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Here's a short recommendation.

(1) What specific databases, Web sites, tools and other resources do you find useful in searching for software-related inventions? Please indicate the strengths and limitations of each resource.

I recommend searches include academic and industry group publications. Specifically, I recommend searches include the digital libraries available from the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) and The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), see <http://dl.acm.org/> and <http://ieeexplore.ieee.org/Xplore/home.jsp>.

(2) What are your concerns regarding the manner in which USPTO examiners formulate and implement search strategies to identify prior art for software related inventions? How should these concerns be addressed?

The examiners don't use (1) above.

Best,

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