RETS 1.x

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Quick History 1

• Late 1990’s most vendors were offering ‘Internet access’ to listing data - all similar but different
• 1999 series of meetings hosted by NAR resulted in a transport standard and very loose data naming convention
• For the first 6 years, led by Bruce Toback, master cat wrangler
• Standard was forged as a series of compromises driven primarily by vendors with some MLS participation
Quick History 2

• State of the industry did not permit standardized data
• Only transport layer had sufficient commonality for agreement
• Interoperability between vendors was poor at first
• Improvements and clarifications to standard removed ambiguities
• Additional changes driven by the community through the RETS Change Proposal process
Current State

• RETS 1.7.2 is widely available
• RETS 1.5 still in use in certain places
• RETS 1.8.0 is being delivered to customers now
• RETS 1.8.1 will be delivered in 2016
Transitions - 1

• 1.5 -> 1.7.2
  • primarily clarifications to the standard
• 1.7.2 -> 1.8.0
  • 24 change proposals
  • added PostObject, GetPayloadList transaction
  • major improvement to Update, ValidationExpression
• data dictionary support
Transitions - 2

• 1.8.0 -> 1.8.1
  • 4 change proposals
  • Geospatial in Search Transaction
  • mostly minor
Future

• Expectation is that some change will occur
• Two major topics
  • IETF changes
  • DTD -> XSD
• Community driven change through the RETS Change Proposal process
Thanks

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• Monthly RETS1.x meeting
  • Second Thursday of the month