



Notes Regarding 2016 PatEx Release

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The July 2016 release of the Patent Examination Research Dataset (PatEx) includes a handful of changes from the initial PatEx release from November 2015. These changes are as follows.

- The data represent the information available in the Public PAIR system as of March 5, 2016.
- A new variable, *wipo_pub_date* has been added to the *application_data* file. The variable provides the date of publication by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) for Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) applications.
- A new variable, *term_extension_indicator*, has been added to the *pat_term_adj* file. The patent term adjustment tab on Public PAIR, from which PatEx is derived, includes some events that are identified as patent term extensions instead of adjustments. The new variable provided identifies the patent term extensions.
- The values of the *examiner_id* variable from the *application_data* file are different in the new release. In other words, an examiner will have a different *examiner_id* in the 2016 release than he or she had in the 2015 release.