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For purposes of these Terms, “Site” means Vocal’s website, which can be accessed at <https://vocal.media>.

“Services” refers to Vocal’s services, in which Creators can share what they create (“Content”), and end users or readers (“Visitors,” and together with Creators, “Users”) can explore and enjoy the Content. The terms “we,” “us,” and “our” refer to Vocal. “You” means you, as a User of Vocal's Site or Services.

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Vocal Free and Vocal+: Vocal Free, and Vocal’s optional paid membership (referred to as "Vocal+"), each allow Creators to earn money through Visitor engagement and tips (each as described in more detail in the "Fees and Payments" section). A Vocal+ membership gives Creators access to additional perks, including monetization benefits, which allow them to earn even more from the stories they publish. Creators may sign up for a Vocal+ membership when they create an account, or may upgrade an existing Vocal Free account to a

Vocal+ account at any time.

Vocal pays Creators based on the engagement their stories receive. Creators can also receive tips from their fans—but these tips may be subject to the fees set forth below.

Membership Fee: If you sign up for a Vocal+ Account, you agree to pay a monthly, non-refundable membership fee of \$9.99 (“Monthly Membership Fee”) or an annual, non-refundable membership fee of \$99 (“Annual Membership Fee”)—in either case exclusive of any applicable taxes. Whether you decide to pay a Monthly Membership Fee or an Annual Membership Fee is up to you, but you must decide when you create, or upgrade to, your Vocal+ Account.

Your Vocal+ membership will continue and automatically renew until it’s cancelled. You may cancel your Vocal+ membership at any time and you will continue to have access to Vocal+ Services through the end of your billing period, unless otherwise communicated to you by us. In the event that you cancel your Vocal+ membership, you’ll still be a User of the site and will be able to access all Vocal Free Services. We reserve the right to change our membership plans or adjust pricing for our Services or any components thereof in any manner and at any time as we may determine in our sole and absolute discretion, but we’ll never increase your fees without providing notice via email prior to your payment.

Tips: Users are able to leave tips for Creators, but the tips you receive are subject to some fees. Stripe, our third-party payment processor, charges a processing fee (the “Stripe Fee”) in accordance with Stripe’s Service Agreement and Stripe’s Pricing and Fees Policies. Vocal charges a transfer fee (the “Transfer Fee” and together with the Stripe Fee, the “Processing Fees”) on any tips you receive, whether you have a free Vocal account or you are a Vocal+ member, as follows:

Membership	Transfer Fee
Vocal Free	7%
Vocal+	2.9%

It may take Stripe up to 5 business days to process their Fees, and Vocal isn't responsible for any delay in the processing of Stripe's Fees. Following the processing of the applicable Fees, Vocal will deposit the remainder

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Membership	Earnings per Thousand
Vocal Free	\$3.80
Vocal+	\$6.00

Earnings are calculated and tracked in your Wallet, which you're able to check at any time. Once your earnings have reached your withdrawal minimum (\$35 for Vocal Free members or \$20 for Vocal+ members), you'll be able to request a Withdrawal from your Wallet. When the Withdrawal Request is made, it's sent to Vocal and will be either approved or declined. An approved withdrawal will be sent to Stripe and will be reflected in your Stripe account within 5 business days.

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Children under the age of 13 are not allowed to create a Vocal account (an "Account") or otherwise use the Services. Additionally, if you're in the European Economic Area, you must be over the age required by the

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To use certain features of our Services, you may be required to create an Account and provide us with a username, password, and certain other information about yourself as set forth in the Privacy Policy.

You may only have one (1) Vocal account. If it is reasonably determined that Vocal's monetization systems are being exploited via the use of multiple accounts tied to one user, we can suspend and/or close an account at any time in keeping with these rules herein, but we will never close or suspend an account without providing notice to the account owner.

You are solely responsible for the information associated with your Account and anything that happens related to your Account. You must maintain the security of your Account and notify us if you suspect that someone has accessed your Account without your permission. We recommend that you use a strong password that is used only in connection with your use of Vocal.

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You consent to receive communications from us in an electronic form via the email address you have submitted through your Account. You also agree that these Terms, and all additional agreements, notices, disclosures, and other communications that we provide to you electronically, satisfy any legal requirement that such communications would satisfy if it were in writing. The foregoing does not affect your non-waivable rights.

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If you are a copyright owner or an agent thereof, and you believe that any Content on Vocal infringes upon your copyrights, you may submit a notification pursuant to the Digital Millennium Copyright Act by following the instructions found [here](#).

If we're sued as a result of your use of Vocal, you're responsible for helping pay for it.

You agree to indemnify Vocal and its parent company from all losses and liabilities including legal fees that arise from these Terms, your breach of these Terms, or relate to your use of the Services or your Content. We reserve the right to exclusive control over the defense of a claim covered by this clause. If we use this right, then you agree to help us in our defense.

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You further understand and acknowledge that the capacity of the Services, and the Vocal team, is limited, both

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Some of the limits listed above may not apply to you because they are not permitted by the laws that apply to you. In such cases, our liability will be limited to the fullest extent permitted by those laws.

Some more legalese that we have to provide, including dispute resolution, governing law, and other disclaimers.

We can change these Terms at any time. If a change is material, we'll always let you know before it takes effect. By using the Services on or after the date the amended Terms take effect, you agree to the new terms therein. If you don't agree to them, you should delete your Account (as defined below) before they take effect; otherwise your use of the Services will be subject to the new Terms.

We reserve the right to terminate or deny privileges at our discretion, but we won't terminate an active account without notice via email. You acknowledge, consent, and agree that Vocal may access and disclose your Account and registration information if required to do so by law, or if based on a good faith belief that such access or disclosure is necessary to comply with the legal process, enforce these Terms, respond to claims that any content or information violates the rights to any third party, or otherwise protect the rights, property or safety of Vocal, its Users, or third parties.

Any disputes that you may have with Vocal must be resolved in New Jersey (where we are based) and are governed by the laws of the state of New Jersey excluding conflicts of law provisions.

We encourage you to contact us if you have an issue, but if a dispute does arise out of these Terms or related to your use of Vocal, and it cannot be resolved after you talk with us, then it must be resolved by arbitration. This arbitration must be administered by the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") under the Consumer Arbitration Rules then in effect for the AAA (the "AAA Rules"). Arbitration must take place in Bergen County, New Jersey (unless you and we decide in writing on another location), and may only take place on an

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If Vocal doesn't exercise a particular right under these Terms, that doesn't waive it.

If any provision of these Terms is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, you agree that the court should try to give effect to the parties' intentions as reflected in the provision, and that other provisions of these Terms will remain in full effect as drafted.

These Terms (including any policy incorporated by reference into them, such as, for example, the Privacy Policy and Copyright and DMCA Policy) constitute the whole agreement between Vocal and you.

Effective Date: May 18, 2022

These updated terms will go into effect on 12AM May 18, 2022 Eastern Time, and apply to all users on Vocal on or after that date. To see the previous version of these terms, which governs all of Vocal launched before that date, [click here](#).

Very well written. Keep up the good work!

The story invoked strong personal emotions

Well-structured & engaging content

Arguments were carefully researched and presented

Niche topic & fresh perspectives

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Zero grammar & spelling mistakes

Original narrative & well developed characters

Creative use of language & vocab

Writing reflected the title & theme

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Page: Top Mistakes to Avoid When Hiring Mobile App Developers | Journal

Hiring mobile app developers can be a game-changer to level up your business or a major expensive setback if not done properly. Today, the market is overflowing with dedicated and expert developers. It is common to make some mistakes that can cause delays in your project completion or result in building an app that doesn't deliver what your users want.

Whether you are a startup or a well-established company, hiring the best mobile app developer is crucial to building a powerful app that your users use seamlessly. Here comes the real challenge how do you avoid all these common pitfalls to work with an experienced developer that perfectly fits with your business requirements?

In this exclusive guide, you will discover the pitfalls every business owner usually makes when partnering with top-notch mobile app developers. Here, we have mentioned how you can avoid all these mistakes to ensure that you are on the right track to get top-notch results.

When hiring a mobile app developer, you should not skip the vetting process. If you are checking out the list of experienced developers, almost everyone will promise to deliver the best. But, you need to do an in-depth review of their expertise, skills, and portfolio. By diving into their previous work, you will get a fair idea of the expertise that you require to complete your project.

Budget is always an important factor to consider during your app development process. However, paying a higher amount to mobile app developers does not ensure that they will handle your business project perfectly. Also, a low-cost developer might not have much experience or resources to handle complex tasks or you might need to invest more in updates later. Therefore, app owners must balance cost with quality to ensure that they get the best value for their investment.

The app development process doesn't end after launching it. Moreover, it is an ongoing process to handle all sorts of bugs, and updates and also to handle user feedback. Several business owners usually overlook to pay attention to post-launch support which fails your app. Thus, when you hire mobile app developers, make sure that they are providing post-launch support and maintenance services.

When you hire mobile app developers, check out their specific expertise. Not all the developers have relevant experience in handling cross-platform solutions. App owners should know their target audience needs and find a developer with experience in cross-platform frameworks such as React Native or Flutter. When you choose a dedicated developer based on specific platform requirements, you can expect optimal performance and user experience.

You need to spare some time to hire mobile app developers wisely. If you hire quickly, it will help you to save time but will hamper the results. So, invest some time to discuss with them and access their portfolio. Also, don't forget to check out the client's feedback or reviews. No doubt, if you make an informed decision, it will make a huge difference to make your app successful.

Read Also: [How Hiring Mobile App Developers Can Grow Your Business?](#)

One of the crucial steps in launching a successful app is to hire the right mobile app developers. You need to avoid these above-mentioned mistakes to partner with an expert who can work according to your business goals, budget, and specific technical needs. So, before you make an informed decision to work with a well-recognized mobile app development company, make sure to make the right choice to ensure the success of your app.

Vaibhav Sharma is the Business Head of RipenApps, the fastest-growing mobile app development company.

How does it work?

There are no comments for this story

Be the first to respond and start the conversation.

More stories from Vaibhav Sharma and writers in Journal and other communities.

A business should make informed decisions while selecting the right tech stack for building a product or service. A tech stack is a perfect combination of programming languages, frameworks, libraries, and tools that are leveraged to develop an app.

