

PAPI survey part 2

Identification page

Please enter the two-letter country code corresponding to your Office or Organization.
Don't know your country code? Please click [here](#). *

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

Questions page

Part 1 of this survey was administered in early 2020. If you did not yet take Part 1, you can do so here: <https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5359502/papi-part-1>

If a question does not apply to your situation then simply skip it.

GLOSSARY

- **Publication** – In line with Part 8 of the WIPO Handbook, the terms “publication” and “published” are used in the sense of making available: a patent document to the public for inspection or supplying a copy on request; and multiple copies of a patent document produced on, or by, any medium (e.g., paper, film, magnetic tape or disc, optical disc, online database, computer network, etc.).
- **Legal status information** – information about events that may affect the grant, scope, term, ownership, or other legal aspects of a patent or patent application.
- **Machine translations** – automated translations from one language to another (e.g. Russian to Spanish) performed by computer software.
- **Official Gazette** – an official publication by an IP Office with information such as procedural steps taken for individual IP rights, official communications of the office, changes to current IP laws, the legal status of patent documents, etc.
- **Search** – for questions about different types of search, the following definitions apply:
 - *Basic Search* – search using text queries on common document elements, such as title, application number, publication number, etc. Usually provides a single input field.
 - *Advanced Search or Field Combination Search* – search using text or data queries on specific document elements specified by the user, such as title, abstract, filing date, application number, inventor name, etc.
 - *Semantic Search* – search that attempts to reflect the user's intent not just literal search terms, such as using synonyms and related terms in the results.
 - *Similarity search* – a type of semantic search that looks for more documents similar to a given result, using some measure of proximity or "closeness".

PART 2

This part of the survey covers more detailed information about the features of online data systems.

Access Conditions

1. Please explain any other conditions or requirements for access to patent information besides those covered in Part 1 questions 3 (access mechanism) and 4 (who may access), such as limits on the number of queries, number of results, or data limits.

2.

Are fees required for access to particular types of information?

- YES
- NO
- NOT NOW, BUT WE ARE CONSIDERING A CHANGE FOR THE FUTURE

If yes, please indicate for which information and explain the access procedure (e.g. how to create an account, what forms of payment are accepted, etc.).

Comments

3. If your office uses multiple languages, are the online interfaces for different languages synchronized with the same capabilities and the same data, or do some interfaces have different capabilities or data than others?

Please indicate the reference language(s).

- Arabic
- Chinese
- English
- French
- German
- Japanese
- Korean
- Portuguese
- Russian
- Spanish
- Other (Specify in comments)

Comments

4. Please indicate any differences in the data available in other languages (for example, in the frequency of updates, coverage, search tools, etc.).

Differences for Language

Published applications

Granted patents

Legal Status

information

Corrections

Priority
information

Patent Term
Extensions or
Supplementary
Protection
Certificates

Patent family
information

File inspection

Court decisions

Reassignments

Licensing
information

Official Gazette

Comments

Content

5. Are documents available for download in a searchable text format?

Examples of searchable text formats include plain text documents, HTML, XML, and certain PDFs that are created with readable text. If a PDF was created from a scanned image with OCR (optical character recognition) applied, then select "PARTIAL" as text may not always be converted correctly.

This question refers only to the content of the document which can be represented as text. Do not consider images or figures in your answer. If a document has both images and text, answer "Yes" if all the text elements are searchable.

	YES	NO	PARTIAL (some text elements not searchable)
Published applications	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Granted patents	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Amendments, corrections, or other documents with updates	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
File history	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Comments

6.

Are updated versions of patent documents available online when changes are made after publication (e.g. “as granted” rather than “as filed”)?

- YES
- NO

If yes, please explain how updated documents are presented in search results (e.g. with updated kind codes according to WIPO ST.50).

