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Tips and Techniques for iSeries Access for Web

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This presentation focuses on additional things you need to understand about deploying and using iSeries Access for Web in your network

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Functional enhancements can be submitted via the FITS system. The url is:
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Functions you can perform with iSeries Access for Web 5722-XH2, V5R4

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V5R4 iSeries Access for Web Enhancements

Both Servlets and Portlets	Servlets	Portlets
Authentication • Support Single sign-on (SSO) using WAS security model (EIM, LDAP) • 5250 Bypass i5/OS sign-on screen **Database** • Support for OpenOffice Spreadsheet format (.ods) **5250** • Support DDS HTML keywords • Display HTTP/HTTPS URL strings as links	**Database** • Import/run DB2 Query Manager and IBM Query for DB2 for i5/OS queries • A new output destination of IFS for SQL requests • New option of 'Find' on Tables link **Administration** • Can transfer configuration items between i5/OS user profiles • Can use WebSphere data source names for database connections **Files** • Browse File Share link added	**Database** • DB2 for i5/OS SQL Requests added • DB2 for it/OS SQL Results Viewer added **Files** • Zip function added **i5/OS Credentials** • Can change i5/OS password via Access for Web

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Control User Access to functions

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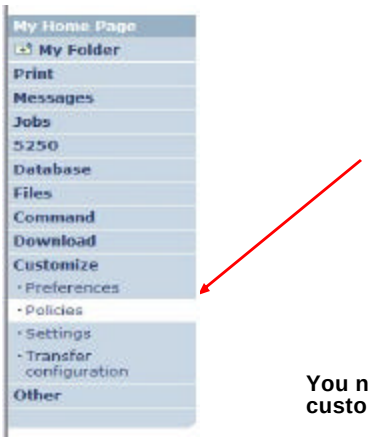
Control User Access to functions



1. How do I keep my users from using all these functions?
2. How do I set up the environment for my users?
3. Should I let my users set have some individual screen settings for some functions?

You need *SECADM authority to customize profiles

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Access for Web uses i5/OS User Profiles

***PUBLIC profile is a set of default policy settings shipped with Access for Web**

- The defaults allow most functions to be available to all users

When a user attempts to access any iSeries Access for Web function, the following sequence of checks are made to authenticate user access:

- User profile
- Group profile(s)
- *PUBLIC profile

The settings in these policies indicate what functions within iSeries Access for Web, a user can attempt to use.

For example, let's say:

- You give users full access to the 'Database' tab.
- You have Object Level authority set up on your System i data
- When user attempts to use the iSeries Access for Web Database function to get at database information, the user will get an i5/OS message indicating they are not authorized to access the table

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Customize → Policies

- Policies are used to control access to iSeries Access for Web functions
- Policies are saved and associated with the appropriate iSeries user or group profile
- Each 'Category' expands for granular control

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Recommendations for Setting Up Policies

Do as much customization as you can using *PUBLIC

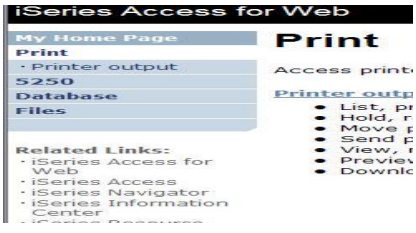
Examples:

- 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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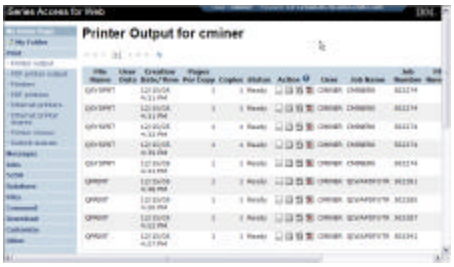
Tip: Might want to Set up Printer Output with *PUBLIC

Shipped look

- **15 columns**
- **Multiple Actions**

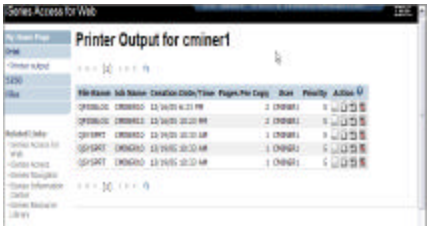


Display only attributes that make sense for your users

- **Fits on one screen**

Use Policies / Preferences to remove attribute columns

Use Policies to modify the Action options



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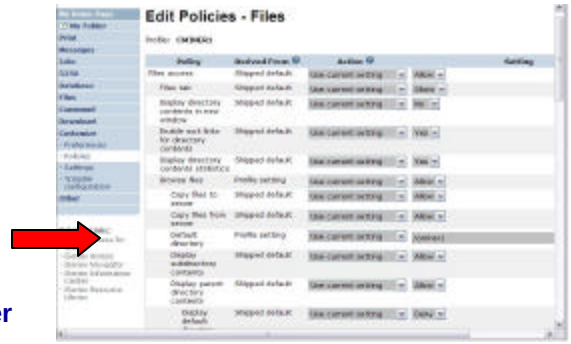
Set Policy to Default to Specific Directory in IFS

Set a 'Default Directory' for:

- ***PUBLIC**
- **Groups of users**
- **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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Customization – 'Copy Policies' between profiles

- The Copy Policies function enables policy settings to be copied from one profile to any number of other specified profiles.
- This enables iSeries Access for Web administrators to edit policy settings for one profile and replicate the settings to other profiles.

Must have at least *CHANGE object authority

– Administrators can copy policy settings for user and group profiles

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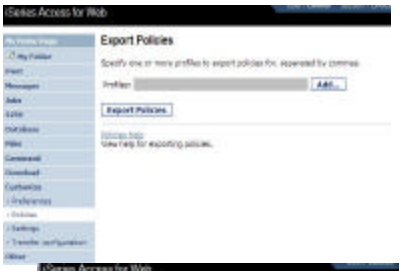
Copy Profile Settings from one System i to another

To copy customized profile settings from one System i to another System i

1. Use the Export function to put them in a PC file
2. Then use the Import function to put the profile settings on another System i

This is useful if you wish to create user group profiles (such as SALES, SECRETARY, etc) and set them up similarly on a variety of systems.



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Transfer Configuration Data function (new in V5R4)

The Transfer Configuration Data function enables administrators to move configuration items between user profiles.

