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System i Access for Web: Database Access

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Abstract

System i Access for Web provides web-based access to System i resources through a browser.

This session focuses on how easy it is to access i5/OS for DB2 from the Web. It will cover the System i Access for Web options available to upload PC data to the System i database and to download database information to a PC user.

In this session, attendees will learn how to:

- 1. Use the SQL Wizard to build and save SELECT statements**
- 2. Work with advanced output options, such as file types, HTML options, and lists.**
- 3. Upload data to i5/OS for DB2 the browser**
- 4. Run static and dynamic queries**
- 5. Extract select information about i5/OS objects and resources.**
- 6. Import SQL statements created with DB2 Query Manager (5722-ST1) and IBM Query for System i (5722-QU1) into System i Access for Web**

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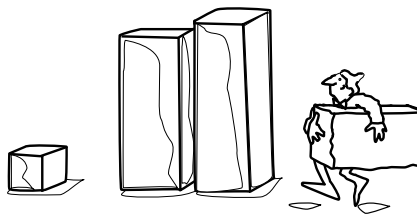
Requirements?

- Would you like to see some other features in our iSeries Access Family?
- Please submit requests for enhancements via the FITS system.
- Go to the iSeries Access home page:
- <http://www.ibm.com/eserver/series/access/>
- And click on link "Request for Design Change"

This really helps development get new functions into the planning process



Packaging & Ordering



System i Access Family Packaging

V5R4 5722-XW1 iSeries Access Family	V5R3 5722-XW1 iSeries Access Family
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iSeries Access for Windows, 5722-XE1, V5R4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iSeries Access for Windows, 5722-XE1, V5R3
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HATS Limited Edition V5.0, 5724-F97-01
	V5R3 customers not wanting to upgrade to i5/OS V5R4 but want the new V5R4 iSeries Access Family clients can order no-charge Feature No. 2648 of Product No 5722-XW1.


iSeries Access and System i Express

- Each i5/OS user on System i is entitled to use any client in the iSeries Access Family at no additional charge
- With iSeries Access, users can:
 - Access traditional i5/OS applications using the 5250 emulation function
 - Query and retrieve DB2 information through easy-to-use GUIs
 - Upload spreadsheet information into DB2
 - Use i5/OS as a file server
 - Access i5/OS printer output, convert it to .PDF, and print it on PC printers
- iSeries Access Family (5722-XW1) unlimited user feature included with 515 and 525 systems



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- What is System i Access for Web
- Requirements
- Topology

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System i Access for Web – V5R4

A graphical interface to your System i functions



New look in V5R4

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Functions you can perform with System i Access for Web 5722-XH2, V5R4

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Desktop Requirements



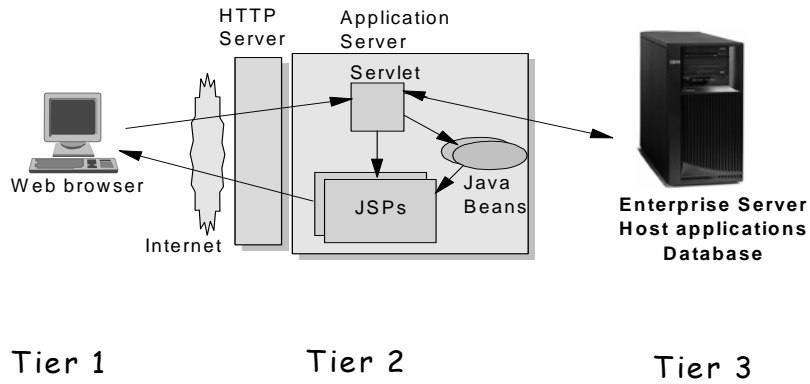
System i Access for Web is installed and runs on System i. It requires a browser to be running on end user desktop

- Internet Explorer 6.0 with Service Pack 1 (Windows)
- Netscape 7.0 (Windows® and Linux)
- Netscape 4.7 (AIX®)
- Opera 7.54 (Windows® and Linux)
- Mozilla 1.7 (Windows, Linux, and AIX)
- Mozilla Firefox 1.0.2 (Windows and Linux)

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Server Requirements

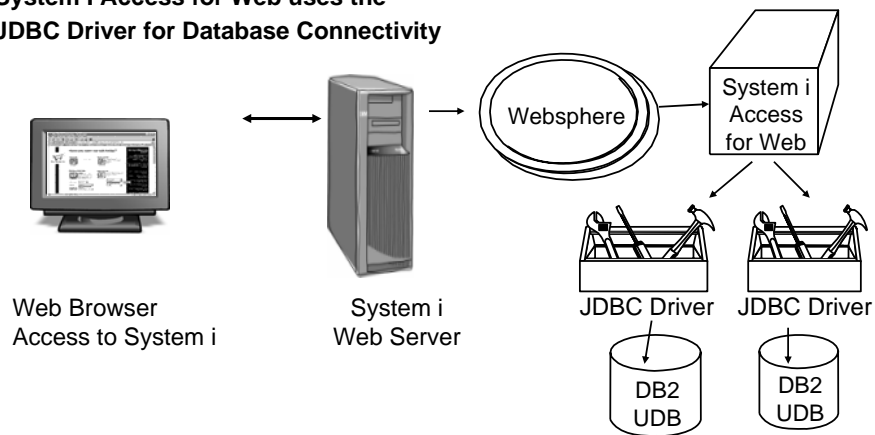
System i Access for Web requires HTTP and a web application server to be running on System i



