## Introduction

There's a problem that constantly plagues us in this day of information overload, and that is the ability to sift the stream of incoming information into the bits that are valuable from those that aren't. It's a tough issue that we've been working on at Ushahidi, and re-working, a solution on for a while now. Our solution is Swiftriver.

## What is Swiftriver?

SwiftRiver is a free and open source intelligence platform that helps people curate and make sense of large amounts of information in a short amount of time. In practice, SwiftRiver enables the filtering and verification of real-time data from channels such as SMS, Email, Twitter and RSS feeds. It's especially useful for organizations who need to sort their data by their unique expectations of authority and accuracy, as opposed to popularity. Such organizations include journalists, community based-organizations, PR/marketing, emergency responders, election monitoring groups and more.