

# Changing the world with Data.

(Combatting Human Trafficking, As An Example)



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# About Me

## Background:

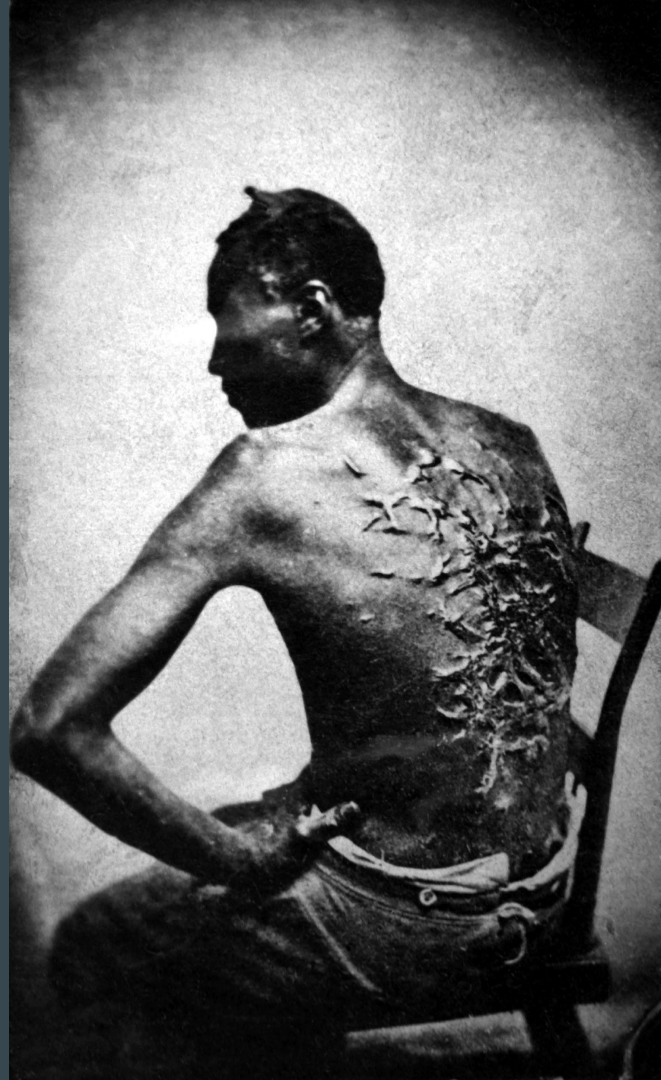
- Economics, Mathematics, Computer Science

## Work History:

- Manhattan DAs special victims unit - “real life” Law & Order SVU
- White House as Part of the United States Digital Service
- 18F
- Elucd.com ~ current

# It starts with a feeling

Decide on an issue you feel you have to work on,  
for me this was ending slavery.



# Finding your people

You can't solve anything on your own.

You need a group of people with you.

We have power in numbers and to keep

The work from burning any one person out.



Build a thing

Demo (craigslist scraper)

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Results

# Find people effected by the issue you care about

Get their feedback and iterate  
on your system with them in mind.



