



# Paul Cowan

Contract Software Developer

## 👤 Profile

My passion is and always has been frontend development. I love the instant visual feedback that is unique to frontend development.

I am an open-source fanatic with over [140+ merged pull requests](#) into many, many, many open-source repositories.

I have been a contributor of the month for Spotify's [Backstage](#) developer portal with [23+ merged pull-requests](#) and I am now a [code maintainer](#) for the [backstage repository](#).

I write professionally for [Logrocket](#) and my [blog](#).

I have over 20+ years of experience working on some exceptional frontend pieces of work for companies such as

- The digital transformation of disclosure Scotland for both the - [basic disclosure](#) and the [PVG scheme](#) digital online forms that replaced legacy or paper-based alternatives.
- [Waitrose](#)
- [the Volvo Ocean race](#)

At 53, I have more experience than most, and I get results in a fraction of the time.

## 📁 Employment History

### Frontend Developer at frontside, remote

February 2021 — July 2023

- React
- Typescript
- Nodejs
- GraphQL
- Spotify Backstage

### Frontend Developer Contract at Disclosure Scotland, Glasgow

August 2019 — December 2020

- Lead frontend developer on Scottish Governments pvg online <https://csg.apply.disclosure.scot/>
- helped set up the infrastructure for javascript/typescript development
- react
- typescript
- nodejs
- terraform
- AWS

### Frontend Developer Contract at Screenmedia, Glasgow

June 2019 — August 2019

- Frontend developer for clients of Screenmedia

## Details

Glasgow

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## Links

[Github](#)

[Website](#)

[blog](#)

[twitter](#)

[linkedin](#)

[sales website](#)

## Skills

JavaScript

typescript

react

nodejs

ruby

CSS

HTML

d3/d3js

SASS/SCSS

Angular

## Hobbies

Combat sports, boxing, MMA

- React
- typescript
- D3
- Node

## **Data Visualisations at Continuity2, Glasgow**

April 2019 — June 2019

- Bringing data to life in the form of svg data visualisations
- react
- typescript
- d3

## **Contract Software Developer at Waracle, Glasgow, United Kingdom**

January 2019 — April 2019

- Full-stack development for an online web portal with azure serverless technologies including blob storage and azure functions.
- Angular
- rxjs
- HTML 5, CSS, sass, Typescript
- Azure (Blob storage, functions)
- Terraform

## **Frontend Developer Contract at BJSS - Disclosure Scotland, Glasgow**

June 2017 — December 2018

- Rewrite of the Scottish government disclosure Scotland online application forms for criminal record checks
- <https://basic.apply.disclosure.scot/>
- react
- typescript
- nodejs

## **Full Stack Contract Developer at WIPRO - Lloyds Bank, Edinburgh**

November 2016 — June 2017

- Working on the Scottish Widows pension portal.
- react
- mobx
- webpack

## **Full Stack Contract Developer at City Holdings**

March 2016 — November 2016

- Working on the Scottish Widows pension portal.
- react
- mobx
- webpack

## **Fullstack Contract Developer at Radium CRM Software, Glasgow**

December 2012 — December 2015

Full Stack developer working on a CRM product called Radium.

- Emberjs frontend

- Migrated a ruby Sinatra app to ruby on rails on the backend
- Chrome extension development for Gmail
- Hosted on Heroku

### **Full StackContract Developer at Continuity2, Glasgow**

September 2007 — November 2012

- Working for a digital agency working on some reasonably sized websites such as waitrose and the Volvo ocean race.
- JQuery
- C# •

### **Full Stack Contract Developer at Twentysixlondon, London**

March 2004 — August 2007

Working for a digital agency working on some reasonably sized websites such as waitrose and the volvo ocean race.

- C#
- ASP.NET

## **Education**

**Scottish Higher Maths – B , Further Education Anniesland, Glasgow**

October 2015 — June 2016

## **Courses**

## **References**

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