

NEW USPTO HOME PAGE AND CIS PAGE DEBUT

A new home page for the USPTO web site debuted on October 1. With it, a new Products and Services page that highlights the information products and services that Customer Information Services (CIS) makes available to the public also debuted at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/cio/cis/prodsvc.htm> (shown in Fig. 1). A "Products and Services" link is provided in the lower left corner of the home page.

The CIS organization is made up of three offices: the Office of Electronic Information Products (OEIP), the Office of Public Information Services (OPIS), and the Office of Public Records (OPR). Each of these offices is represented on the new Products and Services page. By bringing all of the products and services provided by the various offices in CIS together on this one page, we hope that our customers can make one stop here and not need to look in multiple places for this type of information.

OEIP staff produces the Cassis patent and trademark optical disc products, makes patent and trademark datafiles available on tape and via File Transfer Protocol (FTP), and compiles statistical reports based on patent activity. From the CIS page, users can link directly the *USPTO Catalog of Products and Services* and review ordering information for Cassis products and patent and trademark datafiles. A link is also provided to free patent bibliographic data, from September 1996 to date, available via FTP.

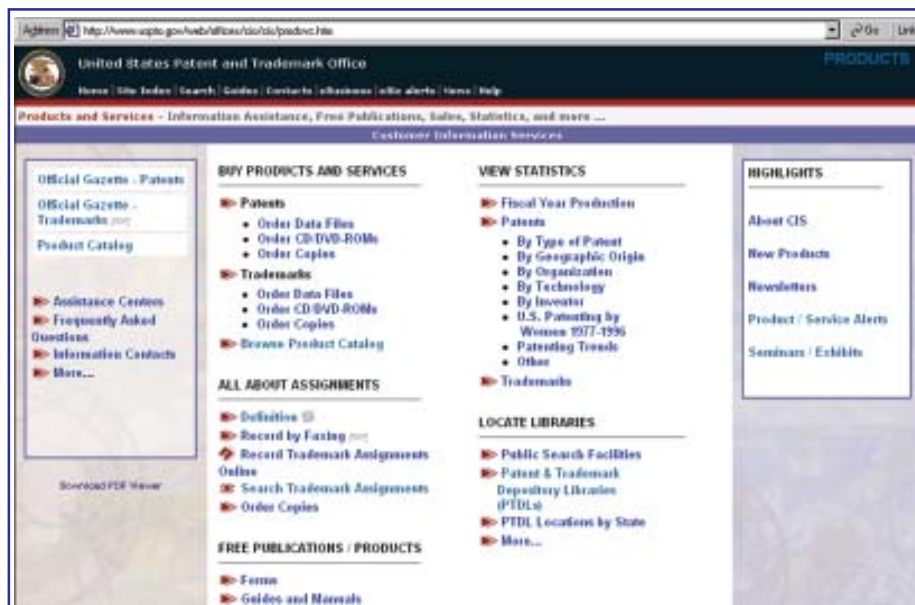


Figure 1 The New Customer Information Services Products and Services Page

Access to the statistical reports from the Patent Technology Monitoring Division (formerly TAF) has been made a little easier with direct links to specific types of reports, such as patenting trends, and patent statistics by geographic origin, organization, or technology.

Special alerts for Cassis and datafile customers including Cassis Subscriber Notices and weekly Trademark Daily XML Migration Status Reports are provided in the *Highlights* column. There are also links to information about new products, upcoming seminars at Patent and Trademark Depository Libraries (PTDLs), and CIS Newsletters, including **Cassis Currents**.

There are direct links to access the *Electronic Official Gazette - Patents* (eOG:P), the *Official Gazette - Trademarks*, and other publications available on the USPTO web site.

OPIS oversees the USPTO Public Search facilities, the PTDLs, the USPTO Contact Center (UCC), formerly General Information Services Division, and the production of a number of publications, including the *USPTO Products and Services Catalog* and *Information Contacts*.

The page provides links to the Public Search Facilities and PTDL pages. There is also a new "Frequently Asked Questions" prepared by the UCC.

OPR is responsible for processing patent and trademark assignment recordations and providing many types of copies of USPTO documents,

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including certified copies and other copy services. A direct link is also provided to the USPTO Online Shopping System for ordering copies.

Links to a variety of assignment sources on the USPTO site are available from this page, including filing trademark assignments online and the newly added Trademark Assignments on the Web System for searching assignment recordations. See the next article for more information on the System.

We will be using this page to make important announcements and to provide information about new products or events, so you might want to bookmark it and check it periodically. We have more ideas for the *Highlights* column that will be implemented in the future. We hope to make this a page that you will want to visit often. Please contact us with questions or suggestions for items that you would like to see on this page.

