

## The searchable patent information database developed by Minesoft and RWS

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### Minesoft awarded prestigious "Queen's Award" for rapidly growing export markets in the field of IP information

*2009 kicked off to a great start for Minesoft Ltd on hearing we were to be awarded the prestigious "Queen's Award" for more than doubling export earnings over three years, reaching a multi-million pound turnover and achieving growth in the sale of products designed and developed in-house.*



**"The Queen's Awards for Enterprise are the UK's most prestigious Awards for UK business"**



*Ophir Daniel - IT Director, Ann Chapman - Marketing Director and Rahman Hyatt - Sales Director*

Winning this accolade is testament to the people behind Minesoft who ensure it continues to be a forward-looking and responsive company. The Directors are grateful not only to their dedicated team of staff but also their loyal customers who have contributed to the success of Minesoft since its inception in 1996 and who continue to provide invaluable feedback for the ongoing development of our products and services.



*Ann Chapman and Rahman Hyatt meet HRH Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace to receive the Queen's Award.*

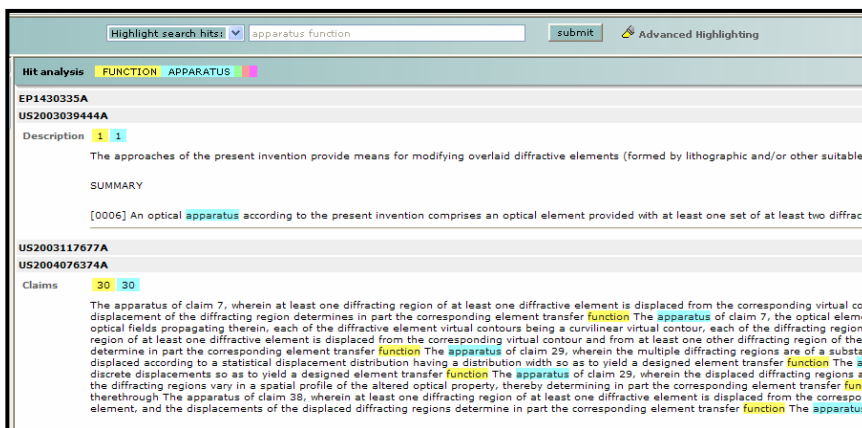
## PatBase News



Since the launch of 'Snapshot' (a smart, instant statistical analysis tool), Minesoft and RWS have been busy again working hard to introduce a multitude of new features and enhancements to PatBase and other Minesoft products throughout this year. Many of these changes have been implemented in direct response to client requests. Our focus with PatBase continues to be to provide a user friendly database with enhanced search functionality. With this focus in mind, please read on for details of the latest PatBase release...

## Enhanced highlighting within 'Full Text' display

KWIC (Keyword in Context) highlighting has been introduced to the 'Full Text' display. Selecting this option from the drop down menu will display keywords from a user's search strategy in context and indicate in which publications these keywords occur. This speeds up the process for users to focus on relevant publications containing keywords from their search criteria.



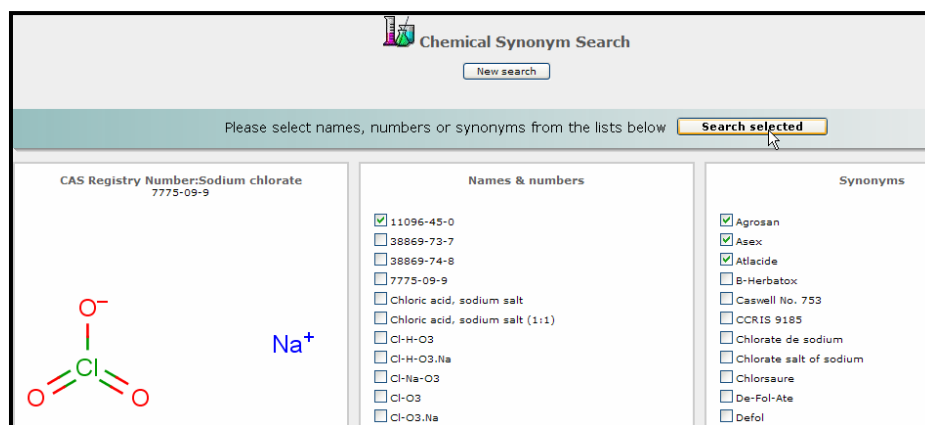
*“Keyword in Context Highlighting now available in Full Text display”*

