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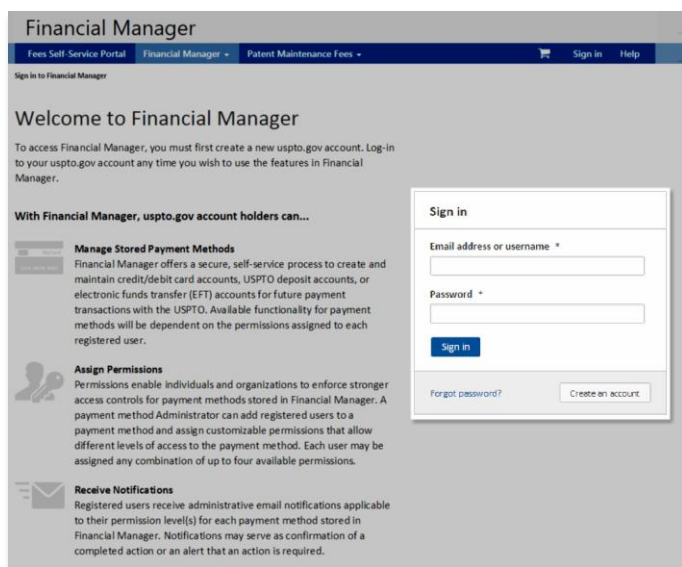
Financial Manager is the USPTO's online fee payment management tool. It allows you to store and manage payment methods online, assign user permissions to allow others to access your payment methods, and create a variety of transaction reports. This guide outlines steps you'll take to get started in Financial Manager.

Financial Manager is designed to be intuitive and easy to use. We recommend the following workflow to get started:

1. Create a uspto.gov account and sign in
2. Store payment methods
3. Add users and assign permissions

### Create a uspto.gov Account and Sign In

1 From <https://fees.uspto.gov>, navigate to the Financial Manager homepage.



2 In the Sign in box, select the **Create an account** button and follow the instructions to create a uspto.gov account. You will be required to enter:

- First name
- Last name
- Email address

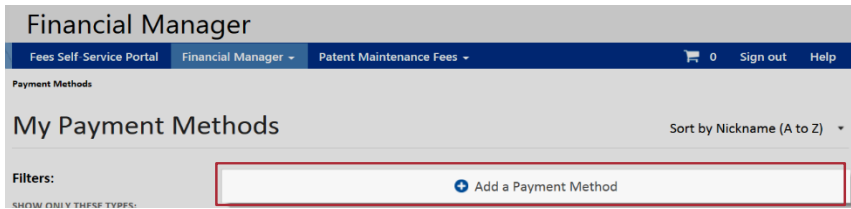
3 Once you've created your uspto.gov account, return to the Financial Manager homepage and sign in using your uspto.gov account credentials.

While you may use any browser to access our new fee payment tools, Financial Manager works best in Google Chrome (version 46), Internet Explorer (version 11), and Firefox (version 42).

## Store Payment Methods

If multiple people in your organization will need access to your stored payment method(s), we recommend designating one Administrator to store your payment method(s) in Financial Manager first. The first user will receive all user permissions by default.




- 1 After signing in to Financial Manager, select the button to navigate to the Add a Payment Method page.



- 2 On the Add a Payment Method page, you can store credit/debit cards and electronic funds transfers. You can also open a deposit account. Select the add new button below your preferred payment method to get started.

### Add a Payment Method

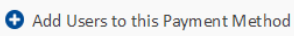
Storing a payment method allows you to securely conduct business with the USPTO more efficiently. To get started, select the stored payment type that is right for you.

