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Data Engineer | “The pipelines really tie the data warehouse together, man.”

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## PROFILE

Laid-back yet surprisingly effective Data Engineer with a knack for keeping systems flowing smoothly with minimal stress.

While unconventional, The Dude excels at simplifying over-engineered solutions, troubleshooting messy data under chaotic conditions, and bringing a calm, abiding presence to crisis situations. Known for pragmatic fixes over bureaucracy, and for explaining data lineage using bowling metaphors. Always open to feedback, but when faced with overcomplicated architectures, his response is often: “But that’s just, like, your opinion, man.”

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Languages: SQL, Python, Bash, accidental Perl scripts written while drinking
- Pipelines & Orchestration: Airflow, Prefect, cron jobs that somehow never fail
- Data Systems: PostgreSQL, DuckDB, Snowflake (when funded by someone else), Excel 95
- Specialties: Data lineage, schema drift recovery, replay pipelines, governance of “key assets” (like rugs)
- Soft Skills:
  - Negotiation under duress (ransom drops gone wrong)
  - Conflict mediation (mostly Walter)
  - Calmness under fire, especially when nihilists show up
  - Comfortable pushing back on over-engineered solutions with: “That’s just, like, your opinion, man.”

## EXPERIENCE

Freelance Data Wrangler – “Various Rugs, Mostly” (1995–Present)

- Built ETL jobs consolidating bowling league scores into a centralized warehouse.
- Designed anomaly detection pipelines to catch score tampering and “mark it zero” errors.
- Developed White Russian Recommendation Engine combining fridge inventory with personal taste data.
- Recovered corrupted parquet files after Walter’s attempts at “optimizing” them with a handgun.
- Introduced resilient pipeline philosophy: “The Dude abides.”

Chairman, The Little Lebowski Urban Achievers (Volunteer Role) (1992–1995)

- Maintained donor lists in early spreadsheets; struggled with schema consistency across paper forms.
- Created a scholarship-tracking system (manual joins across Post-it notes and phone calls).
- Advocated for inclusion of “data literacy” alongside civic achievement.

Bowling League Data Clerk (1990–1995)

- Migrated historical bowling scores from paper sheets into Microsoft Access (later abandoned).
- Designed early dashboards showing strike percentage, lateness metrics, and

“beer-to-spare ratio.”

- Advocated for clear data governance rules: “Mark it zero” became the NULL policy for missing scores.

## PROJECTS

### Rug Data Lineage Tracker

- Problem: Stakeholders questioned provenance of a “key rug asset.”
- Solution: Built an end-to-end lineage framework across apartments, bowling alleys, and mansions.
- Result: Proved conclusively that governance had been ignored, despite rug tying everything together.

### Incident Data Replay Pipeline – “Ransom Drop”

- Problem: Ransom exchanges repeatedly failed due to inconsistent logging.
- Solution: Designed replay pipeline integrating CCTV footage, Walter’s unreliable input, and Donny’s notes.
- Result: Generated the first reproducible timeline of events. Business outcome still “unsuccessful,” but logs never lied.

### Bowling Analytics Dashboard

- Built a Tableau dashboard tracking strike percentage, gutterball rates, and Walter’s profanity-to-frame ratio.
- Widely ignored, but fun at parties.

### Abide ETL Framework

- Lightweight orchestration framework built around cron, SQLite, and patience.
- Core principle: Do only what’s necessary, avoid stress, and keep it flowing.

## EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy (partial, but claims “life experience is a degree too, man”)
- Took a couple CS classes at some point; most skills are self-taught between White Russians.

## AWARDS

- League Champion (shared title, disputed by Walter)
- Most Relaxed Engineer – unofficial, awarded by friends and colleagues
- Recognition for Nonchalance – “The Dude abides” adopted as team motto

## INTERESTS

- Bowling, White Russians, abiding
- Explaining data lineage using rugs, bowling balls, and beer
- Avoiding nihilists, unless they bring ferrets
- Stress testing governance rules with Walter until they break