In addition, family members which are highlighted in the family table when 'Viewing' or 'Browsing' results in PatBase will now also be highlighted in the family table displayed via the 'Full Text' allowing users to quickly identify relevant records. These members will also be highlighted along the list displayed on the left hand side so that the full text for highlighted members can be accessed easily.

## Chemical Synonym Search

The Chemical Synonym Search provides a fast and easy way to find relevant synonyms and numbers to enhance chemical searching within PatBase. Users simply enter a chemical name or number of interest and the corresponding chemical structure is displayed along with a list of names and synonyms including trade names and generic names.

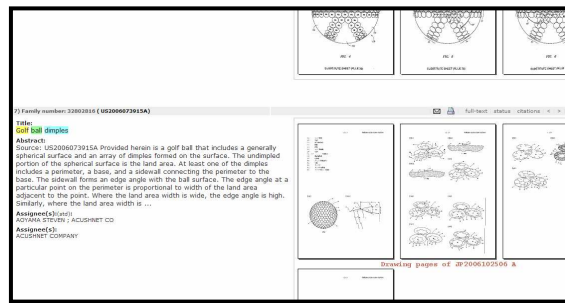
*“A tool to help make searching chemical patent information easier”*



*Users can then identify and select a variety of relevant names, numbers and synonyms from the display to search for across the comprehensive full-text data available within PatBase.*

## New Image Display Format

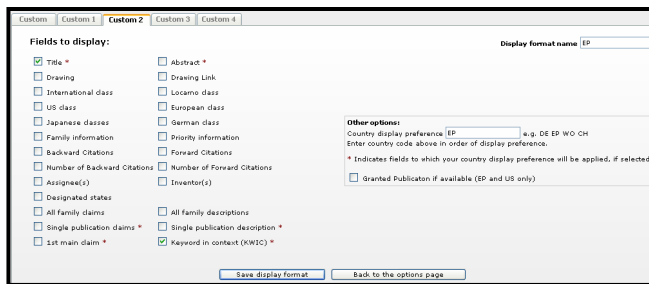
Following on from the 'Scan display format' there is now also an 'Image display format' in PatBase allowing searchers to glance through the visuals of inventions and scroll through results quickly using 'Keyboard shortcuts' which speeds up the process of finding relevant records.



*“Tailor the display of records according to different criteria”*

## Multiple Custom Display Formats: specify country

Five custom display formats are now available in PatBase, four of which can be re-named. This way, instead of changing the custom display format each time a user wants to display different criteria when viewing records, they simply choose one that has already been saved and named accordingly from the drop down menu. In addition to this it is possible to specify the display of data from a publication for a specific country where available including the Keyword in Context (KWIC) highlighting.



**New at Minesoft:**

Fiona Walkley joins the Customer Services team.

Fiona has a degree in French, in which she is fluent, with a background in client and database management and pharmaceutical research.

## Family Table: New Display Options

*The display of the family table available when you 'View' or 'Browse' results in PatBase can be pre-defined in user settings.*

View simple families

Sort family table by:  Country code  Publication date  Custom order  e.g. WO EP US

Family:	Publication number	Publication date	Application number	Application date	Links
Family Explorer	WO0130455 A2	20010503	WO2000US41475	20001024	
	WO0130455 A3	20010913	WO2000US41475	20001024	
	US6315686 BA	20011113	US19990426397	19991025	
	EP1224016 A2	20020724	EP20000988483	20001024	
	AU200124689 A5	20010508	AU20010024689D	20001024	
	JP2003512141 T2	20030402	JP20010532865T	20001024	

This will allow for family members within the table itself to be grouped together according to a user's preference allowing for a clear overview of the following:

**Simple Families** allows users to reorganise the family by strict families (i.e members which claim identical priorities) which also gives an insight into how extended families are constructed within PatBase.