By Vaibhav Sharma21 days ago in Journal

As technology evolves, the choices for business tools and solutions evolve too. A perfect example is the shift from traditional paper cards to PVC (Polyvinyl Chloride) plastic cards. While paper cards have been a staple for identification, membership, and payment cards, PVC plastic cards are fast emerging as the preferred option across many industries. From toll management to retail loyalty programs, plastic cards offer durability, functionality, and branding opportunities that paper cards can't match. Here, we'll explore why PVC cards are overtaking traditional paper options and dive into how RFID readers are revolutionizing toll management on highways and city roads, enhancing revenue collection, and reducing maintenance costs.

By Harsh Mishra3 days ago in Journal

When I started my travel business, it was simple. Get students out of their routines and into new worlds. Show them the sites, the landmarks, the places they'd see in guidebooks. But as time went on, I saw something wasn't clicking. Travelers were missing something deeper.

By Jeremy Mendelsohn4 days ago in Journal

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Find new, handpicked stories you'll love, updated daily.

The river ran backwards on the day the queen vanished. It was a feeble attempt to reverse time or at least try to see if she had tragically floated down it, yet it was useless. She was gone. And it shattered me completely.

By Oneg In The Arctic2 days ago in Fiction

The river ran backwards on the day the queen vanished. At least, it appeared that way walking underneath the water's silvery surface. I reached up, a whisper away from the rippling sheen overhead, and stopped myself. I will not be dragged back to my mother over a glimpse of my fingers.

By Harbor Benassa2 days ago in Fiction

Dear Dad,

It's been a while, and for that too I am grateful... you don't need me to tell you that it's a little complicated between us right now, and has been for a long time. We don't talk, not since you told me that I'm not your daughter anymore, but I still think of you as my dad - I guess I always will. So here it is, the truth without glamour or bitterness; I'm not sure I like you, but I love you. I'm not sure I wish things were different, or that I can say truthfully that you have been a good father any more than I could say honestly that you have been a bad one...

By S. A. Crawford2 days ago in Humans

Chase me to the edge,

Your tongue a wielded knife,

I have no feathers to fledge.

Roll me down the hill,

When I hit the bottom,

By Alyssa Nicole 4 days ago in Poets

Once a father took his son to the mountains.

Son tripped on a stone, cried in pain, “AAAAAAh!” and suddenly heard “AAAAAh” in return.

By Lana V Lynx a day ago in Fiction

Some of my friends have been shouting about how we are headed toward the "The End..." of a bunch of important things lately.

By Scott Christenson 4 days ago in History

“The river ran backwards on the day the Queen vanished.”

At least it was supposed to. That’s what they promised, the prophecy guaranteed. It didn’t, of course, though they kept claiming it truly happened at his command.

By Randy Wayne Jellison-Knock 2 days ago in Fiction

Elflock: a lock of hair, fancifully regarded as having been tangled by the elves

My Connection: I have very fine hair that tangles easily. Therefore combing and brushing out matted hair has been a constant routine for me since childhood. I think it would be quite fantastic if those terrible tangles were the work of sneaky mythical creatures. There's something about making the mundane magical that makes me smile, so I hope this poem inspires a grin or two.

By D.K. Shepard 5 days ago in Poets

Enter themed storytelling contests to put your creativity to the test.

Write a heartfelt letter to someone who has impacted your life and celebrate the art of gratitude as the season of reflection approaches.

Compose a poem that captures the fleeting magic of the season's first frost and brings winter's beauty to life.

Capture the holiday season's essence in a poem that celebrates its joy, nostalgia, and serene moments.

Meet the people in your communities creating extraordinary things.

Discover tips, guides, updates, and spotlights from our team.

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By Raise Your Voice by Vocal4 days ago in Resources

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Happy Halloween to all who celebrate!

For this challenge, we asked you to start with one chilling rule — "don't open the door" — and you delivered stories filled with suspense, unexpected twists, and a touch of the uncanny that made our spines tingle. We are

pleased to announce the winners of this spooky challenge below. (We'll keep our notes short to maintain the integrity of these micro plots!)

By Vocal Curation Team 17 days ago in Resources

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Imaginative stories from creative writers.

100,990 Stories

34,346 Creators

People, dating, and relationships.

72,243 Stories

34,470 Creators

Business, careers, and the workplace.

66,173 Stories

23,206 Creators

Evocative poetry from creative poets.

190,602 Stories

41,952 Creators

Page: The Vastness of the Sky | Fiction

My tortured bones long for fire, yearn for the consummation of smoke and ash scattered by the wind to a beckoning end.

Once upon a time I was a massive, ancient tree but you broke me down and made a house of me.

I am the alchemy of long deliberation. After years of deep consideration, I pass judgment.

When I was a tree, you lived, made love, warred, died on the ground in which my seed sprouted and took root.

Your blood fed me as surely as rain and soil.

What once you did atop the earth whence I erupted, you continued to do beneath my branches as I strained toward the sky.

We changed and grew but in different ways.

I was firmly rooted, strong and supple, withstanding all that fate threw at me, but where my kin and I were absent, you were exposed to the wild predator and the tempest.

You were vulnerable, weak, few; we were many, firmly planted, and we thought we were secure.

First you took of our fruit and our sap, then you took our branches for shelter.

You stole pieces of us before you murdered us whole, like a lover who never planned to stay.

Then you built dwellings from our very bones, stripping away our skin and carving us up to fit your needs, amalgamating us with other dead things, dwelling, living and dying within us, even consigning your corpses to oblong boxes pieced together from our dismembered bodies, ironically buried again in the earthly home from which you robbed us so that we must return as dead and hollow as you.

And now you have all died, and I rot slowly with this dead consciousness, crippled into a shape you made for a purpose it can never again serve.

New trees grow within me. Eventually they will burst through the rotted rooftop and strain to the sky as I fall away around them.

Yes, I long for fire, but I am doomed to slow decay. Perhaps I will be a tree again, when the dust of my bones enriches the soil from which the new breed grows.

My judgment is thus: the sky belongs to nothing, and so do I, and so must you nothing behold, as once I beheld the vastness of the sky.

C. Rommial Butler is a writer, musician and philosopher from Indianapolis, IN. His works can be found online through multiple streaming services and booksellers.

How does it work?

Well deserved post and seeing in top one...

please go through our posts as well..

<https://vocal.media/poets/love-letters-for-girlfriend-a-heartfelt-message-from-the-depths-of-my-soul>

<https://vocal.media/education/the-futuristic-guns-that-you-won-t-believe-it-exists>

Powerfully poetic prose, Rommi. Very struck by “I am the alchemy of long deliberation. After years of deep consideration, I pass judgment.” Such a strong and memorable narrative voice in this

Congrats on getting Top Story—well deserved! Keep up the amazing work!

This piece is a deeply philosophical and evocative meditation on life, death, and the human relationship with nature. The narrative voice of the tree, once living and vibrant, now broken and decaying, speaks with a somber wisdom as it reflects on its transformation into a house—reduced from a majestic, rooted being to a tool for human habitation. The imagery is rich and poignant, capturing the tragic irony of how humanity both consumes and discards the natural world.

The idea of the tree "longing for fire" yet being doomed to "slow decay" is especially haunting. It speaks to the yearning for renewal, for release from the paralysis of decay, while also acknowledging the cyclical nature of existence—how life and death, creation and destruction, are all part of an endless loop. The passage where the tree reflects on the way humans took from it, used it, and ultimately turned it into something dead and hollow, highlights the destructive consequences of human consumption and the relentless pursuit of survival at the cost of nature.

The final judgment, that "the sky belongs to nothing," coupled with the tree's bittersweet hope of being reborn in the form of new trees, adds a layer of resignation and acceptance. It's a recognition that nothing is permanent, and in the end, everything returns to the earth, even if only as dust enriching the soil for future growth.

The writing is beautifully introspective, with rich imagery and a melancholic tone that invites readers to reflect on our own relationship with nature and the cycle of life and death. It's a powerful reminder of the delicate balance between creation and destruction, and the inevitable consequences of our actions. Stunning work.

<https://vocal.media/fiction/the-equation-of-rest>

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That picture is whimsical in some way to me but you've transformed into a powerful allegory - art informs art.

Back to say congratulations on your Top Story!

This is my favorite piece you've ever written, raw and bare: so viscerally alive

Brilliantly & beautifully penned!!! Loving it!!! Congratulations on Top Story!!!❤❤

Beautiful

"You stole pieces of us before you murdered us whole, like a lover who never planned to stay."

I especially loved this part. Your story made me so emotional for the tree. Loved your story so much!

Stunning, eloquent, masterful, Rommi. You built dwellings from our very bones is heartbreaking and deeply evocative, as if you as storyteller and poet channeled Gaia as you wrote it !

You blow me away with your eloquent yet fierce style. Broken and beautiful

Fantastical, brilliant, intense and Stunning! BRAVO! Well done!

Quite the eulogy. Beautiful.

Oh what has this lover done to the soul of the tree. Such a beautiful, sad and hopeful lament. The alchemy of

long deliberation...oh my soul, but this is lovely. Love the painting, so apt to the story.

More stories from C. Rommial Butler and writers in Fiction and other communities.

This is the next chapter in The ShambElla Saga, which I hope drops like a Halloween treat into a bag filled with many others! Here's the Table of Contents with an intro by Yours Ghoully:

By C. Rommial Butler 18 days ago in Fiction

The river ran backwards on the day the Queen vanished.

The first to notice was a little boy... his desperate run through the woods stopped on the river bank. The soldiers who were chasing him came up behind him smiling, one of them mocked him "Can't you swim?". The boy didn't turn around, he simply pointed to the water.

By Ema Salvi 3 days ago in Fiction

Beyond the Crimson Veil

It was supposed to be an ordinary antique shop—a dusty little hole-in-the-wall with creaking wooden floors and shelves stacked high with forgotten treasures. Hannah Cole loved places like this, always hoping to find a trinket with a story to tell. But she didn't expect to stumble upon the crimson veil.

