Patent Analytics for Empowering Business Decisions

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Agenda

- Background Term Definitions
- Patent Data Challenges
- Role of Patent Analysis in Corporate R&D
- Emerging Technologies Opportunities
- Case Studies
 - Company Profiling
 - Technology Assessment
- Summary

Background: What is Technical Intelligence (TI)?

Definitions:

- Work processes for helping technical decision makers make smarter decisions faster to assist with long term strategic technical planning
- An analytical process that transforms disaggregated technological information into relevant strategic knowledge about your competitor's technical position, size of efforts and trends

How does it fit with a company's business strategy?

- Provides foresight into strategic activities
 - Entering new business areas
 - Acquiring new technologies
 - Evaluating competitor's business moves
 - Deciding on what research areas to explore
 - Developing partnerships/out-licensing relationships

The key is actionable Intelligence

- Intelligence Cycle
 - Define needs and prepare a plan
 - Collect source materials
 - Analyze the results
 - Impact the business
- Information when analyzed becomes intelligence
- Intelligence directed towards a business decision becomes actionable
- Must be used by the decision maker

What is it not?

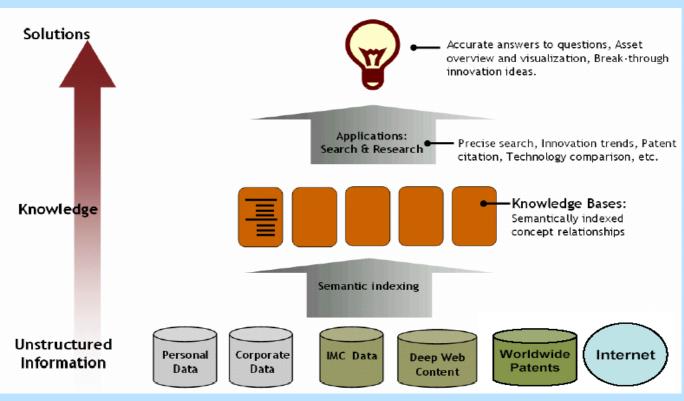
- Not For Patentability
- Not For Validity
- Not For Freedom to Practice
- Not looking for specific or focused information.

It is about trends and forecasting.



Emerging Technologies Opportunities





Set of tools - Facilitate knowledge extraction from patents

See also <u>Text Mining & Visualization Tools – Impressions of Emerging Capabilities</u>, Yang et.al., World Patent Information, Vol. 30, (2008), pp 280-293

Case Studies

Company Profiling* to identify:

- Technology areas
- Key researchers
- Patenting trends
- Potential for business development ("String of Pearls") opportunities

Technology Assessment to identify:

- Industry trends in kinase assay technology platforms
- Competitive landscape of pharma organizations
- Trends in therapeutic areas and kinase family groups
- Business investment strategy direction & implementation

^{*} Enhancing Patent Landscape Analysis with Visualization Output, Yang et. al., World Patent Information, Vol. 32 (2010), pp. 203-220

Patent Analyst's Role

- Select types of analysis and visualization tools that are most appropriate to the query and dataset based on:
 - Scientific expertise
 - Business knowledge
 - Understanding of clients' needs
 - Knowledge of tools and databases



- Collaborate interactively with users to refine the query & analysis criteria and output
- Guide users in navigating the dynamic reports to realize the full value of the report