**Country Code:** Members within the family table will be sorted in alphanumerical order by country code.

**Publication date:** Members within the family table will be sorted by publication date displaying the member with the earliest publication date first.

**Customise country display:** Members within the family table will be sorted by country code in order of preference specified by the user.

*“Control the sort order of the Family Table according to your personal preferences”*

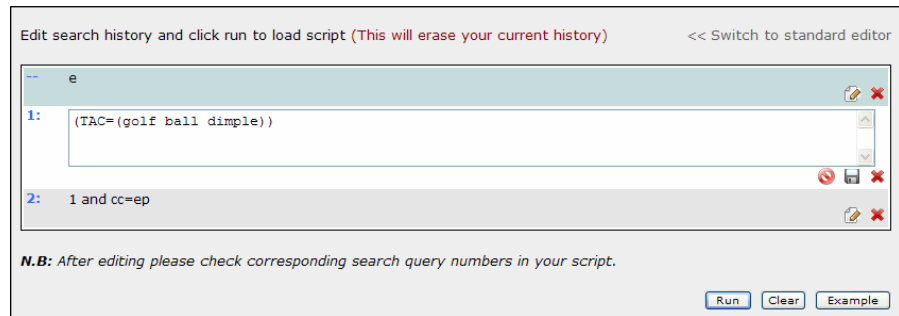


*“Use the ‘simple editor’ to modify your search strategy”*

*Please keep your ideas coming in as we maintain a Wish List and constantly review what we can do to add value to your searching and to our services”, says Ann Chapman, Director and co-Founder of Minesoft*

## Search History Editor

A user friendly search history editing tool has been integrated into PatBase. With the ‘Simple editor’ each search step number is displayed clearly along the side making it easier for users to edit each step and alter search step numbers within the script where necessary.



## Further Enhancements to PatBase

In case you didn't know....

*Minesoft and RWS continuously work towards the goal of improving the search and display functionality within PatBase to make searching more efficient and more enjoyable for users whatever their specific requirements may be.*

**Folders** - It is possible to create user groups for sharing folders and select between granting read only or edit access to sharers. Folders can be renamed easily and ‘Published’ allowing other PatBase users and non-PatBase users access to folder contents.

**Alerts** - Alert links are now active for longer enabling recipients to check/compare alert results over a significant period of time (links remain valid for 6 months). Alert results for respective owners are also now archived and accessible directly via the ‘Alerts’ tab on the PatBase interface.

**Machine Translation Function**—The default option for on-the-fly Machine Translation has now changed to Systran for Latin and non Latin Full text. The option to use Google Translate is still also available. This gives you the option of choosing two different translation options when viewing the Full Text.

**Help**- The help file in PatBase is searchable allowing a swifter way of finding the relevant help section to assist you in PatBase.

**PDF export format** - Book marks and a summary page have been included so that users can click through directly to relevant parts of the export document.

**Export results** - Exports are now archived in PatBase showing recent offline exports via the ‘Accounting’ tab.

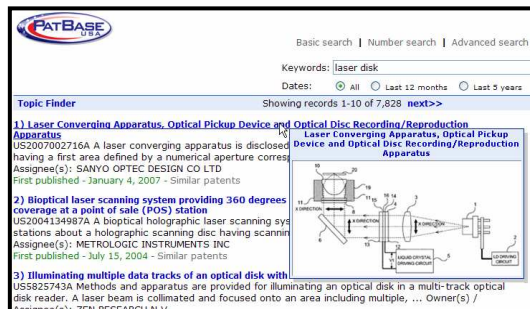
**Non Latin Assignee & Inventor data** - This is available in PatBase and can be displayed by enabling the appropriate user default setting.

**VizPat Statistical Analysis** - The display of the Statistical Analysis has been improved allowing for easier navigation. Additional options include display of classification tree to see the hierarchical structure for relevant classification codes and click through options to view results in PatBase and access the advanced analysis options directly.

In line with the developments in PatBase, there have also been a series of enhancements to the PatBase Express user interface...

