

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 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 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

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

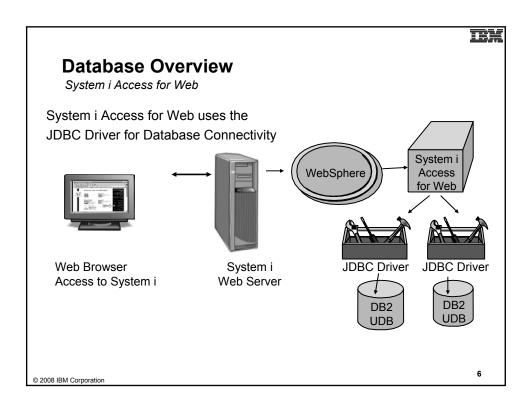
Extract i5/OS object information into a database table.



Database-related Security and Administration



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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).
- See: 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 and Source Physical

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

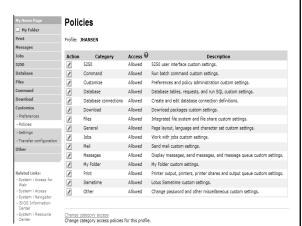
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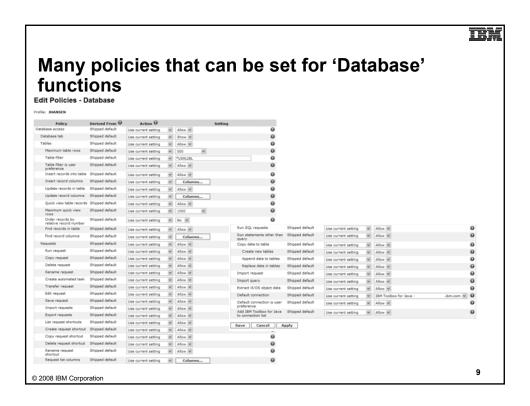
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Policies

- 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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How to work with the database features

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When using 'Database' functions You can connect to multiple systems Add Database Connection and databases with System i Access for Web JDBC URL: - Simply add other database Set as default o Add Connection connections to your list Easiest way to do this is to copy the default one, then modify it Copy Data to Table and save it. It will then appear as an option in the Connection pulldown - Default is IBM Toolbox for Java and is for DB2 for i5/OS, but you could use other JDBC drivers to connect to

Database – use WAS data sources Servlet version

WAS data sources are pooled and managed by WAS and should scale better than our original database connections

other systems

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Two types of connection definitions are supported:

- Driver manager connections require a driver class and a JDBC URL
 - Specify the JDBC driver class name to use for this database connection, ie, the IBM Toolbox for Java JDBC Driver
- Data source connections require a data source name.
 - Specify the JNDI name of the data source to use for this connection. Must have a component-managed authentication alias set if it is used in a single sign-on environment.





Data Source connections enable many different applications running under WebSphere to use the same data source connection

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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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Static Requests

Run a pre-built query or upload

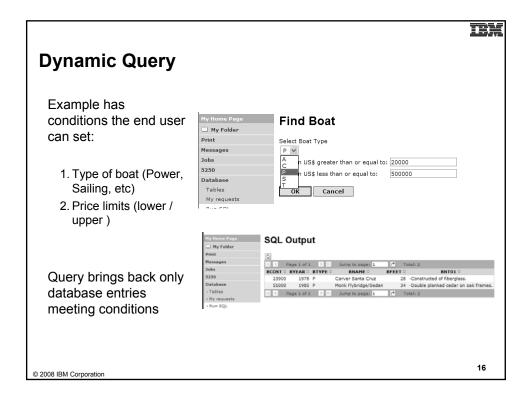
 Example is a Query that is set up to display up to 500 entries

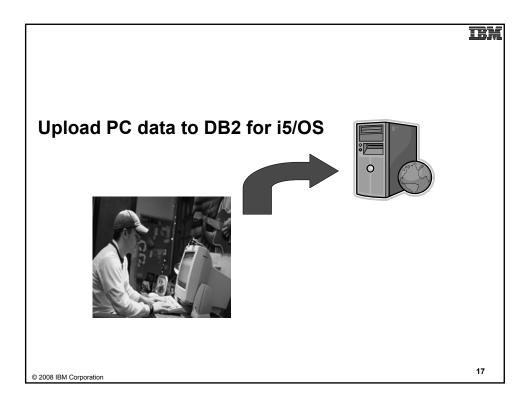
This query could be set up to:

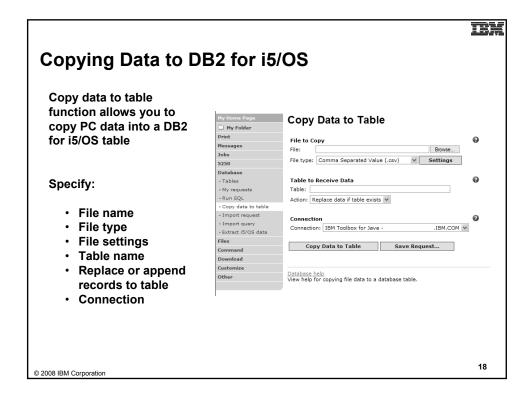
- Be viewed in the browser
- Converted to a spreadsheet format, HTML, plain text....
- Converted to .PDF
- Saved in IFS or Personal Folder

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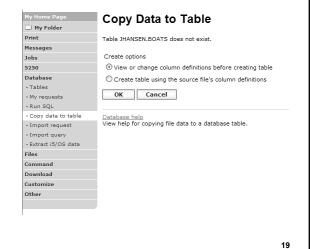
Creating a new table

Copy data to table will create a new table if one does not exist

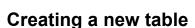
Choose to view or change the table definition

or

To simply create the table using the default definition determined by System i Access for Web



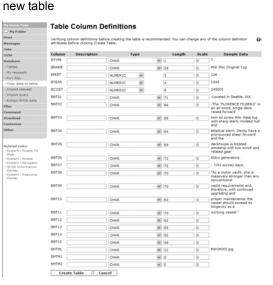
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Verify column definitions for a new table

From this panel you may add a description, change data types, column length, and scale

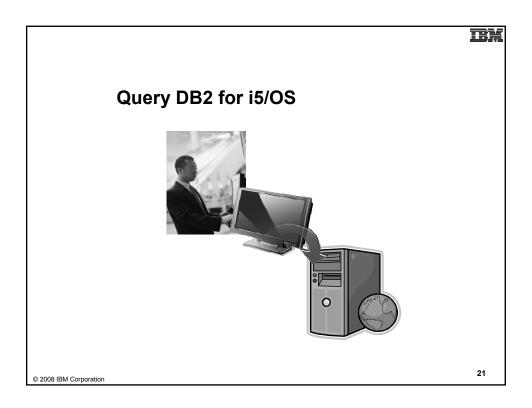
Click Create Table to create the new table and copy your data to the new table

