DERWENT INNOVATION

HOW TO SEARCH - ASSIGNEE NAME
GOAL

1. The goal when searching for Assignee names is to locate all patents assigned to a particular Company, University or other Entity of interest.

2. Assignees have the potential to have their patents assigned to subsidiaries or spinoff companies, so this should be taken into account when searching.
STEP 1

- Login to Derwent Innovation and select the orange ‘patent’ tile.
STEP 2

• For best practice, use the ‘assignee/applicant-DWPI’ or the ‘assignee/applicant’ field. Even better…. Search both!

• When utilizing assignee fields, simply place the assignee names of interest in each field. You can search as many assignee names as you like at the one time. Simply place an OR between each applicant name.

• As best practice, always make sure you are searching ALL patent collections.

• Derwent Innovation will instantly create a search strategy for you.
If searching multiple assignee name fields, select the appropriate assignee name search fields from the drop down boxes. Make sure if you are searching multiple assignee name fields, you use the OR function to accurately search all patent data via both fields.

Searching both DWPI and the standard patent text data will ensure you are searching and accessing the most comprehensive patent data possible.

Once you are happy with the names selected, select the ‘search’ button to view your results.
STEP 2 - CONTINUED

• Additionally, the ‘assignee/applicant’ field has a corporate tree searching function, which is accessible though the ‘browse’ button next to this field. This helps find subsidiary, spinoff of other companies appearing under a parent companies name.

• This corporate tree searching is valid for many US, EP and WIPO patent collections and companies. Many large Australian and New Zealand companies are also located in this corporate tree search however not all may be searchable. If you don’t find a particular applicant in the corporate tree don’t worry. The applicant can still be searched easily via the search field.
STEP 2 - CONTINUED

- Using the corporate tree is easy. Simply type in your assignee name and click ‘submit’
- Derwent Innovation will then list all matches to your query.
- You can then expand all names listed under the parent applicant name by clicking on the ‘plus’ icon.
- Simply click on each (or all names) under the parent name and select ‘save’.
- Derwent Innovation will add all these names automatically to your search.
STEP 3

- Once you are happy with your applicant name search strategy, click the orange ‘search’ button. Your results will then display. The names you have searched should be highlighted if you have the highlighting option turned on in your settings. You can modify your applicant name search strategy as you wish and update your results as you go.
STEP 4

- When you click on a specific patent record, the applicant name should be highlighted clearly under the ‘bibliography’ section of the patent record.

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