By vinoth kumara day ago in Fiction

She digs deep to find her courage,

Believing it was gone for good,

Fear raced through her veins; crippling her broken body,

By Colleen Millsted 6 days ago in Poets

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Today was a busy and hard day. After I was done with all my four classes, I had a short conversation with my mother as I had to rush to a committee meeting. Mom lives in Russia and our Skype communication is one-way: she calls me when she can, I cannot reach her at all. So I pick up whenever she calls, even for a short call. Mom called me the first time today right in the middle of the class I was teaching. My students were amused to hear me speak Russian to her as I was making sure that nothing major bad happened and asking her to call me back later. She called about an hour later and we exchanged all the family news (we rarely talk politics as it is simply not safe). After that, I went to my Assist Committee meeting.

After the meeting, I spent a couple of hours reaching out to students who have missed enough classes to raise an attendance concern. That's the part of my Assist Committee duties: as faculty member, I am expected to reach out and offer the students help and resources when they are struggling. After my college introduced this policy about three years ago, our retention rate went up. So we are trying to keep this up, not to let the students slip through the cracks of non-attendance. Sending those emails out was a tedious job requiring attention to a lot of details, so I took a short break in between and wrote this Drabble. It took me forever to trim the fat from it to exactly 100 words but I did it:

Prepping and grading for tomorrow's class took me awhile as well. Before I knew it, it was 6:15 pm. My colleague teaches a night Introduction to Film course and sometimes I sit in it to watch the movies I haven't seen. Today he planned to show Spike Lee's 1989 movie "Do the Right Thing." I had a quick dinner in the office, and went to watch the film.

Given what we are living through right now, it was incredibly insightful and poignant. Too many things predicted from today's reality, including police brutality, BLM movement, Trump and heat waves. It made me feel unsettled and distressed again. I liked the movie a lot for its artistic and social commentary value, but I would rather it not be so relevant today. It also reminded me of Tarantino's "From Dusk to Dawn" in the sense of how quickly a regular unremarkable reality escalated into something that no one could control and resulted into death and destruction.

There's a lot more about this movie that I need to reflect and contemplate on, but one question is nagging me, "Will this ever end?" Thirty-five years later and we still face the same issues of violence and exclusion in the society, but now they are exponentially worse because of the social media and the post-post-modern post-truth society we are living in.

I've been also checking into the world of cryptocurrency today. Something nefarious and large-scale is happening there as all the crypto coins are rising up in their value for the sixth consecutive day after the election. Even Elon Musk said that it is not sustainable, and given how heavily invested he is in the meme Dogecoin, it is surprising. My own history with Dogecoin is for another story, but I'm watching it wearily, trying to decide when I want to sell it because this quick raid looks too much like a pump-and-dump scheme. It's 10 pm, I'm finishing this up in my office and going home. Still need to take my evening walk before I go to bed. Good night to everyone in this hemisphere.

Avid reader and occasional writer of satire and short fiction. For my own sanity and security, I write under a pen name. My books: *Moscow Calling* - 2017 and *President & Psychiatrist*

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How does it work?

Get some well-deserved rest, Lana.

As long as you're distracting yourself every day, it will feel easier to move forward! You're doing a fabulous job, Lana!

I'm so sorry but may I know why you can't call your mom? Also, I have no idea what Dogecoin is

It comes in waves, grief. Just keep your head high, Lana. Hope your mum's okay.

A very productive day for you to keep the thoughts at bay and keep you moving forward. It sounds as though you make a substantial and valuable difference in the lives of many.

More stories from Lana V Lynx and writers in Journal and other communities.

November 10, Sunday

Today was a day of prepping for the week: cooking, cleaning, doing laundry and grading and prepping for the classes to teach. Nothing exciting but the routine is good for reflection.

By Lana V Lynx7 days ago in Journal

When I started my travel business, it was simple. Get students out of their routines and into new worlds. Show them the sites, the landmarks, the places they'd see in guidebooks. But as time went on, I saw something wasn't clicking. Travelers were missing something deeper.

By Jeremy Mendelsohn4 days ago in Journal

Dubai remains one of the top travel destinations of the year, characterized by an incredibly sleek skyline, fantastic shopping centres, and instead unusual desert experiences. Any traveller intending to visit Dubai should be aware of the changes in visa pricing and regulations as costs and policy framework are usually reviewed every year. Whatever changes there are in the price of the visit visa to Dubai, during 2025, the travellers should know. We are publishing here the correct information regarding Dubai visit visa price so that you may have an in-depth view of what the visa fees are, their durations and the latest changes which could cost your travelling.

By Dubai Visit Visa2 days ago in Journal

Snow fell last night for the first time in a long while.

It seemed to absorb all sound as it gently covered the brown earth

By PK Colleran 3 days ago in Poets

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The river ran backwards on the day the queen vanished. It was a feeble attempt to reverse time or at least try to see if she had tragically floated down it, yet it was useless. She was gone. And it shattered me completely.

By Oneg In The Arctic2 days ago in Fiction

The river ran backwards on the day the queen vanished. At least, it appeared that way walking underneath the water's silvery surface. I reached up, a whisper away from the rippling sheen overhead, and stopped myself. I will not be dragged back to my mother over a glimpse of my fingers.

By Harbor Benassa2 days ago in Fiction

Once a father took his son to the mountains.

Son tripped on a stone, cried in pain, "AAAAAAh!" and suddenly heard "AAAAAh" in return.

By Lana V Lynxa day ago in Fiction

"The river ran backwards on the day the Queen vanished."

At least it was supposed to. That's what they promised, the prophecy guaranteed. It didn't, of course, though they kept claiming it truly happened at his command.

By Randy Wayne Jellison-Knock2 days ago in Fiction

Nestled in a grove of stately oaks, a small, welcoming cabin stood like a peaceful refuge against the crisp autumn air.

The earthy brown walls of the wooden hut glowed softly in the golden light of the setting sun.

By Laura.the.writer4 days ago in Fiction

The river ran backwards on the day the Queen vanished.

I was awoken by a rumble like a broadhead stampede passing through our farmhouse. I rolled off my bed and under its frame. My little brother, Edgard, was already under his – barely two years old, his eyes as wide as owls.

By Addison Alder4 days ago in Fiction

The river ran backwards on the day the Queen vanished. It was the final whisper of doom, the ghost of a portent unseen, for in those days the art of reading such things had been long lost to men. Something long chained had been loosed; woeful calamity befell the realms of men, one upon the other. These estranged and wayward misfortunes had hitherto not been fathomed as one singular ruin. And so, when the sun shone bright and brilliant, many thought it the first day of summer and not the end of the world.

By Blake Booth2 days ago in Fiction

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The first to notice was a little boy... his desperate run through the woods stopped on the river bank. The soldiers who were chasing him came up behind him smiling, one of them mocked him "Can't you swim?". The boy didn't turn around, he simply pointed to the water.

By Ema Salvi3 days ago in Fiction

Most recently published stories in Fiction.

Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (2022)

Genre: Superhero, Action, Drama, Science Fiction

★ Ratings: 8.6/10

By popinpix2 minutes ago in Fiction

WandaVision (2021)

Genre: Superhero, Fantasy, Drama, Mystery

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★ Ratings: 8.2/10

Duration: 30-50 minutes per episode

By popinpix8 minutes ago in Fiction

The Falcon and the Winter Soldier (2021)

Genre: Superhero, Action, Thriller, Drama

★ Ratings: 7.4/10

By popinpix12 minutes ago in Fiction

Loki (2021)

Genre: Superhero, Science Fiction, Fantasy, Drama

★ Ratings: 8.4/10

Duration: 40-50 minutes per episode

By popinpix 17 minutes ago in Fiction

What If...? (2021)

Genre: Anthology, Animated, Superhero, Science Fiction

★ Ratings: 8.3/10

By popinpix24 minutes ago in Fiction

Looking up at the sky and watching these amazing creations of nature moving across the field of vision, made of nothing but droplets of moisture.

By Mike Singleton Mikeydred 25 minutes ago in Fiction

Hawkeye (2021)

Genre: Superhero, Action, Adventure, Crime

★ Ratings: 7.6/10

Duration: 45-60 minutes per episode

By popinpix28 minutes ago in Fiction

Moon Knight (2022)

Genre: Superhero, Action, Thriller, Drama

★ Ratings: 8.1/10

Duration: 40-50 minutes per episode

By popinpix33 minutes ago in Fiction

The creative faces behind your favorite stories.

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302 published stories

48 published stories

273 published stories

38 published stories

27 published stories

497 published stories

33 published stories

125 published stories

121 published stories

7 published stories

133 published stories

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Stories in Journal that you'll love, handpicked by our team.

We did everything right.

Or so we thought.

We worked hard for decades, saved for our retirement, left behind the blizzards of the northeast, and bought a beautiful property in Florida.

By PK Colleran about a month ago in Journal

The grind! This morning, as I picked myself up and started my morning routine, I would do anything to stay in bed. After Tuesday's round of chemotherapy, I feel like I've just gone two rounds with Mike Tyson in his prime.

By Jason Ray Morton 2 months ago in Journal

I look up at the turnip-coloured sun in a sort of realization. At the same time, I'm astounded by the desensitization of a civilization. It's almost like a lapse in intelligence in the collective. I'm not depressed, I don't believe in emotional lags. I prefer the temple swept with inspiration even if pouring down is a dilemma.

By Canuck Scriber Lisa Lachapelle 2 months ago in Journal

Two bikers transport cocaine across the American Southwest while being violently verbally and physically assaulted by small-town squares and murderous hill jacks in this quintessential "cultural touchstone" for the Hippie Generation. Directed by Dennis Hopper, it stars Hopper, Peter Fonda, and a young and handsome Jack Nicholson. Hopper plays "Billy"; Fonda is "Wyatt" or "Captain America" (he has a jacket with an American flag patch on the back that, during that era, would have been considered offensive). Nicholson is a drunken ACLU lawyer in a small-town jail. As they roar down the hot highway, headed toward New Orleans and the promise of a paradisiacal bacchanal called "Mardi Gras," we get an expansive view of the environment through which they drive their souped-up hogs. It's an amazing American landscape, as perfect as a Western

landscape portrait, wherein scrubby arroyo is the unsmiling subject, its flat and desolate face punctured by huge grasping fingers of sacred stone thrusting upward to the blue murder sky. (Quoth Harrelson in Natural Born Killers, "Well, now that is poetry.")

By Tom Baker3 months ago in Journal

Wow...My 300th story.

