

Official Publication Downloading Guide

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Preface

The Official Publication website issues the following types of publications: published unexamined patent applications, published registered patent applications, published registered utility model applications, published registered design applications, published unexamined trademark applications, published registered trademark applications, published decisions on appeal/trial, and publication editions. You can download these publications from the website.

The *Official Publication Downloading Guide* (this guide) describes how to download publications from the Official Publication website.

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Tested browser versions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Google Chrome 77● Internet Explorer 11● Mozilla Firefox 69● Microsoft Edge 44● Safari 14
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- This guide uses the following icons:

Icon	Description
 Attention	Indicates matters that require attention
 Note	Indicates supplementary information
 Reference	Indicates related chapters or sections, or other reference materials

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1 Before use

1.1 What is the Official Publication website?

The Official Publication website allows you to download publications issued by the Japan Patent Office. The following sections describe the types of issued publications, the publication intervals, and the hours of availability of the Official Publication website.

1.1.1 Downloadable publications

You can download the following publications from the Official Publication website:

- Published unexamined patent applications
- Published registered patent applications
- Published registered utility model applications
- Published registered design applications
- Published unexamined trademark applications
- Published registered trademark applications
- Published decisions on appeal/trial
- Publication editions

Note that the types of publications issued by the new publication system after the 2022 system renewal are different from the types of publications issued by the previous publication system.

Table 1-1 Type of publications

Type of publications (previous system)	Type of publications (new system)
Published unexamined patent applications	Published unexamined patent applications
Published registered patent applications	Published registered patent applications
Published registered patent applications, Published registered utility model applications	Published registered utility model applications
Published registered design application	Published registered design applications
Published unexamined trademark applications Published unexamined international trademark applications	Published unexamined trademark applications
Published registered trademark applications, Published international trademark applications	Published registered trademark applications
Published decisions on appeal/trial	Published decisions on appeal/trial
Patent Office gazette	Publication editions

**Attention**

You cannot download the following publications from the Official Publication website:

- ◆ Publications issued by the previous publication system (Publications issued by the previous publication system cannot be downloaded from the Official Publication website, which is the new publication system after the system renewal.)
- ◆ Publications that were issued two years ago or earlier by the new publication system after the 2022 system renewal

1.1.2 Issue dates of publications

The issue dates of publications are shown below. In principle, publications other than published decisions on appeal/trial are issued on every business day of the Japan Patent Office*.

* Business days of the Japan Patent Office do not include Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays, and the New Year holiday period.

Table 1-2 Issue dates of publications

Type of publications	Issue date
Published unexamined patent applications	Every business day
Published registered patent applications	
Published registered utility model applications	
Published registered design applications	
Published unexamined trademark applications	
Published registered trademark applications	
Published decisions on appeal/trial	Last Friday of each month (If the Japan Patent Office is closed on last Friday of a month, the date of issue will be the preceding business day)
Publication editions	Every business day

1.1.3 Hours of availability of the Official Publication website

The Official Publication website is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including on non-business days of government offices. Note, however, that the website might be temporarily unavailable for maintenance or other reasons.

1.2 Checking the certificate

The Official Publication website uses an SSL server certificate to certify the site owner and encrypt communication. If necessary, check the certificate.

In the Certificate window, on the **General** tab, confirm that the fields **Issued to**, **Issued by**, and **Valid from** display the following information:

- **Issued to:** www.gazette.jpo.go.jp
- **Issued by:** GlobalSign Extended Validation CA - SHA256 - G3
- **Valid from:** A valid period