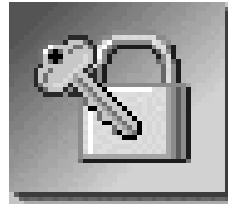
Database Overview

System i Access for Web

System i Access for Web uses the JDBC Driver for Database Connectivity



Security and Administration

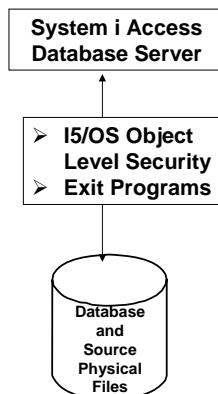


Security – Access to DB2 for i5/OS

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

All objects on the server, 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/v5r2/ic2924/index.htm?info/sqlp/rbafymst324.htm>



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 the iSeries
- Given the SQL statement sent from the client application (Data Transfer). Statements may be rejected by the user exit program
- May be written in a variety of host languages

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

Action	Category	Description	Access
✓	S250	S250 user interface custom settings.	Allowed
✓	Command	Run batch command custom settings.	Allowed
✓	Customize	Preferences and policy administration custom settings.	Allowed
✓	Database	Database tables, requests, and run SQL custom settings.	Allowed
✓	Database	Create and edit database connection definitions.	Allowed
✓	Download	Download packages custom settings.	Allowed
✓	Files	Integrated file system and file share custom settings.	Allowed
✓	General	Page layout, language and character set custom settings.	Allowed
✓	Jobs	Work with jobs custom settings.	Allowed
✓	Mail	Send mail custom settings.	Allowed
✓	Messages	Display messages, send messages, and message queue custom settings.	Allowed
✓	My Folder	My Folder custom settings.	Allowed
✓	Print	Printer output, printers, printer shares and output queue custom settings.	Allowed
✓	Sametime	Lotus Sametime custom settings.	Allowed
✓	Other	Change password and other miscellaneous custom settings.	Allowed

All the Policies that can be set for 'Database' functions

Edit Policies - Database

Policy	Derived From	Action	Setting
Database access	Shipped default	Use current setting	Allow
Database tab	Shipped default	Use current setting	Show
Tables	Shipped default	Use current setting	Allow
Maximum table rows	Shipped default	Use current setting	500
Table filter	Shipped default	Use current setting	*US*SQL
Table filter is user preference	Shipped default	Use current setting	Allow
Insert records into table	Shipped default	Use current setting	Allow
Insert record columns	Shipped default	Use current setting	Columns...
Update records in table	Shipped default	Use current setting	Allow
Update record columns	Shipped default	Use current setting	Columns...
Quick view table records	Shipped default	Use current setting	Allow
Maximum quick view rows	Shipped default	Use current setting	1000
Order records by relative record number	Shipped default	Use current setting	No
Find records in table	Shipped default	Use current setting	Allow

Policy	Derived From	Action	Setting
Run request	Shipped default	Use current setting	Allow
Copy request	Shipped default	Use current setting	Allow
Delete request	Shipped default	Use current setting	Allow
Rename request	Shipped default	Use current setting	Allow
SQL request	Shipped default	Use current setting	Allow
List request	Shipped default	Use current setting	Allow
List request alternate	Shipped default	Use current setting	Allow
Object request	Shipped default	Use current setting	Allow
Object request alternate	Shipped default	Use current setting	Allow
Request for volume	Shipped default	Use current setting	Columns...
Run SQL requests	Shipped default	Use current setting	Allow
Run statements other than SQL	Shipped default	Use current setting	Allow
Copy data to table	Shipped default	Use current setting	Allow
Create new tables	Shipped default	Use current setting	Allow
Append data to tables	Shipped default	Use current setting	Allow
Replace data in tables	Shipped default	Use current setting	Allow
Import record	Shipped default	Use current setting	Allow
Export record object data	Shipped default	Use current setting	Allow
Default connection	Shipped default	Use current setting	IBM Toolkits for Java - 3.13.0.1PA.10.10.04.00
Default connection is user preference	Shipped default	Use current setting	Allow
Add SQL Tables for Java to connection list	Shipped default	Use current setting	Allow

Save Cancel Apply

Columns help
View help for editing policies.

The Database function



System i Access for Web – Database Functions

Access database tables on your iSeries server with iSeries Access for Web.

Tables

- View a list of database tables on your iSeries server.
- 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.
- Create your own customized SQL request for a table using the Run SQL action.
- Create your own customized copy data request for a table using the Copy data to table action.

My requests

- 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

- 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 type.
- 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 iSeries server.
- 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 request

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

Import query

- Import queries generated by Query for iSeries and DB2 UDB for iSeries Query Manager.
- Imported queries can be saved into iSeries Access for Web database requests.
- Run and edit converted queries on your iSeries server just like iSeries Access for Web SQL requests.

Extract server data

- Extract server object information into a database table.

