

# IP Data Quality Management in JPO

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■ Capital city: Tokyo



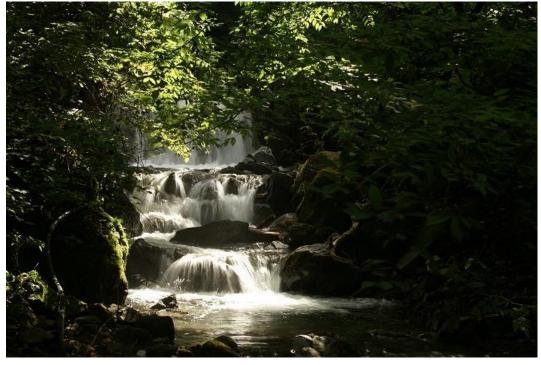




## Marugami Falls(Saitama)







## **Chichibu-Kegon Falls(Saitama)**

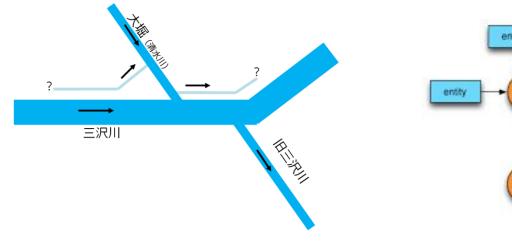


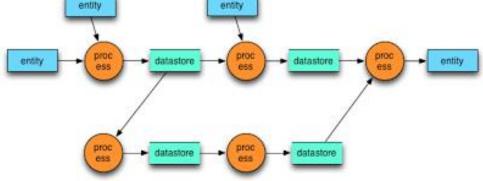


#### "River flow" and "Data flow"



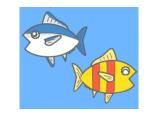
- Upstream to downstream
- Junctions ( merge / separate )
- Quality of water ( clear / turbid )





- If quality of water is bad(turbid)...
  - > Fishes go away, decreasing QOL of human, ...
- How to improve the quality of water?
  - Improvement in the upstream is preferable
- If quality of water is improved...
  - Many fishes, became sightseeing spots, increasing QOL,...





#### **About me**



- 2005 : complete graduate school (physics)
- 2005 : join JPO (Assistant Examiner)
- 2009 : Examiner (man-machine interface)
- 2010 : Assistant Director (search outsourcing)
- 2011 : Examiner (man-machine interface)
- Apr 2014 Sep 2015 : Deputy Director (data management)
- Now: Examiner (digital communications)

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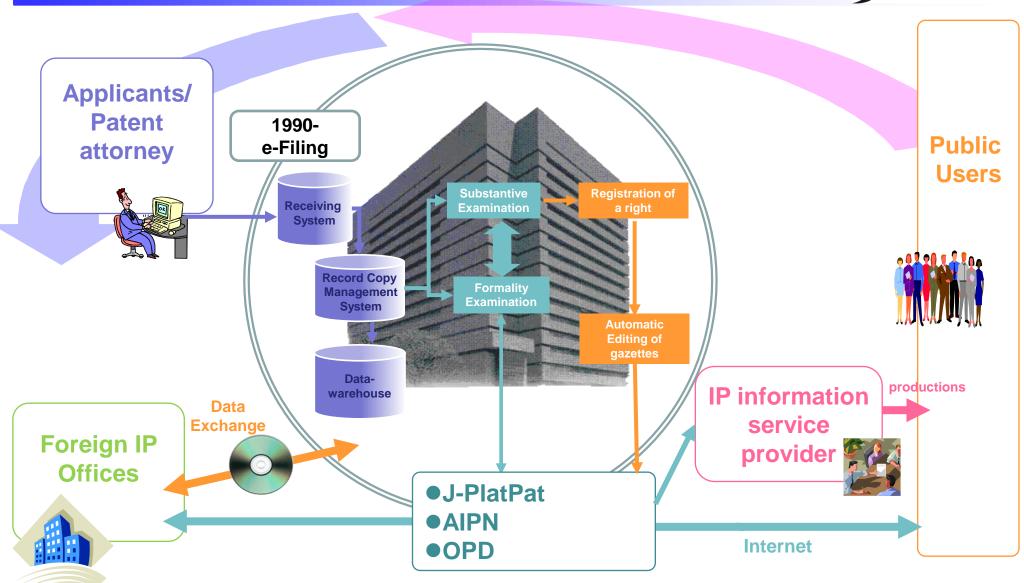
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#### **Outline of IP information flow**



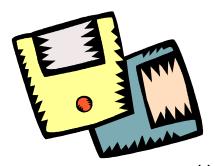


#### **IP Information**



- Information of Application management
  - Application, publication, registration…they are critical information of Patent rights.
- Gazette Information (Internal / External use)
  - We are receiving / accumulating / providing of Foreign Documents of patent, utility model, design, trademark.
  - The large number of documents.

