IP5 Working Group 2: The 3rd Global Dossier Task Force Meeting
~XML based documents~

Global Intellectual Property Academy
United States Patent & Trademark Office
Alexandria, Virginia, USA
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CURRENT STATUS

GDTF’s Five(5) priorities:

- Alerting (EPO)
- XML based documents (JPO)
- Applicants Name standardization (KIPO)
- Legal Status (SIPO)
- Proof of Concept: Applicant Initiated Inter-Office Document Exchange (USPTO)

JIPA analyzed JPO’s XML documents, and knew the tag structure, etc. JIPA would like to analyze tag structures used in the remaining IP5 in order for us to see the difference among them.
Workloads and Costs

Applicant

1st PTO

Attorney in 1st Country

2nd PTO

Attorney in 2nd Country

Reporting Request

Submission

Notification

Prosecution info. of Family Applications

Prosecution info. of 1st PTO

Prosecution info. of other PTO

Prosecution info. of 2nd PTO

Prosecution info. of other PTO

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### Rough Estimation

#### 1st County

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<td>Filing</td>
<td>233,411</td>
<td>0.50</td>
<td>11.67 M</td>
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<td>Request for Examination</td>
<td>186,729</td>
<td>0.25</td>
<td>4.67 M</td>
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<td>Office Action</td>
<td>263,786</td>
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<td>Registration</td>
<td>175,857</td>
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#### 2nd County

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<td>488,970</td>
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<td>Registration</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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<td><strong>79.0 M</strong></td>
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Working Time: 2 times of the Working Time in the 1st Country in light of 1st and 2nd Countries.

**IP5 (incl. WIPO)**

| **IDS**                  | 573,721               | 5.0                  | 286.9 M     |

**Total (JP + Other Offices + IDS):**

\[
27.32 + (79.0 \times 5 \text{ offices}) \times 0.4 + 286.9 = 472.22M !
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“0.4”: Foreign Applicant Rate

Filing: Numbers of published applications in 2015.
Request for Examination: 80% of the filing numbers.
IDS: 2 times of numbers of published applications in 2015.
Office Action: 1.5 times of numbers of Registration.
Registration: Numbers of Issued Patents in 2015.
Hourly Rate: 100 US$ /hour.

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Importing XML information into internal IP management system can (1) Decrease cost to input, (2) Keep information recent and accurate.

**XML Data Interchange Use Case**

- **PTO**
- **Attorney**
- **Online Filing Software**
- **XML Import Utility**
- **Internal IP Management System**

**Import XML**

- Get data from PTO by XML for critical prosecutions

**Get data selected by XML tag**

**Transfer**

**Report by XML**

**Automated Import**
## PROPOSAL for XML Implementation

**XML Advantages are:**

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# Tag Standardization

## Usability: Machine and Human Readable

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<th>Standardize Tag to be Read Easily by Machine and Human</th>
<th>Possible to understand the contents by XML even if we can’t read the document written in foreign language.</th>
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<td>1. Date Format by ISO8601 YYYY-MM-DD (e.g. 2016-02-02)</td>
<td>Need to use same format for all prosecutions in IP5 to prevent users from misunderstandings.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2. Same Tag Name with Non-abbreviated English</td>
<td>Need to understand correctly by both machine and human regardless of countries.</td>
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## Extendibility: Flexible Information Enhancement

**Prioritize Documents and Implement Step by Step**

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<th>Ability to include the same items in one file with different tags makes it easy to enhance.</th>
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<td>Most important and critical. It is better to include annuity payment due because it is critical too.</td>
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<td>2. <strong>Bibliographic Information</strong></td>
<td>Easy to be standardized because it is just a fact and makes no difference by the difference of law.</td>
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<td>Possible to populate information into fillable PDF forms of USPTO.</td>
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PROPOSAL for Implementation Step

1. Application Submission System
   - No Need to consider security independently
   - Not so difficult of adding XML files as output

2. Public Document Information Sharing
   - Not so difficult of adding XML files
   - It would be for third party, not for applicants
     => Priority may be relatively low

3. Input and Output through GD
   - Easy to develop because of one data source
   - Possibility to make real-time data interchange
Every combination of all stakeholders build Win-Win relationship by XML data interchange

- **Decrease Management Cost**
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- **High-Value Added Service**
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Thank you for your attention.