

How to Use FlexPatent

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NOTE: FlexPatent is a patent error checking platform and should NOT be relied on as a substitute for your own review, and legal expertise.

If you have any feedback or questions, please email us at: info@flexpatent.com.

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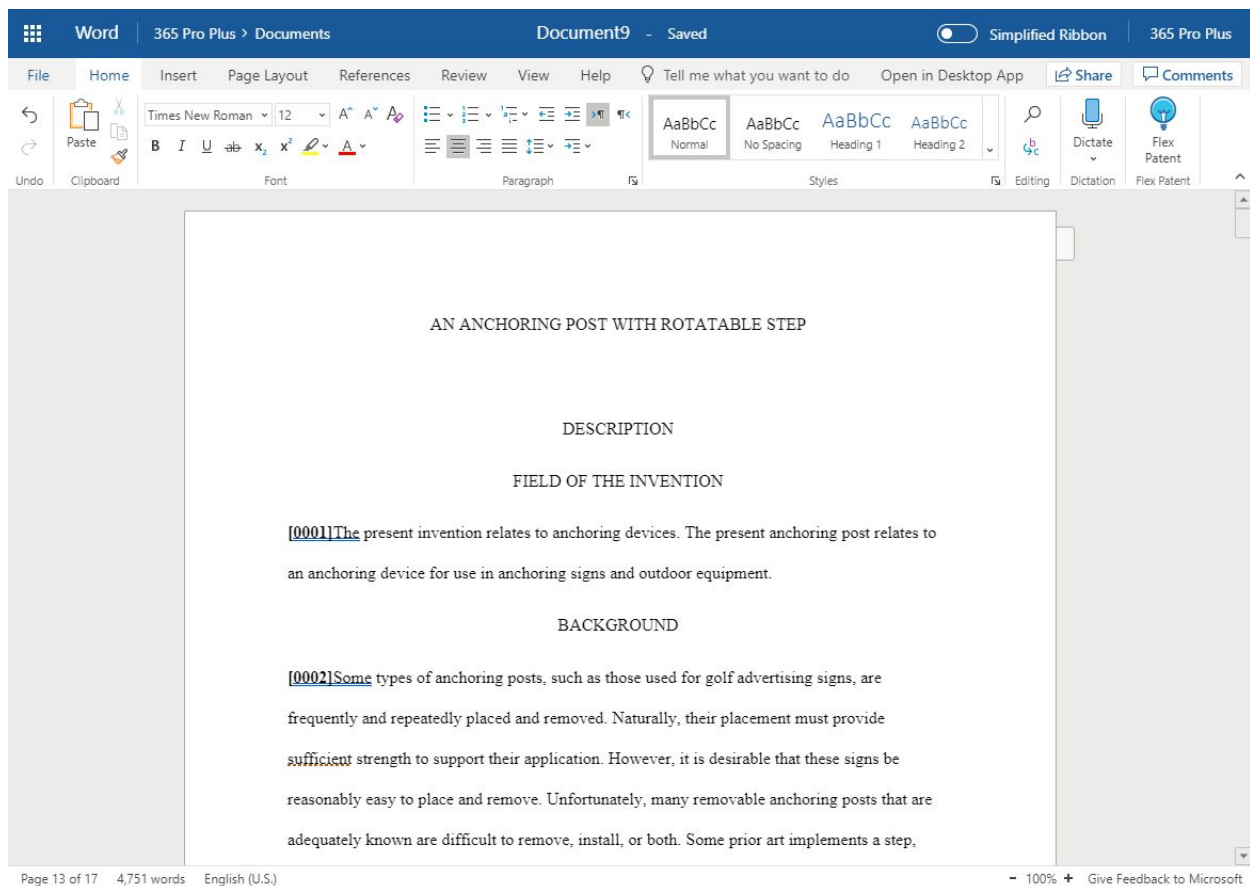
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Adding FlexPatent to Microsoft Word

FlexPatent can be installed as an add-in for Microsoft Word on almost any computer including PC and MAC. Navigate to “insert” in the Microsoft Word Ribbon, click “my add-ins” and then search for “FlexPatent”. In one click you can install the add-in and get started.

