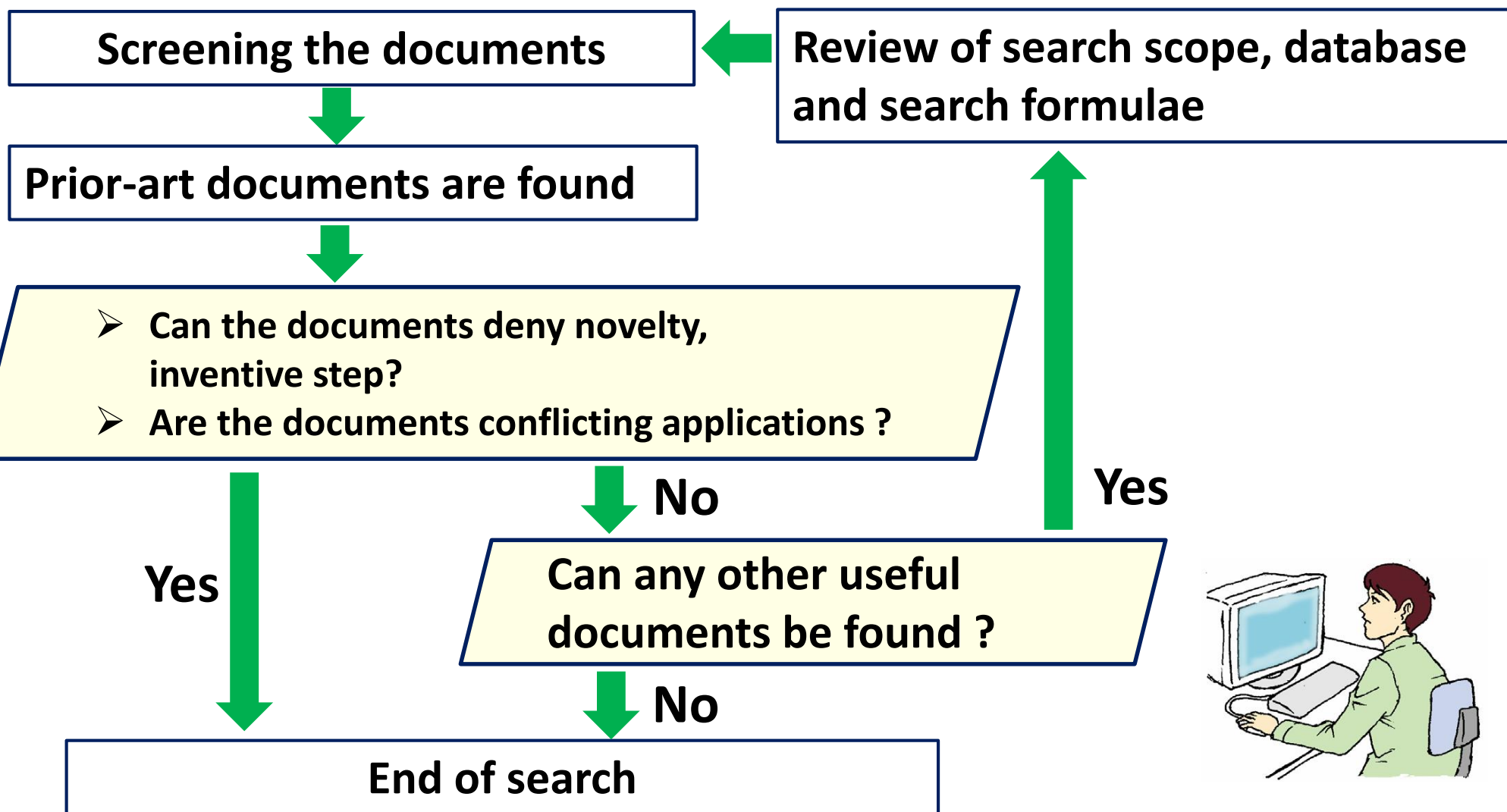
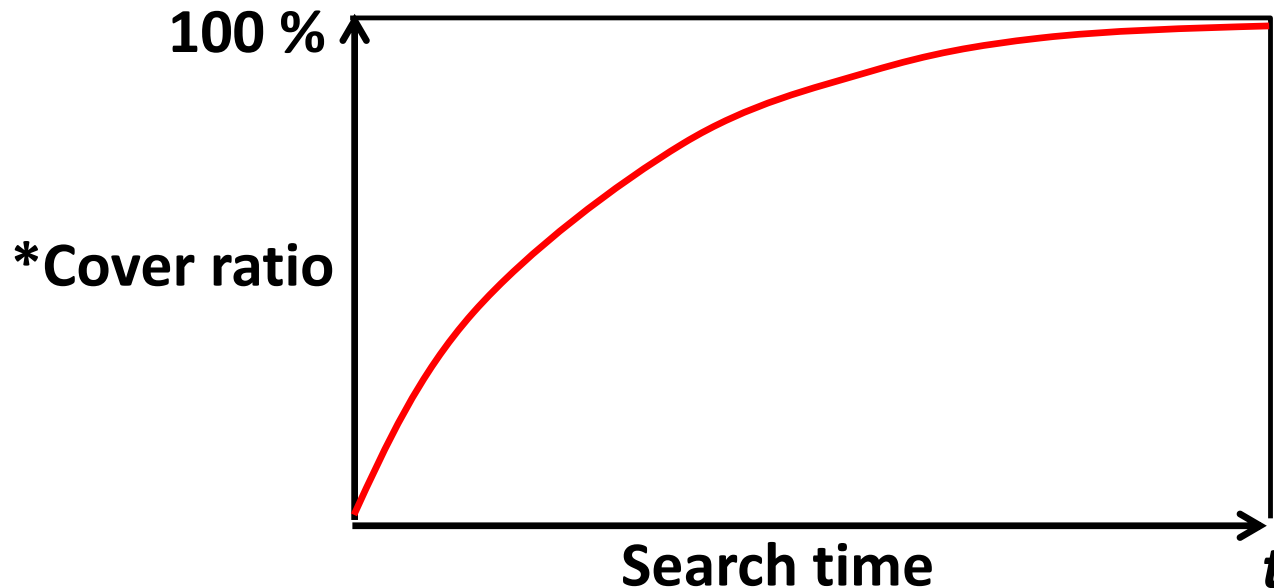


