LIB 3010 Fall 2015: Students Choose an Image to Represent Patent Searching

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Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic.

-Arthur C. Clark
Patent searching takes a lot of skills, knowledge, and ability in order to search properly... just as climbing a mountain and being aware of the risks of an active volcano are needed to tackle Mt. Rainier.
When one door closes another one opens, and for this case more patents can become available to help search for the specific one you need.
I learned a lot about patents and what they look like. I think this class was extremely beneficial for me and I am very glad I had the opportunity to take it. That being said, I do feel like searching for patents is a bit like this image no matter what search engine is used.
Brain, from *Pinky and the Brain* has a personality that can be used to summarize a few aspects of this course. He has a lot of ideas and inventions that he wants to use to influence the world ... He doesn’t go through all of the dirty work to execute his plans. Instead he licenses his property out to another person, Pinky who then tries to make the magic happen.
This picture is a perfect representation of patent searching. You take a lot of information and narrow it down until you find exactly what you are looking for.
In the quest to find what you are looking for, it is easy to become suffocated if you are not careful and don’t know what you are doing.
This is a treasure map. Even though all the steps are laid out for you, there is still a fun or tiring journey to finding what you’re looking for.
Here, the (inventor) is investing money into their "light bulb" moment.
To me, this picture represents the process of applying for a patent. During this process you must find the things that make your idea different and therefore unique.
This picture represents how intellectual property laws are connected in different countries and the modernization of the patent system.
Protecting Intellectual Property involves offensive moves to get an advantage on other companies as well as defensive moves to stop other companies from using an idea.
We were on the computer learning new nifty things all semester and I am extremely interested in inventors and patents because one day I hope to go through this process for my own inventions.
Because of the internet the application and searching of patents is now on a global scale... almost any patent (is) accessible worldwide.
This patent searching class builds a foundation of knowledge that I will never forget, because in reality, “it’s like riding a bike.”
How the majority of society would feel if introduced to the overwhelming nature of the research necessary to discover if a particular IP is novel and patentable.

Those select few who utilize all their time purposefully wandering through countless archives and databases in the hopes of reaffirming that their IP is novel.