cursor select [pf22] - F22 [help] - Help [pf22] - F23 [up] - Cursor up [pf24] - F24 [home] - Home [delete] - Delete character insert] - Insert [dspsosi] - Display SO/SI [newline] - New line [dup] - DUP field [pa1] - PA1 [enter] - Enter [pa2] - PA2 [eof] - End of field [pa3] - PA3 [eraseeof] - Erase EOF [pageup] - Page up [erasefld] - Erase field [pagedn] - Page down [erinp] - Erase input [reset] - Reset [fldext] - Field exit [sysreq] - System request [fieldmark] - Field mark [tab] - Tab field [field-] - Field minus [test] - Test request [field+] - Field plus

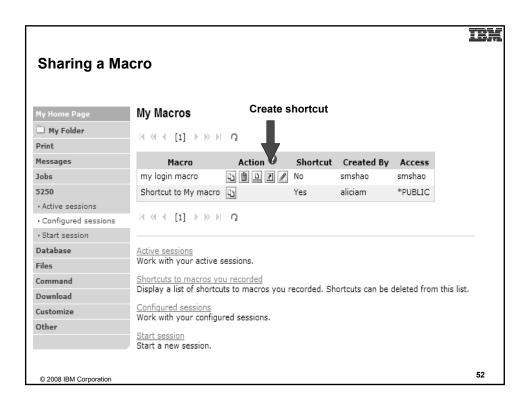
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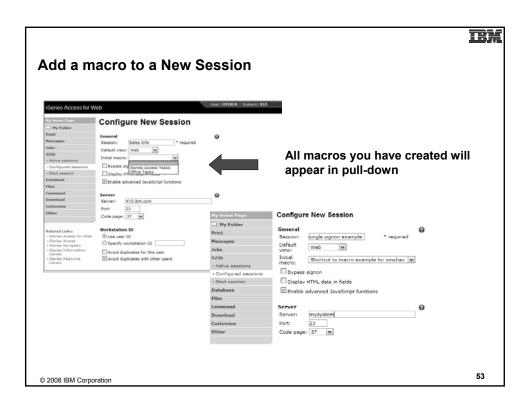
Bi-directional text support commands

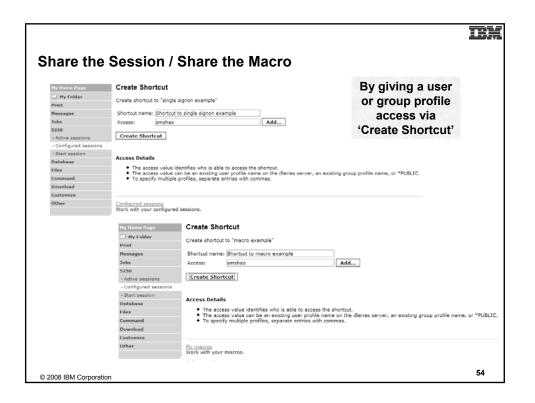
[base] - Base [close] - Close [fldrev] - Field reverse [latinlayer] - Latin layer [screenrev] - Screen reverse

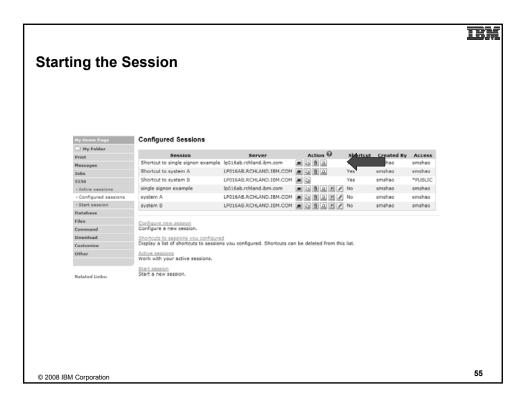
Other macro commands

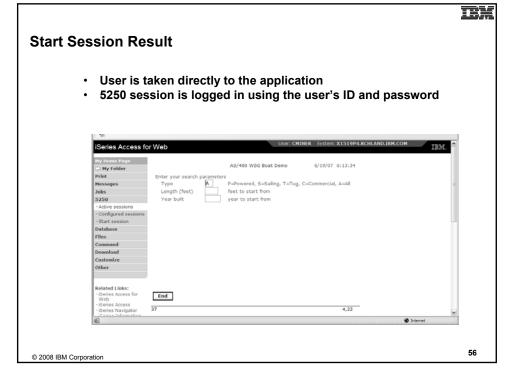
[cursor row,column] - Locate cursor at specified row and column. Row and column must be numbers. [password] - authenticated password [pause] - Pause 1 second [pause n] - Pause n seconds [user] - authenticated user-ID [wait] - Wait for input