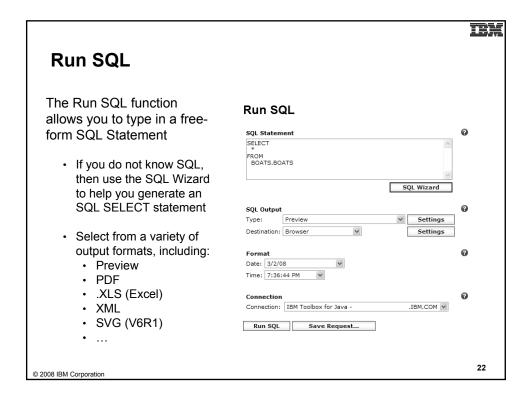


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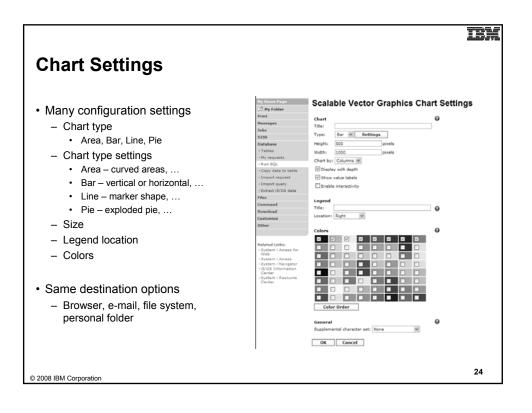
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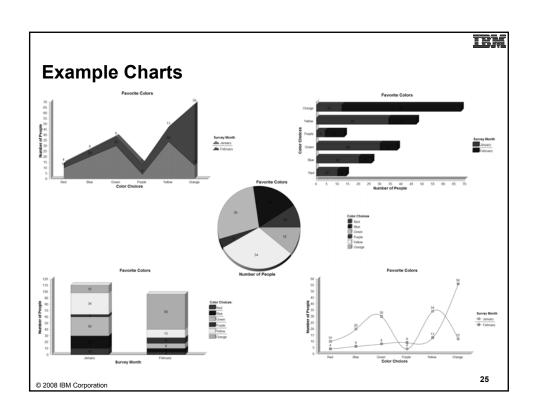
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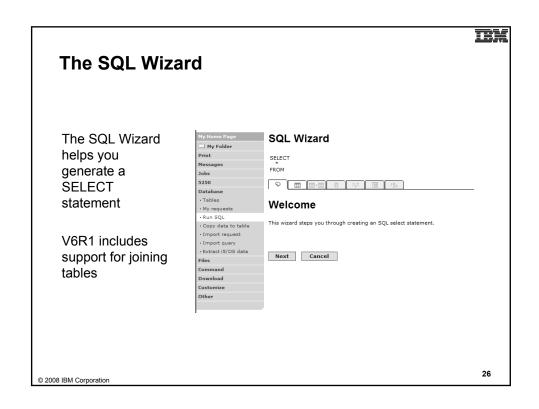


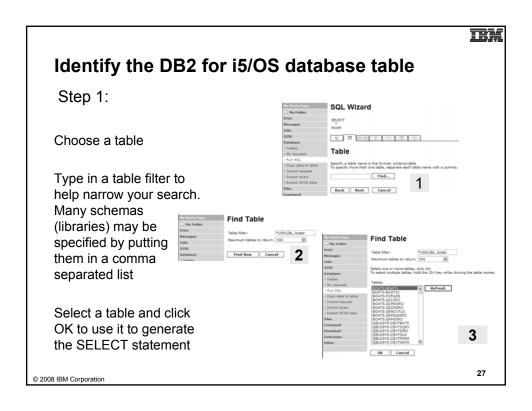


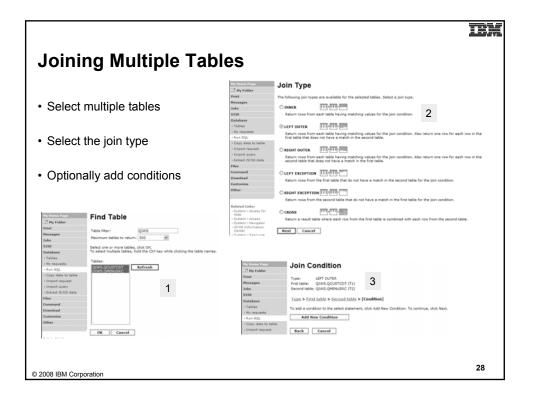
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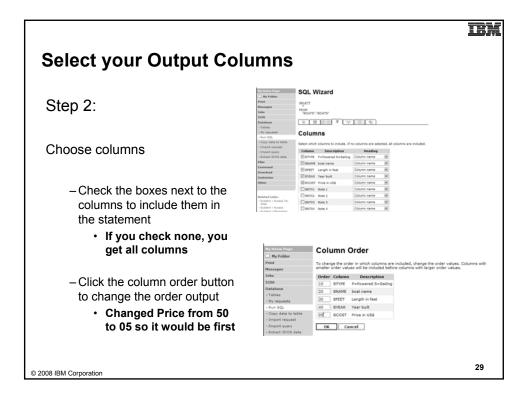


