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Federal trademark searching: Getting started

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Discussion topics

- Search system fundamentals
- Search system options
 - Dropdowns
- Searching takeaways



Discussion topic

Search system fundamentals

- Reasons to use the search system
 - Conduct a clearance search before applying to register your trademark.
 - Research how the USPTO treated similar marks.
 - Research marks owned by a particular owner.
 - Check the status of your application or registration.

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- Two ways to use the system
 - Dropdown searches
 - Field tag searches
- Two ways to adjust your options
 - Basic mode
 - Expert mode

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Search system options: Dropdown searching

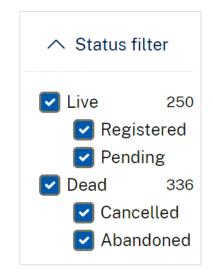
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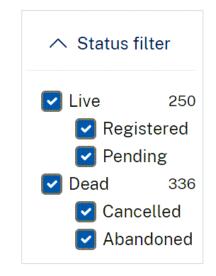


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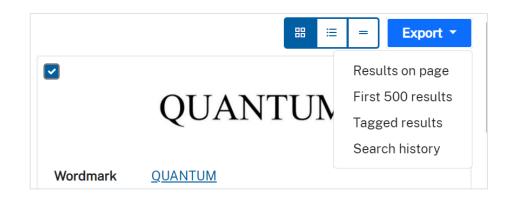
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- Dropdown searches
- Filtering by live/dead
- Filtering by class
- Tagging
 - Export to Excel spreadsheet



Discussion topic

Search system options: Dropdown hypotheticals

You want to see trademarks owned by:

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You want to check the status of a trademark application:

90866054



You want to check the status of a trademark registration:

6832052



You want to conduct a clearance search before applying to register:

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Searching takeaways

Trademark search takeaways

- Basic mode vs. expert mode
 - Use basic mode for searches that require minimal filtering.
 - Use expert mode for most searches.
- Drop-down searching
 - Use the owner option for trademark owner searches.
 - Use the serial number and registration number options to check the status of applications and registrations.
 - Use the wordmark option for exact match, single-term searches.
 - Use the field tag option for complex, multiple-term searches.





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