Configuration items supported are:

- 5250 sessions
- 5250 macros
- Commands
- Database requests
- Folder items
- Policies

Configuration items can be:

- Replicated via the *Copy* action
- Ownership transferred via the *Move* action

Transfer ownership

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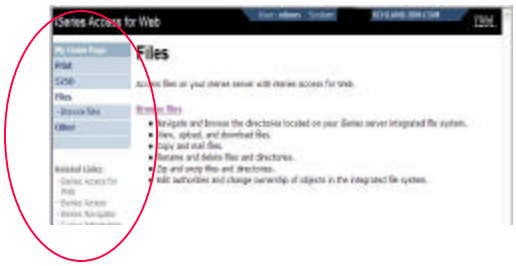
Example of using Transfer Configuration Data

Created a new user

? Used Commands function

Gave new user same Policies same another user

? Used Transfer Configuration Data and selected 'Policies'



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Customization Settings

Use Current Setting

1. The default shipped setting
2. Any setting that has been applied (ie, someone sets something at *PUBLIC level)

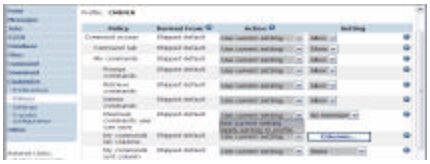
Apply setting to profile

1. Apply some setting
2. Don't change setting even if you are in a group that is getting a setting changed

Reset to default

1. Go back to default shipped setting

The way it looks when first installed



'Reset to default' added when setting changed

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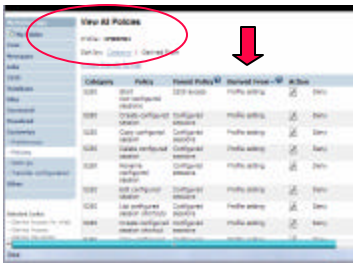
View All Policies set for User or Group

To later determine what policies have been set for a specific user and group, go into Customize → User or Group (name) → Select 'View All Policies'

- Can sort by Category or Derived From

Derived From tells you:

- Shipped default
- Profile setting
- Group - <group profile>
- *PUBLIC group
- *JOBCTL authority (special authority set for the i5/OS profile)
- SECADMIN authority
- Parent policy
- Administrator privileges
- Limit capabilities (*YES in the i5/OS profile)
- Directory entry (user's profile directory entry in the system directory)
- E-mail address
- Sametime user



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Tips on Mail

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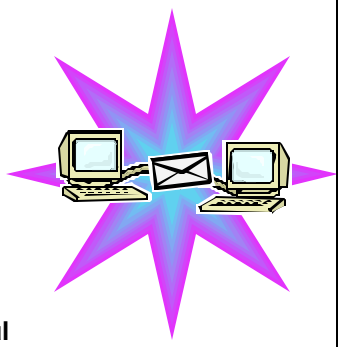
Integrate User's email with iSeries Access for Web

Can send results of the following iSeries 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 a System i user**
- **Does not have access to a web browser**

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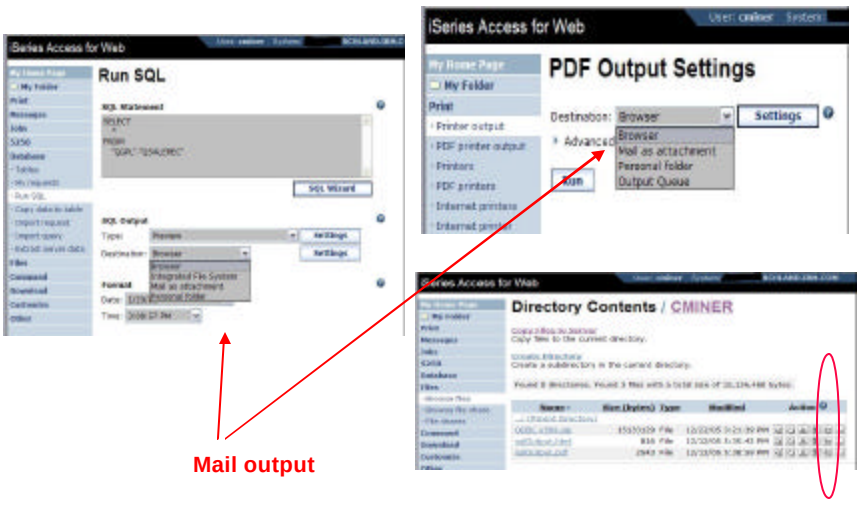
Users can easily email results

'Mail' option displays for function of Access for Web that supports 'Mail'



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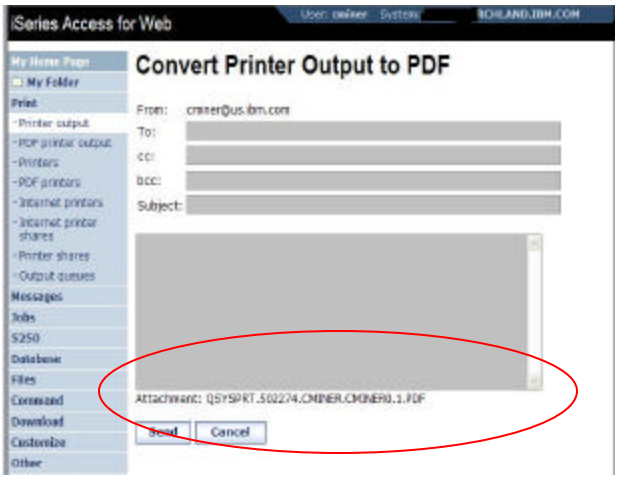
Send your e-mail



Your email address plugged in for you…

…see PDF attachment there…

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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 V5R3 'Import Policy Settings' to provide all e-mail addresses to Access for Web

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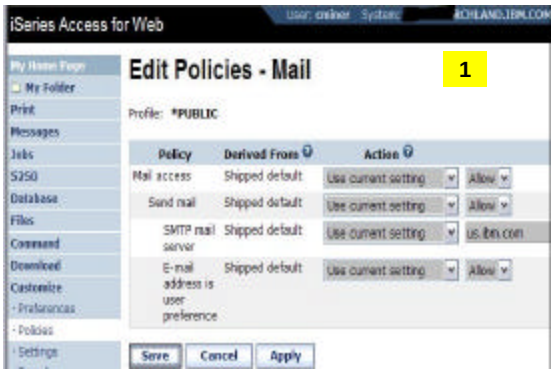
You must 'Customize' to use Email function

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



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

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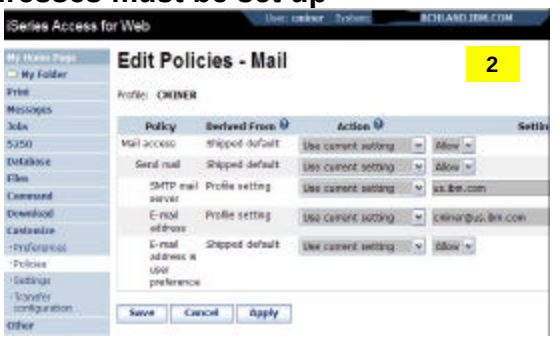
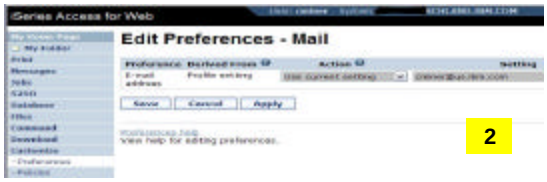
All Users' Email addresses must be set up

e-Mail address must be set for each user

- **Administrator could go into each user's profile and set email address**
- **Each user could do this themselves through 'Preferences'**





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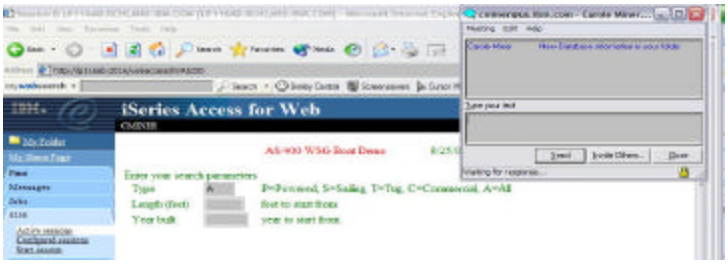
Integration with Lotus Sametime

You can receive Sametime messages:

- **When something is added to 'My Folder' -- this could be someone has put something new in my folder or a database or CL command request that I previously submitted has completed**
- **The administrator/system operator has sent a break message**



You must have a Sametime Server installed in your network and accessible from your System i. Sametime is an add-on product to Lotus Notes.

