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Patentability Tips

1. Your best search choice is Semantic Search. Semantic Search is an example where more is always better; use as much text as you can find. Take your sample from:
 - Your patent abstract and a draft claim (1st choice)
 - Paragraphs of descriptive text (2nd choice)
 - Related website (3rd choice)
2. Keyword Search can work; however, it hinges upon:
 - using precise keywords,
 - eliminating irrelevant topics, and
 - using quotes for context where necessary.
3. Use the folder to gather and keep your search results. Export before shutting down to keep the results and have a live link to get back to your research.
4. Sorts and filters can help focus your search; however, be careful to not filter too much. Expired patents are still prior art.

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Patentability Workflow

1

Find a technical, natural language description

Best sources are the disclosure itself, an abstract, and/or draft claims

2

Use this in PatentScout's Semantic Search

Keyword search will work; use the text and Boolean syntax to build a solid query

3

Review the results; add selected patents to folder

Top 100 search results display (for semantic); use sort options to help search and select

4

Download the folder contents to Word file

Rename the **download file** to an appropriate mnemonic for later reference

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