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13 years at TCS building digital mortgage origination platforms for UK banks and building societies. This document collects six personal engineering projects — case studies in architecture, not just descriptions of what they do.

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InventPro

Multi-tenant SaaS inventory and billing platform — built first for a family member's paint shop, general enough for any small-retail trade managing stock and billing, running serverless end-to-end on Cloudflare's edge network.

• Live

github.com/mohitchimote/InventPro

PROBLEM

My uncle runs a paint retail shop in India, and like most small retailers he was running it on paper ledgers and spreadsheets that didn't talk to each other — stock counts drifted from what was actually on the shelf, billing was manual, and there was no single place to see what was owed, what was low, or what a customer bought last time. Off-the-shelf inventory SaaS either assumes a much larger operation (multi-warehouse, barcode hardware, dedicated IT) or charges per-seat in a way that doesn't make sense for a single-counter shop.

InventPro was built to fit the actual shape of that business: one shop, a handful of staff, and a need to track stock, purchases, and billing without hiring anyone to run it. The brief was personal, but the build wasn't scaled down for it — multi-tenant from day one, with the same isolation and auth model a paying SaaS customer would expect. Nothing in the data model is paint-specific, so the same tenant shape has since picked up shops in other trades too.

INTENDED USERS

Independent small-retail shop owners and their counter staff, with a superadmin role for platform operations. Built first for my uncle's paint shop, but the tenant model isn't paint-specific — SKUs, stock movements, and billing work the same whether the shop sells paint, computer hardware, or anything else counted and sold over a counter.

MY ROLE

Solo engineering team, built and maintained alongside a full-time product role at TCS — product design, full-stack architecture and build (worker API, tenant app, superadmin portal, marketing site, CI/CD).

