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

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Thanks

- Contact info
  - pstusiak@falcontechnologies.com
  - Monthly RETS1.x meeting
    - Second Thursday of the month