

American Management University Honors Accessibility Philosopher Dr. Aashutosh Kulkarni with Honorary Doctorate

Honorary PhD awarded in Digital Accessibility and Inclusive Design to Philosopher, Dr. Aashutosh Kulkarni

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EINPresswire.com/ -- American
Management University (AMU) proudly
conferred the Honorary Doctor of
Philosophy in Digital Accessibility and
Inclusive Design upon Dr. Aashutosh
Kulkarni, an Accessibility Philosopher
and advocate for inclusive digital
ecosystems. The honor was presented
during AMU's graduation ceremony
held at the DoubleTree Hotel in
Ontario, California.

Dr. Kulkarni's career has been defined by a singular mission—to make accessibility an inseparable part of the digital creation process. A Certified Professional in Accessibility Core Competencies (CPACC), he is the mind behind the transformative "Accessibility-Shift-Left" philosophy, which urges organizations to embed accessibility at the very start of design and development.

His influential works, such as the WCAG 2.2 Designer's Handbook,



Dr. Kulkarni accepts his award at the AMU ceremony in Ontario, California Oct 2025



Dr. Aashutosh Kulkarni gives an inspirational speech to graduates and guests in attendance at the AMU ceremony in Ontario, California Oct 2025

Mobile Accessibility Rituals, and the SUC Score (Sub-optimal Usability and Comprehension)

model, have empowered design teams worldwide to view accessibility not as a compliance task but as a creative practice. His EU Accessibility Impact Sizer further bridges design ethics with economic foresight, providing a financial model to quantify the cost of inaccessibility.

Beyond his written contributions, Dr. Kulkarni serves as an Invited Expert to the W3C Mobile Accessibility Task Force (MATF), lending his designer-centric expertise to the WCAG2Mobile Draft (May 2025), which adapts accessibility



standards for native mobile environments. His professional journey spans global impact—at Grab (Singapore), where he co-chaired the Workplace Accessibility Committee, and in Geneva, Switzerland, leading design accessibility for UNAIDS and UNICEF platforms.

Dr. Kulkarni continues to advance awareness through public speaking engagements at a11y Talks, as well as through his Substack publication and podcast, Done Is Better Than Perfect.

"Dr. Kulkarni exemplifies the spirit of innovation and inclusion that American Management University seeks to honor," said university founder, Roy Virgen Jr. "His thought leadership challenges industries to build not just efficient systems, but empathetic ones."

American Management University extends its heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Aashutosh Kulkarni, whose contributions are reshaping the way designers and product owners approach digital accessibility and inclusive design.

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