ARCHITECTURE & STACK

JavaScript

Cloudflare Workers

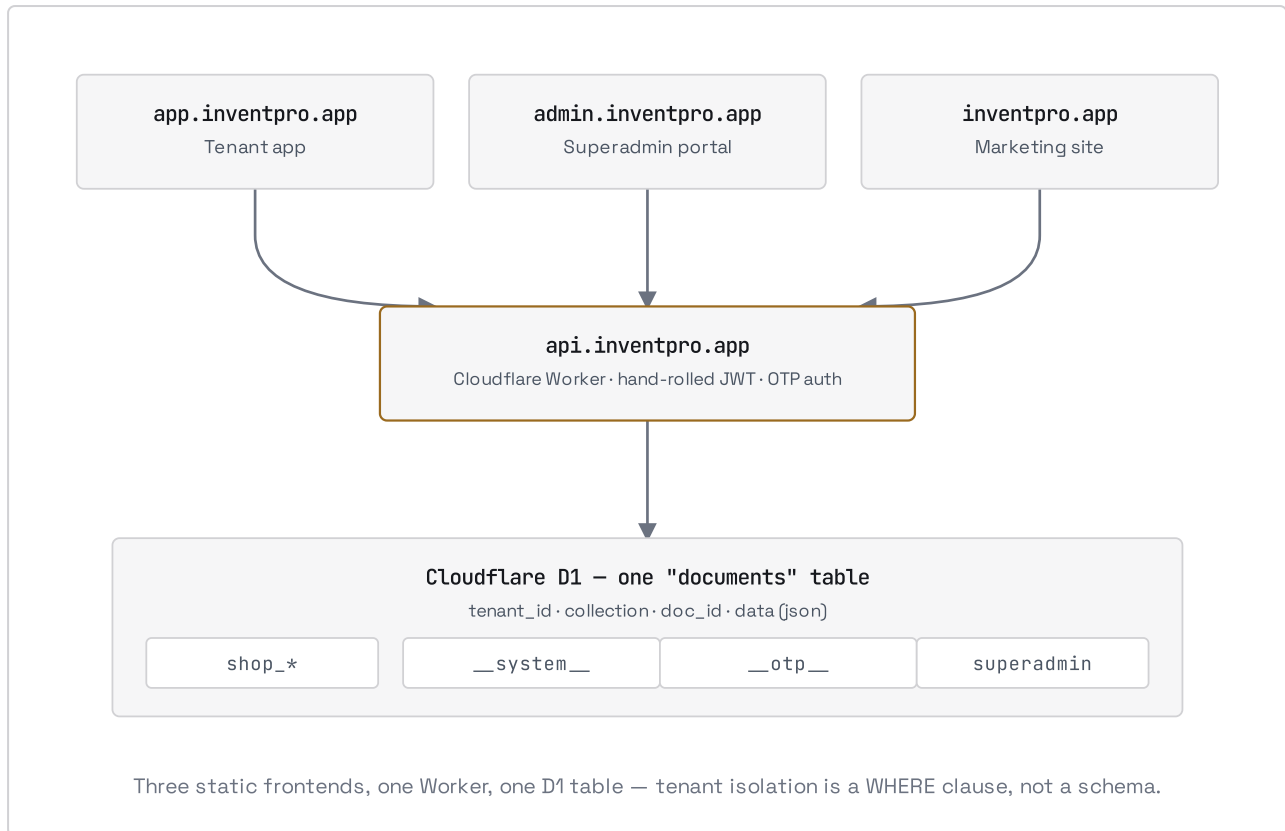
Cloudflare D1

Cloudflare Pages

Web Crypto API

Resend

GitHub Actions



InventPro is deliberately edge-native — every part of it runs on Cloudflare’s serverless platform (Workers, D1, Pages), with no server to provision or patch and infrastructure that scales with usage rather than needing to be sized upfront.

Three standalone frontends, one API. `app/` (tenant-facing), `admin/` (superadmin portal), and `website/` (marketing) are each a single HTML file with no build step — no bundler, no framework, deployed to Cloudflare Pages as-is. All three talk to one Cloudflare Worker (`worker/src/index.js`) that fronts a single Cloudflare D1 database.

One table, JSON documents. Rather than a normalized schema per feature, every tenant’s data — SKUs, inward/outward stock movements, bills, customers, purchase orders, credit notes, audit log, settings — lives in one `documents` table (`tenant_id`, `collection`, `doc_id`, `data`), with data as a JSON blob. The D1 helpers (`dbFind`, `dbFindOne`, `dbUpsert`, `dbBatchUpsert`) are the entire data layer — no ORM. It trades some query flexibility for a schema that never needs a migration when a new collection shows up.

Tenant isolation is a WHERE clause. Every row is scoped by `tenant_id`, with reserved IDs for platform-level concerns: `__system__` holds the tenant registry and platform settings, `__otp__` holds short-lived OTP sessions, and each onboarded business gets its own `shop_*` id. A superadmin role can cross tenants by passing `?tenantId=` explicitly — there’s no ambient “view everything” mode.

Auth is hand-rolled, on purpose. Cloudflare Workers don't have Node's `crypto` module, so JWT signing and verification are implemented directly against the Web Crypto API (`crypto.subtle`) — see the snippet below. Login is OTP-based: a 6-digit code is generated, AES-256-GCM encrypted at rest, emailed via Resend, and exchanged for a 24-hour HS256 JWT on verification (10-minute OTP TTL, 5 attempts max).

Tenant lifecycle is a small state machine. Self-registration lands a business in a pending queue; a superadmin approval creates the tenant and its owner user. Deletion is two-step — archive (soft delete, data retained) before a hard delete wipes every row for that `tenant_id`. Plan limits (trial / free / pro / enterprise) are enforced server-side at the points that matter — data sync and user creation — not just in the UI.

Shipping. GitHub Actions handles CI/CD to Cloudflare; secrets (`JWT_SECRET`, `RESEND_API_KEY`, `OTP_ENCRYPT_KEY`) are set via `wrangler secret put`, never committed.

