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Sydney-based engineer. Principal Engineer at NanoPlatform on contract through IO Corp. Director of IO Corp. Founder of Ahead. Previously CTO at Finstead Capital and Founding Engineer on an Australian Solana crypto exchange. Background covers fintech, lending, insurance, crypto and mapping.

CURRENT

Principal Engineer · NanoPlatform

2023 - NOW

Principal engineer at NanoPlatform, on contract through IO Corp. NanoPlatform powers the technology behind AMP Bank, one of Australia's major financial institutions.

nanoplatfom.com

Director · IO Corp Pty Ltd

2022 - NOW

Technology consultancy and engagement vehicle. Selective product, engineering and advisory work across fintech, insurance, crypto, AI and automation. Partnered with venture studio Uearth-D.

iocorp.com.au

Founder · Ahead

2026 - NOW

A forward-looking personal-finance product. Connects to your bank accounts and projects your money weeks and months ahead, with stacked what-if scenarios on top. Solo-founded. MVP in build, launching to Australia in August 2026.

getahead.money

SELECTED PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

CTO · Finstead Capital

JAN 2020 - JAN 2024

CTO of a fast-growing Australian commercial finance brokerage. Built the technology that supported origination, broker workflows and day-to-day financial operations.

finstead.com.au

Founding Engineer · Australian Solana Crypto Exchange

2024 - 2024

Founding engineer on an Australian Solana crypto exchange operating under a regulated currency exchange licence. Custody model and security-posture work that supported the platform through external audit.

Senior Associate · LVS Brokers

2019 - 2021

Helped LVS expand into new European markets, primarily Denmark and Poland, during one of Europe's faster-growing fintech scale-up phases.

Founder & CTO · Freighty

2018 - 2022

Effortless shipping insurance for online e-commerce stores, underwritten by Chubb, one of the world's largest publicly traded property and casualty insurers.

Technical Consultant · USYD — Sydney Innovation Hub

2017 - 2018

Worked with the Sydney Innovation Hub, a University of Sydney facility helping students, staff and alumni build with industry and community.

www.sydney.edu.au

Full-Stack Developer · XREF

2017 - 2018

Full-stack engineer at XREF, the reference-checking SaaS used by regulated and audited companies. Worked across the platform during the company's growth phase.

www.xref.com

Software Developer · Cuberider

2016 - 2017

Built software and hardware for Australia's first payload to fly on the International Space Station, delivered in partnership with NASA.

OTHER EXPERIENCES

Drive (Co-Founder & CTO) Co-founded with Chris Saad. We figured out how to identify the best driving roads on Earth from open map data, then shipped it as an iOS app for drivers. 2022 - 2023

Two Lovers (Co-Founder & CTO) Side project. Helped couples find and hire Australian wedding vendors online. Ran for about a year. 2022 - 2023

Wingman.ai (Co-Founder) Built with Chris Saad. AI browser extension for reading, summarising and understanding online articles. Shipped, was used, and is still live on the Chrome Web Store. 2024 - 2024

Guide Next Door (Co-Founder) A platform for anyone to set up and run local guided experiences on their own terms. 2017 - 2019