

Overview of ePCT for Applicants

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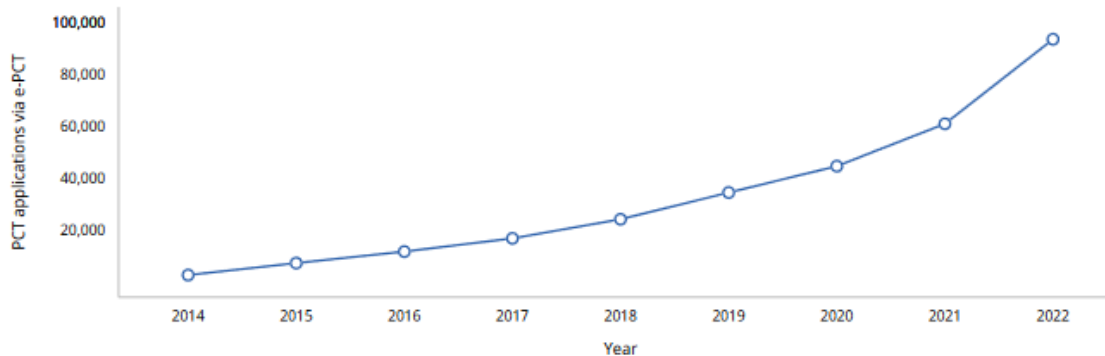
- Web portal developed by WIPO that provides PCT online services for both applicants and IP Offices
<https://pct.wipo.int>
- User interface available in all PCT publication languages
- Provides secure and direct interaction with PCT applications maintained by the International Bureau
- ePCT-Filing at 87 PCT receiving Offices
- ePCT allows applicants to conduct a number of electronic PCT transactions ('Actions') with the IB and other participating IP Offices

What is ePCT? (2)

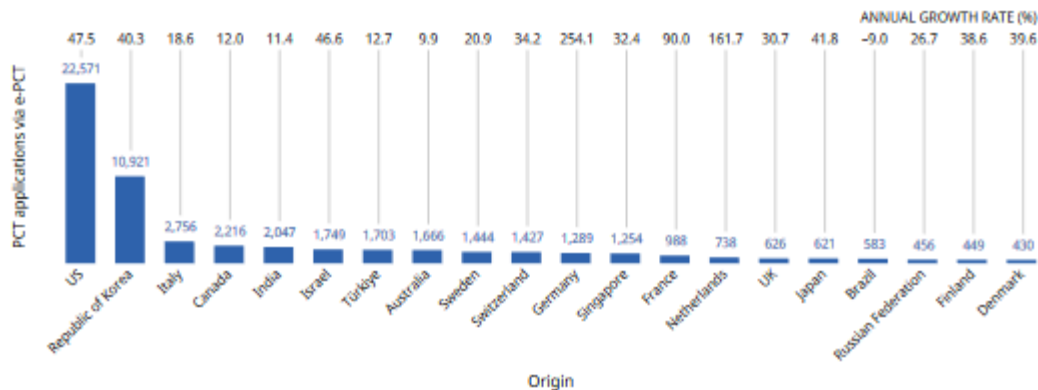
- RO, ISA, IPEA + DO role-based access to PCT applications via secure ePCT Office accounts
- Increasing number of IP Offices now using ePCT for their regular PCT business using services hosted by WIPO
- ‘Office profile’ function allows you to look up if an Office is using ePCT and other useful reference data
<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCT/private/officeProfile.xhtml>

2022 ePCT Statistics*

- Applicants filed about 93,500 PCT applications using ePCT in 2022, an increase of 53.5% compared to 2021



- Top 5 origins of ePCT-Filings: US, KR, IT, CA, IN



*Source PCT Yearly review 2023

% ePCT Filings (2023)

- RO/IB = 92%
- RO/US = 73%
- RO/CA = 99%
- RO/KR = 99%
- RO/AU = 99%
- RO/BR = 98 %
- RO/CL, CU, DO, DZ, EA, GE, IQ, IR, IS, JM, JO, LV, LY, NZ, OM, PA, PE, PH, PT, QA, SG, TN, TR, UG = 100 %

WIPO IP Portal - ePCT Integration (1)

■ Click «Protect & Manage» to navigate through the different WIPO IP Services <https://ipportal.wipo.int/>

WIPO IP Portal

WIPO English ▾ 🔍 🔔 🏠 Pascal PIRIOU ▾

Understand & Learn ▾ Find & Explore ▾ **Protect & Manage** ▾ Partner & Collaborate ▾ About WIPO ▾

