

**Appendix B. Homepage Customization** 



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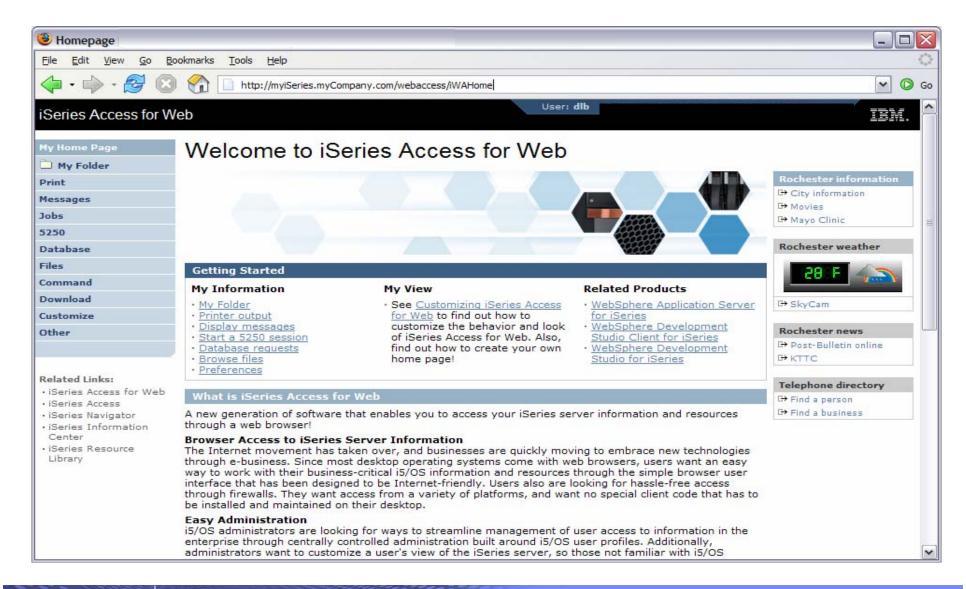


#### How to build a home page to i5/OS

- A default HTML home page is displayed when the iWAHome servlet is invoked.
  - http://<mySystem.myCompany.com>/webaccess/iWAHome
  - It's a starting point to highlight functions.
  - It's an example of how to build your own home page or pages that access System i Access for Web functionality.
- A default HTML template is used to display functional pages of System i Access for Web
- To build a home page to i5/OS...
  - Override the default home page HTML
  - Override the default template HTML
  - Override the default CSS
  - For a specific user, group of users, or all users of the i5/OS system
  - Use the System i Access for Web Customization interface to override

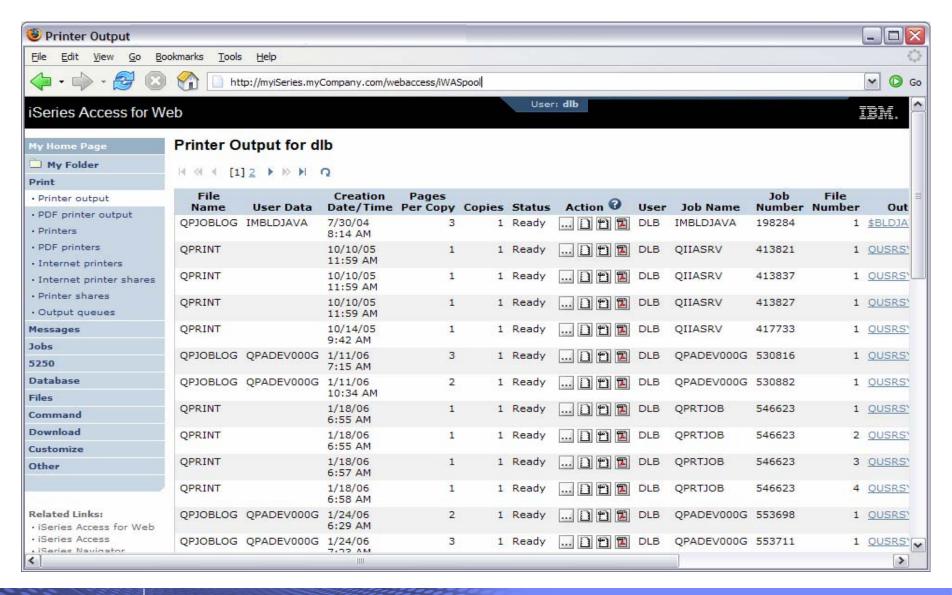


#### **Home Page**





#### **Functional Look**





#### Template file customization

- System i Access for Web has a default look for it functional pages.
  - This look is controlled by a template file and cascading style sheet.
- The template file has sections to specify
  - Header/footer areas of functional pages.
  - Where System i Access for Web content is placed in the page.

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



#### Special tags

- Within the home page and template .html files, special tags are used.
  - When these tags are encountered by the System i Access for Web code, they are replaced with the appropriate content.

#### Special tags...

- %%CONTENT%%
- %%include section=file%%
- %%MENU%%
- %%STYLESHEET%%
- %%STYLESHEET\_CLASSIC\_COLORS%%
- %%TITLE%%
- %%SYSTEM%%
- %%USER%%
- %%VERSION%%

#### Replaced with...

functional content for the page, separates the header/footer

HTML section/fragment to include

navigation bar

default style sheet

default style sheet prior to V5R4

title of the page

name of i5/OS system being accessed

i5/OS user profile used to access the server

version of System i Access for Web

#### For detailed information on these special tags

- V5R4 System i Access for Web Info Center
  - Connecting to iSeries->iSeries Access->iSeries Access for Web->iSeries Access for Web in a web application sever environment->Customize iSeries Access for Web->Default page content->Home page
- System i Access for Web lab 420063 has an exercise on customizing the home page.
- Detailed information later in this presentation.

