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Highlights from an independent evaluation of PatBase
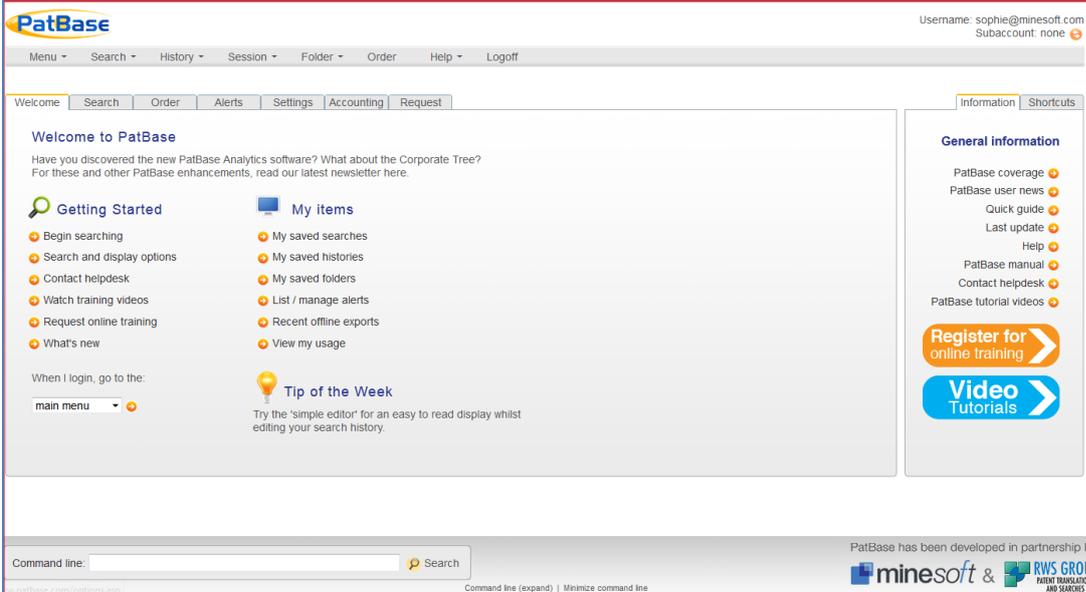
The Product

PatBase

"...a global patent database spanning more than 100 patent-issuing authorities worldwide..."

The Technology

"The interface is tab based with the majority of the information contained within those tabs so as not to overwhelm the user with all of the information on one screen. This is a wise move..."

The PatBase Welcome Screen

"...the searching capabilities of this product are robust."

The Searching

"PatBase has created a powerful form that caters to expert searchers' needs for casting both wide and narrow nets."

The PatBase Search Form

Field	Example
Claims, title & abstract ▾	e.g. crane* and motor
☐ Search within the same publication	
Assignee (PA): ▾ 🔍	e.g. siemens
Inventor (IN): ▾ 🔍	e.g. Depta Robert
Publication number (PN): 🔍	e.g. US4500000
Publication date (PD): from: to: equals:	e.g. 19970221
Priority number (PR): 🔍	e.g. US19990454001
Priority date (PRD): from: to: equals:	e.g. 199702
Application number (AP): 🔍	e.g. US20000493582
Application date (APD): from: to: equals:	e.g. 1997
Kind Code (KD):	e.g. DEU* or EPB1
Publication country (CC):	e.g. US or EP
Designated states (DS):	e.g. DE or FR
Agent (AG):	e.g. GRIFFITH HACK
Cited patent (CT):	e.g. DE19646559
Int. class (All) ▾ 🔍	e.g. C12N5/06 or G01 or A
Cooperative Patent (CPC): 🔍	e.g. H04W84/12 or H04W84 or H
Classification (EC): 🔍	e.g. C08L23/08 or C08 or C
Classification US (UC): 🔍	e.g. 123/321
JP class F-Index (JCI): 🔍	e.g. G06F9/00/320/A
JP class F-Term (JCT): 🔍	e.g. 2H091/FA14/X
JP class Facet (JCF):	e.g. GBV
Locarno class (LC):	e.g. 26/03

Command line: [ ] 🔍
Search

"The Command Line is available on every screen of PatBase which is very convenient."