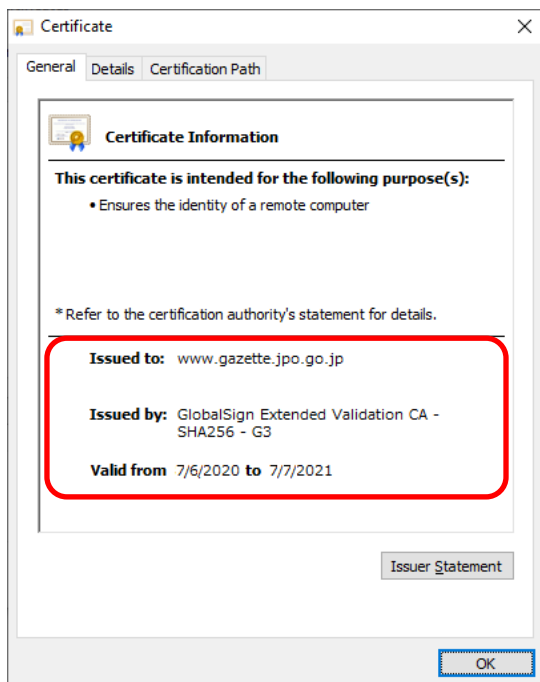


Figure 1-1 The Certificate window



Note

SSL server certificates are issued by certificate authorities (impartial third-party organizations) and certify that communication-destination servers actually exist.

An SSL server certificate includes two keys: a public key and a private key. These keys are used to encrypt personal information, credit card information, and other data transmitted between the web browser and the communication-destination server. Encrypted data can be deciphered only by using the secret key of a server on which the SSL server certificate has been installed, thus preventing malicious third parties from eavesdropping.

1.3 Using the top page window

Components of the top page window are described below.