Patent Protection PCT – The International Patent System ePCT Budapest – The International Microorganism Deposit System	Trademark Protection Madrid – The International Trademark System eMadrid Article 6ter (armorial bearings, flags, state emblems)	Industrial Design Protection Hague – The International Design System eHague	Geographical Indication Protection Lisbon – The International System of Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications eLisbon
Plant Variety Protection (UPOV) UPOV PRISMA UPOV e-PVP Administration UPOV e-PVP DUS Exchange	IP Dispute Resolution Mediation Arbitration Expert Determination Domain Name Disputes	IP Office Business Solutions Centralized Access to Search and Examination (CASE) Digital Access Service (DAS)	Paying for IP Services WIPO Pay Current Account at WIPO

[Find more IP tools in the IP Portal →](#)

[Read more about our Organization →](#)

WIPO IP Portal - ePCT Integration (2)

■ Example of IP Dashboard - customisable by the user

The screenshot displays the 'My IP Portal Dashboard' with the following components:

- Header:** WIPO IP Portal, IP Portal, Help, English, Pascal PIRIOU.
- Breadcrumbs:** Home > IP Portal > My Dashboard.
- Dashboard Title:** My IP Portal Dashboard.
- Left Sidebar:** Widgets (indicated by a red box).
- Widgets:**
 - ePCT Pending items:** Drafts (1 IAs, 0 Actions), External signatures (0 Pending, 0 Received, 0 Rejected, 0 Expired). (Highlighted with a red box)
 - Latest news:** WIPO and Australia Establish Fourth Funds-in-Trust (photo on Flickr), March 20, 2024. Registration Now Open: Advanced International Certificate Course (AICC), March 19, 2024.
 - World Clock:** 11:23, April 17, 2024, Switzerland.
 - WIPO Pay Summary:** 2 Unpaid, 1 Basket, 0 Pending, 1 Payment History.
 - Quick Links:** Add a link or drag and drop it in the widget.
 - Notepad:** Empty text area.
 - Key PCT Time Limits:** Target publication date (4 weeks), Advanced ePCT search (0 results found).
 - PATENTSCOPE:** Search for patents, Search in the front page of the patent documents.

WIPO IP Portal - ePCT Integration (3)

■ ePCT Homepage

WIPO IP Portal

WIPO [DEMO]

Help English Pascal PIRIOU

Home > PCT System > ePCT

[ePCT Home](#) [ePCT FOR APPLICANTS](#) [ePCT FOR IP OFFICES](#) [NEW USERS](#)

ePCT

WIPO'S GLOBAL PATENT GATEWAY FOR FILING AND MANAGING PCT APPLICATIONS

[Go to ePCT](#)

LATEST ePCT NEWS

A new version of ePCT is now available with many new features for applicants and IP Offices.

ePCT VIDEO TUTORIALS

Learn more about how to efficiently use ePCT and its many functionalities with our video tutorials.

WHAT IS ePCT?

ePCT is a secure browser-based system available in the 10 languages of publication offering a wide range of functions for applicants, IP Offices and third parties. Users with the relevant access rights can login to ePCT using their [WIPO Account](#) to access the latest bibliographic data and documents on record at the International Bureau (IB), including before publication. Login with strong authentication is required to access confidential information.

WHY USE ePCT?

Applicants can file new international applications to [participating PCT receiving Offices](#) and manage all subsequent processes using ePCT.

IP Offices can use the online functions hosted and maintained by WIPO to perform their functions as receiving Office (RO), International Searching Authority (ISA), International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) and/or designated Office (DO), potentially economizing both the effort and expense required to develop their own electronic systems. For more details about the available features, please refer to the [ePCT IP Office user guide](#) and the [ePCT FAQs for IP Offices](#).

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WIPO IP Portal - ePCT Integration (4)

■ ePCT Workbench

WIPO [TEST] Help English Jean-Luc Martin

Home > PCT System > ePCT

Geneva Jul 17, 2023, 11:16 am CEST

Create New IA Find IA outside of my workbench

ePCT - Workbench

Current IAs Last Accessed Draft IAs Draft Actions **Unpublished** Published Archived Search

Filter applied | Save filter | Download list | Columns | Show rows [ALL] | Default sort order

<input type="checkbox"/>	IA Number	IA Status	File Ref	IFD	Priority	Applicant Name	My Rights	My Comment...	WO number	Publication D...	Last Accesse...
<input type="checkbox"/>	PCT/IB2020/086241	Not yet Publi...	T-20201211	11 Dec 2020		MO, Jiao	eOwner	Add			
<input type="checkbox"/>	PCT/IB2021/081549	Not yet Publi...	Kun9-Nov17	12 Apr 2021	12 Jan 2021	川上電機株式会社 KAWAKAMI ELECTRIC CO. LTD.	eEditor	Add			