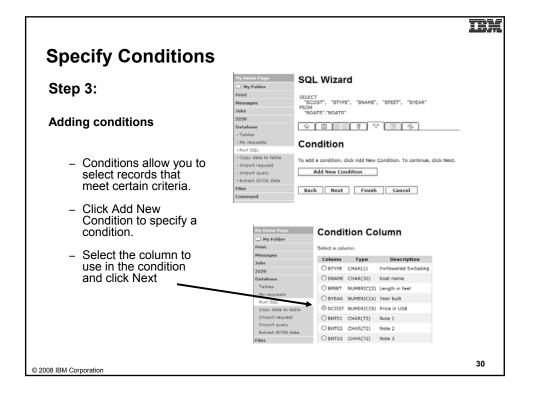


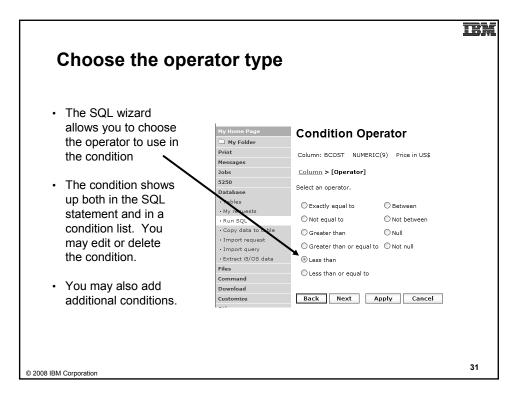


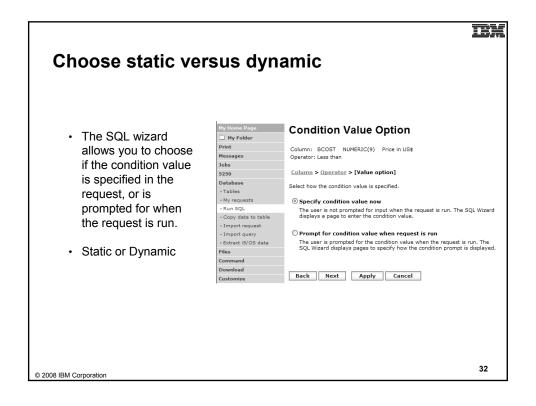


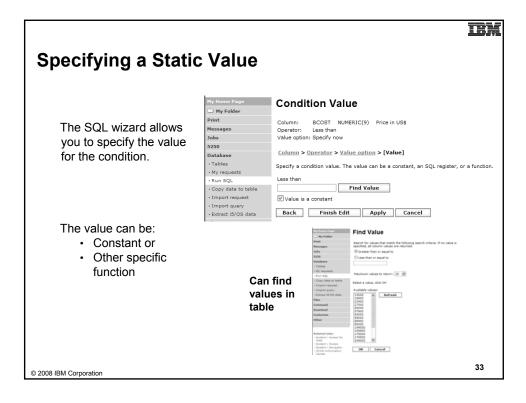


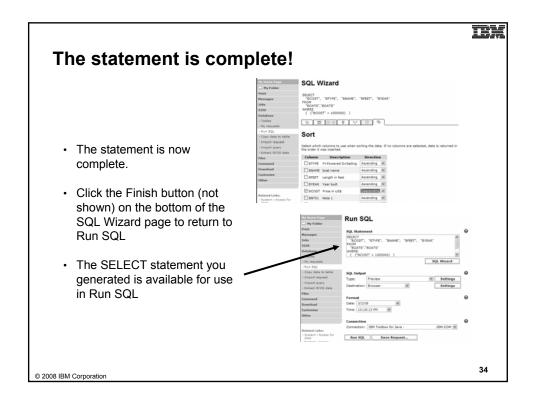


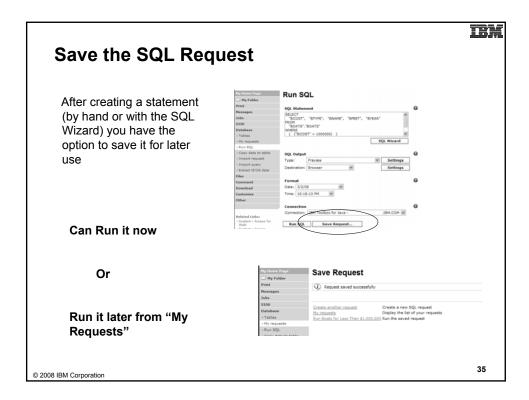


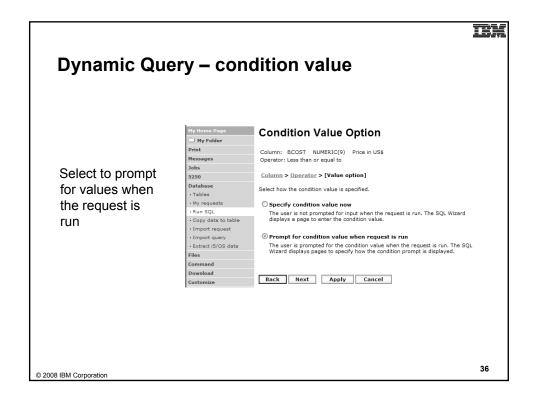


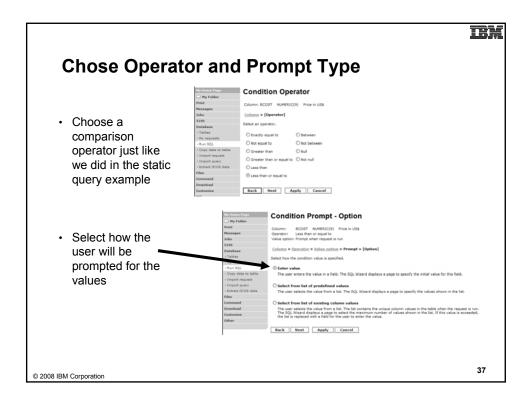


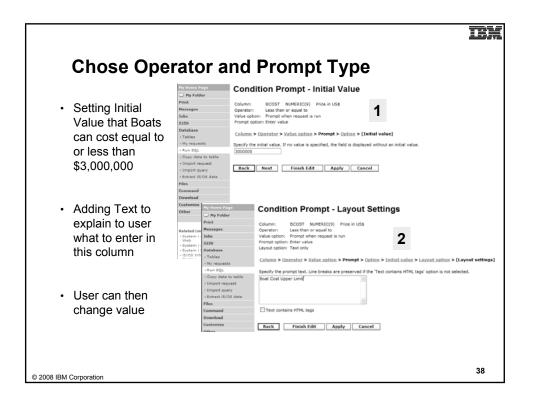


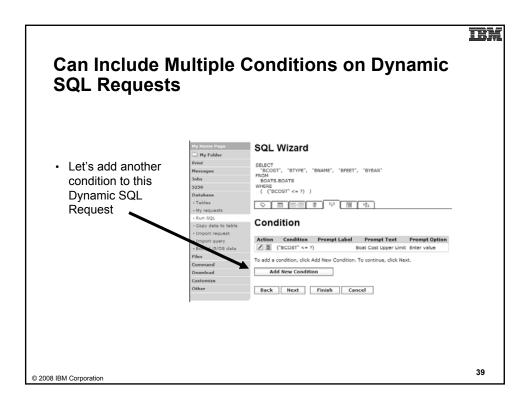


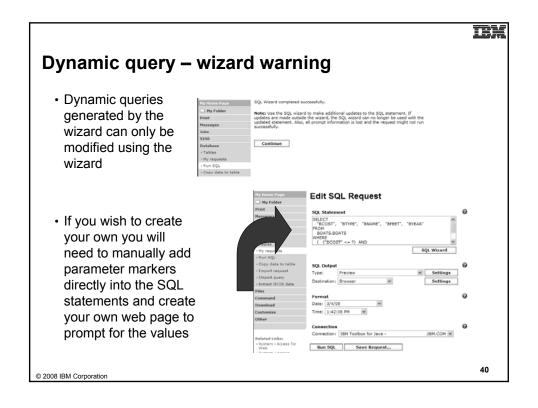








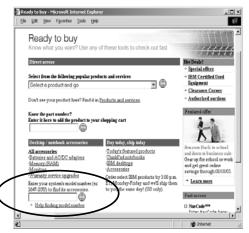




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Dynamic Query - Form Example

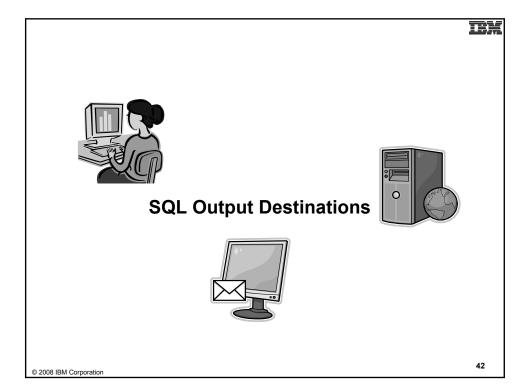
- Want to use different button style
- Want button next to prompt control, not underneath it
- · Form element:
 - <FORM name=accessories action="http://server/webaccess/iW ADbExec" method="get">
- · Hidden element:
 - <input type="hidden" name="request" value="req" />
- · Entry field:
 - <input type="text"
 - name="iwaparm_1" value="" />