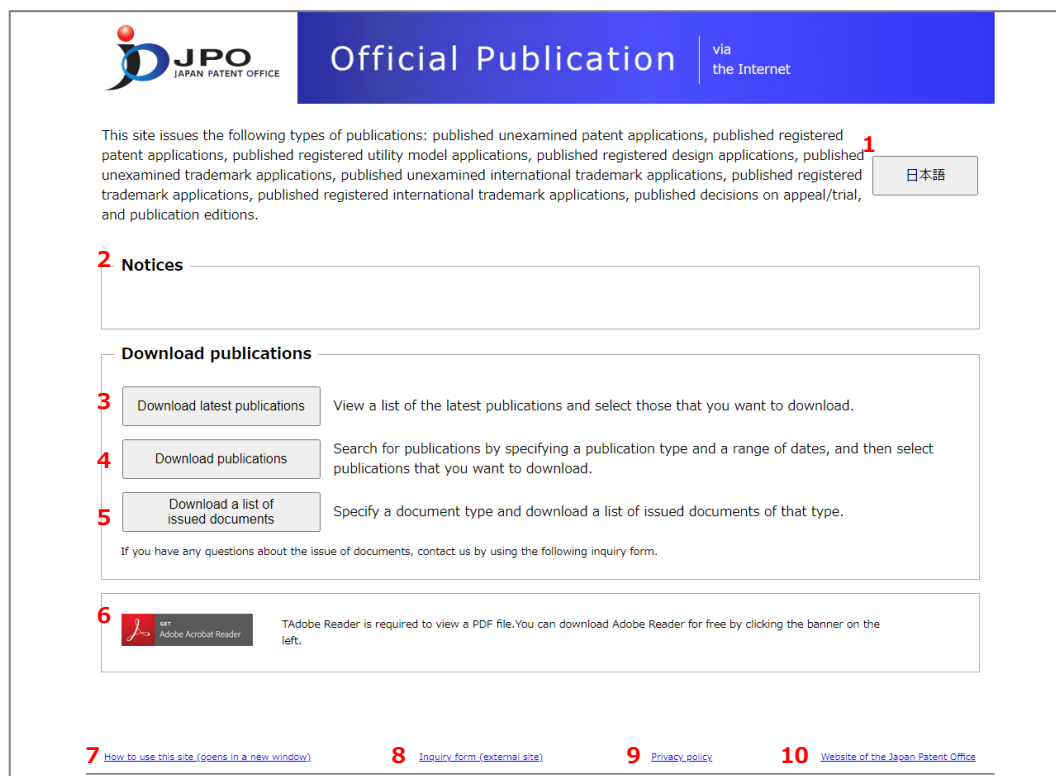



Figure 1-2 The top page window

Table 1-3 Components of the top page window

No.	Component	Description
1	English button 日本語 button	<p>Changes the language used in the window from Japanese to English, or vice versa.</p> <p>The English button appears when the display language is Japanese. When you click the English button, the display language changes to English and the button changes to 日本語.</p> <p>The 日本語 button appears when the display language is English. When you click the 日本語 button, the display language changes to Japanese and the button changes to English.</p> <p>When you first open the top page window, the display language is Japanese and the English button appears.</p>
2	Notices	Displays notices about the Official Publication website.

No.	Component	Description
3	Download latest publications button	<p>Displays the Download latest publications window, which enables you to download publications. Use the Download latest publications button to download the latest publications.</p> <p>For details on how to download the latest publications, see <i>2.1.1 Downloading the latest publications</i>.</p>
4	Download publications button	<p>Displays the Download publications window, which enables you to download publications. Use the Download publications button to download publications by specifying the type of publication and the year and month of publication.</p> <p>For details on how to download publications by specifying the type of publication and the year and month of publication, see <i>2.1.2 Downloading publications by specifying the type of publication and the year and month of publication</i>.</p>
5	Download a list of issued documents button	<p>Displays the Download a list of issued documents window, which enables you to download a list of issued documents.</p> <p>For details on how to download a list of issued documents, see <i>2.2 Downloading a list of issued documents</i>.</p>
6	 button	<p>Displays the webpage from which you can download Adobe Reader. This button takes you to a page on the Adobe website.</p>
7	How to use this site (opens in a new window)	<p>Displays the <i>Official Publication Downloading Guide</i>.</p> <p>Adobe Reader is required to view the <i>Official Publication Downloading Guide</i>. If Adobe Reader is not installed, click the Adobe Reader button, and then install Adobe Reader.</p>
8	Inquiry form (external site)	<p>Displays a webpage that provides information about the point of contact for inquiries about publications and the Official Publication website.</p>
9	Privacy policy	<p>Displays a webpage that explains the privacy policy of the Official Publication website.</p>
10	Website of the Japan Patent Office	<p>Displays the website of the Japan Patent Office.</p>

2 Downloading publications or other information

2.1 Downloading publications

You can download the latest publications, or you can download publications by specifying the type of publication and the year and month of publication. For details on how to download the latest publications, see *2.1.1 Downloading the latest publications*. For details on how to download publications by specifying the type of publication and the year and month of publication, see *2.1.2 Downloading publications by specifying the type of publication and the year and month of publication*.

2.1.1 Downloading the latest publications

In the top page window, click the **Download latest publications** button to display the Download latest publications window. In this window, follow the procedure below to download the latest publications.

の内容

The download will now start (total size: 0.002 GB). Would you like to continue?

OK キャンセル

From the list below, select publications.
Note: Japanese translations of published unexamined international trademark applications and published registered international trademark applications are included in published unexamined trademark applications and published registered trademark applications, respectively.

Select	Type of publication	Date of publication	Volume	Recording range	File size
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Published unexamined patent applications	12/01/2022	2022-004	2022-123456~2022-123456 (Published unexamined patent applications)	2(MB)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Published registered patent applications	12/01/2022	2022-002	0006123986~0006123995 (Published registered patent applications)	2(MB)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Published registered utility model applications	12/01/2022	2022-002	0006123986~0006124004 (Published registered utility model applications)	1(MB)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Published registered design applications	12/01/2022	2022-002	0000000005~0000000005 (Published registered design applications)	2(MB)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Published unexamined trademark applications	12/01/2022	2022-001	2022-123456~2022-123456 (Published unexamined trademark applications)	1(MB)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Published registered trademark applications	12/01/2022	2022-001	0009876543~0009876543 (Published registered trademark applications)	1(MB)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Published decisions on appeal/trial	28/01/2022	2022-001	January 2022	1(MB)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Publication editions	12/01/2022	2022-001	-	1(MB)

Total size of selected publications:0.002(GB)
Note: The larger the size of the publications to be downloaded, the longer the download will take.
Note: The contents of the publication editions will change depending on the date.

