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1. GETTING TO MATRIX

Go to MATRIX from a desktop/laptop/tablet device – portal.mynysmls.com

2. MOBILE DEVICE USE

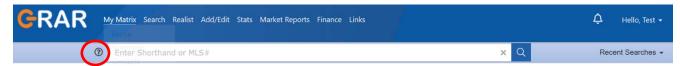
Tablets default to the desktop version. Most phones default to the mobile version. On either, the user can switch to the other version. When on the desktop/full version, there is a blue tab on the right of all the tabs up top that says "mobile". This takes you to the mobile version if your phone is not taking you there.

Desktop Version of MATRIX – Mobile tab takes you to the mobile version Mobile Version – link to Full version



3. SPEED BAR SEARCH

The Speed Bar is intended for quick searches. See the **Speed Bar Tips Tech Tip** or click on? in the Speed Bar



4. TEAM/VACATION SETTINGS

You can use this feature to create and manage a formal team, and/or to simply enable the ability for other Matrix users to occasionally work as you (if you are away or have an illness). To set up:

- o Go to Hello Agent Name (up top right)
- Settings
- Team Settings
- Click here to create a team (you will need each of their IDs)

Once you've done that, the Member who has been allowed that permission can click on their "Hello, (Name)" in the top right. All the shared ID's they can assume will appear there and they just click on it. When they click on it, it will read "Switch to – (Agent 1)" or "Switch to – (Agent 2)" (if there's more than 1 person whose sharing). See the Team Function/Identity Sharing and Team Function Details Tech Tips for more details.

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5. LISTINGS

- o How many days incomplete? You may keep a listing in Incomplete status for up to 21 days as you collect info. Note A listing must be added into MLS as Active within 24 hours of ERS being signed.
- o **Number of Photos**. You must add at least one of the front of property and may include up to 50 total per listing. One exception is when a property is on the water, sometimes the view of the property from the water is considered the front of the structure and may be used in that case (not a view of the water).
- Copying a Listing: Can one copy a listing when relisting a property? Yes, when it belongs to the same agent.
 - o Go to Add/Edit
 - o Click on Add/new
 - Select a Property Type
 - Instead of Fill from Realist, select the second option which is Copy from Existing Listing.
 - o Enter the MLS# and click on Fill From or search for the property, select it and then click on Fill.

Tip – if you wish to copy photos from the existing (prior) listing, you must do so before adding any new photos. Once new photos are added, you will no longer have the option of copying them from a prior listing.

- Copying Photos: Can one add/copy photos from previous listing when relisting a property? Yes, when it belongs to the same agent. This will only display as an option when there are no photos currently on the listing. Once you add photos manually, you will not be able to copy prior listing photos. You can access this from Add/Edit, just like you would when editing a listing. You will need to know the MLS# of the listing you wish to import images from.
 - After clicking on Add/Edit or Edit listing and entering the listing number, click on Manage Photos.
 - Click on 'Click here to import photos from another listing'
 - Enter the MLS# that you will to copy the photos from and then click on Import Photos
 Note you can only copy photos from your own prior listings. Don't forget to Save when you are done!
- O Adding a Listing and adding photos/supplements before making active: Just save your listing as Incomplete, add the photos and supplements, and then go back and make Active.

6. PHOTOS AND ATTACHEMENTS/SUPPLEMENTS

Photos

- Matrix can hold a maximum of 50 photos per listing
- o For maximum quality, photos should be at least 1024x768 pixels in size
- o If a photo is uploaded in a different resolution ratio (than 4:3), Matrix will auto-fit by adding padding (white space) to either the top & bottom or the left & right sides of photo.

Attachments

- o Matrix can hold a maximum of 15 attachments per listing; Each attachment can be up to 10 MB
- Listing attachments can be PDF, DOC, or TXT formats
- O When you add a supplement/attachment to Matrix for a listing, there is a way to denote that a supplement is 'Public' (scroll down in the list of Supplement types) so that it will appear via a Customer Full and any other Client Facing report in the Client Portal when sent to members.

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Adding and Editing Photos

- o Go to Add/Edit and then enter ML# to edit.
- o To upload, click **Browse.**
- o To upload **Multiple** photos at once, hold the Ctrl (Option) key down when clicking on the filenames.
- o To **change the order** of your photos once uploaded, drag by the grey title bar.
- There's an option in the bottom left hand corner to add a Description when adding/editing a photo.
- Click on any image to view its **Details**.

