

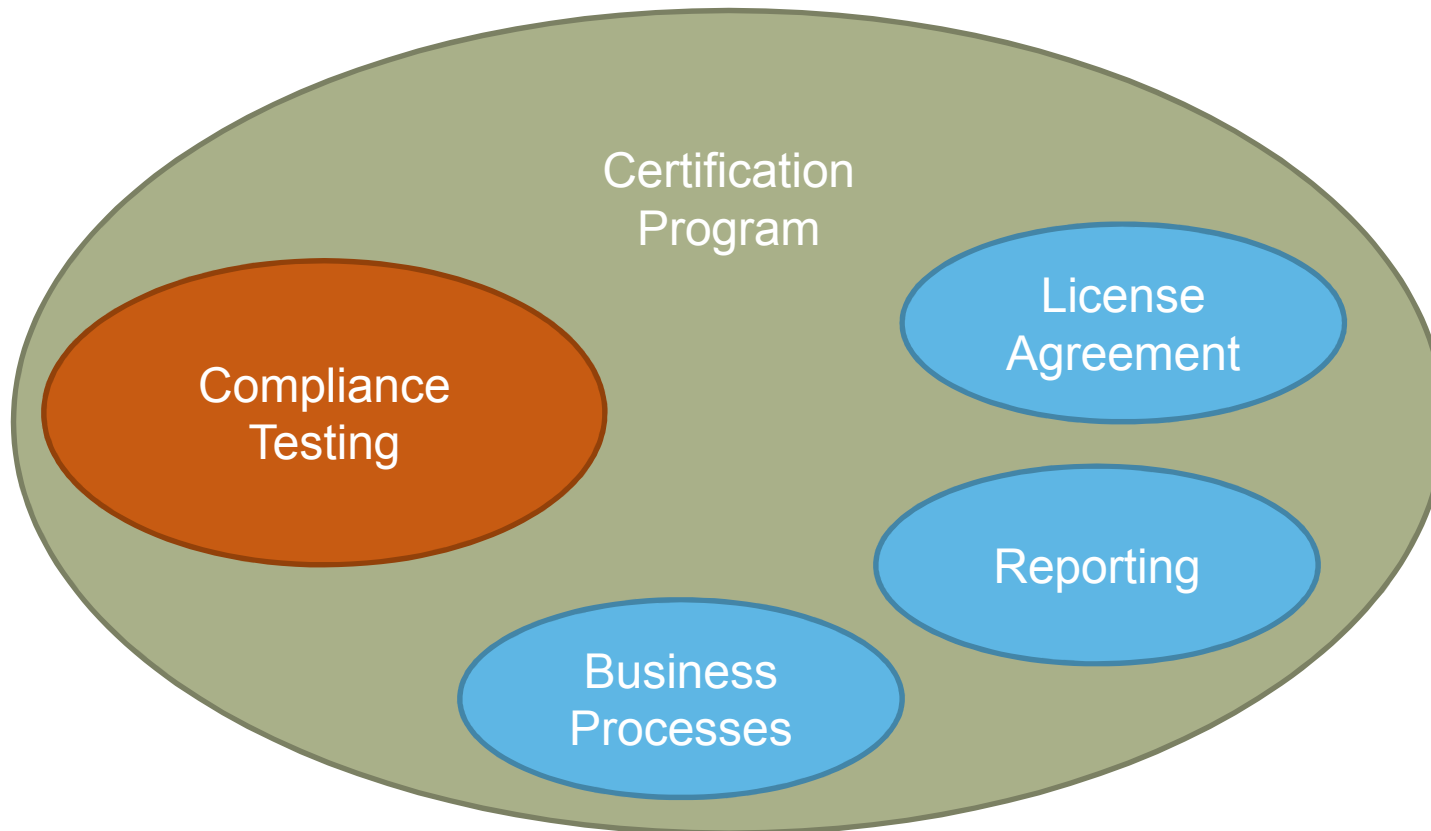


Certification and Compliance Program and Policy

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Certification and Compliance



Certification and Compliance Governance

- The Certification and Compliance are managed through RETS workgroups.
 - ◆ The Certification Workgroup focused on the Business side of the Certification Program
 - ◆ The Compliance Testing Workgroup develops and manages the tools for Compliance Testing

- Membership in these workgroups are open to all RESO Members, as is participation in its deliberations and voting.
- Both have been dormant workgroups

- A Committee of the Board of Directors has been formed to bootstrap the process again

