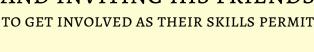


MENG IS DOING A NEW STARTUP

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AND INVITING HIS FRIENDS



TL;DR

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

exited to FICO exited to Fastmail.fm

Singapore's first hackerspace

a Caltech PhD

and Onion.link

HACKERSPACE.SG

IFDI.ASIA Singapore's first seed accelerator

and having previously co-authored

(RFC4408)

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

VIKRAM

VERMA

functional languages

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and thus a π -shaped person

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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

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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

originally an internal project at JFDIAsia

A SHINI NEW STARTUP which will apply

MARC ANDREESSEN's dictum "SOFTWARE IS EATING THE WORLD" to the LEGAL INDUSTRY

by exploiting the

UNCANNY PARALLELS

(this gets technical; bear with me) between THE DRAFTING OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF

CONTRACTS SOFTWARE both of which deal in

> not because lawyers are necessarily unintelligent, but simply because law predates computer science by hundreds of years

> > THAT

what

and

version control collaborative editing and other notions which

are intimately familiar with

variable definitions

event-driven callbacks

exception handling

but which COMPUTER SCIENTISTS LAWYERS

anonymous functions

if/then/else statements

dependency graphs

and because, if you think about it, most senior partners alive today were in law school when fax machines were new

NITE SIMPLE GOAL

what

have no names for

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

will do for

what

specifically, THE \$160B CORPORATE CONTRACTS INDUSTRY

in a world where CARS drive THEMSELVES

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

WORDS upon a PAGE

because (if one may be permitted to speak frankly)

and because (if one were to speak even more frankly) 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, it is HIGH TIME somebody put a STOP to it

TIBST BY DEVELOPING A DOL

dubbed "L4"

a DOMAIN-SPECIFIC-LANGUAGE for LEGAL AGREEMENTS and REGULATIONS

that does for the MODAL µ-CALCULUS

what functional languages do for the LAMBDA CALCULUS

THE BUILDING COMPLEES

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**

speaking of which (if one may be frank one last time) most programmers write PROGRAMS; fewer (very advanced) coders write COMPILERS which compile the programs to their final form;

but many lawyers **ACT AS** compilers – it's as if they missed the memo THIS ESTABLISHING A POUNDATION

just as SQL is foundational to DATABASES

HTML is foundational to THE WEB

FOR A COMPLETE TECH STACK

translating ideas like

IDEs, LINTING, BUILD TOOLS,

UNIT TESTS and FUZZ TESTING,

for end-users

not law firms!

POSTSCRIPT is foundational to DIGITAL PRINTING

OPENSOURCE LIBRARIES, VERSION CONTROL, and the rest of the **PROGRAMMER'S ARSENAL** of tools and techniques THAT CULMINATES IN APPS

spending TIME or MONEY on

which APPLICATIONS will

slowly but surely

nibble away at the high-margin low-volume replacing manually operated jealously proprietary it with a LAW FIRM NEW INDUSTRY which we call

http://computational.legal

automated

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)

> high-volume low-margin largely opensource

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TO GET INVOLVED AS THEIR SKILLS PERMIT



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