Assignment Search Webinar



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Training Objectives

- Introduction
- Conducting an assignment search on the web
- New features and functionality for assignment searching
- How to perform common searches
- View query history
- Additional resources
- Coming Soon



What are Assignments?

- An assignment is a conveyance or transfer of ownership of a patent or patent application
- The vast majority of assignments are recorded with the USPTO
- Recordation is not required
- Assignments are recorded in an Assignment
 Database according to their "conveyance" type
 and given a Reel and Frame number



Assignment Database

 Database contains all recorded patent assignment information from August 1980 through today

Owners voluntarily record assignment information in the database

• Trademark ownership information is included in the Trademark Assignment Database, available at http://assignments.uspto.gov/assignments/q?db=tm



Assignment Searching

- New tool for searching patent assignment data
- Replaces current tool
- Uses a clean, modern user interface
- Contains additional search fields and search functionality



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- Inventors Assistance Center (IAC)
- Electronic Filing System (EFS-Web)
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Assignment Search Scenarios

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- New Search Functionality
 - Filter Search Results
 - Multi-Field Search
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 - Wildcard Search
 - Boolean Search

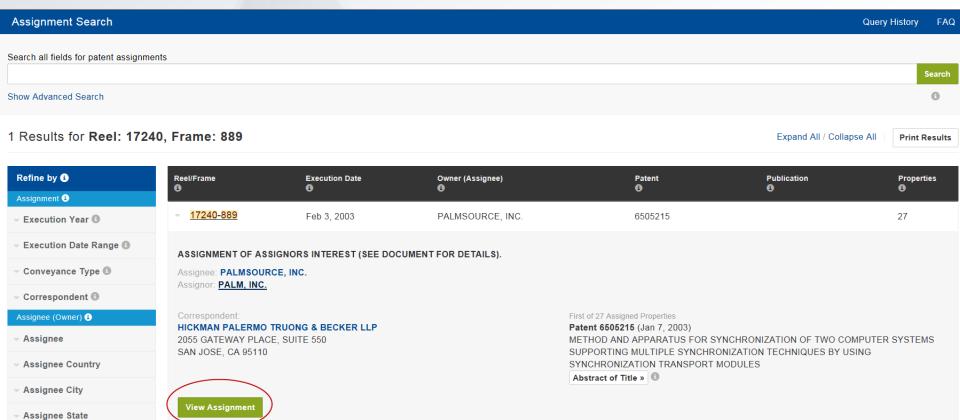


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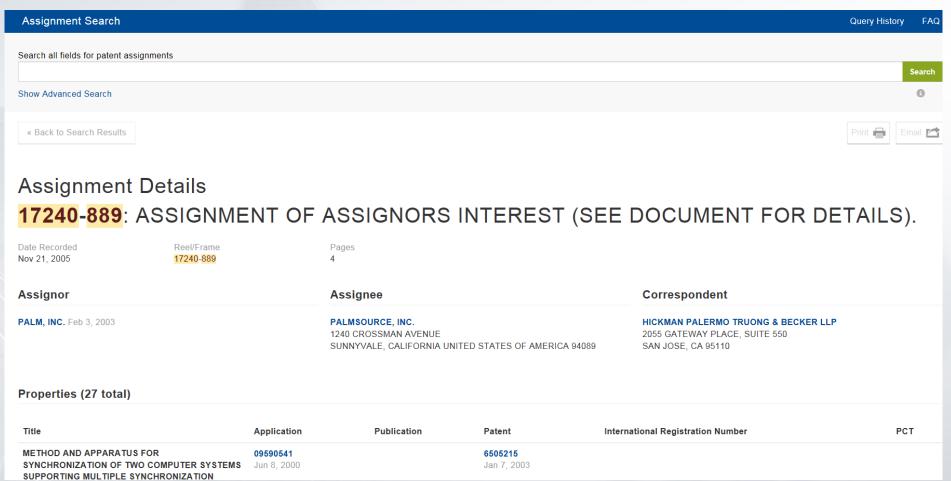


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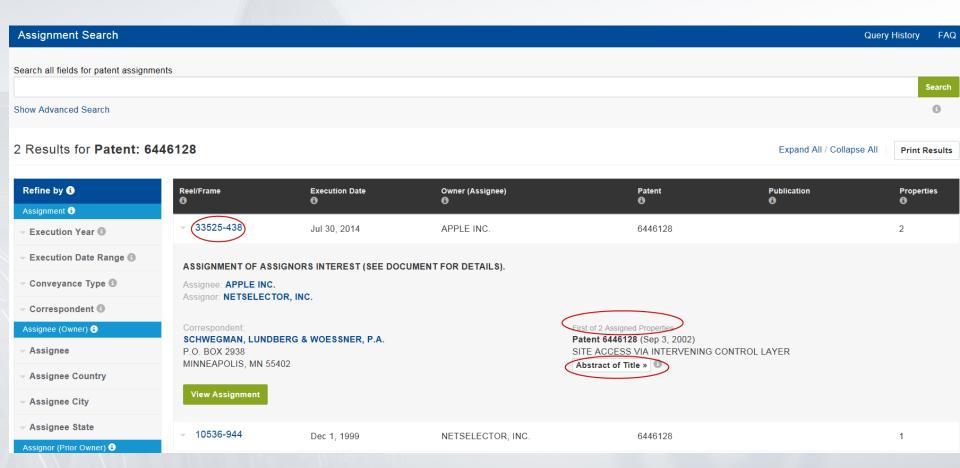