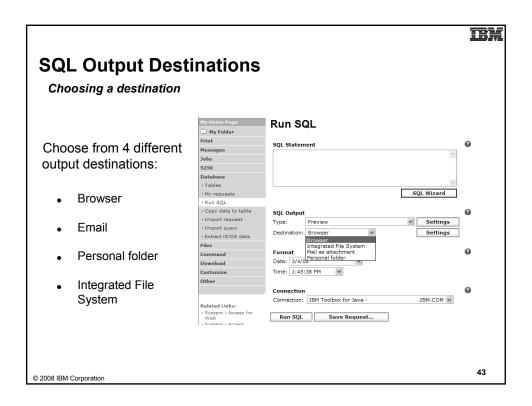


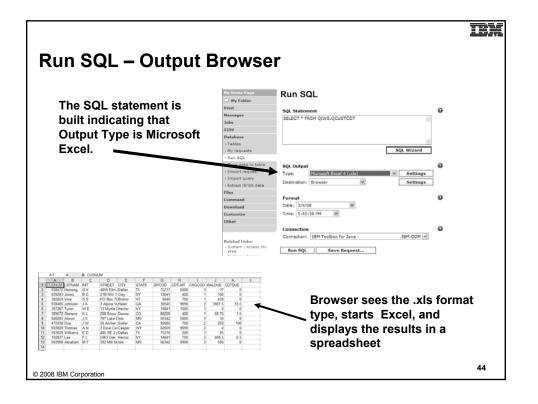
Great way to add Database requests to your existing web pages

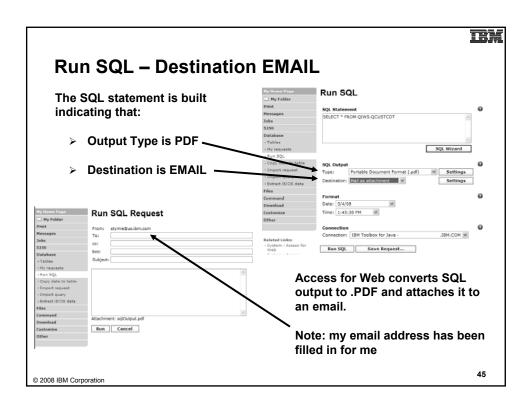
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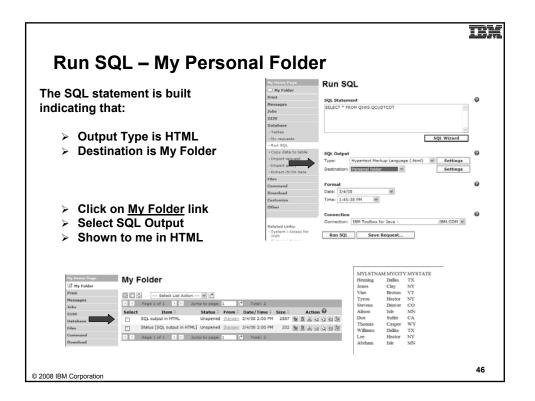
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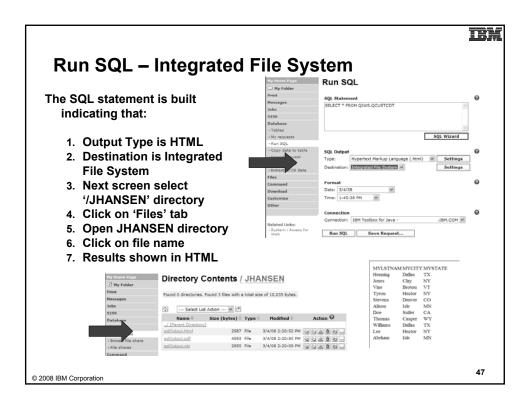


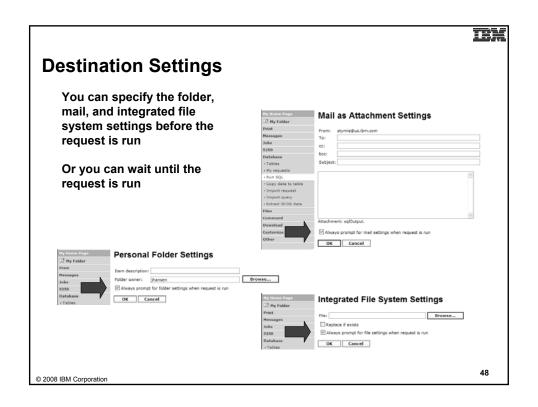
















My Requests

Other ways to manage and use database requests

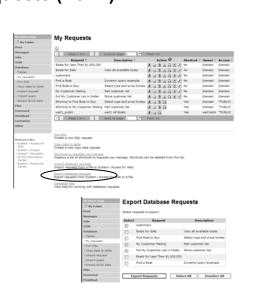
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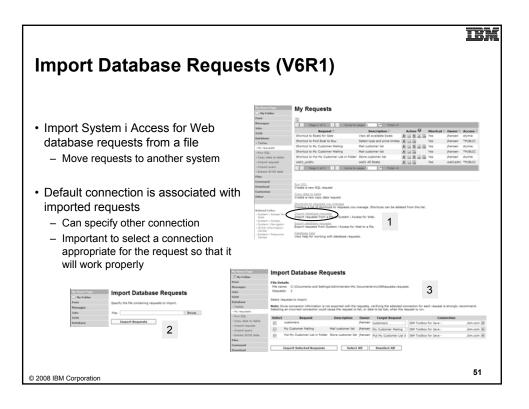
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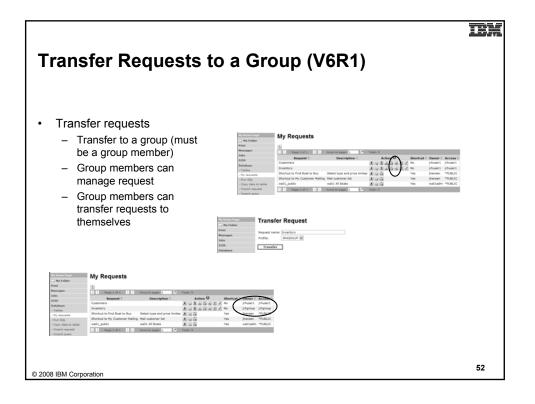
Export Database Requests (V6R1)

- 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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Create Task to Run Request (V6R1)

- · Create automated task
 - Create Java archive (.jar) that will run request or shortcut
 - Only static queries (not dynamic)
 - Run anywhere that has java and network access
 - Can be scheduled









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Shortcuts

Give users access to upload/download requests you have created





Shortcuts - working with, managing

Under "Action" column, you can:

 Create shortcuts to existing requests

At bottom of screen, you can:

- List shortcuts you have created
- Delete shortcuts from the list



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Shortcuts - giving users access

Under "Actions" select Create Shortcuts.

Click Add... button to see all users and groups on the system.