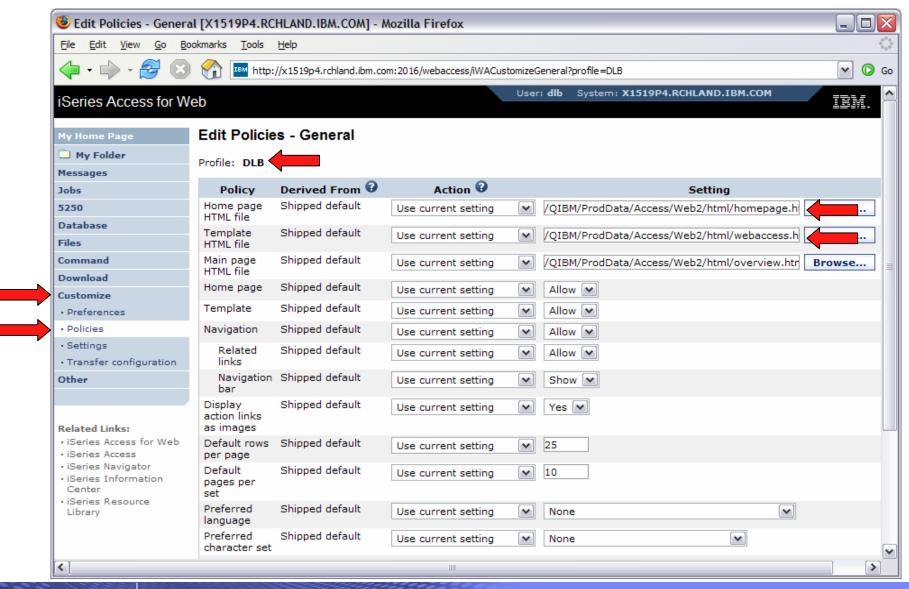


#### **Customization settings**

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



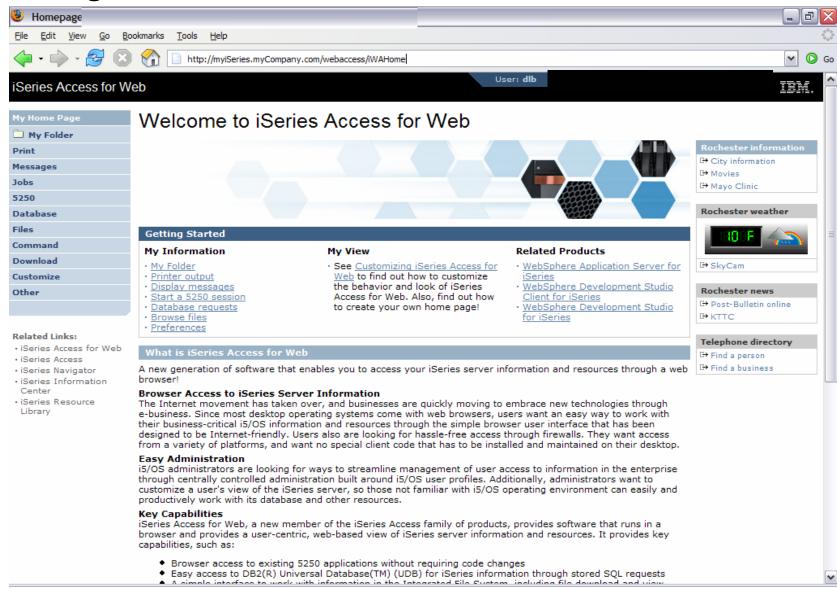
#### Customization settings (continued)



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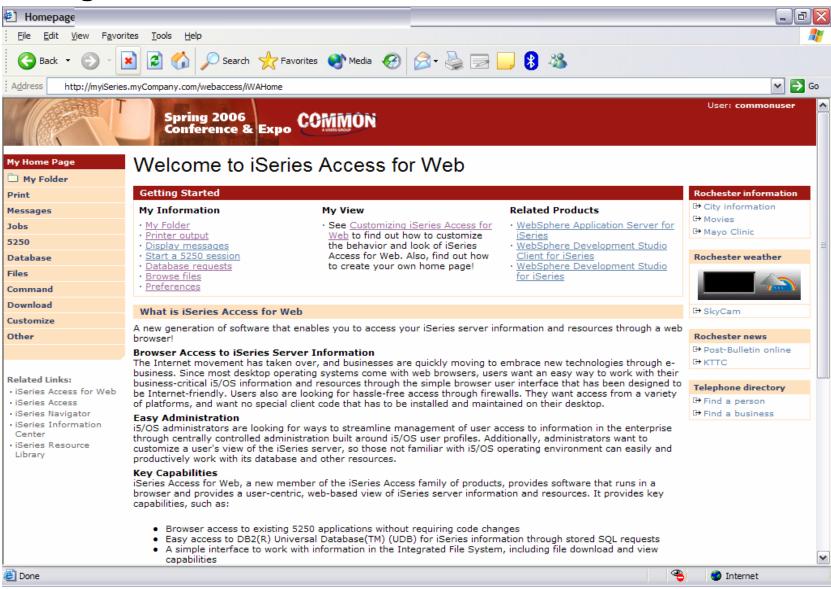