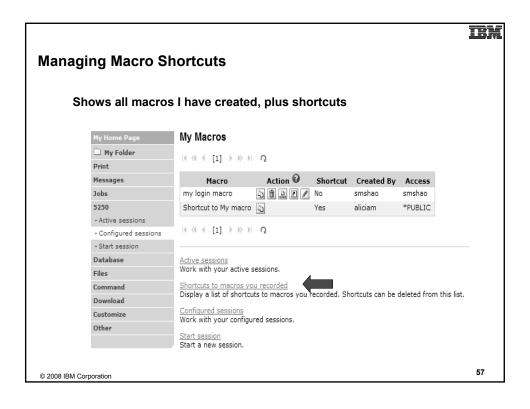


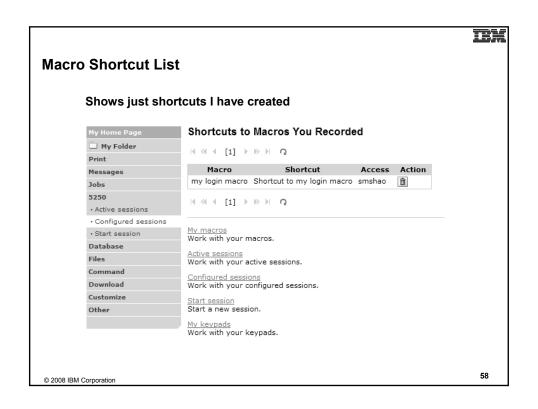
















Active Sessions

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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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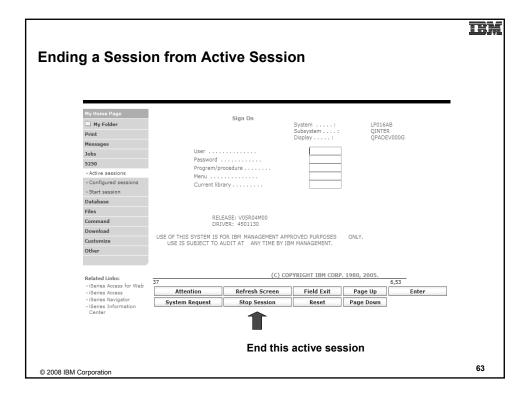
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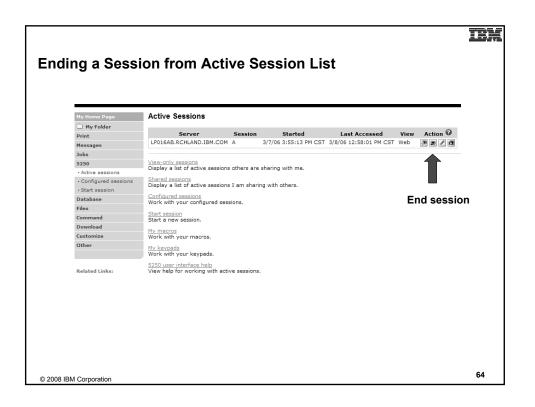
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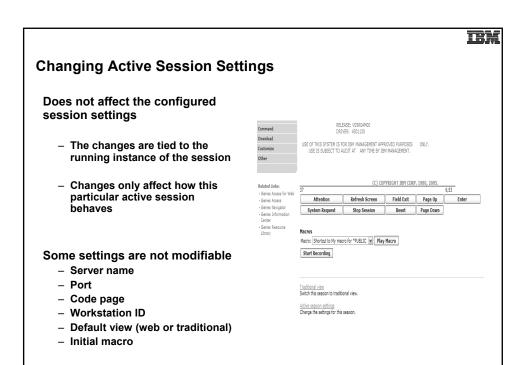
Ending a Session

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

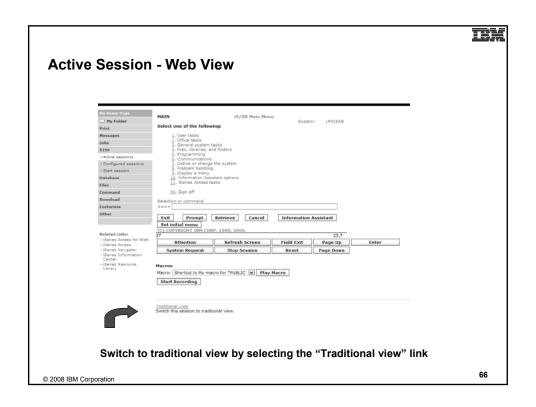
- · Two ways to end a session
 - From an active session
 - From active session list
- Properly cleaning up TN5250 connection
 - Frees up resources in application server (Access for Web)
 - Frees up resources on target server (TN5250)





