



Planned Upgrades on Tuesday, February 16, 2010

This email will highlight the planned changes scheduled for installation late in the evening on February 16, 2010. We encourage you to click here to review the *flexmls® Web upgrade notice* courtesy of FBS.

New Features

Customizable Dashboard(s)

- Classic Dashboard will remain and will be the default Dashboard.
- Create multiple Dashboards with unique content and select your own default.
- Dashboard menu item added for switching between custom Dashboards.

Dashboard Gadgets

- **Hot Sheet Gadget** - run a Hot Sheet right from the Dashboard
- **Saved Search Gadget** including a search box - no need to scroll through all your saved searches - just start typing the name of the Search
- **Listing Cart Gadget** - access to all your Listing Carts right from the Dashboard
- **Market Statistics Gadget** - customize the Market Statistic charts to produce data based on your preferred location
- **Third Party Gadgets** - add your favorite RSS feeds, Facebook account or Google Calendar

If you would like a quick overview, there is a tutorial entitled *Dashboard* within the flexmls User Guides.

Items that have moved

- **Maps & Calcs** menu item has been eliminated. *flexmls maps* and **Calculators** have moved to **Daily Functions**.
- **User Guides** menu item has been eliminated. Now you will click on the **Help** button for both **User Guides** and **Contact Support**.
- **Menu bar** location may be positioned either on the left or across the top; option to hide it has been eliminated. The location of yours may have changed as the new default location is across the top.
- The **two blue triangles** that moved the location of the **Menu bar** have changed in appearance and are now located at the top-right of the screen next to the **Help** button.
- Clicking on the **ARMLS® logo** will now take you to your **default Dashboard**.
- **Log Out** menu item has been moved to the top-right corner of the screen.

February 2010 Updates from FBS for flexmls Web

Date to Remember	What's Happening
January 26	Updates available for preview on beta servers: http://beta.flexmls.com/
February 2	A few volunteer MLSs will have the dashboard and other new features enabled for them to help us do some early testing.
February 9	Dashboard and other new features will be available for MLSs receiving member-level support from FBS.
February 16	One week later, we'll make the dashboard and other new features available for MLSs who provide their own member-level support.

Description of the Updates

The following changes are part of the update:

- **New Look** – The first things user will notice is a change in the color scheme and graphics on the dashboard of the system.

The screenshot displays the flexmls web dashboard for a user named Greg Kilwein at the Fargo-Moorhead Association of Realtors. The interface is organized into several main sections:

- Navigation:** Includes links for Dashboard (marked as 'New!'), Add/Change, Search, Daily Functions, Contacts, Forms, Statistics, Preferences, Other, and Admin. There are also buttons for Forums, Help, and Log Out.
- Classic:** A dropdown menu for theme selection and a Customize button.
- Listings:** A table showing listing status and counts:

Status	Total
Active Listings	1827
Pending Listings	259
Listings To Expire	80
Sold Listings	105

 Below the table are options to 'Add a listing', 'Change a listing', 'Custom hot sheet', '24-hour hot sheet', and 'Open House'.
- Contacts:** A table listing contacts with columns for name and activity counts (A, M, V):

	A	M	V
1234	0	0	0
546573742032	0	0	0
546573742033	0	0	0
546573742034	0	0	0
Allen Hill	0	0	0
Amanda hagen	0	0	0
Andrew Wagner	0	0	0
Andy (fbs test)	0	0	0

 Options for 'Add contact' and 'Presentations' are visible.
- Messages:** Shows 'New messages' with a count of 14.
- Searches:** Includes 'View All' and 'View New' sections with search filters and a 'Full Search'/'Quick Search' area with an 'MLS #' field and a 'Find' button.
- MLS Message Board:** Contains a message from REALTOR® OPEN HOUSE dated Wednesday, January 27, 10:00 AM - 11:30AM, for RE/MAX REALTY 1 at 419 8th Ave S, FGO. The message thanks an affiliate member, State Bank, for a donation to the American Red Cross. Below the message is a 'Lunch & Learn' section with the text: "EVERYTHING YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT NEW FEDERAL AND LOCAL HOUSING INCENTIVES, BUT ARE AFRAID TO".
- Links:** A list of external links including National Association of REALTORS, Realtor.com, North Dakota Association of Realtors, Minnesota Association of Realtors, NAR Calls for Action, Fargo Public School District, West Fargo Public School District, Moorhead Public School District, DGF Schools, Hawley School, and Zones and Districts Map.

