

Fractional CIO · CTO · Chief AI Officer

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Fractional, interim, and full-time CIO, CTO, Chief AI Officer

3x CIO: Maxar, Ball Aerospace, Redaptive · $6.4B and $5.6B transactions · Active TS/SCI

Fractional CIO, CTO, and Chief AI Officer for mid-market and PE-backed companies. Board and investor advisor on AI, cyber, and technology risk. 25+ years in technology leadership across space, aerospace, defense, energy services, and public safety. Author of Why AI Fails.

Track record

Enterprise CIO
Three times
Maxar Technologies, Ball Aerospace, Redaptive

Take-private
$6.4B
Maxar, by Advent International (closed May 2023)

Acquisition
$5.6B
Ball Aerospace, by BAE Systems (closed Feb 2024)

Scale
200+ people
Technology organizations of 200+, annual portfolios of $80M+

What I do

- I get AI deployed quickly and at scale.
- I give executives the tools to explain the AI strategy to the board, investors, and the C-suite: mission-aligned, business-focused, tied to outcomes.
- I tell the CEO, the CFO, or any executive where they stand and what has to be true for AI to pay off.

Current roles

- **Managing Director, AI Practice**, The Doyle Group
- **Fractional CTO**, Critical Reach
- **VP, Strategic Partnerships**, Iterate.ai
- **Executive AI Advisor**, Trility Consulting
- **CIO Strategic Advisor**, SecureX

Books and framework

Why AI Fails: The Leadership Discipline Behind the 5% Who Succeed. Counting Silicon, a whitepaper on scaling the agentic enterprise. The Sentinel Protocols: Zero Threshold (Book One, August 2026) and Ghosts in the Wire (Book Two, November 2026).

Seven Pillars of AI Leadership: Strategic Clarity, Leadership Alignment, Capability Building, Pilot Discipline, Scale Strategy, Risk Management, Continuous Evolution.

At a glance

Roles	CIO, CTO, Chief AI Officer
Engagement	Fractional, interim, or full-time
Location	Denver area. Open to remote and travel.
Clearance	Active TS/SCI
Recognition	Three-time Colorado CIO of the Year ORBIE nominee: 2024 (Ball Aerospace), 2025 and 2026 (Redaptive). Forbes Technology Council member.
Client work	Executive AI advisory in consumer products, agribusiness, business services, healthcare services, data centers, telecom, and nonprofit retail.

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