

OPEN DATA PORTAL Updates June 2024

The Open Data Portal (ODP) team is excited to bring you the first issue of the ODP Updates - we're glad you're here. The Open Data Portal (ODP) is our next-generation site that combines several data-dissemination services in one so you can easily discover and extract the USPTO data you need.

These updates can help you stay informed about our progress and will help you get the information you need to prepare for the launch. Please visit and bookmark our public ["coming soon" page](#) where we will continue to announce news and updates on ODP before it goes live. In the coming months, we'll provide news on product features, timelines, and a behind-the-scenes look at the work making this site a reality. We'll also share feedback we receive since it affects changes we may make.

When will ODP launch?

ODP is now live for select Patent Examination Data System (PEDS) users and ODP subscribers as part of our initiative to deeply understand customer needs. ODP is scheduled to launch to the public this fall with improved capabilities and features. Here are a few exciting features planned for launch:

- Improved performance using Application Programming Interface (API) rate limits
- Ability to download entire weekly Patent File Wrapper bulk datasets and daily delta datasets that contains new or modified data
- Ability to easily view specific patent applications in Pre-Grant Publication (PGPub) and Grant XML bulk files
- Front page PDF images on patent applications within the Patent File Wrapper

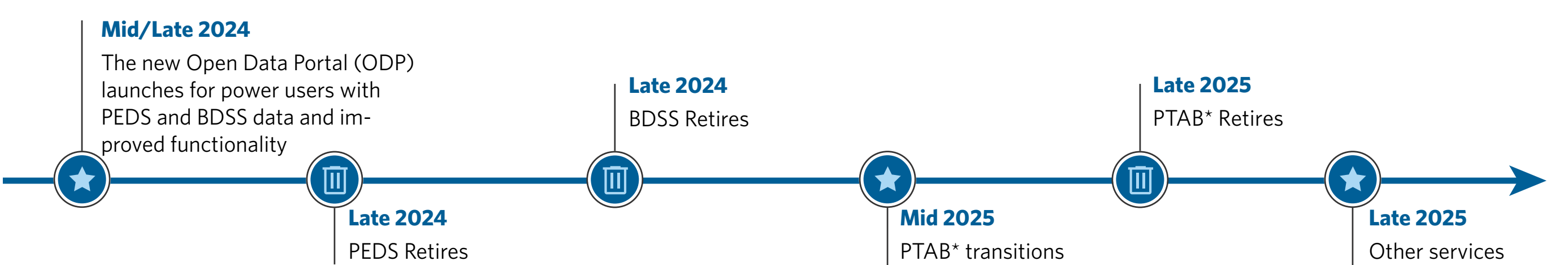
Is PEDS Retiring? When?

ODP will run in parallel with [PEDS](#) and [Bulk Data Storage System \(BDSS\)](#) until they both retire, which is scheduled to occur later this year. There will be time and resources available to help you make the transition once ODP goes live for all users. We will provide you with more information as we get closer to the launch. We will provide you with a specific timeline and dates as we get closer to the launch.

Here are things to keep in mind for the transition:

- Just like the PEDS system, you can still download entire bulk datasets with ODP. You will be able to do this through the Patent File Wrapper (Bulk Datasets) page, where you can view and download entire patent datasets along with delta datasets
- Note that the bulk data will now be in the JSON format and no longer in XML

Here's a visual timeline so you have updates in the coming months and next year:



*Note that not all the [Patent Trial and Appeal Board \(PTAB\) system](#) will be retiring with the transition to ODP.

*The [Patent Trial and Appeal Case Tracking System \(P-TACTS\)](#) will not be impacted by the transition to ODP. Customers can continue to use P-TACTS as they do today. However, the internal decision-making portion of PTAB that often connects to P-TACTS will be transitioned to ODP sometime in 2025.

What are people saying so far about ODP?

As a part of the PEDS pilot initiative, we provided 50 users with access to the ODP beta site. The team conducted 13 feedback sessions for the pilot's release. The pilot participant group was a broad one, and included developers, attorneys, researchers and executives working in the patent domain in the private sector.

We had an overwhelmingly positive response to the changes we have made in the PEDS pilot release. Here's what customers have told us so far...

"General impression, great - so much more responsive than PEDS"
(Attorney/Developer)

"Service response is much quicker and used to get a lot of erroneous server errors with PEDS"
(Patent Agent)

"I really love all the work that the team has done. It is so much more responsive than PEDS...it's very clean and responsive..."
(Attorney/Developer)

"This is a God send. The current layout of how to use the APIs is super intuitive. Really love the JSON samples on the side...even having the tabs to see the different responses is fantastic..."
(Law Student)

"I can't tell you how happy it makes me...I can just click around [on the patent popup panel] and I don't have to wait two or three seconds"
(Attorney/Developer)

Please note, our team is addressing the following challenges and other identified ones:

1 Throttling and download limits: Customers want equitable access to our data in a timely manner.

Solution: We will add frequently asked questions and new control mechanisms at launch to ensure fair access for all.

2 Natural ways of searching: Some customers had challenges searching for our data on our legacy platforms.

Solution: We will provide clear instructions at launch with examples as we look at new technologies that can help find the data you need.

3 Ability to save searches and table column selections: Some customers want the ability to save their searches and configurations to save time.

Solution: We are working on new ways to personalize your experience and save preferences, terms, and results.

April, 2024 ODP Design Workshop

This past month we also hosted a design workshop to solidify plans for the public launch. Representatives from the product, design, development, and marketing teams met to confirm our strategy to launch the right product features at the right time.

We want to continue to collect your feedback to ensure ODP meets your needs.

Having the right data at your fingertips can drive critical insights. Whether you are a researcher, attorney, or entrepreneur, data can unlock new possibilities.



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