The Saved Searches and Folders

"A single search statement with its results can be saved to a Folder. The Folder utility provides a lot of flexibility to store, use, share and manipulate previously obtained search results."

Publish/send results

Click the link below to view your published results:

https://www.patbase.com/getimg/offline/?f=FOLDER_rad71030.tmpPBWEBSERV2461433.25_2015_5_13

or email this link to a colleague:

Email to:	john@minesoft.com;gordon@minesoft.com;valerie@designdental.co
Email from:	sophie@minesoft.com
Subject:	PatBase - dental
Message:	Please find research results attached. Let me know your thoughts. Thanks.

Send email   Send using your local mail client

"Folders can be "published". A URL-link is generated to the particular folder that can then be emailed to both PatBase subscribers and non-subscribers."

The Displays

PatBase offers several display choices. Under the "Menu" tab, you can select "Display/ search options" and customise your display preferences.

Some Display/Search options

"You can also create and save your own custom display."

The Alerts

There are some advanced options that are particularly useful. INPADOC legal status changes and first English abstract are especially helpful and provide more relevant results than just a regular date-based update.

PatBase Analytics creates a dashboard of widgets that are customisable. Each individual widget is customisable as well.

PatBase Analytics Welcome Screen
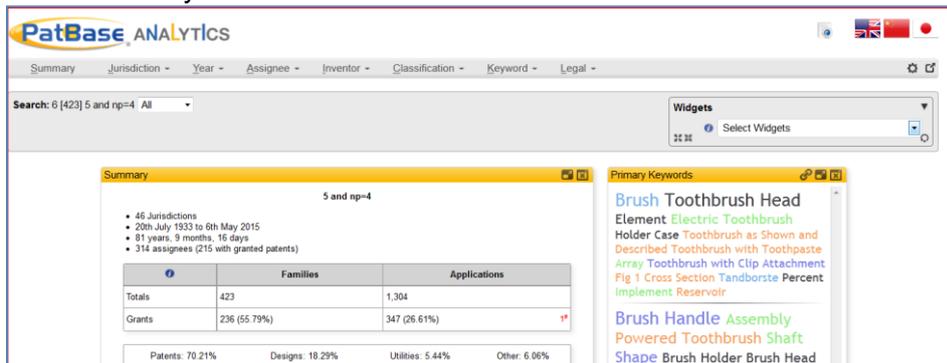
Bar graph showing the number of Applications by Probable Assignee

Seeing all of the data in one transparent result allows the user to quickly hone in on key points and focus on the analyses that provide the most insight all from a single view.

Keyword cluster grid view

Geographical heat map

The Export Features

Some examples of PatBase export options

> "PatBase has an extensive range of export options."

Overview of Value

Patent information used to be both expensive and exclusive; the domain of a select few. But things have changed. Gone are the days of a few databases with complex search languages and prohibitive subscription costs. Today's users are not solely attorneys or PhDs. They expect web-based platforms with simple yet powerful interfaces that provide visualisation and analysis.

Full-text view with highlighting

The case for accessing and utilising intellectual property information is an easy one to make. Due diligence for mergers and acquisitions, patent litigation suits, and litigation risk assessments all depend on the ability to gather high quality, reliable IP information.