#### HomePage before – iWAHome servlet



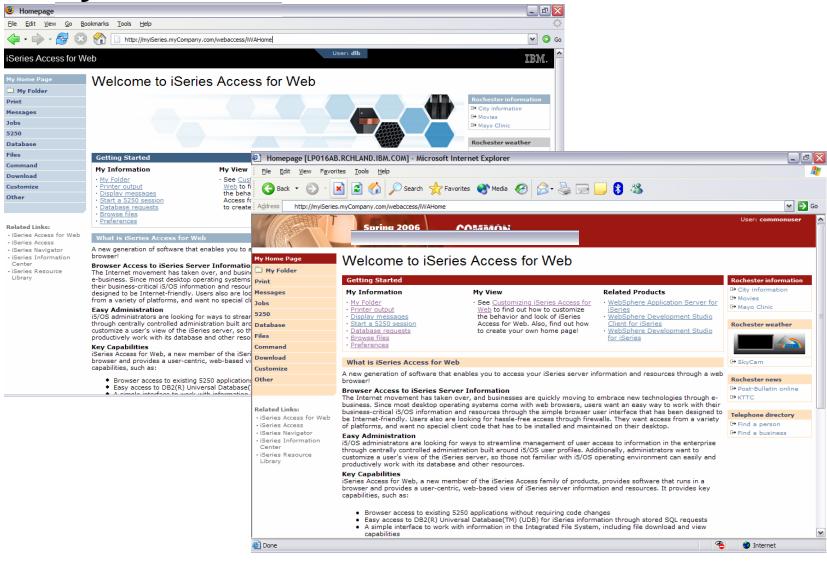


#### HomePage after – iWAHome servlet



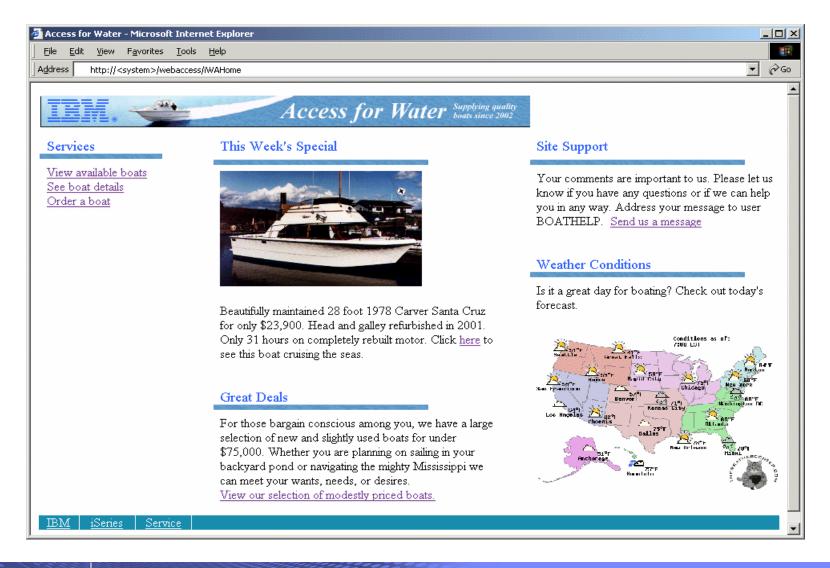


# http://<system>/webaccess/iWAHome





#### **HomePage after – iWAHome (another example)**



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#### Home Page/Template Customization Example (continued)

Custom template





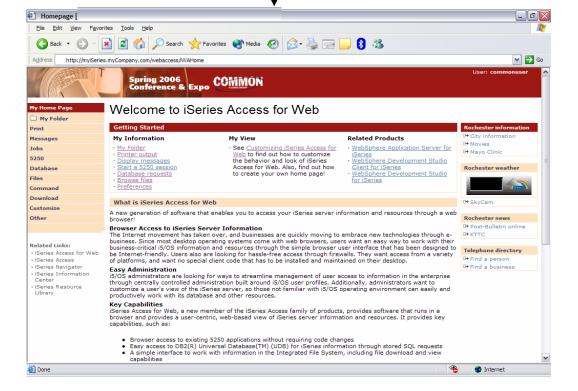
#### Why build a home page to i5/OS

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



#### iWAHome - structure

http://<system>/webaccess/iWAHome



#### Homepage file

common\_homepage.html

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

#### **Image files**

images/s06common.gif images/iwa\_navCorner.gif

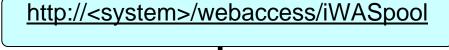
#### Cascading Style Sheet file

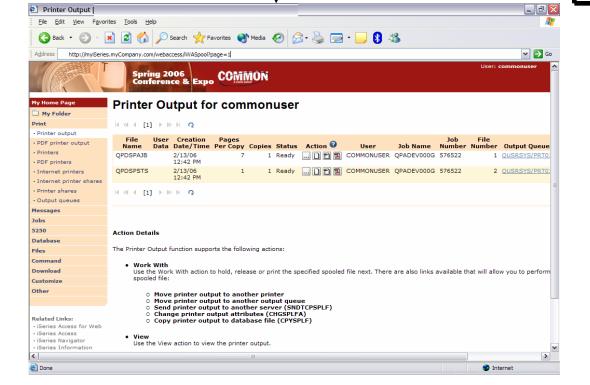
common\_styles.css

Defines the colors, fonts, font sizes for the various elements in the .html files.



## iWA servlet Template - structure





#### Homepage file

common\_homepage.html

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

#### Template file

common\_template.html

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

#### **Image files**

images/s06common.gif images/iwa\_navCorner.gif

#### Cascading Style Sheet file

common\_styles.css

Defines the colors, fonts, font sizes for the various elements in the .html files.