- Menu Changes – There also will be some slight changes to the menu: (1) a new Dashboard menu category; (2) maps and calculators will be moved to Daily Functions; and (3) User Guides will be moved to the Help button.
- Major New Features. The following major new features will be included:
 - Customizable Dashboard – Users will now have the ability to customize the dashboard.
 - Dashboard Market Charts. New market charts will be available to place on the new dashboard.

Customizable Dashboard

When users first login after the upgrade, they will still see the dashboard they see now (except that it will be styled as shown in the first screen shot above). With the upgrade, however, users will now have the ability to create new dashboards, choose from a variety of gadgets available for the dashboard, and name and organize them as they want. Below is an example of what the new dashboard looks like.

The screenshot shows the flexmls dashboard interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the flexmls logo on the left and user information 'Greg Kilwein as NEAL AVERY' on the right, along with links for 'Contact MLS', 'Forums', 'Help', and 'Log Out'. Below the navigation bar is a secondary menu with options: 'Dashboard New!', 'Add/Change', 'Search', 'Daily Functions', 'Contacts', 'Showing', 'Forms', 'Statistics', 'Preferences', 'Other', and 'Admin'. A 'Home' dropdown menu is on the left, and a 'Customize' dropdown is on the right.

The main content area is divided into four widgets:

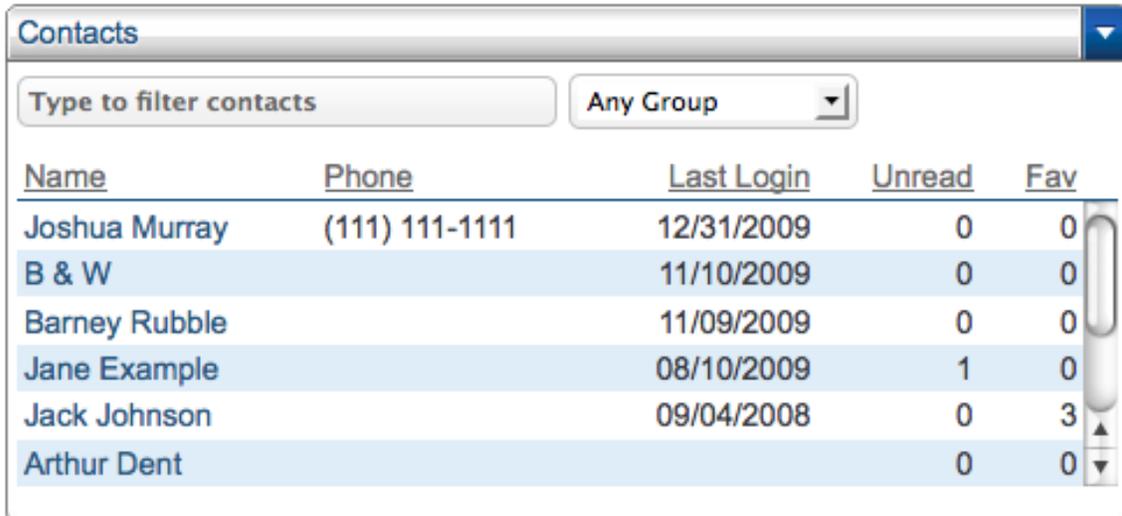
- Contacts:** A table with columns 'Name', 'Last Login', 'Unread', and 'Fav'. It lists several contacts with their last login dates and unread counts.
- New Search:** A search interface with a text input for 'Street Address or MLS #' and a 'Run Search' button. Below the input, it shows 'Full Search' results for '1 - Residential'.
- Hot Sheet:** A table with columns for listing status and counts. It lists various listing statuses like 'New Listing', 'AWC-close upon other sale', etc.
- Saved Searches:** A list of saved search queries with columns for 'Name', 'new', and 'edit'. It includes searches like 'Alcorn - Applewood', 'Alcorn Residential -- 250K+', etc.

