Support Patent Litigation with Derwent Innovation

How can I defend against a patent infringement suit? How can I pursue litigation against infringement on patents in my portfolio?

Drewent Innovation provides an excellent resource for the patent litigation process. When defending against infringement suits, you can easily research litigation history on asserted patents, estimate potential damages, and establish the novelty of your invention. When pursuing cases against infringements on your IP, you can quickly identify your most valuable patents, find potential infringements, and set notifications on potentially infringing developments.

Defend Against Infringement Suits

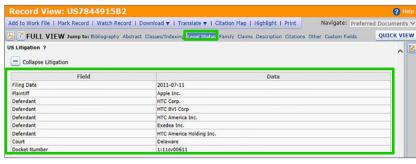
Locate the Asserted Patent in Derwent Innovation



- Open Derwent Innovation and select Publication Number on the Dashboard
- 2. Enter the asserted publication number and click the search icon
- Click the hyperlinked publication number to open the record view for the patent
- If the Quick View record view displays, click the Full View button

The record view contains all available information about the patent record, such as citations, claims, and legal status. This information can help determine the asserted patent's threat level and aid your defense.

Determine Threat Level from Litigation History



- 1. Click the Legal Status link
- 2. Expand the US Litigation section
- Note any prior litigation surrounding the patent, including plaintiffs and defendants
- Use the docket number(s) in the litigation history to research the cases outside Derwent Innovation

Patents that prevailed in previous litigation represent serious threats

Review the Patent's Legal Status and Health

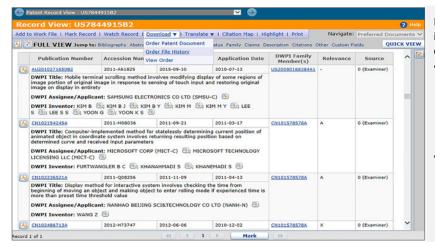


It is important to know if a patent is still in force.

- Review the legal status information for the patent to find indications that the patent has lapsed
- Click Get Family Legal Status to see if the patent did not grant or was successfully opposed elsewhere
- Click **Download**, **File History** to order a full history of the asserted patent



Conduct an Invalidity Study on the Asserted Patent

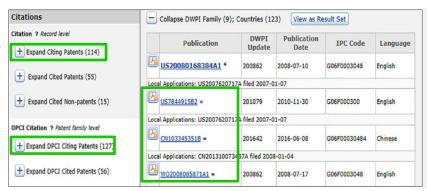


Invalidating a patent is a potential defense against an infringement suit. Derwent Innovation can help provide evidence to invalidate a patent.

- Review DPCI Cited Patents to see if any citations were classified with a relevance category of X or Y, which indicate examiner closer art citations that could potentially attack the asserted patent's novelty
- Conduct a prior art search for the asserted patent—as described in the Stress Test Your Top Patents for Invalidity section—to further attack the asserted patent's novelty

Tip: You can also export citef patent information to examine citation data for large sets of patents.

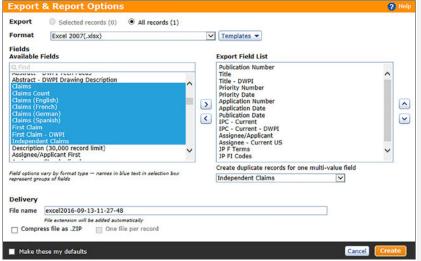
Perform Preliminary Patent Value Analysis



Patents are difficult to valuate, but the record may contain value indicators.

- Review citation information, as highly cited patents often carry higher value
- Track citations vs. remaining patent term to assess potential for growth
- Examine granted family members, which indicate perceived global potential and commercialization

Review Overlap between Asserted Claims and Alleged Product Infringement



Review the claims in the asserted patent to evaluate the overlap with the alleged infringement by your product or patent.

You can export this information in Excel format to easily create a chart between the asserted claims and your product's features that may help to establish uniqueness.

- 1. Click **Export** on the result set
- 2. Select Excel 2007 for the export format
- 3. Select the relevant claims fields you want to examine and click the right arrow to include them in the export

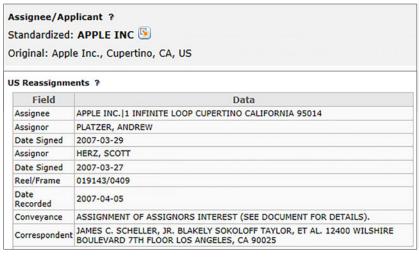
Tip: Your export can contain separate rows for each independent claim, which may help you create your chart more easily

4. Click Create, then click Available Now





Research the Patent's Current Owner



Derwent Innovation can help you research the ownership history of the asserted patent, which may inform your response to a suit.

Review the Original Assignee, DWPI Assignee and Latest Assignee- US fields, and the US Reassignment table to try and determine the patent's current owner.

- Does the entity asserting the patent matches the current assignee?
- Is the entity asserting the patent the inventing entity?
- Has the patent ownership changed?
- Is the current owner an acquirer or a non-practicing entity?

Protect your Intellectual Property from Infringement

Focus on the Most Valuable Patents in your Portfolio

Derwent Innovation can help you evaluate your patent portfolio to find which patents hold the most value. Refer to the Identify License Opportunities blueprint for details on how to use patent citations to analyze your portfolio.