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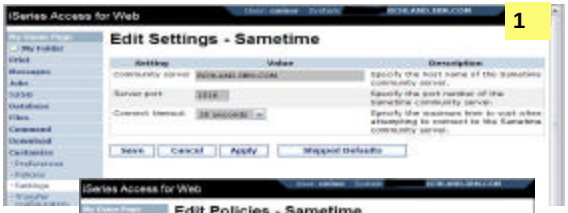
Setup needed to integrate use of Sametime

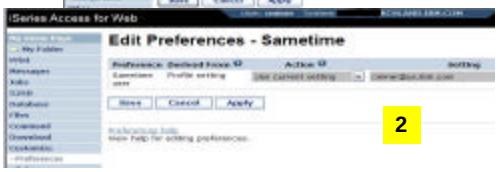
Use Settings to globally set up Sametime server address and port number



- Use Policies to individually include each user's Sametime address

-- or --

- Let each user use Preferences to set up their own Sametime address



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Import Policies from existing mail server directory

The policy settings for multiple user profiles can be updated by using the Import Policies (one request)

- This eliminates need for each profile to be individually updated
- Email addresses and SAMETIME addresses

Administrators are only able to import policy settings to user and group profiles for which they have at least *CHANGE object authority

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Import Policies requires a file type of .XML (example)

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" standalone="yes"?>
<QiwaPolicies>
   <profile name="TSMITH">
        <mail>
            <fromEmailAddress>tsmith@myMailServer.com</fromEmailAddress>
         </mail>
         <sametime>
            <userName>tsmith@mySametime.com</userName>
         </sametime>
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         </mail>
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            <userName>cjones@mySametime.com</userName>
         </sametime>
   </profile>
</QiwaPolicies>
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Tip: Folder Notification

Set up for email notification

Set "Send e-mail on new folder items" to "yes"

Notification email address does not have to be the same as mail settings

- **defaults to email address in the mail setting**
- **override with email address of cell phone, or pager**

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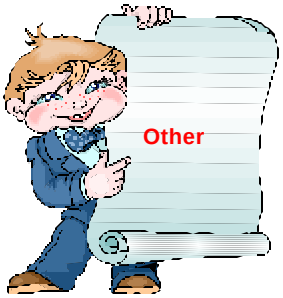
Tips & Goodies in 'Other Tab'



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Good information for load balancing your System i

Connection Pool Status

- How many Access for Web users have been connected?
- How many on now?
- Who are they?

Settings – Connection Pool

- Any settings you make apply to all users
- Set number of sessions a user can start
- How much inactivity before we clean up a session

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Tip: Export Navigation as Bookmarks

Most iSeries Access for Web pages are bookmark-able

- Use bookmarks/favorites to access frequently access functions directly

Export iSeries Access for Web navigation as bookmarks

- Bookmarks can be imported by:
  - Internet Explorer
  - Netscape Navigator
  - Mozilla
  - Opera…

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Product information about Access for Web

About end user connection

- Request information
- Request headers
- iSeries Access for Web information

iSeries Access for Web properties

- IBM Toolbox for Java properties
- Connection pool settings

File Content Type Map

System Properties

And more…

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Way down at the end of 'Other'

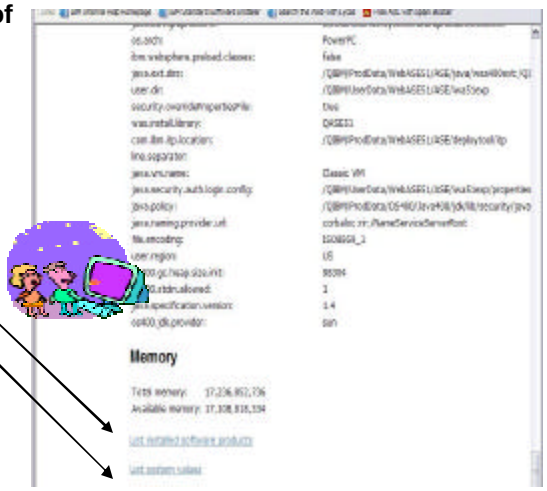
Memory

List installed software products on System i

- **List Software fixes installed**

List system values

- **Allocation system values**
- **Date/time**
- **Security system values...**



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On the 'About' link under Other… (continued)

Find out everything about the Software products on your System i

Software Products

- **You can see all software products installed on System i. Click on the 'Product' link and get to**

Software Product Properties

- **From there click on 'List Software Fixes'**

Software Product Fixes

- **Can see all software fixes applied, including the following on each fix:**
  - **General Information**
  - **Symptoms**
  - **Cover Letter**

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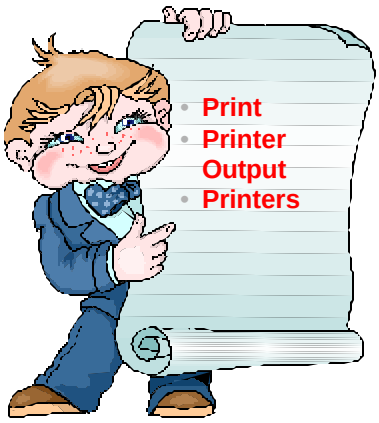
Tips on Print



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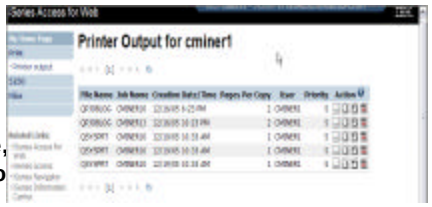
Printer Output

Printer output displayed is for the signed-on user id.

If you want to see a different spool file, you can do it by adding a parameter to the iSeries Access for Web path.



Example...