Gadgets

There are many gadgets that can be added to the new dashboards, some of which are highlighted below:

Contacts

Similar to the contacts pane on the classic dashboard, this gadget lists your contacts. This gadget improves on the prior contacts pane by: (1) adding a search function so you can quickly find your specific contact; (2) includes last login time and activity from the portal; and (3) shows unread messages. In addition, because you can add more than gadget of a particular type, you can now have a contacts gadget for each group in your contacts list so you can easily track your IDX leads, buyer or seller prospects on one dashboard.



The screenshot shows a 'Contacts' gadget window. At the top, there is a search bar labeled 'Type to filter contacts' and a dropdown menu labeled 'Any Group'. Below these is a table with the following columns: Name, Phone, Last Login, Unread, and Fav. The table contains six rows of contact data.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Last Login</u>	<u>Unread</u>	<u>Fav</u>
Joshua Murray	(111) 111-1111	12/31/2009	0	0
B & W		11/10/2009	0	0
Barney Rubble		11/09/2009	0	0
Jane Example		08/10/2009	1	0
Jack Johnson		09/04/2008	0	3
Arthur Dent			0	0

Hot Sheet

This is an entirely new gadget that shows a summary of a 24-hour hot sheet and allows one-click access directly to the specific categories (e.g., new, sold, price changes, etc.).

Hot Sheet			
New Listing	0	Closed	0
AWC-close upon other sale	0	Expired	0
AWC-Continue to Show	0	Pending	0
AWC-Continue to Show	0	Withdrawn	0
AWC-Continue to take offers	0	Extension	0
AWC-Yes - No Show	0	Back on Market	0
AWC-Yes - No Show	0	Price Change	0
Cancelled	0	Text Change	0

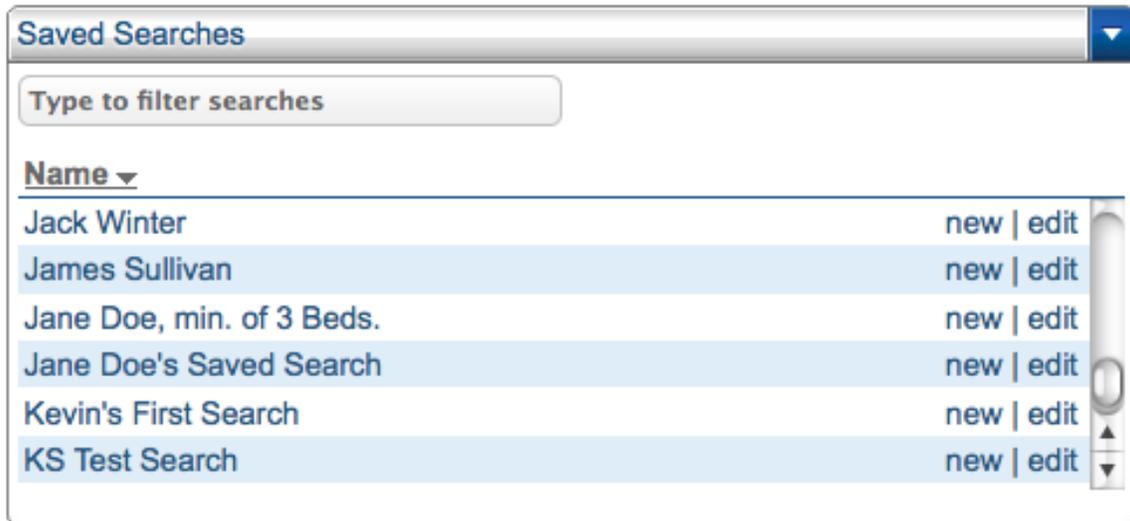
New Search

The new search gadget provides a couple of new ways to start a new search from the dashboard. First, in addition to entering one or more list numbers, you also can type in an address or street name to start a search. Second, the new search gadget allows to you choose multiple quick search links and to specify defaults for the full search so you can eliminate several clicks to begin a new search.