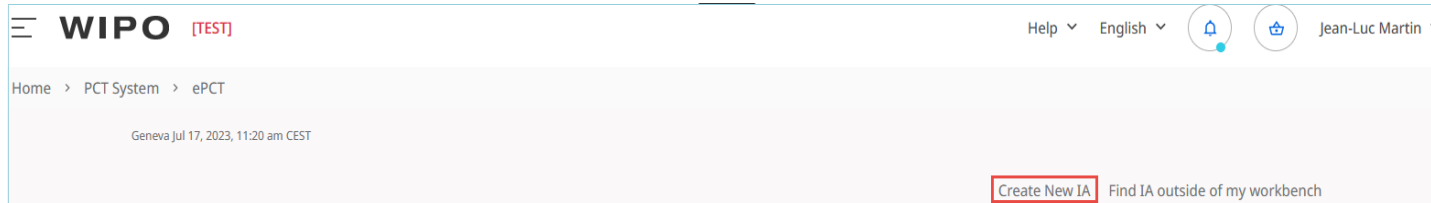
ePCT – with/without strong authentication

- **Single WIPO Account** (username and password) gives access to ePCT and WIPO's other online services
 - ❑ Create a WIPO Account via [this link](#).
- ePCT **without** strong authentication
 - ❑ Limited functionality, document upload
 - ❑ Practical alternative to paper
- ePCT **with** strong authentication
 - ❑ Additional identity verification allows access to all services and functions including the filing of PCT applications
<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCTExternal/pages/landing.xhtml>
 - ❑ Access to PCT applications filed as of January 1, 2009, including before publication

ePCT with strong authentication

- Best practice – set up at least 2 strong authentication methods
 - ❑ PUSH Notification using the ForgeRock Authenticator app installed on a mobile device to receive push notifications
 - ❑ Authenticator app with one-time password on a mobile device or equivalent app for computer if use of mobile devices is not permitted, e.g., WINAUTH
 - ❑ SMS text with one-time password or One-time password sent to land line number
- Set-up instructions and videos are available on the ePCT HELP page <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/support.html>

ePCT-Filing



- Web-based filing of PCT applications available to all PCT applicants
- Request form can be prepared in all PCT publication languages
- Real-time validation of data against the electronic processing system of the International Bureau
- Fill in the screens in the order in which they appear to benefit from re-use of certain data
- More detailed information on ePCT-Filing at <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=567>

Direct ePCT-Filing with ROs

- **All** data + documents are uploaded and validated in ePCT
- Transmitted to the receiving Office' server or to the hosted server by IB
- ePCT cannot be used to pay the fees to the receiving Office

Clone IA

- “Clone” existing application or draft application to create a new one
- Provided that an international application was prepared using ePCT-Filing
 - Bibliographic data of an existing application (whether filed or not) can be used as application template
 - Choose to include specification and any attached documents in the New IA (except for US and IL)
 - Except: SL, Declaration of inventorship (iv), Translation of IA body

Connections (1)

- First step in sharing access rights to PCT applications
- Association and trusted recognition between different WIPO User Accounts with strong authentication, before access rights can be shared
- Connections do not directly result in shared access rights which have to be specifically assigned (default access rights options can be pre-defined)

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=695>

Connections (2)

- Connections are managed within your WIPO Account: select 'My WIPO Account' from the dropdown menu after clicking on your name in the navigation bar

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the WIPO system. On the left, the WIPO logo is followed by a [TEST] tag. On the right, there are links for Help, English, a notification bell, a home icon, and the user's name 'Jean-Luc Martin' with a dropdown arrow. The dropdown menu is open, showing several options: 'My WIPO Account' (highlighted with a red box), 'My history', 'My Academy Dashboard', 'Generate access rights code', 'My IP Portal Dashboard', 'PCT resources', 'My Favorites' (with a toggle switch), 'Office profiles', 'Address book', and 'Logout'. Below the navigation bar, the breadcrumb trail shows 'PCT System > ePCT' and the date 'Geneva Jul 17, 2023, 1:43 pm CEST'. The main content area is titled 'ePCT - Workbench'.

My connections

Manage my [connections](#).

Connections (3)

■ Making a connection

- ❑ Enter the e-mail of the users to whom you want to connect

Request new connection

Emails *

Enter the email of the users to whom you want to connect.

Connect

- ❑ Your associate will receive an e-mail notification with instructions on how to request a connection with you. The connection is fully established only after the recipient clicks on 'Accept'

My connections

Refresh

Pascal PIRIOU TEST	pascal.piriou@wipo.int	Accept
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Types of Access Rights

■ eOwner

- Complete control over the application in ePCT
- Can be the applicant, agent or another individual (e.g., paralegal, assistant, secretary) who actually filed the PCT application, or an individual to whom access rights were granted by an existing eOwner

■ eEditor

- Can take all actions except manage access rights

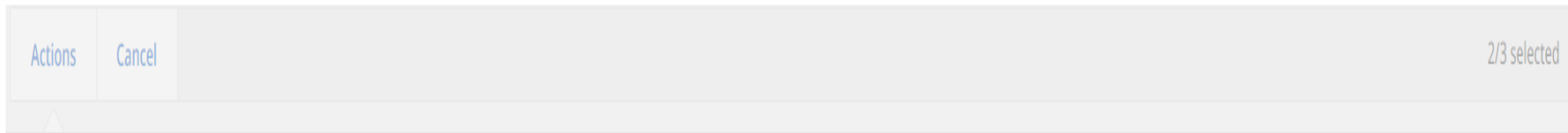
■ eViewer

- 'View' and 'Download'

