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DIGITAL ACCESS SERVICE (DAS) 2.0 APPLICANT PORTAL FUNCTIONAL SPECIFICATIONS

REVISION HISTORY

Revision	Date	Comments
1.0		Exclude the use of ACL in DAS 2.0. Access code becomes a check digit rather than a password control code used for managing access authorizations to accessing Offices. It can be shared among multiple co-applicants.

INTRODUCTION

The DAS 2.0 Applicant Portal becomes an optional tool. This document aims to provide functional specifications of the services offered by the portal. Considering that no current participating Offices intend to make use of ACL as an optional and additional second level of security, this document excludes the implementation of ACL for DAS 2.0 but keeps it as possible enhancements in the future if the feature is required by future participating Offices. All screenshots are provided as examples in this document. The page contents including labels, texts, layout provided in each screen have not been finalized. The final wording of texts and layouts may be slightly different from the current screenshots.

OVERALL PROCESS

The Office access to priority documents registered under the new Route in DAS 2.0 is only based on access code. An access code is generated for each document of Industrial Design, Patent and Utility Model application by the OFF or WIPO, transmitted by the applicant to the OSF, and used to authorize access to the document by the OSF. It remains unchanged for the whole lifecycle of the document, including any updates of the priority filing date and the document content. No access code is generated for Trademark priority documents.

With regard to transfer of rights or sharing of rights in case of multiple co-applicants, it is considered that the main applicant would supply the access code to other co-applicants in all cases and the communications of the access code is done outside DAS. Therefore these actions should not be handled by DAS. Consequently, multiple WIPO account holders may add the same priority document in their **Workbench** as long as they provide the correct access code.

This DAS 2.0 Applicant Portal offers services only for viewing the retrieval history of national Intellectual Property (IP) Offices relating to priority documents that are registered in the system. All priority documents of Industrial Design, Patent, Trademark and Utility Model applications are supported as long as participating Offices choose to offer these services via DAS. The DAS 2.0 Applicant Portal requires the creation of a WIPO standard user account and it does not provide access to confidential document content or data. This is simply intended only for service usage tracking purposes. In this context, the new access code is considered as a kind of check digit rather than a password control code used to manage access authorizations to priority documents as it is in DAS 1.0. Security to avoid abuse of the system will be provided by separate mechanisms.

This DAS 2.0 Applicant Portal will be made available only when all Offices have migrated to the new route. During the transitional period, the old portal should be used. After migration, the old access codes should be supplied to accessing Offices to retrieve priority documents that were registered by Offices under the old Route A or C.

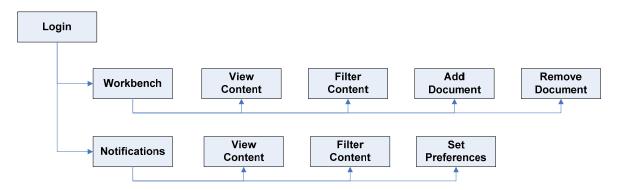
WIPO user account management is a separate WIPO online service which is independent from the DAS applicant portal and is available at the URL

https://pct.wipo.int/wipoaccounts/ePCT/public/register.jsf. It requires the use of an account password which is totally independently from the access codes.

GRAPHIC INTERFACE

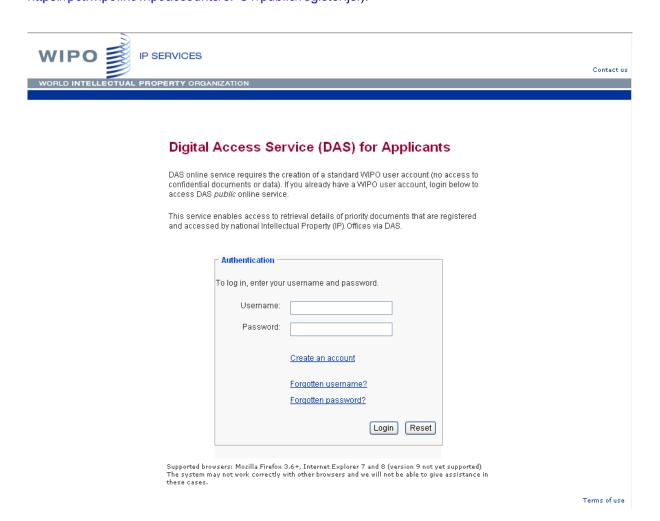
This section presents the screens that the applicant will encounter when he uses the service.

