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**Bio**:

Jeremy Neiman is a carbon-based bipedal life form descended from an ape from an utterly insignificant little blue-green planet orbiting a small yellow sun in the western spiral arm of the Milky Way.  
  
He is an award-winning poet, best known for his entry to the Martin Luther King Poetry Contest in the fourth grade.  Having mastered poetry at such a young age, he moved onto new and different pursuits.  
  
Neiman currently works as a data scientist at the NYC Department of Sanitation (DSNY) and previously for IBM's Smarter Cities initiative.

**Theme:** What are the duties of New York City's civil servants?

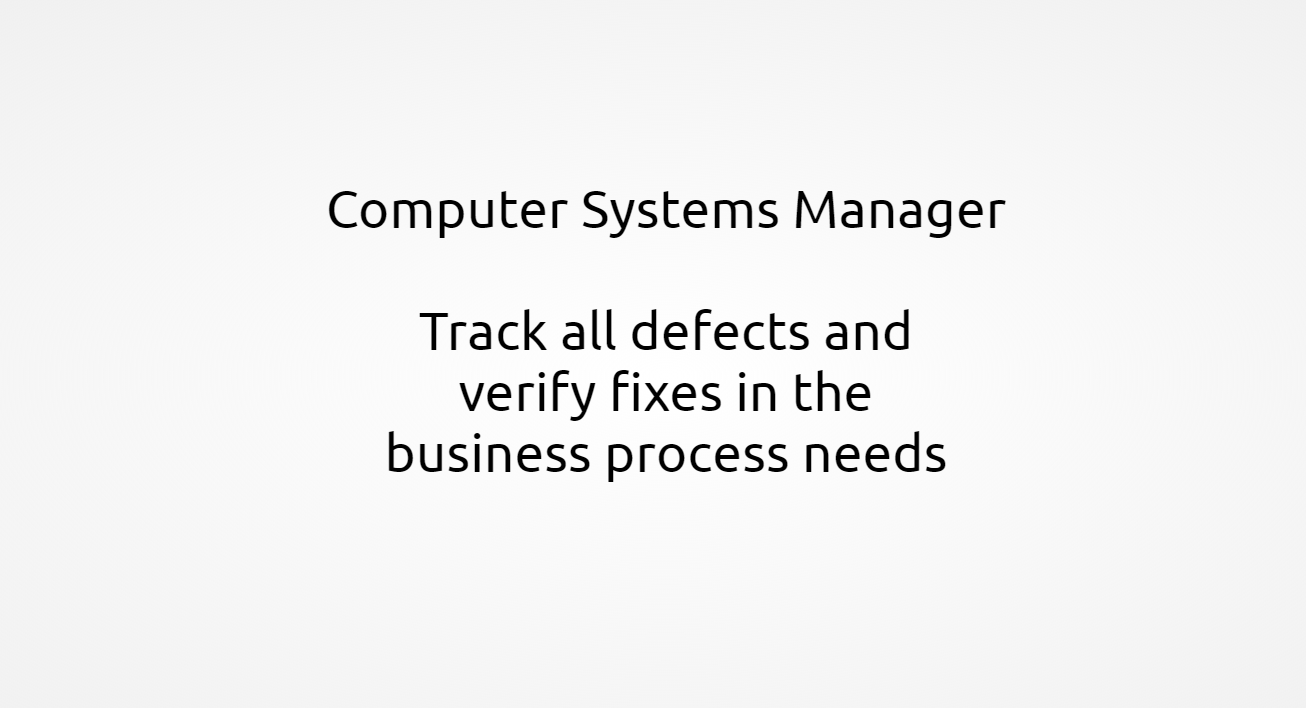
**Data:** NYC Jobs (<https://data.cityofnewyork.us/City-Government/NYC-Jobs/kpav-sd4t>)

**Description:**

The New York City government employs almost 400,000 people. From performing manual labor and infrastructure maintenance to creating innovative methods for reducing waste, homelessness and crime, civil servants keep this city running.

Bringing to light the work government employees do for all of us, this piece uses the current NYC government job descriptions to algorithmically generate haikus. Lured by their simplicity and beauty, the artist chose the conventional haiku form, which is traditionally used to ponder the wonder of nature, as an unconventional platform for his subject. Through this whimsical piece, labor and bureaucracy are elevated to poetry.

**Photos:**





**Headshot:**