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=694>

Assigning + Managing Access Rights

- An eOwner can assign/modify/remove access rights via the Workbench (e.g., for multiple applications) or within individual applications via the 'Access Rights' function



Perform action on selected applications *

ACCESS RIGHTS
Manage access rights
Remove my rights

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PCT/IB2020/086241	Not yet Published	T-20201211	11 Dec 2020	MO, Jiao	eOwner	Add	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PCT/IB2021/081549	Not yet Published	Kun9-Nov17	12 Apr 2021	12 Jan 2021	川上電機株式会社 KAWAKAMI ELECTRIC CO. LTD.	eEditor	Add
<input type="checkbox"/>	PCT/IB2021/084220	Not yet Published	T-Test-KUN	27 Oct 2021	A B C 京都株式会社 社 A B C 京都株式	eEditor	Add	

Request Access Rights at the time of filing using ePCT

- **Process is automatic when using ePCT-Filing**
- Access rights can be assigned to connection contacts, including prior to filing
- Default access rights group can be set up and automatically applied

Viewing a PCT application

■ Shortcut links for navigating to each section

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=830>

The screenshot displays the WIPO PCT application interface. At the top, a navigation bar contains several tabs: Data, Documents, Fees, Actions, Access Rights, Timeline, National Phase Entry, National Phase, and History. A red box highlights these tabs. Below the navigation bar, the application ID 'T-20201211 PCT/IB2020/086241' is shown with a dropdown arrow and a 'Close' button. The main content area is a table with the following rows:

IA Status Not yet Published	Int. Filing Date 11 Dec 2020	ISA/EP Search fee pending
Priority Date No Priority Claim		
Applicant(s) MO, Jiao Inventor(s) MO, Jiao		
Team at IB PCT RO/IB Team		Language of Filing EN
Title (EN) THIS IS THE TITLE OF MY INVENTION		

Below the table, there are six expandable sections, each with a right-pointing arrow and a label:

- > Data
- > Documents
- > Fees
- > Actions
- > Access Rights


Dropdown menu on IA number

- Gives quick access to a number of useful ePCT functions
<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=833>

Data Documents Fees Actions Access Rights Timeline National Phase Entry National Phase History

T-Test-KUN PCT/IB2021/084220

IA Status Not yet Published		Priority Date 27 Oct 2021
Priority Date No Priority Claim		
Applicant(s) (JA) A B C 京 (EN) ABC CORPORATION, Inventor(s) (JA) A B C 京 (EN) ABC CORPORATION,		
Team at IB PCT RO/IB Team		Language of Filing JA
Title (JA) PCT TEST APPLIC		

- Archive
- Add to Portfolio
- Warning Message
- My Comments
- Clone IA
- View draft IA as filed via ePCT
- IA Status Report (PDF)
- IA Status Report (XML)
- History
- Add bookmark 

Data

- Up-to-date bibliographic data for the PCT application with possibility to preview as publication front page layout
- Information about the target date for international publication/republication
- Obtain current “IA Status Report” (IASR) in PDF or XML format <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=877>
- Where the language of filing of a PCT application is in Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Korean or Russian, bibliographic data is available in those languages in addition to the English transliteration

Documents (1)

- Access to documents on Record as held by the IB, but also documents submitted to ePCT participating Offices in their capacity as RO, ISA, IPEA

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=532>

▼ DOCUMENTS				
▼ RECORD AS HELD BY THE IB				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Documents [Doc ID] ↕	Source ↕	Status ↕	Date ▼
<input type="checkbox"/>	E Filing Transmission Receipt [11] 1 page	ePCT	Processed	06 Mar 2017
<input type="checkbox"/>	ePCT Message [9] 1 page	RO	Not yet processed	06 Mar 2017
<input type="checkbox"/>	Application Body as Filed [2] 4 pages	ePCT	Not yet processed	06 Mar 2017
▼ DOCUMENTS FOR ISA/EP				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Documents [Doc ID] ↕	Source ↕	Status ↕	Date ▼
<input type="checkbox"/>	ePCT Cover Letter [10] 1 page	ePCT	Copy as received	07 Mar 2017
<input type="checkbox"/>	Request for Rectification [11] 1 page	ePCT	Copy as received	07 Mar 2017
▼ DOCUMENTS FOR IPEA/EP				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Documents [Doc ID] ↕	Source ↕	Status ↕	Date ▼
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chapter II Demand for IPEA [13] 6 pages	ePCT	Copy as received	07 Mar 2017
<input type="checkbox"/>	ePCT Cover Letter [12] 1 page	ePCT	Copy as received	07 Mar 2017

Documents (2)

- Click on 'More' to view indications about the status and public availability of each document type in PATENTSCOPE, plus audit trail information, where available.

