Q: Where on the EPO webpage can I find a description of legal state categories and events (shown in presentation - Patent family - Legal state)?

A: This is following WIPO Standard 27. There is an article in Patent Information News (starting on p. 6):

http://documents.epo.org/projects/babylon/eponet.nsf/0/A7C4A98A180335C9C1258 1F6003C9779/\$FILE/patent_information_news_0417_en.pdf

Q: any restrictions on the amount of search items?

A: We start with the same limitations as in current Espacenet. We will monitor the load on the system and might gradually increase the limits depending on our assessment.

Q: Is the search performed also in the automatic translations offered by Espacenet?

A: The search is done also in the bulk translated text, which is almost the same than the life translation (not exactly, since it was performed at an earlier stage). This way you might also find relevant documents not in the language of your search.

Q: When country filter is used, are also designated countries retrieved (eg. filter "DE" also retrieves EP designating Germany)?

A: The country filter applies to the publishing authority. In the case of Germany the EP documents are republished, so that you should find them, but this is not the case for all designation countries.

Q: Which member of the patent family does the new Espacenet show?

A: The member is shown that best fits your search and filter expression.

Q: What quotation marks means in queries like in the example: [fxt any "laser" and fxt any "pico"]? Are they mandatory or [fxt any laser and fxt any pico] works too?

A: No, sorry the quotation marks are mandatory (we will check whether we can change that).

Q: Will be possible in the future to set the size of the different areas (criteria, results etc.) during the search?

A: The size of the overall window is adaptable, but unfortunately no resizing of the columns is possible.

Q: Do My search queries connect to the device?

A: Your search queries will be executed on our servers and the results are sent back to your device.

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