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

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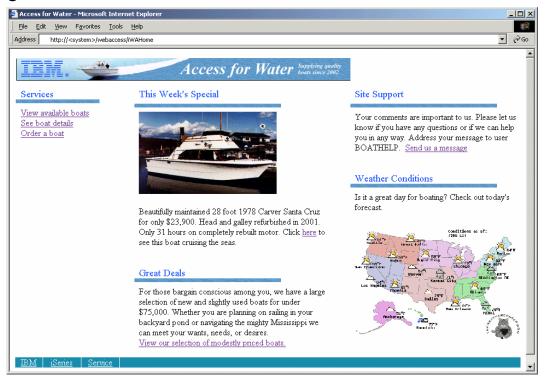
# The formula for building a homepage to your i5/OS

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



#### Create a Home web page

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



#### Specifics

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



#### **Setup System i Access for Web functions**

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



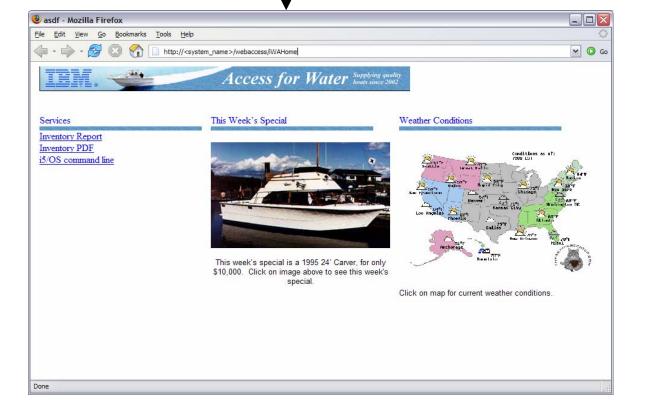
#### Configure System i Access for Web home page

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



#### iWAHome - structure

http://<system>/webaccess/iWAHome



#### Homepage file

/boatdemo/boat.htm

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

#### **Image files**

/boatdemo/boat\_files/\*.gif /boatdemo/boat\_files/\*.jpg /boatdemo/boat\_files/\*.mpg

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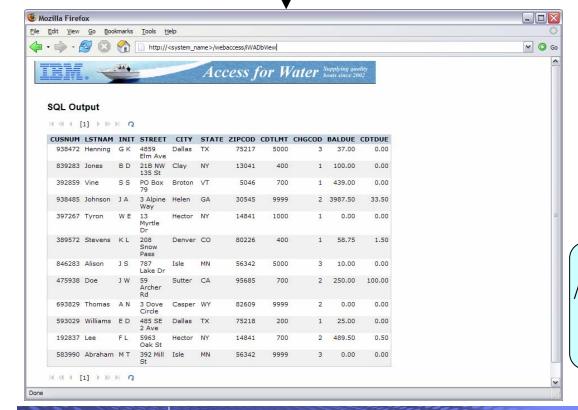
#### Create/configure iSeries Access for Web template

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



## iWA servlet Template - structure

http://<system>/webaccess/iWADbView



#### Homepage file

/boatdemo/boat.htm

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

#### Template file

/boatdemo/boat\_template.htm

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

## Image files

/boatdemo/boat\_template\_files/\*.gif

#### Cascading Style Sheet file

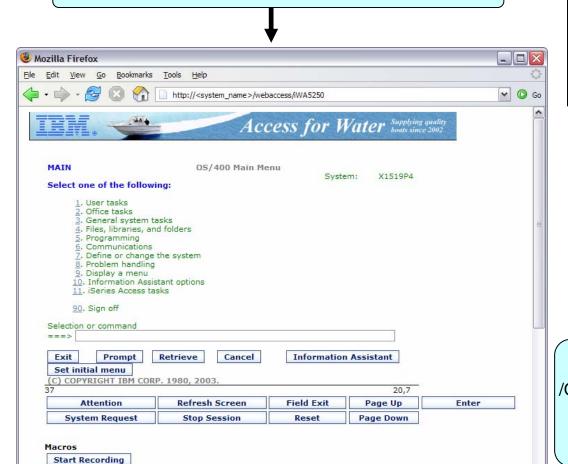
/QIBM/ProdData/Access/Web2/html/iwa\_styles.css

Defines the colors, fonts, font sizes for the various elements in the .html files.



## iWA servlet Template - structure

http://<system>/webaccess/iWA5250



#### Homepage file

/boatdemo/boat.htm

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

#### Template file

/boatdemo/boat\_template.htm

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

## Image files

/boatdemo/boat\_template\_files/\*.gif

#### Cascading Style Sheet file

/QIBM/ProdData/Access/Web2/html/iwa\_styles.css

Defines the colors, fonts, font sizes for the various elements in the .html files.

Done



## The formula for building a homepage to your i5/OS

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



## **Home Page Customization**

- Great article example
  - Build a quick and easy Web site with iSeries Access for Web" Janet
     Weber
  - http://www.ibm.com/servers/eserver/iseries/access/pdf/build\_website\_article.pdf
  - iSeries 400 Experts Journal



#### **Additional Information – Detailed Example**

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



# iWAHome – Steps to customize

- To customize the pages:
  - 1. Copy System i Access for Web .html/.css files.
  - 2. Copy image files.
  - 3. Customize policies to use .html files.
  - 4. Update .html files.
  - 5. Update cascading style sheet.
  - 6. Verify with a browser.



