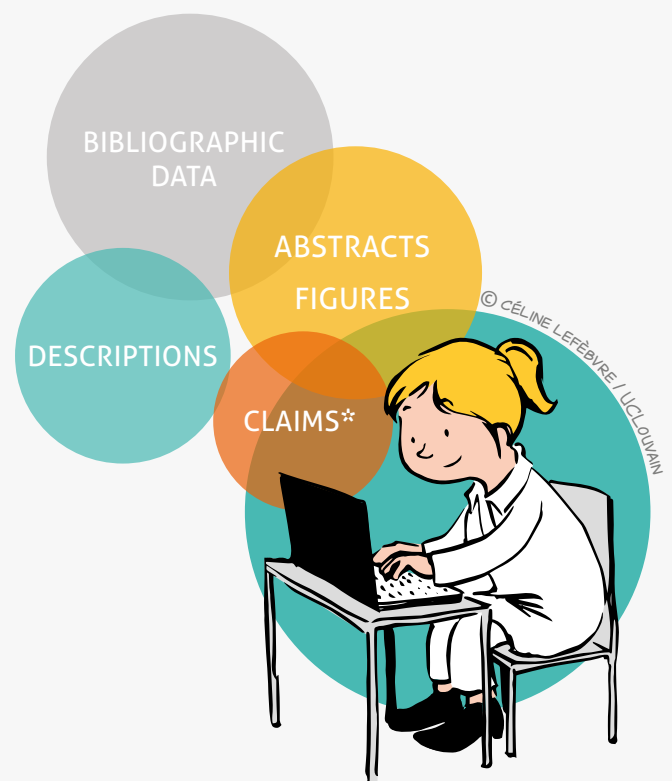


WHY?

- **Direct** your R&D strategies
- **Get to know** the research teams in a field
- **Determine** emerging, promising technologies
- **Search** for precise technical information
- **Discover** potential partners, monitor your competitors
- **Identify** new players entering the market
- **Define** market trends and opportunities

PATENTS = AVAILABLE INFORMATION

The patent is an industrial property right which gives the patent owner the exclusive right to exploit an invention and exclude others from so doing as from a certain date and for a limited period. In return, the **technical information** relating to the invention must be **disclosed in the patent application** so that anyone can reproduce it. Patent applications are published 18 months after the filing date.



* The claims define the scope of the legal protection

Patent applications contain technical, economic
and legal information.

HOW?

Scope of the search

Search in patent databases

Tools for extracting and viewing data

Gathering information

Statistical **analyses**, documents, etc.

Structured data

Classification codes, references, etc.

Unstructured data

Documents: abstracts, descriptions, etc.

Images

Sets of patents (applications or granted)



TOOLS

Patent databases

➔ **PatentInspiration***

<http://www.patentinspiration.com>

➔ **PatentScope***

<http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/search/en/search.jsf>

➔ **Esp@cenet**

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