TRADEMARK ASSIGNMENTS ON THE WEB SYSTEM IS NOW AVAILABLE

The Trademark Assignments on the Web system, the first phase in the deployment of the Patent and Trademark Assignments on the Web

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system, was launched on the USPTO web site on December 3. Patent Assignments on the Web is scheduled to be deployed on January 26, 2004.

Previously, all USPTO electronic databases that have been available to the public on the web site display assignment information provided by the applicant at the time of patent grant, patent application publication, or trademark registration. This information may not have been recorded with the USPTO. Recorded assignment information has only been available on-site in the USPTO search facilities in Arlington, Virginia, which resulted in limited public access.

Trademark Assignments on the Web (and ultimately the Patents component) provides assignments recorded with the USPTO at the time of or subsequent to grant or registration. All trademark assignments recorded at the USPTO after 1955 can be accessed through this system; all patent assignments recorded at the USPTO after August 1980 will be available.

The Patent and Trademark Assignments on the Web System provides all publicly available information recorded at the USPTO related to each assignment recordation. Data from pending patents is redacted (omitted) in the display.

The Patent and Trademark Assignments on the Web System offers indexed search fields related to recorded assignment documents. Searchable and displayable patent and trademark assignment fields include: property number, assignor name, assignee name, and reel/frame number. Search results for both patents and trademarks display the reel/frame number, property numbers, conveyance data, assignor name, assignee name,

correspondence address, and recorded and execution dates.

If multiple properties (patent or trademark) are associated with a particular assignment recordation, the system displays all data within that assignment provided the information is open to public inspection. In addition, if a patent or trademark property has been recorded in the USPTO more than once, all recorded assignment data is retrieved and displayed.

Information available in the Patent and Trademark Assignments on the Web System is based on the data provided to the Assignment Division in the Office of Public Records. The USPTO does not make a determination as to validity of the assignment submitted for recordation. Additionally there is no effort to standardize names of assignors or assignees; names are recorded as provided. Cross-references to additional details associated with the assignor and/or assignee names will also be available.

The system is accessible from a number of pages, including the "All About Assignments" section of the [Products and Services](#) page and directly at <http://assignments.uspto.gov/assignments/>.

NEW PRODUCT - ANNUAL INDEX OF PATENTS - 2001 TO BE AVAILABLE SOON

A new DVD-ROM product, the *Annual Index of Patents - 2001*, is expected to be available in December or January. This product is similar to the recently released *Annual Index of Patents - 2002* on DVD-ROM, and provides all indexes to patents issued in 2001. In addition, the one-page bibliographic record of each patent from the weekly eOG:P is included.

The year's patents are indexed by patentee name, classification, type of patent (utility, design, plant, etc.), and geographic location, state or country, of the first listed inventor. Patent bibliographic records contain inventor and classification information, an exemplary drawing, if applicable, and a representative claim.

Patent and Trademark Office Notices for 2001 are included and are indexed by number, subject, and date as well as linked from the indexes. Statistical information that contained in the paper volumes is also included.

Since the eOG:P began publication in July 2002 and OG records were not available electronically before that time, the information for the 2001 Index was compiled from weekly tapes for 2001. The reexamination records were created manually as they are only available in an image format, not in machine-readable text.

The Annual Indexes of Patents for 1999 and 2000 will be published in paper and are currently being compiled.

The price for this DVD-ROM product will be \$300. As the product nears completion, Cassis subscribers will receive a new product announcement and an announcement will also be made in **Cassis Currents**. An announcement will also be made on the CIS page discussed earlier in this issue.

Work on the *Annual Index of Patents - 2003* will begin in January 2004 and should be available soon after that. The *Annual Index of Patents - 2003* will be the first index that will have had all of the annual information available from previously published eOG:P files. This will make the project run much smoother and much more quickly. As this product nears completion, customers will receive notification.

STAFF NEWS - JEFF ALDERSON RETIRES

After 30 years with the USPTO, 15 of those spent in the Office of Electronic Information Products (OEIP), Jeff Alderson retired on October 31.

During his time with OEIP, he was involved with the Cassis optical disc program since its inception in 1987. Jeff managed the production of each new DocDW USA product as it was introduced, first USAPat, followed by USAMark, and then USAApp. He also directed the recently completed monumental USAPat back file project.

Before taking over the DocDW products, Jeff was instrumental in the deployment and maintenance of the Cassis workstations in the PTDLs as well as in Cassis usage log collection from the PTDLs.