Alternately, the Clarivate Analytics IP Services team can perform a comprehensive review of your portfolio. This review uses a statistical scoring system to apply strength metrics to each patent in your portfolio, which you can then use to focus your protection efforts.

Stress Test yout Top Patents for Invalidity



As noted previously, invalidating a patent can be a strong defense against an infringement claim. Research prior art for your top patents to ensure that they cannot be thrown out during litigation.

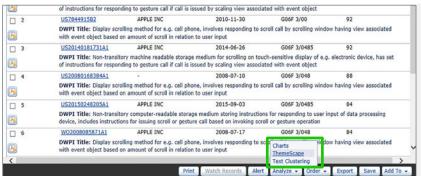
- Use Smart Search with the claims from one of your top patents to find patents for similar inventions
- Limit the time period for your search based on the priority date

If prior art is easy to find, move to the next patent.

If there is little prior art, return the Smart Search in combination with the priority date of the patent you want to assert.



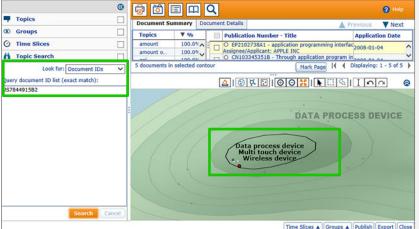
Create a ThemeScape Map to Explore Closely Related Patents



ThemeScape groups patents by conceptual terms (topics) so you can quickly identify patents with similar content, which may indicate infringement.

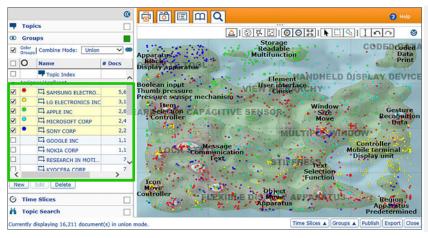
- From the results of your stress test Smart Search, click Analyze, ThemeScape
- Give the ThemeScape map a Name and click Save to create the ThemeScape map
- After the map processes, click the run icon to open the map

Locate Similar Patents on the Map



- Open the Topic Search panel, click Look for, and select Document ID
- Enter the publication number (Derwent Innovation standard format) for the patent to assert and click Search
- Give the automatically created group a Name and click Save
- Zoom in on your document and review other records in the area
 - Click the peak's contour line to see that peak's related documents
 - Use the selection tools to see similar patents in a free-form area
 - Selected documents display in the document viewer

Explore Competitor Overlap



ThemeScape automatically creates groups for the top assignees in the map. You can use these automatic groups to compare where your areas of interest overlap competitors.

- Review the list to see top players in this technology space
- Select your company and other assignees to map their patents
- Review the map to see technology areas where there is mutual interest
- Use the top assignee list and the key terms from any overlap areas to create alerts that monitor further developments in those areas

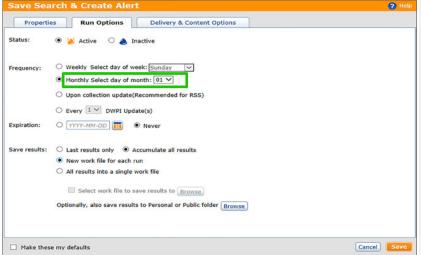


Stay Up to Date with the Patent Landscape

The patent landscape changes constantly. New patents could trigger infringement suits against your products, and competitor's developments could infringe on your established patents.

Derwent Innovation makes it easy to keep up to date with the latest developments so that you can receive advance warning of potential litigation and stay alert for possible infringement.

Alerts Report on New Patent Filings



Alerts let you know when new patents are filed that match specific search criteria. To create an alert:

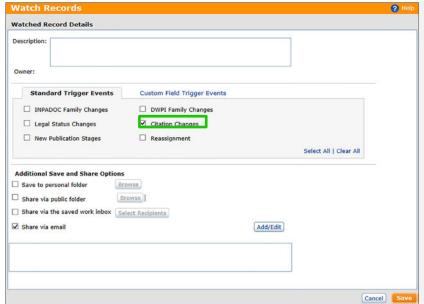
- Create and run a search that locates records similar to your products or patents
- 2. Click the Alert button and enter a Name
- Click the Run Options tab, select how you want to receive your alert, and click Save

You will receive new patents that match your search are added.

Tips for Effective Alert Queries

- Use combined Title/Abstract/Claims fields for complete coverage
 - Use Smart Search or ThemeScape to find keywords for your search
- Review top assignees in ThemeScape or the Results Dashboard to focus alerts on specific competitors

Watched Records Report New Citations on your Patents



Watched records let you know when changes occur on your patents or suspect competitor patents.

- Run a publication number search for patents you want to watch
- Click the select all checkbox, then click Watch Records
- Select the events you want to watch and click Save
 Tip: Add email addresses for other people who should receive the notices

You will receive notifications with exactly what changed on the record whenever changes occur. You may want to watch:

- New citations on your patents
- Family changes on foreign competitor applications so you know if they are granted in your jurisdiction
- New publication stages on domestic competitor applications

Learn More with These Tips & Tricks

- Alerting Maximized: Get The Most Out Of Your Alerts
- Assignee Searching Quick Reference