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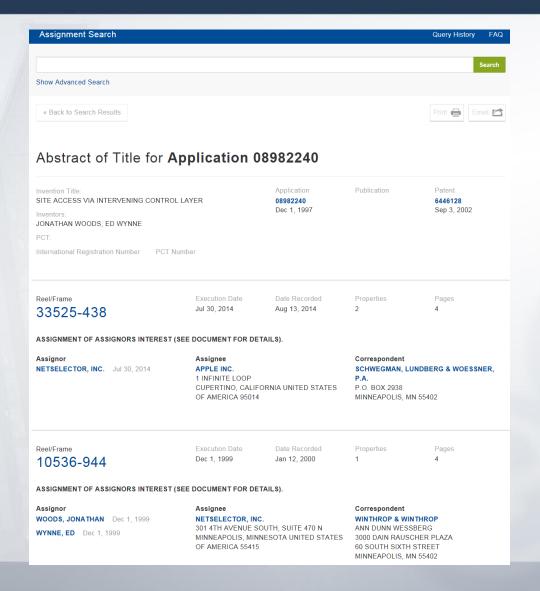


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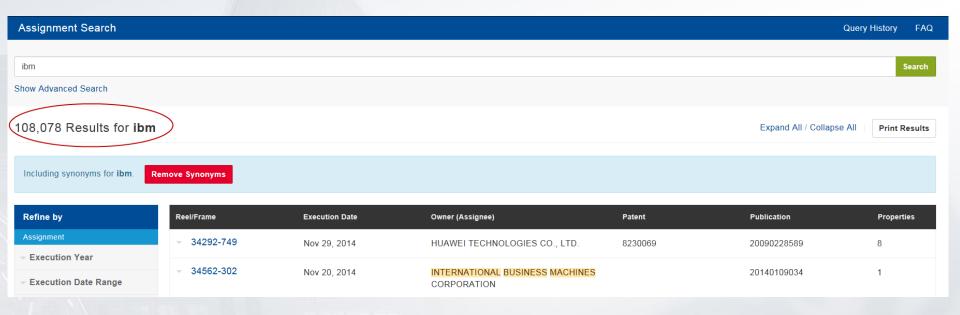
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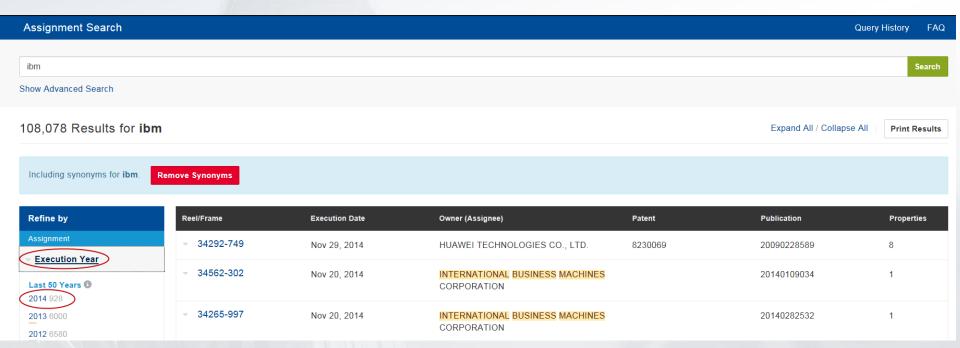


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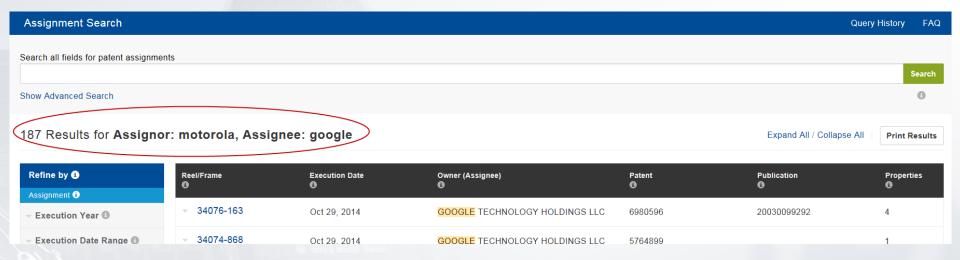


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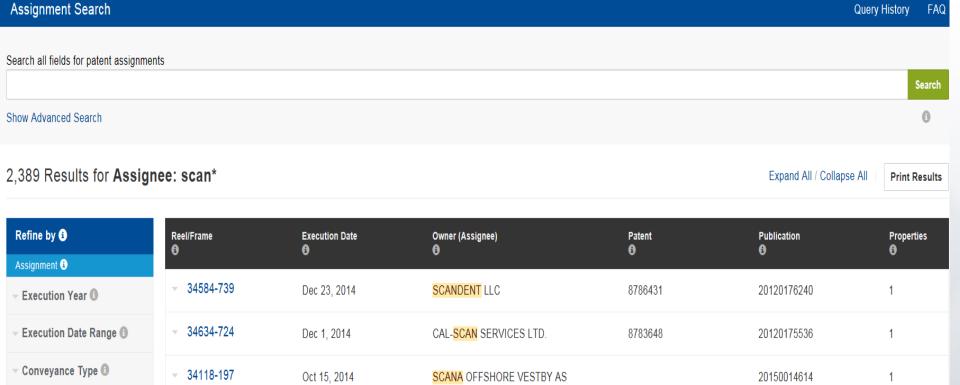


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- Late January 2015* (Version 1.1)
 - Tooltip and FAQ updates
 - Fixes to inconsistent highlighting and formatting
- May 2015* (Version 2.0)
 - Inclusion of Trademark assignments
 - Additional company name synonyms
 - Result display improvements
 - Display options improvements
 - Results exporting capability



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- New features and functionality
- How to perform common assignment searches
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Frequently Asked Questions

Assignment Information

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