Artificial Intelligence Technology Mapping

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Introduction





Project Background





What Are Patents?

- Legal protections granted to inventors for intellectual property
- Prevents others from making, using, selling or importing inventions without permission
- Granted by agencies like USPTO
- Exclusive rights for a specified period (20 years is standard)



Importance of Patents

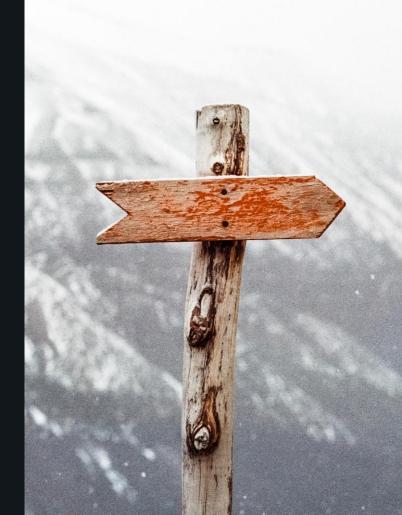
- Protect intellectual property
- Foster economic growth
- Encourage technological advancement
- Drive competition







Problem Space







Patent Ecosystem Challenges



Backlog of Applications

3.6% increase since the COVID-19 Pandemic in 2020; lengthy and time-consuming process in patent offices



Concept Map

Disputes across jurisdictions and laws due to globalization



Patent Disputes

Conflicts between entities can negatively impact businesses and economy



CONOPs

Instances of non-marketable inventions or non-viable products



Enabling Technology

Violation of IP rights and dissemination of inaccurate information due to misuse of emerging technologies like ChatGPT







Patents in IP and R&D Strategies

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Navigating the Global Patent Landscape



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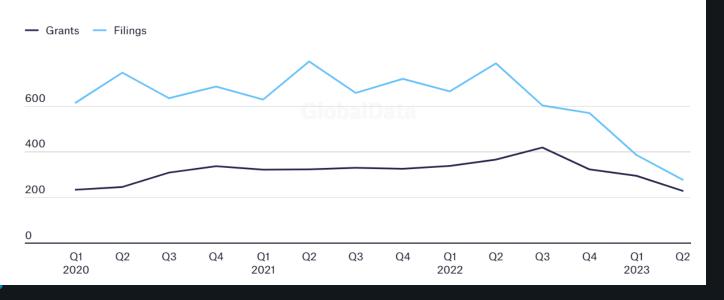






Patent Activity in Decline

Patenting activity related to artificial intelligence in the global consumer industry, Q1 2020 - Q2 2023 (Total patent filings and grants)



Generative AI Solutions





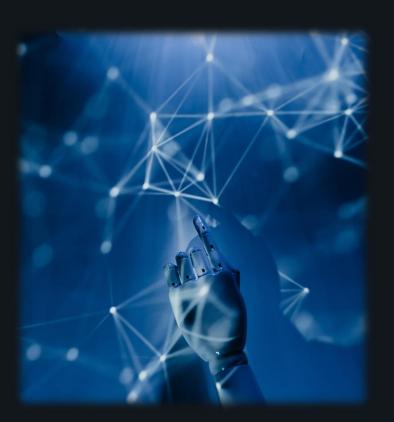
Extracting

Use AI for extracting and presenting relevant patent data



Investigating

Investigate intellectual property and legal domains





Indentifying

Identify licenses, infringers, and potential customers



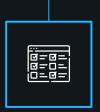
Recognizing

Recognize ChatGPT limitations in accurancy and information quality



Bounding Constraints

Navigating technical information and legal documents while ensuring quality patents without broad claims or disputes



Intelligence & Language Barriers

Track competitor patents to decipher innovation strategies; patents often have technical and legal jargon, posing a challenge



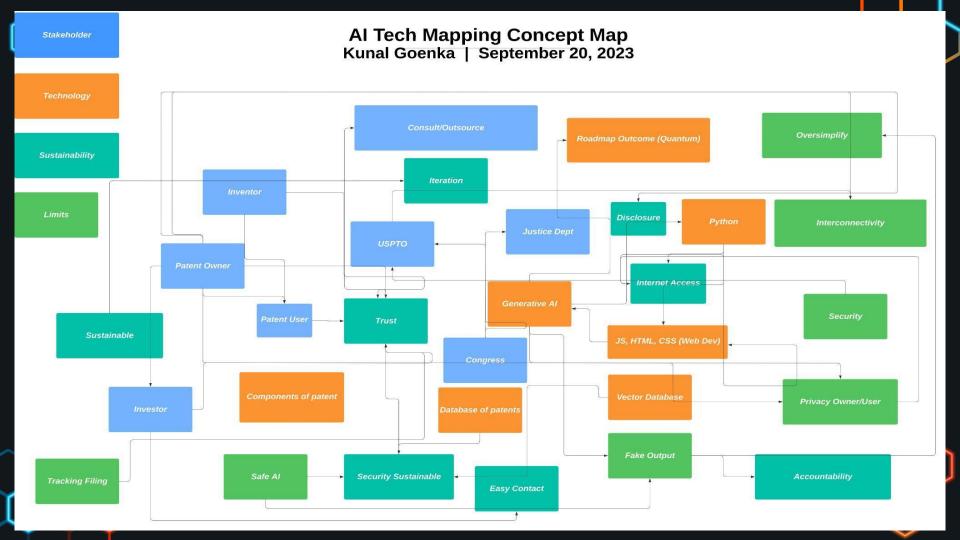
Classification & International Considerations

Patents categorized into classes/subclasses; International operations entail navigating varying patent systems and laws











