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User Testimonials:

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*- David J. Robeson,
Ph.D, The Disclosure*

"It is not easy to find words to describe the manner in which EFS-Web spread within our office... this jump happened simply because each one of our people... realized that a filing on EFS-Web is easier to do than a filing on paper or by fax... our people went to 100% e-filing simply because they preferred it to the old way."

*- Carl Oppedahl,
Partner of IP Law Firm*

**As of July 2010,
89% of patent applications are filed
electronically via EFS-Web.**

Resources and Support

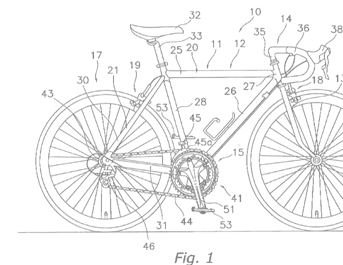
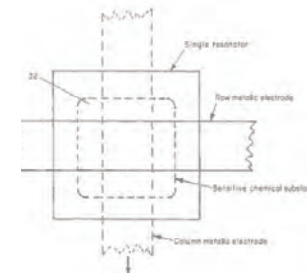
More information about EFS-Web, including EFS-Web Quick Start Guides and frequently asked questions, is available online at:

<http://www.uspto.gov/patents/process/file/efs/guidance/index.jsp>.

The USPTO's EBC is available to provide technical support and collect feedback. If you have EFS-Web questions or suggestions for enhancements, contact the EBC at 866-217-9197 from 6 a.m. to Midnight ET, Monday – Friday or e-mail the EBC at ebc@uspto.gov.

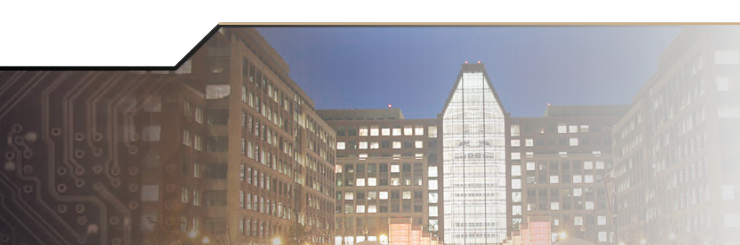


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EFS-Web is the United States Patent and Trademark Office's (USPTO) easy-to-use, Web-based patent application and document submission solution. Using EFS-Web, anyone with a Web-enabled computer can file patent applications and documents electronically without downloading special software.



Overview

EFS-Web utilizes standard Web-based screens and prompts to enable you to submit your documents directly to the USPTO within minutes. You choose the tool, process, and workflow with which you author your documents; convert them to standard PDF files; and then submit them to USPTO's secure servers. EFS-Web is safe, simple, and secure and gives you all of the same benefits as filing by paper, including an electronic receipt that acknowledges your filing date.

EFS-Web Features

Registered and Unregistered Filers



While EFS-Web gives anyone the ability to submit patent applications and documents, filers can get more benefits

from the system by becoming registered, including filing follow-on papers and saving the package before submission. Registering is easy and can be done by submitting paper forms to USPTO's Patent Electronic Business Center (EBC), which will then issue a Digital Certificate that authenticates your identity.

Web Access

A computer, Web browser and Internet connection are all you need to file electronically. You can access EFS-Web by clicking on the "File Online" link on the USPTO homepage at <http://www.uspto.gov/>. After choosing Launch EFS-Web as a Registered or Unregistered e-Filer, you will be prompted through a series of screens to submit your documents.

Filings Accepted

EFS-Web accepts new:

- Utility (reissues, requests for reexaminations),
- Provisional,
- Design,
- National Stage Applications under 35 USC 371, and
- PCT International Applications at the US Receiving Office.

Registered e-Filers may also file follow-on documents for previously filed applications and submit Pre-Grant Publication documents.

Built-In File Validation

EFS-Web automatically validates documents and informs you before submission whether your application meets USPTO standards. If it doesn't meet these standards, you will be notified of the problem so you can take corrective action before final submission.

Online Payment of Fees

EFS-Web allows you to conveniently pay filing fees online. You have the flexibility to choose from credit card, deposit accounts, and electronic funds transfer payment options

File Formats Accepted

EFS-Web accepts standard PDF documents, text files (for specific application parts such as sequence listings and computer program listings), PCT-EASY ZIP files up to 25 megabytes. Sequence listing text files can be up to 100 megabytes. Most versions of PDF writer software work with EFS-Web when properly configured. For more information, see the EFS-Web PDF Guidelines at:

http://www.uspto.gov/patents/process/file/efs/guidance/tutorials_pdf.jsp.

Valid Electronic Receipts

EFS-Web provides an Acknowledgement Receipt that contains a:

- Time and date stamp,
- Application number, and
- Confirmation number.

This electronic receipt carries the security and authority of the post card receipt provided with paper applications.

Private PAIR Integration

EFS-Web submissions are viewable in the Private Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. If you are a registered filer, your patent applications and documents are available to view in Private PAIR shortly after filing. You can access EFS-Web and Private PAIR with a single login.

Auto Process e-Petitions

Allows e-Filers to submit e-Petitions that are auto-processed and immediately granted if the petition requirements are met.