The following diagram depicts the core services and its sub functions through the system navigation map. Each function will be described in the following subsections.



Login

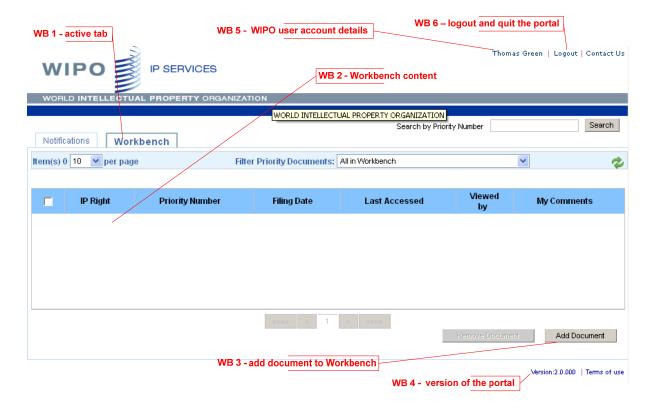
To login, the applicant needs to enter his WIPO account username and password as follows (please refer to WIPO account management for further details at the URL https://pct.wipo.int/wipoaccounts/ePCT/public/register.jsf):



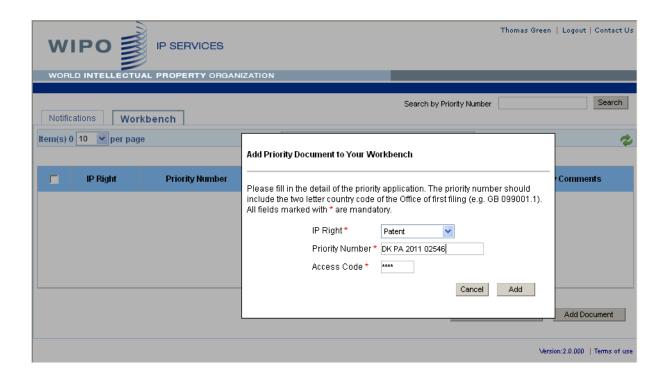
Workbench

When using the DAS service for the first time and no document is associated with the account, the **Workbench** content is empty. The key elements of the following screen are highlighted and explained in red labels from **WB - 1** to **WB - 6**.

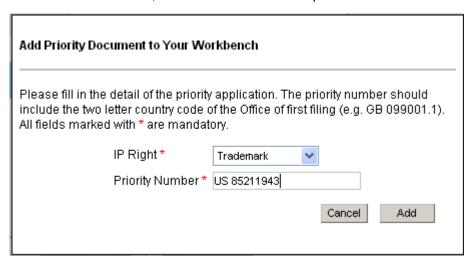
After login, the applicant will be presented a workbench screen which allows to associate priority documents with his WIPO account and to view the access history to these documents by national IP Offices as follows:



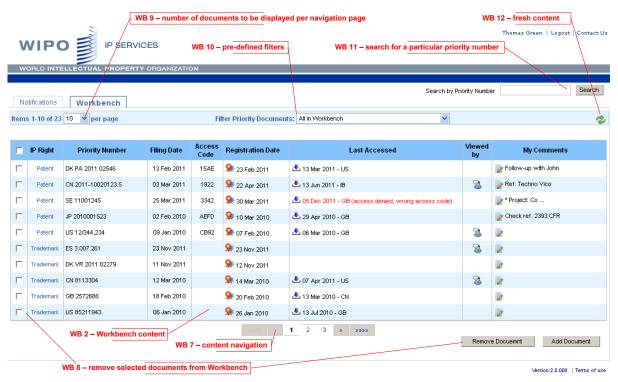
When clicking on the Add Document button to add new priority document to the Workbench, the applicant is asked to enter the type of IP rights, the priority document number including the two letter country code of the Office of first filing, and the access code if the type of IP rights is relating to Industrial Design, Patent or Utility Model. The popup screens may look like the following screenshot.



If Trademark is selected, no access code will be required.



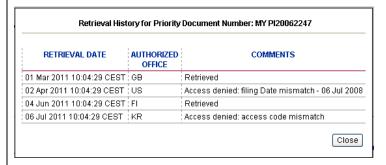
The following screen shows an example of a **Workbench** showing details of documents registered in DAS which have been added to the **Workbench** as described above. Additional key elements of the following screen are highlighted and explained in red labels from **WB** - 7 to **WB** - 12.