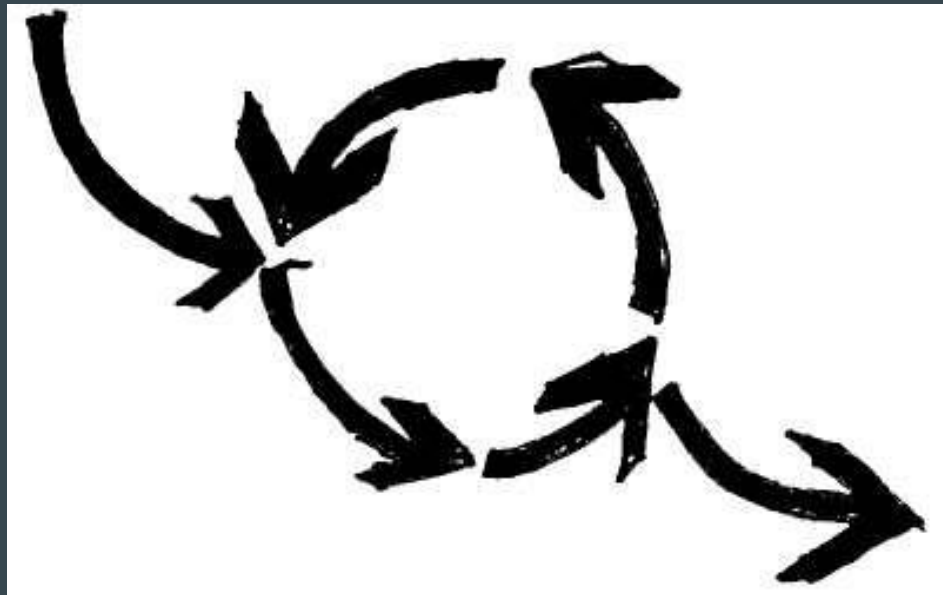
# Take your thing on the road

Once I iterated I actually was able to

Build a system that helped people

## DEMO

## (Investigator)



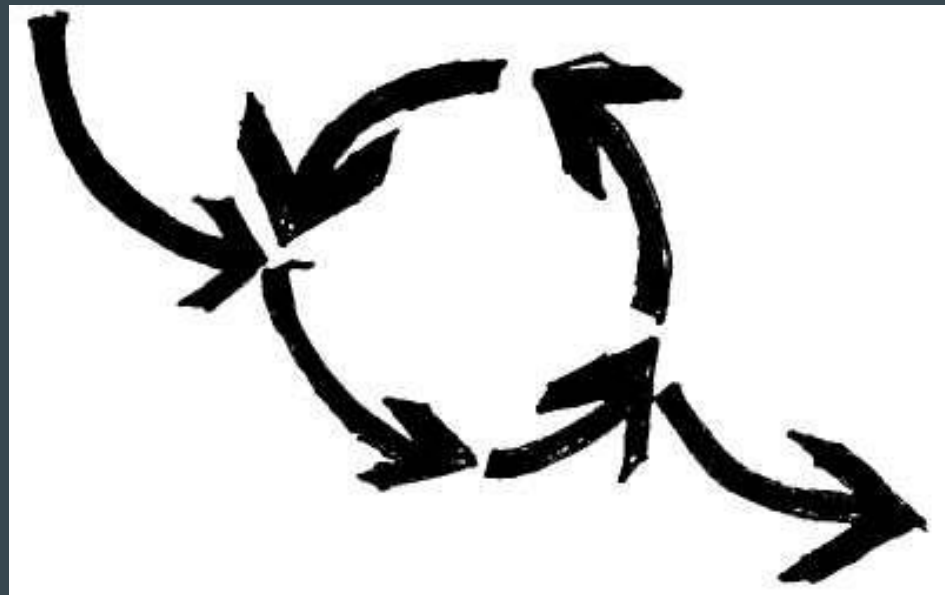
# Stay connected with those across the country

Once you build a system that really works

It's easy to make more

## DEMO

(Document Search)





# See the change in the world

Eventually, with enough effort you will get results, but it takes long term effort.

With the combined efforts of many people across the country, the cause to end slavery has:

- Been able to put the CEO of backpage behind bars, sending a strong signal that trafficking has costs
- Been able to lift some victims out of slavery and find a better life

# Some resources

<https://www.fightforthefuture.org/ateams/>

--start your own idea and get it funded!

<https://tech-forward-2.glitch.me/>

---volunteer your time with one of these wonderful orgs

<https://lists.44.digital/>

--or one of these wonderful orgs

<https://flipboard.com/@flipboard/-nonprofits-not-silicon-valley-startups-/f-cde264c75a%2Frcode.net>

--AI non-profits

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