PIUG 2014 Annual Conference Workshop
Advanced Strategies for Searching Patents in Any Source

Time and location

Thursday, May 1: 8:00am – 9:00am in Grand F meeting room

Abstract

This session will cover alternative ways of approaching patent search problems using both open web and vendor sources. It is aimed at both the new and experienced searcher in any discipline and will cover several step-by-step methodologies that can help unlock information from various databases. These strategies can also be used outside of patent databases, as they are source independent. Included will be a strategy that can help to determine when your search may be done; that is, when you have really exhausted your resources and further searching may not provide anything new. The strategies include:

- Pearl Growing
- Cherry Picking
- Successive Fractions
- Proper Minimal Subset
- Linking
- and more

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Ron performs patent searches and instructs individuals on how to search patents. He is a Patent Attorney and an Adjunct Professor at the MS in Patent Law program at Notre Dame University School where he teaches patent searching. Next semester he will also teach a patent and trademark searching course at DePaul Law School. He has conducted technical and patent searches and has advised others on patent information since the mid-1970's. He worked as Manager of Patent Information at Abbott and also in various positions at Dialog, but has always worked with technical and patent information. He has a BS in Chemistry, an MS in Computer Science and a JD with a Certificate in Patent Law and is a co-inventor of a published patent application and a co-author of a NISO standard on a common command search language.