# **PUID** = Property Unique ID

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#### **Business Cases**:

- Deduplication DB (MLS, Vendors, Listing Websites, etc.)
- Aggregation Multiple sources (mash-up: green data)
- Quick Find Property info (mishmash of online searches)
- Fraud Prevention Uniqueness of mortgage contracts
- **Prop History Report / CDOM** Even with address 'typo'
- Internet Tracking Value (?) To MLS, Vendor, Broker, Agent, ...





Multiple proprietary 'dedup' solutions with own PUID

• These silo **PUID**s only work internally (DB key)

#### • Goal:

Uniquely identify real property

SITUATION

- House on a lot, condo unit, farm acreage, etc.
- Can be for sale, rent, timeshare, bus. opp., etc.
- Not a Listing ID: 2 listings can reference the same PUID
- Provide a global **PUID** allowing property info to flow more easily and effectively (less errors) in r. e. **transaction** 
  - Dealing with liens, mortgage info, contracts, forms, etc.
- Add to **RESO DD** (Property, Open House, etc.) Resources





## Focus on RESO DD Fields

#### DD fields at hand:

- ADR: Address fields (i.e. StreetNumber, StreetName, Country)
- **GEO**: Geographic fields (i.e. Latitude, Longitude, Elevation)
- **TAX**: Tax fields(i.e. Country + State + County + Parcel#)









### **V**UICK PUID W/G HISTORY

If at first you don't succeed, ...

- PUID = Country State County (FIPS) Parcel # (APN)
  - but parcel # reuse issue, etc.
- **PUID** = *f***(GEO**) Latitude, Longitude, Elevation
  - but need military GPS precision (condo), tricorder
- ComparePUID(ADR,GEO,TAX) Use info at hand (MLS)
  - but did not provide a **global** unique ID for all to share...
- **PUID** = **HASH(ADR,GEO,TAX)** but too tricky, not really feasible...
- **PUID** = GetPUID(ADR,GEO,TAX) from RESO PUID Repository



## **RESO PUID Repository**

#### **Current Focus:**

- RESO approaching big tax data aggregators
- Looking for 99%+ coverage
- Considered smaller players, but would add complexity...

#### Where were at:

- Discovery phase:
  - What data fields and APIs are provided?
  - Quality of data, normalized, regularly cleaned, etc.
- **Delays**: Fields are TOP SECRET proprietary things (NDA)
  - Patience required! <sup>(2)</sup>







#### **RESO PUID Repository:**

FUTURE

- National (USA), Canada not so much (\$) ...
- Hosted by RESO
- (PUID,C) = GetPUID(ADR,GEO,TAX), C = confidence
  - Not returning other data (ADR, GEO, TAX) KISS, licensing
- Implementation: Database or thin API call ???



### National Open-Data Address

**DOT** MAD for short: PUID W/G reached out to...

- AND OF TRANSPORT
- Based on the UK Open Address crowd-sourced proof-ofconcept, now stalled (\$)
- Issue is often licensing & privacy laws (i.e. CENSUS data)
- 44% coverage (municipalities / counties with data) / 15 states
- 911 Next Gen Emergency Call Routing should increase coverage
- Goal: National level geocoder (would be cool for real estate industry)
- Target: End of 2016
- Limited usefulness for the RESO PUID
- But potential synergy in actual **PUID value** itself!







### Thank you!



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