

Bonus Improvement in December: Drawing Map Shapes on Tablets

RMLS™ rolled out updates earlier this week on RMLSweb to improve the site's performance on tablet computers. In addition to the features we knew would be going live, we were able to work with our map vendor to squeeze in another improvement: the ability to draw map shapes on a tablet!

How do you do it? We prepared a short video demonstration (view at full screen to see important details):

A key to successful map shapes on your tablet is clicking to close the shape, using the button at the top of the map search interface.

(We're using our RMLS™ pen to navigate, which is designed to convert easily between a ballpoint pen and a stylish stylus. Stop by your local RMLS™ office for one of your own!)

Let us know how this feature is working for you! RMLS™ has been excited for the release of these improvements and hope they make your job easier in the coming months. As usual, call the RMLS™ Help Desk if we can help: (503) 872-8002 or (877) 256-2169 toll free.

December Releases and

Improvements on RMLSweb!

Our developers at RMLS™ have been working hard this year on our browser and tablet compatibility project, and on December 12th we'll introduce one of the more anticipated developments of this project: an improved Listing Load experience! We'll also be removing the map coordinates requirement for listings in all areas, and making some housekeeping changes to the RMLS™ Terms of Service. Read on for details...



Improved Listing Load

After the switch, Listing Load will be compatible with more browsers and tablets. Subscribers using Listing Load on desktop machines may not notice many changes to the interface, but Listing Load will now work with Google Chrome and Apple Safari, in addition to Microsoft Internet Explorer and Mozilla Firefox.

Interface changes will be more noticeable for subscribers using a tablet to access RMLSweb. The tablet interface has been designed for more tablet-compatible interaction. Tablet users may notice the absence of the "List View" and "Detail View" tabs, as only a list view will be available (*above*). The interface works best in landscape mode, as there may be some width lost (resulting in clipping of information) in portrait mode. Given the constraints of tablets, this version of Listing Load will be unable to upload documents to a listing, and photos may only be uploaded one at a time.

Chrome is our recommended browser for Android users. Listing Load is experiencing performance issues on iPads using Safari in iOS7. RMLS™ will continue monitoring the issue and hopes the iOS7.1 release will mitigate the issue.

Map Coordinates No Longer Required

RMLS*web* will no longer require map coordinates (page, column, and row) when submitting a listing! Earlier this year map coordinates ceased being a requirement in all but Portland metro, Lane County, and Curry County, but coordinates will now be unrequired for all RMLS*web* listings. Rand McNally, the company responsible for Thomas Guide publications, no longer produces a Portland or Oregon edition—as brokers may not have easy access to the information anymore, RMLS™ has decided to make this change.

Terms of Service Change

RMLS™ has partnered with many third-party sites in 2013, including RPR, RatePlug, and New Home Source. As part of our regular password change on December 11th, users will need to accept a new Terms of Service, updated to clearly state that the RMLS™ Terms of Service apply only to RMLS*web* and other RMLS™ websites and not to our third-party partners, such as those named above. View the redlined RMLS™ Terms of Service for brokers and for office staff (office managers, personal assistants, and input personnel).

Don't forget, if you have any questions about these improvements to RMLS*web*, contact the RMLS™ Help Desk at (503) 236-7657 or (877) 256-2169.

It has been a big year at RMLS™! Subscriber feedback drives our improvements to RMLS*web*, and these latest improvements are no exception. Thanks, subscribers, for your input this year and into the future.

Coming in 2013: Full Browser and Tablet Compatibility



RMLS™ is one of a handful of multiple listing services that does its own development work rather than purchasing a vended MLS system. At their annual leadership retreat each February, the RMLS™ Board of Directors sets priorities for the programming and development team for the coming year.

We recently held this annual retreat, and the clear mandate and number one priority for 2013 was decided: full browser and tablet compatibility for RMLSweb. This project will make our system fully compatible with current versions of Safari, Chrome, Firefox, and Internet Explorer; and add compatibility for the iPad, Android, and Windows Surface tablets.

In the 2012 Subscriber Satisfaction Survey, 49% of our subscribers who responded were “very interested” in tablet and browser compatibility. This is not surprising, because tablets outsold notebook computers in the US in 2012, and are projected to outsell all PCs worldwide by 2016.