

IDEA VALIDATION · FOR YOUR BRAINSTORMS

Is this idea worth protecting?

One staged, scored answer.

Idea validation checks a brainstorm you have developed in five stages, from "is it ready?" to a formal patent search and what it means. Each stage has its own score. A stage that passes opens the next.

 Five scored stages

 Manual or automatic

 A formal patent search

 A written report

Five stages, each with its own score

Every stage is scored on its own measures, from 1 to 5.

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STAGE 0 · PRE-ASSESSMENT

Is the idea ready?
Bring it up to standard first.

Checks the Idea score and, if it is low, builds the idea up first. Records any thin or missing sections. Runs a signal audit, a stress test and a gap analysis.

SCORED ON Problem and user How it works Stated advance
Risks faced Evidence

 **PASS** The next stage opens.

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STAGE 1 · EARLY ASSESSMENT

Is it new, and ahead?
A first look at what exists.

A first prior-art search, web research on the state of the art with sources, and an early read on patentability.

SCORED ON Novelty Inventive step State of the art
Subject matter Evidence

 **PASS** The next stage opens.

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STAGE 2 · COMPARATIVE ASSESSMENT

Does anything come close?
Feature by feature.

A wider search. Each result is compared with your idea feature by feature, then patentability is read against that comparison.

SCORED ON Feature novelty Combination risk Highest threat
Room to claim Evidence

 **PASS** The next stage opens.

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STAGE 3 · FORMAL SEARCH

Is the search sound?
It judges the search, not the idea.

A full patent-database search built from your idea: a title, an abstract, a description, and search statements drawn from its features.

SCORED ON Feature coverage Full text Relevance Jurisdiction

 **PASS** The final stage opens.

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STAGE 4 · POST-SEARCH ANALYSIS

What does it mean?
The read at the end.

Each formal result is weighed for its impact on your idea, then a full patentability assessment. The run ends with one of three reads.

STRONG QUALIFIED WEAK



Start from a brainstorm

Any scenario where you have developed the idea.



Below the minimum score?

Automatic builds the idea up first. Manual shows what to add.



The tools you know

The same searches, research, stress test and documents.

Two ways to run it

Switch between them at any time.



Manual

You read each stage's score and findings, then choose when to continue.



Automatic

The run continues on its own while stages pass, and stops at the first that does not.



When a stage does not pass

The run stops and names the weakest points. It gives one recommendation, with one concrete action.

Refine

Strengthen the idea where it is weakest, then run again.

Pivot

Change direction and keep the work so far.

Search again

If the formal search was not sound. The idea has not failed.

Built to be straight with you



The idea is fixed for the run

The run records the version it checks. Edit the idea mid-run and the run stops, so the result always matches the idea.



Gaps are stated, not hidden

Thin and missing sections are listed first, and carried as limits into every stage and the report.



Scored against evidence

A stage passes only when every measure is scored against evidence. A well-written read is not enough.



Current work is reused

A signal audit, stress test or search already done for this version of the idea is used again.

The read at the end

STRONG

A high score against the formal patent search.

QUALIFIED

It passes, with the conditions named.

WEAK

Below the pass mark, with the reasons.

The Idea Validation Report

Saved in the brainstorm's Documents when the run ends.

1 The idea as checked

2 Evidence collected

3 Stage scores

4 Early assessment

5 Comparative assessment

6 Formal search

7 Post-search analysis

8 Outcome and next step

9 Basis and limits

Who uses it

Anyone who needs an answer before spending on the next step.



Inventors and founders

Before paying for a filing or pitching to investors.



Small and medium firms

To choose which improvement deserves a filing budget.



Universities and labs

To sort research results before a disclosure goes further.

Find out before you spend.

Develop the idea in a brainstorm, then validate it. Idea validation will be a separate offering, with its price published when it opens.

ipguru.ai/idea-validation.html



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