

Open Forum with USPTO Management

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Open Forum Q&A

1. New tool for trademark open data? See <https://developer.uspto.gov/about-open-data> and attend the Patent Data Resources on 3/28, 4-5pm ET, to learn more about bulk data and open data
2. Patent Public Search
 - a. International documents search in the future? Yes, efforts are underway.
 - b. Exporting/downloading capabilities? There are some options available in the gadgets toolbar. Copy and paste is available.
 - c. Are there plans to add CPC searching to the PPUBS Basic? Not this time. USPTO seeks input to determine future development work. PTRCP is working on training videos.
 - d. Proximity operators are not available in PPUBS Basic.
 - e. The two-word limit on PPUB Basic makes it very difficult to run even very simple searches. Are there plans to expand the word limit per box for multiple-word or phrase searches? At the moment, team is focusing on stability of the website. Team may create a pop-up survey to determine future development work.
 - f. Is it possible to put a privacy statement on PPUBS that "Our privacy policy is simple: we collect no personal information about you when you visit our website unless you choose to provide that information to us" which is not what other search interfaces do. Also, is it possible to put on what date PPUBS was updated? Is there a graph to see the growth of searches on patent public search? USPTO will investigate and follow-up. Questions can be sent to ptrcoffice@uspto.gov and robert.berry@uspto.gov. Analytics are available at: <https://developer.uspto.gov/analytics>.
3. Why is the term file wrapper used? Term comes from multi-site sharing of documents. Now it's called documents in transaction in the Patent Center.

4. The Public Patent Search Facility's website has been updated. See <https://www.uspto.gov/learning-and-resources/support-centers/public-search-facility/public-search-facility>

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