

# Benjamin Tanen

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**Skills**      **Technical:** Python (Pandas, numpy), R (Shiny, data.table, ggplot), JavaScript (D3, jQuery, Node, p5), SQL, HTML5, CSS3, SAS, Tableau, Excel / VBA, MATLAB, Git, Photoshop/Illustrator

**Analytical:** Visualization, clustering, outlier detection, regression, classification, data scraping/cleaning

**Interpersonal:** Team leadership and management, mentoring, research, critical thinking

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**Work Experience**      **Election Data Fellow**, Data 2 The People (Remote)      September 2020 – Present

- Using web scraping, statistical experiment design, and voter/donor modeling to help campaigns expand voter outreach, optimize campaign messaging, and better utilize campaign funds
- Identified dozens of promising state legislature candidates, helping them raise over \$50,000

**Senior Analyst**, Analysis Group (Boston, MA)      June 2016 – August 2016, August 2017 – Present

- Conduct quantitative and qualitative analyses and visualizations with large, non-homogenous datasets using R, Python, SAS, and SQL to help clients better understand and use their data for cases involving healthcare economics, foreign exchange markets, and anti-competitive practices
- Lead teams of analysts, associates, and interns through analytical and research projects, working on a variety of workstreams in parallel while under tight deadlines
- Synthesize statistical findings and technical results into summaries and visualizations to present these along with actionable insights to internal teams and external clients
- Mentor new and tenured analysts and associates through analytical and technical issues, communication with senior staff, and presentations to clients

**Select projects:**

- Designed statistical models for pharmaceutical drug distributors to monitor millions of transactions and identify suspicious ordering of opioids and other controlled substances
- Developed interactive applications that enabled users to easily visualize and analyze prescribing trends for millions of drugs and physicians, saving consultants and clients hundreds of hours
- Scraped and analyzed data on thousands of inmates detained during the COVID-19 pandemic to identify unsafe imprisonment practices for inmates and the general public health

**Academic Technology Fellow**, Tufts University (Medford, MA)      September 2014 – May 2017

- Designed, developed, maintained, and supported a variety of research and education-based technology tools to aid and foster teaching and learning for departments across Tufts University (including economics, cognitive sciences, philosophy, biology, and physics)

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**Projects**      **Visualizations and Analyses on ben-tanen.com**      October 2014 - Present

- Created over 30 independent visualization and analysis projects to take insights and tell stories from a variety of political, music, media, and sports data, including:
  - Identified and corrected misleading COVID-19 visualizations used by the State of Georgia
  - Analyzed how Disney dominated in the 2010s and what this monopoly means for future films
  - Explored Trump's narrow 2016 win and discussed how this might put him at risk in 2020
  - Visualized how a congressional bill *doesn't* become a law (inspired by Schoolhouse Rock)

**ASL-LEX**      December 2014 - May 2017

- Developed award-winning web application and lexical database of over 1,000 American Sign Language signs to help enable K-12 students and teachers better understand ASL to K-12

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**Education**      **Tufts University - School of Engineering** (Medford, MA)      September 2013 - May 2017

Bachelor of Science in *Computer Science (Engineering)*

Minors in *Mathematics* and *Engineering Management*

**GPA:** 3.81 / 4.0, *summa cum laude*

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**Interests**      Soul Music + Vinyl, Hockey, Filmmaking, Generative Art, Law & Politics, Spicy Foods, Design