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# Legal Patent Searching

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An indepth look at the four types of patent search to help you build a successful IP portfolio.



**Format:**  
Live online



**CPD:**  
6 hours for your records



Certificate of  
completion

# Course overview

## **Learn more about patent search and review for patent portfolio building ( patentability, opposition, invalidity and freedom to operate).**

Legal patent searching is a crucial step in the patenting process. It helps businesses make informed decisions to ensure their inventions are novel and eligible for patent protection. By using the searching methods to their full potential, a business can avoid infringement on existing patents and potential legal issues, and make strategic decisions about the best way forward.

The first half of this course focuses on aspects of search theory, the patenting process and patent information theory. This knowledge forms the basis for your search and patent analysis.

The second half of the course provides strategies for executing each type of search and gives guidelines on how to report your results for each type.

The expert trainer will give you insights into when and how to undertake the patent searches and how they can build into successful portfolio management. There will be ample time for you to ask your particular questions and gain insights from the trainer's expert knowledge.

## Benefits of attending

By attending this course you will:

- **Learn** about the different types of patent search
- **Understand** how these relate to building your IP portfolio
- **Get to grips** with search theory and the patenting process
- **Master** the strategies for executing each type of search
- **Identify** the best ways of reporting your results

## Who should attend?

This course has been specially designed for all those working in IP or patent information, or patent engineer roles either in industry or legal businesses. It's specifically for those wanting to improve and / or update their search knowledge and skills.

The course will be of particular interest to:

- IP managers
- Patent research specialists and analysts
- Patent information professionals
- Technology transfer officers
- R&D leads 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

## **Patent terminology and the patenting process**

- The patenting timeline and the legal search process
- Patent families, equivalents, and legal status
- The importance of dates

## **Patent terminology and the patenting process continued**

- Understanding claims
- Prior art search tools

## **Search theory and search types for IP portfolio building**

- Patentability, and other pre-filing searches
- Opposition search
- Freedom to operate search

## **Search theory and search types for IP portfolio building continued**

- Freedom to operate search
- Monitoring cases
- Reporting your results

## **Course review and final questions**

- Useful resources

# Presenter



## Jane List

**Jane List** founded Extract Information Limited, Cambridgeshire, UK, in 2013. Extract Information provides legal and industry focussed patent searching and reporting, IP management support for small companies, and product development consultancy for the information industry.

Jane previously worked in IP and Information analyst roles at The Technology Partnership (TTP) plc, Xaar plc and the European Molecular Biology Laboratory. She also worked in the information industry where she held commercial, content, and product development roles at Lighthouse IP, ProQuest, and DataStar. Throughout her career she has provided training in the retrieval and analysis of scientific, technical, medical, commercial and patent information, most recently through CIIPM where she developed the courses in IP and Commercialisation. Jane has qualifications in Chemistry, Information Science, and IP Law.

# Course date

20 October 2025

Live online

09:30-17:00 **UK (London)** (UTC+01)

Course code 14884


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**Until 15 Sep**

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