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**“Two products that might help reduce some barriers
to reading philosophy”**

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The average philosophy essay is sprinkled with brilliant and inspiring content. But all that goodness is typically wrapped in a very cumbersome package. The essay will typically be thousands of words in length. It will typically be stocked with jargon. It will typically be full of nods to the literature in which it participates.

This packaging creates several barriers to reading philosophy. One barrier is between philosophers and each other: since it's typically much slower and much more confusing to read essays in areas of philosophy that are far afield from our own sub-specializations, it's often hard to get ourselves to read such essays. Another barrier is between philosophers and non-philosophers: since philosophy essays are typically steeped in jargon and other insider-speak, they are, in effect, typically written in a special language that non-philosophers don't understand.

In this talk I introduce two products that I'm developing to try to help cut down these two barriers. Neither product will come anywhere close to fully upending either barrier. But each product may help whittle away at some aspects of one barrier or the other.

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