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
• 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
USPTO Launches Improved Patent Assignment Search

Try the new Assignment Search tool for patents. It’s part of the president’s Open Data and Open Government initiatives to improve data transparency and accessibility. Patent Assignment Search has many more search fields and filters to find patent assignment data. We look forward to your feedback.
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Tools
- Inventors Assistance Center (IAC)
- Electronic Filing System (EFS-Web)
- Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR)
- USPTO Patent Full-Text and Image Database (PatFT) and Application Full-Text and Image Database (AppFT)
- Publication Site for Issued and Published Sequences (PSIPS)
- Electronic Patent Assignment System (EPAS)
- Assignments on the Web for Patents (AOTW-P)
- Official Gazette (Patents)
- Federal Register Notices (Patents)

Popular Links
- Organizational Charts
- Attorneys & Agents
- Forms

Patent Tools and Links
- Patent Search: Search for a patent, our attorney database, and more.
- PAIR: Check the filing status of your patent application.
- EFS-Web: Submit your patent application or other related items.
- RAM: Pay your patent maintenance fees and get patent bibliographic data.
- Assignment Search: Search for patent assignment, or ownership transfer, records.
- Accelerated Examination: Read about the USPTO's procedures for accelerating the examination of your patent application.
- Inventor FAQs: Read information for independent inventors.
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Assignment Search Scenarios

- Reel and Frame
- Patent Number
- Assignee/Assignor

New Search Functionality
- Filter Search Results
- Multi-Field Search
- Fuzzy Search
- Wildcard Search
- Boolean Search
## Assignment Search

Search all fields for patent assignments

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**ASSIGNMENT OF ASSIGNORS INTEREST (SEE DOCUMENT FOR DETAILS).**

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Assignor: **Palm, Inc.**

Correspondent: **HICKMAN PALERMO TRUONG & BECKER LLP**
2055 GATEWAY PLACE, SUITE 550
SAN JOSE, CA 95110

First of 27 Assigned Properties
**Patent 6505215 (Jan 7, 2003)**
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SYNCHRONIZATION OF TWO COMPUTER SYSTEMS SUPPORTING MULTIPLE SYNCHRONIZATION TECHNIQUES BY USING SYNCHRONIZATION TRANSPORT MODULES

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Assignment Details

17240-889: ASSIGNMENT OF ASSIGNORS INTEREST (SEE DOCUMENT FOR DETAILS).

Date Recorded
Nov 21, 2005

Reel/Frame
17240-889

Pages
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Assignor
PALM, INC.  Feb 3, 2003

Assignee
PALMSOURCE, INC.
1240 GROSSMAN AVENUE
SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 94089

Correspondent
HICKMAN PALERMO TRUONG & BECKER LLP
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Properties (27 total)

Title
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SYNCHRONIZATION OF TWO COMPUTER SYSTEMS SUPPORTING MULTIPLE SYNCHRONIZATION

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**Assignor:** NETSELECTION, INC.

**Correspondent:**

SCHWEGMAN, LUNDBERG \& WOESSNER, P.A.
P.O. BOX 2638
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402

**Patent 6446128 (Sep 3, 2002)**

**SITE ACCESS VIA INTERVENING CONTROL LAYER**

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# Fuzzy Search 2

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**FAQ**

- **slaters NOT bacon**

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**CORRECTIVE ASSIGNMENT TO CORRECT THE ASSIGNOR PREVIOUSLY RECORDED ON REEL 029125 FRAME 0463. ASSIGNOR(S) HEREBY CONFIRMS THE ASSIGNOR SHOULD BE --GEOFFREY T. SHEERIN--.**

Assignee: SHEER TECHNOLOGY INC.  
Assignor: SHEERIN, GEOFFREY T.

**Correspondent:**  
**THOMAS LEE**  
625 SLAGERS LANE, FOURTH FLOOR  
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314

**Assigned Property:**  
**Publication 20130037003 (Feb 14, 2013)**  
**METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CONTROLLING COMBUSTION IN A DIESEL ENGINE**  
**Abstract of Title**

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• Late January 2015* (Version 1.1)
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  – Inclusion of Trademark assignments
  – Additional company name synonyms
  – Result display improvements
  – Display options improvements
  – Results exporting capability
Conclusion

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- Telephone: 571-272-3350

Frequently Asked Questions

Assignment Information

What is assignment?

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What search criteria can I use?

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