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The Rosetta Disk Online - 1,500 Languages In A Browser Window

posted by Aaron Muszalski on Tuesday, March 24th, 2009

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Thanks to the rather clever folks at The Long Now Foundation’s Rosetta Project, you can now explore the contents of their Rosetta Disk in your browser window.
Inspired by the historic [Rosetta Stone](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rosetta_Stone), the [Rosetta Disk](http://www.rosetta-disk.com) is intended to be “a durable archive of human languages” as well as “an aesthetic object that suggests a journey of the imagination across culture and history”. Made of nickel alloy (with a 2,000 year life expectancy), the physical Disk is three inches across, and micro-etched with over 13,000 pages of language documentation, covering over 1,500 languages.

[On the front side of the disk] the text begins at eye-readable scale and spirals down to nano-scale. This tapered ring of languages is intended to maximize the number of people that will be able to read something immediately upon picking up the Disk, as well as implying the directions for using it—‘get a magnifier and there is more.’

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