New Search	
<input type="text" value="Street Address or MLS #"/>	<input type="button" value="Run Search"/>
<input type="button" value="Full Search"/>	<input type="button" value="My Residential"/>
<input type="button" value="IDX Residential"/>	<input type="button" value="Public Website Search"/>
<input type="button" value="Multifamily"/>	

Saved Searches

The saved searches gadget improves upon the saved searches pane on the classic dashboard by adding the ability to type to search your list of searches. There also is a new “favorites” function for saved searches and you can set the saved search gadget to only display your favorites.

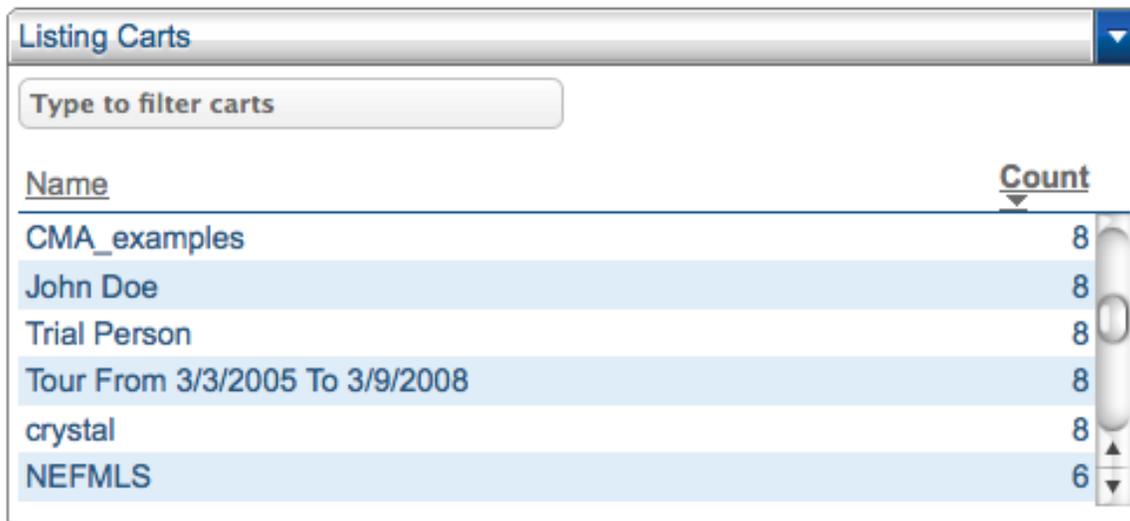


The screenshot shows a window titled "Saved Searches" with a search input field labeled "Type to filter searches". Below the input field is a table with a header "Name" and a "new | edit" column. The table contains six rows of search entries.

Name	
Jack Winter	new edit
James Sullivan	new edit
Jane Doe, min. of 3 Beds.	new edit
Jane Doe's Saved Search	new edit
Kevin's First Search	new edit
KS Test Search	new edit

Listing Carts

In addition to saved searches, you can now display your listing carts on the dashboard, and sort them by name, listing count, or most recently updated.