7. SEARCHING TIPS

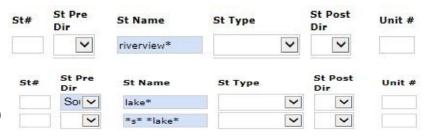
- Home Page Search This is meant to be a quick search and, as such, will not have all fields.
- Searching by Price The price field will show the List Price if the listing is Active, Continue to Show, Under Contract, Expired, Withdrawn or Pending or the Closed Price if the listing is Sold – even when searching both A and S listings together in the same search.
 - o Ex. If you enter \$500+ in the price field, and search both A and S status, the results will be Active listings with LP=500+ and sold listing with SP=500+.
- Searching Bathrooms To find properties with at least 1 ½ bathrooms, you must search in the Total Bathrooms field for 1.1+ (More than 1 Full and 1 Half baths. Ex. Results will be 1 ½, 2 Full or more baths).
- o **No Required Fields** There are no required search fields in Matrix. You may search using as many or as few fields as you'd like.
- Multi-column Sort To sort by a certain column, just click on the header. To sort by multiple columns, click on Refine (under your search results), then click the Sort button.



- Search Symbols Search symbols such as + = * or ! may be used in Matrix as follows:
 - o **List Price/Bedrooms/Bathrooms, etc.:** Enter a specific amount, a range or use the +, -, to indicate greater than or less than values. Do not include commas in your criteria.
 - **EXAMPLES**: Enter 100 for exactly 100. Enter 100-150 for a range. 100+ for more than 100 and 100- for less than 100. Notice there is a checkbox that when checked assumes you are searching in the 1000's.
 - Wild Card Search: To get all results that include a word or a portion of a word in the street name, for example, use the asterisk (*) as a wild card.

EXAMPLE 1: If you are searching for properties on Riverview Drive, type Riverview* in the search criteria

text box. You will find listings whether the listing was entered as Riverview Drive, Riverview Dr. or Riverview Dr. **EXAMPLE 2**: To search for a property on South Lake Rd, the following is an example of how to use the wild card (*) to ensure you get all possible results.





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▼ Fully Fenced Yard

Hot Tub

Patio

Garage Door Opener High Speed Internet

Lawn Sprinkler System Other - See Remarks

Partially Fenced Yard

Permits Available

Playset / Swingset

To Exclude: The exclamation point (!) is the operator to use to exclude something from your search. **EXAMPLE**: To search for properties with the word "Lake" in the street name, **except for** properties on "Lakeshore" and "Lake Shore", enter the following string into a **single** Street Name field:

Ex. Lake*, !Lakeshore, !Lake Shore (capital letters not necessary)



- Selecting more than one item in a list: To select more than one item, hold down the CTRL key on the keyboard while clicking on the desired items with your mouse. To remove a selected item, hold down the CTRL key on the keyboard while clicking with your mouse and the item will deselect. Note some fields will allow a once, twice, thrice approach to denote that you want a match (once will show a green checkmark for yes), or you don't (twice will show a red X for not wanted) and thrice will clear the field.
- o **How to SELECT ALL:** List boxes do not have an "ALL" selection. If you want all values in a list box for your search, **leave them all unselected**. Matrix assumes you want all values in your search, unless you specifically click to select certain values (thereby excluding those not selected).
 - o For example, if you do not make a selection for Status, Matrix will return all statuses in your search. If you click to highlight "Active" but leave all other statuses un-highlighted, Matrix will only return Active listings.
 - o If you have already selected a value but really want "ALL", then hold down the **CTRL** key and click on the selected value to deselect it. When ALL items are selected, the background of the select box will be white. If one or more items are selected, the background is light blue.
- o **Recent Searches** At the top right corner of each Matrix page you can click on the Recent Searches button to open a list of, up to, the last 50 searches run
- Clear Search If you need to quickly clear a search screen note the broom icon at the bottom left of any search screen.

 Clear 47 matches
 Map Results
- Multi-Task/Multiple Tabs Feature: Matrix does not have this feature but you can use browser features to do it. Just 'right click' on the Search or any tab in Matrix and then select "Open Link in New

 ${\bf Tab}''$ so you can do a separate search or



CMA while in the middle of searching or adding a listing in Matrix.

8. Customize the Results Display

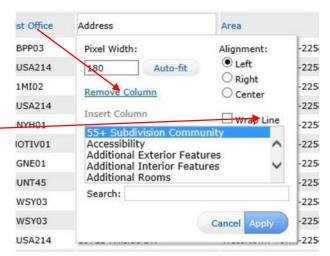
The Results Display is basically a spreadsheet. You can sort the columns, add columns and rearrange the columns.

- o **To Sort a column**—place cursor on the column label and click. Each click will change the order of that column from ascending to descending.
- To **Resize a column**—place point of cursor on right column border. The cursor will change to a 2 headed arrow. Then click and hold mouse button as you drag that border to widen or contract that column width.