- **I am signed on as user 'cminer1'. By default I can see all 'cminer1' spool files.**
- **If I enter a new url path as http://<iseries_name>/webaccess/iWASpool?user=warrena**
- **Then I would be able to see all 'warrena' spool files -->**

Must have the proper authority in your i5/OS user profile

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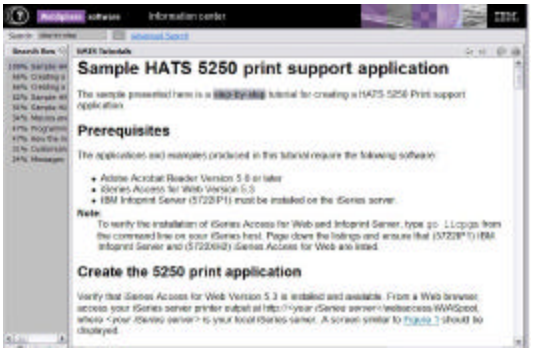
HATS uses iSeries Access for Web for Printer Output

http://publib.boulder.ibm.com/infocenter/hatsv6/index.jsp

Use iSeries Access for Web 'Printer Output' capability with HATS applications

Note:

InfoPrint Server not required



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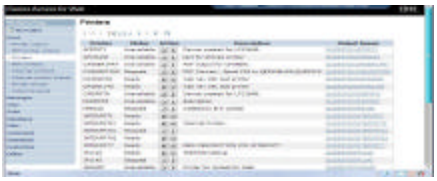
Tip: Take Advantage of Printer Views

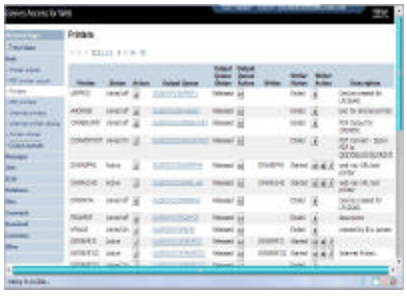
Basic (default)

- **Hides the System i printer concept**
- **Simplified actions to control printers**



Advanced

- **Traditional System i printer**
- **Advanced actions**
- **Starting/stopping writer**
- **Hold/release output queues**
- **Vary on/off device**



Use Policies or Preferences to control the printer view

- **Customize → Printers → Printers List View**

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IBM InfoPrint Server

http://www.printers.ibm.com/internet/wwsites.nsf/vwwebpublished/ipserverhome_i_ww

Use iSeries Access for Web to create a PDF printer

Use InfoPrint Server to convert AFP and SCS printer output to PDF

- **Direct 5250 application output to PDF printer**
- **All printer output sent to PDF printer is converted to PDF**

Use iSeries Access for Web to access generated PDF documents

- **Use PDF printer output to access your PDF printer output**
- **Use PDF printers to access PDF printer output by printer**

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Create PDF Printer, PDF Printers, PDF Printer Output

To use any of these features requires InfoPrinter Server

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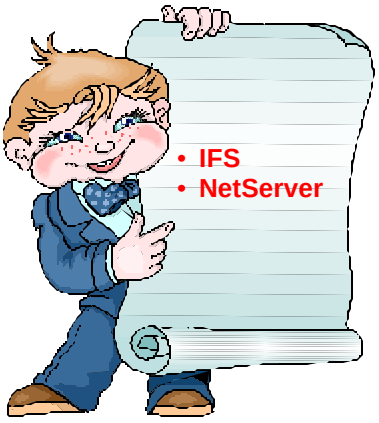
Tips on File Serving



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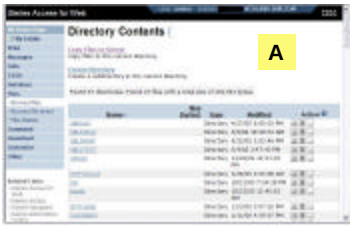
IFS – Use as a File Server

A. Full access to IFS
- Files tab has many link options beneath it
- Connected to 'Root' directory
  - Can see all directories in IFS
  - No access restrictions



B. Limited (controlled) access to IFS
- Files tab has only one option
  - Browse Files
- Connected to CMINER1 directory
  - Cannot get out of this view and work with other directories in IFS
  - No access restrictions for CMINER1 directory
- Can view information on SALESINFO directory
  - Was given a symbolic link to this directory

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Can perform many tasks without going to 5250 or iNAV

Create Directories

- Can create directories under the Root, can open a directory and create directories under another directory

Can 'Work With' directories

- 'Edit Authorities' (as shown)
  - Note that when a directory is created *PUBLIC have full access to it
- 'Change Owner' of the directory
  - Default is the one who created it
- 'Change Primary Owner'
- 'Change Authorization List
- Zip / Unzip

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Set Default Directories for Your Users

Customize → Policies → User ID

- Put path to directory in 'Default Directory'
- Good idea to put directories in the /home path of IFS as that is the default used by many programs

You want users to work with one shared directory as well as their personal directory

- Again, create user directories in /home path
- Shared directory can be in root or any other path
- Set up a symbolic link to the shared directory from each user's directory
  - /home/user directory/shared directory

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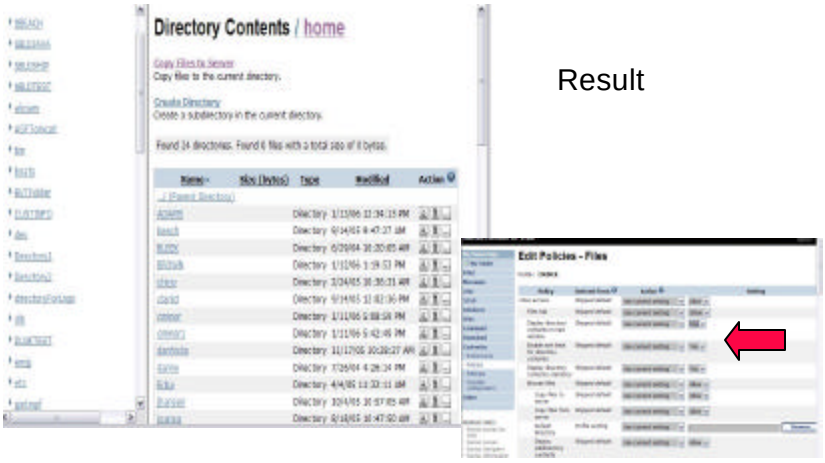
Tip: Display Directory Content in New Window



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System i NetServer

System i Support for Windows Network Neighborhood

What is it?

- File and print serving for CIFS clients
- Compatible with Microsoft Networking and SAMBA
- Part of the base IBM i5/OS™ Operating System

Why Use it?