Record as held by the IB

<input type="checkbox"/>	Documents [Doc ID] ⇅	Source ⇅	Status ⇅	PATENTSCOPE ⇅	Date ▾		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Translation of Application Body for the purposes of international search (Rule 1...	ePCT	Not yet processed	Pending processing	27 Oct 2021	View	More
<input type="checkbox"/>	Application Body as Filed [3]_ 7 pages	ePCT	Not yet processed	Pending processing	27 Oct 2021	View	More
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fee Calculation Sheet [5]_ 1 page	ePCT	Not yet processed	Pending processing	27 Oct 2021	View	More

Document : Fee Calculation Sheet[5]
Status : Not yet processed
Available on PATENTSCOPE : Pending processing
[View document as it will be rendered at the IB](#)

[Close](#)

> 27 Oct 2021 AnaK MENA Import

Documents (3)

- ‘View’ button allows you to view in the same browser window the TIFF version of a document as held in the IB’s electronic system that will be used for subsequent processing and publication

Documents

Upload

Record as held by the IB

<input type="checkbox"/>	Documents [Doc ID] ▾	Source ▾	Status ▾	PATENTSCOPE ▾	Date ▾		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Translation of Application Body for the purposes of international search (Rule 1...	ePCT	Not yet processed	Pending processing	27 Oct 2021	View	More
<input type="checkbox"/>	Application Body as Filed [3]_ 7 pages	ePCT	Not yet processed	Pending processing	27 Oct 2021	View	More
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fee Calculation Sheet [5]_ 1 page	ePCT	Not yet processed	Pending processing	27 Oct 2021	View	More
<input type="checkbox"/>	(RO/101) Request form [6]			Pending processing	27 Oct 2021	View	More
<input type="checkbox"/>	Validation Log [8]_ 1 page			Pending processing	27 Oct 2021	View	More
<input type="checkbox"/>	RO WASP File [2]_ 0 page			No	27 Oct 2021	View	More

Fee Calculation Sheet [5]

T-Test-KUN
PCT手数料計算用紙(願書付属書) 1/1
(注: 電子データが原本となります)
(この用紙は、国際出願の一部を構成せず、国際出願の用紙の枚数に算入しない)

0	受理番号記入欄	
0-1	国際出願番号	PCT/IB2021/084220
0-2	受理番号の付付印	
0-4	様式 PCT/RO/101 (付属書) このPCT手数料計算用紙は、 右記によって作成された。	ePCT-Filing Version 4.9-SNAPSHOT MT/FOP 20211026/0.20.5.24
0-9	非個人又は代理人の登録記号	T-Test-KUN
2	非個人	A B C 京都株式会社, A B C 京都株式会社
12	所定の手数料の計算 (国付手数料)	非個人用紙 小計 (CHF) 100

Documents (4)

- 'Upload' shortcut button to ePCT Action to 'Upload documents' (mostly PDF format) to the IB and also to participating Offices in capacity as RO, ISA, IPEA
 - Types of document selectable depend on recipient selected
 - A cover letter is automatically generated – user can type a message to be included in the cover letter
- Simple, secure alternative to sending documents by mail
- Current date and time at the *recipient* Office is displayed in the interface and set as date of receipt
- After upload, documents are visible under Documents and the recipient Office is notified by the system

Upload Documents – Priority Document

- Upload of digitally signed priority documents
 - Available only for priority documents issued in electronic format by AT, BR, CZ, FR, GR, IT, PL, PT, SG or US

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=838>

Actions (1)

- Full suite of Actions only available if signed in to ePCT with strong authentication and with eOwner/eEditor access rights to an application

▼ Actions

Select Action

Action *

- Amendments Under Article 19 (text format only)
- Create Power of Attorney
- Declarations under Rule 4.17
- Licensing Availability Request
- Make international application available to DAS
- Observations on close prior art
- Obtain priority document from DAS
- > Online Payment
- Prepare and submit indications relating to biological material (RO/134)
- Request for Early Publication
- Rule 92bis change request
- Submit Chapter II Demand
- Translation for international publication
- > Update File Reference
- Upload Documents
- Withdraw Chapter II Demand
- Withdraw Designation(s)
- Withdraw Election(s)
- Withdraw International Application
- Withdraw Priority Claim(s)**

Actions (2)

- “Actions” should be used instead of the equivalent document upload
- The user benefits from pre-filled bibliographic data and automated validations to avoid errors; time limit checks
- Data and documents submitted through Actions are directly imported for processing with no need for retyping (reduces potential transcription errors)
- Secondary workflow benefits, e.g.,
 - Action to withdraw application automatically prevents publication if technical preparations not yet complete
 - Action to submit Chapter II Demand reroutes to IB if required for time limit (e.g., time limit just expired at IPEA/AU)

ePCT Workbench (1)