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My Requests

What you might allow your typical 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

Request	Description	Action	Shortcut	Created By	Access
Shortcut to Boats For Sale	View all available boats	ⓧ	Yes	CMNER	groupa
Shortcut to Find Boat To Buy	Select type and price limits	ⓧ	Yes	CMNER	*PUBLIC
Shortcut to My Customers Mailing	Mail Customer List	ⓧ	Yes	CMNER	groupa
Shortcut to My Customers Mailing Folder	Mail Customer List	ⓧ	Yes	cmner	cmner1
Shortcut to Put My Customer List in Folder	Store Customer List	ⓧ	Yes	CMNER	groupa
Shortcut to request sql		ⓧ	Yes	secyesi	*PUBLIC
Shortcut to request upload		ⓧ	Yes	secyesi	*PUBLIC

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

BICOST	BYEAR	BITYPE	BNAME	BFEEET	BUNIT1
2975000	1996	P	Monterey Marine Custom	80	-Located in Stuart, FL
1588000	2005	P	Fairline Squadron	58	Motor yacht with flybridge, 3 staterooms, diesel
1000000	1979	C	Pooler Boat Co Aluminum	80	-Located in S. Diego, CA
750000	1995	P	Spandau Houseboat	720	8 cabins, 12 berths, 4 toilets, Volvo MD 2040 engine
450000	1990	S	Merlin's Magic	54	-Designed by Dutch naval architect Ernst Van Derisan.
450000	2000	A	Seacamper 795 Houseboat	72	2 cabins, 4 berths, 1 toilet, wheel-rudder steering, diesel fuel
269500	1989	S	Seafinn 411 Motorsailer Ketch	41	-Silver anodized spars by Selden of Sweden. Man and
249000	1944	T	Mki Mki Original Tug	126	-Located in Seattle, WA.
165000	2000	P	Bavaria 50 yacht	50	5 cabins, 3 showers, Volvo TMD12 78PS engine
179500	1993	S	Fountaine Pajot Antigua	37	-Fiberglass hull and deck with a vacuum bagged core.
179000	1989	S	Nauticat 40	40	-All hand laminated fiberglass construct layers of mat
159900	1981	S	Shannon 50 ketch	50	-Walter Shurz design ketch built by Shannon Boat Co., Inc.
149000	1985	S	Brandmayr 48	48	-An 8" aluminum extrusion, oval mast and 3/8" galvanized
80000	1974	S	Garden Design Porpose Ketch	51	-The hull is carvel planked teak.
60900	1984	S	Forcar 77	77	-Engineed for cruising and racing

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Dynamic Query

Example has 2 conditions the end user can set:

1. Type of boat (Power, Sailing, etc)
2. Price limits (lower / upper)

Query brings back only database entries meeting conditions

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Find Boat

Select Boat Type

in US\$ greater than or equal to: 20000

in US\$ less than or equal to: 500000

OK Cancel

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SQL Output

BCOST	BYEAR	BTYPE	BNAME	BFEET	BNT01
23900	1978	P	Carver Santa Cruz	28	-Constructed of fiberglass.
55000	1985	P	Monk Flybridge/Sedan	34	-Double planked cedar on oak frames.
185000	2000	P	Bavaria 50 Yacht	50	5 cabins, 3 showers, Volvo TMD22 78PS engine.

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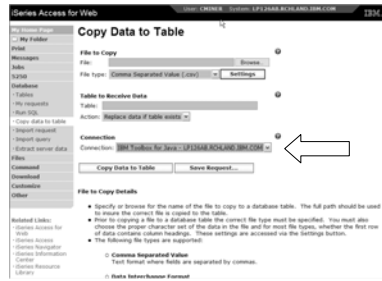
How to work with the database features

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When using 'Database' functions

You can connect to other multiple different systems and databases with System i Access for Web

- Simply add other database connections to your list
 - Easiest way to do this is to copy the default one, then modify it and save it.
 - It will then appear as an option in the Connection pulldown
- The default IBM Toolbox for Java is for DB2 for i5/OS, but you could use other driver managers to connect to other systems



Database – use WAS data sources (new in V5R4)

Servlet version

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

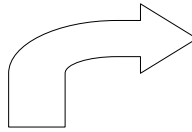
Two types of connection definitions are supported:

- 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

Upload PC data to DB2 for i5/OS



Copying Data to DB2 for i5/OS

Copy data to table function allows you to copy PC data into a DB2 for i5/OS table

Specify:

- File name
- File type
- File settings
- Table name
- Replace or append records to table
- Connection

Copy Data to Table

File to Copy

File:

File type: **Comma Separated Value (.csv)**

Table to Receive Data

Table:

Action: **Replace data if table exists**

Connection

Connection: **IBM Toolbox for Java - LP126AB.RCHLAND.IBM.COM**

File to Copy Details

- Specify or browse for the name of the file to copy to a database table. The full path should be used to insure the correct file is copied to the table.
- Prior to copying a file to a database table the correct file type must be specified. You must also choose the proper character set of the data in the file and for most file types, whether the first row of data contains column headings. These settings are accessed via the Settings button.
- The following file types are supported:
 - Comma Separated Value**
Text format where fields are separated by commas.
 - Data Interchange Format**

Related Links:

- Series Access for Web
- Series Access
- Series Navigator
- Series Information Center
- Series Resource Library

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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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Creating a new table

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

Column	Description	Type	Length	Scale	Sample Data
BTYPE		CHAR	1	0	P
BNAME		CHAR	29	0	Bavaria 50 Yacht
BFREET		FLOAT	0	0	50.0
BYEAR		FLOAT	0	0	2000.0
BCOST		FLOAT	0	0	185000.0
BNT01		CHAR	71	0	5 cabins, 3 showers, Volvo TMS22 7875 engine
BNT02		CHAR	56	0	
BNT03		CHAR	58	0	
BNT04		CHAR	64	0	
BNT05		CHAR	69	0	
BNT06		CHAR	72	0	
BNT07		CHAR	72	0	
BNT08		CHAR	70	0	
BNT09		CHAR	70	0	
BNT10		CHAR	63	0	

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Query DB2 for i5/OS



Run SQL

The Run SQL function allows you to type in a free-form SQL Statement

- If you do not know SQL, then use the SQL Wizard to help you generate an SQL SELECT statement
- Select from a variety of output formats, including:
 - Preview
 - PDF
 - .XLS (Excel)
 - XML
 - HTML
 - ...