- Network Neighborhood (My Network Places)
- Search for computers
- Connect to a share
- Work with output queues
- Use Network DOS commands
- Encrypted password

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Files Shares

'NetServer view of IFS

- **Directories set to Read or Read/Write**
- **Determined through 'shares' (similar to PC servers)**
- **iSeries Navigator used to set up 'shares'**

File Shares

- **Shows all directories that have been set up with 'File Sharing'**
- **If user clicks on a directory that no 'share' was set for user, the user will get a 'not authorized' message from i5/OS**

User sees only 'share names' of directories, not actual path or directory names

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Browse Files Share (new in V5R4)

Browse File Share link

- **Displays directory that is identified in the user's Policy settings**
- **Shipped Default for *PUBLIC is the QIBM folder**
  - **QIBM is one directory that automatically ships with a 'share' assigned**

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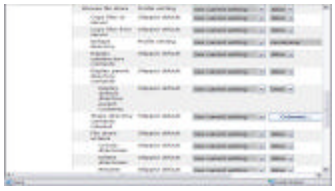
Browse File Share with Policy setting

Customize → Policies → Files

- **Scroll down to 'Browse File Shares'**
- **Change directory from QIBM to another directory previously set up as a 'shared' directory**
  - **Note: Put in sharename not directory name or path**



Advantage over 'Browse Files'

- **Already set up to Read Only or Read/Write**
- **Don't have to go into Policies and make any other settings**

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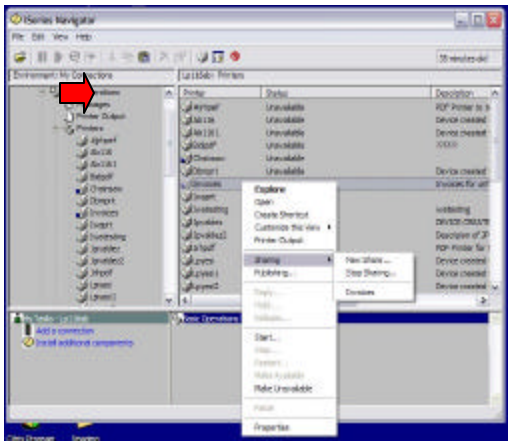
Setting up NetServer Print Shares

Use iSeries Navigator to set up Print Shares for your users

Click on

- **Basic Operations**
- **Printers**
- **Right-click on Printer to set up...**



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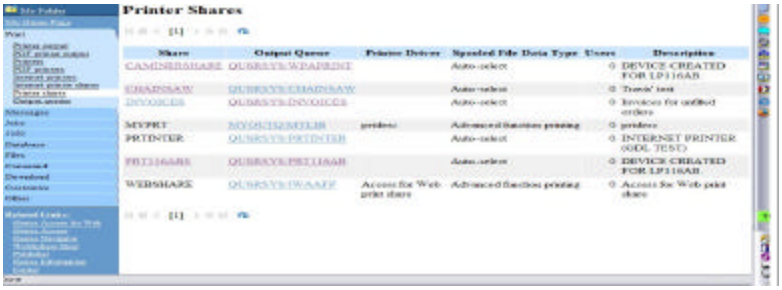
Printer Shares

http://<myiseries>/webaccess/iWAPrinterShares

- **All printers defined as shared printers will show up in here.**
- **If user also has adequate 'object level authority' they could work with printers and printer output from here**



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Internet Printers - Shares

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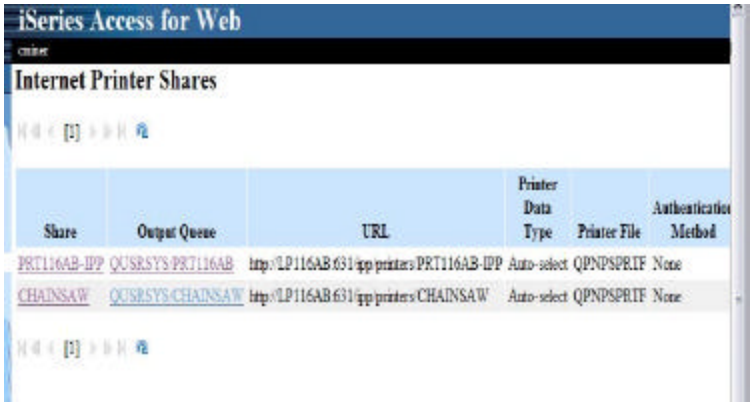

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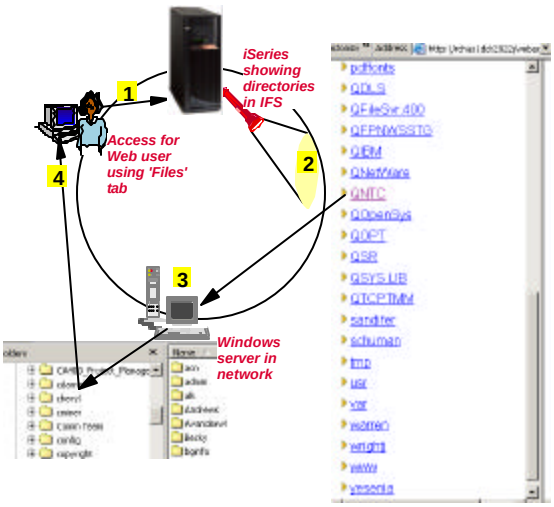
Tip: Access Files on Other Systems

File systems mounted in the IFS can be accessed
- NFS
- QNTC

Use files to access files on other file systems



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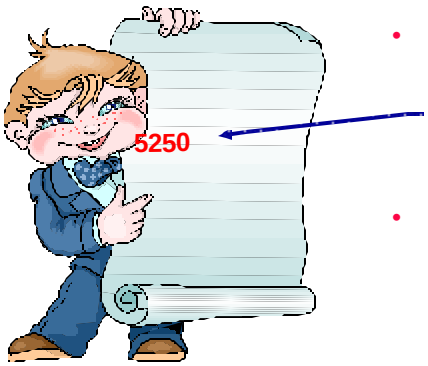
Tips on 5250



- This is the only function in the iSeries Access for Web product that requires the 'interactive feature'.
- All other functions in iSeries Access for Web run as 'batch' tasks on System i

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How to Start a 5250 Session and save it

Two options:

1. **Select to 'Start Session'**
   - Fill in information on Start Session and connect
   - Select 'Active Session Settings' link at bottom of screen
   - Modify as you wish, then click on 'Save'

2. **Select 'Configured Sessions'**
   - Select 'Configure New Session' link on lower screen
   - Set up as you wish, then click on 'Save'

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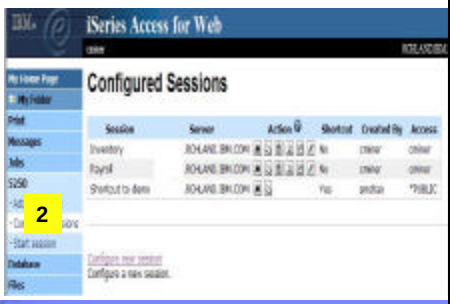

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Create 'Shortcuts' to Configured Sessions

Your Configured Session

- Create 'Shortcuts' for other users

Can set Policies

- To restrict what users can do with your shortcut.
- Do not allow users to:
  - Copy your shortcut
  - Delete your shortcut
  - Rename your shortcut
  - Edit your shortcut
  - Create another Shortcut

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Configuring a New Session (continued)

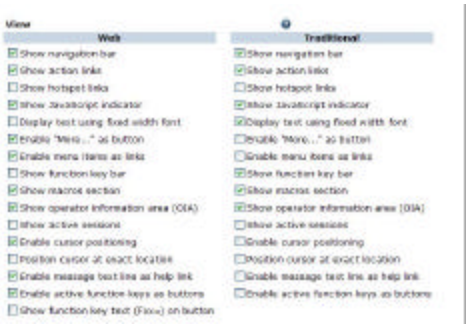
Web view is default

- Can switch to Traditional view

Many keyboard and screen settings to improve end user productivity and satisfaction

Can also set up different text colors

Create a consistent 'look' for all your users…



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Example: 5250 - Proportional Width Vs Fixed Width

Default for Web setting is to display output using Proportional width fonts

To change to Fixed width fonts, check the box that says:

- **Display text using fixed width fonts**

Users can also do this on-the-fly by clicking on the "Active session settings" link and change the setting for this connection, or by switching to Traditional view.