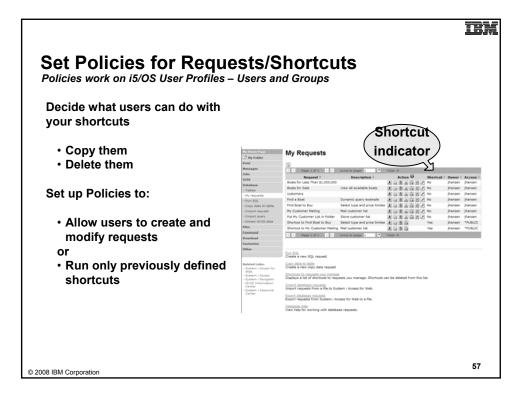
 Add the users and groups you want to run this saved request

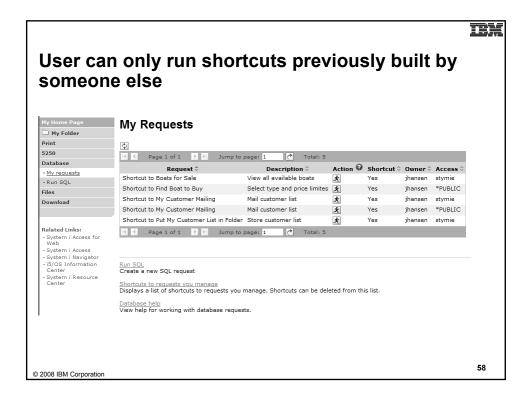
If the Predefined Request changes, the Shortcut is automatically changed for users too

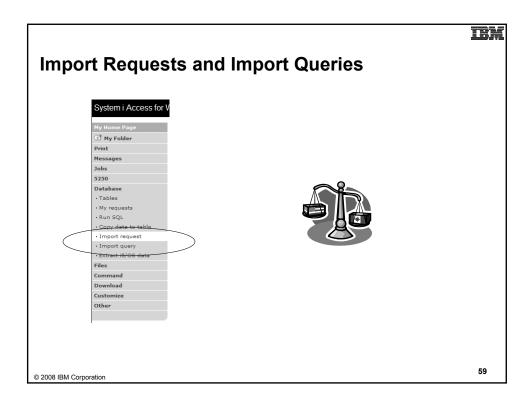


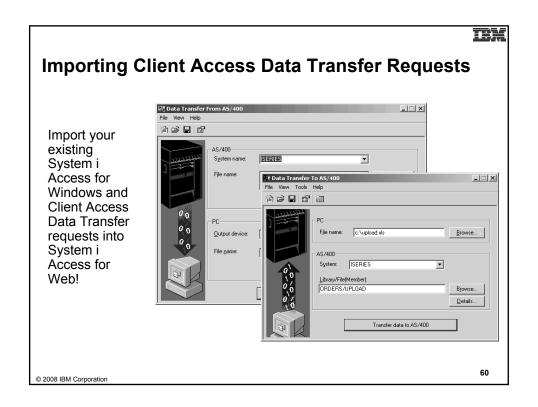
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Import Function

- Don't lose your investment in existing Data Transfer requests
- Import them into System i Access for Web
- The imported transfer request may be run or saved as a System i Access for Web request
- Then users can run them from their browsers!



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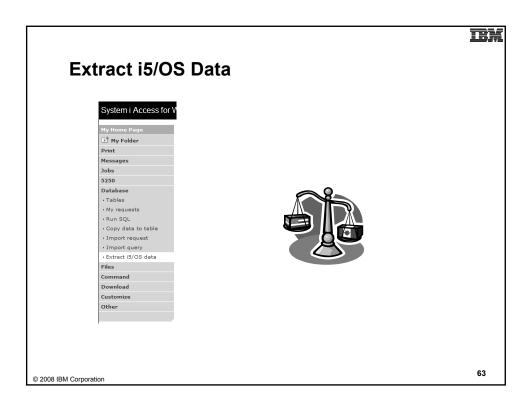
Import Query Requests

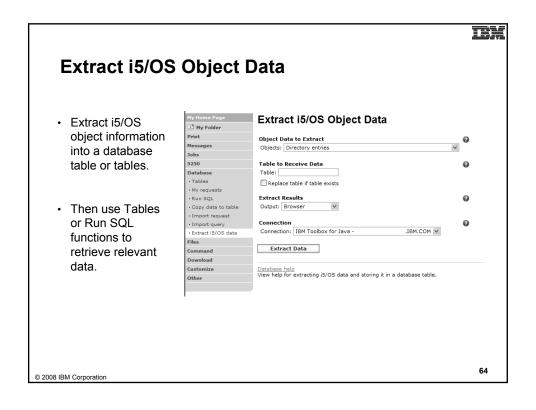
- Bring your existing queries to a browser environment
- Use the Import Query tool to bring them into System i Access for Web
 - IBM Query for i5/OS (5761-QU1)
 - DB2 for i5/OS
 Query Manager
 (5761-ST1)



*QMQRY and *QRYDFN are the query file types supported

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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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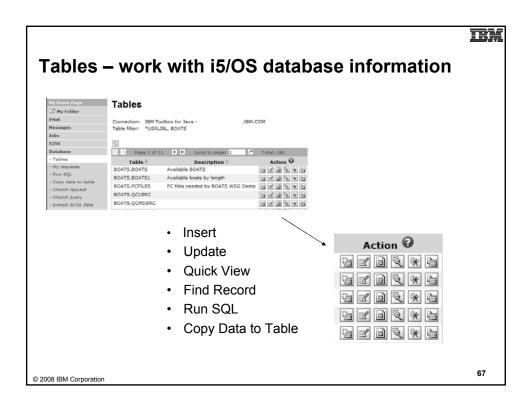
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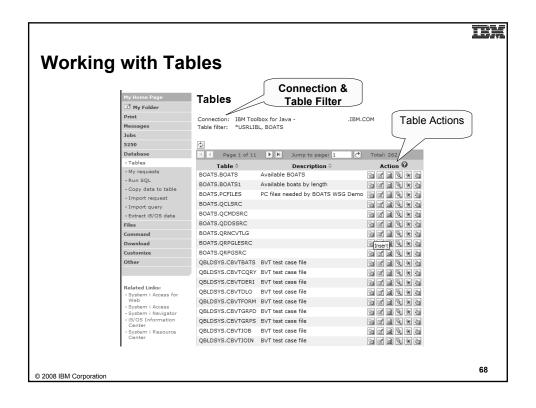


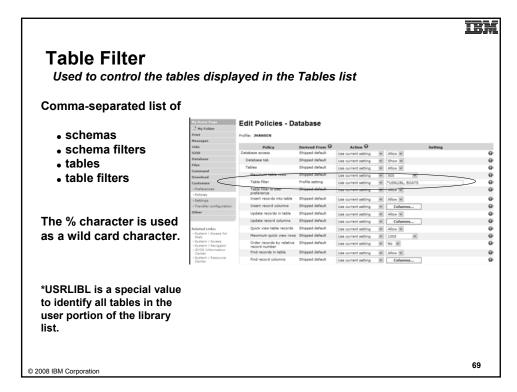
GUI to work directly with DB2 for i5/OS Table data



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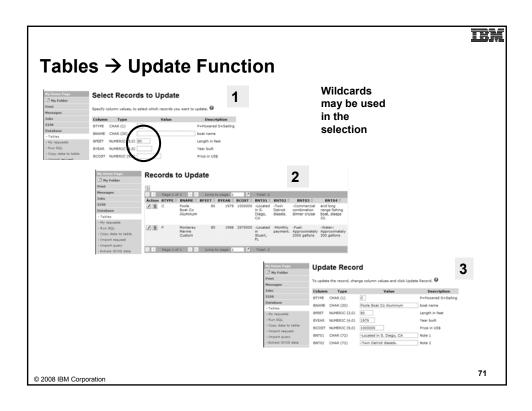
Tables → Find Record