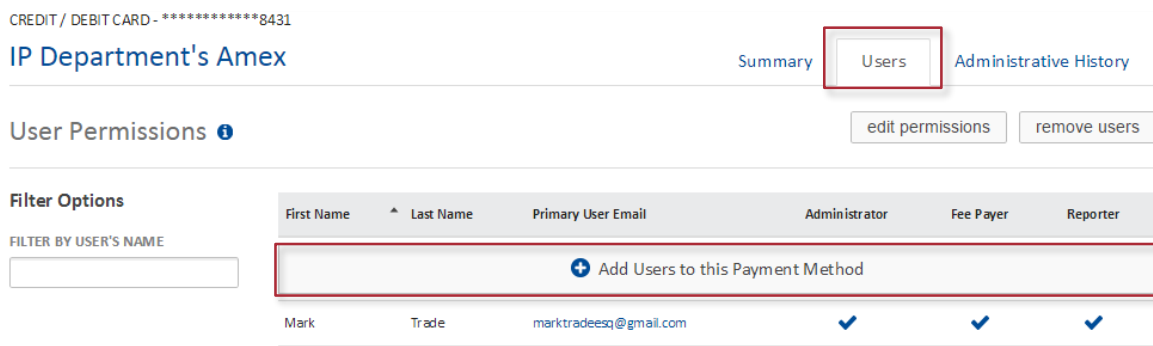
Payment Method	Credit/Debit Card	Deposit Account	Electronic Funds Transfer
	 <b>Credit/Debit Card</b> <a href="#">Add New</a>	 <b>Deposit Account</b> <a href="#">Add New</a>	 <b>Electronic Funds Transfer</b> <a href="#">Add New</a>
<b>Activation Timeframe</b>	Immediate	Immediate (funds must be available)	8 business days
<b>Limitations</b>	There is a \$24,999.99 daily limit per credit card. There is no daily limit per debit card.  Credit/debit cards cannot be used to fund a deposit account.	A sufficient balance to cover all fees must always be on deposit. Charges to accounts with insufficient funds will not be accepted.  A minimum balance of \$1,000.00 is required on the last business day of each month to avoid a \$25.00 service charge.	A U.S. bank account is required. Banking information must be initially verified before using this option.


Eliminate the need to submit a check, credit card, or other payment type each time a fee is due by opening a deposit account in Financial Manager for free. USPTO deposit accounts are pre-paid fund reserves that customers can establish to conveniently pay fees to the USPTO. Consider adding an electronic funds transfer (EFT) account to replenish your deposit account quickly online, and take advantage of our auto-replenishment option for even more flexible account management.

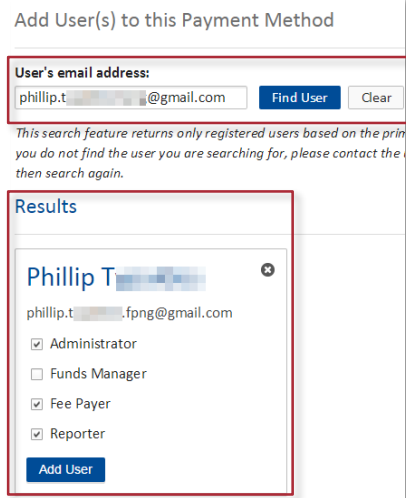
## Add Users and Assign User Permissions


When an Administrator adds someone to a payment method using the Users tab in Financial Manager, he/she will assign customizable user permissions. Please see our [Introduction to User Permissions](#) to help determine which user permissions to assign users within your organization. Each user must have their own uspto.gov account to be added to a payment method.

- 1 From your stored payment method's Summary page, navigate to the Users tab and select the  button.



- 2 Enter the user's email address and select the  button. The search will generate a "Results" box that lists the matching user's email address, full name, and available permissions. You must enter the exact email address associated with the user's uspto.gov account.



- 3 Select the checkboxes to assign appropriate permissions for the user.
- 4 Select the  button to add the individual to your payment method.

Repeat this process for each of your payment methods. There is no limit to the number of users you can add to a stored payment method and multiple users can have the same permissions. We recommend assigning at least two Administrators to each payment method for back-up purposes.

To learn more about Financial Manager, please review our [Financial Manager User Guide](#). It includes step by step walkthroughs of how to use the capabilities in Financial Manager based on your user permissions.