I cannot believe that I have been writing on Vocal for almost four years now. The amount of growth that I have gone through as a person since I first started writing on this platform is insane to me. I don't resonate with a lot of my writing anymore as I am not the same person that I was back then when I first started publishing online. I joined Vocal for the challenges, and yes I may never win one, but I am still very proud of myself for trying anyways.

By Chloe Rose Violet 3 months ago in Journal

Yesterday I wrote about Identity and Masks in Leadership and what allows their Power to be Maximized.

I had someone with whom I collaborate frequently ask a fantastic question in response to the idea that we "All" wear masks.

By Cody Dakota Wooten, C.B.C.3 months ago in Journal

A relationship without boundaries is calamity waiting to happen. One of the biggest problems in every type of relationship known to man is a lack of boundaries. We need boundaries to have a healthy coexistence. If you don't set boundaries you're setting your relationship up for failure. What exactly is a boundary? By definition a boundary determines what is appropriate or inappropriate in a relationship. Without boundaries a relationship is destined for trouble.

By Joe Patterson3 months ago in Journal

If your Goal is to Grow as a Leader, there is something you will be Faced with at one point or another.

Opposition.

By Cody Dakota Wooten, C.B.C.4 months ago in Journal

I was having a discussion with a friend about an article I wrote about a few weeks back about How the Goal of Mastery is Self-Defeating.

By Cody Dakota Wooten, C.B.C.4 months ago in Journal

Who are you?

It seems like a simple question, but it is loaded with a lot more information than most people realize.

By Cody Dakota Wooten, C.B.C.5 months ago in Journal

Most people talk about things that bother them as a way to vent their emotions, another way is through writing. As I sit writing in my car, I ponder how much writing, in itself, has helped me become the person I am today. I have endless amounts of pages filled with poems, stories, and sometimes random blurbs. Writing is a window into your soul. The simple action of writing has benefited me; by helping me to achieve a better memory, helping me to learn and grow intellectually, and helping me to communicate my emotions.

By Sarah Wilcox5 months ago in Journal

Ah, summer. I have a deep love/hate relationship with this season, and this year, I'm determined to make it one I'll always remember.

By M. A. Mehan 5 months ago in Journal

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Page: lisa jannet | Vocal

The on-demand service apps have become an essential part of lives as we use them daily. It initially stepped into transportation and gradually crept into almost all walks of our lives. These apps have given a new dimension to businesses as most of the apps cater to people's basic needs. It is worth mentioning that on-demand service apps have also offered job opportunities for several people. As these apps have spread to almost every sector, including food delivery, household work, handyman services, pet walkers, babysitters, courier pickup, dating, etc., the market is getting flooded.

By lisa jannet4 years ago in Journal

People always prefer professional movers and packer services irrespective of their needs, such as logistic services and warehousing services. In most cases, people contact professional movers and packers as they don't want hassles of moving themselves. Moreover, they are skilled in packing and moving things safely. Now there is a massive demand for on-demand packers and movers services in the market.

By lisa jannet4 years ago in Journal

The one business that does not go out of trend is the food delivery industry. It has been in the upsurge for an extended period of time. If you are an aspiring business person with plans to launch your food delivery venture, then you can opt for the Zomato clone app that is an optimized platform with all the features required. At Uber Like App, our team of experts will assist you in developing a robust app.

By lisa jannet5 years ago in 01

With the evolution of smartphones, finding dates has become easier than before. There are several dating apps in the market that will help anyone find a perfect match. Once the user enters a few details about them, it will help them match their profile with a person of similar taste. With the advent of these apps, dating has become easy and safe.

By lisa jannet5 years ago in 01

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Drywall estimating is a crucial part of any construction project. It ensures that the costs for installing drywall are accurate, helping contractors and clients avoid costly surprises. Drywall is a key component in both residential and commercial buildings, making proper estimating essential for smooth project execution.

By Zain Munirless than a minute ago in Journal

In today's competitive digital landscape, mobile apps have become integral to how businesses connect with their audiences, streamline processes, and achieve growth. With the demand for user-friendly, feature-rich mobile applications soaring, the role of a proficient Android app development company or iOS app development company cannot be overstated.

By techahead20 minutes ago in Journal

The beverage crate market is set to experience robust growth over the next decade, driven by increased consumption of beverages globally, advancements in packaging materials, and the growing demand for sustainable and reusable solutions. Beverage crates play a pivotal role in the supply chain, ensuring the safe transportation and storage of products such as soft drinks, alcoholic beverages, and bottled water. The global beverage crate market is forecast to expand at a CAGR of 5.6% and thereby increase from a projected value of US\$435.8 Mn in 2024, to US\$638.2 Mn by the end of 2031.

By smith22 minutes ago in Journal

In the ever-evolving landscape of healthcare technology, choosing the right value based care platform to manage healthcare data, improve patient care, and streamline operations can be a daunting task for medical professionals and organizations. Two notable players in the field are blueBriX Health and Athenahealth—both offering comprehensive platforms to help healthcare providers deliver better care. While each platform has its own strengths, BlueBriX Health stands out in several key areas, offering features and services that position it as a compelling choice for modern healthcare practices.

By Erik Panderson23 minutes ago in Journal

Effective event promotion is critical to successful turnout in a bustling city like Edmonton. Numerous marketing strategies are available, each with its strengths and weaknesses.

By James pit26 minutes ago in Journal

As Mumbai evolves into an industrial capital of India, startup ecosystems are flourishing with new businesses emerging in all walks of life. For the startups, intense brand presence is highly critical, though it comes with the challenges of less budget and stiff competition. However, as a medium of advertisement, Mumbai Billboard Advertising has come to be proved as an effective method for startups to hook the attention of masses. Wide reach with visuals has provided a great opportunity for the new businesses to leave an impression in the minds of the people present in the already crowded marketplace of Mumbai. Besides, it also helps startups to use billboards to the fullest extent, which attracts their targeted audience through partnering with Offline advertising agencies.

By Naveen kumar26 minutes ago in Journal

As digital transformation sweeps across industries, embedded finance is emerging as a major force in the business landscape. Embedded finance refers to the integration of financial services—such as payments, lending, and insurance—directly into non-financial platforms, allowing organizations to provide a seamless client experience by handling financial transactions within their own ecosystem.

By Noha James43 minutes ago in Journal

Filters play a vital role in ensuring the efficiency and functionality of various household systems and appliances. Whether it's an air purifier or a water filtration unit, these components work tirelessly to provide clean air and water for daily use. However, filters don't last indefinitely, and timely replacement is critical for optimal performance. Understanding their significance and ensuring you replace them on schedule can enhance the longevity and efficiency of your devices. When considering a replacement filter for Flair, it's important to understand the specific requirements of your appliance. Filters differ in type, quality, and compatibility, so choosing the right one ensures superior performance while preventing potential damage to your equipment.

By V.S.L.A.44 minutes ago in Journal

The issue of abortion has consistently sparked considerable debate and conversation. Some individuals advocate for the rights of mothers or pregnant women to choose to continue with the pregnancy or terminate it; conversely, others believe that a foetus is more than just a mere collection of cells, viewing it as a living entity with its own life, deserving of individual rights and freedoms separate from those of the pregnant woman. A notable instance when personal freedoms were at risk was when women's access to safe abortion services was jeopardized. For many years, until 1971, India deemed abortion criminal and referred to it as “intentionally causing miscarriage.” Voluntary abortion, except in cases where the pregnant woman's life was endangered, could result in a punishment of up to three years in prison, a monetary fine, or both.

By Hridya Sharma about an hour ago in Journal

The automotive industry is undergoing a significant transformation, driven by increasing environmental awareness and stricter emission regulations. One of the key technological innovations shaping the future of automotive emissions control is the gasoline particulate filter (GPF). These filters are crucial in reducing particulate matter (PM) emissions from gasoline-powered vehicles, ensuring cleaner air and compliance with stringent environmental standards.

By Ajaykumar Patil about an hour ago in Journal

The focus of digital transformation in delivering customer experience (CX) is on using technology to enhance, customize, and expedite communications between companies and their customers. Businesses may anticipate consumer demands, address problems more quickly, and cultivate relationships that increase loyalty by utilizing customer experience strategy tools.

By Richard Duke about an hour ago in Journal

Data analytics is revolutionizing how businesses, organizations, and individuals operate by providing actionable insights that enable informed decision-making. At its core, data analytics involves examining raw data to uncover patterns, trends, and valuable insights that drive growth and innovation. This process employs various techniques, including descriptive, diagnostic, predictive, and prescriptive analytics, each offering

distinct benefits to decision-makers.

By Prescienced Dataabout an hour ago in Journal

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Jeremy Frommer

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Vocal envisions a vibrant and welcoming network of readers and creators who champion one another's creativity and fuel one another's passions. Idealistic? Perhaps, but we're big dreamers.

To make this dream a reality, we need your help. Hosting a collective of creators supporting creators requires positivity, respect, and just a bit of common sense. At Vocal, our mission is to foster community through stories and conversations. By adhering to these community guidelines, you'll be contributing to a network that is safe and open for all voices. We check every single story to ensure that it complies with our standards in five key areas:

We care a lot about our creators, and we want everyone on Vocal to put their best foot forward! That's why we have some standards for professionalism that all creators have to meet. Generally speaking, we don't want to quell anyone's creative or stylistic liberties, so we will only send a story back if it contains a copious amount of grammatical errors or doesn't meet one of the following criteria for quality:

Word count

Vocal is a long-form publishing platform, which is why we require stories to be at least 600 words. Similarly, we require poems to be at least 100 words. We know there are plenty of amazing stories to be told that are less than 600 words —unfortunately, that content just doesn't align with our mission to foster engaged readership.

Not written in English

At this time, Vocal is an English-only platform. Any content in a different language should have a full English translation provided.

Spam

Vocal is a place for authentic and genuine content creation and storytelling. No one wants to feel like they're being scammed or taken advantage of while they're reading. Too many forced hyperlinks, unrelated product placements, particularly sales-y language, and disassociated comments can come across as inauthentic and suspicious and will be flagged and by our moderation team or reported by other users.