- Your default landing page after login – a list of all PCT applications to which you have access rights in ePCT
- First-time users will have an empty Workbench with dedicated links prompting to set up strong authentication

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=544>

The screenshot displays the ePCT Workbench interface. At the top, a blue notification bar states: "ePCT requires strong authentication to access confidential data and documents. [Select an authentication method](#) [Learn More](#)". Below this is a dark "IP Portal" button. The main navigation bar features the WIPO logo with a "[TEST]" tag, and user options for "Help", "English", a notification bell, a profile icon, and the name "Jean-Luc Martin". The breadcrumb trail reads "Home > PCT System > ePCT". A date stamp indicates "Geneva Jul 17, 2023, 3:10 pm CEST". The main heading is "ePCT - Workbench". Below the heading is a horizontal menu with buttons for "Current IAs", "Drafts", "Unpublished", "Published", and "Archived". To the right of these buttons is a search box labeled "Search by IA Number" with a magnifying glass icon. At the bottom of the page, a grey box contains the text: "ePCT requires strong authentication to file international applications and to access confidential data and documents. [Select an authentication method](#) [learn more](#)".

ePCT Workbench (2)

- After first login with strong authentication start to build up your Workbench
 - prepare a new application using ePCT-Filing
 - search for existing applications and request access rights from the IB
 - have access rights assigned to you by an associate who has eOwner access rights and with whom you have a connection

WIPO IP Portal Help English Jean-Luc MARTIN

Home > PCT System > ePCT

GENEVA JUL 20, 2023, 10:51 AM CEST

CREATE NEW IA FIND IA OUTSIDE OF MY WORKBENCH

ePCT - WORKBENCH ▾

Current IAs Last Accessed Draft IAs Draft Actions Unpublished Published Archived

Search

Show rows [0] | Default sort order

The Workbench displays a list of international applications to which you have access rights in the ePCT system. [Learn more](#)
You currently do not have access rights to any international application in ePCT.
To get access rights to your international applications in ePCT and manage them directly from your Workbench:

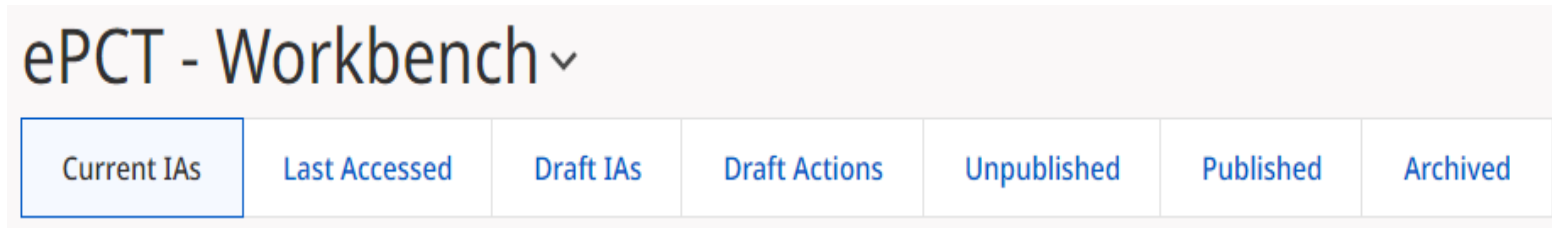
- prepare and file new international applications using ePCT
- request access rights from the International Bureau for existing applications.

[Learn more](#) about the benefits of using ePCT to file and manage your international applications.

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Workbench functions (1)

- Your landing page – a list of all PCT applications to which you have access (eOwner, eEditor, eViewer)
<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=692>
- The Workbench has 7 pre-defined shortcut filter buttons to display applications filtered as per their status



- If any applications have passed 30 + 2 months from the priority date, ePCT proposes to archive them for you when you sign in

Consider archiving IAs for which the 30 month time limit [end of the international phase] has expired +2 additional months for entry into national phase in certain designated Offices [Archive](#)

Workbench functions (2)

- Many combinations are possible with the Advanced search on the Workbench - you can choose to extend filter to archived IAs

Advanced search | Download list | Columns | Show rows [ALL] | Default sort order

Extend filter to archived IAs

Search criteria *

Reset Add criteria Apply Filter

- It is possible to save 'favorite' filter combinations for reuse

ePCT - Workbench

Current IAs Last Accessed Draft IAs Draft Actions Unpublished Published Archived Search

Filter applied | Save filter | Download list | Columns | Show rows [ALL] | Default sort order

Save filter

Filter Name *
RO/EP English filings

Cancel Save filter

Workbench functions (3)