**PatBase USA**

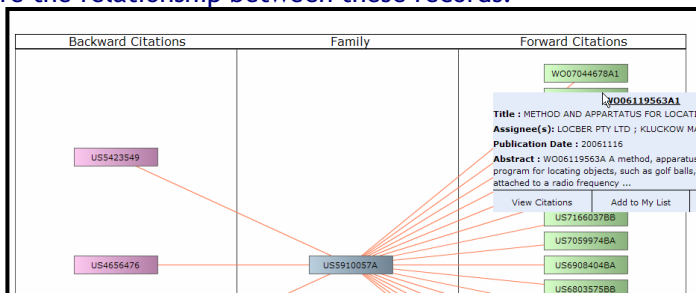
A new interface for US publication data is available via the PatBase Express interface which is much more convenient for users who are interested in searching primarily US data. PatBase USA allows users to search and view US publications as individual records and also supports the option to search by US Serial numbers. The corresponding family table for a US publication is still available to view in the record displayed and more information on the family itself can be obtained by easily switching back to the standard Global PatBase



*“Limit your search to only granted US patents or search on US serial numbers with new PatBase Express USA”*

**Citation Tree added to PatBase Express**

Each PatBase Express record now contains a link to a Citation Tree - giving users a visual representation of citations and allowing users to navigate backwards and forwards to explore the relationship between these records.



**New at Minesoft:**  
 Jorge Stegeman b.c. Int. Dipl. Betriebswirt joins the Dusseldorf office.

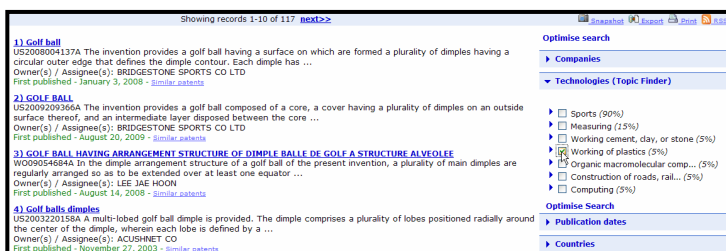
**New to PatBase Express: Search Optimiser**

*Use the new Search Optimiser to refine your search*

Search results from PatBase Express will now be complemented by a new tool - the Search Optimiser - that displays the top companies, technology areas, publication dates and countries within your results set and allows you to narrow your search further by selecting the groups most relevant to your query.

This new feature now appears automatically to the right of your search results offering an accessible and fast way of improving search relevancy.

Jorge holds an international degree in Business Administration and is fluent in German, English and Dutch. Prior to Minesoft he was International Project Manager in developing and selling technical products with Axcom & Honeywell.



## RWS NEWS



RWS GROUP



Ray Varley joins  
RWS North America



RWS Group's Beijing  
office

*“IP document  
retrieval services  
from Tempus IP”*

### Queen's Award

We were honoured to receive the Queen's Award for Enterprise: International Trade 2009. This is the fourth time the Group has won this award.



Jane Warley (RWS receptionist/WP editor) and Reinhard Ottway (Business Development Director) meeting the Queen and Prince Philip during the Queen's Award reception at Buckingham Palace

### New appointment

Our North American presence has been strengthened by the addition of **Ray Varley** as Business Development Executive for IP services and medical translations.

Ray began his career in the US Coast Guard as an Electronics Technician. He comes to RWS Group with over 20 years of experience in technical sales, much of which has involved information technology with five years specialising in intellectual property.

### China office

Our China office - established four years ago - offers a cost-effective, local resource for patent searching, patent translations and filing. Following expansion and relocation to larger offices these services are now also being offered to Chinese patent professionals.