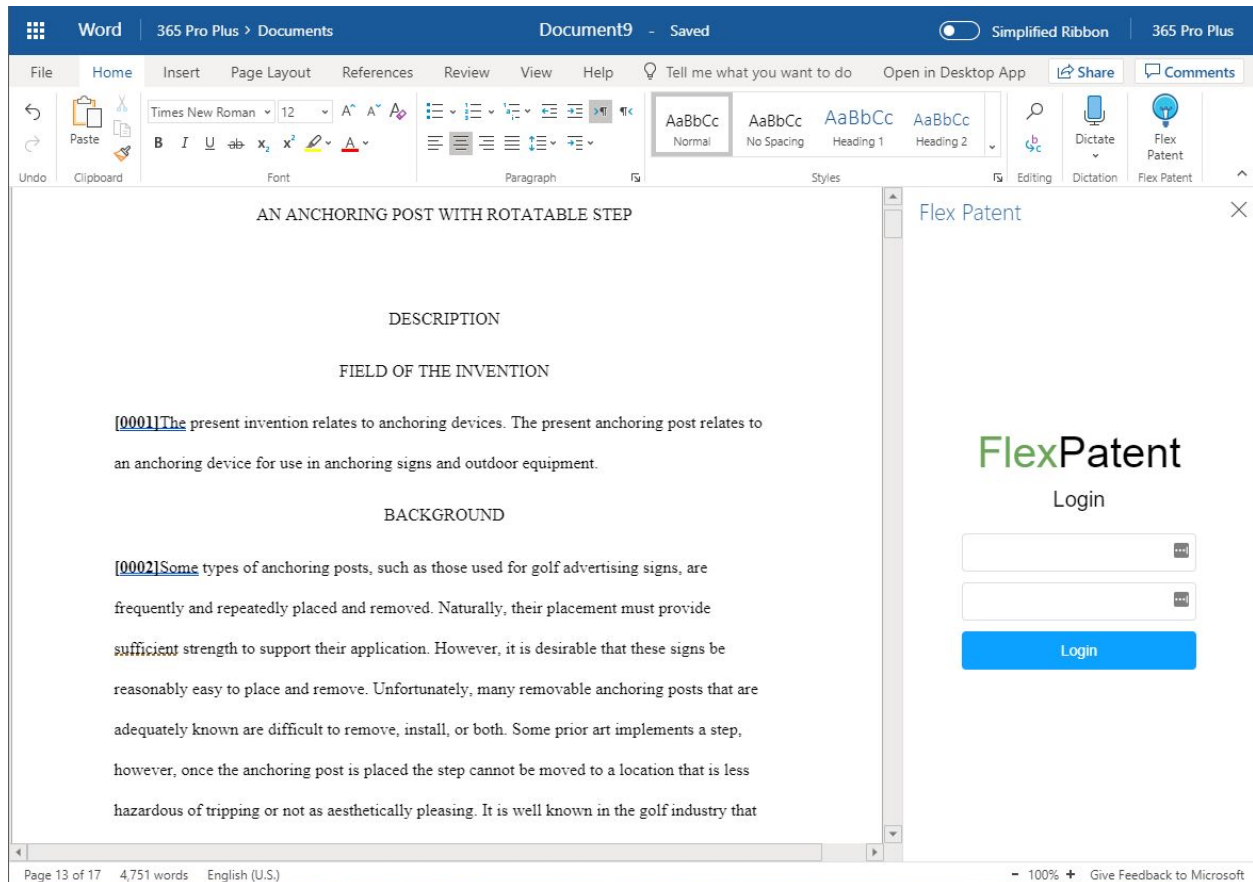
Starting FlexPatent

After you have installed FlexPatent, you can use the software anytime by clicking “Flex Patent” in the ribbon.