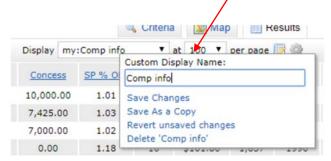


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- To Insert or Remove a column—click within a column header. The cursor will change to a 4 pointed arrow.
 Then click once. This will open a menu with the options to Remove or Insert a column, change the alignment and/or Wrap a line of text within a column.
- To **Reposition a column**—click and hold the 4 headed arrow in a column and drag the column.
- The Wrap Line option—allows you to compress a column that might have many entries. For example the Addl Rooms field may have many entries that would be too long to display on the results display. If the Wrap Line feature was turned on for that column you could then compress that column into a list.



To Save Click the Manage Display button. Then replace what you see in the Custom Display Name field with a name for your custom format.



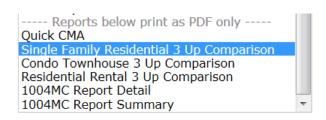
Future changes can be saved by clicking the **Save Changes** button.

- Delete a custom format by opening that format and clicking the **Delete 'format name'**
- Your format can be found in the **Display** drop down list.

9. "3UP SIDE by SIDE" REPORT?

This report will not display like an agent single line or a REALTOR full. Instead, do the following:

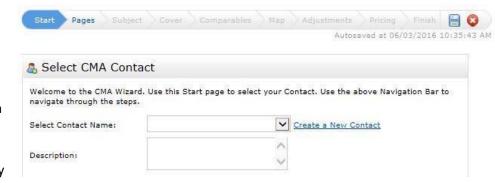
- From Search results, pick the properties you want to compare then click **Print**
- From there, on the bottom are a few reports that do not display like REALTOR Full, etc.
- Select Single Family Residential 3-up Comparison and it will be a PDF that you can print or email





10. CMA

Do a search, select your listings from results, and then click on **CMA**. When the wizard opens, it looks like you have to add or use a contact. Because there are no yellow highlighted fields on this page, it means that you can simply



go to the next tab (**Pages** tab) without entering the contact info. There is a place on a later page that you can enter the homeowner name, subject property address, etc.

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11. CONCIERGE MODE

Concierge Mode is an extra option for Auto Emails. This mode allows you to Approve or Reject the listings to be sent out to your client. If you are interested in the **Concierge Mode**, you have to activate it first in My Matrix when saving a search in the Settings section of the Saved Search process.

Note: Not all agents will want to use this feature. By using the Concierge Mode, you are creating an extra step for sending out Auto Emails to your client(s). However, you are choosing which listings go to your client(s).

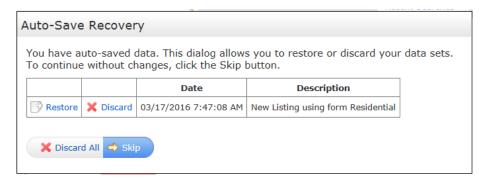
Note: You cannot concierge yourself as a test unless you use a DIFFERENT EMAIL ADDRESS!

12. RECENT CHANGE INFO ON REALTOR FULL/360 PROEPRTY VIEW DISPLAYS

A price increase/decrease, Status Change and a New listing will trigger a 'recent change' message to appear.

13. TIMEOUT

In Matrix, the default timeout is 300 minutes and there will be a 5-minute warning. It will save your work if you are in the middle of adding a listing but have not yet saved as Incomplete. Once you log back into the system, a box will appear like the one below with your incomplete work. You have the option to restore and continue entering your listing. For searches, take a look at your 'Recent Searches' menu up top right to find recent searches (see next page for sample). Note – the portal timeout is set to 2 hours.



14. CLIENTS OPTING BACK IN TO RECEIVE EMAILS FROM MATRIX

If your client previously chose to unsubscribe from Matrix emails and would like to opt back in, follow these steps:

- Your client must send a blank email to <u>optin.NYS@matrixemailer.com</u> from the email address that was unsubscribed.
- You go to My Matrix, then Auto Emails. Click on the name of the auto email (under the Subject column) or the corresponding downward-pointing arrow to open the full options, then click Settings.
- On the Settings screen under your message, change the auto email to **Enabled** and click save.
 Your client should now be able to receive emails from Matrix.

15. LISTING NOTIFICATIONS FROM MATRIX

- Expiring Listings In Matrix, all listing agents (and co-listing agents) are sent an email notification 7 days prior to Expiration Date and again 1 day prior to the listing expiring.
- Pending Date Listing agents are also sent a notification 120 days after a listing goes to Pending and/or Under Contract status to remind them to make it sold if it closed, or expire it if the deal fell through. If the listing remains pending, they are then sent a message about every 90 days until it is closed or expired.