



# Web API

Opportunities, Challenges, and the Next Evolution of Real Estate Data



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# We Replicate





# Web API Replication

Supported by 100s of MLSs

Rapid maturation in the last 6 months

Allows for more efficient and advanced data handling capabilities for vendors like us





# Learning from other growth industries





# a story

hundreds and thousands of local data sources,  
industry-wide data standards,  
changing outdated print experiences to digital,  
building the early applications to change the consumer experience,  
lowering costs for local data vendors while helping them improve their data  
acquisitions and investments in the hundreds of millions and billions of dollars  
disruption when industry outsiders disregard standards and data sources  
acceleration of existing industry players to compete  
a drastic increase in consumer usage and revenue for everyone





# HERE Technologies

Largest supplier of spatial data globally

**\$880M IPO**

**\$8.1B Acquisition**

**\$1B+ Annual Data Revenue**





navigation systems

census and local uses

fleet tracking

smartphone apps

athletic and health applications

TV & radio traffic reporting

video games

# data used in

self-driving cars

smarter cities

GIS applications

weather and climate modeling

movie scene creation





**100+ navigable countries**

**2D & 3D data**

**2.4 million changes per day**

Raw data is counted in **petabytes** (a petabyte is a million gigabytes)

**225+ attributes**

# about the data

**35 M+ kilometers**

Each car collects 140 GB of data per day

Real-time local data including traffic, fuel prices, road closures, events, parking, etc





# Field data collection

Real-time probes and sources

Expert communities

Partners

# data creation

Production teams

End-users

Local source data (data sharing with cities, counties, states, federal, local private companies, etc.)





# spatial milestones

1984: Tele Atlas founded

1987: Navteq founded

1999: AOL buys MapQuest for \$1.1 Billion

2000: Vicinity IPOs for \$120 Million

2002: Microsoft acquires Vicinity for \$96 Million

2006: Navteq acquires traffic.com for \$179 Million

2007: Nokia acquires Navteq for \$8.1 Billion

2007: Microsoft Acquires MultiMap

2007: TomTom acquires Tele Atlas for €2 Billion

2007: Google invests \$300 Million to build out their own data.

2013: Google Acquires Waze for \$966 Million

2014: Inrix Raises \$50M (\$68 Million)

2015: Consortium acquires HERE for €2.8 Billion

2017: Mapbox Raises \$164 Million (\$63M raised prior)





# Web API first impressions





better documentation

great community support

better long term option to RETS

improved standardization

cheaper to support

familiar restful protocol

happier developers

# first impressions

some early divergence from  
the data dictionary

replication growing pains  
when we first started

forced adoption

rushed moves to  
drop RETS

not plug and play to replace RETS





# strengths

An opportunity for us as an industry to learn  
from our RETS experience...

Standardization  
Documentation  
Community





# strengths

Speed

Developer familiarity & happiness

Flexibility

Fast iteration

Less processor intensive

Active developer community

Improved documentation





# it's not RETS

Larger datasets

Connection limitations

More storage intensive

Less processor intensive

Very different ETL model

Still maturing and evolving

Commitment to get it right





# our lessons learned

Don't rush the transition to Web API

Understand that Web API isn't RETS

Local caching is super important

**\$EXPAND** queries for media should be a requirement

Refinement of the initial “download” process





# our lessons learned

Use the resources out there

Contribute to the resources out there

Partnership is important

RESO is important





# thank you

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