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I agree and applaud the PTO for its efforts. However, I can't help thinking they have started on the wrong foot by using non-proprietary formats. Your hope of filing IDSs in PDF format would be a drastic departure from the current trend. Why not file provisionals in PDF? The reasoning I have heard is that the PTO is averse to proprietary formats which would require filers to purchase software. This reasoning apparently precludes the use of PDF although the PDF reader is free and many scanners are capable of PDF output.

I recently attended a luncheon lecture featuring a PTO official. Out of one hundred patent attorneys attending the lecture, three of us had filed electronically. One attorney asked if the PTO had thought about offering discounted filing fees for e-filing due to the decreased handling costs. The official explained that the PTO receives the e-files, prints them out and puts them into the same manual queue as other apps where they are then scanned and distributed for examination. Apparently the PTO still has no capacity to handle e-files efficiently and benefit from many of their advantages. Hopefully, when they complete the system internally, they will revise their standards and allow more flexibility in document formats.

Is anyone following the progress of the WIPO e-filing standards? I'm curious as to how closely they will follow the US system?

-----Original Message-----

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My two cents on EFS is that overall it's a great system. Definitely some bugs that need to be ironed out, but I'm impressed that the PTO has taken the initiative with EFS. I'm looking forward to the day of filing IDS's electronically, by just attaching PDF files!  
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