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## USAPat BACK FILE NEWS

In September, the Electronic Products Branch was pleased to distribute the fifth set of the USAPat back file. This set contained facsimile images of U.S. patents from 1970 through 1980.

We are still on schedule with the back file project. Set 6, with discs 251 through 300, should be distributed in December. This set will contain patents from 1980 through 1989.

The back file project will be complete in less than a year, next September, with Set 9!

An updated production chart for the remaining sets is provided below in Figure 1.

Set No.	Contents	Shipping Date
6	1980 - 1989	2001 Dec.
7	1989 - 1994	2002 Mar.
8	1994 - 1998	2002 June
9	1998 - 1999	2002 Sept.

Figure 1 USAPat Back File Schedule

We hope that you are finding the back file to be a valuable collection. Please let us know if you have any questions.

## Cassis2 UPDATE

The Cassis2 development team is continuing to enhance the new interface. We recently made improvements to the Session History and Index tools.

One of these improvements is the capability to print the Session History. A print icon has been added to the Session History Window toolbar. You can click on that icon or go to the History Window's *File* menu/*Print History* option. Figure 2 displays the toolbar including the new print icon.

The printout includes the name of the database searched as well as the date that the search was performed. The information contained in the History printout is identical to the Session History and includes:

- the set number
- the number of occurrences of the term(s) in the database field
- the number of records containing the term(s)
- the search query as it was interpreted by the search engine



Figure 2 Session History Window Toolbar

A helpful feature has also been added to the Index tool. You can now jump to the beginning or end of the index. Previously, you had to begin typing in the *Scroll to* box and then continue to use the down arrows to get to the end

of the index. Now you can click on the new up and down arrows that have been added to the Index Window toolbar. You can also go to the Index's *File* menu/*Top* or *End* options.

The new toolbar is displayed below in Figure 3. Note that there are now four up and down arrows. The two that jump to the beginning or end of the index have lines at the tip of the arrow to differentiate them from the other up and down arrows. The arrow that jumps to the beginning of the index has a line at the tip of the up arrow. The arrow that jumps to the end of the index has a line at the tip of the down arrow.



Figure 3 Index Window Toolbar

The Cassis2 Tips article discusses another recent search enhancement. We are waiting to hear from you about other improvements and changes that you would like to see. Please contact us and let us know.

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## SPOTLIGHT ON **Cassis** CUSTOMERS

With this issue, we begin a new feature - spotlighting Cassis customers. In previous issues you have met the Information Products Division staff. In future issues you will meet Cassis customers who use our products in a variety of ways. The first spotlight is on Mabel Murray, a Patent Applications Assistant at the USPTO.

Mabel works in the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE), one of the first stops for patent applications coming into the USPTO. You can see Mabel at her desk surrounded by applications in Figure 4. Mabel and her colleagues assign a preliminary classification and art unit to each application before it is sent to a technology center to begin the examination process.

Mabel uses the Patents BIB product to assist her in determining the proper classification. By searching terms from the application in AllFields and the Title and Abstract field, she locates similar art and then determines a classification.

When asked how she likes the new Cassis2 product, Mabel responded, "I love it!" She added that the availability of ten additional years of abstracts and several of the Windows features

have made her searching more efficient. It is great to find such an enthusiastic Cassis customer.

Luckily we caught up with Mabel when we did - she is retiring in December after 33 years of service at the USPTO. After retiring, this spirited lady plans to spend a lot more time with her four young grandchildren, travel with her husband, and work on crossword puzzles. We wish her all the best!

### **Cassis2** TIPS

This issue features two tips to assist you with using Cassis2. The first tip covers a search feature that we have recently added. The second tip pertains to the symbols and special characters that have been specially indexed on Trademarks BIB.

#### *The Comma as a Substitute for "OR"*

Several customers requested that we reinstate our former products' ability to accept a comma as a substitute for the "OR" Boolean operator. This is especially useful when searching for a long string of terms, such as classifications or patent numbers. We are pleased to announce that we have implemented this enhancement and it should be activated on all of the current discs.

This feature is available on all three search screens. Input on each screen is exactly the same. To use this feature, just enter a comma and a space between the search terms. Some examples follow:

*5000000, 5522111, 6221332, 4332111* instead of typing:

*5000000 or 5522111 or 6221332 or 4332111*

*2/5, 2/10, D18/54, 210/11* instead of typing:

*2/5 or 2/10 or D18/54 or 210/11*

You will find that this feature can save you both time and typing.

#### *Specially Indexed Symbols on Trademarks BIB*

The Mark Combined Search field on the Trademarks BIB product (formerly Trademarks REGISTERED and PENDING) contains approximately 30 specially indexed symbols. These symbols would ordinarily not be searchable but with some of our behinds-the-scenes indexing and a special code, they can now be searched. The chart in Figure 5 lists these searchable symbols and their codes. The codes are also provided in the Online Help System on Cassis2 and the Appendix of the Trademarks BIB User's Guide.

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Figure 4 Mabel Murray Using the Patents BIB Disc

To search for these symbols, enter the code as your search term. If you want to locate all marks with a dollar sign (\$), for example, enter the code *dollar*. With “dollar,” you will retrieve marks with both the word *dollar* and the \$ sign. To find marks with the @ sign, enter the code *commat* as your search term. Figure 6 displays the @ sign in a record.

Remember that the Mark Combined Search field combines the Word Mark, Pseudo Mark, and Translation fields. In addition, it contains these specially indexed symbols.