Formatting errors

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Vocal has a variety of tools to help creators tell their story in the best way possible. We do require the following elements to be present in every story, and if any of these elements are missing from their respective fields, we will send the story back so that they can be added in:

Intellectual Property (IP) is valuable—Vocal wouldn't exist without it! That's why we want this community to be a place where content is original, stories are authentic, and creators are honest. Don't try to pass off other people's work as your own; we are always on the lookout for bad actors! This includes:

Plagiarism

This doesn't mean that all content needs to be 100% fresh and new—you're free to submit stories that you've published elsewhere in the past, as long as we can confirm that you own the rights to the content. Additionally, you're welcome to include content that is published elsewhere for the purposes of critique or parody (per the Fair Use doctrine), just make sure you supplement this content with original content of your own as well. We're always looking for at least 50% original content in Vocal stories—so if you use or cite any other content (for example, from Wikipedia) be sure to include at least as much (or more!) of your own content as well. Additionally, if you suspect that a story is plagiarized or unoriginal, get in touch with us and we'll look into it ASAP.

Copyrighted and/or watermarked images

We highly recommend using Unsplash or a similar stock image platform to avoid any conflicts with photography and image rights.

Nudity

Vocal accepts non-nude erotic or suggestive images, but we don't publish photographs depicting frontal nudity. Acceptable iterations of nude images include fine art (paintings, drawings, digital art, or statues) as well as photographs of breastfeeding mothers. Unacceptable iterations include pornographic images and videos, as well as hyperlinks leading to pages containing pornography.

Taboo erotica

While we do publish erotic fiction on our Filthy community, we consider certain types of erotica to be

harmful, not just to Vocal, but to society as well. We do not publish ANY erotic content that involves minors or characters that appear to be underage, and if we find explicit content involving minors, we will report it to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Additionally, content involving extreme taboo and/or violent sexual content will not be published, such as fetishization of rape, cannibalism, bestiality and necrophilia.

Solicitation of sex

Content that solicits sex, or contains links leading to sites that solicit sexual services will not be published.

We do not want to limit anyone's creative freedoms, especially in fiction writing, but stories and comments on Vocal should not contain excessively graphic, hateful, and/or potentially triggering content except where it is in the interest of storytelling and appropriate, related discourse.

Violence

Excessively graphic or violent descriptions, images, or videos, as well as content that includes extremely graphic descriptions of gore, dead bodies, or the harming of animals will not be published on Vocal. However, most horror fiction, criminal fiction, and general pop culture content that includes some violent elements can be published on Vocal.

Slurs

Content that contains racial or ethnic slurs will always be flagged by our Moderation team (see "Hate speech" below), and sometimes we may send these stories back and ask that you censor or remove a certain word or epithet from your story. We understand that there are times and situations when these words and phrases are used for storytelling purposes (and we do look at each of these instances in context) but if we do send your story back, we ask that you respect our decision to always put the safety of the community first.

Glorification of self-harm

Vocal will not publish content that encourages or romanticizes any form of self-harm. This includes promoting self-mutilation or disordered eating behaviors; it also includes encouraging others to follow through with suicidal or self-harming ideation, or discouraging people from seeking professional help for these kinds of

thoughts. We welcome stories and discussions related to all types of mental health struggles—Vocal is a community for sharing experiences and supporting others—but we will moderate stories and comments that attempt to:

Hate speech

Vocal strives to be a platform for voices across political and ideological spectrums. That said, there's no home on Vocal for hate speech of any kind. This includes threats and harassment, and it means that we will moderate stories and comments that assert derogatory generalizations or implications about groups of people based on their race, ethnicity, or any cultural affiliations. We won't allow any content that encourages, incites, or shows support for any terrorist or supremacist groups, individuals, or actions.

Religious content

We've seen far too many instances of religion causing alienation and division. We cautiously moderate stories that take an overtly religious stance, or function from the vantage point that a certain religion is truer, or in any way superior, to another. Characters in fiction can of course be religious, and we welcome stories and conversations that discuss religion in historical and journalistic contexts, but similar to our stance on hate speech, there's just no home on Vocal for content that divides us, rather than content that engages us and brings us together.

Conspiracy theories

Vocal takes a cautious approach to stories related to conspiracy theory content, especially content that can be linked to real-world violence. Stories and comments that discuss this material in historical or journalistic contexts can be shared on Vocal, but content that endorses or grants any level of credence to unfounded conspiracies that can be traced to unrest in society will be flagged by our Moderation team. We believe in doing our part to prevent dangerous misinformation from spreading.

While we love stories that strive to teach us something new, there is some information that we legally can't publish. Stories that teach users how to illegally download DRM-protected music, roundups of websites where you can watch movies for free, and other content that attempts to circumvent security or privacy laws will not

be published on Vocal. Here are a few more scenarios that fall under this umbrella:

Personal Information and doxxing behavior

Information about others should never be shared without their consent. We'll never give out any of your personal information, and we ask that you do the same. Please refrain from including in your story, or threatening to include, any personal phone numbers, addresses, and/or any sensitive personal information that may compromise the safety of an individual. Stories or comments that contain any identifying information that is not already accessible to the public will not be published. Context matters in these situations, but we will generally flag and review any content that appears to be doxxing behavior or unsanctioned divulgence of personal information, including surnames, places of employment, etc., especially if the content in question is indicting someone for unconfirmed criminal behavior. We ask that you refrain from using images or videos of others that are not in the public domain or otherwise covered by fair use without the subject's knowledge and consent.

Fake traffic

None of our creators should try to falsify engagement data or manipulate Vocal's monetization algorithm. We reserve the right to deactivate any account making these attempts, or deny making payments to accounts connected with these attempts.

Sales of regulated goods

Vocal does not allow the private selling or buying of regulated goods like drugs, alcohol, tobacco, guns, or the sale of products from endangered species. (If you think we haven't received stories advertising the sale of black-footed ferret feet, well, we have.)

Collection of information

Don't use any methods of scraping or data mining to collect content or user information, or make any attempts to decipher or tamper with Vocal's softwares and services. You also shouldn't use Vocal in any way that deceives others into giving out banking information, credit card numbers, social security numbers, or other personal data, either overtly or via outbound hyperlinks.

Invalid accounts

You must be at least 13 years of age to create an account with Vocal. Any accounts created by a user under the age of 13 will be terminated, and we encourage parents of children under this age to notify us if they become aware of such activity. Additionally, creators should only have one Vocal account, as outlined in our Terms of Use. If we've disabled an account of yours for suspicious or malicious activity in the past, attempts to create another account without permission may result in the deactivation of the subsequent accounts as well.

Impersonation and parody

Any satire or parody accounts should be explicitly stated or made otherwise clear. You can use parody for humor or fandom purposes, but don't lead others to believe that you're actually someone else. You're welcome to publish stories under a pseudonym or pen name, as long as it's not used for the purpose of misleading others. We reserve the right to reclaim any usernames on behalf of individuals, products, or institutions.

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More stories from Creatd and writers in Vocal and other communities.

If you believe that someone on the Vocal platform has violated your copyright, you can follow the procedure below.

For background, the federal law known as the Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998 requires Vocal to post its procedure for a user to request the removal of content that he or she legitimately believes violates its copyright. Vocal must then remove the content in question. On the other hand, the person who posted the content in question can file a counter-notification, which may result in the content being re-posted.

By Creatd6 years ago in Resources

We apologize for the slight delay in announcing the winners—some of our team got a little too inspired by the changing skies and caught the seasonal sniffles. But we're back and thrilled to share the poetic treasures you've crafted.

By Vocal Curation Team2 days ago in Resources

The river ran backward on the day the Queen vanished. For almost a week, headwater springs funneled tiny creeks back into the ground. Waterfalls shot upward like fountains. The wide delta at the mouth pulled salty brine up the channel and into the farmland furrows. This was to be expected. The Queen had been teaching the river for years, coaxing it along irrigation ditches and showing it new, secret flowpaths where it could spill over banks to fill secluded glens bedecked with fog and fireflies or marshes full of syncopated frog song. Like any pet, well-trained and faithful, it had loved her unquestioningly. When she left, the reverse flow was an attempt to pull back time- a deep, keening inhalation of boundless, immortal grief.

By Penny Fuller6 days ago in Fiction

Autumn's brittle leaving shivers;

fine-spun glass

suspended in the space between sighs -

it cracks translucent.

Cold spilling slow as splintered thought

By Sara Little5 days ago in Poets

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Page: Vocal Privacy Policy | Vocal

The Vocal platform (hereafter "Vocal," "vocal.media," "us") is committed to protecting the privacy of all users by a principle of "Privacy by Design," defined below in this Privacy Policy. This policy guides how we use and do not use information received when you use any of our Services, which includes our sites (such as beat.media) and related services, features, content, applications and functionality.

Here are some important points that serve as the basis for our privacy policy:

- What We Don't Do: We don't profile you and we don't give your personal information to others for marketing purposes.
- Privacy by Design: We follow the principles of "Privacy by Design", which means we try to receive the minimum amount of personal information necessary or appropriate to provide the Services.
- Transparency: We try to be transparent in what we receive and what we do with it. (That's explained in detail in the full Privacy Policy below.)
- Your Controls: We try to give you the opportunity to see what we have received and how we share it and also for you to request that changes be made on it or that the information be removed.

For those of you familiar with what is known as "GDPR" in most of Europe (the General Data Protection Regulation of the European Union) you will see that the principles above are quite similar to the principles inherent in the GDPR.

If you are from or in the European Economic Area then you need to [click here](#) for more information.

FOR USERS FROM THE EEA. You have to read and consent to the GDPR privacy policies (users from other regions do not need to do so).

We want to communicate with you. If you have any questions as to how we handle your personal information or you wish to report something, please contact us as follows:

By email:

By mail:

> ATTN: Vocal Privacy

Website: vocal.media

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419 Lafayette Street

Floor 6

New York, NY 10003

Please note: Below is the full, official policy, which we summarized above. The language below governs if there is any conflict with the summary above.

We are Creatd, Inc. and we respect the privacy of visitors to our network of websites on the vocal.media platform. (We call these “Sites” and the various features and functionality we provide the “Services”).

This Privacy Policy explains how we receive, use and disclose information we receive about you and your use of the Services.

This Privacy Policy affects all users. If you are just visiting the site and reading and exploring, there is very little Personal Information exchanged (only Technical Information). There are a few special cases, as follows:

The EEA—which stands for the *European Economic Area*—includes the members states of the European Union and Iceland, Lichtenstein and Norway. Users in or from those countries have rights under the regulation for that region, the General Data Protection Regulation (known as the “GDPR”) including, for example, having us change or remove all or part of the Personal Information we hold.