Logging In To FlexPatent

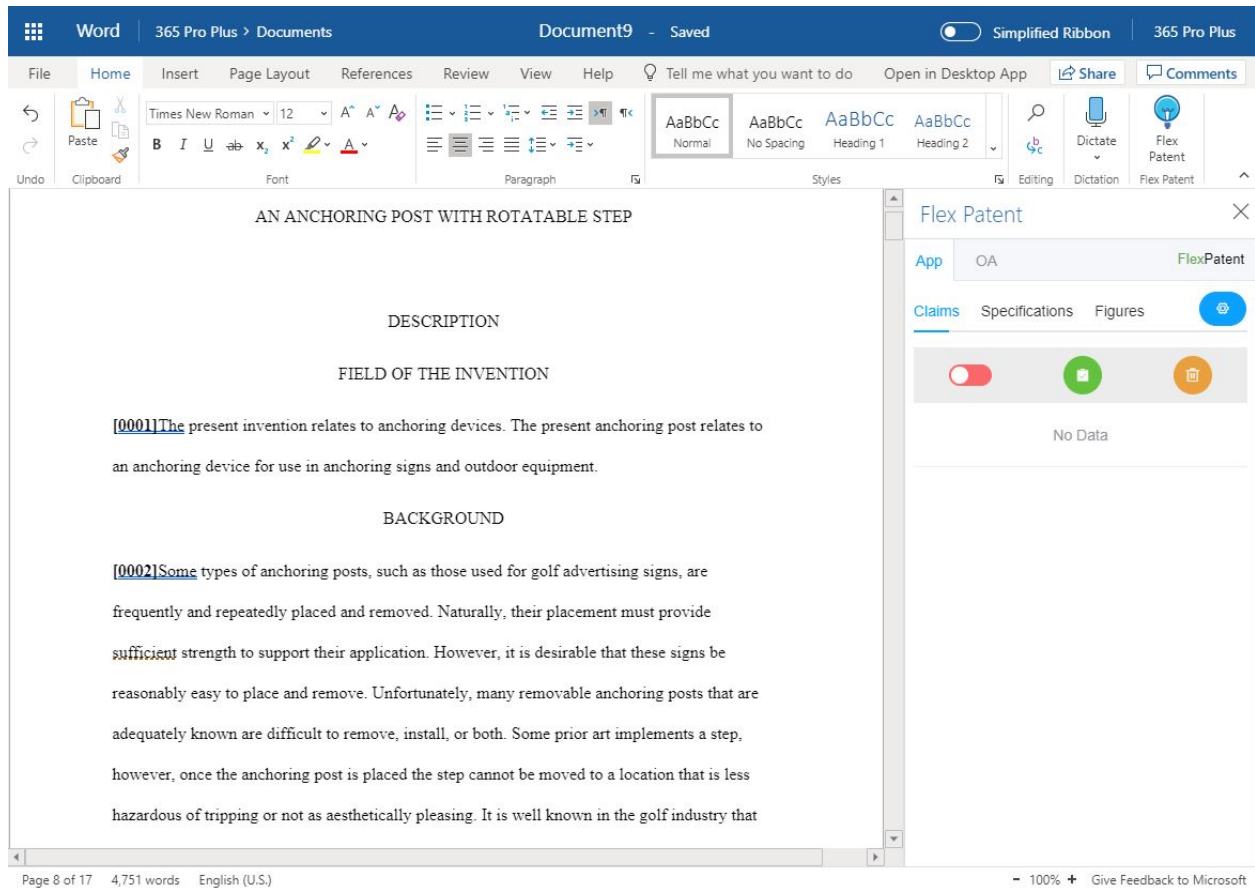
Once you clicked the “Flex Patent” icon (it looks like a light bulb) you will be greeted with login information.



If you don't have login information yet, head over to flexpatent.com and sign up!

