

DENNIS GOLDFINGER

ENGINEERING LEADERSHIP / APPLIED AI / SECURITY

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PROFILE

Product-minded engineering leader who moves between strategy and implementation to make complex transitions hold together. Experienced in platform replacement, identity and authorization, distributed teams, SaaS integrations, and aligning technical direction with business outcomes. At both Ticket Monster and Nira, played an integral role in driving the companies to successful seven-to-eight-figure exits. Now CTO at Goldfinger d.o.o., helping build the company around applied AI, security, and senior product engineering engagements.

CORE CAPABILITIES

Engineering strategy - architecture, platform transitions, delivery systems | **Applied AI** - bounded agents, evaluation, workflow integration | **Security** - identity, authorization, trust boundaries | **Leadership** - team design, planning, cross-functional execution

EXPERIENCE

Goldfinger d.o.o.

Chief Technology Officer / 2026 - Present

Helping build a Croatia-based company for focused work across applied AI, security, and product engineering, with Ready continuing as an anchor client.

- Shaping company strategy, technical direction, and high-trust senior-level engagements.
- Leading work on useful AI systems with explicit boundaries, strong security posture, and operating value.

Ready

VP Engineering; previously Software Engineering Lead / Manager / Feb 2023 - Present

Engineering leadership across product growth, platform architecture, delivery systems, and organizational design.

- Led a full backend and data-model replacement through active product development.
- Reached migration with near-zero downtime and no code freeze while feature work continued.
- Connected product direction, business constraints, and technical execution across functions.
- Built operating conditions for ownership, reliable delivery, and technical quality.

Nira

Senior Full-Stack Engineer / Jul 2021 - Jan 2023

Enterprise SaaS engineering in a globally distributed, high-ownership team that exited to Dropbox.

- Played an integral engineering role in driving Nira to a seven-to-eight-figure acquisition by Dropbox.
- Built custom GraphQL authentication and authorization middleware.
- Delivered end-to-end Slack workflows and Google and Microsoft integrations.
- Improved technical planning, code quality, developer experience, and onboarding.

YoComment

Founder / Senior Full-Stack Developer / Mar 2020 - Jul 2021

Conceived and built a consumer sharing product with TypeScript, Apollo, GraphQL, and serverless architecture. Worked across product validation, technical architecture, iterative design, and go-to-market constraints.

Entertainment Benefits Group

Senior Full-Stack Developer / Jul 2018 - Mar 2020

Continued as a senior engineer after the Ticket Monster acquisition, carrying product and technical knowledge into EBG. Built RBAC, authentication integrations, and services supporting the platform transition.

Ticket Monster

Senior Full-Stack Developer / Mar 2016 - Jul 2018

Played an integral role in driving Ticket Monster to a seven-to-eight-figure acquisition by Entertainment Benefits Group.

- Built and evolved ticketing, payments, administration, partner API, rewards, and product display systems.
- Supported PCI-DSS scope reduction and transferred deep product and technical knowledge through the acquisition.

SELECTED TECHNICAL RANGE

Systems: distributed SaaS, backend replacement, data-model redesign, serverless architecture, payments, partner APIs, admin platforms

Security: authentication, authorization, RBAC, GraphQL middleware, Auth0, PCI-DSS-informed payment architecture

Product engineering: TypeScript, Node.js, React, GraphQL, SQL, cloud integrations, Slack, Google, Microsoft

EDUCATION AND LANGUAGES

Rochester Institute of Technology - B.S. Information Technology, 2015

Languages: English (native/bilingual), Croatian (native/bilingual), Spanish (limited working)

OPERATING PHILOSOPHY

Complex problems become tractable when the system is made visible. Break the problem down, reframe the constraints, and build the conditions for people and technology to succeed together.