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Online European Patent Register – sample searches

Dear user,

Experience at user meetings has shown that the best way to find out how to use the Online European Patent Register is to look at specific examples of the types of search that can be carried out. The eight examples on this card are the ones that participants at these meetings found the most useful.

Before we start, some information about our screenshot headings is necessary.

These are the three screens you will see:

Search screen:



List screen:



Results screen:



The names of the search fields from the Search screen will appear in the text in blue:

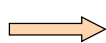
Applicant



The “Applicant” field

The headings from the Results screen are shown in red:

Designated states
AT, BE, CH, DE, DK, ES, FR, GB, GR,
IE, IT, LI, LU, MC, NL, PT, SE, FI
[1997/50]



The “Designated states” heading

You are now ready to start working through the examples. We hope you will enjoy learning how to use the Online Register.

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Example 1

Type of search:
Procedural

Information needed to perform the search:
Publication number

Search 1: Find the appeal procedure history of the patent application having the publication number EP0619419

Publication Number / Date



Appeal procedure	
Appeal following opposition	
appeal received	02-08-1999
file number	T0787/99-324
result of the appeal procedure	
WITHDRAWAL OF APPEAL OF THE	
PATENT PROPRIETOR	06-03-2000

Step 1: Enter the publication number in the “**Publication Number/Date**” field.

Step 2: Click on “Submit”.

Step 3: The Results screen will appear.

Step 4: Locate “**Appeal procedure**” to find the appeal history.

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Example 2

Type of search:
Date/IPC

Information needed to perform the search:
Applicant's name
Date

Search 2: Find a PCT application filed by Grundig in March 1999, together with the corresponding IPC classification code(s)

Application Number / Date



Applicant



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[EP1074147](#) [WO9951032](#) EP19990913297
412092 : GRUNDIG Aktiengesellschaft H04N7/24 ; H04N7/58 ; H04N7/62 [2001/06]



[EP1074147](#) [WO9951032](#)
412092 : GRUNDIG



Step 1: Enter the date in reverse order (year, month, day, or yyyyymmdd) in the “Application Number/Date” field AND the applicant name in the “Applicant” field.

Step 2: Click on “Submit”.

Step 3: The List screen will appear. The PCT application is the one with the WO publication number. The IPC classes are shown in the second line.

Step 4: Click on the hyperlink to see the complete record.

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Example 3

Type of search:
Boolean/AND

Information needed to perform the search:
Name of both applicants

Search 3: Find patent applications relating to optical discs filed jointly by PHILIPS and SONY

Applicant



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Status of the database as of 06-06-2001 (dd-mm-yyyy)
Result of query: (Sony and Philips)<APPLICANT>
7 documents were found.



[EP1040472](#) [WO0008638](#) EP19990944323
200769 : Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V. 214031 : G11B7/007 [2000/40]



English title	OPTICAL DISC AND APPARATUS FOR SCANNING THE OPTICAL DISC [2000/40]
French title	DISQUE OPTIQUE ET APPAREIL PERMETTANT DE BALAYER LE DISQUE OPTIQUE [2000/40]
German title	OPTISCHE PLATTE UND ABTASTGERÄT DAFÜR [2000/40]

Step 1: Type both applicant names in the “Applicant” field using the “and” operator.

Step 2: Click on “Submit”.

Step 3: The List screen shows seven hits. The titles are not visible.

Step 4: As the titles are not visible, click on the hyperlink of each document in turn, starting at the top of the list, to get into the Results screen.

Step 5: Look under “Title” for the term “optical disc”. You will see that the title of the second document from the top contains the term you are looking for.

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Example 4

Type of search:
Fees

Information needed to perform the search:
Date
Applicant's name

Search 4: Find information about renewal fees for an application filed by SmithKline Beecham on 28 November 1995.

Application Number / Date



Applicant



Renewal fees

Renewal fee A.86 (patent year / paid)	03/12-11-1997
	04/26-11-1998
	05/08-11-1999
	06/10-11-2000

Step 1: Enter the date in reverse order (year, month, day or yyymmdd) in the “Application Number/Date” field AND the applicant name in the “Applicant” field.

Step 2: Click on “Submit”.

Step 3: The Results screen will appear.

Step 4: Locate “Renewal fees” to find the information we are looking for.

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Example 5

Type of search:
Designated states

Information needed to perform the search:
Date
Priority country
Inventor's name

Search 5: Find the states designated in a European application filed in May 1997 with French priority, where the inventor is Georges Magyar

Application Number / Date



Priority Number / Date



Inventor



Designated states
AT, BE, CH, DE, DK, ES, FR, GB, GR,
IE, IT, LI, LU, MC, NL, PT, SE, FI
[1997/50]

Step 1: Enter the date in reverse order (year, month, day, or yyyyymmdd) in the “Application Number/Date” field, then the priority country in the “Priority Number / Date” field and the inventor’s name in the “Inventor” field.

Step 2: Click on “Submit”.

Step 3: The Results screen will appear.

Step 4: Locate “Designated states” to find the information you are looking for.