For those users, this Privacy Policy applies and incorporates into it the privacy provisions at [Vocal GDPR Privacy Terms](#). If you are such a user then you must consent to those terms by clicking [here](#). For EEA users, if there are any conflicts between the provisions at that link and the provisions of this Privacy Policy below, then the provisions at that link will prevail. Please contact us at [\[email protected\]](#) if you have any questions on this matter.

Regarding minors, our Sites and Services are not directed to individuals under 13. We do not knowingly receive Personal Information from anyone under 13 and will delete such information if we learn about it. If you become aware that your child under 13 has provided us with Personal Information or created an account, please contact us at [\[email protected\]](#).

Under California law, individuals under 18 who are users have rights of removal of Personal Information about them. If you are—or your child is—under 18 and there is an account in your name (or the name of that child), then upon request the Personal Information can be removed by emailing the address above. Please understand that we will have to verify your request, which might mean that we will contact you. Please also note that such removal might not be comprehensive because, for example, relevant User Content has been re-posted elsewhere or because the Personal Information is in archives and backups maintained for purposes noted above.

California has passed privacy laws that apply to us and those laws require the disclosure below. Please note that your other rights under this Privacy Policy are not affected—i.e., you still have those other rights.

When you visit any Site or use any Services you are consenting to the receipt and use of your information as described in this Privacy Policy if you are not a user in or from the EEA. For EEA users, you can only choose to consent at [Vocal GDPR Privacy Terms](#).

We may make changes to this Privacy Policy from time to time. When we do, we will provide a prominent notice. Your use after you have seen the notice will be consent of the changes, unless you are a user in the EEA, in which case you will click on the provided link to consent.

Changes will not have a retroactive effect. In other words, information we receive is subject to the Privacy Policy in effect at the time such information is received. Thus, information received after the changes take effect will be subject to that new version of the Privacy Policy.

We receive information about you—which is defined below as “Personal Information”—and your use of our Services—which is “Technical Information”—that comes from systems that measure use of our Services and also from Cookies on your browser (explained below). This Section 4 explains the information received and how it is received. The next section, Section 5, explains our use. Section 8 explains how you can protect your Personal Information and control what we receive and use.

4.1 Personal Information

4.2 Technical Information

We use information primarily to provide a good user experience, which includes enabling you to use the Services, communicating with you and, as a result, improving the performance of our Services. When we write “use the information” we mean, for example, knowing who you are when you login, which simplifies the login process and points you to content and Services that are consistent with your preferences. We need to communicate with you about your account (if you have one), User Content and our Services. And, improving the Services means that we need to learn how fast pages load, where people view content, where they go and so forth. (All of that comes from Technical Information. We are not personally tracking you.)

5.1 How We Use Personal Information

5.2 How We Use Technical Information

The Technical Information we receive (e.g., from Cookies) is used to enable your use of the Services such as storing your login information to accelerate that process or to respond to your preferences. We also use Technical Information to customize our infrequent newsletters, as well as advertising and Site content based on browser type and user profile information. The Technical Information may also provide measurements of overall and specific activity on our Sites in the use of other Services, allowing us to modify the look-and-feel, content and performance of our Services.

Mindful of the principle of “Privacy by Design,” we try to keep Personal Information only for as long as we need it for the purposes we have described here. What does that mean? For example, we will keep your account information for as long as your account remains open and then after that for as long as necessary to fulfill obligations and receive the benefits of any agreement we have with you, i.e., the Terms of Use.

If you are posting User Content under that agreement, please note that we might continue to post it after your account is deactivated. Any association between your account and information we store will no longer be accessible through your account. However, any public activity on your account prior to deletion will remain stored on our servers and might remain accessible to the public. In addition, we will keep archived copies of your Personal Information for the legal purposes we described above (e.g., to respond to government requests, and if we are involved in legal disputes that involve you or your Personal Information).

Under this Privacy Policy you have the right:

Of course, we'll have to verify you are who you are when you make the requests. Please also understand that we might not comply with your requests if we believe that the changes you wish to make are fraudulent or not truthful or accurate. In addition, we will not remove Personal Information that is archived for legal purposes, such as responding to government requests.

We believe that we use reasonable physical, electronic, and managerial procedures to safeguard and secure the Personal Information we receive online but we do not warrant or represent that its level of security meets or exceeds any specific standards. You should keep in mind that no Internet transmission is 100% secure or error-free, nor is stored data free from vulnerabilities. We cannot guarantee the security of our database or our Sites or other Services, nor can we guarantee that the information you supply will not be intercepted while being transmitted to us over the Internet. We are not responsible for the actions of third parties.

Your account information will be protected by a password for your privacy and security. You need to prevent unauthorized access to your account and Personal Information by selecting and protecting your password appropriately and limiting access to your computer and browser by signing off after you have finished accessing your account.

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Page: Vaibhav Sharma | Vocal

Vaibhav Sharma is the Business Head of RipenApps, the fastest-growing mobile app development company.

Hiring mobile app developers can be a game-changer to level up your business or a major expensive setback if not done properly. Today, the market is overflowing with dedicated and expert developers. It is common to make some mistakes that can use delays in your project completion or result in building an app that doesn't deliver what your users want.

By Vaibhav Sharma3 days ago in Journal

A business should make informed decisions while selecting the right tech stack for building a product or service. A tech stack is a perfect combination of programming languages, frameworks, libraries, and tools that are leveraged to develop an app.

By Vaibhav Sharma21 days ago in Journal

React Native, a popular framework developed by Meta has revolutionized the process of creating multi-platform apps using the same code. From startups to enterprises, React Native is used by all business sizes due to its versatile app development capabilities.

By Vaibhav Sharma2 months ago in Journal

The growth in technology has turned artificial intelligence (AI) into a groundbreaking force across sectors and fields such as software development.

By Vaibhav Sharma2 months ago in Journal

Outsourcing mobile app development is becoming more popular strategically for businesses aiming to stay competitive in the app development market.

By Vaibhav Sharma5 months ago in Lifehack

Millions of users are using online food delivery applications to order their favorite meal or dish right from the comfort of their houses. These applications have revolutionized the way we used to enjoy the dining experience bringing new innovation. With billions of revenue generated in the food delivery app market, more entrepreneurs are targeting food delivery app development. But there are only a few applications that stand at

the top of the market. However, there are some important features and tips that can ensure a successful application development.

By Vaibhav Sharma about a year ago in 01

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Page: Journal

We spend one-third of our lives stressing about it, thinking it, talking about it and doing it. Journal is for everything work related.

Stories

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Stories in Journal that you'll love, handpicked by our team.

We did everything right.

Or so we thought.

We worked hard for decades, saved for our retirement, left behind the blizzards of the northeast, and bought a beautiful property in Florida.

By PK Colleran about a month ago in Journal

The grind! This morning, as I picked myself up and started my morning routine, I would do anything to stay in bed. After Tuesday's round of chemotherapy, I feel like I've just gone two rounds with Mike Tyson in his prime.

By Jason Ray Morton 2 months ago in Journal

I look up at the turnip-coloured sun in a sort of realization. At the same time, I'm astounded by the desensitization of a civilization. It's almost like a lapse in intelligence in the collective. I'm not depressed, I don't believe in emotional lags. I prefer the temple swept with inspiration even if pouring down is a dilemma.

By Canuck Scriber Lisa Lachapelle 2 months ago in Journal

Two bikers transport cocaine across the American Southwest while being violently verbally and physically assaulted by small-town squares and murderous hill jacks in this quintessential "cultural touchstone" for the Hippie Generation. Directed by Dennis Hopper, it stars Hopper, Peter Fonda, and a young and handsome Jack

Nicholson. Hopper plays "Billy"; Fonda is "Wyatt" or "Captain America" (he has a jacket with an American flag patch on the back that, during that era, would have been considered offensive). Nicholson is a drunken ACLU lawyer in a small-town jail. As they roar down the hot highway, headed toward New Orleans and the promise of a paradisiacal bacchanal called "Mardi Gras," we get an expansive view of the environment through which they drive their souped-up hogs. It's an amazing American landscape, as perfect as a Western landscape portrait, wherein scrubby arroyo is the unsmiling subject, its flat and desolate face punctured by huge grasping fingers of sacred stone thrusting upward to the blue murder sky. (Quoth Harrelson in *Natural Born Killers*, "Well, now that is poetry.")

By Tom Baker 3 months ago in Journal

Wow...My 300th story.

I cannot believe that I have been writing on Vocal for almost four years now. The amount of growth that I have gone through as a person since I first started writing on this platform is insane to me. I don't resonate with a lot of my writing anymore as I am not the same person that I was back then when I first started publishing online. I joined Vocal for the challenges, and yes I may never win one, but I am still very proud of myself for trying anyways.

By Chloe Rose Violet 3 months ago in Journal

Yesterday I wrote about Identity and Masks in Leadership and what allows their Power to be Maximized.

I had someone with whom I collaborate frequently ask a fantastic question in response to the idea that we "All" wear masks.

By Cody Dakota Wooten, C.B.C. 3 months ago in Journal

A relationship without boundaries is calamity waiting to happen. One of the biggest problems in every type of

relationship known to man is a lack of boundaries. We need boundaries to have a healthy coexistence. If you don't set boundaries you're setting your relationship up for failure. What exactly is a boundary? By definition a boundary determines what is appropriate or inappropriate in a relationship. Without boundaries a relationship is destined for trouble.

By Joe Patterson3 months ago in Journal

If your Goal is to Grow as a Leader, there is something you will be Faced with at one point or another.

Opposition.

By Cody Dakota Wooten, C.B.C.4 months ago in Journal

Themed story collections curated by the Vocal moderators.

From postal worker to film producer, what is it like to do what you do?

A workplace watercooler for telecommuters and anyone who wears pajamas to work.

Converse and commiserate with other newly minted adults.

Most recently published stories in Journal.

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In today's competitive digital landscape, mobile apps have become integral to how businesses connect with their audiences, streamline processes, and achieve growth. With the demand for user-friendly, feature-rich mobile applications soaring, the role of a proficient Android app development company or iOS app development company cannot be overstated.