E. Screening of search results - 1/3



E. Screening of search results - 2/3

~ When do you finish prior art search ? ~



Cover ratio approaches 100 % as search time increases.

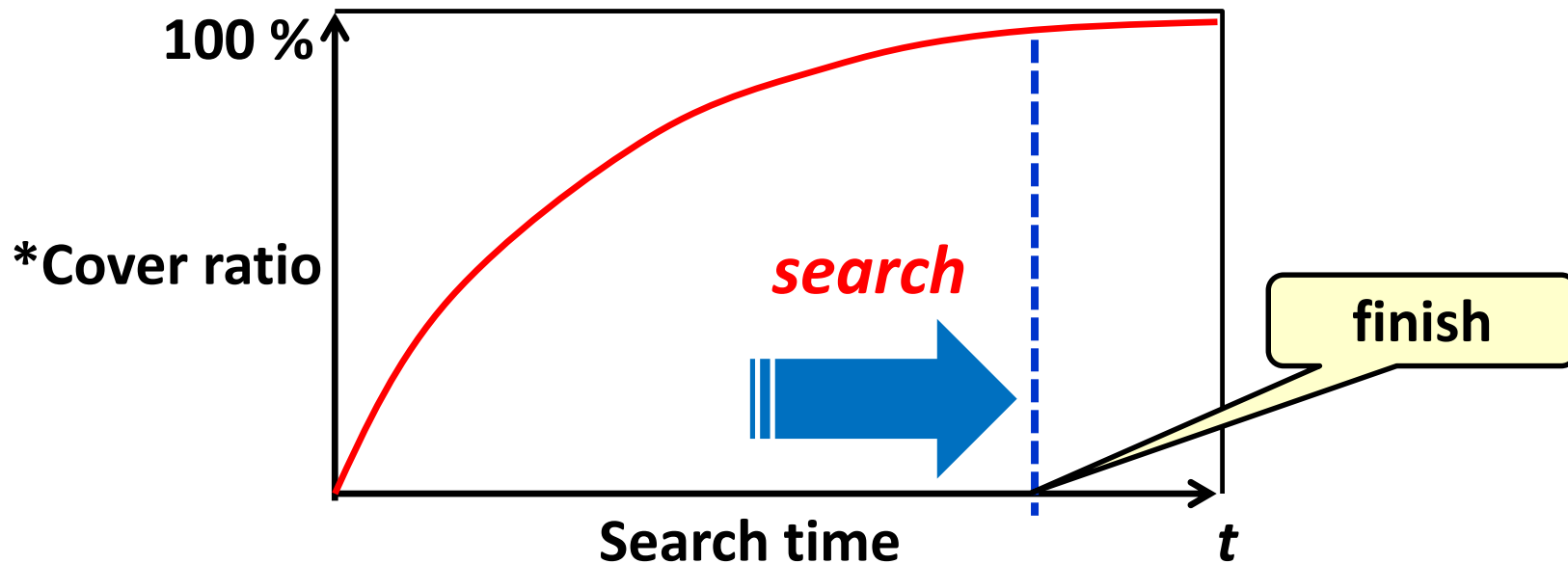
However, search time is limited for examiners...



*The percentage of documents you have searched within the outer border of the search scope

E. Screening of search results - 3/3

~ *When do you finish prior art search ?* ~



- Finish prior art search when an examiner judges that no more useful documents can be found.
 - ✓ The judgment is made based on the examiners' knowledge and experience.
 - ✓ Young examiners are recommended to consult with experienced examiners.

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