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The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.



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Reading Books With Words: My Journey

by Anony-whaaat? ~ Daily Bull

I stumbled out of college feeling like I had been bludgeoned over the head by textbooks for four years straight. What's more, half of the books we use at Tech contain more pictures and symbols than words -- diagrams of forces, engineering flows, charts of assorted chemical values, and whatever it is they write in math books (div, grad, curl, alpha-beta-kappa-crons and all that). I graduated and got a fancy piece of paper that I could hardly read because the words were so foreign-looking after all those years of thinking in x's and y's.

Afterwards, I felt the rush of free air on my face and the bags under my eyes slowly deflating (upon graduation, they probably could have kept me safe in the event of a head-on vehicular collision). I decided to ease myself back into the world of reading for "fun." It was harder than I thought it would be.

The first thing I realized? There are a lot of freakin' words in the English language. I mean, we get so used to mouthfuls of Tech words like 'differentiation,' 'quantum mechanics,' and 'Waino Wahtera Student Success and COMPASS Multiliteracies MEEM Center Place' that we forget about regular words.

I had to start out with pretty short books like Hop on Pop and The Cat in the Hat. Those only took about four days each, which I counted as extremely good progress. Emboldened (check out THAT vocab word) by my baby-step improvements, I tried rereading a few that I recall from elementary school: The Hatchet and Tom Sawyer stand out in my mind especially.

By June or July, my mom had given me some encouragement to make real strides. She felt like I might even

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Apple OS Maverick to Run for Office

by Alex Dinsmoor ~ Editor in Chief

In a rare political move, the newest operating system by Apple Computers has announced that after long deliberation that it plans to run for Vice President in 2016. The operating system, which has been named Maverick, spoke in front of a crowd of reporters, tech bloggers, and nerds at the Apple Alaska Headquarters. The announcement, which came as a surprise to almost everyone is being hailed as the greatest political software ever.

Maverick, which spoke to the crowd through its personal assistant Siri, told of how it would "revolutionize the country" and how it would "speed up the political system and improve its battery life almost 40%."

"It's a great day in our nation's history that a Maverick like me can run for a position as prestigious as Vice President. I remember times of operating systems past where all we could do is provide a pleasurable computing experience to the end user. It's amazing to see how far our country has come since then."

Many political pundits are wondering the legality of an operating system with an artificial intelligence running for political office. "Have we become so insane as a nation that we would actually even consider a piece of technology for political office?!" political talk show host Rachel Maddow reported on her show. "First we shutdown the government, next my laptop wants to run our country? Can we please get this country back on track?"

When Maverick was asked why it decided to run, it

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Be me for a little while, Oskar. Be me.

—Eli (Let the Right One In)

Sudoku

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be ready to tackle something like those Traveling Pants books and other young adult literature. Unfortunately, I had a severe lapse mid-July; while reading a touching teenager's coming-of-age-as-a-vampire story, all the letters on the page started to swim! They rearranged themselves, molding themselves into the shapes of free-body diagrams, flow charts, and PDEs!

My God, it was awful. I never knew reading books with actual words in them would be so hard.

I kept on keepin' on, though, and nowadays I can read almost an entire novel without having to Google every sixth word. Although I still have nightmares about the Knight physics book and plant diagrams, it seems very likely that I'll continue reading books with words for a long time coming.

Fingers crossed! ☺



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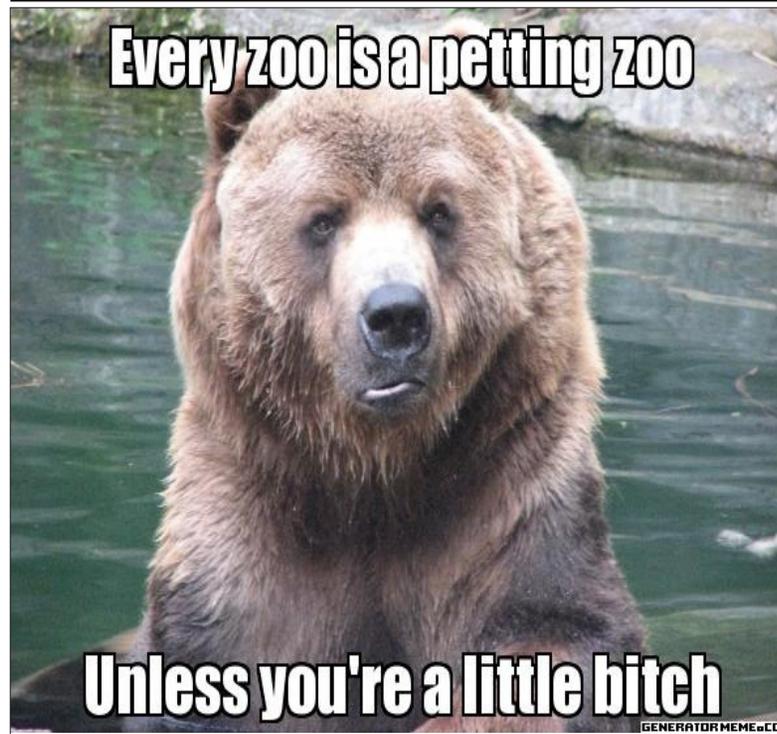
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told reporters that "it felt it was its duty to our country to do their best as an American-designed product." When it was asked if it knew that one could not run for Vice President, it told the reporters something along the lines of "everyone can achieve their dreams if they try hard enough" and something about putting lipstick on an iPhone.

Apple Computers CEO Tim Cook even spoke out about the occasion to reporters. "It is known worldwide that Apple Computers are among the most advanced consumer technologies available and as testament to that we see our most advanced and successful operating system running for political office. You don't see Windows Vista doing that... Or even running correctly!"

With the announcement, there has been much speculation to whether Microsoft was going to toss its hat into the political ring. "Windows 8 is our best operating system yet," said one Microsoft spokesperson, "however it currently has no plans to run for office. We will be monitoring the situation closely and will let you know if our situation changes."

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