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I ran technology and security at a fast-growing e-commerce platform, and before that built and led large systems at JPMorgan Chase and Thomson Reuters. Now I work with startups that need that experience for a few weeks, or a few days a week, before they hire a CTO.

HOW IT WORKS

We start with a free 30-minute call. After that I propose a fixed-scope statement of work, or we agree on a day rate.

I work part-time up to full-time, remotely, from the New York area. Everything I build stays in your accounts and is documented, so your team can carry it on without me.

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Technical review

1–2 weeks, fixed price

For founders who want an honest outside view of their technology before they grow, raise money or sign a large customer.

You suspect the platform, the cloud or the way the team ships won't hold up as you grow. Or an investor or a large customer is about to look closely. Nobody inside has the distance to say what matters most.

WHAT YOU GET

- Conversations with the founders and engineers
- A read-only review of your code, cloud accounts, deployment pipeline and security setup
- A written report on architecture, infrastructure, security, delivery process and readiness for AI coding tools
- A plan in order of priority, with effort and options, including what your team can do on its own
- A walkthrough of the findings with the founders and the team

WHAT I NEED FROM YOU

Read access to repositories, cloud and CI, and a few hours from a founder and one or two engineers.

EXPERIENCE

Technology and security leadership across a high-growth e-commerce platform, JPMorgan Chase and Thomson Reuters.

BUILD AND FIX

First product build

scoped per product

For founders with a product idea and early customers or funding, but no engineering team.

Agencies are expensive and slow, and a prototype made with no-code tools rarely survives real users, payments and growth. You need a first version built to production standards, on accounts you own.

WHAT YOU GET

- Product and architecture design with you, down to the smallest version worth launching
- The product built by AI coding agents under my design and review: app, backend, cloud, payments, tests and monitoring
- Launch to production in your own cloud and payment accounts
- Documentation and a spec-driven workflow your future engineers can continue
- Optional support after launch

WHAT I NEED FROM YOU

A founder who owns product decisions and joins regular reviews. Cloud and tool costs are billed to you directly, and marketing and sales stay with you.

EXPERIENCE

New products taken from first version to launch, from Thomson Reuters Eikon analytics to the Chase Digital Assistant.

BUILD AND FIX

Cloud setup

2–4 weeks

For teams whose product runs, but whose cloud grew by hand.

There is one environment, console changes nobody tracked, long-lived keys in CI and no clear picture of what is exposed. Every release feels risky, and the first enterprise security questionnaire will be hard to answer.

WHAT YOU GET

- An AWS or GCP account structure with separate development, staging and production environments
- All infrastructure defined in Terraform, existing resources included
- Automated deployments without long-lived cloud keys, released to staging before production
- A security baseline: private admin access, audit logs with alerts, backups
- Monitoring for the services that matter, and a budget alert on cloud spend
- A short runbook and architecture document

WHAT I NEED FROM YOU

Admin access to cloud, source control and CI, and a few hours a week from an engineer who knows the current system.

EXPERIENCE

Cloud platforms and delivery pipelines for an audited e-commerce platform and an AI inference startup.

BUILD AND FIX

AI coding setup

2–4 weeks

For engineering teams that use AI coding tools but get uneven results.

Agents misread the codebase, report success without running the tests, or make changes nobody reviewed. You want the speed without giving up quality or control.

WHAT YOU GET

- Structured, comprehensive repository context, so agents understand how the project is built, tested and shipped
- Tools and integrations that let agents verify their own work and stay on course toward defined goals
- A spec-first workflow, with human review of the analysis and the spec before any code
- Shared scripts, so agents, developers and CI run the same checks
- CI gates that hold agent-written code to the same standard as everyone else's
- Hands-on training, using real features from your backlog

WHAT I NEED FROM YOU

Access to your repositories and CI, AI coding tool licenses for your engineers (such as Claude Code or Cursor), and time with them for training.

EXPERIENCE

Led an entire engineering organization's move to AI-assisted, spec-driven development, set up the same structure for an AI inference startup, and built a consumer product end to end with this approach.

BUILD AND FIX

Reliability

starts with a 1-week diagnosis

For platforms that fail under load, ahead of a launch or a peak season.

Growth is breaking the platform. Outages keep coming back, pages slow down at peak, and the team spends its time firefighting while the next big launch or sale gets closer.

