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1, Introduction

Estates Agents can have their property automatically submitted and updated on mintlocation by using our "Feedgrabber".

Feedgrabber is a scheduled task that happens on the mintlocation servers every night at midnight.

Feedgrabber can accept up to 4 XML feeds which can be assigned via the online property manager. These feeds are for Sales, Lettings, Overseas Sales and Overseas Lettings.

2, Instructions

To add your feeds log into mintlocation.com and click on the property manager link at the top. At the bottom of the property manager menu is a "Property Feeds" section. This is where you can make all feedgrabber related settings.

To enter your feed URLs click on the FeedGrabber URL's button. This will present you with a simple form where you can enter the paths to your relevant feeds. You can leave any un-required feeds empty. When entering a feed URL you must supply a full URL

Eg: <http://www.estateagent.com/sales-feed.xml>

The feed does not necessarily have to be an xml file, you can link to an ASP/PHP script but the output must be properly validated XML with XML headers.

A php example of setting an XML header is this:

```
header('Content-Type: text/xml');
```

An ASP example of setting an XML header is this:

```
response.contenttype="text/xml"
```

This must be sent to the browser before any other content is output.

Automation is achieved by setting "Auto Update" to "Yes" in the feed manager.

3, Deleting Property

When the feed is fetched from your website all properties are set to deleted. The properties in your feed are then re-activated as they are updated. Any properties no longer in the feed will not be re-activated and therefore deleted.

In essence, to delete a property simply remove it from your feed.

4, Test Feeds

You can test that mintlocation is able to locate your feed by using pressing the “Test Feeds” button on the property manager.

This will make a connection to your feed URL's and make sure that the system can properly access your feeds.

This does not test that your feeds are supplying valid data.

5, Manual Update

During testing you can use the Manual Update function to fetch your feeds. This performs the same functions as the Auto grabber however it can be invoked at any time. You can use this along with the Log to test your feed for validity.

You can also use the manual update to instantly display new properties you may have instead of waiting for the midnight run.

6, View Log

This allows you to view a simple log of the last 90 days of automatic and manual updates. From here you can see the date, property type, grab type and information about how many properties have been added/edited or deleted.

It will also show any other information about the grab which may help to debug your feed.

7, Images

Currently the feed only supports one image. If you would like to place additional property images on the system you will have to use the property manager.

8, Feed Values

The below tables outline the values that need to be sent from your feed. Required values are essential. If left empty the system will not properly import your property.

To gain better results through mintlocation searches we recommend completing as much of the data as possible.

The town and borough columns can be padded out with additional location data.

Eg:

town could be Ilford, IG1

borough could be Redbridge, Ilford

We recommend padding out these columns to increase your search results.

Please also make sure that town and borough names are spelt correctly. Incorrectly spelt towns will not appear on the site properly.

8a, Sales Property

Value	Value Type		Notes
user_ref	100 Variable alphanumeric characters	Required	Each property must have a unique user_ref and this ref must remain constant.
title	250 Variable characters	Required	Property Address/Street
town	100 Variable alphanumeric characters	Required	
borough	250 Variable characters	Optional	
postcode	UK Postcode	Required	First half of UK postcode essential.
property_type	Options Houses Flats or Apartments Bungalows Character Property Land Guest House or Hotel Mobile or Park Homes Retirement Property Garage or Parking	optional	We recommend using one of the property types in our list. These types are defined in our searches and therefore if you use our types your property is more likely to be found in a search.
tenure	Options Freehold Leasehold	Optional	
bedrooms	Integer	Required	
bathrooms	Integer	Optional	
receptions	Integer	Optional	
bullet1	250 Variable characters	Optional	
bullet2	250 Variable characters	Optional	
bullet3	250 Variable characters	Optional	
description	Text	Optional	
price	Integer	Required	
status	Options Sold Sale Agreed Available Keen to Sell Must be Seen New Instruction Private Sale Reduced Under Offer	Required	Must be an EXACT match of one of the given options.
new	Options Yes No	Required	Is this property a new build?
image	Full URL to image	Optional	Supply a full URL including http:// to your image and

			mintlocation will download it and store it locally.
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Example Full XML Data