By techahead21 minutes ago in Journal

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By Noha James44 minutes ago in Journal

Filters play a vital role in ensuring the efficiency and functionality of various household systems and appliances. Whether it's an air purifier or a water filtration unit, these components work tirelessly to provide clean air and water for daily use. However, filters don't last indefinitely, and timely replacement is critical for optimal performance. Understanding their significance and ensuring you replace them on schedule can enhance the longevity and efficiency of your devices. When considering a replacement filter for Flair, it's important to understand the specific requirements of your appliance. Filters differ in type, quality, and compatibility, so choosing the right one ensures superior performance while preventing potential damage to your equipment.

By V.S.L.A.44 minutes ago in Journal

The creative faces behind your favorite stories.

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Page: C. Rommial Butler | Vocal

C. Rommial Butler is a writer, musician and philosopher from Indianapolis, IN. His works can be found online through multiple streaming services and booksellers.

This is the next chapter of The ShambElla Saga. Here's the table of contents with an introduction:

Descent to the Smiling Rock

By C. Rommial Butler about 19 hours ago in Fiction

Coffee-Stained Conscience

His conscience, coffee-stained; like his favorite cup, a ring remained down at the bottom where the sponge won't reach, like his SO(U)L, which ignores the lies they preach, doing NOT what he's TOLD but what he SHOULD, and recalling the line from the struggling feline: "Tough titty said the kitty but the milk's still good!"

By C. Rommial Butler 3 days ago in Motivation

My tortured bones long for fire, yearn for the consummation of smoke and ash scattered by the wind to a beckoning end.

Once upon a time I was a massive, ancient tree but you broke me down and made a house of me.

By C. Rommial Butler 8 days ago in Fiction

This is the next chapter in The ShambElla Saga, which I hope drops like a Halloween treat into a bag filled with many others! Here's the Table of Contents with an intro by Yours Ghouly:

By C. Rommial Butler 18 days ago in Fiction

I was perched high atop the wall that straddles the edge of the world, basking in the mid-day sun, when the air

was rent asunder, and a giant beamed down upon me, blowing great plumes of grey smoke from one of his many orifices through the thin veil between the worlds!

By C. Rommial Butler22 days ago in Fiction

This is the next chapter in my unfolding epic, The ShambElla Saga:

-A Short Digression from The Narrator-

Inept?! This coming from a guy who's nothing more than a psychic sock puppet for a lab monkey!

By C. Rommial Butler23 days ago in Fiction

“Do you ever get tired of being the good person to which bad things happen?”

“Tired, yes. Sick too. And I’m sick of being tired, and I’m tired of being sick. But I’m not ashamed. I decided long ago, I’d rather be sick and tired than ashamed, because as sick and tired as I am, when my head hits the pillow, I sleep like a baby, but when I did have cause for shame, I didn’t get a wink, and I felt like I was already dead, inside. I may come to grief on account of giving my life away to people who take advantage of me, but what kind of life would I live if I took advantage of others in turn? A life of shame and meaningless pleasure. We all die in the end, but we don’t all go on to a better place. Most of us keep coming back; and what I’m most sick and tired of is coming back.”

By C. Rommial Butler30 days ago in Poets

There was only one rule: don’t open the door.

A walk onto the pier reveals that the stone crannog has a small black door with no handle or knob, but only a gold plate with a keyhole.

By C. Rommial Butlerabout a month ago in Horror

This is a new chapter in The ShambElla Saga. You'll find it pinned to my profile in its burgeoning entirety here:

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By C. Rommial Butlerabout a month ago in Fiction

The sky is crying

With our tears intermingled

Makes no difference

By C. Rommial Butlerabout a month ago in Poets

Introduction

I've long had a fascination with the transformative power of decay. I recall as a child walking the streets of my neighborhood here on the East Side of Indianapolis, as I still do to this day. Indianapolis is what I've heard some describe as a "Swiss Cheese Ghetto". The East Side, especially, has some swanky gentrified communities nestled in between trash-ridden and crime-riddled neighborhoods. One can hear gunshots a few blocks away while they pay for their venti pumpkin spice latte!

By C. Rommial Butlerabout a month ago in Fiction

This is the third chapter of The ShambElla Saga, where we follow an old fella and a young lady navigating a strange post-apocalyptic world.

By C. Rommial Butler2 months ago in Fiction

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Articles, videos, and related content associated with all aspects of Business and the culture surrounding business.

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By Noha James44 minutes ago in Journal

The issue of abortion has consistently sparked considerable debate and conversation. Some individuals advocate for the rights of mothers or pregnant women to choose to continue with the pregnancy or terminate it; conversely, others believe that a foetus is more than just a mere collection of cells, viewing it as a living entity with its own life, deserving of individual rights and freedoms separate from those of the pregnant woman. A notable instance when personal freedoms were at risk was when women's access to safe abortion services was jeopardized. For many years, until 1971, India deemed abortion criminal and referred to it as “intentionally causing miscarriage.” Voluntary abortion, except in cases where the pregnant woman's life was endangered, could result in a punishment of up to three years in prison, a monetary fine, or both.

By Hridya Sharmaabout an hour ago in Journal

The automotive industry is undergoing a significant transformation, driven by increasing environmental awareness and stricter emission regulations. One of the key technological innovations shaping the future of automotive emissions control is the gasoline particulate filter (GPF). These filters are crucial in reducing

particulate matter (PM) emissions from gasoline-powered vehicles, ensuring cleaner air and compliance with stringent environmental standards.

By Ajaykumar Patil about an hour ago in Journal

The focus of digital transformation in delivering customer experience (CX) is on using technology to enhance, customize, and expedite communications between companies and their customers. Businesses may anticipate consumer demands, address problems more quickly, and cultivate relationships that increase loyalty by utilizing customer experience strategy tools.

By Richard Duke about an hour ago in Journal

Data analytics is revolutionizing how businesses, organizations, and individuals operate by providing actionable insights that enable informed decision-making. At its core, data analytics involves examining raw data to uncover patterns, trends, and valuable insights that drive growth and innovation. This process employs various techniques, including descriptive, diagnostic, predictive, and prescriptive analytics, each offering distinct benefits to decision-makers.

By Presciened Data about an hour ago in Journal

In the Goods and Services Tax (GST) framework, the primary principle is that the supplier of goods or services is responsible for the payment of GST. This rule ensures that taxes are collected at the point of origin and then remitted to the government. However, there are specific scenarios where this responsibility shifts to the recipient of goods or services under a mechanism known as the Reverse Charge Mechanism (RCM).

By solubilis about an hour ago in Journal

A well-organized Corporate Christmas Party Celebration brings not only a positive attitude among the employees but also boosts communication as well as teamwork. Here are 10 fun team-building ideas for Christmas Office Events for Corporates that will create lasting memories and reinforce relationships among colleagues.

By ajay kumar about an hour ago in Journal

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The on-demand service apps have become an essential part of lives as we use them daily. It initially stepped into transportation and gradually crept into almost all walks of our lives. These apps have given a new dimension to businesses as most of the apps cater to people's basic needs. It is worth mentioning that on-demand service apps have also offered job opportunities for several people. As these apps have spread to almost every sector, including food delivery, household work, handyman services, pet walkers, babysitters, courier pickup, dating, etc., the market is getting flooded.

The grocery delivery apps have transformed the traditional grocery shopping experience by offering convenience and comfort to the users. Although it has faced some challenges in its initial stages, more people are drifting towards these platforms. On-demand grocery delivery apps have defeated all the odds and changed the lifestyle of people forever. Its monetary potential has made several entrepreneurs step into the digital realm. Considering the steady increase in users' displacement from traditional grocery shopping methods, it is now the perfect time for enthusiastic entrepreneurs to build a Bigbasket clone app.

Various business models:

Basically, there are four different types of business models in the on-demand grocery delivery app sector. Choose your business model wisely based on your business requirements, as it will be your stepping stone into the on-demand services business.

Aggregator model:

The Aggregator model will be the perfect choice for your business if your goal is to bring all the grocery shops in your vicinity together onto a platform. It will be the right choice for millennials' consumption and shopping patterns. The store will be responsible for delivering groceries to the customer's doorstep on time.

Marketplace model:

The marketplace model is much similar to the aggregator model in many aspects. The only significant difference is that the responsibility of deliveries is that of stores; instead, the app will hire delivery executives. These apps provide an excellent opportunity for freelance delivery executives as they can work in their

preferred timings. They will get a separate app that will show the order details and navigate them to the delivery location.

Single store applications:

Single store applications can be an ideal choice for entrepreneurs running a supermarket store. They can quickly boost their sales and overall revenue by offering door deliveries for customers in their neighborhoods. The store owner will be responsible for maintaining the inventory, payments, deliveries, and resolving customer queries.

Warehouse model:

Established grocery chains like Walmart use the Warehouse model. It will be an ideal choice for entrepreneurs who own warehouses. You can ensure timely deliveries and update the inventory appropriately.

Enhancing the user experience on your platform:

Your Bigbasket clone script will be loaded with the essential features to run an on-demand grocery delivery business, but it won't be enough to reach the market's top tier. You have to go the extra mile to offer a unique experience for your customers. You can try offering same-day deliveries to benefit and delight your customers.

Every feature should culminate at customer satisfaction, and it should yield profit for your venture.

Customers order groceries regularly, and they might need it on the same day. Your customers will love Same-day deliveries, and it will translate into loyalty. Promotions and discounts are great ways to attract more users. The app's inbuilt analytical tools will help you learn more about the users' spending patterns, and the data can be used to offer discounts exclusively. User feedback is not something that should be overlooked. They will help analyze the drawbacks of your services and customers' expectations. Customer feedback will improve user engagement on your platform.

Conclusion:

The advancement in technology has enabled entrepreneurs to implement more features on their on-demand grocery delivery apps. The increase in the number of smartphone users and the broader availability of the internet is the primary reason for the immense popularity of on-demand service apps. Ensure that you choose a professional Bigbasket clone app development company that excels in creating and customizing grocery delivery apps.

Discuss your business requirements and scale of your application with the development team. Analyze the competitors' apps and look for the drawbacks in their services. Try to bridge the gaps in their services with your application to attract more users. Getting a white label clone app also offers you unlimited customization options to integrate exclusive features. You need not have to worry about the app's bugs and glitches as the clone scripts will be well refined.

