

# CONNOR DRAINAS

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## SUMMARY

Full-stack software engineer with 6+ years of experience building and shipping production SaaS applications across finance and custom product environments. Strong experience in JavaScript/TypeScript, React, Node.js and modern backend systems, with hands-on expertise designing APIs, data models and scalable application architecture.

Comfortable working across the entire product lifecycle — from feature design and implementation to debugging and performance optimisation. Experienced building data-driven interfaces, dashboards and automation systems, and collaborating closely with stakeholders to turn complex requirements into reliable software.

Curious, fast-learning engineer who enjoys ownership of real product features and working in fast-moving teams to deliver measurable impact.

I am a dual Greek and Australian citizen currently based in Sydney, with confirmed plans to relocate to Europe in September 2026. I am therefore actively pursuing European based roles.

## CORE SKILLS

### *Language and Runtime:*

- JavaScript / TypeScript (async patterns, Node.js runtime behavior)
- SQL, MongoDB
- Bash, scripting

### *Backend and API's:*

- Node.js (Express)
- Rest API's, webhooks, authentication flows
- Workflow-driven systems and integrations

### *Networking and Systems:*

- HTTP/HTTPS, DNS, TCP/IP fundamentals
- Debugging latency, failures and misconfigurations
- Logs, monitoring and incident troubleshooting

### *Frontend:*

- React, modern component architecture
- Rest API integration
- Debugging production UI issues

### *Infrastructure and DevOps:*

- Docker & containerization (builds, runtime, debugging, health checks)
- AWS (Lightsail, Route53, basic networking & security)
- CI/CD fundamentals

### *Security:*

- Cybersecurity coursework (Pentesting, systems, security fundamentals)
- Secure auth flows, access controls, environment hardening



## EXPERIENCE

### Freelance Software Engineer (Self-Employed)

SYDNEY | 2024 – PRESENT

- Built custom SaaS tools, websites and automations for clients
- Designed and deployed systems using React, Node.js, MongoDB
- Managed AWS Lightsail servers, DNS and security configurations
- Implemented containerized deployments using Docker
- Troubleshoot production issues across API's, hosting networking and databases
- Built internal automation workflows to reduce manual operations

Built and shipped custom SaaS applications and workflow tools for clients, delivering full-stack features using React, Node.js and modern databases. Designed APIs, data schemas and backend logic to support analytics, reporting and automation workflows. Developed interactive dashboards and UI components for data-driven applications. Managed deployment and production systems using Docker and cloud infrastructure, with ongoing performance tuning and troubleshooting.

### Software Engineer

CLOUDCASE | SYDNEY | 2022 – 2023

- Configured and supported a SaaS platform for banking and financial services clients
- Implemented capital adequacy ratios and regulatory reporting
- Worked directly with enterprise customers to diagnose configuration and data issues
- Acted as a technical escalation point between customers and engineering
- Trained and mentored new team members: led a small team of engineers

### Software & Systems Engineer (Self-Employed)

SYDNEY | 2020

- Delivered custom software systems and web platforms
- Full ownership of architecture, development, deployment and support
- Worked directly with non-technical stakeholders to translate requirements

### Systems Engineer and IT Support (Part-Time)

SPEEDY GANTRY HIRE | INGLEBURN | 2019 - 2020

- Built a custom quotation portal used internally by staff
- Provided end to end IT support (infrastructure, desktops, systems)
- Managed servers, networking and operational tooling

### System Configuration Engineer (Part Time)

CLOUDCASE | SYDNEY | 2017 - 2018

- Configured front end and back end systems for high profile financial clients
- Performed systems analysis and platform customization
- Worked closely with customers to resolve platform issues

## Junior Systems Engineer (Part-Time)

AXION CONSULTING | SYDNEY | 2015 - 2017

- Front end configuration and template development
- Exposure to client facing technical work early in career



## EDUCATION

### Bachelor of Computer Science | University Of Wollongong Sydney | 2021 - Current

I am currently completing further qualifications at the University as a mature age student I am currently in my final semester at the University of Wollongong doing computer science and majoring in cyber security. I have currently completed Cyber Security, Systems Analysis, Java, MySQL, JavaScript, HTML, CSS and I am currently learning C and C++.

### Diploma in Information Technology | University Of Wollongong Sydney | 2019 - 2021

I completed a diploma in information technology at the University of Wollongong. The skills learned during my studies include Systems Analysis, Java, MySQL, JavaScript, HTML and CSS.pe



## WHAT I BRING TO

- Experience building and shipping full-stack product features from idea to production
- Strong understanding of APIs, databases and modern web architecture
- Practical experience designing data-driven UI components and backend systems
- Focus on reliability, performance and maintainable code
- Comfortable debugging complex production issues across the stack
- Collaborative team player who works closely with product and design
- Curious and ownership-driven with a strong interest in intelligent systems and automation



## REFERENCES

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