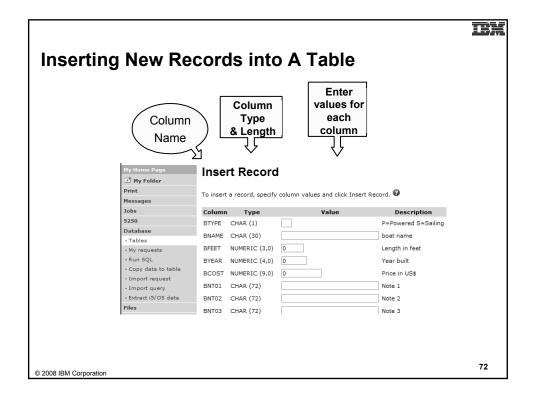
- If you don't want users 'updating', 'inserting' or 'deleting' records,
- then let them use only the Find Record function



New in V5R4

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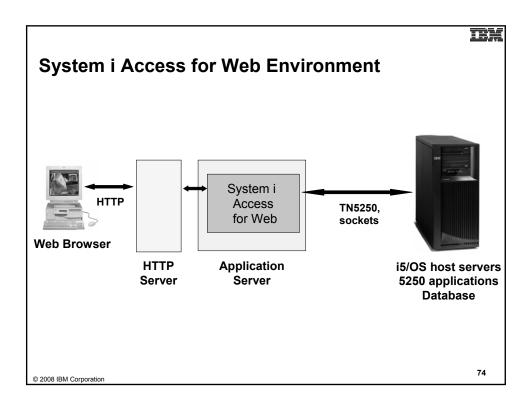






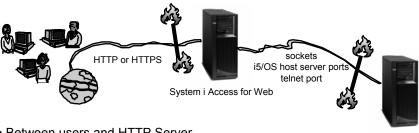
Part 2: Security Considerations

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System i Access for Web Environment (continued)



- Between users and HTTP Server
 - Secure Socket Layer (SSL)
 - Virtual Private Networking (VPN)
 - Firewalls
- Between System i Access for Web and i5/OS
 - VPN
 - Firewalls

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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
- · 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



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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



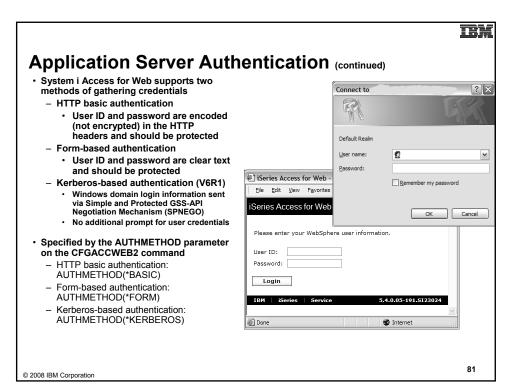
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Application Server Authentication

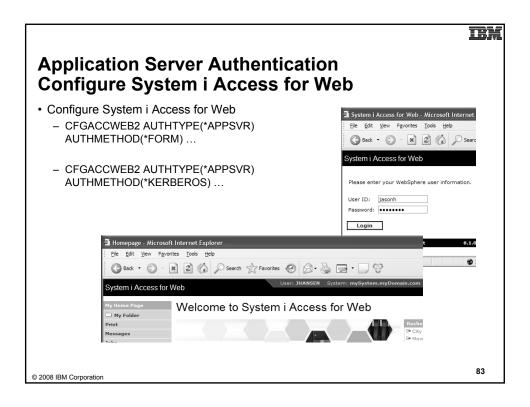
- WebSphere handles authentication
- · WebSphere credentials
 - Typically a user ID and password
 - Can be Windows domain login information (new in V6R1)
 - · Kerberos-based
 - Requires WebSphere Application Server V6.1
 - Authenticated with the active WebSphere user registry
- Specified by the AUTHTYPE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

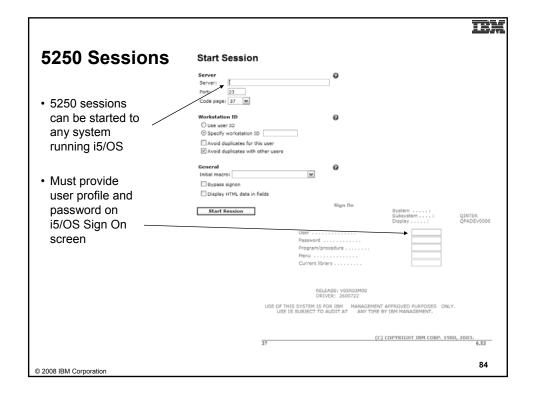




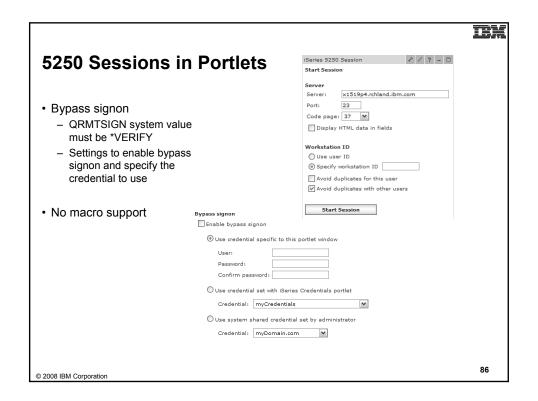
Application Server Authentication Authorization

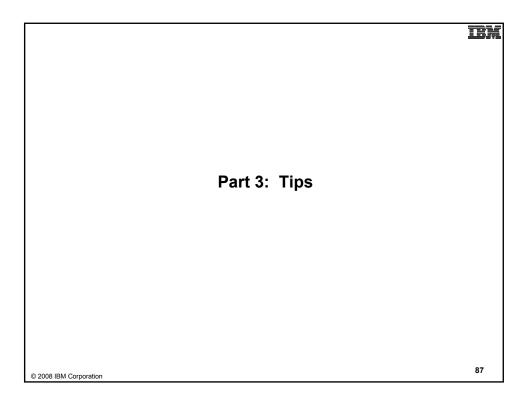
- · HTTP basic authentication and form-based authentication
 - System i Access for Web uses Enterprise Identity Mapping (EIM) to map the authenticated WebSphere user identity to an i5/OS user profile
 - System i Access for Web identifies the user by the mapped i5/OS user profile
 - i5/OS user profile 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





5250 Session Configure New Session **Bypass Signon** · QRMTSIGN system value must be Default view: Web *VERIFY Initial macro: · Select bypass signon when starting or Display HTML data in fields Enable advanced JavaScript functions configuring a session mySystem.myDomain.com Start Session mySystem.myDomain.com · System i Access for Web must be Port: 23 Code page: 37 configured for application authentication Workstation ID or application server authentication with Kerberos for bypass signon to be Specify workstation ID Avoid duplicates for this user available Avoid duplicates with other users - CFGACCWEB2 AUTHTYPE(*APP) ... CFGACCWEB2 AUTHTYPE(*APPSVR) AUTHMETHOD(*KERBEROS) ... Start Session 85 © 2008 IBM Corporation









Auto start web environment after an IPL?