WHAT YOU GET

- A diagnosis of incident history, architecture, single points of failure and monitoring gaps
- Fixes in order of priority, from redesigning the weakest component to scaling databases and services
- Monitoring that shows problems before customers do, with agreed reliability targets
- Load and stress tests of the whole system and its key components
- A readiness plan for your peak event

WHAT I NEED FROM YOU

Access to code, cloud, monitoring and incident history, and the authority to put stability work first.

EXPERIENCE

High-traffic platforms stabilized through redesign rather than firefighting, in e-commerce and at Thomson Reuters.

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SOC 2 readiness

scoped after a gap assessment

For companies whose customers ask for SOC 2. I cover the cloud and engineering side, alongside your compliance owner.

A large customer wants your SOC 2 report before they sign. You may already have a compliance platform and an owner for it, but nobody who can make the technical controls real in your cloud and engineering process, or explain them to an auditor.

WHAT YOU GET

- A gap assessment of your cloud and engineering controls, with a remediation plan
- The security design and network documents an auditor expects
- Access control, change management, vulnerability management, logging and backups built into your systems
- Recurring evidence tasks connected to your compliance platform
- Support on technical questions during the audit

WHAT I NEED FROM YOU

Access to cloud, source control and CI, a named compliance owner, and an auditor chosen or being chosen.

EXPERIENCE

Security architecture and controls behind first-attempt SOC 2 and PCI DSS audits on GCP.

I'm not an auditor; an independent CPA firm performs the audit. Policies, HR, vendors and the audit program stay with your compliance owner. We start with a fixed-scope gap assessment and size the rest from there.

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PCI DSS for merchants

scoped after a gap assessment

For merchants and platforms that take card payments and need to show PCI DSS compliance.

A large customer, a payment partner or your bank asks about PCI DSS, and it isn't clear how much of your system is in scope, or what compliance means for a company that takes payments rather than processes them.

WHAT YOU GET

- Payment flows where card data goes straight from the customer's browser to your payment provider, and you keep only tokens
- The pages that host your payment form locked down
- Your validation path: which self-assessment questionnaire applies, or whether you need an assessor-led review
- A gap assessment of the in-scope cloud and engineering controls, with a remediation plan
- The technical controls and evidence in place, and support during the assessment

WHAT I NEED FROM YOU

Access to your cloud, code and payment-provider settings, and a named compliance owner.

EXPERIENCE

A payment platform taken through full assessor-led PCI DSS reviews on GCP, with card data kept out of its systems.

I'm not a QSA and don't sign compliance reports. Policies, training and vendor management stay with your compliance owner.

LEADERSHIP AND ARCHITECTURE

Fractional CTO

1–2 days a week

For startups that need senior technical leadership, but not yet a full-time CTO.

Decisions on architecture, security, vendors and hiring are piling up, or the team needs someone who has run engineering organizations before. A good place to start is often one of the engagements above.

WHAT YOU GET

- A technology roadmap tied to business goals, with regular reporting to founders and the board
- Architecture, build-or-buy and vendor decisions, with the reasoning written down
- Ownership of security and compliance until you hire a dedicated lead
- Hiring support, from job descriptions and interviews to coaching your tech leads
- Standards for code review, testing and releases that don't slow the team down

WHAT I NEED FROM YOU

A founder I report to, a regular check-in, and clear decision rights.

EXPERIENCE

Executive technology leadership: VP of Technology reporting to the chief executive, and Head of Digital Assistance Technology at JPMorgan Chase.

LEADERSHIP AND ARCHITECTURE

Architecture and engineering

by the day or by project

For teams that need senior architecture or engineering depth on a specific problem.

A decision with long-lasting consequences is on the table, a production problem keeps coming back, or a critical piece of the system needs more experience than the team has today. Hiring for it would take months.

WHAT YOU GET

- Architecture design or an independent review of a critical decision, with options and trade-offs written down
- Hands-on development on the hardest parts: performance, concurrency, integrations and data pipelines
- Deep investigation of production problems the team hasn't been able to resolve
- Technical assessment of a system, a vendor or a build-or-buy choice
- Design and code reviews that raise the bar for the whole team

WHAT I NEED FROM YOU

A clear problem or goal, access to the code and environments, and an engineer to work alongside.

EXPERIENCE

Hands-on engineering and architecture across real-time market data, big-data analytics, machine learning and cloud platforms, including on-site problem solving at major investment banks.

NEXT STEP

A free 30-minute call to talk through where you are and what would help most.

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