Back

Download

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Show all

Figure 2-1 The Download latest publications window

2 Downloading publications or other information

1

In the **Select** column, select the check boxes corresponding to the publications that you want to download.

If you want to download all of the displayed publications, click the **Select all** button.



Note

- ◆ If you click the **Select All** button to select all of the publications and then click button again, the selection is cleared.
- ◆ The value (unit: GB) displayed for **Total size of selected publications** is calculated by using 1,024 MB = 1 GB.

2

Click the **Download** button.

A message appears, asking whether you want to download the publications.

3

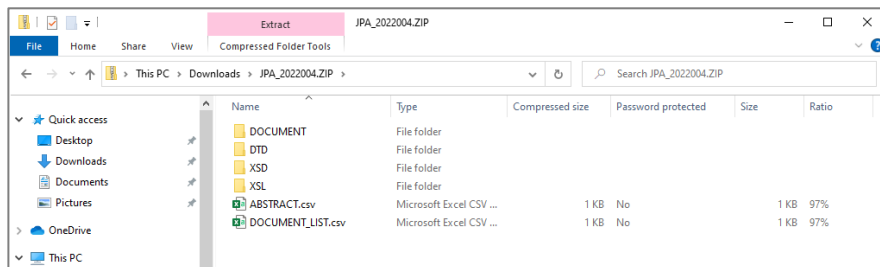
Click the **OK** button.

At the bottom of the window, a notification bar appears.

4

In the notification bar, click **Open file**.

The Downloads folder in Windows opens.



Note

Depending on your browser settings and user settings, the notification bar might not appear.

If you download more than one publication, the downloaded file will be named as follows:

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archived_download_data.zip
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For details on how to unzip the downloaded file, see [2.1.3 Unzipping a ZIP file to view publications](#).

2 Downloading publications or other information

2.1.2 Downloading publications by specifying the type of publication and the year and month of publication

In the top page window, click the **Download publications** button to display the Download publications window. In this window, you can specify the type of publication and the year and month of publication, and then download the applicable publications.