Two steps:

Step 1: Configure the HTTP web server to automatically start the WebSphere application server when it starts



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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>)

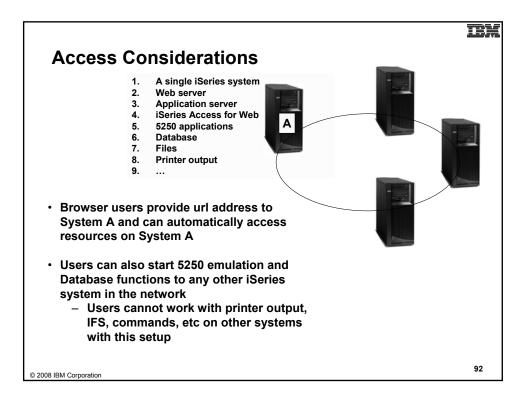
E.g. HTTP server name IWA51BASE
STRTCPSVR SERVER(*HTTP) HTTPSVR(IWA51BASE)

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Tip – Connect to multiple servers

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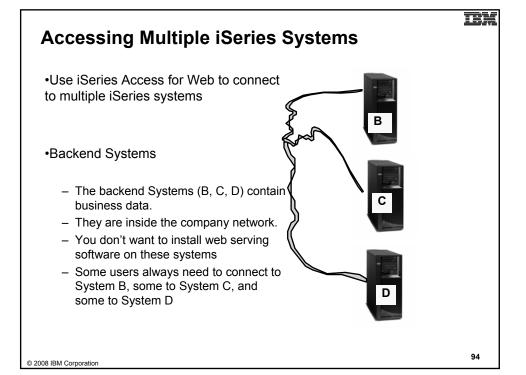
Can use 5250 and Database to any system in the network

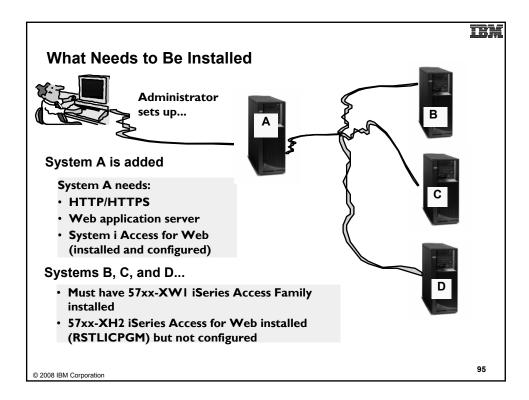
•Can connect to any iSeries in my network and run 5250 emulation and Database (upload, download, work with tables, etc)

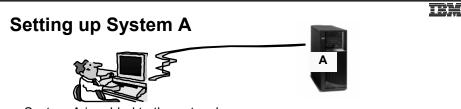
- 5250 Emulation
 - Provides a panel to start a 5250 session and save this session configuration
- Database
 - ➤ You can add additional connections via Policy → Database Connections
 - These additional connections are then available to users on the Database screens.



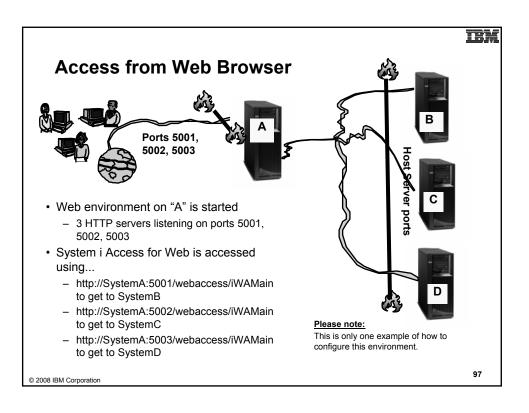
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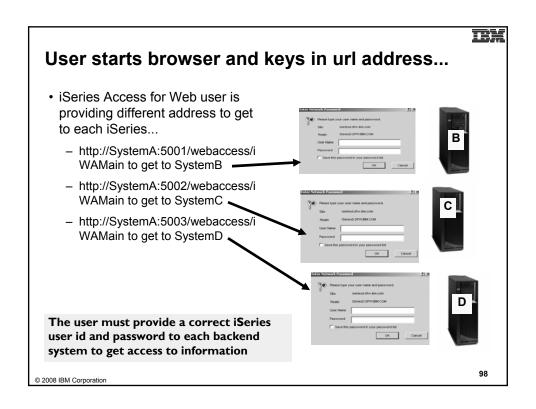


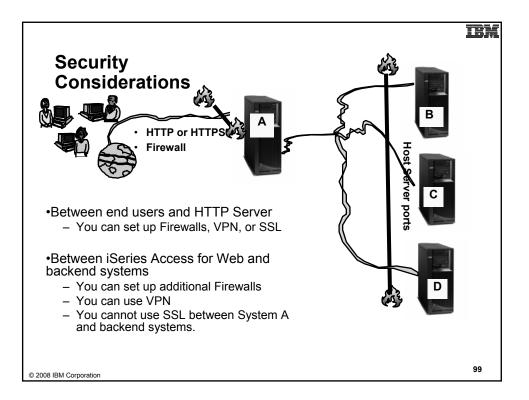




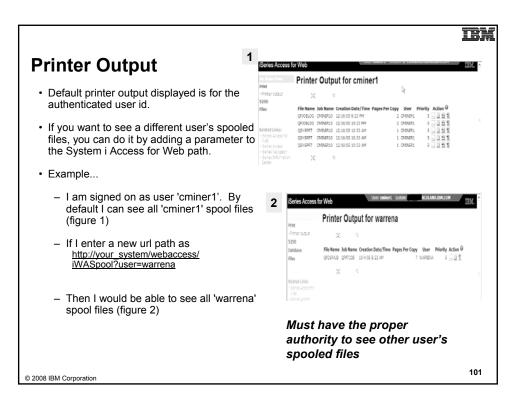
- System A is added to the network.
- System A has HTTP/HTTPS, web app server, and System i Access for Web
 - Configure 3 HTTP servers with 3 different port numbers -- one for System B, one for System C, and one for System D
 - Configure 3 WAS (or Tomcat) instances (one for each system)
 - Configure 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

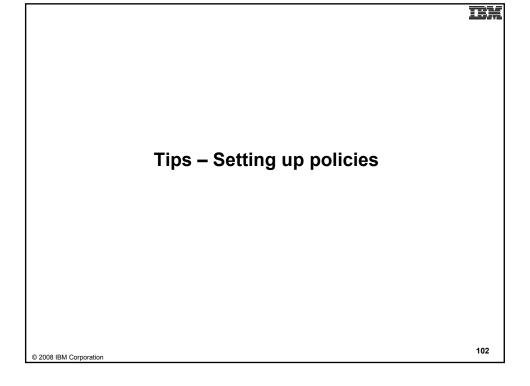






Tip – Displaying printer output for other users







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 / Preferences to remove attribute columns
- Use Policies to modify the Action options





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Work with Specific User Profile To Set Policy for IFS

•Set a 'Default Directory' for a specific user



In this example, I went into CMINER1 profile, and set policy to show only the 'CMINER1' directory to this user...