This is an example of a full feed for a sales property.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1"?>
<salesfeed>
  <property>
    <user_ref>sales121</user_ref>
    <title>High Road, Ilford</title>
    <town>Ilford, IG1</town>
    <borough>Redbridge, Ilford</borough>
    <postcode>IG1 4TD</postcode>
    <property_type>Houses</property_type>
    <tenure>Freehold</tenure>
    <bedrooms>1</bedrooms>
    <bathrooms>1</bathrooms>
    <receptions>1</receptions>
    <bullet1>1 minute walk from train station</bullet1>
    <bullet2>Newly fitted bathroom</bullet2>
    <bullet3>Landscaped Garden</bullet3>
    <description>A 1 bedroom 4th floor apartment with a south-east aspect in
this superb landmark development, located in the heart of docklands next to Canary Wharf,
with its first class shopping, sporting and leisure amenities and diverse range of restaurants
and bars and local transport facilities providing easy access to the City and West
End.</description>
    <price>199991</price>
    <status>Available</status>
    <new>No</new>
    <image>http://www.mintlocation.com/images/propertyImages200/adb03a7d55a42c17
dd08bb007862b08e.jpg</image>
  </property>
</salesfeeds>
```

Example Short (required) XML Data

This is an example of a feed with only required parameters.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1"?>
<salesfeed>
  <property>
    <user_ref>sales123</user_ref>
    <title>122 High Road, A town</title>
    <town>A town</town>
    <postcode>AB1</postcode>
    <property_type>Houses</property_type>
    <bedrooms>3</bedrooms>
    <description>A 1 bedroom 4th floor apartment with a south-east aspect in
this superb landmark development, located in the heart of docklands next to
Canary Wharf, with its first class shopping, sporting and leisure amenities
and diverse range of restaurants and bars and local transport facilities
providing easy access to the City and West End.</description>
    <price>199995</price>
    <status>Available</status>
    <new>No</new>
  </property>
</salesfeed>
```

8b, Lettings Property

Value	Value Type		Notes
user_ref	100 Variable alphanumeric characters	Required	Each property must have a unique user_ref and this ref must remain constant.
title	250 Variable characters	Required	Property Address/Street
town	100 Variable alphanumeric characters	Required	
borough	250 Variable characters	Optional	
postcode	UK Postcode	Required	First half of UK postcode essential.
property_type	Options Houses Flats or Apartments Bungalows Character Property Land Guest House or Hotel Mobile or Park Homes Retirement Property Garage or Parking	optional	We recommend using one of the property types in our list. These types are defined in our searches and therefore if you use our types your property is more likely to be found in a search.
letting_type	Options Long Term Short Term	Optional	
bedrooms	Integer	Required	
bathrooms	Integer	Optional	
receptions	Integer	Optional	
bullet1	250 Variable characters	Optional	
bullet2	250 Variable characters	Optional	
bullet3	250 Variable characters	Optional	
description	Text	Optional	
price	Integer	Required	
status	Options Let Available Must be Seen New Instruction Private Let Reduced	Optional	
furnishings	Options Part Furnished Fully Furnished Un-Furnished	Optional	
date_available	Format YYYY-MM-DD	Optional	
image	Full URL to image	Optional	Supply a full URL including http:// to your image and

			mintlocation will download it and store it locally.
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Example Full XML Data

This is an example of a full feed for a sales property.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1"?>
<salesfeed>
  <property>
    <user_ref>lets_2</user_ref>
    <title>High Road, Ilford</title>
    <town>Ilford</town>
    <borough>Redbridge</borough>
    <postcode>IG1 4TD</postcode>
    <property_type>Houses</property_type>
    <letting_type>Long term</letting_type>
    <bedrooms>2</bedrooms>
    <bathrooms>1</bathrooms>
    <receptions>1</receptions>
    <bullet1>1 minute walk from train station</bullet1>
    <bullet2>Newly fitted bathroom</bullet2>
    <bullet3>Landscaped Garden</bullet3>
    <description>A 1 bedroom 4th floor apartment.</description>
    <price>650</price>
    <status>Available</status>
    <furnishings>Part Furnished</furnishings>
    <date_available>2008-06-30</date_available>
    <image>http://www.mintlocation.com/images/propertyImages200/adb03a7d55a42c17
dd08bb007862b08e.jpg</image>
  </property>
</salesfeed>
```

Example Short (required) XML Data

This is an example of a feed with only required parameters.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1"?>
<salesfeed>
  <property>
    <user_ref>lets_1</user_ref>
    <title>High Road, Ilford</title>
    <town>Ilford</town>
    <borough>Redbridge</borough>
    <postcode>IG1 4TD</postcode>
    <property_type>Houses</property_type>
    <bedrooms>2</bedrooms>
    <description>A 1 bedroom 4th floor apartment.</description>
    <price>650</price>
    <status>Available</status>

    <image>http://www.mintlocation.com/images/propertyImages200/adb03a7d55a42c17
dd08bb007862b08e.jpg</image>
  </property>
</salesfeed>
```

