

## Patent Searching – PubWEST vs. the web

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Features	USPTO.gov	PubWEST
Covers 1790 to current week	Yes	Yes
Searches Grants database and Applications	Individually	Can search both together
Can access images of patents	Must load a Tiff viewer	Ready to go
Can customize your search	No	Yes
Choice of formats for viewing search results	No	Yes
Patents may include "other references"	Yes	No
Can search at home	Yes	No – must be at a PTDL
Can save searches to a disk or flash drive	Yes	Yes
Can use proximity operators	No	Yes
Keyword in context display (KWIC)	No	Yes
Can print all pages with one click	No – one page at a time	Yes
Keyword access to patents from 1920-1975	No	Yes – in US OCR database
Access to EPO and Japanese abstracts	No	Yes
Has images of foreign patents	No	Yes – in Foreign Patents Retrieval database
Saves searches as set numbers	No	Yes
Allows for searching plurals and British spellings	No	Yes
Allows fast movement through search results	No	Yes