Run SQL

SQL Statement

```
SELECT *
FROM BOATS.BOATS
```

SQL Wizard

SQL Output

Type: Settings

Destination: Settings

Format

Date:

Time:

Connection

Connection:

Run SQL Save Request...

SQL Statement Details

- The SQL statement can be any statement supported by the underlying DBRC.

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The SQL Wizard

The SQL Wizard helps you generate a single table SELECT statement

The screenshot shows the 'SQL Wizard' window. On the left is a navigation menu with options like 'My Home Page', 'My Folder', 'Print', 'Messages', 'Jobs', '5250', 'Database', 'Tables', 'My requests', 'Run SQL', 'Copy data to table', 'Import request', 'Import query', and 'Extract server data'. The main area displays the SQL statement: `SELECT * FROM BOATS.BOATS`. Below the statement is a 'Welcome' message: 'This wizard steps you through creating an SQL select statement.' At the bottom are 'Next', 'Finish', and 'Cancel' buttons.

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Identify the DB2 for i5/OS database table

Step 1: Choose a table

Type in a table filter to help narrow your search. Many schemas (libraries) may be specified by putting them in a comma separated list

Select a table and click OK to use it to generate the SELECT statement

The first screenshot shows the 'Find Table' dialog with 'Table filter: *' and 'Maximum tables to return: 500'. A circled '1' is next to it. The second screenshot shows the 'Table filter' changed to '*/SQL, boats' and a list of tables appearing, with 'boats' selected. A circled '2' is next to it. The third screenshot shows the 'OK' button clicked, and the 'Find Table' dialog closing. A circled '3' is next to it.

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Select your Output Columns

Step 2:

Choose columns

- Check the boxes next to the columns to include them in the statement
 - If you check none, you get all columns
- Click the column order button to change the order output
 - Changed Price from 50 to 05 so it would be first

The 'Columns' dialog in the SQL Wizard shows a table of columns with checkboxes. The 'Column Order' dialog shows the selected columns in a specific order: BTYPE, BNAME, BFEET, BYEAR, and BCOST.

Column	Description	Heading
<input type="checkbox"/> BTYPE	PuPowered S=alling	Column name
<input type="checkbox"/> BNAME	boat name	Column name
<input type="checkbox"/> BFEET	Length in feet	Column name
<input type="checkbox"/> BYEAR	Year built	Column name
<input type="checkbox"/> BCOST	Price in US\$	Column name
<input type="checkbox"/> BNT01	Note 1	Column name
<input type="checkbox"/> BNT02	Note 2	Column name
<input type="checkbox"/> BNT03	Note 3	Column name
<input type="checkbox"/> BNT04	Note 4	Column name
<input type="checkbox"/> BNT05	Note 5	Column name
<input type="checkbox"/> BNT06	Note 6	Column name
<input type="checkbox"/> BNT07	Note 7	Column name
<input type="checkbox"/> BNT08	Note 8	Column name

Order	Column	Description
01	BTYPE	PuPowered S=alling
02	BNAME	boat name
03	BFEET	Length in feet
04	BYEAR	Year built
05	BCOST	Price in US\$

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Specify Conditions

Step 3:

Adding conditions

- Conditions allow you to select records that meet certain criteria.
- Click Add New Condition to specify a condition.
- Select the column to use in the condition and click Next

The 'Condition' dialog shows the 'Add New Condition' button. The 'Condition Column' dialog shows a table of columns with radio buttons.

To add a condition, click Add New Condition. To continue, click Next.

Column	Type	Description
<input type="radio"/> BTYPE	CHAR(1)	PuPowered S=alling
<input type="radio"/> BNAME	CHAR(30)	boat name
<input type="radio"/> BFEET	NUMERIC(3)	Length in feet
<input type="radio"/> BYEAR	NUMERIC(4)	Year built
<input type="radio"/> BCOST	NUMERIC(9)	Price in US\$
<input type="radio"/> BNT01	CHAR(72)	Note 1
<input type="radio"/> BNT02	CHAR(72)	Note 2
<input type="radio"/> BNT03	CHAR(72)	Note 3

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Choose the operator type

- The SQL wizard allows you to choose the operator to use in the condition
- The condition shows up both in the SQL and in a condition list. You may edit or delete the condition.
- You may also add additional conditions.

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Choose static versus dynamic

- The SQL wizard allows you to choose if the condition value is specified in the request, or is prompted for when the request is run.
- Static or Dynamic

New in V5R3

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Specifying a Static Value

The SQL wizard allows you to specify the value for the condition.

The value can be:

- A value,
- Constant or
- Other specific function

Can find values in table

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The statement is complete!

