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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Senior Software Engineer with 21 years building scalable geospatial data platforms, web applications, and distributed analytical systems. Expert in full-stack development with deep specialization in Apache Spark/Sedona for big data geospatial processing. Proven track record architecting multi-tenant SaaS platforms used by thousands of analysts, implementing ETL pipelines processing billions of geospatial records, and building production systems integrating ESRI, OSGeo, and SAFE FME technologies. Strong background in both enterprise consulting and startup environments, with experience leading engineering teams and delivering mission-critical geospatial applications.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Architected redistricting platform serving thousands of analysts with real-time collaborative editing and Census integration
- Built cloud-based data warehouse solutions processing billions of records for electoral analytics
- Led development of fraud detection systems processing multi-terabyte campaign finance datasets
- Designed scalable ETL pipelines using PySpark and dbt for large-scale geospatial datasets
- Managed teams of 7-11 engineers, designers, and analysts across multiple technology initiatives
- Increased lead conversion rates by 23% and operational efficiency by 19% through technical optimization

CORE COMPETENCIES

Programming & Development: Python: Django/GeoDjango, Flask, Pandas, PySpark, NumPy, SciKit-Learn • JVM: Scala (Spark/Sedona), Java (GeoTools, enterprise applications), Groovy • Web Technologies: JavaScript, React, d3.js, OpenLayers, jQuery, HTML/CSS • Database Languages: SQL, T-SQL, PostgreSQL/PostGIS, Oracle, MySQL • Statistical/Analysis: R, SPSS, NetLogo (agent-based modeling)

Big Data & Geospatial Platforms: Apache Spark: PySpark, Spark SQL, Sedona (geospatial), distributed processing • Geospatial Stack: PostGIS, ESRI ArcGIS, Quantum GIS, GRASS, OSGeo, SAFE FME • Cloud Platforms: AWS (EC2, RDS, S3), Snowflake, Google Cloud, Microsoft Azure • Data Engineering: ETL/ELT pipelines, dbt, Hadoop, Informatica, CDAP • Databases: PostgreSQL/PostGIS, Oracle, MongoDB, Neo4j, MySQL

Software Architecture & DevOps: Distributed Systems: Multi-tenant SaaS, microservices, API design, scalability • Geospatial Applications: Spatial algorithms, boundary estimation, clustering analysis • Web Applications: Full-stack development, RESTful APIs, real-time collaboration • DevOps: Docker, Vagrant, CI/CD (GitLab, GitHub), Celery, Airflow, nginx • Integration: Twilio API, WMS tile servers, CRM/DMP integration, OAuth

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Siege Analytics, Washington, DC January 2014 – Present

PARTNER

Geospatial Platform Architecture and Full-Stack Development

- Architected and engineered redistricting platform serving thousands of analysts with real-time collaborative editing, Census integration, and legal compliance analysis
- Developed boundary estimation microservice using incomplete data for boundary estimation without machine learning, processing geographies at national scale
- Built scalable ETL pipelines using PySpark and Sedona processing billions of geospatial records with sub-hour latency requirements
- Implemented advanced spatial clustering algorithms achieving 88% improvement in analytical targeting efficacy for political applications
- Created fraud detection systems processing multi-terabyte campaign finance datasets with real-time alerting capabilities
- Led technical architecture decisions integrating ESRI, OSGeo, and SAFE FME technologies for Fortune 500 and political clients

Helm/Murmuration, Washington, DC 2012 – 2014

DATA PRODUCTS MANAGER

Geospatial Solutions and Software Development

- Developed geospatial analysis frameworks and mapping applications for electoral research
- Built custom visualization tools and interactive dashboards for client presentations
- Architected data processing pipelines for large-scale demographic and geographic datasets
- Created web-based mapping applications using JavaScript, OpenLayers, and PostGIS

Mautinoa Technologies, Washington, DC 2010 – 2012

SOFTWARE ENGINEER

Data Product Development and Engineering Leadership

- Led development of data-driven solutions and platform architecture for political organizations
- Managed cross-functional engineering teams building campaign management and voter targeting systems
- Designed and implemented scalable data platforms using Python, Django, and PostgreSQL
- Built RESTful APIs and microservices for campaign data integration

Myers Research, Washington, DC 2008 – 2010

SENIOR ANALYST

Campaign Technology and Analytics Development

- Developed voter targeting models and demographic analysis tools using Python and R
- Built web applications for campaign data visualization and reporting
- Created data integration systems connecting multiple campaign data sources
- Implemented machine learning algorithms for voter behavior prediction

Salsa Labs, Inc., Washington, DC 2004 – 2006

SOFTWARE ENGINEER

Political Technology Development

- Developed software solutions for political campaigns and advocacy groups using PHP and JavaScript
- Built web applications for voter engagement and campaign management
- Integrated third-party APIs and data sources for campaign tools
- Collaborated with political strategists to translate requirements into technical solutions

The Praxis Project, Oakland, CA 2002 – 2004

INTERIM TECHNOLOGY MANAGER

Nonprofit Technology Integration and Development

- Developed data management systems and web applications for social justice organizations
- Built custom applications for community engagement and advocacy using PHP and MySQL
- Provided technical training and support to nonprofit staff
- Integrated technology solutions within organizational frameworks

Lake Research Partners, Washington, DC 2001 – 2002

PROGRAMMER

Political Research and Data Analysis Tools

- Developed data analysis tools for political polling and research using Python and R
- Built statistical models and data visualization tools for research presentations
- Created automated reporting systems for survey data analysis
- Supported senior researchers with technical analysis and data processing

The Feldman Group, Washington, DC 2000 – 2001

FIELD DIRECTOR

Political Field Operations and Data Management

- Developed data collection and management systems for field operations
- Built databases and reporting tools for campaign field work
- Trained field staff on data collection protocols and quality control
- Analyzed field data to inform campaign strategy and research findings

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND IMPACT

Geospatial Platform Development

- Architected redistricting platform used by thousands of analysts nationwide with real-time collaborative editing and Census integration
- Built boundary estimation system achieving accurate geospatial results without machine learning using advanced PostGIS algorithms
- Developed econometric simulation platform with NetLogo multi-agent modeling and web interface
- Created comprehensive survey platform managing complete research lifecycle with integrated geospatial market segmentation