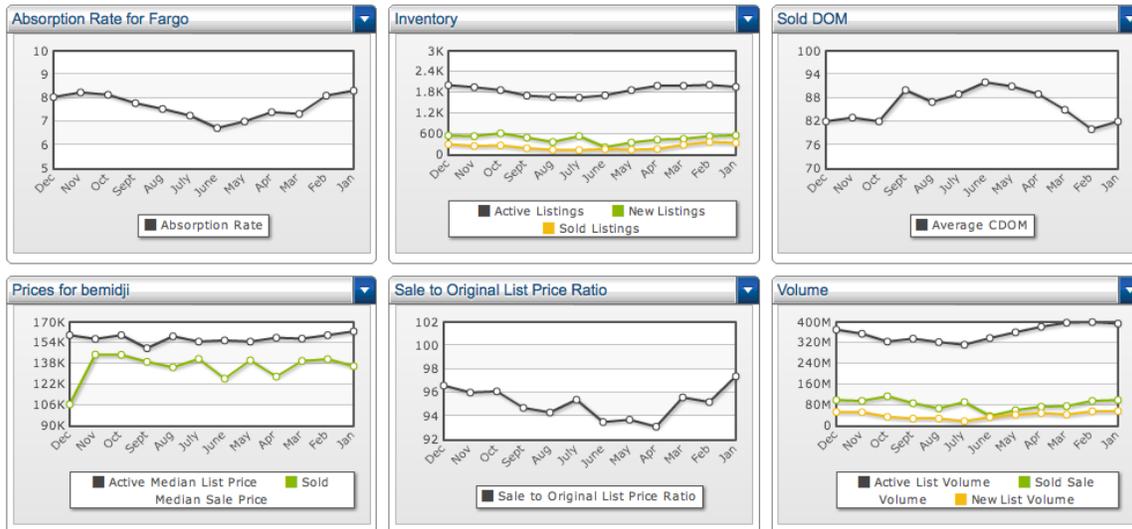


The screenshot shows a window titled "Listing Carts" with a search input field labeled "Type to filter carts". Below the input field is a table with a header "Name" and a "Count" column. The table contains six rows of listing cart entries.

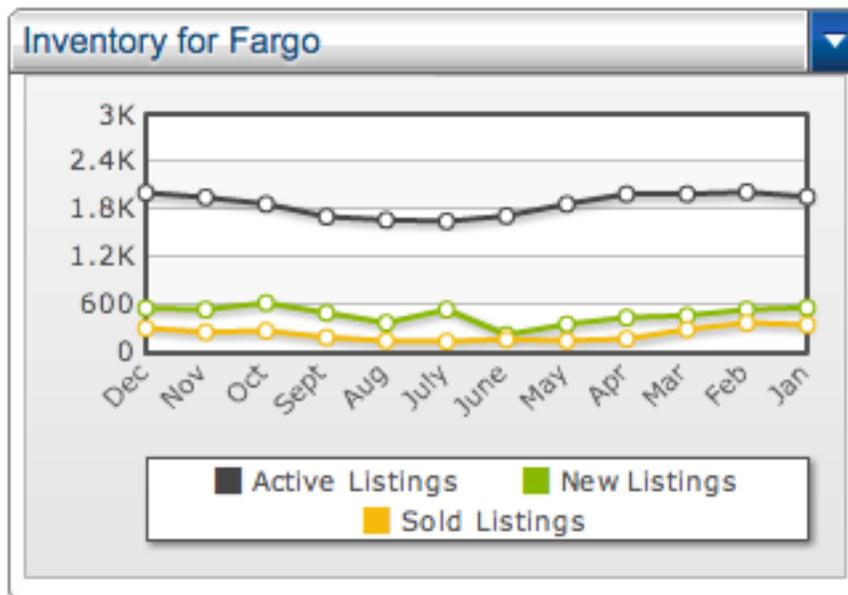
Name	Count
CMA_examples	8
John Doe	8
Trial Person	8
Tour From 3/3/2005 To 3/9/2008	8
crystal	8
NEFMLS	6

Market Charts

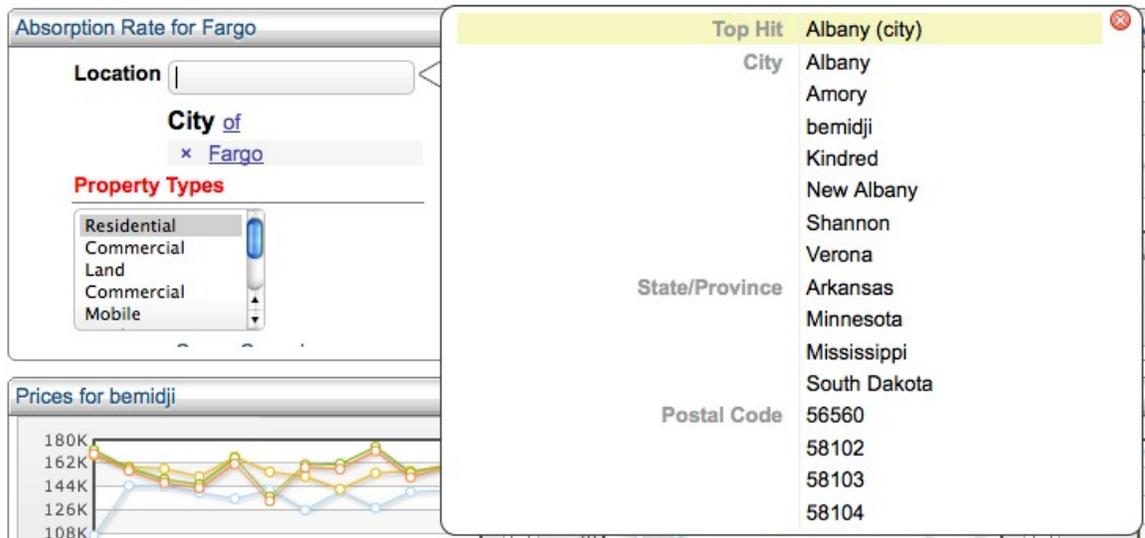
There also are six graphical market statistics gadgets.