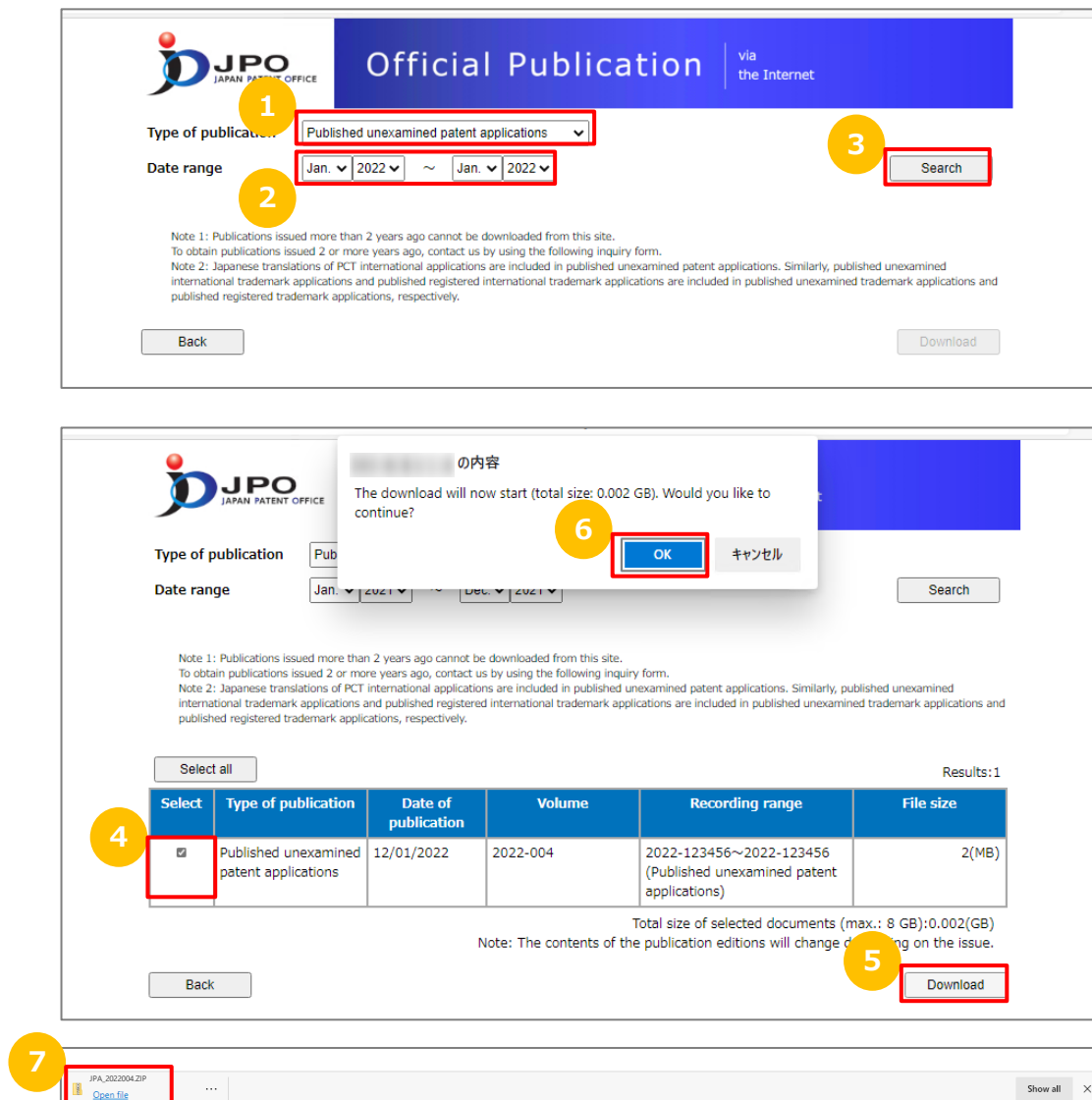


Figure 2-2 The Download publications window

2 Downloading publications or other information

1 In **Type of publication**, select the type of the publications that you want to download.

2 In **Date range**, specify the period in which the publications to be downloaded were issued.

3 Click the **Search** button.

The window displays the target publications.



Note

When you click the **Search** button, you might see one of the following messages:

- ◆ MSG-0061-W The specified year or month is incorrect
If this message appears, make sure that the dates specified in **Date range** are specified in the right order. Make sure the correct months and years are set in **Data range**, and then click the **Search** button.
- ◆ MSG-0063-W No documents match the specified conditions
If this message appears, there is a possibility that no publications matched the conditions set in **Type of publication** and **Date range**. Revise the conditions set in **Type of publication** and **Date range**, and then click the **Search** button.

4 In the **Select** column, select the check boxes corresponding to the publications that you want to download.

If you want to download all of the displayed publications, click the **Select all** button.



Attention

You cannot click the **Download** button if the total file size of the selected publications is 8 GB or larger. Check the total file size displayed above the **Download** button, and then change your selection so that the total file size is less than 8 GB.



Note

If you click the **Select All** button to select all of the publications and then click button again, the selection is cleared.

5 Click the **Download** button.

A message appears, asking whether you want to download the publications.

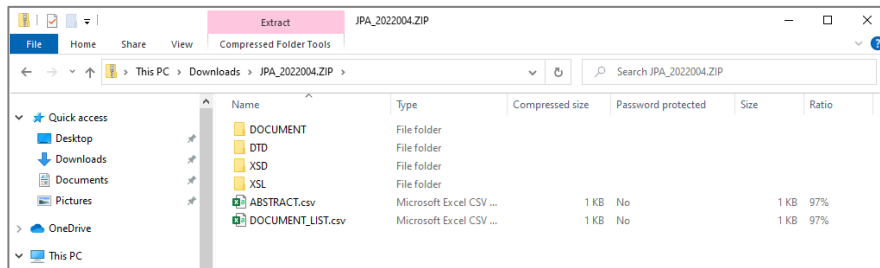
6 Click the **OK** button.

