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# Work-sharing: IP Australia's experiences



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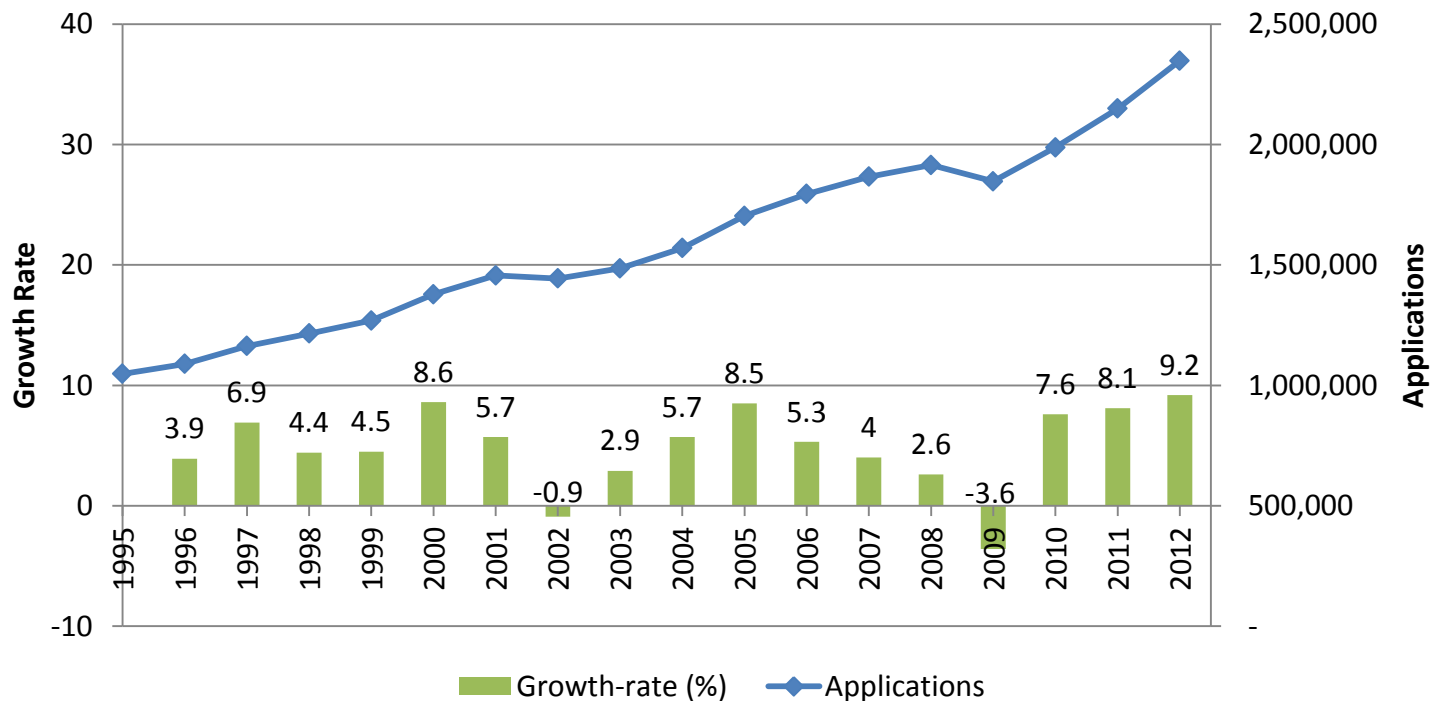
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# What is work-sharing?

- Efficient examination practice
  - Patents are often filed in multiple jurisdictions for the same invention
  - Why not make use of work already done?
    - Use other work as a head start
    - Learn from other offices
    - Focus efforts on complex cases