- The Workbench columns can be re-arranged by dragging/dropping; customize show/hide ('Save columns' to keep applied changes)
- Workbench list can be downloaded to a spreadsheet
- Select one or more applications to reveal a bar that gives access to functions such as managing access rights, archiving and organizing applications into Portfolios

ePCT - Workbench

Current IAs | Last Accessed | Draft IAs | Draft Actions | **Unpublished** | Published | Archived | Search

Filter applied | Save filter | Download list | Columns | Show rows [ALL] | Default sort order

Actions | Cancel | 1/4 selected

<input type="checkbox"/>	IA Number	IA Status	File Ref	IFD	Priority	Applicant Name	My Rights	My Comments	WO number	Publication Date	Last Accessed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PCT/IB2021/084220	Not yet Published	T-Test-KUN	27 Oct 2021		A B C 京都株式会社	eEditor	Add			17 Jul 2023

- Clicking on the IA number, file reference or 'My rights' link will open up the corresponding application

Timeline

- Date and time in Geneva, Switzerland, is displayed at the top of the screen to facilitate awareness of deadlines
- Graphical representation of PCT time limits
- Summary of key dates
- E-mail alerts for most of these time limits can be set up in Notifications Preferences

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=528>

ePCT Notifications

- Strong authentication required to benefit fully
 - Preferences allow you to specify the events in the lifecycle of a PCT application for which you want to receive notifications
 - Informative reminders, not yet a formal communication method (planned as future step)
 - Method (e-mail, ePCT Notifications list, or both) and type of notifications
- Filters
 - Received date, read date, unread, date range
- Clearing of notifications from the list
- Only most recent 500 notifications are displayed

Multilingual Address Book

- Record and store contact details of applicants, inventors, and agents
- Possibility to include English transliteration for entries in Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Russian
- Import of existing address book (.csv extension) from former PCT-SAFE or EPO online filing software
- Address book sharing based on access rights
 - eOwner (can edit, view and share)
 - eEditor (can edit and view)
 - eViewer (can view only)

History

- List of actions taken by all ePCT users for the PCT application in question
 - Option to filter by date
- Default view is for the last one week period
- Similar 'My History' function is available via the dropdown menu next to your name in the ePCT header
 - 'My History' lists only your actions taken in ePCT in respect of any international application

Business Continuity Service

- Business Continuity Service (BCS) <https://pctcs.wipo.int>
 - **IMPORTANT** - BCS is a backup solution to be used only if ePCT is unavailable for technical reasons or you are unable to log in ePCT with your WIPO Account
 - Please use ePCT system whenever possible to benefit from the full range of functions and validations
- Possibility to file with 87 receiving Offices
- Upload documents to IB only
- <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=1648>

Direct links to useful information

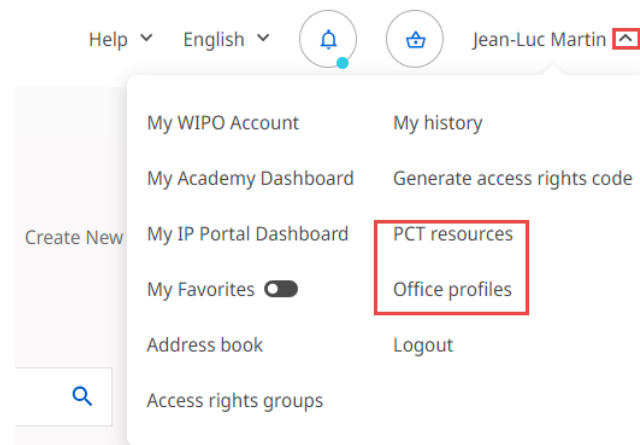
- ePCT web page

<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCTExternal/pages/landing.xhtml>