At the bottom of the window, a notification bar appears.

7

In the notification bar, click the **Open file** button.

The Downloads folder in Windows opens.



Note

Depending on your browser settings and user settings, the notification bar might not appear.

If you download more than one publication, the downloaded file will be named as follows:

`archived_download_data.zip`

For details on how to unzip the downloaded file, see [2.1.3 Unzipping a ZIP file to view publications](#).

2 Downloading publications or other information

2.1.3 Unzipping a ZIP file to view publications

To unzip a ZIP file, use the standard Windows function. The procedure for unzipping a ZIP file is described below.

Attention

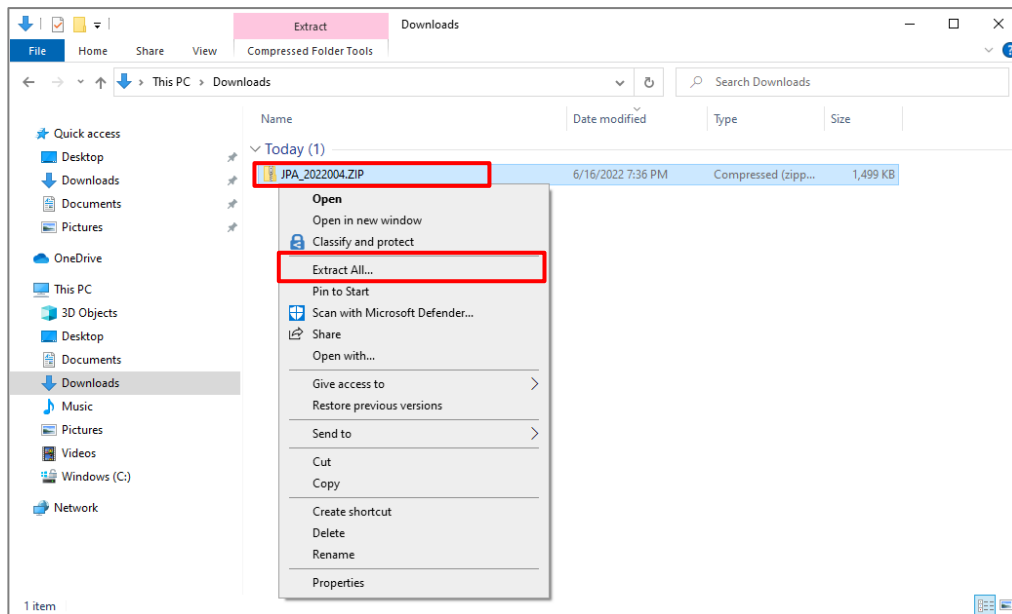
If you use a tool other than the standard Windows extraction function, you might not be able to unzip the file because the file size is too large.

1

In Windows, open the Downloads folder.

2

Right-click the downloaded file and select **Extract All**.