Claims Section

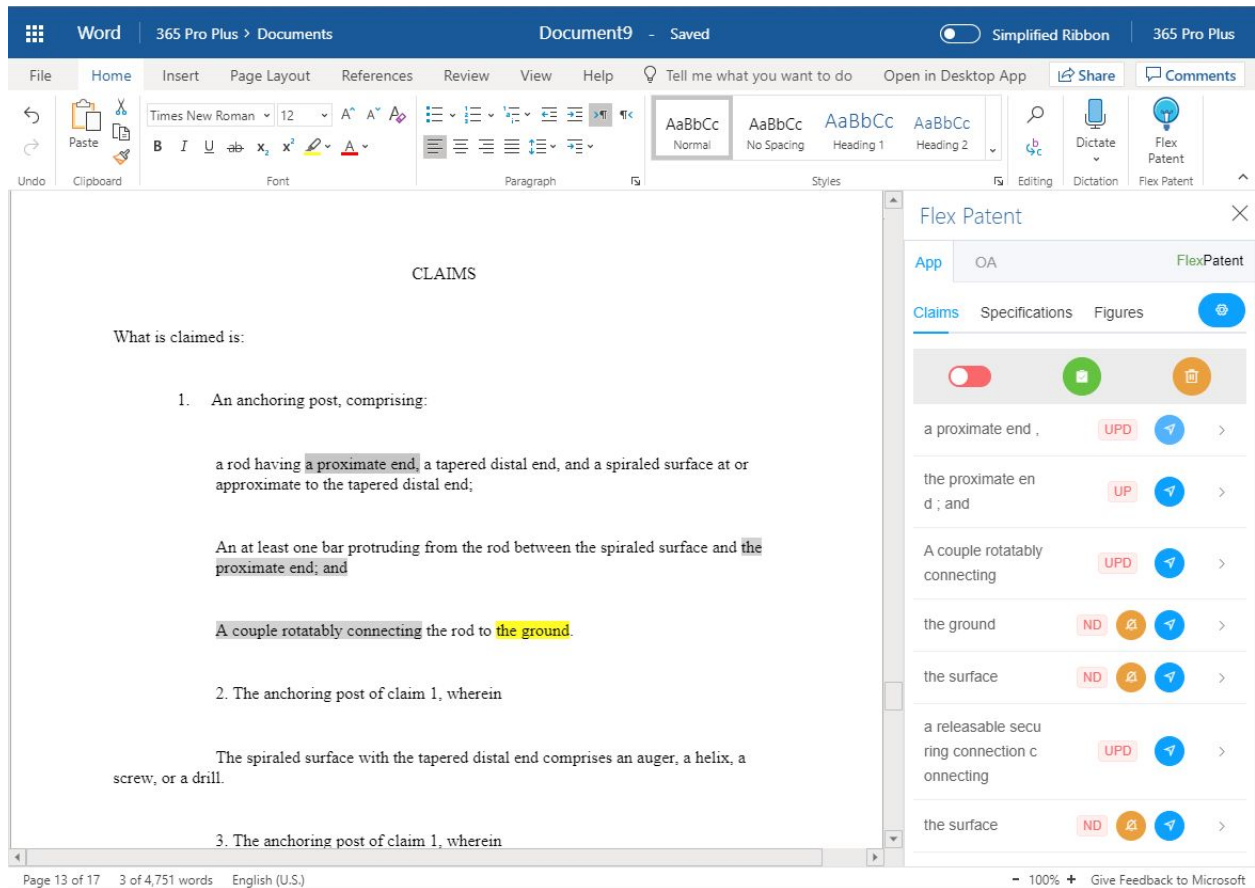
After you login you will be greeted with various tools you can use. Such as the claims section.



Here you are greeted with three options for the claims. You can analyze claims live using the red slider, you can analyze the claims once by clicking the green button, or you can remove all highlights by clicking the orange button.

Analyze Once

By clicking the green button “Analyze Once” (described above) the claims are analyzed, and errors are shown on screen. The errors are also shown as highlights to the patent application. This way, you can inspect and make changes to the claims easily.