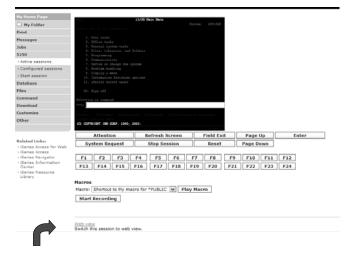


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Active Session - Traditional View



Switch to web view by selecting the "Web view" link

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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 (25th 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.



Cursor Positioning



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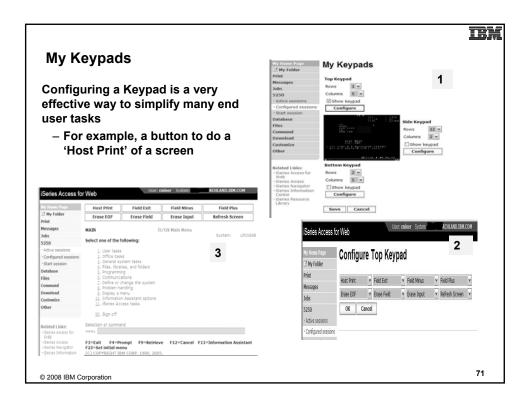
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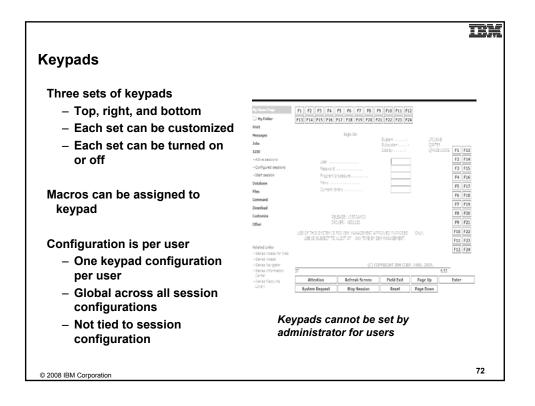


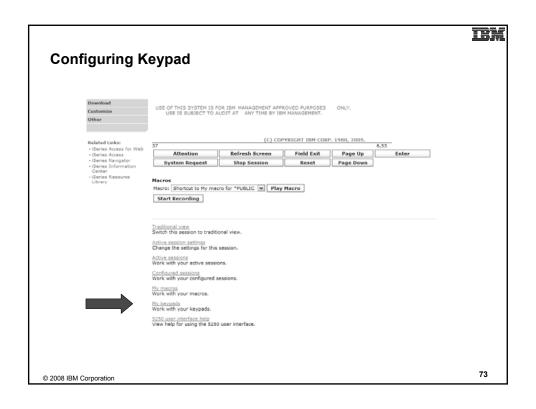
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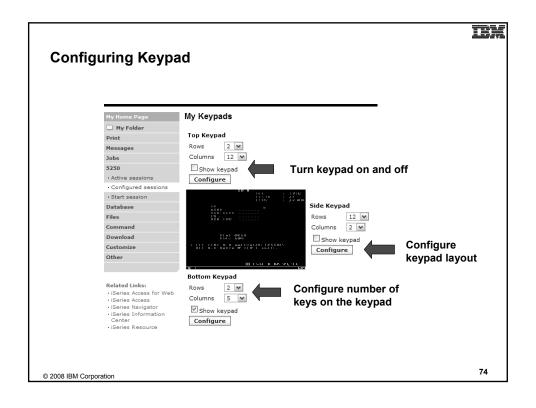