- The statement is now complete.
- Click the Finish button (not shown) on the bottom of the SQL Wizard page to return to Run SQL
- The SELECT statement you generated is available for use in Run SQL

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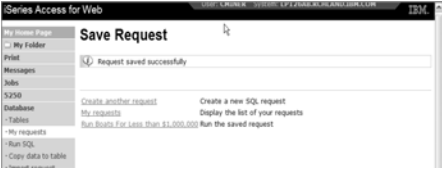
Save the SQL Request

After creating a statement, by hand or with the Wizard you also have the option to store the statement for later use

Can Run it now

Or

Run it later from "My Requests"

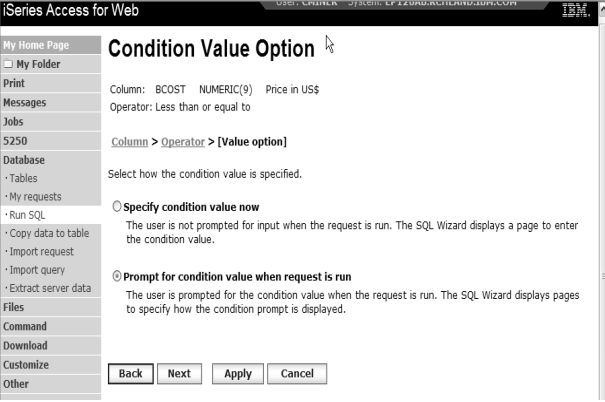



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Dynamic Query – condition value

Select to prompt for values when the request is run



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Chose Operator and Prompt Type

- Choose a comparison operator just like we did in the static query example
- Select how the user will be prompted for the values

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Chose Operator and Prompt Type

- Setting Initial Value that Boats can cost equal to or less than \$3,000,000
- Adding Text to explain to user what to enter in this column
- User can then change value

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Can Include Multiple Conditions on Dynamic SQL Requests

- Let's add another condition to this Dynamic SQL Request

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Setting up Additional Operator and Prompt Type

- For 'Type of Boat', we will select from list of Types in our Database File
- Two (2) types of boats in the database file

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Set Display Order and See Conditions Set

- Will display information based on 'Boat Cost' in descending order
- Shows how SQL has been written based on 2 Conditions

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User Runs Dynamic Query built with 2 Conditions

User selects

- Maximum cost of boat
- Type of Boat

The SQL Output was set up to show in Descending Order by Boat Cost

BCOST	BTYPE	BNAME	BFEET	BYEAR
450000	S	Merlin's Magic	54	1990
269500	S	Seafinn 411 Motorsailer Ketch	41	1989
179500	S	Fountaine Pajot Antigua	37	1993
179000	S	Nauticat 40	40	1989
159900	S	Shannon 50 ketch	50	1981
149000	S	Brandmayr 48	48	1985
80000	S	Garden Design Porpoise Ketch	51	1974
69950	S	Corhair 27	27	1994
69000	S	Morgan 382 Race/Cruise Sloop	38	1978
63000	S	Mariner Ketch	40	1979
57900	S	Hunter 33.5	33	1990
27500	S	Bill Garden Schooner	36	1953

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Dynamic query – wizard warning

- Dynamic queries generated by the wizard can only be modified using the wizard
- If you wish to create your own you will need to manually add parameter markers directly into the SQL statements

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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/iWADbExec" 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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SQL Output Destinations

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SQL Output Destinations

Choosing a destination

Choose from 4 different output destinations:

- Browser
- Email
- Personal folder

V5R4 Integrated File System

The screenshot shows the 'Run SQL' interface with the following details:

- SQL Statement:** A large text area for entering the SQL query.
- SQL Output:**
 - Type: Preview
 - Destination: Browser (with a dropdown menu open showing options: Browser, Integrated File System, Mail as attachment, Personal folder)
 - Format: Personal folder
 - Date: 12/9/07
 - Time: 4:23:09 PM
- Connection:** IBM Toolbox for Java - LP126AB.RCHLAND.IBM.COM
- Buttons: Run SQL, Save Request..., SQL Wizard, Settings

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Run SQL – Output Browser

The SQL statement is built indicating that Output Type is Microsoft Excel.

Browser sees the .xls format type and automatically starts Excel on the desktop, and puts results in a spreadsheet

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Run SQL – Destination EMAIL

The SQL statement is built indicating that:

- Output Type is PDF
- Destination is EMAIL

Access for Web converts SQL output to .PDF and attaches it to an email.

Note: my email address has been filled in for me

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Run SQL – My Personal Folder

The SQL statement is built indicating that:

- Output Type is HTML
- Destination is My Folder

➤ Click on My Folder link

➤ Select the SQL Output

➤ Shown to me in HTML

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Run SQL – Integrated File System

The SQL statement is built indicating that:

1. Output Type is HTML
2. Destination is Integrated File System
3. Next screen select 'CMINER' directory

4. Click on 'Files' tab
5. Open CMINER directory
6. Click on File Name
7. Results shown in HTML


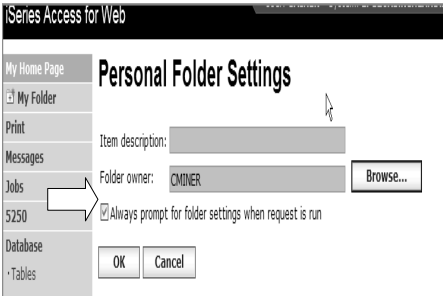
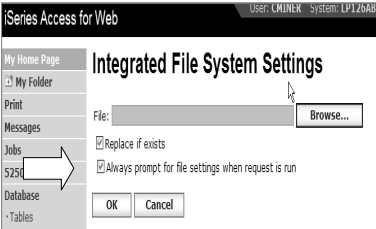
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Destination Settings

