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PatBase, the searchable patent database organised into patent families, has undergone much development since its commercial launch two years ago.

Developed in partnership with RWS, PatBase offers a search platform for both the beginner and expert searcher. The addition of searchable full-text from the GB, US, EP, WO, DE and FR patent-issuing authorities, in autumn 2004, to the original strong classification searching database, further enhanced this already powerful search tool.

Since then more enhancements have been made to:

- Data
- Export options (CSV advanced, PDF export, keep highlighting, add notes)
- Folder management (multiple folder options)
- Highlighting features
- PDF ordering options (batch PDF download)
- Search and display functions (new commands and customise features)

The most recent PatBase development projects include:

- The addition of English machine translations
- Ensuring the smooth introduction of the IPC 8
- The addition of Japanese patent classifications (F-Terms and F-Indexes)

English machine translations of French and German abstracts have been added where no English abstract is available to aid keyword searching. This is especially useful when carrying out patent novelty searches, validity searches and monitoring competitive intelligence. The English machine translations will remain as part of the PatBase record until an official translation has been produced or an English language family member joins the record.

The addition of searchable Japanese patent classifications to PatBase, due for commercial launch early next year, compliment the existing IPC, ECLA and USPCs. The existing option to run statistical analysis on keyword or assignee by classification will also be offered for the Japanese patent classifications.

Development work on PatBase has been incessant, but satisfying and beneficial. Evidence of the hard work is reflected in the content, functionality and efficiency of PatBase. For further information about PatBase please contact info@patbase.com

Other Minesoft products which have undergone recent enhancements include;

Minesoft Patent Tracker – There is now an option to monitor application and publication numbers on the US PAIR in addition to the GB, DE, EP and CA National Patent Registers as well as INPADOC patent family and legal status information.

Minesoft PatentOrder Archive – Advancements to possibilities within the searchable archive (searchable field options, email alerts, technology owners/inspectors, internal classifications) and tools for viewing and examining patent documents.

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