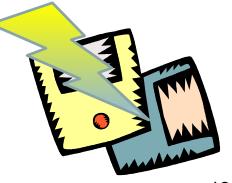




## Problems caused by the errors



- Information of Application management
  - Although the number of errors is small in IP Office, they directly affect the critical information of IP rights.
  - A Data correction requires much influence on many internal systems in JPO.
- Gazette Information (Internal / External use)
  - The large number of documents may be affected.
  - Can not be accumulated in retrieval system
- ⇒ Serious errors may shake public confidence in the IP system!



#### **Example of Information of Application management**



Identification numbers: For example,

- (A) application number
- (B) filing date
- (C) priority number
- (D) priority date

(E) final action of JPO's examiner

(F) internationally unified classification based on IPC

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Bibliographic data: For example,

- (G) applicant
- (H) inventor

(I) record of documents between applicant and examiner

#### **Example of Patent Information**

(Publication of Unexamined Patent Application)

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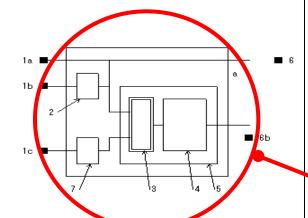
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(54)【発明の名称】ファクシミリ走査装置

(57)【要約〕

**ファクシミリ端末パラメータ識別方法に関し、** クシミリ装置機能のパラメータ拡張を容易に<mark>する</mark>。 通信時の端末パラメータを識別する方法によい bは制御信号のファクシミリ情報フィールドを、複数の サブフィールドに分離し、各サブフィールドの情報を分 離するファクシミリ情報フィールドのデータ中には現れ ない特定の識別コードを挿入してファクシミリ情報フィ ールドを作成する。制御信号の受信端末 7はファクシミ リ情報フィールド内の上記特定の識別コードを検出し、 ファクシミリ情報フィールドを複数のサブフィールドに 離して、各サブフィールドの情報の内容を解析し材す の端末バラメータの内容を検出する。装置機能のバ ラメータを拡張する場合はユニークコードを挿入して可 変長の端末パラメータを分離する。



Publication type: "A" means publication of unexamined patent application. "B" means that of examined (granted)

patent application.

Bibliographic data: **Necessary** information is retrievable. (G) applicant (H) inventor

Representative drawing of the present invention

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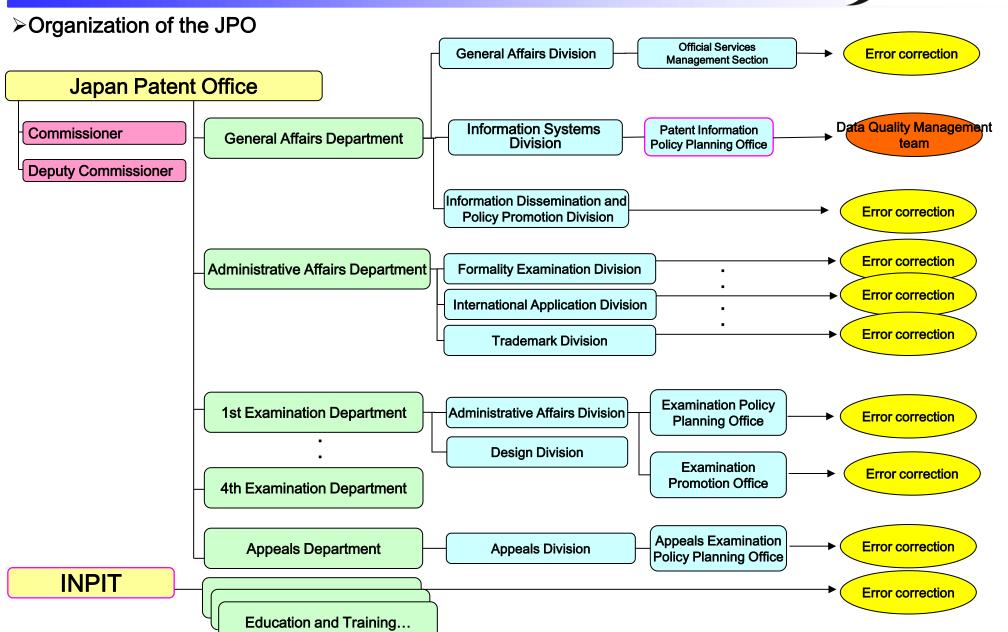
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#### **Organizations**

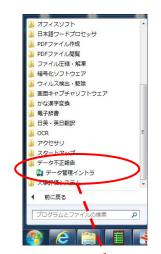






## Internal user (JPO)

#### Mailer launcher

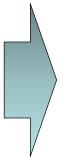






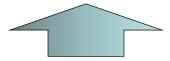
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Data management team / Related divisions



