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# State of the Art Searching

25 June 2026  
+ 3 December 2026

Learn when and how to perform a 'state of the art' patent search.



**Format:**  
Live online



**CPD:**  
6 hours for your records



Certificate of  
completion

# Course overview

## **This course will teach you the essential skills for conducting a comprehensive 'state of the art' patent searches.**

Our expert trainer will guide you through selecting the right content, putting together and executing an effective search strategy, and analysing and reporting your findings.

While the focus is on patent searching, the course also explores when and how to incorporate other technical literature into your state of the art review, depending on your specific field.

A state of the art search must be broader than a typical patentability search. You will learn about standard search protocols, and how to balance recall and precision, ensuring relevance for optimal results. The course emphasises practical techniques, including the use of patent classifications, patent citations, and name searching, to build a robust collection for an initial state of the art review. The course will consider when and how to use AI search and analysis tools during the search and review process.

Given that the state of the art is always evolving, the course will also cover how to stay up to date by setting up effective technology patent monitoring processes. This will ensure you remain informed about the latest advancements in your field.

## Benefits of attending

By attending this course you will:

- **Expand** your knowledge of the importance of State of the Art searching
- **Learn** when to carry out the search and how to select the content
- **Get to grips** with search techniques and how to analyse your results
- **Learn** when AI (artificial intelligence) tools might be beneficial
- **Understand** how to report your results
- **Clarify** techniques to stay up to date with State of the Art

## Who should attend?

This course is for all those working in IP or patent information or patent engineer roles, either in industry or legal businesses, and wanting to improve and / or update their search skills.

The course will be of particular interest to:

- IP managers
- Patent research specialists and analysts
- Technology transfer officers
- R&D and technical product managers
- R&D scientists and engineers wanting to ensure they are not 're-inventing the wheel'
- Sales and support professionals of commercial information providers

# Programme

## **Content selection**

- Patents, NPL (non-patent literature), Standards
- Database selection
- Date coverage
- Country coverage
- Search tools, including AI tools

## **Search techniques**

- Concept definitions, preparing the strategy
- Relevance
- Recall and precision
- Broadening your search statements
- Narrowing your search statements
- Classifications
- Citations
- Name searching
- Techniques for specific technical fields (chemistry, biotech, mechanical, devices, ICT)
- How AI can help with search

## **Analysing the results**

- Clean up
- Categorisation of large sets
- AI as a tool for analysis of results
- Understanding patent families
- Identifying trends, pivotal patents, key players, emerging opportunities
- Reporting styles

## **Maintain awareness of the State of the Art**

- Setting up alerts
- Reviewing and re-running the searches
- Dissemination of the results

## **References for further study**

# Presenter



## Jane List

Jane List founded Extract Information Limited, Cambridgeshire, UK, in 2013 following a career in the information industry where she held commercial, content, and product development roles at Lighthouse IP, ProQuest, and DataStar. She has also held IP and Information analyst roles at The Technology Partnership plc, Xaar plc and the European Molecular Biology Laboratory. Jane has provided training in the retrieval and analysis of scientific, technical, medical, commercial and patent information throughout her career. At Extract Information Jane searches patents for her clients and provides IP management support. Jane has qualifications in Chemistry, Information Science, and IP Law.

Jane has other roles in patent information field:

- Editor in Chief of World Patent Information Journal, a leading journal in the field of patent information and IP management since 2014 <https://www.journals.elsevier.com/world-patent-information>.
- Secretary of PatCom, the group of commercial patent information providers ([www.patcom.org](http://www.patcom.org)) since 2014.
- In 2015 Jane List co-founded The Cambridge Information and Intellectual Property Meeting ([www.CIIPM.co.uk](http://www.CIIPM.co.uk)) to provide a space for knowledge sharing for those involved with technology commercialisation and needing to understand more about IP and understand more about patent searching.

# Course dates

**25 June 2026**

**Live online**

09:00-17:00 **UK (London)** (UTC+01)

Course code 16245

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**Until 21 May**

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