Since this field contains so much valuable information in one place, many users begin their search here.

Symbol	Code	Symbol	Code
!	excl	:	semi
“	quot	<	lt
#	num	=	eq
\$	dollar	>	gt
%	percent	?	quest
&	amp	@	commat
,	apos	[	lsqb
(	lpar	\	bsol
)	rpar	]	rsqb
*	ast	^	caret
+	plus	¯	lowbar
,	comma	´	lsquo
-	hyphen	{	lcub
.	period		verbar
/	sol	}	rcub
:	colon	™	trade
®	reg	©	copy
£	pound	...	hellip

Figure 5 Searchable Trademark Symbols and Their Codes

## NEW PATENT APPLICATION PUBLICATION FIELDS ADDED TO PATENTS BIB

New search fields for patent application publications have been added to the 2001 August issue of Patents BIB.

On earlier discs, application publications were displayed, but specific search fields, other than Document Type, were not available. The Document Type field allows you to restrict your search to Utility, Design, Plant, Reissue Patents, or Applications.

The new search fields include:  
 Publication Number  
 Publication Date  
 Kind Code  
 Correspondence Address

The Publication Number is searchable using the following four-digit year and seven-digit number format:

20010001666

The Kind Code field currently contains kind codes for utility applications, A1, and plant applications, P1.

The Correspondence Address field contains both name and address information for the correspondent provided in the patent application.

*You will receive an updated User's Guide for Patents BIB and Patents CLASS with the 2001 August disc.*

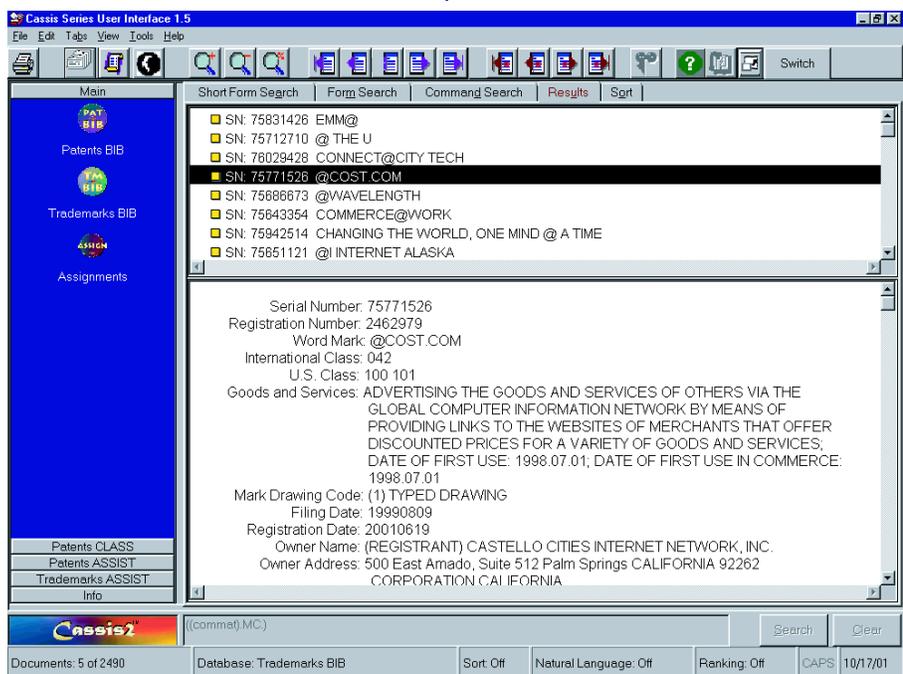


Figure 6 Display of Trademark Record Containing @ Sign

## USPTO PRODUCTS AND SERVICES CATALOG

An updated edition of the *USPTO Products and Services Catalog* was published in September. This new edition contains information on new as well as existing products and services available from the USPTO. Price changes are also reflected. The new Catalog is also available on the USPTO Web site.

In addition to the print and online versions, the *Catalog* is provided on all Cassis2 discs. To access the *Catalog*, click the **Info** button located on the left sidebar of the user interface. The left sidebar is pictured in Figure 7. Click on the *Catalog* icon and you will enter a hypertext version of the *Catalog*, similar to accessing it via the Web. Links are activated to allow you to jump from one location to another.

If you are interested in obtaining a paper copy of the *Catalog*, please contact us at our e-mail address: [cassis@uspto.gov](mailto:cassis@uspto.gov). Please include your name, address, and the number of copies you would like sent to you.



Figure 7 Cassis2 Sidebar Displaying Catalog Option

## Cassis2 PRODUCT DELAYS

We have encountered unfortunate delays with the following 2001 August discs:

### ***Trademarks BIB:***

We will not publish the 2001 August issue. After several attempts to run the issue, we continued to have problems with corrupt data. The hardware problems have been resolved and the October data extraction is scheduled for the beginning of next month. We will process this new data and get the 2001 October issue out to you as soon as possible. Your subscription will be extended by one issue.

### ***Patents CLASS:***

The 2001 August Patents CLASS disc is late due to errors that were encountered in the data. The disc has been sent for mastering and will be distributed as soon as possible.

### ***Patents BIB:***

The 2001 August Patents BIB disc is late due to significant errors encountered in the data. We have completed correcting the data and rerun the issue. We have sent the disc for mastering and it will be distributed soon.

We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused you.

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