

EPO's PATSTAT Online

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Abstract:

PATSTAT is the EPO's backbone data set for statistical analysis on bibliographical and legal status patent data. Access to it has recently become a lot easier, with the launch of PATSTAT Online.

Often patent information specialists are confronted with the fact that they know exactly what kind of data they need, but the tools they have available only provide pre-calculated indicators or data sets coming out of a “black box”.

The PATSTAT product line puts the underlying “raw data” at the user's fingertips. If you have very specific needs for (large amounts of) patent data, PATSTAT might be the database you have been looking for.

The workshop will give you an introduction to PATSTAT and how to write SQL queries to extract data. We will be using EPO's “Patent information services for experts” which hosts the complete PATSTAT database on an SQL server. Participants are requested to bring their own laptops for hands-on exercises. A little background knowledge of relational databases will make it easier to enjoy the presentations.

The workshop is free of charge, but you can order PATSTAT if you like what you see :)

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Geert Boedt:

Geert Boedt took up his first position at the European Patent Office in the Patent Information Promotion Directorate in 2004. He is currently a member of the Business Use of Patent Information team at the EPO in Vienna and is responsible for marketing, promotion, and training of IP Score and the PATSTAT product line. He specialises in patent statistics and patent indicators. Born in the Flemish part of Belgium, he took a BSc in Applied Informatics and spent several years working for various international organisations. He worked for the International Labour Office in Bangkok, Geneva and Islamabad as an information specialist responsible for the development and the deployment of information dissemination and project management tools. He also worked in

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Dan Shalloe, a mechanical engineering graduate, joined the European Patent Office as a patent examiner in 1989 and moved to the newly formed Vienna office in 1991. Since that date, he has specialised in patent information. He is the editor of the EPO's Patent Information News newsletter and project manages the EPO's Patent Information Conference. He has spoken at the PIUG annual meeting a number of times in the past, as well as IPI-Confex. Since 2002 he has been the contact person at the EPO for issues relating to certification of patent searchers.