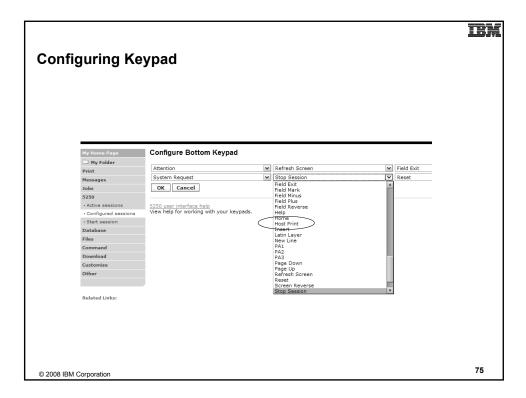
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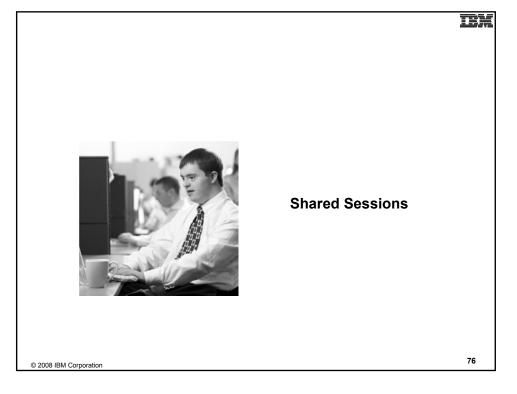


