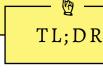




TO GET INVOLVED AS THEIR SKILLS PERMIT

AND INVITING HIS FRIENDS



FULL TEXT — 🔊

# INDIVALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that WONG MENG WENG

or Meng Weng Wong, if you know him from 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

HACKERSPACE.SG Singapore's first hackerspace

IFDI.ASIA Singapore's first seed accelerator

and having previously co-authored

VIKRAM

VERMA

specialising in dependently typed

functional languages

JOB CHONG

a self-taught Javascript developer

fresh out of NUS law school

and thus a  $\pi$ -shaped person

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

ALEXIS CHUN

### a recovering lawyer VIRGIL previously at TSMP (M&A) and at Rajah & Tann (commercial litigation) a self-taught mathematician

GRIFFITH a Caltech PhD

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startup financings previously a full-stack VC associate

SEBASTIAAN DECKERS a full-stack Javascript developer

previously teaching web development at General Assembly AND 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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originally an internal project at JFDIAsia designed to scratch-our-own-itch that has by our estimation saved JFDI's 69 startups

up to \$125,000 in legal fees

now being spun out as A NEW STARTUP

which will apply to THE LEGAL INDUSTRY

MARC ANDREESSEN's dictum

by exploiting the UNCANNY PARALLELS (this gets technical; bear with me) between

and

CONTRACTS SOFTWARE both of which deal in variable definitions anonymous functions

> collaborative editing but which LAWYERS

if/then/else statements

dependency graphs

THE DEVELOPMENT OF

law predates computer science by hundreds of years and because, if you think about it, most senior partners alive today went to law school when fax machines were new

NITH THE SIMPLE GOAL

have no names for

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

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will do for

THAT

specifically

THE \$160B CORPORATE CONTRACTS INDUSTRY

because (if one may be permitted to speak frankly) 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

FIRST BY DEVELOPING A DOL

dubbed "L4"

THEN BY BUILDING COMPILERS

which will target ENGLISH

and other NATURAL LANGUAGES (imagine multilingual contracts, each provably identical)

> and will also target ETHEREUM and other **BLOCKCHAIN PLATFORMS**

a DOMAIN-SPECIFIC-LANGUAGE for LEGAL AGREEMENTS and REGULATIONS that does for the MODAL µ-CALCULUS what functional languages do for the LAMBDA CALCULUS

(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** 

THUS ESTABLISHING A FOUNDATION

just as SQL is foundational to DATABASES

HTML is foundational to THE WEB POSTSCRIPT is foundational to DIGITAL PRINTING FOR A COMPLETE LEGAL 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

THAT CULMINATES IN END-USER APPS (not apps for 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

isites which founders don't always know about)

which APPLICATIONS will slowly but surely nibble away at the

LAWYERS

jealously proprietary it with a largely opensource LAW FIRM **NEW INDUSTRY** which we simply call

replacing

# "software is eating the world"

version control and other notions which COMPUTER SCIENTISTS are intimately familiar with not because lawyers are in any way unintelligent, but simply because

event-driven callbacks

exception handling

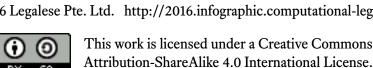
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high-volume

low-margin

automated

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high-margin low-volume

manually operated

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