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Position Cursor at Exact Location

Some 5250 applications are cursor sensitive

- **Help**
- **Prompting**

Can be set so clicking the cursor on a field will display information

- **Default behavior – place the cursor at the start of field**
- **V5R3 enhanced to allow the cursor to be placed at any location.**

Helps those applications that differentiate cursor locations within a field

Note: turning on position cursor at exact location results in larger HTML file. Turn this capability on and off as needed.

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Enable Active Function Keys As Buttons

Defaults:

- **Display Active Function Keys as Buttons**
- **Show More… as a button**

Can uncheck these boxes to deliver a more traditional view

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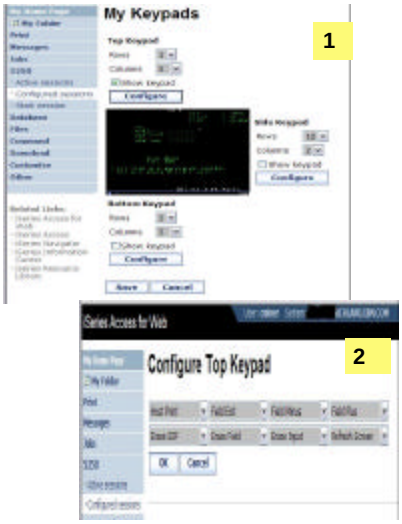
My Keypads

Configuring a Keypad is a very effective way to simplify many end user tasks

- **For example, a button to do a 'Host Print' of a screen**



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Creating a Macro to use with 5250

1. **Record the Macro**

- **Start Session and get to OS/400 sign-on screen**
- **Go to bottom of screen and start macro record**
- **Continue recording macro until you have reached spot you want users to come into (ie, OS/400 Main Menu, your own menu, a particular application...)**
- **Go down to bottom of screen and stop macro recording**
- **When you get to the save macro screen, select a macro name**

2. **Edit the Macro to bypass sign-on screen**

- **Go to 'Start Session' and go to bottom of page and select 'My Macros' to work with macro you just created**
- **Remove your password that was recorded and put in [password], then remove your workstation id and put in [user] in the macro.**
  - **This is documented in 5250 User Interface Help at bottom of 'Configure New Session' page**

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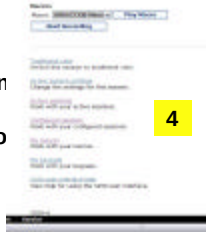
Record and Save Your Macro

Start at i5/OS sign-on screen and click on **Start Recording** to create your macro

Press **Stop Recording** when you've reached point you want users to come in at

Go to bottom of 5250 screen and select to **Edit** the macro you just created



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Edit Your Macro and Create A Shortcut for it

Select Action to **Edit** your macro

- Replace your password with [password] and your user id with [user]
  Then when this runs, the signed on user id and password will be plugged in

- Go back to My Macro page and section Action to **Create Shortcut** to your Macros
- Add who can use this Macro (*PUBLIC?)

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Add Macro Name to a 5250 Session

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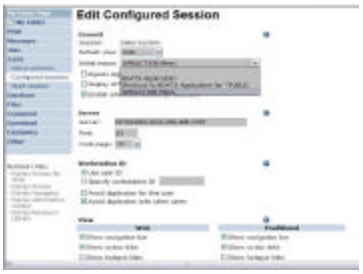

- Create a new session via the Start Session link
- Under the Macro parameter, the pulldown will have your Macro listed

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- Select one of your Configured Sessions and add the Macro shortcut

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Reconnect to an Active Session

A user can be in the middle of a 5250 application, then go somewhere else in my browser

- **Work with printer output, go to some other web page, etc)**
- **But did not sign off the 5250 session…**

User can come right back to same screen through 'Active Session' link

User could also have shut down the PC, go to another PC and open a connection to the same System i and pick right up on same page

Not a good idea to remove 'Active Session' link from users' desktops, as then they do not have the flexibility to jump in and out of the 5250 application…

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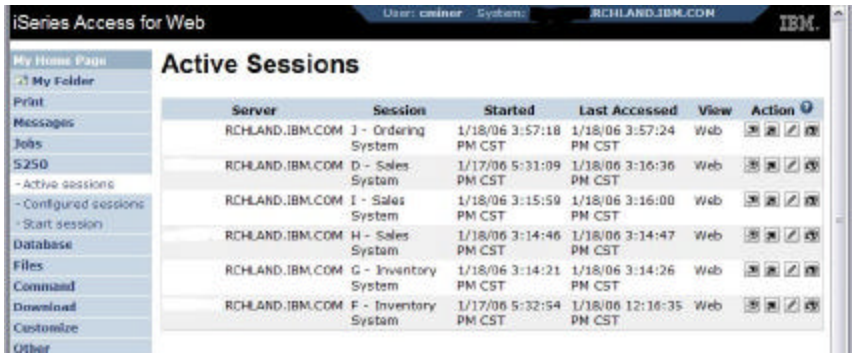
Reconnect to an Active Session



Sessions listed here are sessions I did not 'sign off' of i5/OS

They would show up here even if System i had released them. If a user attempts to Reconnect, they may get a message that the session has been closed and they would have to start a new 5250 session

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Share an Active 5250 Session

Share an active session with another user/group

Shared session is read only

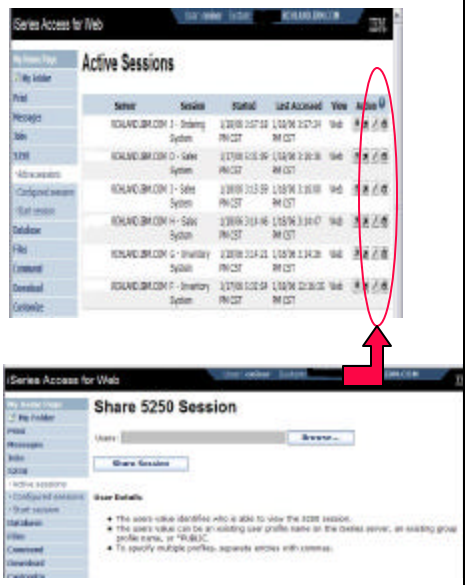
- **Others can only view the session**

Shared session is not refreshed automatically as screen content changes

- **Use browser refresh button to refresh the content**

Useful for showing someone the screen content

- **Ex. help desk**



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Going directly to 5250 from your browser

If you enter iSeries Access for Web by using the following url address:

http://[host]:[port]/webaccess/iWA5250

The 5250 session to be started is selected as follows:

- **Reconnects to the last accessed active session if the user has one or more active sessions**
- **Starts a new session identified in the 5250 Policies as the 'Configured session to use for defaults'**
- **Starts a session to the System i where iSeries Access for Web is running**