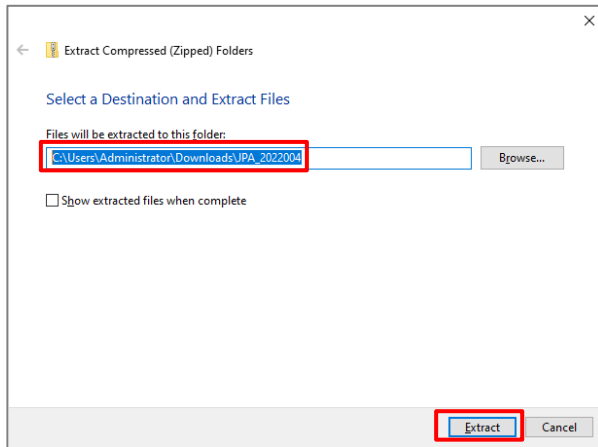


Attention

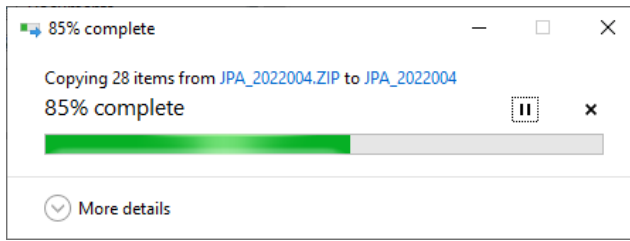
If you double-click the file, the file opens but it will not be unzipped. Be sure to select **Extract All** to unzip the ZIP file.

3

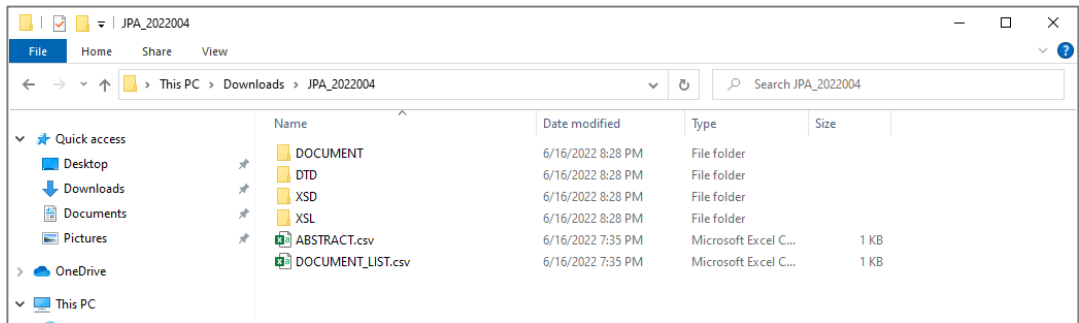
Select **Show extracted files when complete** and then click the **Extract** button.



The following window appears, and processing to unzip the ZIP file starts.



After the ZIP file is successfully unzipped, the extracted folder is displayed.



2.2 Downloading a list of issued documents

In the top page window, click the **Download a list of issued documents** button to display the Download a list of issued documents window. In this window, follow the procedure below to download a list of issued documents.

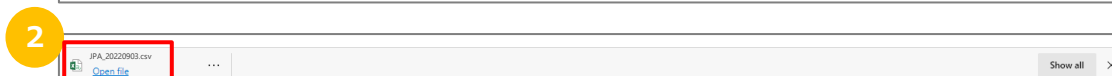
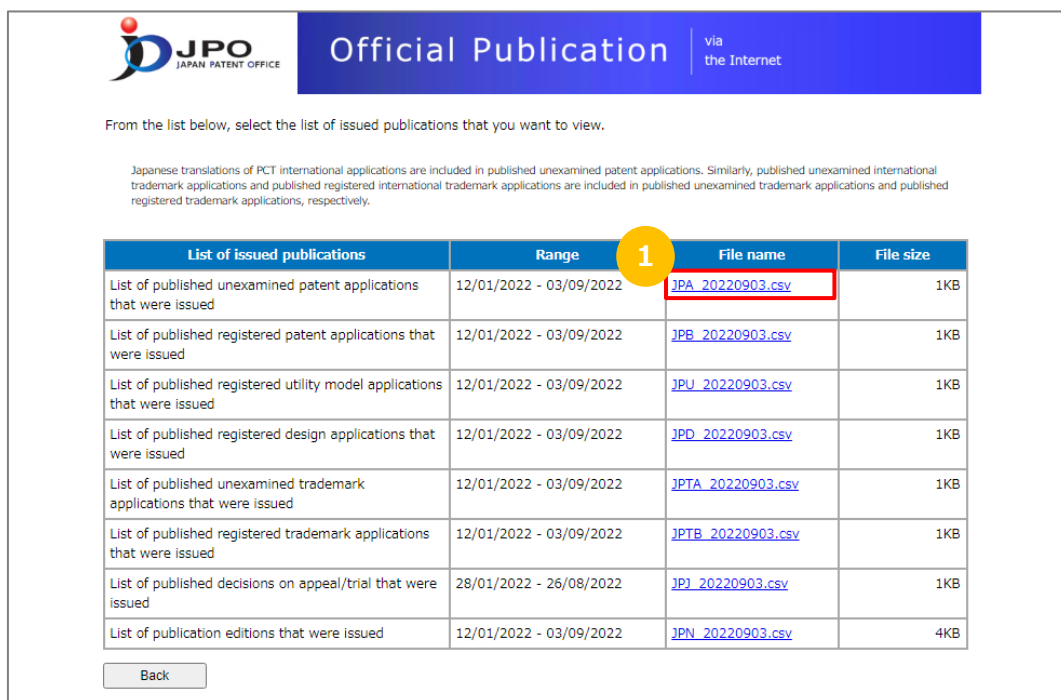