# Step 1 - Copy System i Access for Web .html/.css files

- System i Access for Web provides the source for the default pages
  - Home page for iWAHome servlet
  - Template for all other servlets
  - Cascading Style Sheet to control the styling of HTML elements
- These source files can be used as a starting point for customization.
- Copy the default file(s) supplied to a new location in the integrated file system so they can be modified.
- Steps to copy the files:
  - MKDIR DIR('/common\_homepage')
  - 2. CPY OBJ('/qibm/proddata/access/web2/html/en/homepage.html') TOOBJ('/common\_homepage/common\_homepage.html')
  - 3. CPY OBJ('/qibm/proddata/access/web2/html/en/webaccess.html') TOOBJ('/common\_homepage/common\_template.html')
  - 4. CPY OBJ('/qibm/proddata/access/web2/html/en/iwa\_styles.css') TOOBJ('/common\_homepage/common\_styles.css')
  - WRKLNK OBJ('/common\_homepage')
  - 6. Option #9 to work with authorities
    - Grant \*PUBLIC \*RWX
    - Repeat for all subdirectories and files



# iWAHome – Steps to customize

- To customize the pages:
  - 1. Copy System i Access for Web .html/.css files.
  - 2. Locate and copy image files.
  - 3. Customize policies to use .html files.
  - 4. Update .html files.
  - 5. Update cascading style sheet.
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#### Step 2 - Locate and copy image files

- Within the HTML source, images can be specified.
- Locate an image (i.e. your company logo/banner) you can use.
- The image file will need to reside in the same directory, or a directory below, as the .html files that refer to them.
  - Locating the image files in some other location will require HTTP server configuration updates.
- Copy the file(s) to an images subdirectory in the integrated file system, below the location of the .html source.
- Steps to copy the files:
  - MKDIR DIR('/common\_homepage/images')
  - 2. Copy your image files to the /common\_homepage/images directory.
    - We are using common\_banner.gif, iwa\_navCorner.gif
  - WRKLNK OBJ('/common\_homepage/images')
  - 4. Option #9 to work with authorities
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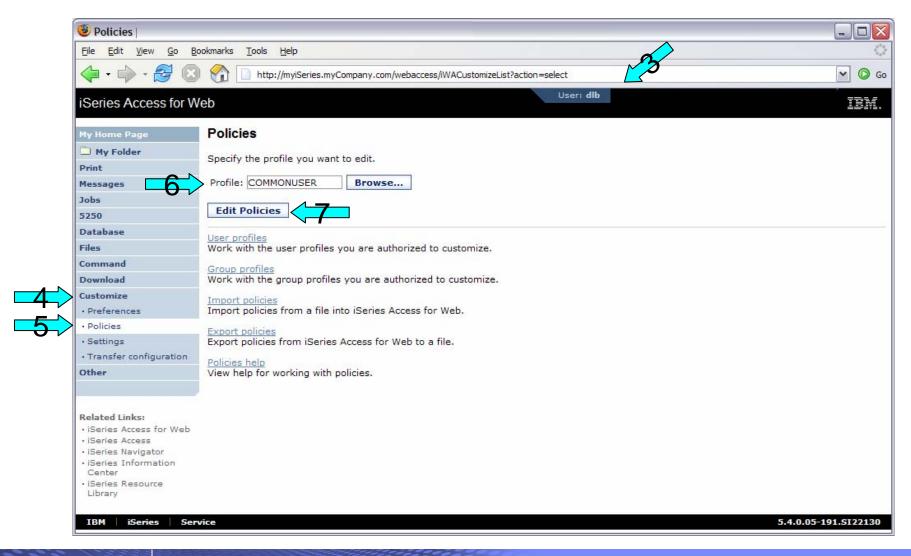


#### Step 3 - Customize policies to use .html files

- System i Access for Web policies need to be changed to use the .html files.
- This will allow you to verify the incremental changes to the .html source in the following steps.
- Customize policies for a test user profile to use the modified .html files.
- Steps to set policies:
  - Identify a test i5/OS user profile you can use, or CRTUSRPRF USRPRF(COMMONUSER) PASSWORD() USRCLS(\*USER)
  - 2. Open a browser to <a href="http://<system>/webaccess/iWAMain">http://<system>/webaccess/iWAMain</a>
  - 3. Signon using an administrator level user profile.
  - 4. Click the Customize tab.
  - 5. Click the Policies link.
  - 6. Specify your test user profile, we are using COMMONUSER.
  - 7. Click Edit Policies.
  - 8. Click the Action icon for the General category.
  - 9. Type in the Home page HTML file: /common\_homepage/common\_homepage.html
  - 10. Type in the Template HTML file: /common\_homepage/common\_template.html
  - 11. Scroll down click Save.