## Tempus IP News



Tempus IP and Minesoft are pleased to announce the implementation of a new and improved website and service procedure at <http://www.tempusip.com>

### Enhancements to Tempus IP file history service include:

- Built-in feature that automatically and proactively checks the inventory for previously ordered file histories by your company, so that you do not order the same document twice; and an immediate download follows
  - If your company has an internal collection of File Histories, Tempus IP can store this for you and link the File Histories to your interface for fast and efficient searching
- NPL from electronic File Histories (Image File Wrappers - IFW) will be available within two hours after placing your order.\*

### Tempus IP's Service:

- All our electronic documents are provided in searchable PDF format.
- Your history of orders is accessible for an unlimited time period
- Past orders can be forwarded to anyone
- Electronic documents are delivered by email with a direct link to the file history (no attachments to cause problems)
- US file histories are delivered within **24hours\*\*\***

\* if the order is placed before 4PM

\*\*\* when original paper copy is available for public inspection

## Other Minesoft News...

### PatentArchive News



As the need for companies to monitor competitor activity and trends in technology increases in order to stay at the cutting edge of their respective industries, Minesoft has experienced an increase in demand for its Patent Archive Solutions.

Minesoft's Patent Archive solutions have been developed as a result of experience gained working closely with large multinational corporations enabling them to build up an in-house database of key patent data using a comprehensive alert management system. This data can be classified and distributed to keep researchers and product developers aware of the latest developments in their fields of activity. There is also a user friendly interface allowing end users to subscribe to areas of technology of interest and not only search records based on standard bibliographic data but also search data based on an internal classification system. Such a system can serve to assist with a smooth work flow with respect to identifying, analysing and processing patent information as well as improving the flow of communication throughout the companies between various departments.

*“Generate long term strategic value in your patent information with a tailored Patent Archive solution”*

**Name: Test Alert**  
**Week: 0949**  
**Total Families: 4**

1. Family: 5425553 forward to | Do Not Forward | Add Notes | PatBase | Legal Status | View Family Info

**Method for producing ultra fine and short metal fibers**

**Abstract:** Source: US470398A As a grinder is being rotated, an outer circumference thereof and a metal block of raw material are pressed at determined speed or under determined pressure, and the grinder cuts the block on its surface so as to generate short metal fibers of not more than about 15 μm in calculated as diameter and not more than about 400 μm in length by contacting between each of abrasive grains held in a matrix of the grinder and the surface of the raw material.

**Assignees:** JAPAN RES DEV CORP  
**IPC:** B22F1/00; B22F9/02; B22F9/04; B23P17/00; B23P17/06; B24B1/00; D01D5/00; D01F9/08

2. Family: 5426057 forward to | Do Not Forward | Add Notes | PatBase | Legal Status | View Family Info

**Method and apparatus for separating gases**

**Abstract:** Source: US4704139A A method of separating gases which includes: a step which introduces into a separating cell a mixture gas that contains paramagnetic gases and nonparamagnetic gases, and which separates the paramagnetic gases and the nonparamagnetic gases from the mixture gas via a permeable membrane in the separating cell; and a step which applies a magnetic field to a gas stream of the mixture gas nearby at right angles therewith to form a high gradient magnetic field region so that the ...

**Assignees:** HITACHI LTD  
**IPC:** B01D53/22; B03C1/00; B03C1/02; B03C1/30

3. Family: 42007675 forward to | Do Not Forward | Add Notes | PatBase | Legal Status | View Family Info

**Process For Producing Crosslinkable Compositions Based On Organopolysiloxanes**

**Abstract:** Source: US2008171845A In a process for producing crosslinkable organopolysiloxane compositions, in particular organopolysiloxane compositions which can be crosslinked at room temperature, the organopolysiloxane compositions are stored in a storage unit before being packed in moisture-proof containers, the storage having a storage capacity of at least 15 minutes of production capacity of the mixture, the essentially dead-space-free storage unit continually having an internal pressure of more ...