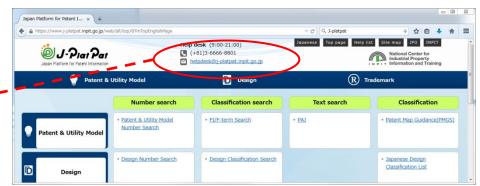


Analysis, Classification, Research, Correction, Share (feedback)



External user

**HELP DESK (J-PlatPat)** 



## Data management team of JPO



- Leader (1)
- Sub-leader (1)
- Associate (1)
- IT specialist (3)

- Review of progress (monthly)
- Adjustment with related divisions
- Communication with foreign offices
- Feedback to reporters of the errors

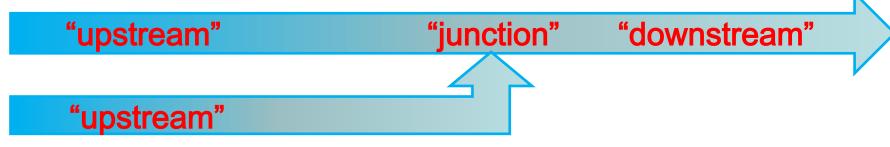
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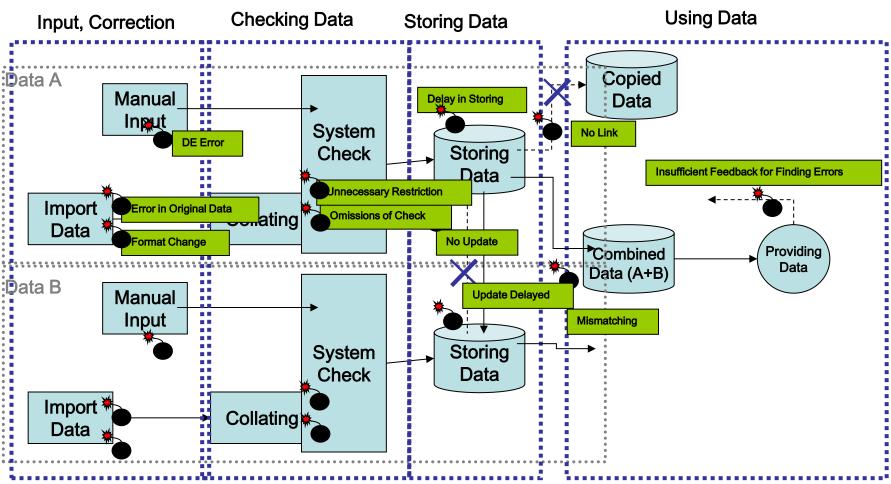


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#### Where do errors occur?







## **Duties of Data Quality Improvement**

### Overview

 Counting the number of errors and corrections(monthly)



## Actions

- Prevention of Errors
  - Sharing error cases with other Departments / IP types (e.g. Patent -> Trademark)
- Monitoring Errors
  - Observation of the specific event which may cause the error
- Correction of Errors

Improvement of water quality from "upstream" to "downstream"

## **Example1: Prevention of Errors**

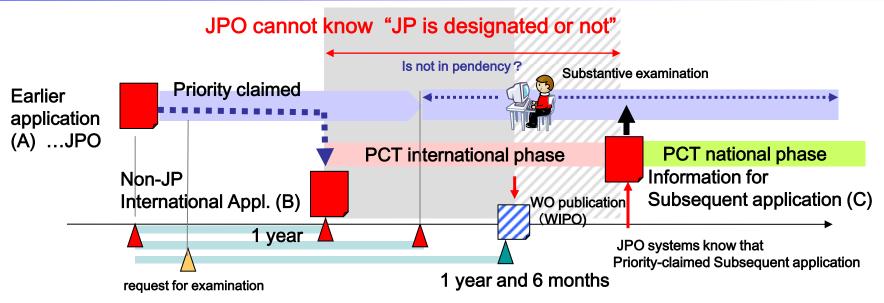


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The last 1 digit of the applicant code is check digit, and we can find some inconsistency before data entry.