8c, Commercial Property

Value	Value Type		Notes
user_ref	100 Variable alphanumeric characters	Required	Each property must have a unique user_ref and this ref must remain constant.
title	250 Variable characters	Required	Property Address/Street
town	100 Variable alphanumeric characters	Required	
borough	250 Variable characters	Optional	
postcode	UK Postcode	Required	First half of UK postcode essential.
property_type	Options Houses Flats or Apartments Bungalows Character Property Land Guest House or Hotel Mobile or Park Homes Retirement Property Garage or Parking	Optional	We recommend using one of the property types in our list. These types are defined in our searches and therefore if you use our types your property is more likely to be found in a search.
property_usage	10 variable characters	Optional	Examples: A1 B1
tenure	Options Freehold Leasehold	Optional	
bullet1	250 Variable characters	Optional	
bullet2	250 Variable characters	Optional	
bullet3	250 Variable characters	Optional	
description	Text	Optional	
price	Integer	Required	
status	Options Sold Sold S.T.C Let Available	Required	
image	Full URL to image	Optional	Supply a full URL including http:// to your image and mintlocation will download it and store it locally.
sqft	25 variable characters	Optional	
floors	integer	Optional	

frontage	25 variable characters	Optional	
parking	100 variable characters	Optional	

Example Full XML Data

This is an example of a full feed for a sales property.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1"?>
<salesfeed>
  <property>
    <user_ref>comm_2</user_ref>
    <title>High Road, Ilford</title>
    <town>Ilford</town>
    <postcode>IG1 4TD</postcode>
    <property_type>Office</property_type>
    <property_usage>A1</property_usage>
    <tenure>Freehold</tenure>
    <price>1000</price>
    <status>Available</status>
    <bullet1>newly decorated</bullet1>
    <bullet2>vacant property</bullet2>
    <bullet3>smoking area</bullet3>
    <floors>2</floors>
    <sqft>6000</sqft>
    <frontage>30ft</frontage>
    <parking>easy street parking</parking>
    <description>We have been providing Professional Commercial and
Residential property consultancy and agency services throughout Fitzrovia, Bloomsbury,
Marylebone, Soho and Central London since 1972. </description>

    <image>http://www.mintlocation.com/images/propertyImages200/adb03a7d55a42c17
dd08bb007862b08e.jpg</image>
  </property>
</salesfeed>
```

Example Short (required) XML Data

This is an example of a feed with only required parameters.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1"?>
<salesfeed>
  <property>
    <user_ref>comm_1</user_ref>
    <title>High Road, Ilford</title>
    <town>Ilford</town>
    <postcode>IG1 4TD</postcode>
    <property_type>Office</property_type>
    <property_usage>A1</property_usage>
    <tenure>Freehold</tenure>
    <price>1000</price>
    <status>Available</status>

    <image>http://www.mintlocation.com/images/propertyImages200/adb03a7d55a42c17
dd08bb007862b08e.jpg</image>
  </property>
</salesfeed>
```

8d, Overseas Sales Property

Value	Value Type		Notes
user_ref	100 Variable alphanumeric characters	Required	Each property must have a unique user_ref and this ref must remain constant.
title	250 Variable characters	Required	Property Address/Street
country	100 Variable alphanumeric characters	Required	
region	250 Variable characters	Optional	Eg. Costa del Sol
property_type	Options Houses Flats or Apartments Bungalows Character Property Land Guest House or Hotel Mobile or Park Homes Retirement Property Garage or Parking	optional	We recommend using one of the property types in our list. These types are defined in our searches and therefore if you use our types your property is more likely to be found in a search.
bedrooms	Integer	Required	
bathrooms	Integer	Optional	
receptions	Integer	Optional	
bullet1	250 Variable characters	Optional	
bullet2	250 Variable characters	Optional	
bullet3	250 Variable characters	Optional	
description	Text	Optional	
price	Integer	Required	
status	Options Sold Sale Agreed Available Keen to Sell Must be Seen New Instruction Private Sale Reduced Under Offer	Required	Must be an EXACT match of one of the given options.
new	Options Yes No	Required	Is this property a new build?
image	Full URL to image	Optional	Supply a full URL including http:// to your image and mintlocation will download it and store it locally.
currency	Options GBP EUR USD	Optional	Must be an EXACT match of one of the given options. By default it is GBP.
postcode	100 Variable Alphanumeric characters	Optional	