Comments

7. Which parts of patent documents are updated online after publication? Mark all that apply.

- Entire document
- Front page/ first page only
- Title
- Abstract
- Description
- Claims
- Other (Specify in comments)

Comments

8. Is the event history (list of relevant legal status information) for a given document available in online systems?

	YES	NO	PARTIAL
Pre-grant events	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Post-grant events	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Comments

9. What are your current plans, if any, for using WIPO Standard ST.27 for patent legal status information? Check all that apply.

- We are currently in the process of implementing ST.27
- We have definite plans to implement ST.27 in the future
- We use WIPO IPAS Office Suite to manage IP applications and are waiting for IPAS to implement ST.27 support
- We are not planning to implement ST.27 at this time, because-
- We don't consider that implementing ST.27 adds enough value for our users
- We find it difficult to comply with the technical requirements of ST.27
- We don't have the resources currently available to implement ST.27
- Other (Specify in comments)

Comments

10. Does your Office / Organization provide an authority file of published patent documents?

- YES, we currently provide an ST.37 compliant authority file accessible through the WIPO Authority File portal
- YES, we currently provide an authority file but it is not accessible through the WIPO Authority File portal
- NO, we do not provide an authority file

Comments

11. If you do not provide an authority file to WIPO according to the recommendations of ST.37, can you indicate the reasons below? Check all that apply.

- We have plans to provide an authority file to WIPO in the next 12 months
- We use WIPO IPAS Office Suite to manage IP applications, which already provides a complete list of our published patent documents via PatentScope
- We find it difficult to comply with the technical requirements of ST.37
- We don't have the resources currently available to comply with ST.37
- We already provide a list of all published patent documents on our website in other format(s). Please provide the url in Comments.
- We don't consider a list of all our published patent documents necessary given the number of applications we process
- We don't consider that implementing ST.37 adds enough value for our users
- Other (Specify in comments)

Comments

FUNCTIONALITY

Systems provided by your Office/Organization

The following questions refer to online systems provided by your Office for accessing patent information. Do not consider third party systems such as PATENTSCOPE or ESPACENET when answering this survey.

12. Are the following features available in the online systems provided by your Office?

See glossary above for definitions of search types.

	Patent Applications	Patent Grants	Legal Status data
Basic search	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advanced search or Field combination search	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Semantic search or similarity search	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Machine translations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments

13. Are the following fields available for search in the online systems in question? Check all that apply.

	Patent Applications	Patent Grants	Searchable in English or Latin character set?
Patent publication number	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patent application number	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Priority date	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Priority number	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Applicant name	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inventor name	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Owner name	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Normalized names (applicant, owner, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PCT application number	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PCT publication number	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Title	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Abstract	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Claims	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Description	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Country (of applicant, owner, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments

14. For machine translations, please indicate which languages are translated.

From (original document languages)

- Arabic
- Chinese
- English
- French
- German
- Japanese
- Korean
- Portuguese
- Russian
- Spanish
- Other (Specify in comments)

To (translated output languages)

- Arabic
- Chinese
- English
- French
- German
- Japanese
- Korean
- Portuguese
- Russian
- Spanish
- Other (Specify in comments)

Comments

15. Which patent information is translated?

- Entire document
- Title
- Abstract
- Description
- Claims
- Text in Drawings, Figures, or Tables
- Supplementary materials, such as annexes or sequence listings
- Legal Status Information
- Other (Specify in comments)

Comments

16. Does your system provide guidance on what types of number formats are accepted when searching by application or publication numbers?

- Our system provides guidance on the search page
- Our system provides guidance on a different page
- Our system does not provide guidance on accepted number formats

Comments

17. What types of number formats are accepted when searching by application or publication numbers? Please check all that apply.