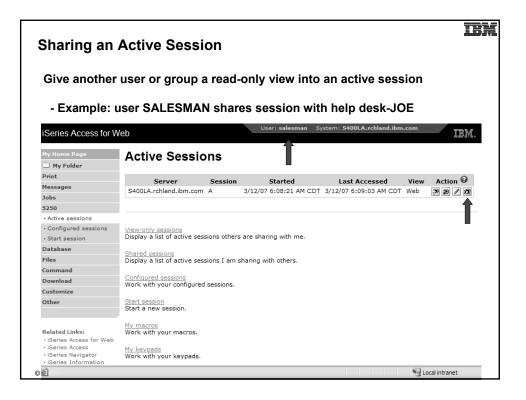


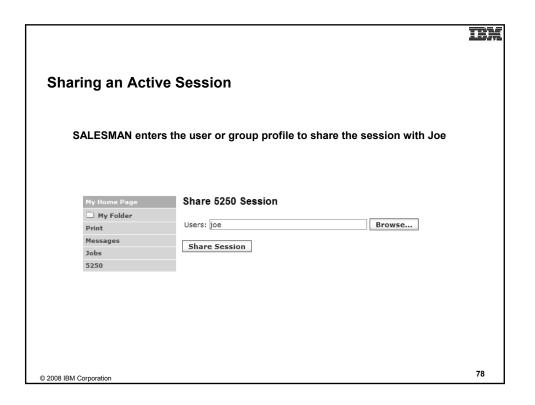




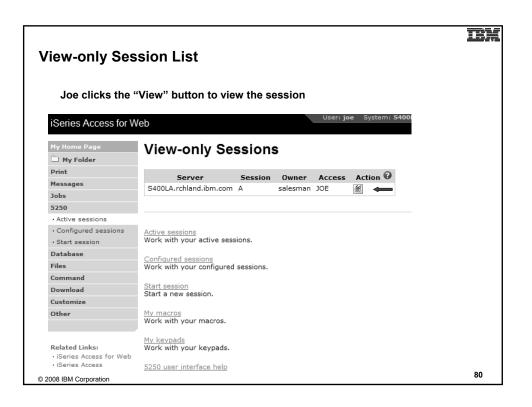


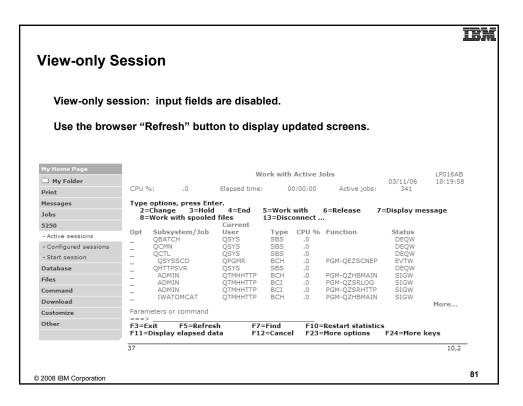


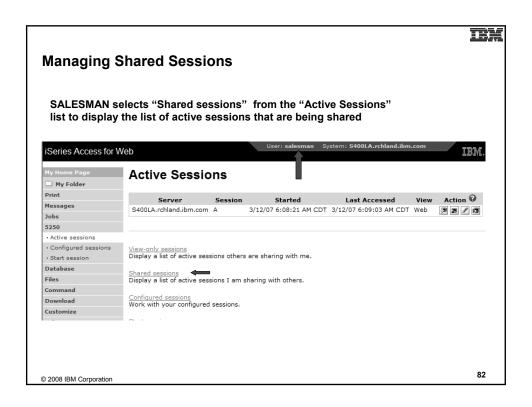


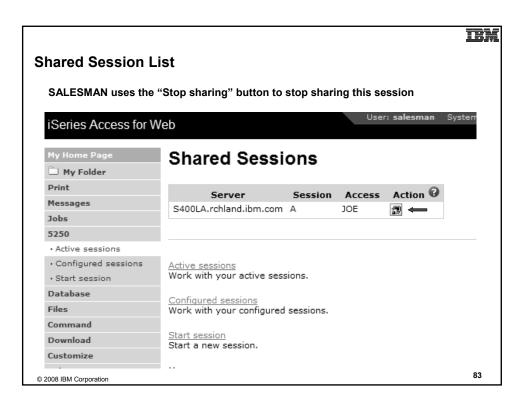


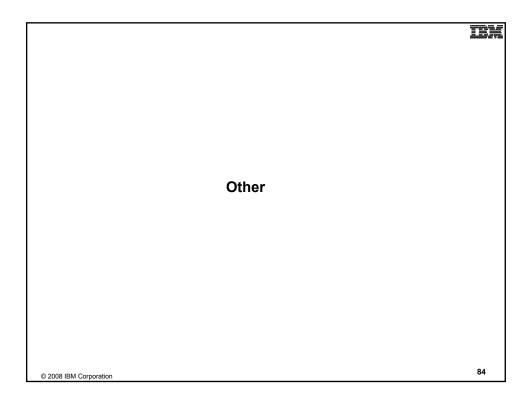


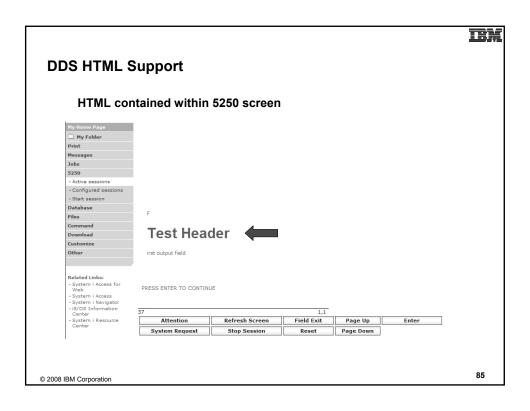


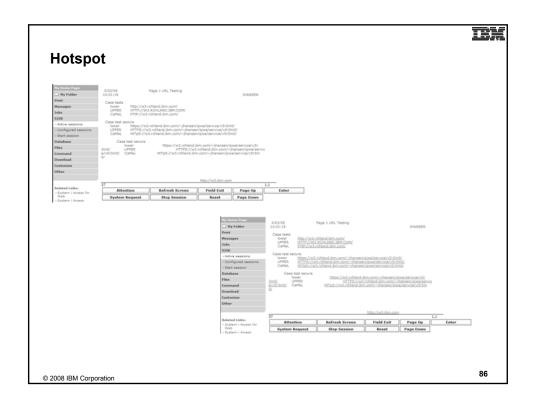


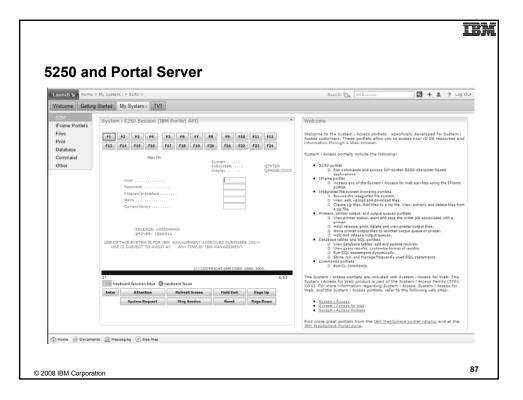












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Try out System i Access for Web for yourself!

Start your browser and connect to the following web site:

http://iseriesd.demos.ibm.com/webaccess/iWAHome (case sensitive)

This shows the basic look of System i Access for Web as

User ID = WACUST Password = demo2pwd	we ship it. You can try various functions including working with printer output, creating database requests, etc. Click on the 5250 tab, sign onto the iSeries, then start an RPG application called BOATS and run it.
User ID = BOATADMIN Password = demo2pwd	This is an example of how a customer might design a web page for their use. You will see that an end user could start the same BOATS application by clicking on the 5250 session, or they could have used HATS to run the application. You will also see other links that would let a user work with spoolfile information, work with IFS, run database requests, etc

Send email to: LLHIRSCH@us.ibm.com to reset the user profiles on iseriesd.demos.ibm.com if either one gets disabled.



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