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The Joy of Text!

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Abstract:

The importance of searching full text, as a complement or in some cases replacement to bibliographic and abstracts databases, is gaining widespread acceptance among the patent information community. While there are more full text patent databases available online than ever before, these still represent only a fraction of the 40 million plus patents published worldwide. More importantly, in almost all cases none of the, so called, full text databases currently available can properly be described as "full". Indeed, when a database is only half full, wouldn't it be more accurate to call it half empty?

This presentation will discuss the various national and international full text databases currently available and lack of availability, highlighting perceived strengths and weaknesses and revealing known plans for publishing further full text databases.

Bio:

Willem Geert Lagemaat is CEO of Univentio, a company with its headquarters in the Netherlands that specializes in building bibliographic, full text and image patent databases for the online, intermediary and end-user IP communities. After graduating from his technical university (HTS), Willem joined Univentio in 1993 and was appointed CEO of Univentio in 1996. The company was originally founded by his father in 1952. This month Willem was elected President of PatCom, the association of commercial patent information service providers.

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