## **Example2: Monitoring Errors**

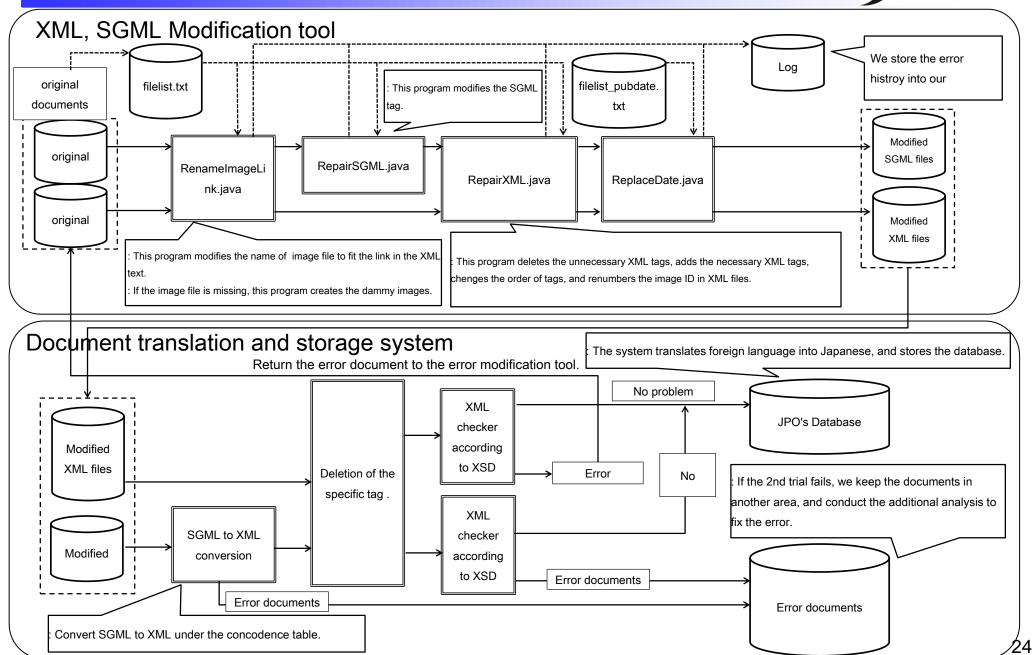




- The earlier application (A) should be deemed to have been withdrawn, but JPO sometimes gets behind in recognition under the following conditions.
  - The earlier application (A) is filed with the JPO.
  - The PCT application (B) is based on the earlier application (A), and filed with the other ISA.
  - Japan is designated in the PCT application (B), and the application (C) is filed with the JPO.
- →Keep Monitoring the WO gazette, and minimizing the period of JPO not knowing

## **Example3: Correcting Errors**





## **Example3: Correcting Errors**



#### The XML check program…

- 1. deletes the unnecessary XML tags that XSD does not defines.
- 2. adds the necessary XML tags that XSD defines.
- 3. chenges the order of tags according to the XSD.
- 4. renumbers the image ID in XML files according to the XSD.

#### Example

```
<Bibliographic>
<!-- Temp tag<!DOCTYPE SYSTEM>Temp tag -->
<!-- Temp tag<APSVER="2.2"><PATDOC>Temp tag -->
<DP n="1" type="SOFT"/>
<PatentDOC>
```

The program deletes the tag <DP> that XSD does not define.

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## **Example3: Correcting Errors**



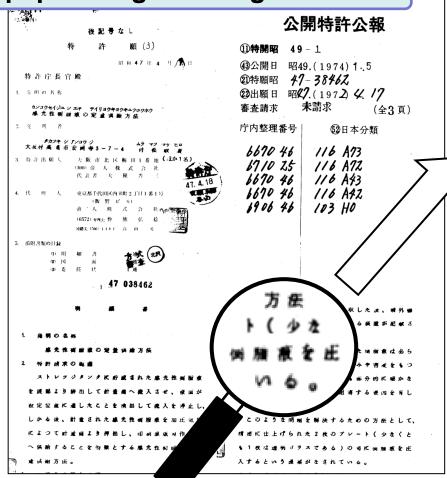
- We have many error checking tools that confirm the consistency of XML data, corruption of image data that we have received from the foreign offices.
- We are correcting the data error with the error modification tools.

- If you provide us with your gazettes, we check and modify the data consistency.
- We hope we will be of some help.

## **Example4: Correcting Errors**

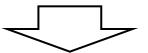


#### paper image of old gazettes



#### **OCR** text data

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#### machine translation

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OCR error sometimes causes mistranslation of machine translation

- The old gazettes are based on the paper document.
- We obtain image data by scanning a paper documents, and retrieve the character data from the images by OCR (optical character recognition)
- The character data contain many recognition errors.

## **Example4: Correcting Errors**



 There are many errors in the OCR recognition results, and they are not suitable for the machine translation.



- We will select the important gazettes and correct the OCR recognition errors manually.
- We will provide the corrected texts via J-PlatPat in the near future, and you will understand the contents using machine translation.
  - URL : https://www.j-platpat.inpit.go.jp/

## JPO will keep "clear water"





Arakawa river (Saitama, Nagatoro)



KOBATON (Mascot character of Saitama)



Based on "shirako-bato" (National monument in Japan)



## Thank you for your attention.

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