

Delfikorakle : my Deconstructed Blog

This blog hosts the old posts from Anand Manikutty's old blog. Its main purpose is to run A.I. experiments.

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First book in Esperanto

I just completed my first book in Esperanto—while still at the A1 level.

That's not just a personal milestone; it makes a broader point.

It shows that languages **can** be learned far more rapidly than we assume—if the language is well-designed. This suggests that many of the deep-rooted problems we associate with illiteracy and linguistic inequality are not inevitable. They are design problems.

Imagine a world where a child—or even an adult from a rural or under-resourced background—can go from zero to basic reading, writing, and speaking proficiency in a matter of months. It's possible. But it requires us to think differently.

Instead of forcing people to climb the steep mountain of English—with all its quirks, exceptions, and status baggage—we can build and promote **conlangs** (constructed languages) that are easier, fairer, and more inclusive. Imagine something like **Hesperanto**, a mix of Hindi and Esperanto, designed to be an alternative working language in India.

With such a system, people from non-English-speaking, vernacular backgrounds wouldn't have to feel shame or inadequacy just because they don't speak English well. They'd have **another path**—a faster, more empowering one.

That's why this book is just the beginning. I plan to write nine more. Not just to make art, but to make a point: **Language should be a bridge, not a barrier.**

And yet, despite the potential, **very little is being done** to actively solve these problems.

It's time we changed that.

Posted by **Anand Manikutty** at 12:30 PM

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Welcome to Delfikorakle: A Time Capsule of Thoughts

Has this blog moved? In a nutshell—yes, but with a modern twist. And what is this? Just some raw material for A.I. to process. Don't waste your time on this blog. Or on Facebook, for that matter. That's the TL;DR.

Okay, now for a longer discussion. We've migrated to the microblogging universe of Twitter and the communal delights of Facebook Groups. The Artist Formerly Known As Elon Musk even renamed Twitter to something else. So, our hub is now on X and Facebook Groups.

I've been in the blogging game since 2002, back when the blogosphere was still figuring out its WiFi password. After a stint at Zoo Station, our digital abode now resides in the realm of Facebook Groups. **Our blog Zoo Station won the IndieBloggies Award in 2004**, but I no longer blog there partly because I don't blog very much any more and partly because Zoo Station no longer exists. But I do post here from time to time. Because, let's face it, blogging is as mainstream as avocado toast now, and keeping a time capsule of past posts seemed like a hipster thing to do. Delfikorakle lives on.

I started here with tech and computer science musings, but my interests now dance around finance, organizational behavior, tech management, and strategic management. Check out our Facebook Groups for the freshest takes. I am very glad that my posts have struck a chord in the hearts and minds of our readers. **No guarantee that we will keep making those posts. We will, if we can automate some of this. Otherwise, probably not.**

I am also delighted to announce that the startup I keep mentioning from time to time (formally called Delphic Ventures/Qwykr Technologies) has been selected into a number of incubation programs, including **Google For Startups, Microsoft For Startups, IIM Bangalore's yearly incubation program and IIM Kashipur's FIED incubation program.**

I am also happy to announce that **Namaste Bharat Magazine, the newsmagazine I cofounded, is now called the Pravasi Indians Magazine.** It has featured articles, videos or Tweets on a number of interesting people in the Indian diaspora or writing interesting stuff about the Indian diaspora, including some lesser known names such as Reena Pushkarna, Maharajah Madhewoo and Ghee Bowman via its website or the channels of its associates. We are trying to develop cool

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products, including websites and web apps.
Check out also Slurrrp hosted at:
<http://www.slurrrp.com>, a website that Qwykr
Tech helped launch. Stay tuned for more
details!

Now, don't expect a Pulitzer from this blog; it's
more of a time capsule – a digital scrapbook, if
you will.

***Disclaimer:** This blog moonlights as an A.I. lab
for our company. Take what you read here with
a grain of silicon, although I should add that at
least some of the stuff on here is accurate,
including the kudos stuff. I simply don't spend
any time on formatting this weblog. I also have
tried including all sorts of HTML in some of the
posts. Again, that is because this blog is being
used for A.I. experiments.*

All our subscribers have migrated to **Facebook
Groups**, which, by the way, are as attractive
and professional as Elon's memes. Btw, I am,
by no means, an Elon Musk hater. In fact, I
have almost always supported Elon Musk's
ventures, and I will be making a post on Elon
Musk on this blog. I feel like I have to say that
because, otherwise, it might seem like I was
throwing shade on Elon Musk with one of my
earlier comments (since it was posted, it has
been deleted), while actually I am just having
some light hearted fun while poking fun at his
antics on the Internet and elsewhere. **In fact, I
am also tempted to create a website
explaining Elon Musk's thoughts for a wider
audience. But it doesn't seem like a good
use of my time. After all, Elon Musk can do
that himself, right? And nothing can explain
how much he has been misunderstood on
Twitter like even more Tweets, right? Well,
any way, I will wait for Elon to sponsor that
project I have in mind for him, namely, The
Hitchhiker's and Everyman's Guide to Elon
Musk.** Until then, be safe on that
Twittersphere.

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Social Media Utility Ratings:

U(t, Facebook Messenger): Positive, but hey,
WhatsApp, Signal, and Telegram are equally
cool.

U(t, Facebook): Slightly positive for some,
likely negative for most.

U(t, Twitter): Negative for almost everyone,
unless you're a verified superstar.

U(t, Facebook Groups): Slightly positive with
the Schedule Ahead feature, but likely negative
for most.

U(t, Blogger): Dusty and outdated, like that
encyclopedia set in your grandma's attic.

U(t, Reddit): High and positive, especially if
you're a ninja with anonymous user IDs and a
knack for digging up research papers.
Knowledge is power, baby!

Social media metrics are like entries in a
database - you can download an open-source
database and make your own numbers game.
Unless you're a digital influencer, the
immediate utility is a tad elusive.

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Who cares about the Likes someone got a
decade ago? Exactly. Gives you some
perspective on this whole social media circus.

As a FIRE movement aficionado, I'd say time spent on social media might be better invested in your long-term goals.

Thanks for stopping by, and remember: a tweet a day won't keep the doctor away, but a good laugh might! 🎉🤪

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