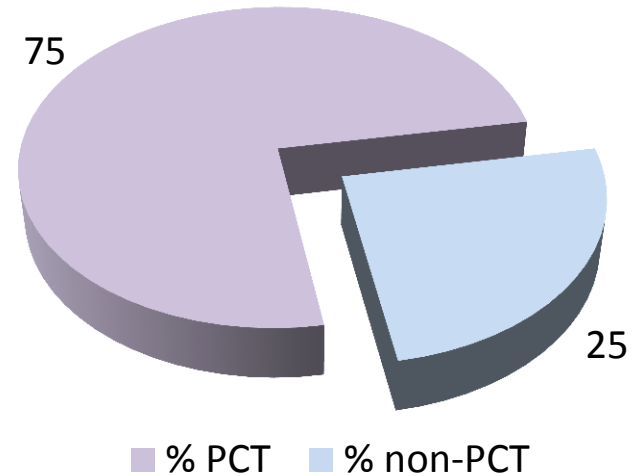
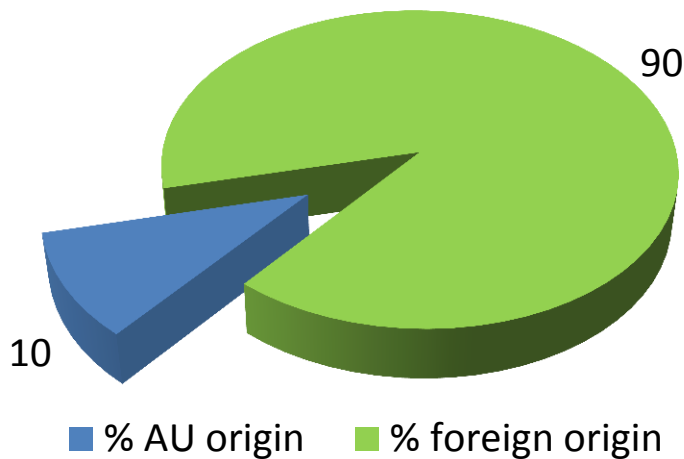
# Why do we need work-sharing?



Source: WIPO Statistics Database



# Why do we need work-sharing?



Source: Australian Intellectual Property Report 2014  
Average of data between 2003 and 2013



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# Work-sharing initiatives

- IP Australia is involved in several work-sharing initiatives
  - Patent Cooperation Treaty
  - Vancouver Group
  - Global Patent Prosecution Highway
  - Australia – New Zealand Single Economic Market



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# Work-sharing initiatives

- Vancouver Group
  - IP Offices of Australia, Canada and United Kingdom
  - Mutual Exploitation
    - Rely on work done by another VG office
    - ‘Office-driven’ approach
    - On-line access to work





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# Work-sharing Infrastructure

- Need a way of accessing earlier information
  - WIPO Patentscope
  - Applicant supply
  - Online service, e.g. WIPO CASE



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# WIPO CASE

- **Centralised Access to Search and Examination**
  - Portal to work of other offices
  - Initial collaboration between the Vancouver Group and WIPO
  - Membership is expanding, participating offices are;
    - Depositing: AU, CA, UK, CN, IL
    - Accessing: NZ, MN, VN, SG, MY, PH
- **Link to IP5 One Portal Dossier**
  - In pilot phase with JPO





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# WIPO CASE Current Functionality

## Data/Document Delivery

- Web Service links to Office data/documents
- Upload of bulk data/documents for storage in WIPO CASE

## Patent Family search

- ‘Simple’ and ‘Extended’ search

## Application details

- View bibliographic information
- View or download dossier documents

## Citation information

- View Citation Summary across family
- View detailed Citation information

## Notification List

- Register for email updates on specific Applications or Patent Families



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Biblio. Data

Documents

DATE	DOCUMENT
23 Oct 2014	EXAM CORRO [0.32 MB]
02 May 2014	ABSTRACT [0.04 MB]
24 Apr 2013	DRAWING [2.64 MB]
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12 Apr 2013	CLAIM [0.07 MB]
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## Patent Examination Report No. 1

### *Application Details*

Patent Application No.: 2013204871  
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Your reference: 210086  
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Your application has been examined under Section 45 of the *Patents Act 1990*. I consider that the application does not meet the requirements of the Act for the reasons indicated below.



### **Statement of Novelty, Inventive Step and Patentable Subject Matter**

Novelty/Inventive Step	Claim No. NONE	Yes
	Claim No. 1-11	No
Patentable Subject Matter	Claim No. 1-11	Yes
	Claim No. NONE	No

### **Documents Cited or Considered Relevant**


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Category: X                      Claims: 1-11
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# Work-sharing initiatives

- In progress
  - Single Examination Process
    - New Zealand examiners act on behalf of the Australian Commissioner (and vice versa)
    - Single examination – two patents



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# Work-sharing

- Practical
- Efficient
- Flexible
- Inevitable



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# Thank you

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