CODE SNIPPET

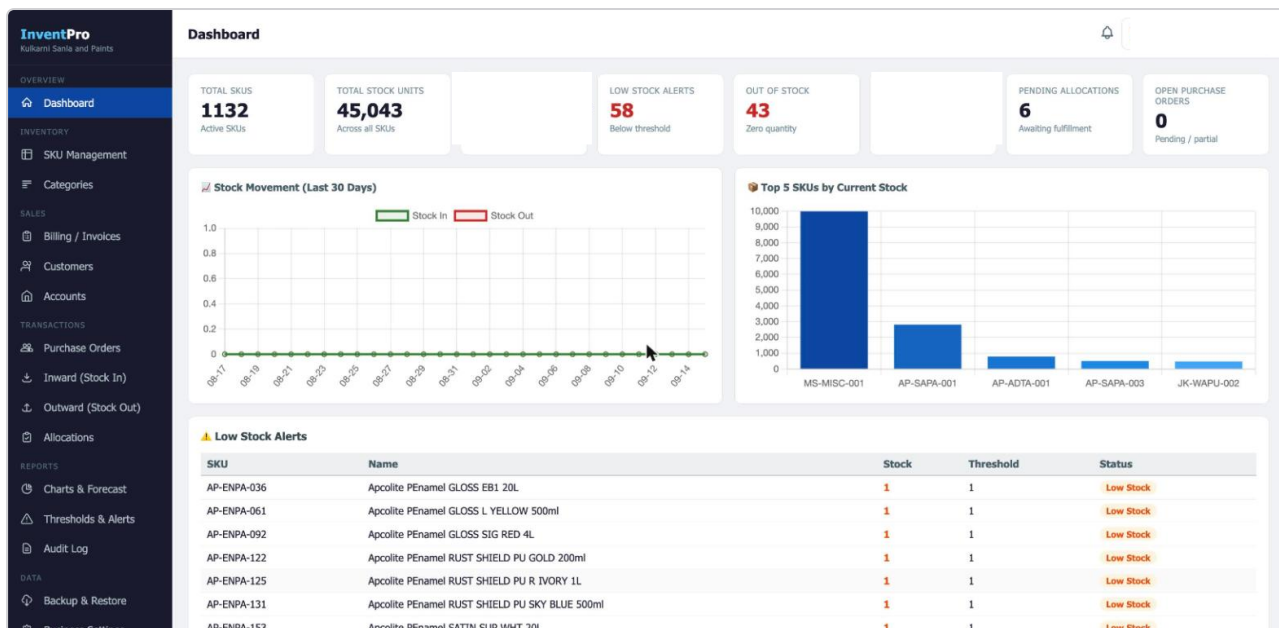
worker/src/index.js

javascript

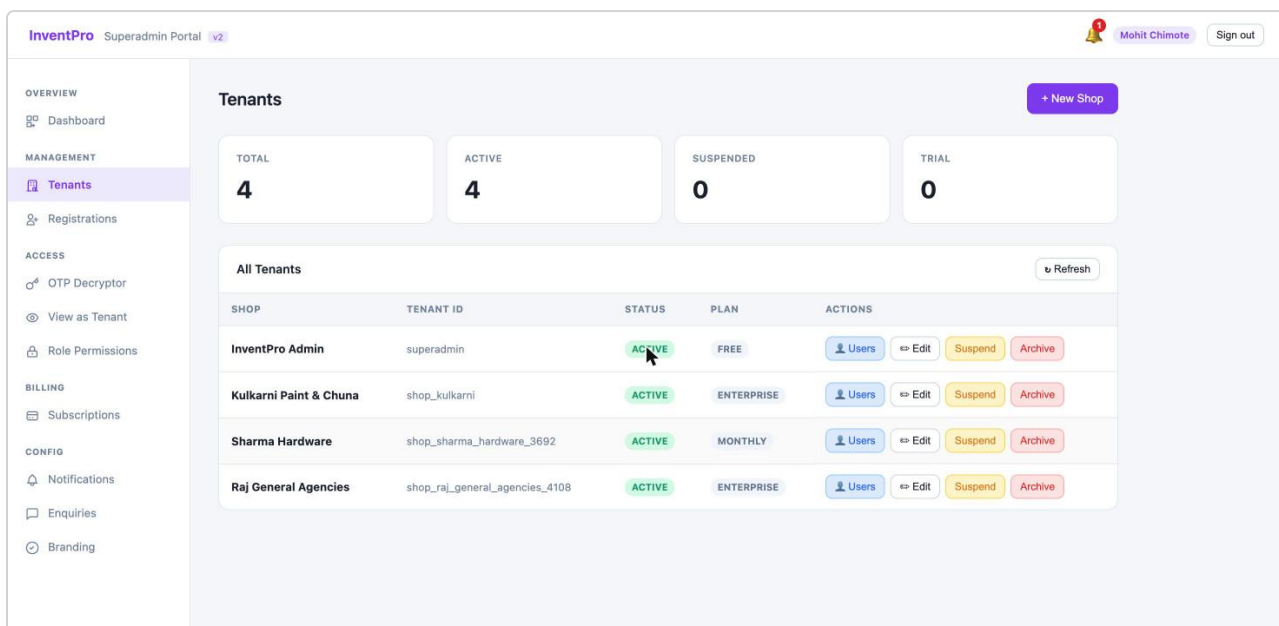
```
// — JWT —————
async function signJWT(payload, secret) {
  const h = btoa(JSON.stringify({ alg: 'HS256', typ: 'JWT' }));
  const b = btoa(JSON.stringify({ ...payload, iat: Date.now() }));
  const key = await crypto.subtle.importKey('raw', new TextEncoder().encode(secret),
    { name: 'HMAC', hash: 'SHA-256' }, false, ['sign']);
  const sig = await crypto.subtle.sign('HMAC', key, new TextEncoder().encode(`${h}.${b}`));
  return `${h}.${b}.${btoa(String.fromCharCode(...new Uint8Array(sig)))}`;
}

async function verifyJWT(token, secret) {
  try {
    const [h, b, s] = token.split('.');
    const key = await crypto.subtle.importKey('raw', new TextEncoder().encode(secret),
      { name: 'HMAC', hash: 'SHA-256' }, false, ['verify']);
    const valid = await crypto.subtle.verify('HMAC', key,
      Uint8Array.from(atob(s), c => c.charCodeAt(0)),
      new TextEncoder().encode(`${h}.${b}`));
    if (!valid) return null;
    const p = JSON.parse(atob(b));
    if (Date.now() - p.iat > 86400000) return null;
    return p;
  } catch { return null; }
}
```

