

Rapaport Technical Advisory - November 1, 2009

Highlights:

- Rapaport launches technet.rapaport.com
- Changes to programmatic access to Rapaport Price data
- December 1, 2009 – Old Data formats will no longer be provided
- January 1, 2010 – All programmatic data access ONLY via TechNet.

1. TECHNET.RAPAPORT.COM

To assist programmers and Rapaport members, we have launched the website technet.rapaport.com. This site contains everything you need to know about interfacing with Rapaport programmatically, along with detailed explanations and code samples.

2. Support for Professional Programmers

Approved IT professionals will now have direct access to Rapaport IT staff for assistance in accessing Rapaport data. Please register at technet.rapaport.com.

3. TERMINATION OF OLD RAPAPORT PRICE LIST DATA FORMATS

From December 1, 2009 Rapaport will stop providing and supporting old and obsolete price data formats and access to these formats will be disabled.

Background: Rapaport introduced changes to the Price Lists on February 23, 2008. At that time a 10.00 ct price grid was added and the 0.30ct and 0.40ct sizes were consolidated into 2 grids (0,30-0.39ct and 0.40–0.49ct). New data formats were introduced at that time to support the changes in the Price List and are available at technet.rapaport.com/prices.

To ensure business continuity we continued to produce and support the old data formats (Rapaport data format 2.0 and 2.1) to give members and programmers time to update their programs to use the current data formats. The old data formats were a temporary measure and do not contain all Rapaport price data.

Members using the old data formats are advised to make the necessary changes to their programs and to use the new data formats on technet.rapaport.com/prices.

In addition, the plain text and html data formats will no longer be available in any format from November 15, 2009.

4. Rapaport Data access moves to technet.rapaport.com

From January 1, 2010 the only programmatic access to download Rapaport price data and RapLink Diamond Feeds will be from technet.rapaport.com.

Programmatic download of Rapaport prices and data formats and RapLink Diamond Feeds will no longer be accessible from our Diamonds.net and RapNet.com websites.


We are changing authentication methods on our websites for better performance and improved security. This requires that all programmatic access to Rapaport data be done through technet.rapaport.com. Please note: User download (manual downloading) of price data formats will still be available through diamonds.net and rapnet.com, only programs accessing our data must use technet.rapaport.com.

TechNet also provides new and updated methods for interfacing with Rapaport (including xml webservices) and code samples to assist you in downloading Rapaport data.

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