

RESOURCES

Publically Available Databases

<http://www.uspto.gov> –Can search issued US patents (from 1976) and published US applications

-Assignment searches to determine assignor and assignee-
<http://assignments.uspto.gov/assignments/>

-Inventor search-check patent databases

-Maintenance fee to determine if maintenance fee has been paid-maintenance fees are due 4, 8 and 12 years post issuance-if not paid, patent is no longer enforceable-
<https://ramps.uspto.gov/eram/patentMaintFees.do>

<http://www.google.com/patents-> can search US patents from the 1790s and download

<http://ep.espacenet.com> -European Patent Office (contains published applications filed worldwide)

<http://www.wipo.int> - international patent applns.

<http://patent1.ic.gc.ca-> published Canadian Patent application

<http://www.scip.org-> society of competitive intelligence professionals

<http://www.usa-canada.les.org-licensing> executives society (contains information about royalty rates)

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/entrez-> pubmed (scientific and medical literature)

<http://www.sis.nlm.nih.gov/chemical.html-> national library of medicine (chemical structures)