Jeff will be moving to Florida, where he plans to live near the water. His ability to get going as quickly as he had planned was temporarily delayed after his current home near the water on Maryland's eastern shore was badly damaged by Hurricane Isabel. He is staying in the area until most of the repairs have been made. Once completed, he plans to hit the road to Florida and see where life leads him.

Maureen Daley is taking over the DocDW production.

Any of you who have known him, know that he will be missed for his rich sense of humor. It just won't be the same around here... Congratulations and best wishes Jeff!

Cassis PRICE CHANGES

For the first time since 1999, prices for the Cassis products are increasing. These prices will be effective upon

renewal of your subscription of the Cassis2 searchable products and on January 1, 2004, for the DocDW image products. New prices are given below.

Cassis2 Searchable Products:

Patents and Trademarks ASSIGN - annual subscription of six discs (published bimonthly) \$450

Patents ASSIST - annual subscription of four discs (published quarterly) \$300

Patents BIB - annual subscription of six discs (published bimonthly) \$450

Patents CLASS - annual subscription of six discs (published bimonthly) \$450

Trademarks BIB - annual subscription of six discs (published bimonthly) \$450

DocDW Image Products:

USAApp - calendar year subscription (published weekly) \$3400

USAMark - calendar year subscription (published monthly) \$350

USAPat - calendar year subscription (published weekly) \$3400

Electronic Official Gazette - Patents (eOG:P) Products:

Annual Index of Patentees - 2002 \$300

Annual Index of Patentees - 2001 (available December 2003/January 2004) \$300 / **Annual Index of Patentees - 2003** (available early 2004) \$300

eOG:P - annual subscription (published weekly) \$400

eOG:P - single issue - \$20 each

INTERESTING PATENTS

We're adding a new feature to **Cassis Currents** with this issue. When there is space, we will feature patents that are interesting for some reason. Perhaps the inventor was famous or the invention brought about a major change in the way people live.

In this issue, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Wright Brothers' flight, we are featuring Patent # 821,393, granted to them on May 22, 1906, for a "Flying Machine."

Please let us know if you have a favorite patent that you would like to see highlighted.



Figure 2 1st page of Specifications from U.S. Patent # 821,393

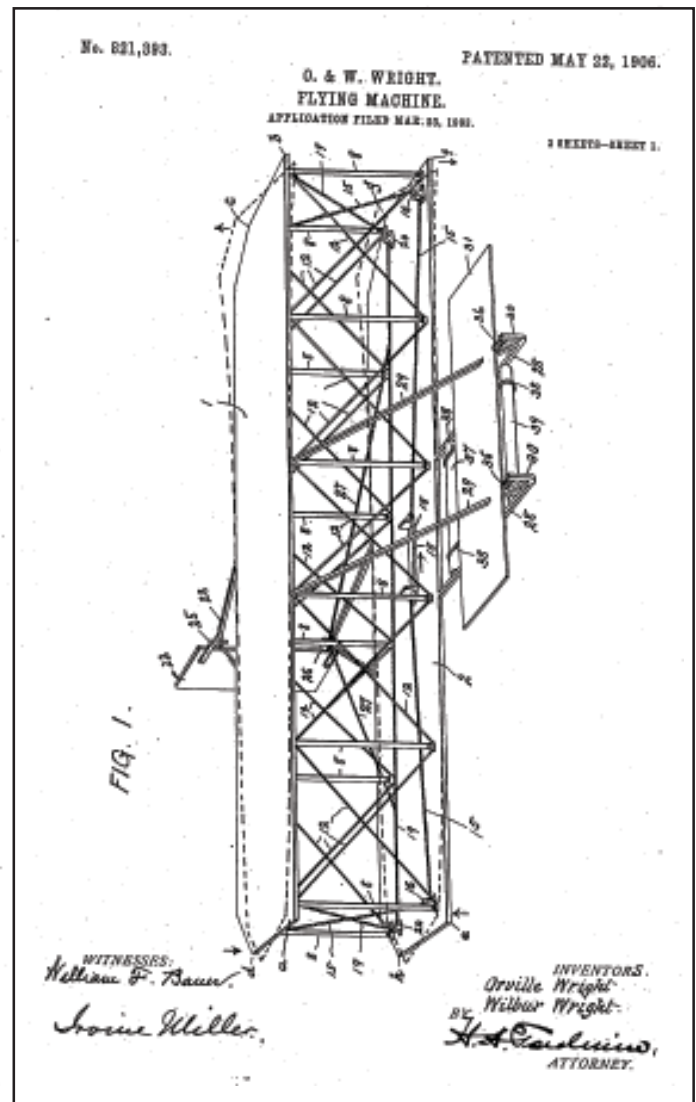


Figure 3 1st page of Drawings from U.S. Patent # 821,393



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