

CHRIS DOVER

AI-First Founder-Engineer | Production Agents, x402 Payments, Trading, Defense

Scottsdale, AZ | Remote / US | chrisdover@gmail.com | +1-310-467-6637 | chrisdover.com | linkedin.com/in/chrisdmacro | github.com/chrisdover | x.com/chrisdmacro

Summary

- AI-first founder-engineer building production agent systems for money movement, compliance, intelligence, trading, and high-stakes operations.
- Solo-built Pollinate Trading to \$250K+ ARR and currently building MAKO/x402 payment-agent workflows with paid APIs, MCP tools, guardrails, observability, and evals.
- 500 Startups founder with exit via acquisition of technology and team; prior Iraq/State Dept/DoD/USMC background for defense and mission-critical AI roles.

Technical & Domain Skills

AI / Agents: Production agents, LLM workflows, Claude Code, Codex, Cursor, Gemini, tool use, orchestration, evals, guardrails, agentic payments

Full Stack: Python, TypeScript, JavaScript, React, Next.js, Node.js, HTML, CSS

Data / Infra: PostgreSQL, SQL, APIs, AWS, Vercel, Supabase/Neon, automation, observability, CI/CD, dashboards

Markets / Crypto: x402, USDC, Base, crypto/web3/DeFi, agent commerce, trading systems, backtesting, risk systems

Operations: Founder ownership, product judgment, customer discovery, security operations, defense/dual-use fluency, EN/ES

Experience

Founder & Builder | Pollinate Research Remote | 2026-Present

- Building MAKO: x402 payment-agent workflows on crypto-native rails, including paid APIs and MCP tools for autonomous AI/payment execution.
- Designed production agent primitives around bounded tool use, API orchestration, workflow state, payment logic, guardrails, observability, evals, and human escalation.

Founder & Developer | Pollinate Trading Remote | 2022-Present

- Grew a solo-built fintech platform for systematic traders to \$250K+ ARR, owning the full stack from database schema and APIs to user workflows.
- Built the trading research stack end-to-end: market-regime analysis, signal systems, risk dashboards, automated alerts, backtesting, subscriber workflows, and deployment.

Founder / AI Product Builder | Centinela Intel Remote | Side Project

- Achieved roughly 95% automation in OSINT intelligence gathering by building a side project from scratch for LATAM-focused corporate security and executive protection teams.

Founder | Geniusly (500 Startups) San Francisco, CA | 2013-2014

- Founded predictive risk analytics startup for transportation; selected for 500 Startups and exited via acquisition of the technology and team.

Operations / Security Leadership | Control Risks, Logistics LatAm, Triple Canopy Latin America / Middle East | 2004-2014

- Spent 7 years in Iraq supporting State Department, DoD, and commercial high-threat protection operations; later built enterprise security programs across LATAM.
- Directed multinational operations for Triple Canopy across the Middle East, including 5,000+ personnel, 24/7 tactical operations centers, and \$100M in U.S. government equipment.

Selected Builds

- MAKO / Pollinate Research: x402 payment-agent workflows, paid APIs, MCP tools, guardrails, observability, and evals - <https://pollinateresearch.com>
- Pollinate Trading: solo-built fintech/trading platform grown to \$250K+ ARR - <https://pollinatetrading.com/builds>
- Visible Edge: AI-assisted CMMC compliance intelligence workflow for defense contractors - <https://github.com/ChrisDover/visible-edge>
- Centinela Intel: side project built from scratch; roughly 95% automated AI-assisted OSINT/security intelligence product for high-risk LATAM environments.

Credentials

500 Startups alum; founder with exit | U.S. Marine Corps infantry team leader | Certified Protection Professional (CPP), ASIS International | U.S. Department of State high-threat protection, driving, and firearms instructor certifications | Associate's Degree, Business Administration & Management, Barstow Community College | Languages: English native, Spanish fluent