



United States Patent and Trademark Office

Software Partnership Meeting

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Attendee Poll

Which best represents your current position:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> IP/Law firm | <input type="checkbox"/> University IP counsel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent IP attorney/agent | <input type="checkbox"/> Academia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In house counsel | <input type="checkbox"/> Independent inventor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

Please explain

Approximately how many utility patent applications do you individually work on during a calendar year?

No. of Application

Approximately how many utility patent applications does your organization work on during a calendar year, if applicable?

No. of Application

Do you routinely provide definitions in the original disclosure?

- Yes No

If you routinely provide definitions in the original disclosure, what terms do you define (check all that apply)?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal terms (e.g., “consisting essentially of”, “comprising”) | <input type="checkbox"/> subjective terms (e.g., “about”, “substantially”) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> relative terms (e.g., “high”, “above”, “near”) | <input type="checkbox"/> 112(f) functional term |
| <input type="checkbox"/> functional claim limitations (e.g., “displaying”, “interfacing”) | <input type="checkbox"/> technical terms/terms of art |
| <input type="checkbox"/> new or unique words that lack an ordinary and/or customary meaning | <input type="checkbox"/> abbreviations/acronyms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> terms with multiple meanings | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other | |

Please explain

If you routinely provide definitions in the original disclosure, what are the expected impacts (check all that apply)?

- Achieve compact prosecution (e.g., avoid RCEs)
- Achieve claim clarity (scope)
- Avoid/reduce number and type of rejections
- Post grant reasons
- other

Please explain

If you provide definitions, how do you present them in the original disclosure?

- Spread throughout the specification
- Definitions grouped together
- A section under a specific heading (e.g., "Glossary", "Definitions", "Terms")
- other

Please explain

If you group definitions together, where do you normally place them?

- In the Background
- At the end of the Detailed Description
- At the beginning of the Detailed Description
- In the Drawing
- other

Please explain

When you do include glossaries, what are the reasons for doing so?

- Your routine practice
- Your organization's routine practice
- At applicant's request
- At your discretion based on the technology/invention
- other

Please explain

When you do not include glossaries, what are your reasons for not doing so?

- Your routine practice
- Your organization's routine practice
- other
- At your discretion based on the technology/invention

Please explain

For the technology area(s) or where you prosecute, which specific areas would benefit from the use of a glossary in the specification?

Please explain

Would you be interested in participating in a pilot that requires you to include a glossary in the disclosure of your patent application?

- Yes
- No
- Depending on the technology of the application .

Please explain

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