

# Cassis Currents

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## Cassis2 PRODUCT MIGRATION UPDATE

The Cassis2 product migration is now complete! The 2001 July issue of Trademarks ASSIST product was published in August using the new interface.

All of the Cassis databases have been produced at least once using the new Cassis2 interface and Open Text publishing software. With this experience behind us, we are now able to produce new discs much more quickly. We have just completed two products and are in the process of producing three more.

We are not just resting because we have reached this significant milestone; we are now looking forward to making the databases and software even better. There are several enhancements that we are working on at the moment.

Once again, we thank you for your patience during this period of transition. And thank you also to those of you who have given us suggestions to make the products better. Keep them coming!



Figure 1 New Look for Trademarks ASSIST

## USPTO COMMUNITY DAY

The annual Community Day at the USPTO was held on Thursday, August 2, with a theme of "The Many Facets of Diversity." Organizations throughout the USPTO, including examining groups, joined together to share information about their particular area of the Office with other staff members and the general public.

This year the Information Products Division (IPD) took part by hosting a booth staffed with representatives from the 3 branches, Data Dissemination Branch (DDB), Electronic Products Branch (EPB), and Technology Assessment and Forecast Branch (TAF). *Note: there is an in-depth article about the DDB in this issue.*



Figure 2 Tom Tiedeman and Paul Harrison Staff IPD's Community Day Booth

As a way to familiarize others in the USPTO with IPD's products, staff demonstrated the new Cassis products, and displayed TAF reports and patent data on DLT tape from DDB. See Figure 2 above. Another view of the booth is shown on Page 4.

## TRADEMARKS ASSIST

EPB recently distributed the 2001 July issue of Trademarks ASSIST. This disc is published on an irregular basis, the last issue was 1999 June. The Cassis2 Development Team was able to include several enhancements to the databases and include a new database. There are now six searchable databases on the disc:

*Design Search Code Manual  
Goods and Services Manual  
Trademark Manual of Examining Procedure (TMEP)  
Trademark Statute and Rules  
Trademark Telephone Index  
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board Manual of Procedure*

The *Design Search Code Manual* is a new addition to Trademarks ASSIST.

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The *Design Search Code Manual* lists the design search codes used to categorize trademark designs. The design search code is a numerical classification index that codifies design figurative elements into categories, the most general classification, divisions, and sections. Design search codes are indexed and searchable on the *Trademarks BIB* optical disc product.

If you were looking for a trademark that contained an image of a person dancing, after using the index you would find that the design search code is "02.09.14." Breaking this code down, "02" is the Category of "Human Being," Division "09" is "Human Beings Engaged in an Activity," and Section "14" is Dancing.

This version of the Manual contains hyper-links between codes and contains images used as illustrations. There is only one search field in the *Design Search Code Manual* - the AllFields field. Figure 3 displays a page from the Manual.

Tables of contents have been included on three of the files, the *TMEP*, Trademark Statute and Rules, and the *Trademark Trial and Appeal Board Manual of Procedure*. In addition to text searching the database, this allows the user to jump to a specific section of the manual. This is similar to the table of contents used in the *Manual of Patent Examining Proce-*

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*dure (MPEP)* on Patents ASSIST. The table of contents from the *Trademark Trial and Appeal Board Manual of Procedure* is displayed in Figure 5.

Trademarks ASSIST is available as a one-time purchase for \$50. Please contact IPD for further information about purchasing this product.

## USAPAT BACK FILE UPDATE

The USAPat back file project continues on schedule. Set 5, with discs 201 through 250, will be distributed this month. This set will contain patents issued between 1970 and 1980.

We are now more than halfway through the back file project! The completion date is still expected to be 2002 September.

## Cassis2 TIP - Look to the Taskbar

The Cassis2 Taskbar windows display valuable information about which database you are using, which function the search engine is performing at the moment, and which customization features are set on or off. Figure 4 displays an example of the taskbar.