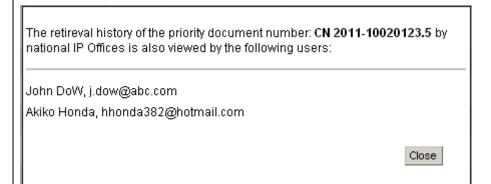
Screen Details	Description		
Filter content WB – 12	The Workbench content can be filtered by a particular priority number.		
Filter content WB – 10	The Workbench content can be a pre-defined list of filters:		
	All in Workbench		
	All in Workbench With priority date between [from] [to] With document(s) containing a retrieval error With document(s) viewed by other WIPO account(s) Only Industrial Design document(s) Only Patent document(s) Only Patent document(s) Only Trademark document(s) Only Utility Model document(s)		
Content WB – 2	The first column boxes used to select priority documents to be removed from the work bench.		
	The second column indicates the type of IP rights of the application to which the priority document is issued.		
	The third column indicates the priority application number including the two letter country code of the depositing Office and the number		
	The fourth column indicates the access code		
	The fifth column indicates the priority filing date		

The sixth column indicates the registration date when the depositing Office made the document available in DAS. Clicking on the icon will download the confirmation of availability of the document in DAS in a one-page PDF document (see Annex I).

The seventh column indicates the last retrieval attempt made by an IP Office either successful or failure. In case of failure, the cause is described. Clicking on the icon will show the retrieval history of the document as follows:



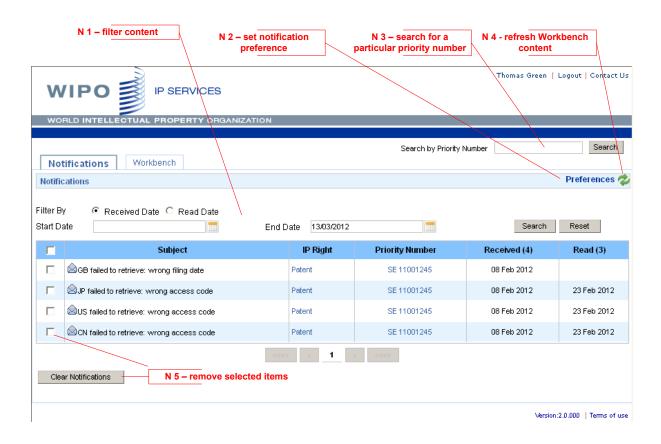
The eighth column indicates whether the same document is also added in other users' workbench. The icon appears when there is at least one other user as follows:



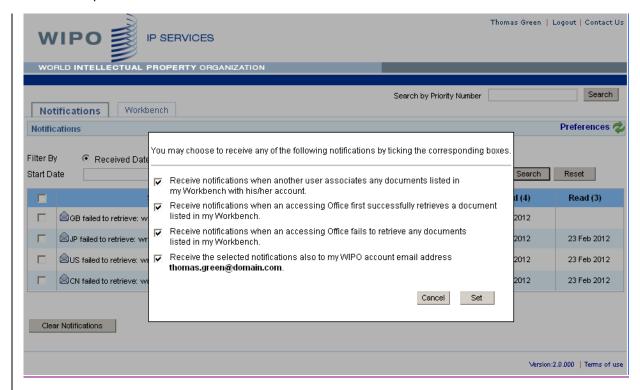
The ninth column provides an editable comment field. Click on the icon with the comment.

Notifications

In case of failure to retrieve a document from DAS, notifications can be sent by the system to inform the applicant who has added the priority to his **Workbench**. The same notification can be sent to the registered email of the applicant's WIPO account. Notifications are visible in a separate tab. If there is at least one unread notification in the applicant's WIPO account, the Notification tab will be presented after successful login as landing page.



Notification preferences can be set as follows:



Annex I

The following is an example of a one-page PDF document which is generated by DAS to confirm availability of the priority document in the system. In case of technical problem which prevents the accessing Office to retrieve the document content, it can be used as a temporary safeguard for the accessing Office to proceed with the national examination process while the technical issue is being resolved. Access code will be shown on priority documents of Industrial Design, Patent and Utility Model applications.