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Example 6

Type of search:
Opposition/date

Information needed to perform the search:
Applicant's name
Opponent's name
Application date

Search 6: Look for any oppositions by Renault to applications filed by Audi and NSU between 1981 and 1984

Application Number / Date 1981 or 1982 or 1983 or 1984

Applicant AUDI and NSU

Opponent RENAULT

Submit Clear Help



All data mentioned in Rule 92 and EPIDOS, including file history
All data mentioned in Rule 92 and EPIDOS
All data mentioned in Rule 92 and EPIDOS, including file history
All data mentioned in Rule 92
Examination procedure
Opposition procedure

Designated states, applicant name, address
FOR ALL DESIGNATED STATES
AUDI AG
85045 Ingolstadt/DE [N/P]
[
FOR ALL DESIGNATED STATES
AUDI AG
D-85045 Ingolstadt/DE [1986/05]
]
FOR ALL DESIGNATED STATES
AUDI NSU AUTO UNION AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT
Felix-Wankelstrasse
D-7107 Neckarsulm/DE [1984/28]

Opposition procedure
01(05-12-1987)
Regie Nationale des Usines Renault

Step 1: First type the dates in the “Application Number / Date” field, separated by the “or” operator, then enter the names of the two applicants and the opponent in the relevant fields.

Step 2: Click on “Submit” to get the Results screen.

Step 3: The second applicant is not shown under “Applicant”, so you have to change the options to “All data mentioned in Rule 92 and EPIDOS, including file history”.

Step 4 : Look for the name of the co-applicant. You can also find information about the opponent on this screen.

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Example 7

Type of search:
Opposition

Information needed to perform the search:
Applicant's name IPC class

Search 7: Look for oppositions to SONY patents in IPC class G11B27/10

Applicant

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Opponent

↓

Classification (IPC)

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Step 1: Enter the name of the applicant in the “Applicant” field. Type “01” (all opponents) in the “Opponent” field, and enter the class in the “Classification (IPC)” field.

Step 2: Click on “Submit”.

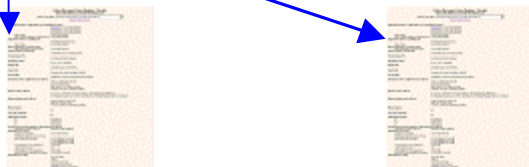
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Online European Patent Register - Results
Status of the database as of 07-06-2001 (dd-mm-yyyy)
Result of query: (SONY)<APPLICANT> AND (01)<OPPONENT> AND (G11B27/10)<IPC>
2 documents were found.
[Return to Search Screen](#)

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Publication number, PCT Publication number, Application number, Applicant and IPC:
[EP0596139](#) [WO9324929](#) EP 19930910367
 214021 : SONY CORPORATION [1994/19] G11B27/10 [1994/19]
[EP0241849](#) EP 19870105148
 214021 : SONY CORPORATION [1987/43] G11B27/10 ; G11B27/11 ; G11B27/19 [1987/43]

Step 3: The List screen shows more than one hit. You need to look at them both to find the opponent(s).



Step 4: Click on the hyperlink to get to the Results screen for each one, and look under “Opposition procedure”.

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Opposition procedure

01(12-10-1999)
 Interessengemeinschaft für Rundfunkschutzrechte GmbH
 Schutzrechtsverwertung & Co. KG
 Behnstrasse 62
 40210 Düsseldorf/DE
 REPRESENTATIVE OF OPPONENT
 Eichstädt, Alfred, Dipl.-Ing.
 Maryniok & Eichstädt, Kuhlbergstrasse 23
 86317 Kronach/DE [1999/49]

Examination of admissibility of opposition
 Communication(s) A.101(2), R.58(1)
 date dispatch/time-
 limit/reply 23-03-2001/M04/00000000
 observation of the proprietor to opposition
 date dispatch/time-
 limit/reply 10-12-1998/M04/12-04-2000

Step 5: This is the opponent for EP0596139. You can repeat steps 3 to 5 by clicking on the back button.

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Example 8

Type of search:
Applicant/IPC

Information needed to perform the search:
Applicant's name

Search 8: Look for patent applications from NOKIA having the classifications H04M1/03 and H04R1/22

Applicant:

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Classification (IPC): eg. B62J1/02

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Step 1: Type the applicant's name in the "Applicant" field, then enter the classes in the "Classification (IPC)" field.

Step 2: Click on "Submit".

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Online European Patent Register - Results
 Status of the database as of 23-10-2001 (dd-mm-yyyy)
 Result of query: (NOKIA)<APPLICANT> AND (H04M1/03 and H04R1/22)<IPC>
 2 documents were found.
[Return to Search Screen](#)

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Publication number, PCT Publication number, Application number, Applicant and IPC:
[EP1044582](#) [WO9935880](#) EP1998096823
 997966 : NOKIA MOBILE PHONES LTD. H04R1/22 ; H04R1/10 ; H04M1/03 [2000/42]
[EP0909007](#) EP19980960097
 997966 : NOKIA MOBILE PHONES LTD. [1999/15] H04M1/03 ; H04R1/22 [1999/15]

Step 3: The Results screen shows two documents matching the search. Click on the corresponding hyperlink to view each one .

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