- PCT Resources page <https://www.wipo.int/pct>

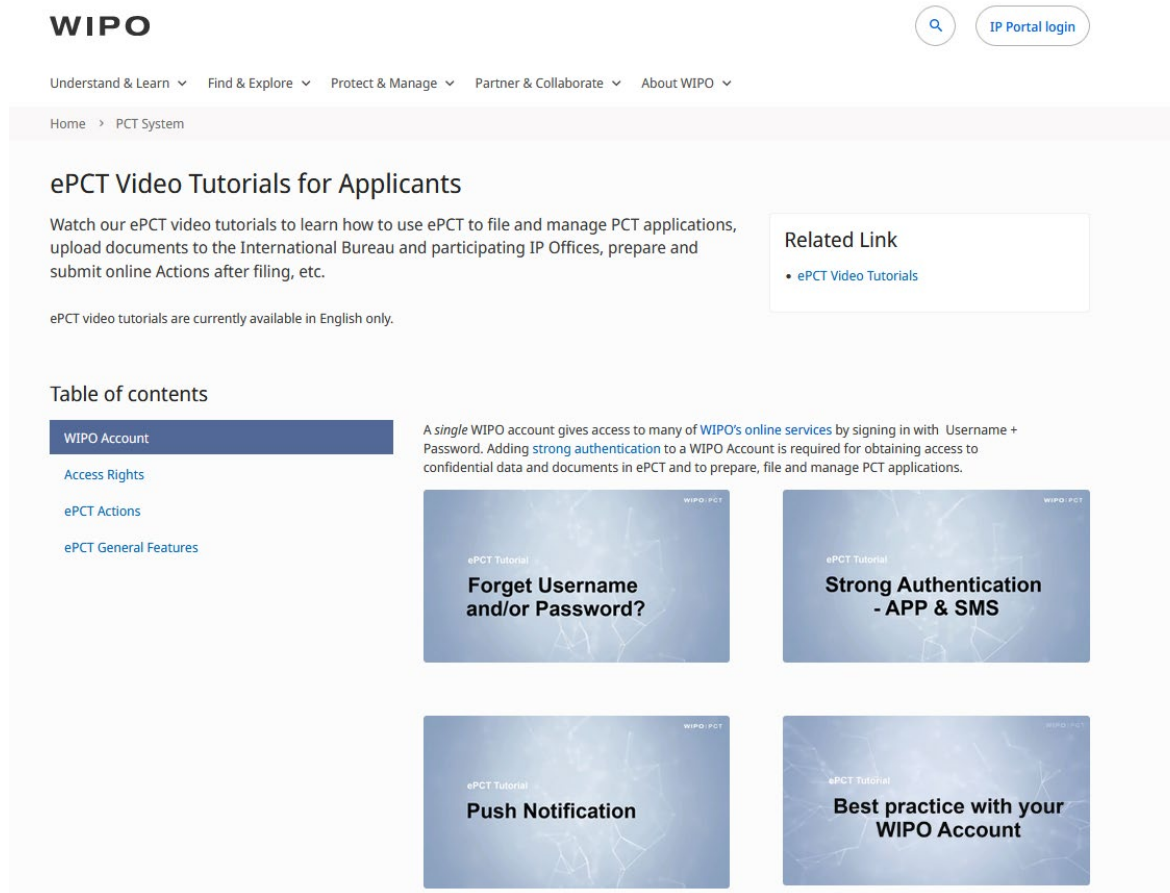
- Quick access to other WIPO online services, e.g., DAS, Madrid (trademarks), The Hague (designs), etc. via the IP Portal 'MENU'

- Office profiles (look up competent RO-ISA info, closed dates, fee amounts, filing methods, etc.)



ePCT tutorial videos

■ <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/tutorials.html>



The screenshot shows the WIPO ePCT tutorial page. At the top, the WIPO logo is on the left, and a search icon and 'IP Portal login' button are on the right. Below the logo is a navigation menu with items: 'Understand & Learn', 'Find & Explore', 'Protect & Manage', 'Partner & Collaborate', and 'About WIPO'. The breadcrumb trail reads 'Home > PCT System'. The main heading is 'ePCT Video Tutorials for Applicants'. Below this is a paragraph: 'Watch our ePCT video tutorials to learn how to use ePCT to file and manage PCT applications, upload documents to the International Bureau and participating IP Offices, prepare and submit online Actions after filing, etc.' A note states: 'ePCT video tutorials are currently available in English only.' To the right is a 'Related Link' box containing a link to 'ePCT Video Tutorials'. Below the main text is a 'Table of contents' section with a sidebar menu containing 'WIPO Account', 'Access Rights', 'ePCT Actions', and 'ePCT General Features'. The main content area of the table of contents includes a paragraph: 'A single WIPO account gives access to many of WIPO's online services by signing in with Username + Password. Adding strong authentication to a WIPO Account is required for obtaining access to confidential data and documents in ePCT and to prepare, file and manage PCT applications.' Below this paragraph are four video thumbnails with titles: 'Forget Username and/or Password?', 'Strong Authentication - APP & SMS', 'Push Notification', and 'Best practice with your WIPO Account'. The WIPO logo is in the bottom right corner.

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Related Link

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ePCT in DEMO mode

- <https://pctdemo.wipo.int>
- Demo environment in which you can practice and familiarize yourself with ePCT
- **Do not use confidential or sensitive data in the ePCT demo environment**
- **BE CAREFUL NOT TO CONFUSE DEMO MODE WITH PRODUCTION MODE!**

HELP with ePCT (1)

- Use the “HELP” link in the ePCT header
<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/support.html>
- FAQs and user documentation
 - Database of help info (use ‘Search’ feature to pinpoint a topic)
 - Live Chat (during business hours) available via FAQ answers
 - Webinars on ePCT
 - Useful “how to” videos

HELP with ePCT (2)

- Look up ePCT reference data held in IB data base – the basis for extensive validations in the system, including Office profiles, closed, dates, fee amounts, etc.
- PCT eServices
 - Tel: +41-22-338-9523
 - E-mail: pct.eservices@wipo.int
 - Monday to Friday, 9am-6pm Geneva time
 - Chat feature available

Thank you!