SCREENSHOTS



Tenant dashboard — a live paint-shop tenant (1,132 SKUs, 45k+ units tracked). Inventory value and receivables figures blurred out for privacy.



Superadmin portal — the tenant registry, cross-tenant: four live shops across free, monthly, and enterprise plans

OUTCOME

Live and in daily use, starting with my uncle's paint shop as the first tenant and since onboarded further tenants in other retail trades — evidence the multi-tenant model generalizes beyond the shop it was originally built for.

The serverless architecture means there's been no server to provision or patch since launch, and the single-table document model plus three-static-HTML-files-and-one-Worker-script shape keeps operational overhead low as tenant count grows — very little surface area to maintain per additional shop, regardless of what it sells.

Journey LOS

Config-first, multi-tenant Loan Origination System for UK building societies and specialist lenders — a from-scratch RBAC engine (65-table schema, three-layer nav → section → field permissions) built so a new lender is onboarded by data entry, not a code deployment.

• **Proof of Concept**

los-platform.pages.dev/ github.com/mohitchimote/los-platform

PROBLEM

Loan origination platforms I've worked on professionally tend to bake one lender's org chart into the product — role names like "underwriter" or "senior underwriter" hardcoded, along with which fields each role can see. That works until the next lender has a different structure: a small building society might have a flat 12-person team; a larger one has managers, regional directors, and a formal approval hierarchy. Shipping code to support every new lender's org chart doesn't scale.

Journey LOS is a personal exploration of the alternative: what if the entire permission model — roles, workflow stages, which fields are visible or editable at each stage — was configuration a lender's admin enters, not code a development team ships?

INTENDED USERS

UK building societies and specialist lenders — the institution is the tenant. Within one case, internal staff (advisors, underwriters, processors, compliance), broker firms, solicitors, valuers, and the customer themselves all work the same case through a role-appropriate view, enforced by permissions rather than separate apps.

MY ROLE

Solo engineering team, alongside a full-time product role at TCS. This is the same domain I work in professionally — UK mortgage and loan origination — built here as a from-scratch personal exploration of how far a fully configurable permission model can go before it needs custom code per lender.