There are several colors of highlights corresponding to different error types. You can expand the panel on the right hand side to learn more about the error.

You can customize how errors are found using our software too. Just click the blue button to manually adjust any settings.

Analyze Live

Analyze live is similar to analyze once, where errors to the claims are analyzed, however, FlexPatent will analyze the claims over the course of every few seconds. You can change how frequently the live analysis occurs by clicking the blue button to adjust any settings.

Remove All Highlights

Remove all highlights removes from the document any highlights. We recommend clicking this button to remove all highlights after reviewing the errors found.

Specification Section

Click over to the “Specification” section and you can analyze the specification of your patent application. You have a green button to analyze the specification and a blue button to generate a popout of the element table.

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Word 365 Pro Plus document titled "Document9 - Saved". The ribbon includes File, Home, Insert, Page Layout, References, Review, View, and Help. The document content is a patent specification for "AN ANCHORING POST WITH ROTATABLE STEP". It includes sections for DESCRIPTION, FIELD OF THE INVENTION, and BACKGROUND. The text in the FIELD OF THE INVENTION and BACKGROUND sections is highlighted in blue. A right-hand sidebar titled "Flex Patent" is open, showing tabs for App, OA, and FlexPatent. The FlexPatent tab is active, displaying a table with columns for Term and Element Number. The table currently shows "No Data".

AN ANCHORING POST WITH ROTATABLE STEP

DESCRIPTION

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0001]The present invention relates to anchoring devices. The present anchoring post relates to an anchoring device for use in anchoring signs and outdoor equipment.

BACKGROUND

[0002]Some types of anchoring posts, such as those used for golf advertising signs, are frequently and repeatedly placed and removed. Naturally, their placement must provide sufficient strength to support their application. However, it is desirable that these signs be reasonably easy to place and remove. Unfortunately, many removable anchoring posts that are adequately known are difficult to remove, install, or both. Some prior art implements a step,

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Analyze the Specification

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adequately known are difficult to remove, install, or both. Some prior art implements a step, however, once the anchoring post is placed the step cannot be moved to a location that is less hazardous of tripping or not as aesthetically pleasing. It is well known in the golf industry that golf shovels can be found at tee off locations and usually do not have a location to place them besides the grassy earth.

[0002] It has been recognized that it would be advantageous to develop an anchoring post that is, among other features, easy to remove and install, contains at least one rotating bar that functions as a handle or step, and may comprise a holster to mount digging devices such as golf shovels. This anchoring post advantageously provides an anchoring post comprising a rod with a proximate end, a tapered distal end, and a spiraled surface at or approximate to the tapered distal end, at least one bar protruding from the rod between the spiraled surface and the proximate end and a couple rotatably connecting the rod to a surface.

[0003] Additional features and advantages of the present anchoring post will be apparent from the detailed description which follows, taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, which together illustrate, by way of example, features of the present anchoring post.

SUMMARY

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Term	Element Number
and	5 (1)
releasable securing connection	109 (4)
is depicted with two anchoring posts	201 (1)
[0023] turning to fig	3 (1)
anchoring post similarly to fig	2 (1)
embodiment with two anchoring posts	300 (1)
generally spiraled surface	308 (2)
[0024] on figure	4 (1)

When you do, any errors from the specification will appear. Shown on the left are the elements found and the claim number is on the right such as “201” next to these element numbers is the number of times the element appears “(1)”.

Element Table

By clicking the blue button on the Specification tab, the elements found by FlexPatent will be updated.

Figures

If you click the “Figures” tab you will be greeted with the following screen. Drag and drop an OCR’ed PDF to check for any errors and receive an element table of the items in the figures.

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The FlexPatent sidebar on the right shows the "Figures" tab selected. It contains a section for uploading an OCR PDF Figure to check for errors, with a message: "Please upload an OCR PDF Figure to check for errors. Drag and drop files here." Below this is a table with the following structure:

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