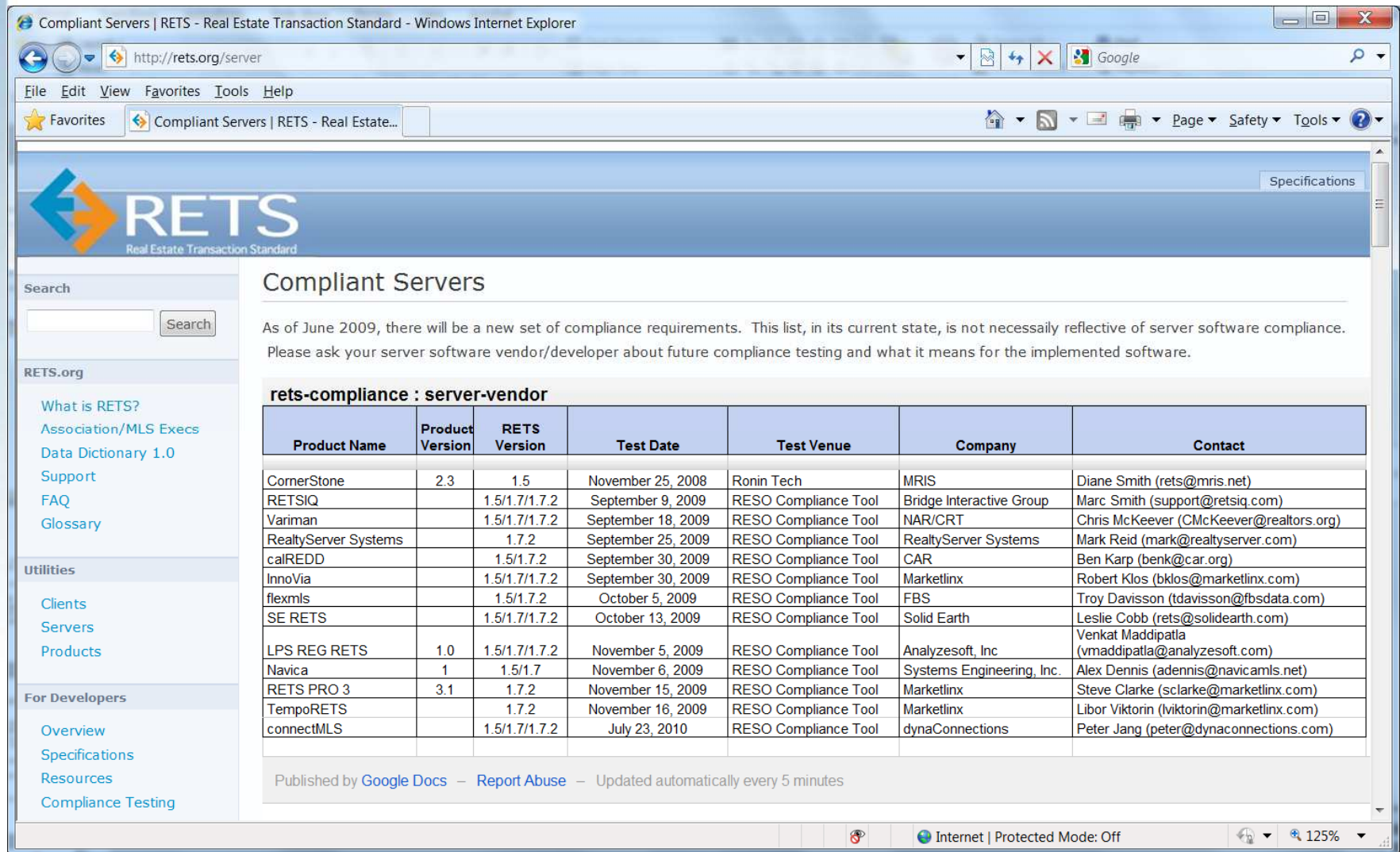
What is Certified

- Client
 - ◆ A Client is a system which retrieves information from a RETS Server. The Compliance testing process validates that the Client interacts with a Server according to the standard.
- Server
 - ◆ A Server is a system that hosts data to be served to Clients via RETS transactions. A Server is deemed to be Certified if it has passed all required tests
- Site (MLS)
 - ◆ A site is defined as a specific installation of a RETS Server. Since RETS Servers provide a significant amount of configurability, each Site also needs to be tested

Reporting Testing Results

- The Compliance Testing tool will provide detailed reports of the results of the tests performed
- These reports will form the basis of the Certification Report Card
 - ◆ Represents the official results of Compliance testing
 - ◆ Indicate which optional tests were passed
 - ◆ Include details such as the number of fields returned
- Systems passing The Compliance test will be posted on the RETS.org web site
 - ◆ Only systems that pass the mandatory tests will be listed on the web site
 - ◆ Systems that are still testing or have failed are not listed