Use initmac parameter to execute a macro at session startup
http://[host]:[port]/webaccess/iWA5250?initmac=mymacro

If there is not an active session, this will start a new 5250 session and execute the macro named mymacro

- **Useful for taking a user directly into an application**

(Documented in the URL documentation on the web)

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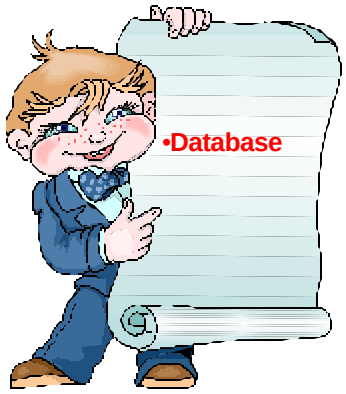
Tips on Data Exchange



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Import Query (new in V5R4)

New Import wizard to convert SQL statements from:

- **DB2 Query Manager (5722-ST1)**
- **IBM Query for iSeries (5722-QU1)**

Doesn't require Interactive 5250, runs Batch with iSeries Access for Web

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Some reasons to move your queries to iSeries Access

Secure Web access to iSeries information for both local and remote users
- Cost-effective way to bring your System i data to your users, as there is nothing to install or configure on the user desktops.
- Start using the queries as soon as they are set up.

Simply start up a browser session to a predefined url
- An easy way to make queries available to your users.

Simply click on My Requests link and run the predefined query
- End users want data, but don't understand 'database/file/field' concepts
- If security is an issue, iSeries Access for Web conforms to standard OS/400 security to restrict users to just the information you want them to see.
- Through Shortcuts, you only give users the queries you want them to run

A graphical interface makes life easier
- Users can display results, then simply click an option to save the data in any PC file format
- They can convert it to PDF and print it.
- They can even mail results to any user

Interactive processing on a System i is more costly, run the queries with iSeries Access for Web in the batch subsystem.

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Considerations for using Import Query function

iSeries Access for Web "Run SQL" function stores only the SQL statement.

- Query files can contain much more information in them than just the SQL statement. In cases where the Query file contains special instructions for the query, you might need to use the Customize function to create a new iSeries Access for Web database connection to honor the special case.
- Default iSeries Access for Web database connections will run database query requests using SQL naming conventions and using the locale specific defaults for the current user profile.

Restrictions

- Query files with SQL statements containing program variables or replacement variables are not supported
- Query files containing forms or procedures are not supported.

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Tip: Extract Server Data – V5R3

Use Extract Server Data to retrieve information about objects on the System i server

- 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

Then use Run SQL to work with the data

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 powerful capability lets you look at your System i information in any manner that is of importance to you.

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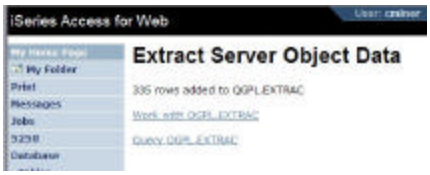
Using 'Extract Sever Data' function

- Data can be extracted from directory entries, messages, software fixes, software products, user profiles, and system objects.
- Select the fields you want to save
- Pick a table name, and iSeries Access for Web creates the database table
- Once it has been copied, you can now work with the new table



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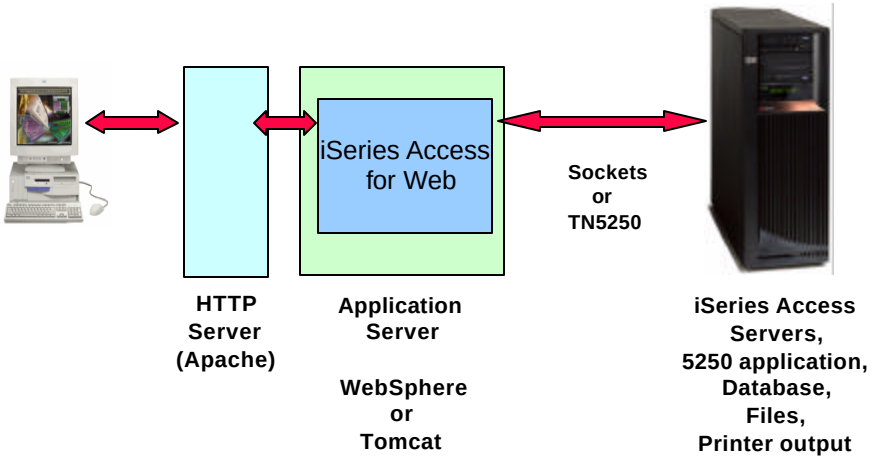
iSeries Access for Web Internal View



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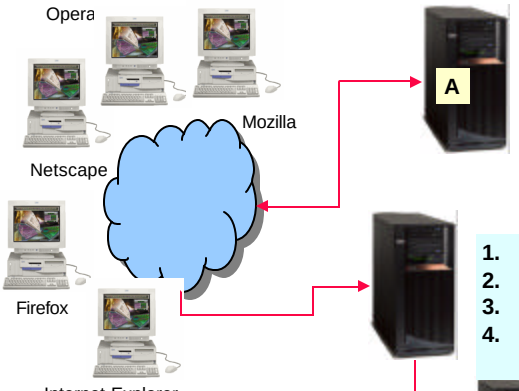
Connection Setups



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2. Web server
3. Application server
4. iSeries Access for Web
5. 5250 applications
6. Database
7. Files
8. Printer output
9. …

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5250 applications
Database
Files
Printer output…

In either case…
(1) web instance, (1) url address, and (1) port number

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Access Considerations

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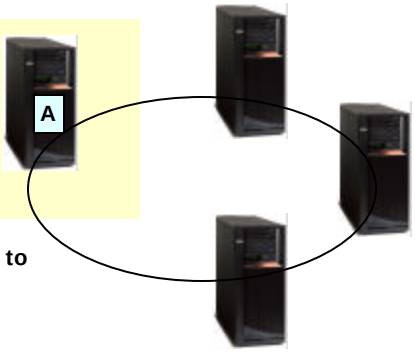

- Browser users provide url address to System A and can automatically access resources on System A
- Users can also start 5250 emulation and Database functions to any other System i in the network
  - Users cannot work with printer output, IFS, commands, etc on other systems with this setup

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Can use 5250 and Database to any system in the network

Can connect to any System i 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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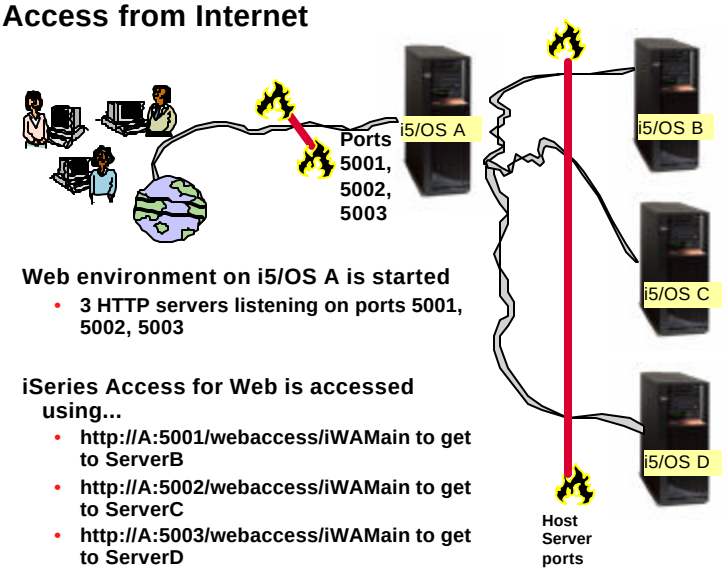
Access from Internet



Web environment on i5/OS A is started

- **3 HTTP servers listening on ports 5001, 5002, 5003**

iSeries Access for Web is accessed using...

