

Luis von Ahn

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The question that motivates my research is, if we can put a man on the Moon with 100,000 [people], what can we do with 100 million?

~Luis von Ahn

My ultimate research goal is to transform our human existence to just eating, sleeping, drinking, playing - nevermind.

~Luis von Ahn

I co-founded Duolingo with the mission of bringing free language education to the world.

~Luis von Ahn

I am always able to keep a laser focus on one thing at a time without getting distracted. It helps that I try to break everything I do into small, achievable tasks.

~Luis von Ahn

People are good at figuring out what's attractive, and computers are good at quickly searching and finding. You put them together, and bang!

~Luis von Ahn

One fact we're particularly proud of is that there are more people learning languages on Duolingo in the US than there are people learning languages in the entire US public school system.

~Luis von Ahn

I usually make to-do lists with timelines, and pen and paper does the trick for me.

~Luis von Ahn

Because education is such a broad area, I chose to focus on language learning.

~Luis von Ahn

[Captchas] are not only annoying, but they kill 10 seconds of your time.

~Luis von Ahn

Every time you buy tickets on Ticketmaster, you help to digitize a book.

~Luis von Ahn

I finished reading High Output Management by Andrew Grove, which had such valuable insights for leaders that I've been forcing managers at Duolingo to read the book.

~Luis von Ahn

It's hard to think of a time when I'm not working, but when that is the case, I like to travel and eat good food.

~Luis von Ahn

I worked on a number of projects that were used by millions of people and that also served as inspiration to what we now call "crowd-sourcing."

~Luis von Ahn

I am an early riser, and always wake up between 5 and 6am.

~Luis von Ahn

I watch a lot of TV. That's how I spend most of my time outside of work. If I had more time, I would fill it 100 percent with watching TV.

~Luis von Ahn

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