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Selected Commercial Database and Software Tool Vendors

Dialog
Web site: www.dialog.com

The Dialog, a business owned by Proquest, provides content from other information publishers. It contains a wide collection of patent databases. Intellectual property (IP) information is provided by such sources as Derwent's World Patents Index and IMS World Patents International (used for pharmaceutical patents). Intellectual property databases include U.S. copyright data, trademarks from 14 countries, plus the European Community and World Intellectual Property Organization, 4 million trademark images, Japanese trademarks in English, over 15 million patents covering 60 countries, U.S. business process patents, and South Korean patent application abstracts in English.

STN
Web site: www.stn-international.de

STN International is an online scientific and technical information service dedicated to meeting the information needs of scientists, engineers, and information professionals throughout the world. FIZ Karlsruhe operates STN in Europe, and Chemical Abstract Service (CAS) operates STN in North America and in other parts of the world. CAS is a division of the American Chemical Society. STN covers over 200 scientific and patent databases. One of the most critical advantages that STN offers is that it provides simultaneous searches of multiple databases. STN also provides access to the entire Chemical Abstract database. STN is very commonly used by information professionals who work in the bioscience field.

Questel Orbit

Questel is based in Paris, France, and serves over 3,000 customers who need IP services. It is a global online information company, resulting from the merger of Questel and Orbit over 10 years ago. Questel maintains a full-text database of many patent offices: European Patent Office, Patent
Cooperation Treaty, United States, Germany, France, Great Britain, and so forth. Questel’s FamPat database provides comprehensive family coverage of worldwide patent publications published from 78 patent authorities. In addition, the FamPat Plus is enhanced with key content from Questel’s full-text databases (Patent Object, Advantages, and Previous Patent Drawbacks and Independent Claims). Altogether, Questel maintains over 90 scientific and technical databases.

**PatAnalyst**  
**Web site:** www.patanalyst.com  
PatAnalyst offers services designed for professional patent specialists to search, manage, and mine patent documents. The PatAnalyst graphic interface is especially useful and helps locate key patent documents while searching. Key features for professionals are keyword highlighting and mapping of the keywords from the full-text documents. The service works well for those patent specialists who like to use full-text documents when conducting their patent searches. The service provides access to records of 51.5 million patents, family databases, abstracts, and full-text documents, as well as facsimile images.

**PatBase**  
**Web site:** www.patbase.com  
PatBase is a searchable patent database covering over 28 million patent families with historical information dating back to the early 1900s. The application has been developed in partnership with Minesoft Ltd. and RWS Group. PatBase now offers over 10 million full-text searchable documents from the United States, European Patent Office, Patent Cooperation Treaty, British, German, French, and other patent-issuing authorities. Key features for professional patent analysts are keyword highlighting and mapping of the keywords from the full-text documents. PatBase also offers citation searching enabling users to navigate through patent and nonpatent documents cited against U.S., EPO, and World Intellectual Property Organization publications.

**Thomson Innovation**  
**Web site:** www.thomsoninnovation.com/  
Thomson Innovation is a database that clusters together patent, business, and technical information. It currently offers full-text patents and published applications from the United States, Europe, World Intellectual Property Organization, England, France, Germany, Japan, and South Korea, plus Derwent World Patent Index® (DWPI) SM content. It offers access to some key scientific and literature journals, news articles, key financial data, and market information.

**LexisNexis Total Patent**  
**Web site:** http://law.lexisnexis.com/total-patent  
LexisNexis’s Total Patent Solutions is especially focused on providing access to full-text patent documents. This is a good complementary tool to be used together with other databases, as it might help companies find relevant information for patentability and invalidation studies.