

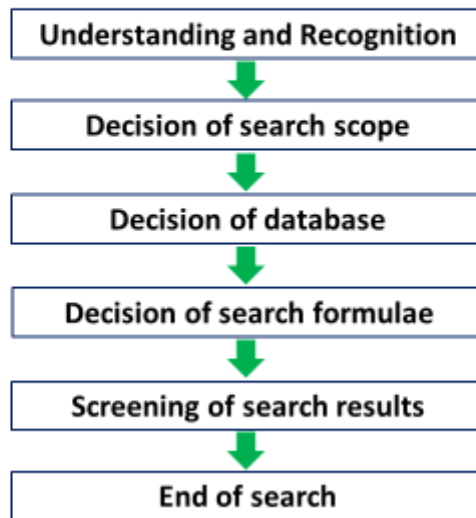
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Next, let me explain a search strategy.

A. Search Flow



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This diagram shows the search flow upon which search strategies are normally established.

The first step is to understand and recognize the invention.

The second step is to decide the scope of the search.

The third step is to decide which database you will use.

The fourth step is to decide the search formulae.

The next step is to retrieve documents using the search formulae, and screen the search results.

Following the screening, you may finish the search if you have found appropriate documents or have determined you already covered most of the related area and no more useful documents could be found.

Each step will be explained in the following slides.