

About

Who am I?

Hi there!

I am Bhishmaraj, Welcome to my corner of the interwebs. I'm a huge fan of Paul Graham's idea of [keeping identities small](#), hence I don't want to associate myself with a specific group but I'll still add some of my influences and interests as might it help you understand where I'm coming from and get a sense of my background.



I was born and brought up in Madurai, Tamil Nadu. I did my undergrad in Computer science from Shiv Nadar University (2018). I was really interested in competitive programming during that time and that drove my interest in algorithms and data structures. This eventually led me to pursue a masters in theoretical CS from Chennai Mathematical Institute (2020). But I realised academia was not my cup of tea, and I wanted to work on something which was directly impacting people and applied. This eventually led me to working in Google HYD where I started my journey as a software engineer. Around 2024, I moved to Google BLR to work with the Gemini for Docs team, where we are building new LLM based features such as help me write and refine into Docs.

I am currently on a career break to spend more time upskilling and working on my health.

Apart from work, I have a set of eclectic interests ranging from philosophy, physics, psychology to philanthropy. I like to spend my free time reading non fic, learning guitar, badminton and spending time with our beagle.

What is this blog about?

I'm not very sure about the exact content of the blog, but it would be a random walk through various topics which piques my interest.

For the past few years, I started introspecting more about the nature of human cognition and its various pitfalls à la. Thinking fast and slow. This naturally led me to the rationality community which is commonly associated with LessWrong and SlateStarCodex. I found these forums to be immensely valuable in furthering my interests and making me (hopefully) more rational . About the same time, I've been following the burgeoning EA (effective altruism) movement and would like to explore some core themes and ideas of this community. Apart from these due to my background in CS, there might be some technical posts about whatever cool topic which catches my fancy.

The other broad theme I would like to explore are the various forms of life optimizations such as mental health (mindfulness), physical health (fitness) to attain a state of human flourishing.

You can start reading about it at <https://bhishmaraj.org/books/blog>

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