Reading from left to right, the first window will tell you if you are on a Query screen or Results screen. If you are on the Results screen, it will tell you which answer out of the total number of answers you are looking at. The taskbar in Figure 4 displays "Document 1 of 86," which informs you that you are on the Results screen and you are looking at the first result out of an answer set with 86 results.

It will say "Query Window" if you are using one of the search screens, "Searching..." if the search engine is searching, "Sorting" if the answer set is being sorted, or "Exported: x of x" to let you know how many documents were exported. *Note that the search may be completed so quickly that "Searching" is never actually displayed.*

The next window tells you which database you are using. In this example, it is *Patents BIB*. This will change each time you open a new database.

The next three windows let you know if you have set any of the customizing features on or off. These features include *Sort*, *Natural Language*, and *Relevance Ranking*. *Sort* is set from the Sort screen, while the other two are set from the User Profile tool.

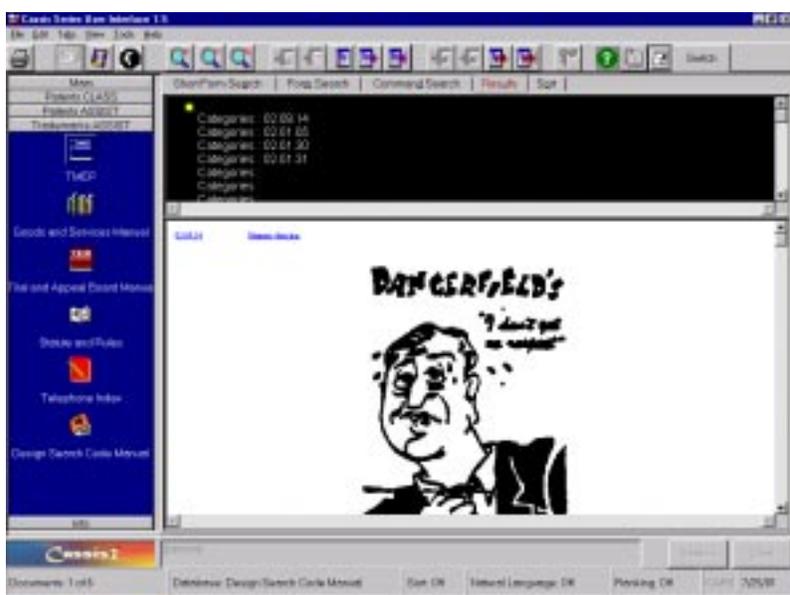


Figure 3 Design Search Code Manual

Figure 4 Cassis2 Taskbar

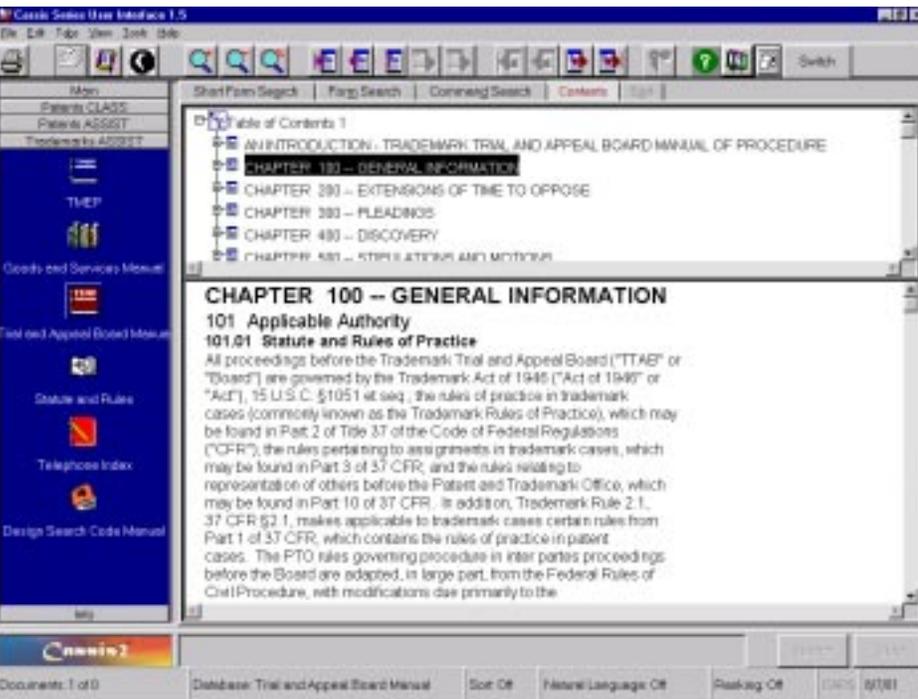


Figure 5 Display of Trademark Trial and Appeal Board Manual of Procedure Table of Contents

Each Tuesday, the USPTO issues over 3,500 patent grants, over 2,000 trademark registrations, and over 2,500 trademark applications. Each Thursday over 1,000 patent applications are published. The world wants access to U.S. intellectual property information.

In order to fulfill this need for U.S. patents and trademarks, the DDB is responsible for ensuring that all of this information is captured in computerized form, both text and images.

DDB oversees the creation and dissemination of over 300 data files each week. These data files are provided via File Transfer Protocol (FTP) and Magnetic Tape Cartridge to over 50 external customers worldwide. In addition, the DDB staff provides technical assistance relating to the content and use of this information.

These customers represent a large interest throughout the business and government information industry.

These three features have a bearing on the answers retrieved and the order in which they are displayed. Being able to tell at a glance which features are on or off will help explain why your answer set looks like it does.

The last two windows on the right tell you if CAPS on your PC is set on or off (Cassis2 is not case sensitive) and today's date.

Think of the taskbar as a "road map" with your location and settings.

