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eMod Text Pilot Program

Training for Incoming Participants

eMod Team
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Agenda

- Team Introduction
- eMod Project Overview
- eMod Text Pilot Program Overview
- Review of the eMod Text Pilot Program Guidelines
- Demo of eMod Text Pilot Program Features
- Review QSGs
- Pending Development Changes and Training Highlights
- Question and Answer Session

Team Introduction

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eMod: eCommerce Modernization

The **eMod Project** improves the electronic patent application process by modernizing USPTO's application filing and viewing systems

UPDATES to EFS-Web and Private PAIR

Completed Features

- Ability to accept structured text (eMod Text Pilot Program)
- Ability to deliver structured text (eMod Text Pilot Program)
- Ability to download XML (eMod Text Pilot Program)
- Link to Global Dossier (also available for public PAIR)
- Interim authentication solution

Patent Center

- New, unified system to replace EFS-Web and PAIR
 - Features single interface for filing and managing patent applications
 - Integrates recent technology for enhanced system operations and increased functionality
- Benefits
 - Updated infrastructure to enable more efficient system integration
 - Increased functionality and overall system usefulness
 - Enhanced user experience through improved interface
 - Improved processes for patent submission, review, and management
 - Revamped authentication process to address current Java compatibility
 - Increased accuracy of application processing and publication

eMod Text Pilot Program

- **August 15, 2016 – Ongoing**
- **Accepting and Processing DOCX/XML**
 - Ability to accept structured text
 - Ability to deliver structured text submissions
 - Ability to deliver structured text Office actions
 - Ability to download XML
- **Through EFS-Web and Private PAIR**
- **Limited to specifications, claims, abstract for non-provisional utility applications**
- **Open to small group of applicants**
- **Incorporate updates based on user feedback**

eMod Text Pilot Program

Guidelines



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EFS-Web and PAIR eMod Text Pilot Program Participant Guidelines Starting July 2016

Participant Guidelines:

The guidelines below express the understanding between eMod (eCommerce Modernization) Text Pilot Program participants and the USPTO regarding the activities related to the testing of the new features that will be incorporated into the new patent electronic filing and management system in development, which will henceforth be referred to as Patent Center. During the eMod Text Pilot Program, the existing electronic patent application filing and viewing tools, EFS-Web and Private PAIR, will be leveraged to learn about the text usage to include into Patent Center. The goal of the eMod Text Pilot Program is to have applicants utilize new features to patent applications (specifically specification, claims and abstract) for new utility applications, text, and provide feedback to the eMod program for further improvements. eMod Pilot participants will be able to submit and receive text via Private PAIR, agreeing to participate in the eMod Text Pilot Program. Participants are required to follow the guidelines. Participants who do not agree to the guidelines may be removed from the eMod Text Pilot Program.

Registration

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* 2. Are you participating as a registered practitioner or independent inventor?

Registered Practitioner
 Independent Inventor

* 3. Please list the Customer Numbers you would like to register for the eMod Text Pilot Program in order of priority?

You may list up to five Customer Numbers, however only the first Customer Number below will be added to the program initially. If there are available slots, additional Customer Numbers may be added into the program.

1st Customer Number:
2nd Customer Number:
3rd Customer Number:
4th Customer Number:
5th Customer Number:

* 4. Requester Name (Registered Practitioner or Independent Inventor)



Guidelines Highlights

- **Please submit as many .docx documents as possible**
 - All submissions from your CN while on the Pilot are not required to be in .docx format
- **Please review documents carefully prior to submission**
- **Utilize eMod-provided forms to report issues and give feedback**



Live Demo

eMod Text Pilot Program Features

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Forms for Feedback

- **eMod Text Pilot Program Report Form**
 - Report any comments, ideas or problems to the USPTO
 - Link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/eModTextPilotProgramReportForm>
- **eMod Text Pilot Program Questionnaire**
 - Provide overall feedback about the eMod Text Pilot Program
 - Link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/eModTextPilotProgramQuestionnaire>

Assistance

- eMod Text Pilot Program Guidelines
- QSG for eMod Text Pilot Program: EFS-Web
- QSG for eMod Text Pilot Program: PAIR
- eMod Website:
<https://www.uspto.gov/patent/emod-participant-programs>
- eMod Mailbox: eMod@uspto.gov

Upcoming Changes and Highlights

- **August 15 – TBD: Multi-Section DOCX Files**
 - Details: There are several known issues that result from submitting a DOCX file that contains multiple sections (specifications, claims, and abstract) within a single document. The issues that result include: loss of headers, footers, and/or page numbering.
 - Status: Pending Final Resolution. Users will receive an error when attempting to file a multi-section document. This error will be removed when the final resolution is complete and users can resume filing multi-section documents.
 - Current Workaround: Split the sections (specifications, claims, and abstract) into individual DOCX files (each document will contain a single section).
 - Resolution Date: TBD - **We're working diligently to get this issue resolved so that we can resume accepting multi-section documents.**

Question and Answer



