

## INTERIM CTO RETAINER

# 90-Day Stabilise

Embedded technology leadership when the system, team, or roadmap needs executive control fast.

**ENGAGEMENT SHAPE**

90-day minimum / 2-3 days per week embedded

**TYPICAL INVESTMENT**

From A\$2,800/day. Typical range A\$22,400-\$33,600/month.

A focused interim CTO engagement for founders, boards, and executive teams who need senior technology leadership before a permanent CTO is in seat, during a delivery reset, or through a critical operating window. The work is intentionally practical: stabilise the team, surface the real architectural risks, restore delivery rhythm, and give vendors and internal leaders a clear point of accountability.

The engagement starts with a rapid read of the current operating model: roadmap, people, delivery rituals, product architecture, vendors, and executive expectations. From there, the work becomes embedded and hands-on. Dan works with founders, CEOs, product leaders, engineers, and delivery partners to restore cadence, make priority trade-offs visible, and turn ambiguous technology concerns into decisions the business can act on.

This is not a detached advisory retainer. It is designed for moments when the organisation needs someone senior enough to sit with the board, practical enough to work with the delivery team, and commercially minded enough to challenge vendors without creating theatre.

**SCOPE**

- Technology leadership across roadmap, delivery cadence, and executive decisions.
- Team stabilisation, role clarity, engineering rituals, and operating rhythm.
- Architecture review across product, platform, data, integrations, and delivery risk.
- Vendor management, commercial challenge, implementation oversight, and escalations.

**DELIVERABLES**

- Executive technology risk memo in the first fortnight.
- 90-day action plan with accountable owners and decision points.
- Architecture and vendor recommendations mapped to business risk.
- Weekly leadership summary suitable for CEO, founders, or board reporting.

**BEST FIT**

- Scaleups with a capable team but no senior technology executive.
- Boards needing a steady technical operator during transition.
- Leadership teams facing vendor, roadmap, or delivery confidence issues.

**OUTCOMES**

Clear technical accountability, visible delivery priorities, reduced vendor ambiguity, and a board-ready operating narrative.

**NEXT STEP**

## Book a 30-minute scoping call

Bring the current context, urgency, budget shape, and decision timeline.

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