**Dheeraj Chand**

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Software engineer with 15+ years building systems that matter. Discovered systematic demographic coding errors affecting all Black and Asian-American voters, developed geospatial ML algorithms improving classification accuracy from 23% to 64%. Expert in translating complex analytical requirements into scalable technical solutions.

## CORE COMPETENCIES

Programming and Development • Cloud & DevOps • Data Infrastructure

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Partner - Siege Analytics (Austin, TX) | 2005 - Present

Data Science & Political Analytics

• Discovered systematic race coding errors affecting all Black and Asian-American voters, developed geospatial machine learning algorithms improving demographic classification accuracy from **23%** to **64%**

• Built redistricting platform used by thousands of analysts nationwide with real-time collaborative editing and Census integration

• Utilized advanced sampling methods to decrease survey margin of error from **±4.2%** to **±2.1%**, increasing voter turnout prediction accuracy from **71%** to **87%**, and ensuring survey results more closely reflected true population attitudes

• Trigonometric algorithm for boundary estimation reduced mapping costs by **73.5%**, saving campaigns and organizations **$4.7M** and enabling smaller nonprofits to conduct analysis

• Built real-time FEC analysis systems using Python, Pandas and PySpark to detect likely fraud, money laundering and financial crimes across billions of records daily, performing time series analysis on trillions of records in the political spending sub-economy valued over **$2** trillion

### Software Engineer - Mautinoa Technologies (Austin, TX) | 2016 - 2018

Software Development

• Conceived, architected and engineered econometric simulation software for humanitarian crises intervention measurement

• Liaised with data and engineering directors at multinational NGOs (UNICEF, IFRC)

• Geospatial analysis on populations and boundaries for impact assessment

### Software Engineer - Salsa Labs (Washington, DC) | January 2011 - August 2011

Political Technology & CRM Systems

• Developed geospatial analysis and mapping tools for political CRM platform serving progressive campaigns nationwide

• Built database integration systems connecting voter files with campaign management tools

• Created automated data processing pipelines for voter contact and engagement optimization

### Interim Technology Manager - The Praxis Project (Washington, DC) | April 2009 - October 2009

Public Health Technology

• Managed technology infrastructure for public health advocacy organization

• Developed database systems for tracking policy initiatives and outcomes

• Implemented CRM systems for stakeholder engagement and outreach

### Research Director - PCCC (Washington, DC) | August 2011 - August 2012

Political Research & Data Analysis (FLEEM System)

• Conceived, architected, and engineered FLEEM web application using Twilio API handling tens of thousands of simultaneous phone calls using emulated predictive dialer for regulated political surveys

• Developed IVR polling system for early quantitative research supporting Senators Martin Heinrich and Elizabeth Warren

• Built comprehensive tabular and graphical reporting system with Python, GeoDjango, PostGIS, and Apache webserver

### Data Products Manager - Helm/Murmuration (Austin, TX) | 2021 - 2023

Democratic Electoral Technology

• Led design and implementation of enterprise-scale multi-tenant data warehouse for geo-referenced demographic, econometric, and electoral data

• Managed engineering team of 11 professionals while setting technical direction for data architecture

• Modernized legacy ETL processes by implementing dbt and PySpark workflows, reducing processing time by **57%**

## KEY PROJECTS

### National Redistricting Platform

Cloud-based GeoDjango platform for redistricting analysis with real-time collaborative editing and Census integration, used by thousands of analysts nationwide during 2021 redistricting cycle

Technologies: GeoDjango, PostGIS, AWS, Docker, React, Python, Redis

Impact: Reduced mapping costs by 73.5%, saving organizations $4.7M in operational expenses. Served 12,847 analysts across 89 organizations.

### FLEEM Political Polling System

Web application using Twilio API for regulated political surveys, handling tens of thousands of simultaneous calls with predictive dialer functionality

Technologies: Twilio API, Python, Django, PostgreSQL, JavaScript, Apache

Impact: Saved PAC $840,000 annually in polling costs while significantly improving data collection efficiency

### High-Performance Geospatial Tile Server

Custom tile server for Web Map Service integration enabling interactive visualization of CRM and Census data

Technologies: GeoTools, OpenLayers, Java, MySQL, TileMill, JavaScript

Impact: Improved contact rates by 53% and segmentation accuracy by 88% through enhanced data visualization

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND IMPACT

### Impact

• Algorithmic innovation: Pioneered trigonometric boundary estimation reducing mapping costs **73.5%**

• **$4.7M** savings enabled nonprofit access

• Platform impact: Built redistricting system serving **12,847** analysts across 89 organizations

• Real-time collaboration at national scale

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

PROGRAMMING AND DEVELOPMENT Python; R; SQL/PostGIS; JavaScript; Java; Other Technologies

CLOUD & DEVOPS AWS; Containerization; Monitoring; CI/CD

DATA INFRASTRUCTURE Processing; Pipelines; Storage; Streaming