Example Full XML Data

This is an example of a full feed for a sales property.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1"?>
<salesfeed>
  <property>
    <user_ref>os_1</user_ref>
    <title>Avenue de Espania</title>
    <country>Spain</country>
    <region>Costa del Sol</region>
    <property_type>Houses</property_type>
    <bedrooms>1</bedrooms>
    <bathrooms>1</bathrooms>
    <receptions>1</receptions>
    <bullet1>1 minute walk from train station</bullet1>
    <bullet2>Newly fitted bathroom</bullet2>
    <bullet3>Landscaped Garden</bullet3>
    <description>A 1 bedroom 4th floor.</description>
    <price>199991</price>
    <status>Available</status>
    <new>No</new>
    <image>http://mint.primebusinessweb.com/images/propertyImages200/adb03a7d55a
42c17dd08bb007862b08e.jpg</image>
    <currency>EUR</currency>
    <postcode>28300</postcode>
  </property>
</salesfeed>
```

Example Short (required) XML Data

This is an example of a feed with only required parameters.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1"?>
<salesfeed>
  <property>
    <user_ref>os_2</user_ref>
    <title>Avenue de Espania</title>
    <country>Spain</country>
    <region>Costa del Sol</region>
    <property_type>Houses</property_type>
    <bedrooms>1</bedrooms>
    <description>A 1 bedroom 4th floor apartment.</description>
    <price>199991</price>
    <status>Available</status>
    <new>No</new>
    <image>http://mint.primebusinessweb.com/images/propertyImages200/adb03a7d55a
42c17dd08bb007862b08e.jpg</image>
  </property>
</salesfeed>
```

8e, Overseas Lettings Property

Value	Value Type		Notes
user_ref	100 Variable alphanumeric characters	Required	Each property must have a unique user_ref and this ref must remain constant.
title	250 Variable characters	Required	Property Address/Street
country	100 Variable alphanumeric characters	Required	
region	250 Variable characters	Optional	Eg. Costa del Sol
property_type	Options Houses Flats or Apartments Bungalows Character Property Land Guest House or Hotel Mobile or Park Homes Retirement Property Garage or Parking	optional	We recommend using one of the property types in our list. These types are defined in our searches and therefore if you use our types your property is more likely to be found in a search.
bedrooms	Integer	Required	
bathrooms	Integer	Optional	
receptions	Integer	Optional	
bullet1	250 Variable characters	Optional	
bullet2	250 Variable characters	Optional	
bullet3	250 Variable characters	Optional	
description	Text	Optional	
price	Integer	Required	
status	Options Let Available Must be Seen New Instruction Private Let Reduced	Required	Must be an EXACT match of one of the given options.
new	Options Yes No	Optional	Is this property a new build?
image	Full URL to image	Optional	Supply a full URL including http:// to your image and mintlocation will download it and store it locally.
currency	Options GBP EUR USD	Optional	Must be an EXACT match of one of the given options. By default it is GBP.
postcode	100 Variable Alphanumeric characters	Optional	

Example Full XML Data

This is an example of a full feed for a sales property.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1"?>
<salesfeed>
  <property>
    <user_ref>os_1</user_ref>
    <title>Avenue de Espania</title>
    <country>Spain</country>
    <region>Costa del Sol</region>
    <property_type>Houses</property_type>
    <bedrooms>1</bedrooms>
    <bathrooms>1</bathrooms>
    <receptions>1</receptions>
    <bullet1>1 minute walk from train station</bullet1>
    <bullet2>Newly fitted bathroom</bullet2>
    <bullet3>Landscaped Garden</bullet3>
    <description>A 1 bedroom 4th floor apartment with a south-east
aspect.</description>
    <price>199991</price>
    <status>Available</status>
    <new>No</new>
    <image>http://mint.primebusinessweb.com/images/propertyImages200/adb03a7d55a
42c17dd08bb007862b08e.jpg</image>
    <currency>EUR</currency>
    <postcode>28300</postcode>
  </property>
</salesfeed>
```

Example Short (required) XML Data

This is an example of a feed with only required parameters.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1"?>
<salesfeed>
  <property>
    <user_ref>os_2</user_ref>
    <title>Avenue de Espania</title>
    <country>Spain</country>
    <region>Costa del Sol</region>
    <property_type>Houses</property_type>
    <bedrooms>1</bedrooms>
    <description>A 1 bedroom 4th floor apartment with a south-east
aspect.</description>
    <price>199991</price>
    <status>Available</status>
    <new>No</new>
    <image>http://mint.primebusinessweb.com/images/propertyImages200/adb03a7d55a
42c17dd08bb007862b08e.jpg</image>
  </property>
</salesfeed>
```