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Ushahidi Weekly Update (#05)

We are a growing community. This weekly report is for the whole community and team to share what you are working on and what you need help with. Highlight your presentations, events, code and more. These reports will go out every Tuesday.

Date: April 17 - 24 , 2012

Community and Deployers:

About: What are you working on? What do you need help with?

Deployment of the Week: Ghana Vote 2012. See all the Deployments of the Week

Code:

About: What code are your working on? What needs help?

Linda and folks have a small code release (2.3 code). This is being tested on the Ushahidi Dev Community Skype chat. This is set to release tomorrow, pending any major bugs. (add Heatherleson via skype to join the chat)

SwiftRiver team is doing an internal team sprint test on Wednesday. We are preparing for the private beta. This has been delayed a few times, but we want to release code that works well. Thanks for your patience with our perfectionism.
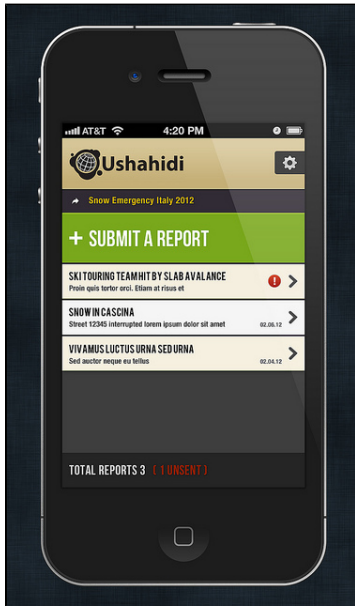
Robbie: Some mapping plugins.. https://github.com/rjmackay/Ushahidi-plugin-metacarta and https://github.com/rjmackay/Ushahidi-plugin-mapbox (only with latest code)
and updating the Mobile plugin https://github.com/rjmackay/ushahidi-plugins-mobile, first with old Christchurch earthquake improvements, now with more custom stuff.

BrianM: New SwiftRiver UI integration done and preparing for internal team testing on Wednesday before public release. Also working on

performance tuning for final release.

The community offline/online project,led by Francesco Ciriaci, participated in the International Space Apps Challenge. Thanks to Francesco, Michelangelo, Riccardo, Charl and Aaron for joining Heather and Robbie to hack away. This project continues. Most of us participated virtually, but here are some pics from Francesco based in Pisa, Italy.

Ideas / Plans:

About: What plans, projects, and ideas do you have?

Robbie: Translations - thinking about how to improve our translation process. The end goal is something as easy to use as: https://pontoon-dev.mozillalabs.com/ but what are the steps along the way? We're regrouping on localization and our toolsets. How can we make it easier for people to get involved?

Community changes:

About: This section is for any major change announcements.

Mailing lists:

We are merging mailing lists to have two instead of many:

Community@list.ushahidi.com

Developers@list.ushahidi.com

The biggest change for this is with all the Ushahidi developer groups: Swiftriver, Mobile, designers and more. The main technical developer connection list is now - developers@list.ushahidi.com. This gives all technical community members a chance to learn and engage across the various tools. We hope you will join us. To sign up, go to list.ushahidi.com.

And, we have a new community@list.ushahidi.com mailing list for all things Ushahidi - how to deploy, community topics, best practices, map topics, developer topics (if you wish) and more. This will incorporate academic groups well. We aim to have deployers of all types and organizations to meet and talk. To sign up, go to list.ushahidi.com.

Events:

About: Events, presentations and hosting by Ushahidi Core, Community. Share your presentations, your videos etc.

Hosting: Ushahidi Community Developers Chat is April 30 / May 1st: click for details. We are hosting a casual meetup in Panama City on May 10th.

Attending:

Heather is attending a RHOK Toronto planning meeting.

Juliana is in NYC for meetings and to participate in the International Telecom Union (ITU) Girls in ICT Day on the 26th of April. Click here for the live webcast link.

Meetings:

About: Ushahidi core team will share about their meetings to improve the Community experience. If you are meeting about Ushahidi, feel free to share too!