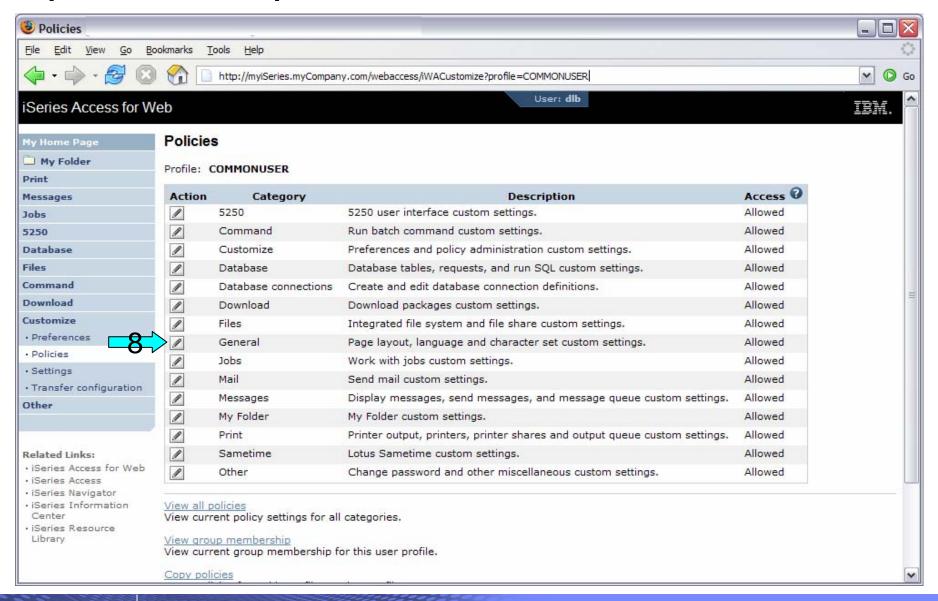


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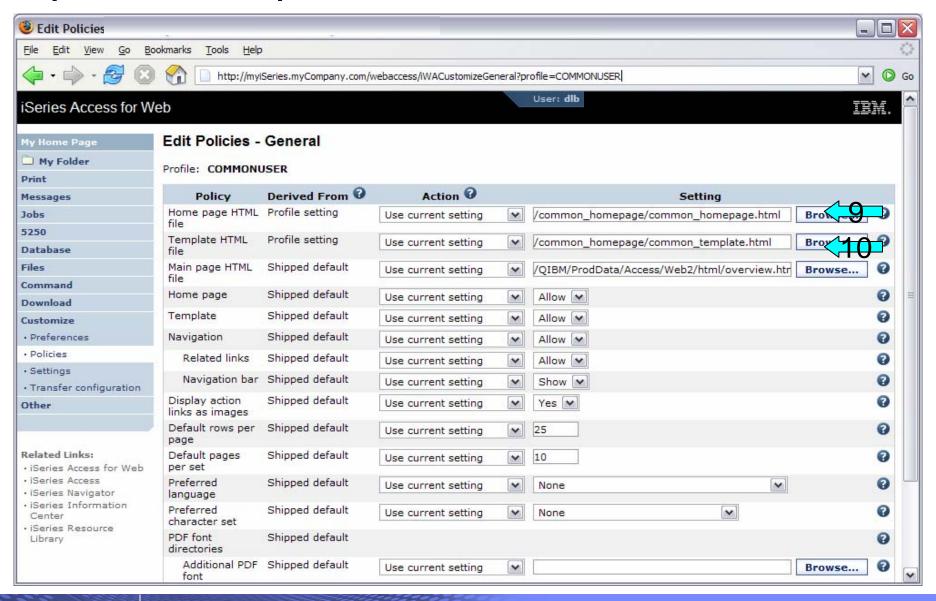


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# iWAHome – Steps to customize

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  - 4. Update .html files.
  - 5. Update cascading style sheet.
  - 6. Verify with a browser.

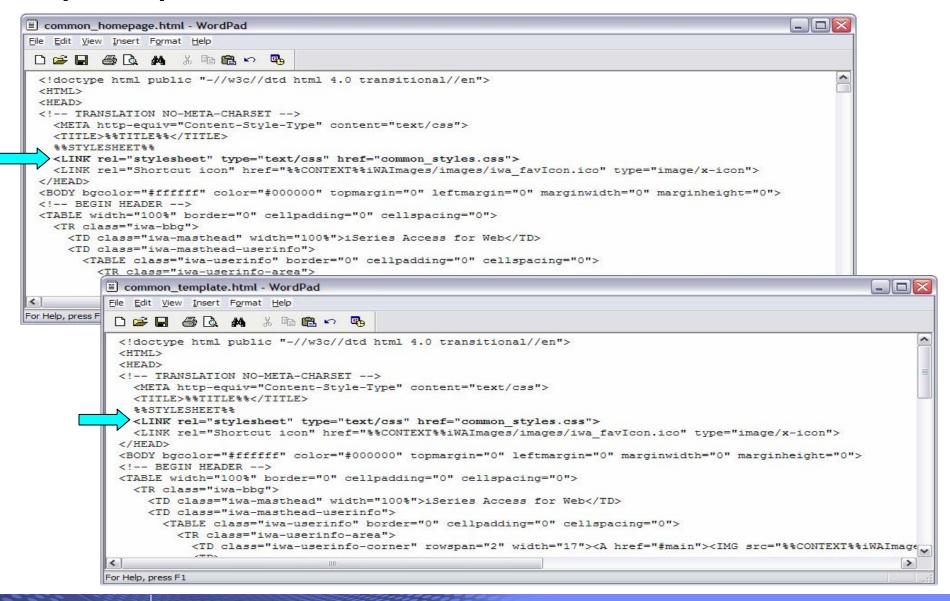


## Step 4 – Update .html files – add .css reference

- To override the default cascading style sheet, the .html files must be updated to link to our copy (see Step 1).
- The cascading style sheet will be modified in a later step.
- Add the reference to the cascading style sheet file to both .html files
- Steps to add the reference:
  - 1. Open a browser to <a href="http://<system>/webaccess/iWAHome">http://<system>/webaccess/iWAHome</a>
  - 2. Signon using your test user profile, we are using COMMONUSER.
  - 3. Open the following files with Wordpad
    - /common\_homepage/common\_homepage.html
    - /common\_homepage/common\_template.html
  - 4. At the top of the file, add the following below %%STYLESHEET%%
    - <LINK rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="common\_styles.css">
  - 5. Save the changes to the .html files.
  - 6. Refresh the browser session. No visual changes should be occur.



