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How Frontier Technologies will change the IP System

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Frontier technologies

What are the main types of frontier technologies?



Digital technologies The Metaverse, Internet of things (IoT), blockchain, artificial intelligence (AI), big data, and quantum computing



Physical technologies Autonomous driving, 3D printing and hardware innovations



the brain-computer-interface

Frontier technologies are emerging at the intersection of radical scientific breakthrough and real-world implementation: Artificial intelligence. Big data. The Metaverse. Bioprinting. Quantum computing. The Computer-Brain Interface...

These technologies are changing our lives. How we communicate, innovate, create and do business.

They may also hold one of the keys to addressing some of the most pressing global issues we face.

Economic impact

Artificial Intelligence	Internet of Thing (IoT)	Big data	Blockchain
The AI market is expected	The IoT market is expected	The big data market is	The blockchain market is
to grow from USD 16 billion	to grow from USD 130	expected to grow from	expected to grow from
in 2017 to USD 191 billion	billion in 2018 to USD 1.5	USD 32 billion in 2017 to	USD 708 million in 2017 to
in 2024.	trillion in 2025.	USD 157 billion in 2026.	USD 61 billion in 2024.
403,596 publications	66,467 publications	73,957 publications	4,821 publications
between 1996 and 2018.	between 1996 and 2018.	between 1996 and 2018.	between 1996 and 2018.

Frontier technologies now represent a \$350 billion market, which could become a \$3.2 trillion market as soon as 2025.

AI is currently most prolific in terms of patents and patent applications (WIPO Technology Trends Report 2019)



Why does it matter for the IP System?

The importance of intangible assets and IP is growing as digitalization is progressing and frontier technologies are emerging.

Innovation and creation are happening much faster. The number of IP filings is increasing rapidly and subject to more volatility. Markets are globalizing and intangible assets are flowing much more freely across borders.

Three themes

How to make IP accessible, relatable and understandable and really bring IP alive?

How can frontier technologies make IP and the IP system more efficient and more accessible to all?

How to build IP policy to ensure that IP systems continue to foster innovation and creation?

IP Policy

IP and the current IPR systems were especially designed to foster human creation and innovation.

Does AI innovation and creation fit into the current system? Should AI innovation and creation be incentivized at all? How do we balance the value of human and AI creation and innovation?

Al inventors

Al creators

Does AI need IP incentives to invent and create? What are the consequences for obviousness and originality?

Data: the new oil and legal conundrum

IP can pose both an incentive for the generation of data – for example by way of trade secret protection or database rights - and a hindrance to the access, analysis and use of data – for example when data contains copyright protected works

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Frontier technologies are transforming the IP system

Over the next years frontier technologies will be one of the keys to providing more solutions to making IP an everyday asset used by innovators and creators all around the world

IP Office Tools

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WIPO and IP Offices around the world are adapting new technol better assist innovators and creators.

Great examples include WIPO Speech to Text and WIPO Transl Brand Image Search and Patent Classification tools (P Offices a starting to develop pre-IP filing assessment tools for example mark filings, or implementing AI in their process.

he WIPO AI Tool Index provides a more detailed overview

Private sector tools

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- Free
- Hybrid format
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<u> https://www.wipo.int/about-ip/en/frontier_technologies/</u>

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