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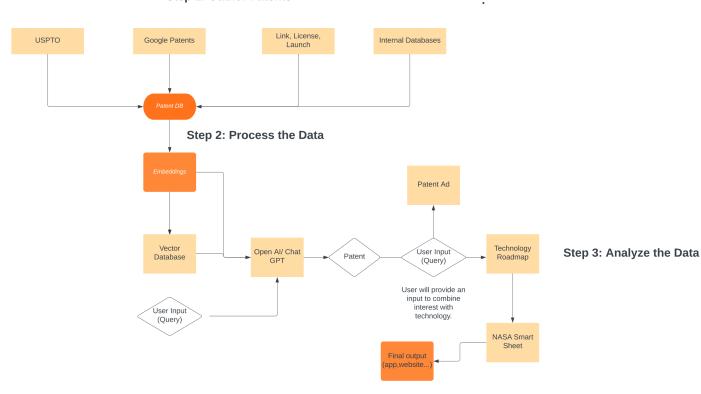




Step 1: Gather Patents

<u>Stakeholders</u>

- User: The User can be a Company, Team, Patent Owner, etc. Their major involvement will be throughout the inputs of the system.
- <u>Patent Owner:</u> This person owns the patent and needs to execute the work.



Step 4: Result Output



Stakeholders & System Interaction



Companies

- Strategic Users: Inform decisions on patent trends, tech advancements, and competition.
- Multifaceted Interactions:
 Engage with system across R&D, legal, and strategic planning.

Product Owners

- **Operational Users:** Ensure noninfringement and explore patent opportunities.
- Focused Interactions: Explore patents for specific tech or product categories.





Interaction Dynamics

- Input & Output: Stakeholders shape data gathering and analysis; Companies seek broad insights, while Product Owners focus on product specifics.
- Feedback & System Value:

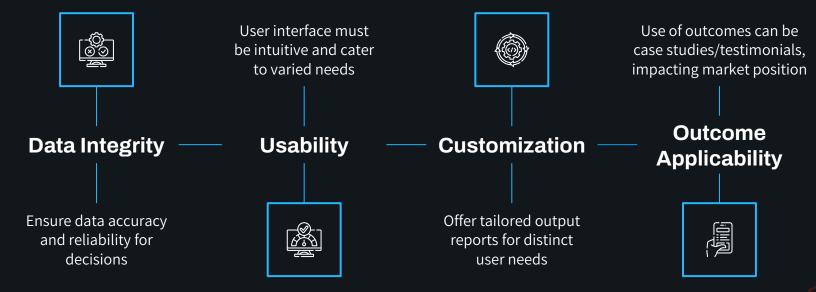
 Engage in feedback loops for refinement; Outcomes and usage inform system enhancements and serve as testimonials.





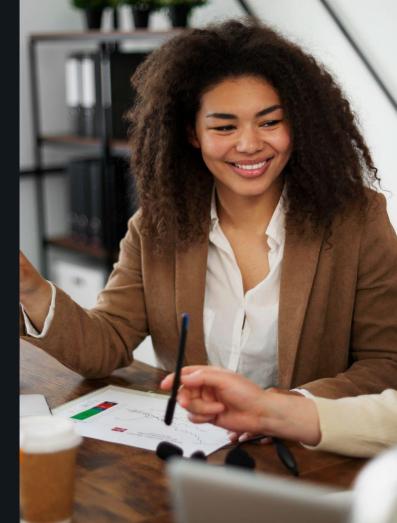
Challenges & Considerations







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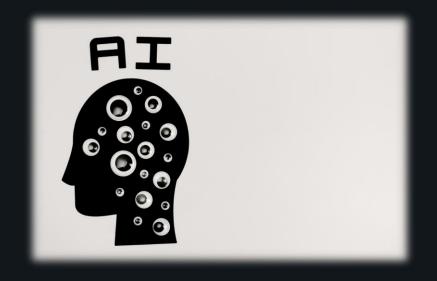






Introduction to Enabling Technology

- Artificial Intelligence (AI):
 - Creating systems that mimic human intelligence tasks
- Natural Language Processing (NLP):
 - Al subfield that enables computers to interact with human language
- Primary Use:
 - Simplifying and explaining patents









Applications of AI in Patents



Automate Patent Analysis

Extract key concepts, claims, and prior art



Generate Summaries

Plain-language summaries of patent documents





Provide Context

Explain legal and technical terms



Prior Art Search

Efficiently identify relevant prior patents



Interactive UI

Al-driven tools to understand complex patent info





Outcomes From Using AI Technology



Accessibility & Efficiency

Simplified patent info; reduced research time/cost



Enhanced Decision-Making

Informed decisions on filing, licensing, and litigation



Innovation Boost

Promotes knowledge sharing and new inventors' entry



Streamlined Processing

Reduces patent application backlogs







Potential Gaps & Barriers



Reliance on high-quality training data and patent intricacy.

Data Quality & Complexity Legal & Ethical Challenges

Adherence to standards and automation concerns

Adoption Resistance

Skepticism and job displacement fears

Global Variability

Adapting to diverse patent systems/languages

Security & Privacy

Protecting sensitive patent data

Cost & Accessibility

High implementation costs; ensuring universal access







Conclusion







Corporate strategies





Areas for improvement

Innovators have expressed frustration with multiple areas of the patent filing process. Most talked about the 22 month waiting time as their biggest frustration

How AI could help

Creating a "database" of all current patents will allow for more clarity when trying to file and could cut back on the amount that get some kind of rejection





Why patents?

The patent filing process has yet to be changed or







Thank You!

Any Questions?