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



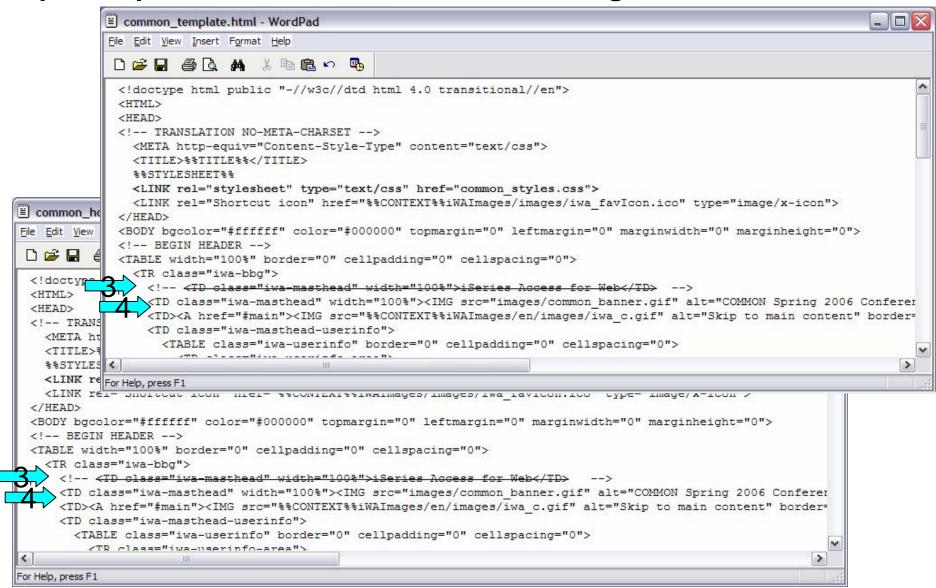


## Step 4 – Update .html files – add header image

- To display your company's logo/image, the .html files must be updated to link in a different image file.
- The default masthead (header) reference needs to be removed.
- The new logo/image reference needs to be added.
- Steps to add the reference:
  - 1. Open the following files with Wordpad
    - /common\_homepage/common\_homepage.html
    - /common\_homepage/common\_template.html
  - 2. Near the top of the file, locate the following lines:
    - <!-- BEGIN HEADER -->
    - <TABLE width="100%" border="0" cellpadding="0" cellspacing="0">
    - <TR class="iwa-bbg">
    - <TD class="iwa-masthead" width="100%">iSeries Access for Web</TD>
  - 3. Remove this line
    - <TD class="iwa-masthead" width="100%">iSeries Access for Web</TD>
  - 4. Add these or similar lines to replace the masthead (header)
    - <TD class="iwa-masthead" width="100%"><IMG src="images/common\_banner.gif" alt="COMMON Spring 2006 Conference & Expo, March 26-30, 2006, Minneapolis, Minnesota" border="0" width="468" height="60"></TD>
    - <TD><A href="#main"><IMG src="%%CONTEXT%%iWAImages/en/images/iwa\_c.gif" alt="Skip to main content" border="0" width="17" height="1"></A></TD>
  - 5. Save the changes.
  - 6. Refresh the browser. The image in the header should have changed. i want an i.

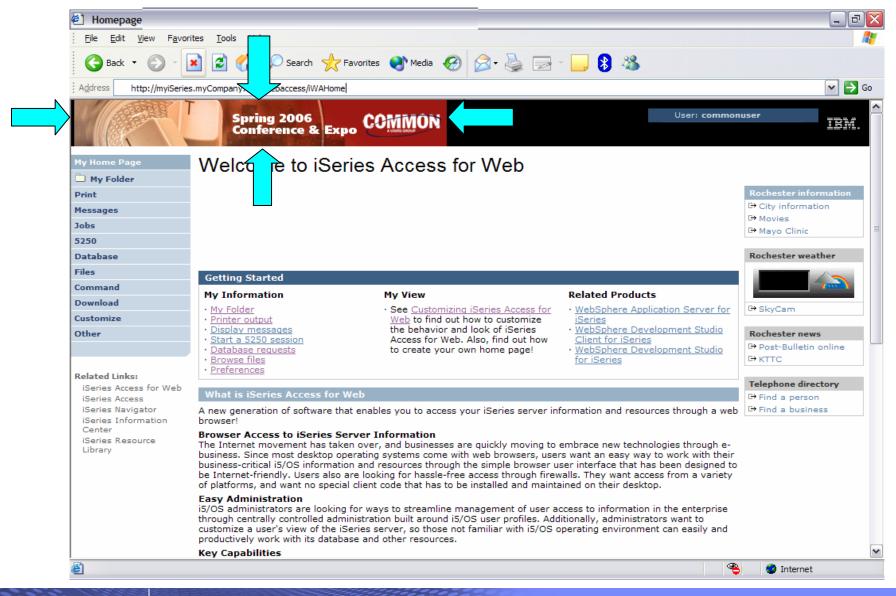


## Step 4 – Update .html files – add header image





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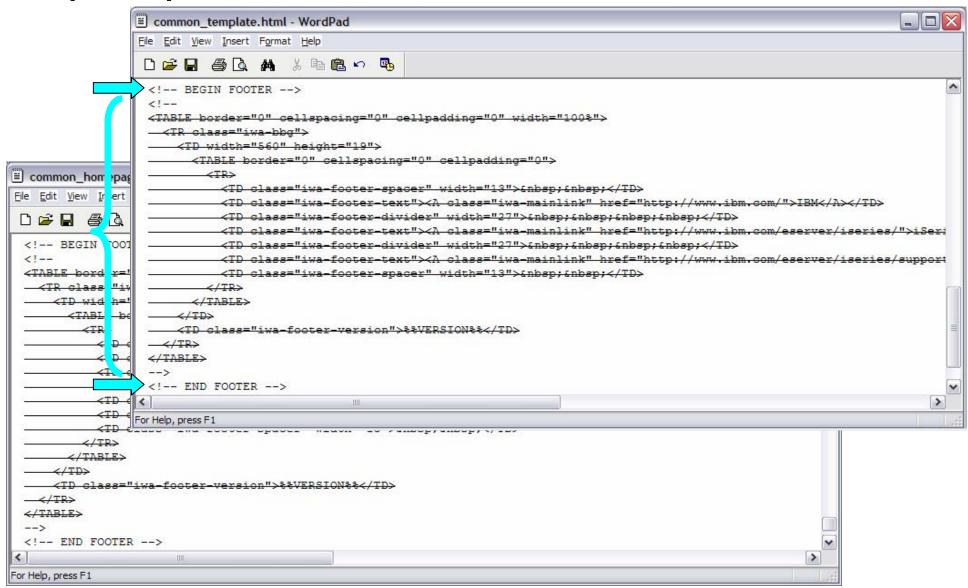