- Numbers containing a code for the type of industrial property right, a year designation and a serial number, as recommended by ST.13
- Numbers with a fixed length of 15 digits, composed of two digits for the type, four digits for the year and nine digits for the serial number, as recommended by ST.13
- Numbers starting with an ST.3 code identifying the office, as recommended by ST.13
- Numbers with separators between different parts of the number, such as slash (/) hyphen (-) or space ()
- Number issued by another Office, such as a PCT application number that entered the national phase
- Other number formats (Please specify in Comments)

Comments

18. Are WIPO ST.3 two-letter codes or WIPO ST.16 document kind codes used as part of the search term when searching by application or publication number?

	required	optional	not accepted
ST.3 Office codes are	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ST.16 document codes are	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Comments

19. What kind of interface do users have to access your online systems for the available types of patent documents? For example, for published patent applications, granted patents, patent term extensions, fee payments.

- All information can be accessed through a single web page or portal
- There are multiple web pages or portals for different types of information, and-
- The web pages or portals all share the same visual design (look and feel, layout, colors, graphical elements, etc)
- The web pages or portals all share the same user controls (input boxes, buttons, clickable elements, etc)
- The web pages or portals all share the same input formats (e.g. query flags, number formats, data formats, etc)
- The web pages or portals for different types of documents look and function differently

Comments

20. Do your online systems use the same web pages or portals for different types of industrial property rights provided by your Office? For example, patents for inventions, plant patents, design patents, inventors' certificates, utility certificates, utility models, patents of addition and others.

Answer yes here even if there are multiple web pages or portals for different types of documents (application, legal status history, assignments, etc), as long as each type of IP right is available on the same web page or portal.

Note- this question is about different types of IP rights. Question 17 is about different types of patent documents.

- YES
- NO

Comments

21. If there are separate websites or portals for these other types of industrial property provided by your Office, please list them.

22. Do your online systems contain information on documents issued under international or regional IP protection systems, which have (potential) effect in your jurisdiction?

YES

NO

Comments

23. If so, what types of documents are available, e.g. PCT documents or translations?

24. Is international or regional data searchable in the same online systems as national documentation?

- Yes, international / regional data is available and searchable
- International / regional data is available in the online systems, but not searchable
- No, international / regional data is only available in other systems
- The national online systems provide links to the international / regional systems

Comments

Systems provided by other Offices/Organizations

25. What functionality would you like to see in the systems provided by other Offices?

	For full descriptions	For legal status
Possibility to translate content into other languages	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Search by bibliographic data fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Full text search	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Possibility to download documents in various formats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alerting to data updates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Date of receipt of applications by your Office	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (Specify in comments)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments

26. What is your desired update frequency for data from other Offices?

	For full descriptions	For legal status
Real time publication of all changes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Daily updates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Weekly updates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (Specify in comments)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments

27. Should other Offices' systems support machine-to-machine communication (such as web services) for exchanging data with your Office?

	YES	NO	NO PREFERENCE
For full applications	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
For bibliographic data	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
For legal status information	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Comments

28. Should Offices' systems provide search capabilities for both their national data sets and data published by other Offices (with an interface in the national language)?

	YES	NO	NO PREFERENCE
For full applications	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
For bibliographic data	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
For legal status information	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Comments

29. User guide

Is there a user guide for searching (such as explanation of fields or examples) available in the system?

- YES
- NO

URL where the guide is available-

Comments

30. Is there a clear indication of which information in the official publication is issued by your Office / Organization and which information is from other sources (e.g. a disclaimer on externally provided information)?

FUTURE PLANS

31. Please briefly describe your future plans with respect to your Office's online systems, their content and functionality. For example, if you have plans to expand their capabilities, merge existing systems, retire old systems, or a general timeline for such work, please include that information here.

32. In which of the following areas are WIPO recommendations the most needed and/or most effective? Check all that apply.

	For full applications	For legal status
Scope of published information	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Frequency of updates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of information and/or interfaces in other languages	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Information retrieval functionality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments

Is your Office / Organization considering to discontinue the official gazettes, and instead make related publication data available only via public online services?

- YES, discontinuation of the official gazettes is scheduled or already implemented
- YES, discussions and consideration to discontinue the official gazettes are ongoing
- NO, we do not have any plans to discontinue the official gazettes
- Other - Write In

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.