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Tips – Integrating with your network mail server



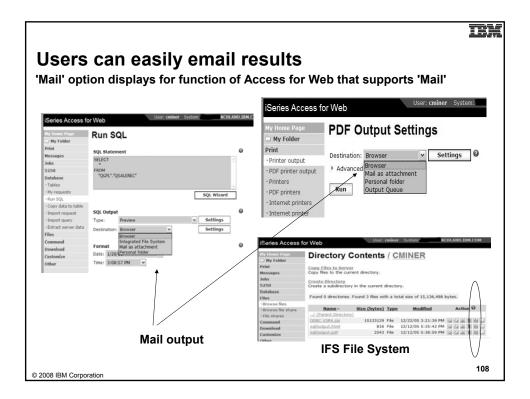
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Integrate User's email with System i Access for Web

- 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

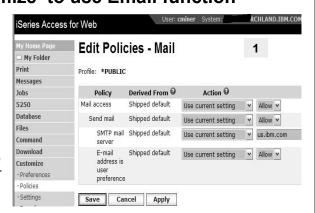
- · Do nothing
 - If you currently use OS/400 System Distribution Directory (SDD) to store your e-mail addresses, then do nothing to Access for Web.
 - If no SMTP address has been provided, Access for Web will look in SDD for e-mail address for signed-on user
- Use Access for Web 'Customize' function 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

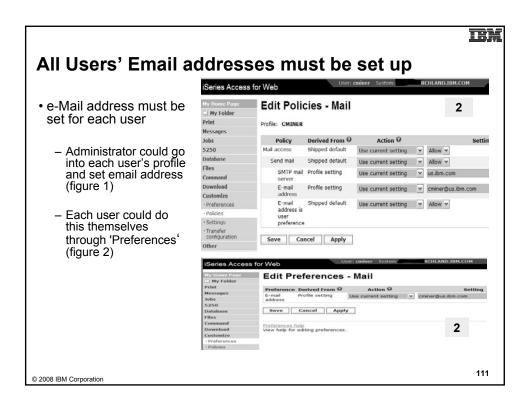
- You need to identify your SMTP Server address
- Use *PUBLIC to set up SMTP Server address
 - You probably have same SMTP server address for all users

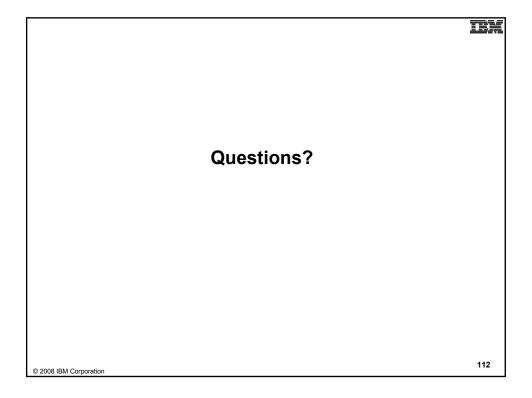


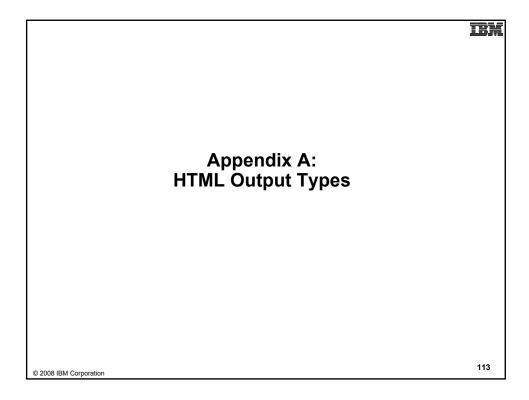
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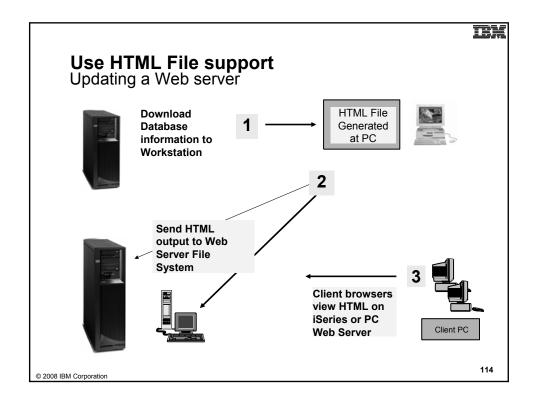
If the SMTP server address is blank, Access for Web will query the system distribution directory (SDD) for email config info for your profile

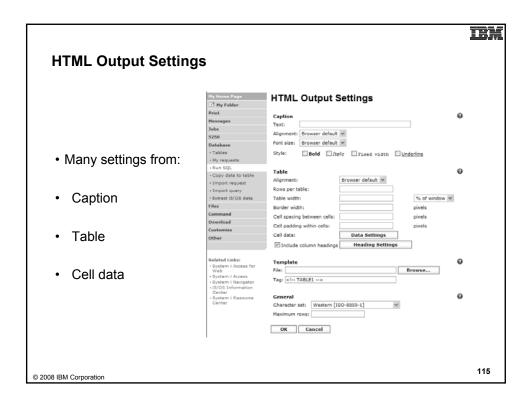
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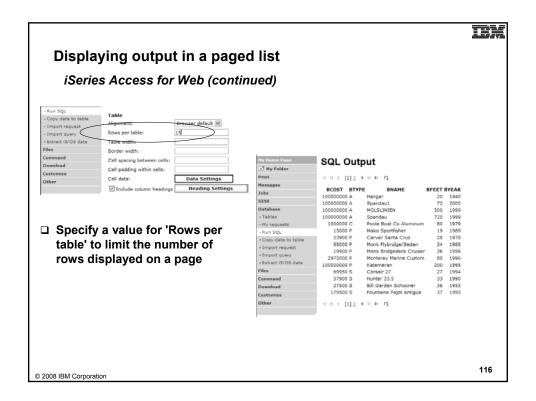


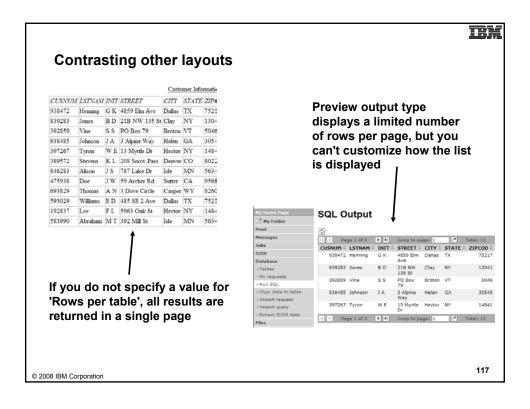


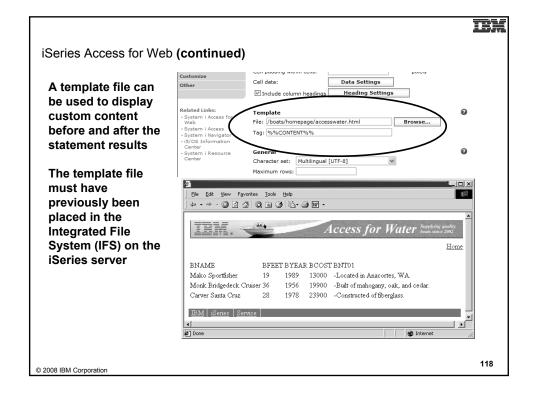












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Example of template file

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<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

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	No	Yes	No
GUI to convert query results to a chart	No	Yes	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 returned before request completes)	No	Yes (except for Browser option)

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Request Types

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

- 1. Microsoft Excel XML is the newest type supported by Excel and Word, and it is a defined format that is easy to parse programmatically.
- 2. 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
٠	Microsoft Excel Version 4	Yes	Yes
٠	Microsoft Excel Version 5	No	Yes
٠	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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