

Syndication Workgroup

Meeting Minutes 20080317

Information

Date: March 17, 2008

Time: 1:00 PM PDT

Location: Offices of Yahoo!, Sunnyvale, CA

Sponsor: Yahoo!

Meeting Type: In-person

Duration: 4 hours

Next Meeting

Date: March 25th, 2008

Time: 10:00 AM PDT

Location: NAR teleconference bridge, 800 727 7709 8359369#

Sponsor: NAR

Meeting Type: teleconference

Duration: 1 hour

Agenda

- Review and adopt previous minutes
- Discussion of the structure of the schema for syndication
- New Business
- Set Next Meeting Date
- Adjourn

Minutes

Chair: Paul Stusiak

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Roll Call

Peter Chiu, Yahoo!

Chad Cooper - Homescape

Abe Murray, Google

Alex Parr - Trulia

Mark Scheel - eNeighborhoods

Paul Stusiak, Falcon Technologies

Jason Tan, Zillow

Andrew Tillman, Center for Real Estate Technologies (CRT - NAR)

Maria Zhang, Zillow

Adopt previous meeting minutes

The minutes were adopted as read.

Discussion of Schema Structure for Syndication

The group engaged in a discussion of the structure of the schema from the elements previously discussed.

An important point was made in this group, that to use the existing schema will require a change to the Address.xsd. Paul Stusiak agreed that this would be taken back to the group and that the schema group would almost certainly agree to the changes that were suggested. Those changes were that the unit element should be moved out of the full address element and that the documentation of the full address be changed to correctly reflect the existing structure of the schema which does not include the City and State as part of the full address.

Additional discussion led to a trial schema that was submitted back to Gina Accawi for suggestion outside of the meeting - Gina has spent a lot of time working on the schema of the Syndication group and she will prepare additional xsd structure to the trial document.

** Action – Gina Accawi to prepare a valid schema for syndication based on the fields identified and the trial schema.

A second point was made that the PermitAddressOnInternet element of the Schema workgroup products should more correctly be described as a DiscloseAddressOnInternet indicator.

** Action - Paul Stusiak to bring the change of DiscloseAddressOnInternet to the Schema workgroup.

The group spent most of the time in detailed discussion of the elements and structure. Important points were made as described above and that, wherever possible, the Syndication group would attempt to use the base schema fragments of the Schema workgroup to make the mapping simpler.

The group briefly discussed transport as a nice-to-have in the future, but the current focus is on the data definition which will resolve existing issues.

The group briefly discussed adoption votes for the syndication schema. It was determined that between meetings, if necessary, the Syndication Workgroup would make changes as needed to resolve the various issues and treat the resulting schema as a draft schema with the need to vote to adopt at the next trimester meeting.

Several structures from Schema were used, but several others were rejected as adding unnecessary complexity to something that is intended to be human readable. In particular, the Media schema was determined to be unnecessary for the purposes of the Syndication schema, since all members of the group in attendance only accept URL values and a small set of mime types. Adding the additional flexibility of binary inclusion and multiple mime types were determined to be unnecessary, and the group agreed to use the simple case of a defined element name for each supported media - for example, using a Picture element to contain picture information and not including any of the additional information of the Media schema.

New Business

The group agreed to continue the aggressive time frame for delivering this, with an intent to bring the syndication schema for a vote at the April trimester meeting.

Set Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held on the teleconference bridge: telephone 800 727 7709 meeting id: 8359369# on March 25, at 10 AM Pacific.

The agenda will be to review the updated schema and to provide feedback to the group on both the schema and any new information on fields.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5 PM Pacific.