You can specify the folder and mail settings before the request is run

Or you can wait until the request is run

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Shortcuts

Give users access to upload/download requests you have created



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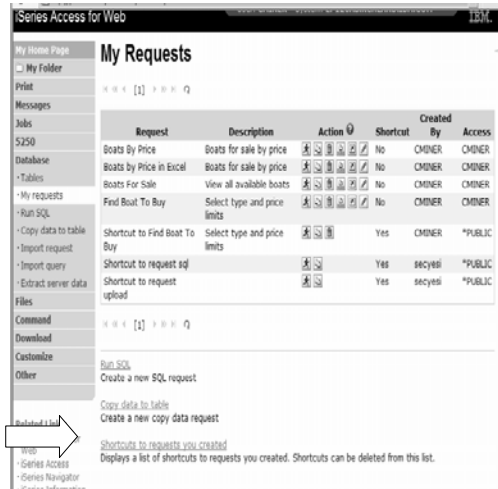
Shortcuts – working with, managing

Under “Action” column, you can:

- Create shortcuts
- Edit your shortcuts

At bottom of screen, you can:

- Delete shortcuts to existing users or groups



Shortcuts – giving users access

Under “Actions” select Create Shortcuts.

Click browse 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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Set Policies for Building Requests / Using Shortcuts

Policies work on i5/OS User Profiles – Users and Groups

Decide what users can do with your shortcuts

- Copy them
- Delete them

Set up Policies to:

- Allow users to create and modify requests
- or
- Run only previously defined shortcuts

Request	Description	Action	Shortcut	Created By	Access
Boats By Price	Boats for sale by price	[Icons]	No	CMINER	CMINER
Boats By Price in Excel	Boats for sale by price	[Icons]	No	CMINER	CMINER
Boats For Sale	View all available boats	[Icons]	No	CMINER	CMINER
Find Boat To Buy	Select type and price limits	[Icons]	No	CMINER	CMINER
Shortcut to Find Boat To Buy	Select type and price limits	[Icons]	Yes	CMINER	*PUBLIC
Shortcut to request sql		[Icons]	Yes	secyesi	*PUBLIC
Shortcut to request upload		[Icons]	Yes	secyesi	*PUBLIC

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User can only run shortcuts previous built by someone else

Request	Description	Action	Shortcut	Created By	Access
Shortcut to Boats For Sale	View all available boats	[Icons]	Yes	CMINER	groupa
Shortcut to Find Boat To Buy	Select type and price limits	[Icons]	Yes	CMINER	*PUBLIC
Shortcut to My Customers Mailing	Mail Customer List	[Icons]	Yes	CMINER	groupa
Shortcut to My Customers Mailing	Mail Customer List	[Icons]	Yes	cminer	cminer1
Shortcut to Put My Customer List in Folder	Store Customer List	[Icons]	Yes	CMINER	groupa
Shortcut to request sql		[Icons]	Yes	secyesi	*PUBLIC
Shortcut to request upload		[Icons]	Yes	secyesi	*PUBLIC

Shortcuts

- A database request can only be accessed by the user profile used to create it.


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Import Requests and Import Queries

iSeries Access for

- My Home Page
- My Folder
- Print
- Messages
- Jobs
- 5250
- Database
 - Tables
 - My requests
 - Run SQL
 - Copy data to table
 - Import request**
 - Import query
 - Extract server data
- Files
- Command
- Download
- Customize
- Other



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Importing Client Access Data Transfer Requests

Import your existing iSeries Access for Windows and Client Access Data Transfer requests into iSeries Access for Web!

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Import Function

- Don't lose your investment in already built Data Transfer requests
- Import them into iSeries Access for Web
- The imported transfer request may be run or saved as an iSeries 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 iSeries Access for Web
 - IBM Query for iSeries (5722-QU1)
 - DB2 Query Manager (5722-XT1)

***QMORY and *QRYDFN
are the query file types supported**
New in V5R4


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Extract Server Data

iSeries Access f

- My Home Page
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- Jobs
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 - Import request
 - Import query
 - Extract server data
- Files
- Command
- Download
- Customize



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Extract Server Data

- Extract i5/OS object information into a database table or tables.
- Then use Tables or Run SQL functions to retrieve relevant data.

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Extract Server Object Data

Object Data to Extract
Objects: User profiles

Table to Receive Data
Table:

Replace table if table exists

Extract Results
Output: Browser

Connection
Connection: IBM Toolbox for Java - LP126AB.RCHLAND.IBM.COM

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Extract Server Data

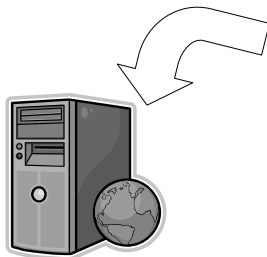
Extract Server Data can be used to retrieve information about objects on the iSeries server, and then store the results in a database table

- General object information can be retrieved for any iSeries 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 in the IFS
 - 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 iSeries information in any manner that is of importance to you.

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



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Tables – work with iSeries database information

iSeries Access for Web

My Home Page
My Folder
Print
Messages
Jobs
5250
Database

Tables

Connection: IBM Toolbox for Java - LP126AB.RCHLAND.IBM.COM
Table filter: *USRLIBL_boats

Table	Description	Action
BOATS.BOATS	Available BOATS	[Icons]
BOATS.BOATS1	Available boats by length	[Icons]
BOATS.PCFILES	PC files needed by BOATS WSG Demo	[Icons]
BOATS.QCLSRC		[Icons]
BOATS.QCMDSRC		[Icons]
BOATS.QODSSRC		[Icons]
BOATS.QRNCVTLG		[Icons]

Action ?