Each widget has a variety of settings that allow you to specify the location, property types, and statistics you want to track on the gadget.



The location search function for the gadgets also is new, and allows you to look up and add multiple locations from a single text box.



The fields (e.g., city, zip code, area, etc.) available in this search are determined by the MLS in the administrative module. In addition (most likely in a future release), we anticipate allowing users to add their own locations by defining shapes on the map to target specific markets. (Note: The location search function also is available now for any MLS that wants to turn it on for IDX searches or quick or map searching in the MLS system.)

Third Party Gadgets

We're also including a few gadgets from services such as Google and Facebook, along with a general RSS gadget that will allow users or the MLS to stream in any blog or other service that provides an RSS feed.

Dashboard **New!** [Add/Change](#) [Search](#) [Contacts](#) [Daily Functions](#) [Showing](#) [Forms](#) [Statistics](#) [Preferences](#) [Other](#) [Admin](#)

[Home](#) [Options](#) [Add Gadgets](#) [New Dashboard](#)

Facebook

Welcome, Michael Wurzer [logout](#)

What's on your mind? [Share](#)

Troy Feeken Yes Fargo PD animal control. Because I have two dog crates in the back of my truck means there's dogs in there when it's -10 out. Deerrrr!
6 minutes ago · [Comment](#)

Mike Price For those of us unable to make it to NYC, this should be cool <http://bit.ly/6mzRiV> [11](#) [13](#) [1](#) [1](#)

Google Calendar

< **January 2010** >

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

Today (Fri, Jan 8)

2:00pm Peter S
7:00pm Poker
7:37pm UND vs Mankato

Tomorrow (Sat, Jan 9)

7:07pm UND vs. Mankato

[Today](#) [Add](#) [Options](#)

Contacts

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Bev Rude			0	0

Saved Searches

Type to filter searches

For example, if you wanted to keep users up to date on what Michael Wurzer is writing on the FBS Blog, you could have a gadget just for that on the MLS dashboard.

FBS Blog

Twittering about RPR and data standards
01/21/2010 22:56:03

What did Dale Ross, CEO of NAR's RPR, mean by a "lot of mouths to feed"?
01/20/2010 16:33:43

Inman Connect Reflection: Back to the Future
01/15/2010 17:46:46

Inman Connect Summary: I call BS on anyone who says the current MLS model is broke
01/15/2010 12:07:56

MLS Dashboard

Each MLS also will have its own dashboard that will be required and the same for all users. The MLS administrator will be able to specify what gadgets appear on the dashboard.

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Dashboard **New!** Add/Change Search Daily Functions Contacts Showing Forms Statistics Preferences Other Admin

MLS Customize

Message Board

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Inventory

Line chart showing Active Listings, New Listings, and Sold Listings from Feb to Jan.

Month	Active Listings	New Listings	Sold Listings
Feb	100	20	10
Mar	105	25	15
Apr	110	30	20
May	115	35	25
June	120	40	30
July	125	45	35
Aug	130	50	40
Sept	135	55	45
Oct	140	60	50
Nov	145	65	55
Dec	150	70	60
Jan	155	75	65

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Please let us know if you have any questions regarding the upgrade plan or timing.

Sincerely,
Michael Wurzer
President and CEO
FBS