**Assignees:** WACKER CHEMIE AG  
**IPC:** B65B3/10; B65B3/12; C08G77/00; C08G77/04; C08J3/00; C08J3/20; C08J3/24; C08L83/00; C08L83/04

4. Family: 10338030 forward to | Do Not Forward | Add Notes | PatBase | Legal Status | View Family Info

**METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR AUTOMATED PLANNING BY COMPUTER OF THE PATH OF A SUSPENDED LOAD BEING TRANSPORTED BY A DEVICE FOR MOVING SUSPENDED LOADS**  
**VERFAHREN UND ANORDNUNG ZUR AUTOMATISIERTEN PLANUNG DER BAHN EINER ZU TRANSPORTIERENDEN HAENGELAST, BEIM TRANSPORT MIT EINEM HAENGELASTBEWEGUNGSGERAET, DURCH EINEN RECHNER**  
**PROCEDURE ET DISPOSITIF POUR LA PROGRAMMATION AUTOMATISEE, ASSISTEE PAR ORDINATEUR, DU PARCOURS D'UNE CHARGE SUSPENDUE A TRANSPORTER AU MOYEN D'UN APPAREIL DE DEPLACEMENT D'UNE TELLE CHARGE**

**Abstract:** Source: W0974339A Method and arrangement for automated planning by computer of the path (TJ) of a suspended load (SL) being transported by a device for moving suspended load. The invention specifies a computer-assisted method for planning the trajectories of suspended loads (SL), for example when being transported by slewing (S) or gantry cranes. A working range of the crane is divided into a cell matrix, and height values for an elevation profile determined by a sensor are assigned to this ...

**Assignees:** SIEMENS AG; WIENKOPF UWE  
**IPC:** B66C15/00; B66C15/04

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**New at Minesoft:**

Dr Trefor Roberts (MInstP) joins the Development Team.

For more information and to see a demonstration of Minesoft's Patent Archive tool please contact [info@minesoft.com](mailto:info@minesoft.com) or +44 02084040651.

### PatentTracker News



Minesoft is pleased to announce that its patent watch service PatentTracker once again enables users to track changes on the USPTO. As well as running Alerts on the EPO, British, Canadian and German patent registers and the INPADOC patent family and legal status, users will now be able to track changes on a bi-weekly basis that occur on the US patent register, ensuring they keep up to date on any changes in US bibliographic or procedural data including reassignments.

For more information about our PatentTracker service please go to

<http://www.minesoft.com/patenttracker/> or email [info@minesoft.com](mailto:info@minesoft.com)

With a BSc and PhD in Physics (Astrophysics field) as well as an MSc in Audio Acoustics, Trefor brings over 6 years experience in programming complex applications to Minesoft - and in his spare time he is a bass guitarist!

## People News

The Minesoft team continues to grow with the addition of 3 new members in 2009:

- *Trefor Roberts* strengthens the in-house development team and brings with him several years of IT experience in large City firms.
- *Fiona Walkley* joins the Customer Services Team in London and will focus particularly on supporting our French-speaking clients.
- The Dusseldorf office of Minesoft is also expanding with the appointment of *Jorge Stegemann* who will provide local sales and customer support for our German clients.

## Events

Minesoft exhibits and speaks regularly at patent information and related conferences. Minesoft will be present at the following events to discuss and demonstrate products and services:

Conference	Date	Location
IPI ConfEx, International Patent Information Conference and Exposition	7-10 March	Lisbon
Nordic IPR Forum	23-24 March	Stockholm
IP Think Tank & Live Auction	24-25 March	San Francisco
East meets West. Forum on patent information from Japan and East Asia	22-22 April	Vienna
PIUG Annual Meeting	1-6 May	Baltimore
PATLIB (EPO)	31 May-2 June	Dresden
IRF Symposium	1-4 June	Vienna
SERI, Salon Européen De la Recherche	2-4 June	Paris
PatInfo	10-11 June	Ilmenau
I-Expo Strategic Information Business Intelligence Exhibition	17-18 June	Paris
IP Business Congress	20-22 June	Munich
American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Annual Conference	10-13 July	Denver
EPO Patent Information Conference (EPOPIC)	19-21 October	Lausanne
Pharma-Bio-Med Conference and Exhibition	7-10 November	Seville

*We welcome your feedback and suggestions about all our products and services. It is easy to email us your suggestions and ideas from our corporate website and from the PatBase website ([www.patbase.com](http://www.patbase.com)). At [www.minesoft.com](http://www.minesoft.com) you will find details of conferences and exhibitions we are attending as well as training dates. If you would like to request training near to or at your offices, please contact us.*

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