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The Future of News: Community and Web Based News Reporting

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AllVoices

Abstract: The emergence of the World-Wide Web has fundamentally changed the way that we interact with information. Billions of pieces of information, both fact and opinion can be accessed with little more than a computer and internet connection. The machinery that allows us this access has gotten better and faster at finding the information that we need than we could have imagined even a decade ago. AllVoices, an early stage stealth startup, aims to leverage the machinery and richness of the internet to provide a new way to experience and participate in global, regional, and local news.

AllVoices is a new global media destination site that provides context to events/news and people that matter. AllVoices combines innovative technology, citizen reporting and community to identify breaking events, create a platform that makes them visible, build context around them as they develop and track the evolution over time. It provides a place where people can find a collection of diverse, unedited views and reporting, to get a bigger and better picture of what is going on in the world. It is a place where people can contribute first-hand accounts (video, text and images) via cell phone or PCs to create news and commentary about events and people without the overhead or restriction of traditional media channels.

In this talk, we will discuss the motivations, design, and high level architecture for the AllVoices system. Specifically, we will talk about the novel ways for people to interact with structured and unstructured information automatically aggregated around current events and people.

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