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People always prefer professional movers and packer services irrespective of their needs, such as logistic services and warehousing services. In most cases, people contact professional movers and packers as they don't want hassles of moving themselves. Moreover, they are skilled in packing and moving things safely. Now there is a massive demand for on-demand packers and movers services in the market.

By lisa jannet4 years ago in Journal

Whether you are a homeowner, working professional, or hobbyist, having the perfect lush green lawn is essential with reliable tools such as a lawn edger or trimmer. It helps maintain a neat lawn that takes more than regular mowing.

By Diamond B Tractors & Equipment4 days ago in Journal

Happiness is a universal pursuit, often regarded as one of the most important goals in life. Yet, defining what

it truly means to be happy can be complex and multifaceted. In psychology, happiness is often described as a state of emotional well-being characterized by positive feelings, contentment, and life satisfaction. It encompasses a range of experiences, from fleeting moments of joy to a more enduring sense of fulfillment. This article explores the nature of happiness, its implications for our lives, and how we can cultivate it.

By I Write Life 7 days ago in Journal

The river ran backwards on the day the Queen vanished.

The only person who had dismissed the blind Dewin's warnings was the Queen herself, smiling at the old soothsayer and giving him a coin for his troubles every time he made his strange declaration.

By Zivah Avraham7 days ago in Fiction

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Having access to unique and informed statistics is a key part of the Vocal experience. We use data to run our business, and we know you use data to run yours. Whether that means using readership stats to determine which of your stories are the most relatable, earnings to determine where the highest returns are, or subscriber stats to determine how wide your reach is, we want you to have access to the data you need to succeed.

Our mission is to reward creators for their creativity, but to do that, creators need to know which stories are resonating with their subscribers, which stories have struck a chord, and which ideas need to be taken back to the drawing board. The Vocal Stats and Wallet pages already allow creators to see data related to reads, bonuses, and subscribers, and now, we're excited to introduce Reader Insights to complement that existing data.

Do you ever wish you could get inside the heads of your readers and find out what they liked, what they loved, and perhaps what they didn't particularly enjoy about your work? With Reader Insights, your readers and subscribers can leave helpful and constructive feedback on your stories. And of course, this feature works both ways—you can now leave another creator an Insight to help boost their morale, or help them tweak a new effort or idea.

For now, there are three distinct Insights that you can provide to a creator.

You can also send additional Insights to indicate what you particularly enjoyed about a certain story. For example, if the story was especially heartwarming, eye-opening, or engaging, you can check those bespoke boxes and let the creator know what their strengths are. As those Insights accumulate over time, creators will be able to better shape and direct their future on Vocal.

To send Reader Insights to a creator, simply scroll to the bottom of a story and click "Add your insights." On the next page, select one of the three primary Insights, and then add additional feedback by checking the boxes next to the qualities you found particularly strong in the story. When you're satisfied with your feedback, click "Submit Insights."

As a creator, if you want to see what people are saying about one of your stories, navigate to that story on your profile and any Reader Insights will appear in a window at the bottom of the page.

We hope this new feature helps both readers and creators feel more connected to each other. There are more updates to come that will continue to help bridge that gap, including commenting on stories. But, one update at a time! For now, if you're a reader, please consider sending Insights to those who choose to share their work with the world. If you're a creator, we hope these new stats help you continue to create, grow, and flourish to the best of your ability on Vocal.

Founder/CEO of Vocal. COO/President of Creatd (\$CRTD), the parent company of the Vocal platform.

Very well written. Keep up the good work!

Well-structured & engaging content

The story invoked strong personal emotions

Niche topic & fresh perspectives

Arguments were carefully researched and presented

Writing reflected the title & theme

Original narrative & well developed characters

Creative use of language & vocab

Zero grammar & spelling mistakes

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Reader insights is a really great feature. It helps me to know what my readers feel about my poem.

"Hello, I published my first story and noticed 113 comments associated with it. I'm a bit confused and would like to confirm: are all these comments specifically for my story, or could they be from other posts as well?

Thank you for any clarification!"

Really shock

thankyou so much

Pls I'm a new vocal can u help me read my vocal

NICE WORK

I'M NEW TO VOCAL, CAN U PLEASE READ MY STORY AND GIVE A FEEDBACK

very good

Thank you

LOL! I like that you can leave insights on the article about leaving insights, so that you can test it out. You know, I always saw this at the bottom of articles but never paid attention to it. Didn't realize tl just now (I been here since 2001) that I as a reader could leave insights.

Thank you everyone.

nice job

its work very care fully

<https://vocal.media/history/the-history-and-development-of-artificial-intelligence>

Feeling good after publishing my three stories on Vocal. Thank you so much Vocal for providing a nice platform.

I love your blog and I've been browsing it for some time now.

<https://homentable.com/collections/spoons>

As a new writer on Vocal, I just published my first story, "The Magic Of Pippi Power Tea", today. Your story taught me another lesson on how things work here, on the Vocal writing platform. Thank you for the helpful story.

<https://vocal.media/lifehack/best-white-hat-seo-expert-in-bangladesh-a-comprehensive-guide>

Easy to read and follow

<https://vocal.media/education/who-am-i-without-my-academic-achievements>

<https://vocal.media/humans/the-quiet-crisis-of-loneliness>

nice forever

Nice one

Helpful information. Thank you!

good

More stories from Justin @ Vocal and writers in Vocal and other communities.

This week, we've made a few more changes to the Vocal network. As we announced in our last update, these next few updates will work together to allow you to enhance your Vocal presence and organize your profile exactly as you see fit.

By Justin @ Vocal3 years ago in Resources

We apologize for the slight delay in announcing the winners—some of our team got a little too inspired by the changing skies and caught the seasonal sniffles. But we're back and thrilled to share the poetic treasures you've crafted.

By Vocal Curation Team2 days ago in Resources

Dear Dad,

It's been a while, and for that too I am grateful... you don't need me to tell you that it's a little complicated between us right now, and has been for a long time. We don't talk, not since you told me that I'm not your daughter anymore, but I still think of you as my dad - I guess I always will. So here it is, the truth without glamour or bitterness; I'm not sure I like you, but I love you. I'm not sure I wish things were different, or that I can say truthfully that you have been a good father any more than I could say honestly that you have been a bad one...

By S. A. Crawford2 days ago in Humans

“The river ran backwards on the day the Queen vanished.”

At least it was supposed to. That's what they promised, the prophecy guaranteed. It didn't, of course, though

they kept claiming it truly happened at his command.

By Randy Wayne Jellison-Knock 2 days ago in Fiction

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A striking image

Of a rose made of galaxies.

Can we be alone?

Author's note: I truly believe that with all the trillions and gazillions of galaxies out there, we cannot be the only life available. We are probably just neglected and unnoticed. But even then, maybe they are just watching us as an experiment without interfering.

By Lana V Lynxa day ago in Poets

Once a father took his son to the mountains.

Son tripped on a stone, cried in pain, "AAAAAAh!" and suddenly heard "AAAAAh" in return.

By Lana V Lynxa day ago in Fiction

The first phone in St. Petersburg, Russia rang on July 1, 1882. On July 26, the first city telephone station began operating, serving only 128 users. By 1901, it grew to 3,800 subscribers.

By Lana V Lynx3 days ago in Fiction

A student answers a literature exam question:

Erich, Maria, and Remarque are legendary co-authors who made a tremendous contribution to the world literature. Their novel "Three Comrades" is an autobiographical work that tells us about how this brilliant creative triumvirate came to be. Historians claim that both Erich and Remarque were simultaneously deeply in love with Maria. Thus, in addition to their collaborative writing, the authors were involved in a love triangle. Perhaps it is precisely because of their personal entanglement that the works of Remarque, Erich, and Maria are filled with profound insights into human nature and life wisdom.

By Lana V Lynx4 days ago in Fiction

I didn't sleep well last night at all. Partly because of Spike Lee's movie watched the night before and partly because of my worries for my personal future and plans for the next four years. I'd fall asleep a couple of times but then would be jolted out of it by the realization that we only have about two months of relatively normal life. And then the elephant with a demolition chained ball will enter our fragile little shop of the American democracy.

By Lana V Lynx5 days ago in Journal

A man answers the doorbell in his high-rise building apartment and sees his beautiful neighbor, clearly distressed.

"I locked myself out!" she says, "I was taking the trash out and forgot to take the keys. My dog and cat are inside. They must be freaking out!"

By Lana V Lynx5 days ago in Fiction

Today was a busy and hard day. After I was done with all my four classes, I had a short conversation with my mother as I had to rush to a committee meeting. Mom lives in Russia and our Skype communication is one-way: she calls me when she can, I cannot reach her at all. So I pick up whenever she calls, even for a short call. Mom called me the first time today right in the middle of the class I was teaching. My students were amused to hear me speak Russian to her as I was making sure that nothing major bad happened and asking her to call me back later. She called about an hour later and we exchanged all the family news (we rarely talk

politics as it is simply not safe). After that, I went to my Assist Committee meeting.

By Lana V Lynx6 days ago in Journal

A stoner is smoking weed in a cemetery at night. A dead man rises from a grave behind, thinking, "I'll scare him." Comes up to the stoner, "Let me have a puff!"

By Lana V Lynx6 days ago in Fiction

November 10, Sunday

Today was a day of prepping for the week: cooking, cleaning, doing laundry and grading and prepping for the classes to teach. Nothing exciting but the routine is good for reflection.

By Lana V Lynx7 days ago in Journal

November 9, Saturday

Today was easier because I didn't see a lot of people. In the morning, I went to a great museum in a neighboring town. It's a manor that was a part of the Underground Railroad that helped runaway southern slaves to get to Canada through Lake Erie. I'll write a separate story about the place later, it is truly fascinating. The folks who run it are wonderful and dedicated to preserving the manor in its original beauty.

By Lana V Lynx8 days ago in Journal

On the day of Putin's first inauguration in March 2000, my college friend called me and said, "Did you see him walking on that red carpet? So confident and sexy!"

By Lana V Lynx9 days ago in Fiction

November 8, Friday

Today I finally woke up at 6 am, without waking up every hour during the night. The realization of the election loss is still jolting and sobering. But I'm trying to tell myself that the inauguration is still two months away and perhaps there's time to prepare myself for the inevitable bad governance.

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By Lana V Lynx9 days ago in Journal

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