Figure 2-3 The Download a list of issued documents window

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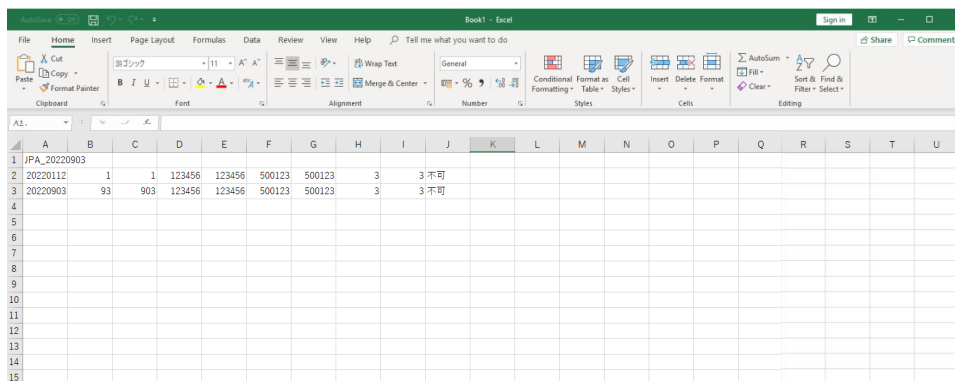
In the **File name** column, click the link to the list that you want to download.

At the bottom of the window, a notification bar appears.

2

In the notification bar, click the **Open file** button.

This opens the CSV file that you downloaded.



Note

Depending on your browser settings and user settings, the notification bar might not appear.

3 Reference information

3.1 About the file name

This section describes the naming conventions for ZIP files, and includes the file name format and an example of a file name.

Format

JP<*type-of-publication*><*year-of-publication*><*serial-number-for-the-applicable-year*>.zip

Variables

The following describes the variables used in the description *Format* above.

- *type-of-publication*

The type of publication is indicated by two characters, as shown below.

A_: Published unexamined patent applications

B_: Published registered patent applications

U_: Published registered utility model applications

D_: Published registered design applications

TA: Published unexamined trademark applications

TB: Published registered trademark applications

J_: Published decisions on appeal/trial

N_: Publication editions

- *year-of-publication*

This is a four-digit number indicating the year when the publication was released.

- *serial-number-for-the-applicable-year*

This is a three-digit serial number (starting from 001) for the applicable year.

File name example

If you download Volume 004 of published unexamined patent applications for the year 2022, the file name will be as follows:

Example: JPA_2022004.zip

3.2 Organization of the files

For details on how the files extracted from the ZIP file are organized, refer to the publication specifications, which can be found on the following webpage. Note that the publication specifications are provided in Japanese only. (There is no English version of the publication specifications.)

<https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/laws/koho/shiyo/index.html>