A graph showing the time lag between application and grant by jurisdiction
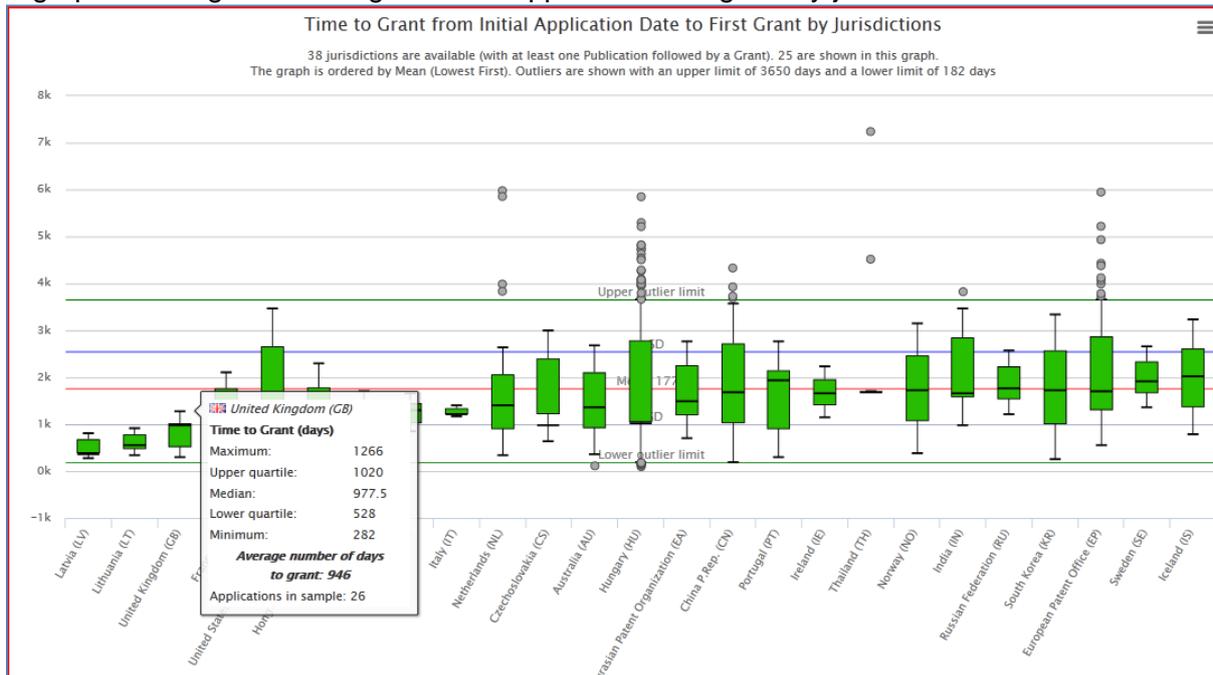
Information professionals, business development and R&D staff need to quickly generate the analyses that will help them make better decisions for business-critical activities including licensing opportunities and prior art.

> **"The ability to share data from PatBase across the organisation to subscribers and non-subscribers at no additional cost is a distinct advantage."**

Time savings equate to cost savings. An intuitive search tool, such as PatBase, that allows for precise and rapid retrieval of extensive and complex intellectual property data can allow go/no go decisions to be made more quickly.

The Product Maturity and Development

Minesoft has been in existence since 1996, and PatBase has been on the market for almost 12 years. The company shows no signs of resting on its laurels, nor does it look to be in danger of an imminent merger or takeover.
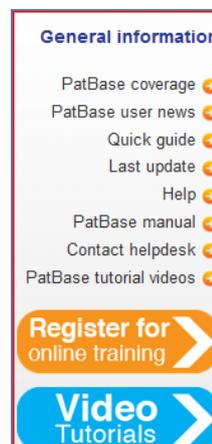
> **"...a dedicated team working on constant enhancements and improvements to the product"**

The User Support and Training

There are numerous online tutorials that can be found via a link under "General Information" on the Welcome page. There is also a 150+ page user manual available as a PDF. You can register for a personal WebEx online tutorial as well.

FreePint's View: PATBASE TECHNOLOGY

- **Web-based platform**

- **Many different ways to search - should accommodate most users**

- **Abundance of tips, instructions and examples to assist with searching**

- **Flexibility with command and form searching**

- **Extensive export options**

- **Analytics tools**

- **Folders allow for significant manipulation, storage and sharing of search results**

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Taken from the original article "Review of Minesoft PatBase" by Robyn Smith

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