Existing RETS.org site



Compliant Servers | RETS - Real Estate Transaction Standard - Windows Internet Explorer

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Compliant Servers

As of June 2009, there will be a new set of compliance requirements. This list, in its current state, is not necessarily reflective of server software compliance. Please ask your server software vendor/developer about future compliance testing and what it means for the implemented software.

rets-compliance : server-vendor

Product Name	Product Version	RETS Version	Test Date	Test Venue	Company	Contact
CornerStone	2.3	1.5	November 25, 2008	Ronin Tech	MRIS	Diane Smith (rets@mris.net)
RETSIQ		1.5/1.7/1.7.2	September 9, 2009	RESO Compliance Tool	Bridge Interactive Group	Marc Smith (support@retsiq.com)
Variman		1.5/1.7/1.7.2	September 18, 2009	RESO Compliance Tool	NAR/CRT	Chris McKeever (CMcKeever@realtors.org)
RealtyServer Systems		1.7.2	September 25, 2009	RESO Compliance Tool	RealtyServer Systems	Mark Reid (mark@realtyserver.com)
calREDD		1.5/1.7.2	September 30, 2009	RESO Compliance Tool	CAR	Ben Karp (benk@car.org)
InnoVia		1.5/1.7/1.7.2	September 30, 2009	RESO Compliance Tool	Marketlinx	Robert Klos (bklos@marketlinx.com)
flexmls		1.5/1.7.2	October 5, 2009	RESO Compliance Tool	FBS	Troy Davisson (tdavisson@fbsdata.com)
SE RETS		1.5/1.7/1.7.2	October 13, 2009	RESO Compliance Tool	Solid Earth	Leslie Cobb (rets@solidearth.com)
LPS REG RETS	1.0	1.5/1.7/1.7.2	November 5, 2009	RESO Compliance Tool	Analyzesoft, Inc	Venkat Maddipatla (vmaddipatla@analyzesoft.com)
Navica	1	1.5/1.7	November 6, 2009	RESO Compliance Tool	Systems Engineering, Inc.	Alex Dennis (adennis@navicamls.net)
RETS PRO 3	3.1	1.7.2	November 15, 2009	RESO Compliance Tool	Marketlinx	Steve Clarke (sclarke@marketlinx.com)
TempoRETS		1.7.2	November 16, 2009	RESO Compliance Tool	Marketlinx	Libor Viktorin (lviktorin@marketlinx.com)
connectMLS		1.5/1.7/1.7.2	July 23, 2010	RESO Compliance Tool	dynaConnections	Peter Jang (peter@dynaconnections.com)

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Why are we publishing results?

- 'RETS Compatible' means very little today
- Need black and white, objective, transparent method to communicate the Certification status of a server, Client or Site
- Reduce support and implementation costs
 - ◆ MLSs can implement policies stating they will only support Certified Clients
 - ◆ Vendors can avoid Sites that are not certified
- If a dispute arises between a Server and Client, the Certification status should be validated. If either system is not certified, then the first step in the process is to get both systems certified

RETS Trademark License Agreement

- All systems that pass the required levels for RETS Certification are allowed to execute the RETS Trademark License Agreement
- The License Agreement allows a company to use the RETS Certified logo in conjunction with the product marketing and support materials
- Membership in RESO does NOT grant firms the right to use the RETS Certified Logo
- Firms that are not members of RESO can get their products Certified
- RETS and RESO logos can only be used with a Trademark License Agreement

RETS and RESO Logos

- Company is a Charter Member
 - ◆ Cannot be used for products
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- A specific product is certified
- Logo for use only be RESO



Re-certification

- Systems are required to insure continued compatibility with the standard. Certification is an ongoing obligation.

- New Versions of the RETS Specification
 - ◆ Systems need to be re-certified for new Major versions of RETS
 - ◆ Systems have 12 months after approval date of the Version, or 12 months after the availability date of the Certification Testing tool
 - ◆ Re-Certification notices will be issued as new versions of RETS are approved

- New Versions of Clients and Servers
 - ◆ New Major versions of Servers and Clients need to be re-certified

- Changes to Sites
 - ◆ Major changes to Sites metadata will need to be re-certified

Certification Fees

- Certification Fees will apply to Servers, Clients and Sites
- RESO members will receive discounted fees
- Re-certification will be discounted
- The BOD is still reviewing the business model

- Bottom Line – Need to generate enough revenue to fund the process