- Insert
- Update
- Quick View
- Find
- Run SQL
- Copy Data To Table

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Working with Tables

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My Home Page
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Database

Tables

Connection: IBM Toolbox for Java - LP126AB.RCHLAND.IBM.COM
Table filter: *USRLIBL_boats

Table	Description	Action
BOATS.BOATS	Available BOATS	[Icons]
BOATS.BOATS1	Available boats by length	[Icons]
BOATS.PCFILES	PC files needed by BOATS WSG Demo	[Icons]
BOATS.QCLSRC		[Icons]
BOATS.QCMDSRC		[Icons]
BOATS.QODSSRC		[Icons]
BOATS.QRNCVTLG		[Icons]
BOATS.QRPGLESRC		[Icons]
BOATS.QRPGSRC		[Icons]
QGPL.#	\$	[Icons]
QGPL.BITYPES		[Icons]
QGPL.CHADDEC		[Icons]
QGPL.CONCURTYPE		[Icons]
QGPL.CPY_INFO		[Icons]
QGPL.DAVE		[Icons]
QGPL.DECSEP		[Icons]
QGPL.DIVZERO		[Icons]
QGPL.DIVZERO2		[Icons]
QGPL.DSD		[Icons]
QGPL.DSPSFWR5C	Output file for DSPSFWR5C	[Icons]

Connection & Table Filter

Table Actions

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Table Filter

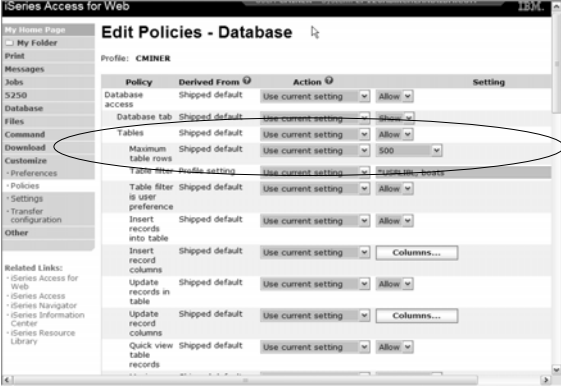
Used to control the tables displayed in the Tables list

Comma-separated list of

- schemas
- schema filters
- tables
- table filters

The % character is used as a wild card character.

*USRLIBL is a special value to identify all tables in the user portion of the library list.

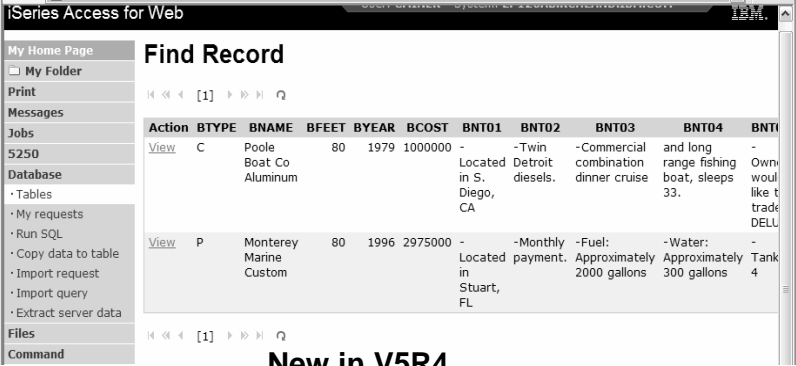


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Tables → Find Record

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



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Tables → Update Function

1

Select Records to Update

Specify column values, to select which records you want to update.

Column	Type	Value	Description
BTYPE	CHAR(1)		P=Powered S=Sailing
BNAME	CHAR(30)		boat name
BFEET	NUMERIC(3,0)	80	Length in feet
BYEAR	NUMERIC(4,0)		Year built
BCOST	NUMERIC(9,0)		Price in US\$
BNT01	CHAR(72)		Note 1
BNT02	CHAR(72)		Note 2

2

Records to Update

Action	BTYPE	BNAME	BFEET	BYEAR	BCOST	BNT01	BNT02	BNT03	BNT04	BNT
Update	C	Poodle	80	1979	100000	-	Two Commercial and long range fishing boat, sleeps 4			
Delete		Boat Co Aluminum				Located in S. Diego, CA	Detroit desails dinner cruise	combination boat, sleeps 33		
Update	P	Monterey	80	1996	207500	-	Monthly in payment, 2000 gallons	Fuel- Approximately 300 gallons	Water- Approximately 4	
Delete		Marine				Located in Stuart, FL				

Wildcards may be used in the selection

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Inserting New Records into A Table

Column Name

Column Type & Length

Enter values for each column

Insert Record

To insert a record, specify column values and click Insert Record.

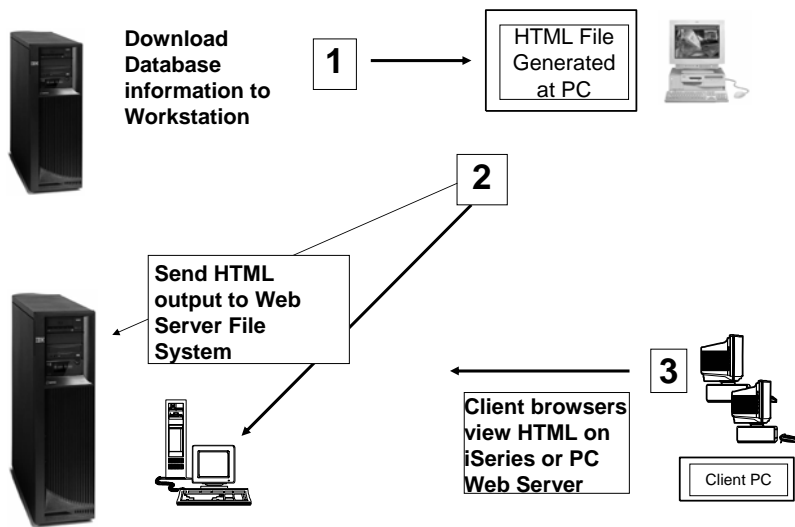
Column	Type	Value	Description
BTYPE	CHAR(1)		P=Powered S=Sailing
BNAME	CHAR(30)		boat name
BFEET	NUMERIC(3,0)	0	Length in feet
BYEAR	NUMERIC(4,0)	0	Year built
BCOST	NUMERIC(9,0)	0	Price in US\$
BNT01	CHAR(72)		Note 1
BNT02	CHAR(72)		Note 2
BNT03	CHAR(72)		Note 3
BNT04	CHAR(72)		Note 4
BNT05	CHAR(72)		Note 5

