



Digital transformation 2022

Identification page

Please enter the ST.3 code and name of the member state or international organization you represent. *

Start typing your state or organization name and select from the choices that appear. Only items from the list of ST.3 codes are accepted. Codes from states that no longer exist are also accepted for purposes of gathering historical data.

If your state or organization is not in the list, please select **Unknown - XX** and write your state or organization name below.

Note: country names are only available in English due to limitations of this survey platform.

Please enter the name of the office or organization you represent. For instance, Canadian Intellectual Property Office.

If your organization name is the same as your ST.3 code name, you may put "n/a". *

Please enter your email address so we can contact you if we have questions about your response. *

Questions page

This survey pertains to handling (intake, processing, and publication) of certain Intellectual Property (IP) documents, particularly IP applications in full-text and other formats. It is intended to collect information on Intellectual Property Office (IPO) practices for digitalization to better inform revisions of existing WIPO Standards.

Intake

1. In what formats does your Office/Organization ingest applications? Please select all that apply.

- PDF
- XML in WIPO ST.96
- XML in WIPO ST.36 / 66 / 86
- Microsoft Word DOCX (free form, no template)
- Common Application Format (CAF) – DOCX template
- Paper
- Fax
- Other (specify)

Comments

2. How does your Office/Organization capture markups (insertions, deletions) in amendments, corrections, and rectifications? Please select all that apply.

- Applicant submits amendments with track changes to show insertions and deletions
- Applicant submits amendments with underlines for insertions, and strikethroughs for deletions
- Applicant submits clean copy of the amendments
- Applicant submits new clean application documents, and Office uses a DOCX comparison tool to compare and markup changes, then a final copy is generated by the tool
- Applicant submits new clean application documents, and Office uses a DOCX comparison tool to compare and markup changes. Tracked change copy is generated, not a final copy. The new clean specifications filed by the applicant are the latest (final) version
- XML in WIPO ST.96
- ML in WIPO ST.36 / 66 / 86
- Other (specify)

Comments

Validations

3. Does your Office/Organization provide initial content-based validations to applicants prior to submission to reduce the number of formality non-compliances?

- Yes
- No

Comments

4. What does your Office/Organization validate prior to submission? Please select all that apply.

- Missing required application parts
- Informalities such as typographical errors or missing claim numbers
- Improper claim dependencies
- Other (specify)

Comments

5. Metadata Scrubbing

Does your Office/Organization provide a scrubbing tool to remove unwanted metadata from the documents prior to submission?

- Yes
- No

If yes, which types of metadata are removed?

Comments

6. Does your Office/Organization provide a feedback document, additional document or online messages during the filing process detailing potential problems within the submitted application documents based on the above validations?

- Yes
- No

Comments

Official copy

7. What does your Office/Organization consider the authoritative copy of the submission?

- Originally submitted application documents
- Cleaned up version of the originally submitted application documents after they have gone through initial content validations and metadata scrubbing
- XML document converted from the originally submitted document
- Document converted from originally submitted document to another format used within your Office/Organization (e.g. PDF, TIFF)
- Other (specify)

Comments

Transformation

If your office does not convert or plan to convert submitted documents to XML, then skip to question 12.

8. If your Office/Organization converts or plans to convert the submitted document to XML, in which format would you preserve embedded images? Please select all that apply.

Original format if possible

SVG

TIFF

PNG

JPEG

Other (specify)

Comments

9. When the submitted document is transformed to XML, in what format does your Office/Organization preserve mathematical equations?

Originally submitted format

Converted to an image format

MathML

OpenMath

OMDoc

Other (specify)

10. When the submitted document is transformed to XML, in what format does your Office/Organization preserve chemical formulae?

- Originally submitted format
- Converted to an image format
- Converted to a chemical formula format (specify in comments)
- Other (specify)

Comments

11. When the submitted document is transformed to XML, in what format does your Office/Organization preserve table or tabular data? Please select all that apply.

- Originally submitted format
- Converted to an image format
- Converted to a structured data format
- Other (specify)

Comments

Rendering

12. Is your Office/Organization moving away from paper-based rules for applicant submissions, such as page count, margins line spacing and focus more on the amount of characters/words in a document or file size?

- We are considering it
- We are in the process of implementing it
- We have already implemented it
- We are not considering it
- Other (specify)

Comments

Please answer question 13 if you chose "We are not considering it" in question 12. Otherwise, you may skip to question 14.

13. If your Office/Organization is not considering moving away from paper-based rules, select the presentation elements your Office/Organization needs to preserve from the submitted application documents. Please select all that apply.

- Page count
- Page dimensions
- Margins
- Line spacing
- Text and background colors
- Other (specify)

Comments

14. Select the formats by which your Office/Organization displays or would display an application for examination or administration purposes. Select all that apply.

- Originally submitted format using an appropriate software application
- Converted format used by our Office/Organization
- Rendered XML
- It can vary depending on the input format
- Other (specify)

Comments

Publication

15. Select the formats which your Office/Organization uses or would use to publish documents submitted by applicants.

- Originally submitted format using an appropriate software application
- Converted format used by our Office/Organization
- Rendered XML
- More than one format
- Other (specify)

Comments

File Management

16. Specify the content management system your Office/Organization uses to store and manage documents. Please provide either names of commercial products or brief description of custom-built systems.

Official Gazette

17. In what formats do you publish your Official Gazette? Select all that apply.

- Physical format (paper)
- Electronic format with paper-based layout (e.g. PDF)
- Purely digital format (e.g. HTML pages)
- Other (specify)

Comments

18. If you still publish in a physical format, are you considering discontinuing physical publication within the next five years?

- Yes
- No

Comments

19. If you still publish in an electronic format with paper-based layout (e.g. PDF), are you considering discontinuing this format in favor of a purely digital format within the next five years?

- Yes
- No

Comments

Review Page

You have reached the end of the survey questions. Your answers have been saved but have not yet been submitted.

If you or your colleagues wish to revise your answers later, you can use the link emailed to you with the Save and Continue option in the top right of this page. The Review or Back button below will return you to your answers.

When you are ready to submit your final answers, click the Submit button below. You will no longer be able to edit your responses after clicking Submit.

You may download a copy of your answers:

Thank You!

[REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the survey. Your response is very important to us.

A copy of your responses has been emailed to [REDACTED].

Please contact cws.surveys@wipo.int if you have any questions.

Regards,
CWS Surveys

Thank You!

You may now close this window.