


PatBase (PB) / PatBase Express (PBX) Comparison Table

Features			Notes
General			
Type	Professional users	Occasional users	PB: Primarily targeted at professional patent searchers. PBX: Offers a streamlined and intuitive interface which has been specifically designed for the occasional user, R&D teams and engineers.
Subscription	Annual	Annual	PB: Subscription to PatBase includes access to PatBase Express.
Multi-language user interface	English Chinese Japanese	English Chinese Japanese Spanish Portuguese German French	PB&PBX: Changing the language only changes the interface display and not the functionality.
Data coverage	Worldwide	Worldwide	PB&PBX: Identical bibliographic and full text patent data coverage. Please see PatBase coverage (updated weekly) available once logged in.
Search			
Search form	✓	✓	PB&PBX: Easy to fill in fields to run a search.
Quick/Basic search	✓	✓	PB&PBX: Run a quick keyword and/or assignee/inventor search.
Non-Latin search	✓	✓	PB&PBX: Search simultaneously non-Latin keywords and full text machine translation. Retrieve non-Latin words using the non-Latin search term translator.
Legal status search	✓	—	PB: Search legal status using the legal status search or command line.
Semantic search	✓	✓	PB&PBX: Retrieve similar patents with new semantic search option - use text from a patent or other scientific document.
Citation search	✓	—	PB: Search backwards and forwards citations via search form or command line.
Non patent literature search	✓	✓	PB&PBX: Interrogate 11 sources of non-patent literature: Agricola, Agris, PubMed, WorldWideScience, Science.gov, CiteSeerX, Microsoft Academic, CrossRef, Core, Springer Link and Google Scholar.

			PB: Additional link to non-patent literature through the 'similar' option.
Command line search	✓	—	PB: Used for more complex search strategies and to combine search steps.
Boolean, truncation and proximity operators	✓	✓	PB&PBX: Refine keyword searches by using boolean, truncation and proximity operators. Use truncation in keyword searches to pick up plurals, alternatives or misspellings.
Japanese classification	✓	—	PB: Search Japanese F-index and F-term classes.
Chemical structure search (Chemical Explorer)	*	*	PB&PBX: Requires a separate Chemical Explorer subscription. Instantly retrieve chemical compounds from patents through drawing chemical structures, entering trade names, IUPAC names etc.
Viewing results			
Automatic keyword highlighting	✓	✓	PB&PBX: Searched keywords automatically highlighted in the full text.
Advanced highlighting	✓	✓	Create customised advanced highlighting schemes. Boolean and truncation can be used. PB: Using up to 10 different colours. Additional ability to save highlighting scheme. PBX: Using up to 5 different colours only.
Predefined display formats	15	—	PB: Classic, full, biblio, scan, image, family +PN list, PN + KD list, PN list, PR list, AP list, IC list, EC list, UC list, CPC list, Hits.
Custom display formats	✓	—	PB: 5 custom display formats to customise, 4 custom display formats can be renamed.
Sorting order	12	2	PB: None, earliest priority date asc/desc, assignee, inventor, publication date asc/desc, patent number, most cited, relevance, family number asc/desc. PBX: Relevance, Date (newest records first).
Status data	✓	✓	PB&PBX: View dead/alive tags on records indicating the status of the publication (based on available INPADOC data).
Original PDFs	✓	✓	PB&PBX: Available to view original PDFs.
PDF downloads (PatentOrder & PatDocs)	*	*	PB&PBX: Requires a separate PatentOrder or PatDocs subscription in order to download multiple documents.
Viewing tools			