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Appendix A. HTML Output Types



Use HTML File support Updating a Web server



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HTML Output Settings

- Many settings from:
- Caption
- Table
- Cell data

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Displaying output in a paged list

iSeries Access for Web (continued)

Specify a value for 'Rows per table' to limit the number of rows displayed on a page

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Contrasting other layouts

Customer Information

CUSNUM	LSTNAM	INIT	STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIPCOL
583990	Abraham	M T	396 Mill St	Isle	MN	56342
839283	Jones	B D	21B NW 135 St	Clay	NY	13041
555666	Zeeman	J K	345 Ralph Ave	Edina	Ia	45443
593029	Williams	E D	485 SE 2 Ave	Dallas	TX	75218
846283	Alison	J S	787 Lake Dr	Isle	MN	56342
397267	Tyron	W E	13 Myrtle Dr	Hector	NY	14841
593829	Parnas	F N	9 B Middle Lan	Salts	UT	76609

Preview output type displays a limited number of rows per page, but you can't customize how the list is displayed

If you do not specify a value for 'Rows per table', all results are returned in a single page

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A template file can be used to display custom content before and after the statement results

The template file must have previously been placed in the Integrated File System (IFS) on the iSeries server

HTML Output Settings

Template

File: /boats/homepage/accesswater.html

Tag: %%CONTENT%%

General

Character set: Multilingual [UTF-8]

Maximum rows: []

Access for Water Supplying quality boats since 2002

Home

BNAME	BFEET	BYEAR	BCOST	BNT01
Mako Sportfisher	19	1989	13000	-Located in Anacortes, WA.
Monk Bridgedeck Cruiser	36	1956	19900	-Built of mahogany, oak, and cedar.
Carver Santa Cruz	28	1978	23900	-Constructed of fiberglass.

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iSeries Access for Web (continued)

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Example of template file

```
<HTML>
<BODY>
<table>
<tr><td>
<img SRC="boathead.gif" height=43 width=614>
</td>
<tr>
<td align="right">
<a href="/webaccess/iWAHome">Home</a>
</td>
</tr>
</table>
<br>
%%CONTENT%%
<br>
<BODY>
</HTML>
```

Appendix B: Comparisons: Similarities / Differences

- iSeries Access for Windows
- iSeries Access for Web



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
• Basic Random	No	Yes
• Basic Sequential	No	Yes
• DOS Random	No	Yes
• DOS Random Type 2	No	Yes

Supported File Formats (continued)

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

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Comparison of Database Capabilities			
Feature / Function	iSeries Access for Windows	iSeries Access for Web	iSeries Access for Linux
ODBC driver	Yes	No	Yes
OLE DB provider	Yes	No	No
.NET provider	Yes	No	No
From an iSeries, start programs/commands on PC – Incoming Remote Command	Yes	No	No
GUI to find, add, update, delete selected records in an iSeries database Table	No	Yes	No
GUI to convert query results to .PDF format	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 iSeries Access for Windows Data Transfer requests	No	Yes	No
Programming Support – ActiveX automation Objects	Yes	No	No
– Limited support using java.net.URL and the documented URL Interfaces	No	Yes	No

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IBM System i		
Comparison of Data Transfer and Access for Web Database		
Feature / Function	iSeries Access for Windows	iSeries 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	No
• 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	No, handled as character strings
• 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 iSeries <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Requests are saved by User name, extension types are not displayed 2. An "Import" Facility (*) can be used to convert iSeries Access for Windows Data Transfer requests to iSeries Access for Web requests 	Data Transfer From iSeries <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. .DTF - New request type used by iSeries Access for Windows 2. .TTO - Request type used in 5763-XD1 and DOS Extended clients 3. .DT - Request type used in Windows 3.1 client 4. .RTO - Rumba transfer request file
Database Requests To iSeries <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Requests are saved by User name, extension types are not displayed 2. An "Import" Facility (*) can be used to convert iSeries Access for Windows Data Transfer requests to iSeries Access for Web requests 	Data Transfer To iSeries <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. .DTT - New request type used in iSeries Access for Windows 2. .TFR - Request type used in 5763-XD1 and DOS Extended clients 3. .DT - Request type used in Windows 3.1 client 4. .RTO - Rumba transfer request file

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

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 iSeries 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. iSeries Access for Windows enables you to work with large amounts of rows using BIFF5, BIFF7, BIFF8 file types.



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



Overall Strengths – database function

iSeries 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

iSeries Access for Web Database:

- Runs on System i 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 create Requests and give to other users to run
- Can Import Client Access Data Transfer requests; and IBM Query for iSeries (5722-QU1) and DB2 Query Manager SQL requests.



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