

Survey of Patent Applicants' Filing Software Usage and Tools

- 1. Please indicate the category of filer that best describes you:**
 - a. Attorney/agent at a patent law firm
 - b. Non-attorney employee of a patent law firm
 - c. Attorney/agent at a corporation
 - d. Corporate employee/patent filer
 - e. Independent inventor

- 2. Please indicate the items that you have filed electronically with the USPTO or another patent organization. (Select all that apply)**
 - a. All initial patent application documents
 - b. Provisional patent application documents
 - c. Follow-on papers
 - d. Pay fees online
 - e. Fillable forms
 - f. E-Petition forms
 - g. Auto Grant Petitions
 - h. PCT Applications

- 3. Please indicate the approximate number of NEW (utility) patent applications filed by your company or firm annually. Include paper and electronic filings.**
 - a. 1-100
 - b. 101-500
 - c. 501-1000
 - d. More than 1000

- 4. Select all users who submit patent application documents in your organization?**
 - a. Attorney/patent agent
 - b. Paralegal or legal secretary
 - c. Finance personnel
 - d. Other (Please Specify)

- 5. Do you currently use a docketing system or a case management system?**
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

- 6. If Yes, which system(s) do you use?**
 - a. Amicus Attorney
 - b. Anaqua
 - c. Cardinal Intellectual Property
 - d. CPA Global (Computer Patent Annuities)
 - e. CPI (Computer Packages Inc.)
 - f. CompuLaw
 - g. Dennemeyer
 - h. FileMaker
 - i. First to File
 - j. FlexTrac
 - k. GSI
 - l. IAG (Innovation Asset Group)
 - m. IPDAS

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- n. IPSS (Intellectual Property Solutions)
- o. ipWorkflow
- p. Knowligent
- q. Lecorpio
- r. LegalStar
- s. LexisNexis
- t. O P Solutions
- u. Patrafee
- v. Patrix
- w. PerfectLaw
- x. Thompson
- y. UNYCOM
- z. Custom System (Developed in-house)
- aa. I Don't Know
- bb. Other (Please Specify)

7. Select all software programs used to author patent applications.

- a. Microsoft Word 2010/2007
- b. Microsoft Word (pre-2007)
- c. Corel WordPerfect Office
- d. Adobe Professional
- e. Commercial IP management software
- f. Google Docs
- g. OpenOffice Writer
- h. IBM Lotus Symphony Documents
- i. Zoho Office Writer
- j. ThinkFree Office Write
- k. LibreOffice Writer
- l. Apple iWork Suite Pages
- m. SoftMaker Office Textmaker
- n. Kingsoft Office Writer
- o. RagTime Solo
- p. Windows Live Office (Doc.com)
- q. Office 365
- r. Adobe Buzzword
- s. I Don't Know
- t. Other (Please specify)

8. Please select the operating system used to author patent applications.

- a. Windows 7
- b. XP Pro
- c. XP Home
- d. Win 2000
- e. Mac Tiger OSX 10.4
- f. RedHat 9.0
- g. I Don't Know
- h. Other (Please specify)

9. Select all specialized software tools used to author patent applications?

- a. Chemdraw
- b. Mathematica
- c. FastSeq
- d. PatentIn

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- e. Checker
- f. Cad/Cam
- g. Other (please specify)

10. Please rate your organization's willingness to adapt to new technologies and processes.

- a. Very reluctant to adapt
- b. Adapts only when the majority of other users have adapted
- c. Adapts with reasonable confidence that the new technology is stable
- d. Quick to embrace new technologies and processes.
- e. We create custom technologies and processes

11. Do you use EFS-WEB Fillable forms?

- a. Yes
- b. No

12. If Yes, select all that apply

- a. ADS
- b. IDS

13. If No, please select why EFS-WEB fillable forms are not used.

- a. Difficult to navigate within the form
- b. Difficult to add, modify or delete data
- c. Unable to integrate with DMS systems to import/export data
- d. Wet signature required by the business
- e. Form field limitations (e.g. character limit, special characters)
- f. Use forms created internally within our organization
- g. Other (please specify)

14. Do you use the EFS-WEB e-Petitions?

- a. Yes
- b. No

15. If Yes, select all that your organization has submitted

- a. Petition to Make Special Based on Age (37 CFR 1.102)
- b. Petition to Accept Unintentional Delayed Payment of the Maintenance Fee (37 CFR 1.378(c))
- c. Request for Withdrawal as Attorney or Agent of Record (37 CFR 1.36)
- d. Petition to Withdraw from Issue after Payment of the Issue Fee (37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) or (2))
- e. Petition to Withdraw from Issue after Payment of the Issue Fee (37 CFR 1.313(c)(3))
- f. Petition to Withdraw from Issue after Payment of the Issue Fee (37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) or (2) with Assigned Patent Number)
- g. Petition to Withdraw from Issue after Payment of the Issue Fee (37 CFR 1.313(c)(3) with Assigned Patent Number)
- h. Petition to Accept Late Payment of Issue Fee - Unintentional Late Payment (37 CFR 1.137(b))
- i. Petition for Revival of an Application based on Failure to Notify the Office of a Foreign or International Filing (37 CFR 1.137(f))
- j. Petition for Revival of an Application for Continuity Purposes Only (37 CFR 1.137(b))Petition

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16. If No, please select why your organization has not used the EFS-WEB e-Petitions.

- a. Not aware of the e-Petitions functionality
- b. Requires the attorney to e/sign the petition form
- c. Coordinate time with the attorney to sign the e-petition
- d. Inability to save the e-petition for future submission
- e. Use forms created internally within our organization
- f. Have tried but failed eligibility requirements
- g. Other (Please specify)

17. Are you willing to participate in further questionnaires and discussions about future USPTO e-filing requirements?

- a. Yes
- b. No

18. If yes, please provide your contact information below.

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