## Step 4 – Update .html files – remove footer

- A footer exists at the bottom of the web page.
- We are going to remove that footer to simplify the look of the page.
- Locate the comments BEGIN FOOTER END FOOTER and remove the lines between them.
- Steps to remove the footer:
  - 1. Open the following files with Wordpad
    - /common\_homepage/common\_homepage.html
    - /common\_homepage/common\_template.html
  - 2. At the bottom of the file, locate the following lines:
    - <!- BEGIN FOOTER -->
    - <!- END FOOTER -->
  - 3. Remove all lines between the BEGIN-END comments.
  - 4. Save the changes.
  - 5. Close the Wordpad windows.
  - 6. Refresh the browser. Scroll down, the footer not be displayed.



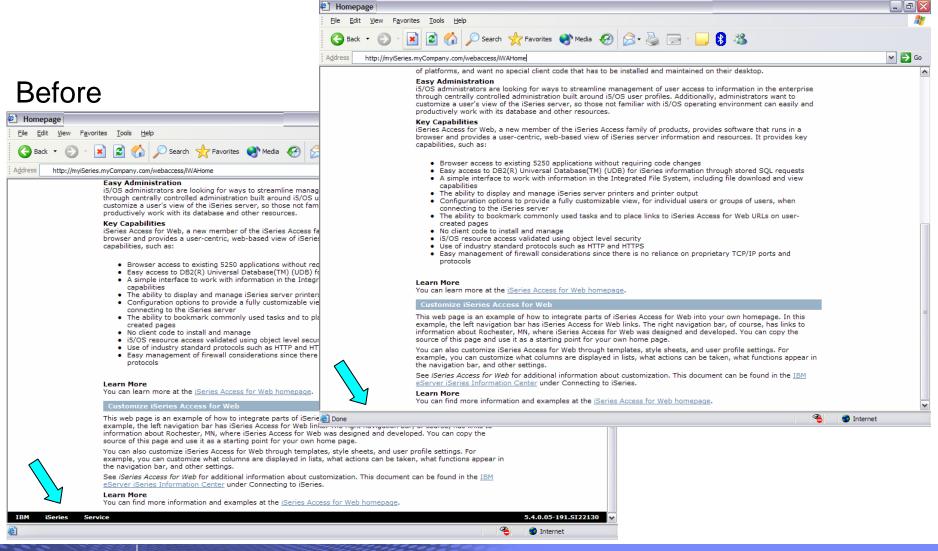
## Step 4 – Update .html files – remove footer





### Step 4 – Update .html files – remove footer

#### **After**





## iWAHome – Steps to customize

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  - 1. Copy System i Access for Web .html/.css files.
  - 2. Locate and copy image files.
  - 3. Customize policies to use .html files.
  - 4. Update .html files.
  - 5. Update cascading style sheet.
  - 6. Verify with a browser.



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

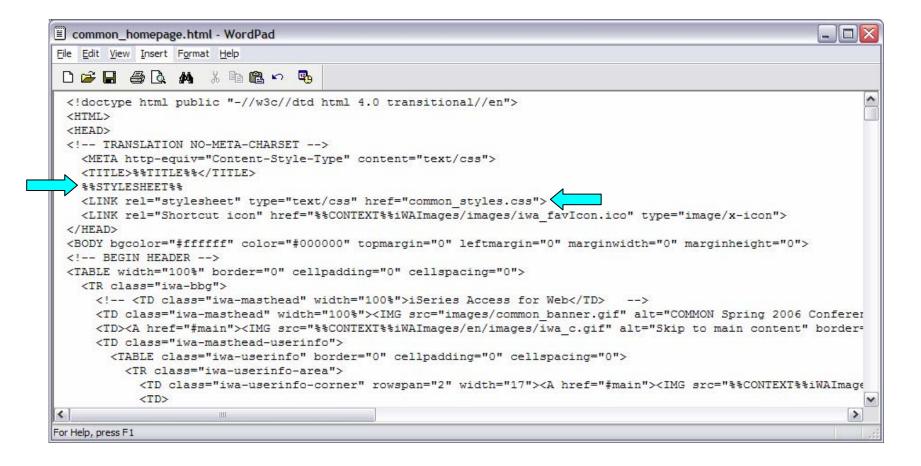
/common\_homepage/common\_styles.css

Step 1 updated the .html files to use our copy

/common\_homepage/common\_styles.css

- Steps to update the .css:
  - 1. Open the following file with Wordpad
    - /common\_homepage/common\_styles.css
  - 2. Update various styles.
  - 3. Save the changes.
  - 4. Refresh the browser. Verify various areas of the screen were updated.

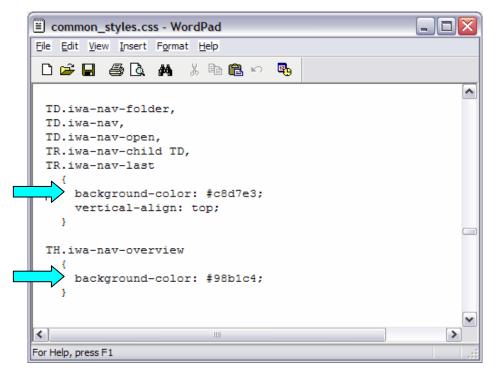






Original navigation bar settings

Changed navigation bar settings



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TD.iwa-nav-open,
TR.iwa-nav-open,
TR.iwa-nav-child TD,
TR.iwa-nav-last
{
background-color: #FFE1BE;
vertical-align: top;
}

TH.iwa-nav-overview
{
background-color: #9D1813;
}

For Help, press F1
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