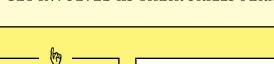


MENG IS DOING A NEW STARTUP

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AND INVITING HIS FRIENDS TO GET INVOLVED AS THEIR SKILLS PERMIT





FULL TEXT

INDIVALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that WONG MENG WENG or Meng Weng Wong, if you're friends from Saints ('92) or upenn.edu (SEAS '97)

or Burning Man ('03-'15) or Harvard Berkman ('16-'17)

having previously co-founded POBOX.COM KARMASPHERE.COM

(RFC4408) a globally deployed opensource email standard based on a domain-specific language

exited to Fastmail.fm

HACKERSPACE.SG Singapore's first hackerspace exited to FICO JFDI.ASIA

Singapore's first seed accelerator

and having previously co-authored

VIKRAM

VERMA

functional languages

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a self-taught mathematician

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at General Assembly

JOB CHONG a self-taught Javascript developer fresh out of NUS law school AND and thus a π -shaped person

a host of other contributors each equipped with unique superpowers which humility, not to mention space constraints, forbid adumbrating at this time

IS NOW WORKING ON

originally an internal project at JFDIAsia

A SHINI NEW STARTUP which will apply

MARC ANDREESSEN's dictum

to the LEGAL INDUSTRY by exploiting the UNCANNY PARALLELS (this gets technical; bear with me)

THE DRAFTING OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF and CONTRACTS **SOFTWARE**

between

both of which deal in variable definitions anonymous functions

COMPUTER SCIENTISTS are intimately familiar with

event-driven callbacks

exception handling

version control

have no names for not because lawyers are necessarily unintelligent, but simply because law predates computer science by hundreds of years and because, if you think about it,

but which

LAWYERS

if/then/else statements

dependency graphs

collaborative editing

what what what INTUIT **ADOBE AUTODESK** has done for has done for has done for ACCOUNTING ART & DESIGN ENGINEERING

most senior partners alive today were in law school when fax machines were new

THAT

LEGALESE will do for

specifically, THE \$160B CORPORATE CONTRACTS INDUSTRY *because* (if one may be permitted to speak frankly)

> it is QUITE MAD to pay a HUMAN FIVE HUNDRED an HOUR to COPY and PASTE

> > WORDS upon a PAGE

and because

dubbed "L4"

a DOMAIN-SPECIFIC-LANGUAGE

for LEGAL AGREEMENTS and REGULATIONS

that does for the MODAL µ-CALCULUS

(if one were to speak even more frankly) so many of those humans are so Insufferably smug about how much more they charge than, say, a programmer, even though the work we do is JUST AS DEMANDING, and it is **HIGH TIME** somebody put a STOP to it TIRST BY DEVELOPING A DOL

which will target ENGLISH and other NATURAL LANGUAGES (imagine multilingual contracts, each provably identical) and will also target ETHEREUM and other **BLOCKCHAIN PLATFORMS** (because bugs in smart contracts cost real money)

accompanied by a powerful STATIC ANALYZER

capable of FORMAL VERIFICATION,

or at any rate EXHAUSTIVE TEST SUITES that prove, to the extent that

such PROOF is MATHEMATICALLY POSSIBLE,

contracts written in the language are **CORRECT · CONSISTENT · COMPLETE**

THIS ESTABLISHING A FOUNDATION just as SQL is foundational to DATABASES HTML is foundational to THE WEB

> if you think about it (if one may be frank one last time) most coders write PROGRAMS; fewer (very advanced) coders write COMPILERS which compile the programs; but many lawyers ARE compilers it's like they missed the memo

POSTSCRIPT is foundational to DIGITAL PRINTING

FOR A COMPLETE TECH STACK translating ideas like IDES, LINTING, BUILD TOOLS, UNIT TESTS and FUZZ TESTING, OPENSOURCE LIBRARIES, VERSION CONTROL,

and the rest of the **PROGRAMMER'S ARSENAL**

of tools and techniques

for end-users

not law firms!

the first of which (our MVP) helps **STARTUPS** generate **ALL** the paperwork needed to close their ANGEL ROUNDS which is to say *not just the* term sheet

but all the resolutions and filings and other prerequisites which most founders don't know about)

spending TIME or MONEY on

which APPLICATIONS will slowly but surely nibble away at the

replacing jealously proprietary it with a which we simply call

high-volume low-margin

automated

largely opensource

NEW INDUSTRY

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and Onion.link ONG CHIAH LI a domain expert in

startup financings previously a full-stack VC associate

designed to scratch-our-own-itch

that has by our estimation saved JFDI's 69 startups up to \$345,000 in legal fees now being spun out as

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"SOFTWARE IS EATING THE WORLD"

and other notions which

NITE SIMPLE GOAL

in a world where CARS drive THEMSELVES

what functional languages do for the LAMBDA CALCULUS

THE BUILDING COMPLEES

THAT CULMINATES IN APPO

LAW FIRM

high-margin

low-volume

manually operated

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