Similar patents	✓	✓	PB: Searches for similar patents by analysing different parts of the patent – title & abstract, claims, descriptions, images, citations, classifications, non-patent literature and prior art). PBX: Searches for similar patents using citation data only.
Machine translation	✓	✓	PB&PBX: Instantly machine translate sections of the full text into different languages.
Full text	✓	✓	PB&PBX: View full text for all publications within the family with options to summarise and compare text.
Textmine	✓	✓	PB&PBX: Explore in depth the chemicals, genes, proteins, diseases, polymers and physical parameters disclosed within the full text. These scientific terms can be highlighted
Citation data	✓	✓	PB: Use Citation Explorer to analyse citations with browse, statistical, tree, timeline, and matrix view. PBX: Browse backwards and forwards citations in a list or table view.
Legal status data	✓	✓	PB&PBX: Search INPADOC legal status codes and available National Patent Office codes (including: USPTO, JPO, DPMA, INPI and SIPO). Use Legal Status browser to view legal status events in a table or timeline, as well as reassignments, priority map and US litigation information.
Litigation data	✓	✓	PB: US litigation data is searchable using the command line and it is displayed in the legal status browser. PBX: US Litigation information is displayed on the Legal Status page but not searchable. (<i>PB & PBX: Global litigation information available with a subscription to Darts-ip</i>)
FDA data	✓	—	PB: Searchable FDA data, such as FDA active ingredient or FDA trade name to find specific results.
Patseq link	✓	—	PB: Publications containing sequence information which is available in PatSeq – A patent sequence database – contains a link in the full text which will take users to view the sequences in PatSeq.
Search tools			
Number wizard	✓	—	PB: Fast way to find possible patent number formats.

Classification finder		—	PB: Retrieve classifications by using codes or keywords found in class description.
Corporate tree			PB&PBX: Enables the quick identification of related parent and subsidiary companies which can then be included in one assignee search.
PatBase thesaurus			PB&PBX: Names and synonym lookup using the 4 thesauri – General, Chemical, Genes & Proteins and Language.
Browse index		—	PB: Browse the PatBase index, e.g. assignee name and spelling variations.
Upload script		—	PB: Upload a multi-line script to run and load in the search history page.
Upload numbers			PB&PBX: Upload multiple patent numbers to run and load in the “Search History” page. PB: Additional hit report to see which numbers were found/not found.
Optimise search			PB&PBX: Quickly refine results through companies, technologies (IPC/CPC), publication date or countries.
Alerts		—	PB: Create automatic alerts to monitor technologies or competitors. PBX: RSS feed only. PB&PBX: Additional PatBase alerts can be purchased. <i>Other Minesoft alerting products include PAIR alerts and Corporate alerts.</i>
Save search queries		—	PB: Save search queries and entire search histories permanently to reload later or export. PBX: Previous search queries from within the same session are available.
Search history		—	PB: Search history is automatically created and can be saved. This enables search queries to be combined.
Session log		—	PB: Ability to view and export detailed session log.
Sharing results			
Print			PB&PBX: Print records or charts using the print icon.
Export			PB&PBX: Export formats include Microsoft Word, HTML, XML, Excel, PDF and RIS. Third party formats: BizInt, Vantage Point and Centredoc – RAPID4. PBX: Limited customising ability for exports.
Export limit	Identical	Identical	PB&PBX:

			Daily quota: 10,000 records per user ID. Monthly quota: 30,000 records per user ID.
Export templates	✓	—	PB : Save export templates to use the same format, fields, records and options on the next export.
Share link	✓	✓	PB&PBX : Generate a sharelink to share records and folders. Non PatBase users will also be able to view sharelink information.
Folders	✓	✓	PB : Create dynamic results folders which can be exported/shared. Create up to 10 folder shortcuts when viewing results to organise family records. PBX : Create and export/share folders only.
Analysis			
Visual explorer	✓	✓	PB&PBX : Analyses the title and abstract of the top 2,000 records in the result set. Visualise trends in keywords, assignees and IPCs clearly with the dynamic Visual Explorer tool.
Snapshot	✓	✓	PB&PBX : Instant, easy-to-read statistical breakdown of entire result set. Charts are clickable, filtering the information back into PB or PBX.
PatBase Analytics V3	✓	*	PB : Instant, in-depth analysis of entire result set. Analyses: Jurisdiction, Years, Assignees, Inventors, Classifications, Agents, Legal Status, Citations and Keywords. PBX : PatBase Analytics V3 is available through PatBase Express for an additional cost.
User groups			
Custom user fields	✓	—	PB : Apply internal data using custom user fields to add value to PatBase records.
User group management	✓	—	PB : Create different user groups for sharing results folders with in PatBase.
User management	✓	—	PB : PatBase users with Administrative rights can manage users under their account e.g. to modify access rights.
Usage tracking	✓	—	PB : View your usage or account administrators can view users' usage in PatBase.
Support			
Searchable help files and manual	✓	✓	PB&PBX : Available to view/download after logging in.
Online and onsite training	✓	✓	PB&PBX : Online one to one training, webinar tutorials or face-to-face training can be arranged.