- **http://A:5001/webaccess/iWAMain to get to ServerB**
- **http://A:5002/webaccess/iWAMain to get to ServerC**
- **http://A:5003/webaccess/iWAMain to get to ServerD**

Please note:
This is only one example of how to configure this environment.

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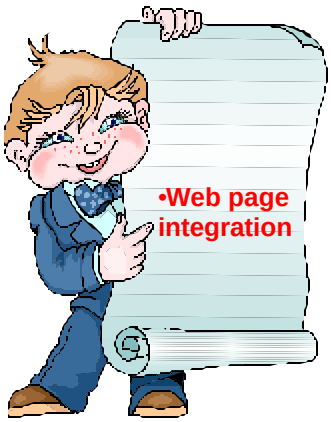
Tips on Web Integration



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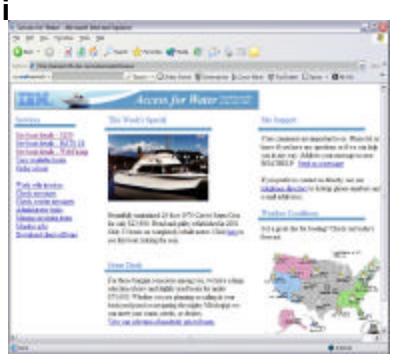
Your Window to your System i

Customized user 'window' to System i

Window is associated with OS/400 profiles

- An administrator can create multiple different 'windows' based on user profile / group profile for different types of users.
- Can tightly control what functions a user can perform on your System i
- Tie in with other web applications (such as WebFacing, HATS, etc from here as well
- Link to other systems, not just i systems



- *One view and set of functions for the Accounting department*
- *Another view and set of functions for the Warehouse staff*

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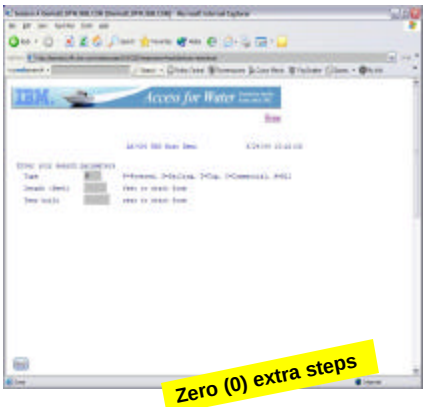
Using 5250 emulator in Access for Web

The company banner, 'Access for Water' is carried forward on all screens

- Went into 'Customize / General' and pointed at file with the company .gif.

5250 emulator in Access for Web

- Application looks better and did no work
- Could set to bypass sign-on screen
  or
- Use macro support to bypass OS/400 sign-on screen and to start this BOATS application



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Article on how to do it

Go to iSeries Access Web page At:

www.ibm.com/eserver/iseries/access/web

Select 'Articles' link, and find the one written in Jan/Feb 2003 labelled "Build a quick and easy Web site with iSeries Access for Web"

Weber on CA/400

Weber on CA/400

Who will benefit? iSeries managers and desktop administrators who want to Web-enable their iSeries applications.

What you'll learn: Weber's step-by-step article details how shops can use iSeries Access for the Web to provide browser-based access to iSeries applications and data. Because iSeries Access for Web is implemented as a set of Java servlets that run on the iSeries server, only a browser is required on the client.

Bottom line: If your iSeries server is part of your company's Intranet, you can use iSeries Access for Web to provide access to your resources for others within your company. If your iSeries server is part of the Internet, you can use iSeries Access for Web to provide access to your resources for your customers and suppliers. In this case, you also need to provide your customers and suppliers with a user profile to access your iSeries server. Regardless, through iSeries Access for Web, iSeries shops to extend their host applications and data to a browser-based environment and give both users and business partners access over the Web.

Build a quick and easy Web site with iSeries Access for Web

by Janet Weber

You can build a quick and easy Web site for your company with the customization support of iSeries Access for Web. No Java programming is required. You simply create HTML files and set configuration options. In this article, I demonstrate this capability by creating a Web site to sell boats. This information is based on the functionality available with the V5R2 release of iSeries Access for Web. First introduced by IBM in September 2001, it provides a browser interface to iSeries resources, such as DB2 UDB, printer output, and OS/400 CL commands.

Home page and template files

iSeries Access for Web ships a default home page. This page is displayed when you access the home page URL http://<system>/webaccess/iWAHome. The default home page is stored in the iSeries integrated file system in the following location: /QIBM/ProdData/Access/Web2/html/homepage.html

iSeries Access for Web also ships a default template file. The template file contains the HTML source displayed at the top and bottom of each iSeries Access for Web content page. The location of the default template file is /QIBM/ProdData/Access/Web2/html/webaccess.html. The %% values in the template file are replacement tags. We will discuss these later in the article.

First of all, we need to create a customized home page and a customized template file. We do not want to modify or update the files under /QIBM/ProdData since this directory tree is intended only for product files. Instead, we create a new directory named /boats/homepage and place our files in it. Our customized home page contains links to view and order boats. Our customized template file contains the company's logo. We discuss details of the file contents later in the article.

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iSeries Access Documentation

Download it from iSeries Access Web page at

www.ibm.com/eserver/iseries/access/web

Documents how iSeries Access for Web can be accessed through a number of URL interfaces.

- **These URLs can be included as links on web pages to provide direct access to iSeries Access for Web functions.**
- **These URLs can also be bookmarked for easy access to frequently used tasks.**

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Try out Access for Web for yourself!

Start your browser and connect to the following web site:
http://iseriesd.dfw.ibm.com/webaccess/iWAHome (case sensitive)

User ID = WUSER **Password = DEMO2PWD**	This shows the basic look of Access for Web as we ship it. You can try various functions -- including working with printer output, creating database requests, etc. Click on the 5250 tab, sign onto System i, then start an RPG application called BOATS and run it.
User ID = BOATADMIN **Password = DEMO2PWD**	This is an example of how a customer might design a web page for their use. You will see that an end user could start the same BOATS application by clicking on the 5250 session -- or they could have used WebFacing to run the application. You will also see other links that would let a user work with spoolfile information, work with IFS, run database requests, etc..

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