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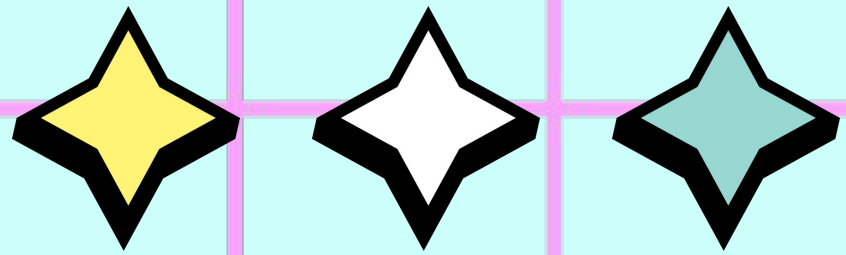
TECHNOLOGY

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DEFINING PUBLIC INTEREST TECH

PUBLIC INTEREST TECHNOLOGY (PIT)

“Public interest technology (PIT) refers to the study and application of technology expertise to advance the public interest in a way that generates public benefits and promotes the public good. By deliberately aiming to protect and secure our collective need for justice, dignity, and autonomy, PIT asks us to consider the values and codes of conduct that bind us together as a society.” - New America



MY PIT JOURNEY

SoReMo
Worked as a fellow applying “design thinking” to SV.

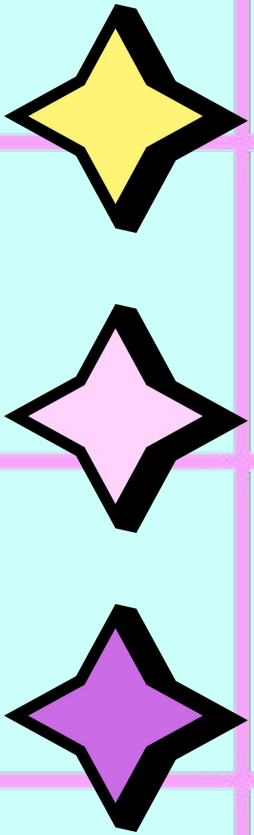
Receiptify
Spent 1 year working on a social good startup.



Voyager Program
Selected as an Obama-Chesky Voyager Scholar.

New Voters
Built the tech department for a non-profit.

Coding it Forward
Worked in U.S Department of Health and Human Services.