### SPOTLIGHT ON IPD'S DATA DISSEMINATION BRANCH

If you have ever used the USPTO Web patent databases, EAST, WEST, or a commercial online patent or trademark database, it was made possible by the Data Dissemination Branch (DDB) of the Information Products Division.

The DDB is managed by Ed Johnson and is comprised of the following computer specialist staff: Chris Leithiser, Jay Nixon, Jazmin Rexrode, Steve Smarr, Blessing Nzenwa, and William Rivers.



Figure 6 DDB Staff from left to right, Jazmin Rexrode, Chris Leithiser, Blessing Nzenwa, Jay Nixon, Ed Johnson, and Steve Smarr

Some use the patent and trademark information provided each week and place it on their respective databases for subsequent searching by their clientele.

Others use the information to track and monitor patent and/or trademarks issued to their corporations. The information is also used to track ownership of U.S. patents and trademarks, or to track the patent information technology trends.

Customers of this patent and trademark information include large firms in the United States, Japan, Korea, and China. In addition, DDB provides this information to companies in the United Kingdom, database

providers in Europe and Canada, and a number of organizations in the United States, including colleges and universities.

DDB also disseminates this information to the Japanese Patent Office and European Patent Office, USPTO's trilateral partners. On occasion, other intellectual property offices throughout the world ask to purchase this patent and trademark information.

Internal USPTO users of this weekly information are the Patent Examiner's Search Systems, the Examiner's Automated Search Tool (EAST) and the Web Examiner Search Tool (WEST).

In addition to the dissemination of patent and trademark information, the DDD is also responsible for the technical support for the data capture of granted patents and published patent applications. This data capture is performed through a contract arrangement and is monitored by the USPTO's Office of Patent Publication.

## **SECTION 508 COMPLIANCE**

Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act requires Federal departments and agencies that develop electronic and information technology to ensure that members of the public with disabilities have access to and use of this information and data.

Based on this, IPD will be making our products compliant with this mandate. We will begin working on product compliance in 2001 October.

If you have or know of any special needs that should be addressed, please let us know.

Thank you for your assistance in this endeavor.



**Figure 7 Bruce Cox (in hat), IPD Director, greets visitors to IPD's Community Day Booth**