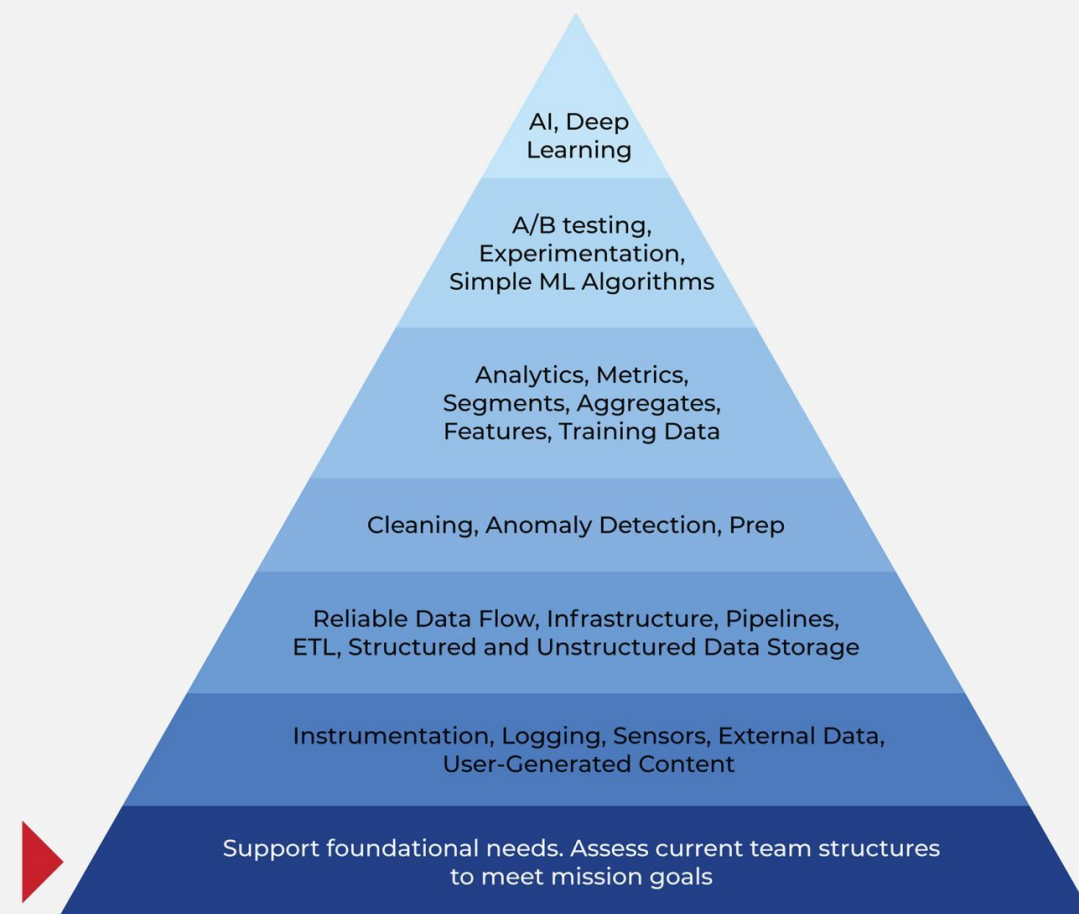


PIT IS ON THE RISE!

This week, Joe Biden Issued an Executive Order on Safe, Secure, and Trustworthy Artificial Intelligence

THE OPPORTUNITY

THE DATA SCIENCE HIERARCHY OF NEEDS



(Most agencies are here)

Original pyramid by Monica Rogati *The AI Hierarchy of Needs*

“Software and our government have something very important in common: they are made by and for people. In the end, we get to decide how they work.”

- **RECODING AMERICA, 2023**

ADVANTAGES TO WORKING IN PIT

- ✓ **MEANINGFUL SOCIETAL CONTRIBUTION**
- ✓ **COMPETITIVE SALARIES TO STARTUPS**
- ✓ **JOB SECURITY IN GOVERNMENT**
- ✓ **SPENDING TIME SOLVING INTERESTING PROBLEMS**

TECH FOR GOOD

Non-Profits

Non-profits need technology to do their work effectively! You can contribute to this process as a data scientist, engineer, or designer.

Government

Only 7% of the federal workforce is under 30; working in government technology is a great way of giving back with your technical background.

Academia

You can contribute to public interest technology from academia! Research is considered public interest too.

Social Enterprise

Social enterprises build for-profit business models that support public interest.

HOW TO BUILD YOUR PIT CAREER



BUILDING A STRONG TECHNICAL FOUNDATION

Getting involved in research, an internship at a startup/big tech, or building something on your own are great ways to build a strong technical background before getting into public service.



GETTING YOUR FIRST JOB/INTERNSHIP

If you are just starting your career, a great place to do it is in public interest technology. Even volunteering serves as an opportunity to build some resume experience.

OPPORTUNITIES

There are several fellowships, internships, and full time roles in public interest tech that are now open or opening soon!




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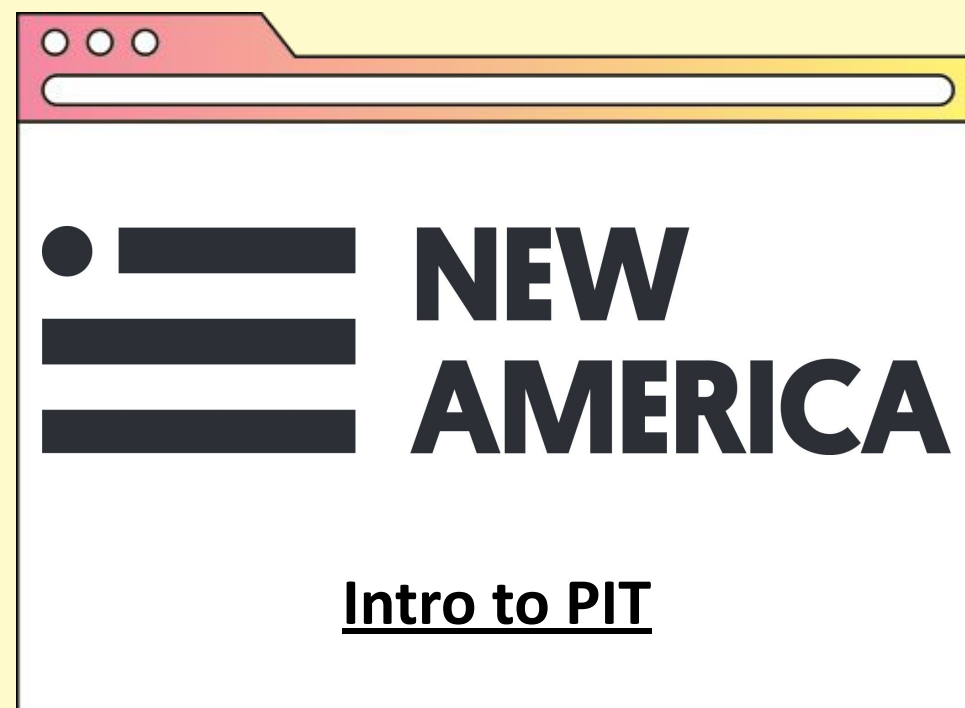


SCHMIDT **FUTURES**

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THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION

I'm happy to answer any questions!

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