ARCHITECTURE & STACK

React

Vite

Hono.js

Cloudflare Workers

Cloudflare D1

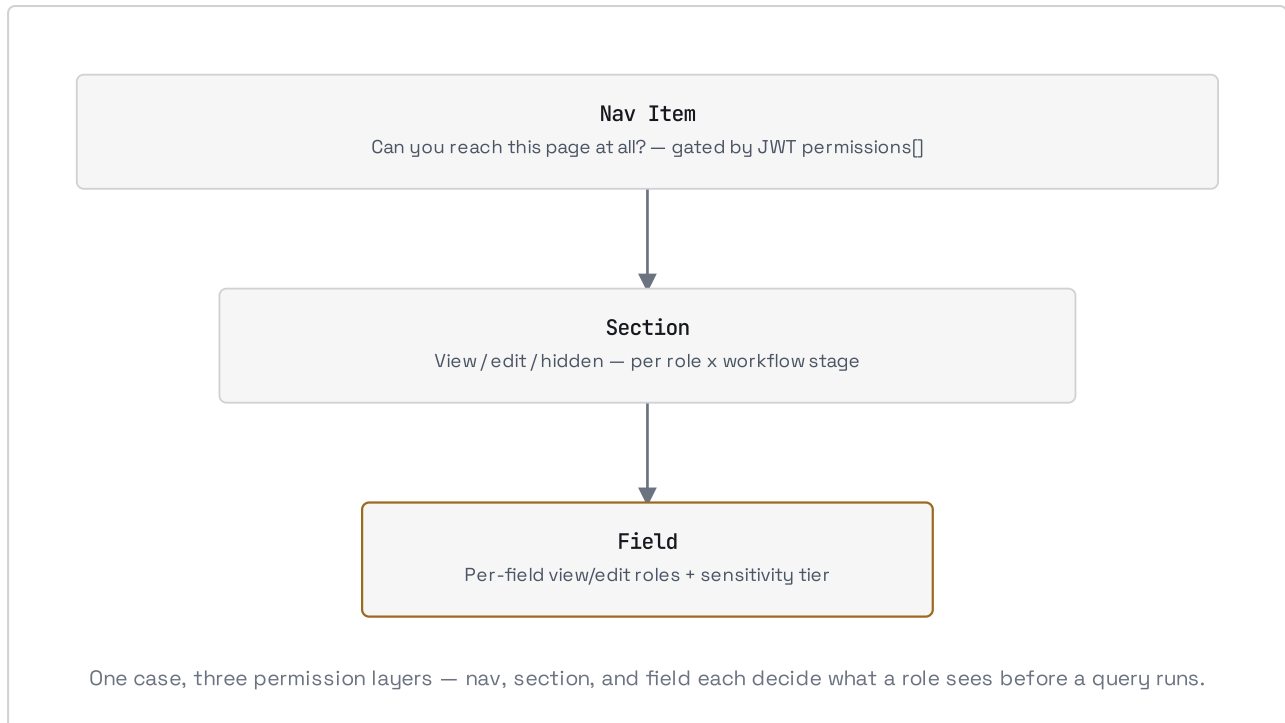
Cloudflare KV

Cloudflare R2

TypeScript

Tailwind CSS

WebCrypto API (PBKDF2 + HS256 JWT)



Journey LOS is a hub-and-spoke multi-tenant platform: one hub, multiple lender institutions, with every party on a case (internal staff, brokers, solicitors, valuers, customers) accessing the same case data through a role-appropriate view rather than separate applications.

Auth was rebuilt from scratch, on purpose. It originally used Clerk. I pulled it out — a third-party service sitting on the critical auth path, a JWT claim payload too thin for rich RBAC data, per-MAU pricing at scale, and SSO integration being harder with Clerk as an intermediary. In its place: PBKDF2-SHA256 password hashing (100,000 iterations, 16-byte salt, pure WebCrypto, no npm dependency) and hand-rolled HS256 JWTs — the same “no external auth library” instinct as InventPro, but carrying a much richer payload here. Every token encodes the caller’s institution, role, role level, permission list, and visibility scope directly, so authorization needs zero database lookups per request.

Permission is layered three ways. The same case view renders differently per role and per workflow stage, checked at three levels: can you reach this page at all (nav), can you see this section and is it editable (section, per workflow stage), can you see this specific field and edit it (field, down to a per-field sensitivity tier). See the diagram below.

Config-first RBAC, not fixed roles. `role_definitions` stores each institution’s org chart as data — role label, level, approval limit, visibility scope — checked against a ~60-entry `permission_catalog`. Permission checks support wildcard matching (`entity.*` grants `entity.case.create`, `entity.case.edit`, etc.) via a single `hasPermission()` function,

wired into every protected route through a `requirePermission()` Hono middleware — see the code snippet.

A genuinely large domain model. 65 tables across 38 migrations: cases carry an array of case types so a Porting + Further Advance can share one case, one ESIS, and one customer set; facilities model Part A/Part B loans independently; collateral has its own lifecycle (proposed → owned → pledged → charged → released) and can be flagged, not blocked, when re-pledged across active cases; customers carry versioned financial profiles with a configurable staleness window that gates workflow progression.

Honest state. This is proof-of-concept stage. The RBAC middleware and schema described above are real and wired into all 28 API route files — that part works. Some of the design document's more ambitious enforcement patterns, like query-level Chinese-wall separation between broker-sourced and internally-sourced cases, are specified in the role schema (`case_source_filter`) but not yet enforced in every case query. I'm building this in the open about what's actually implemented versus designed.

CODE SNIPPET

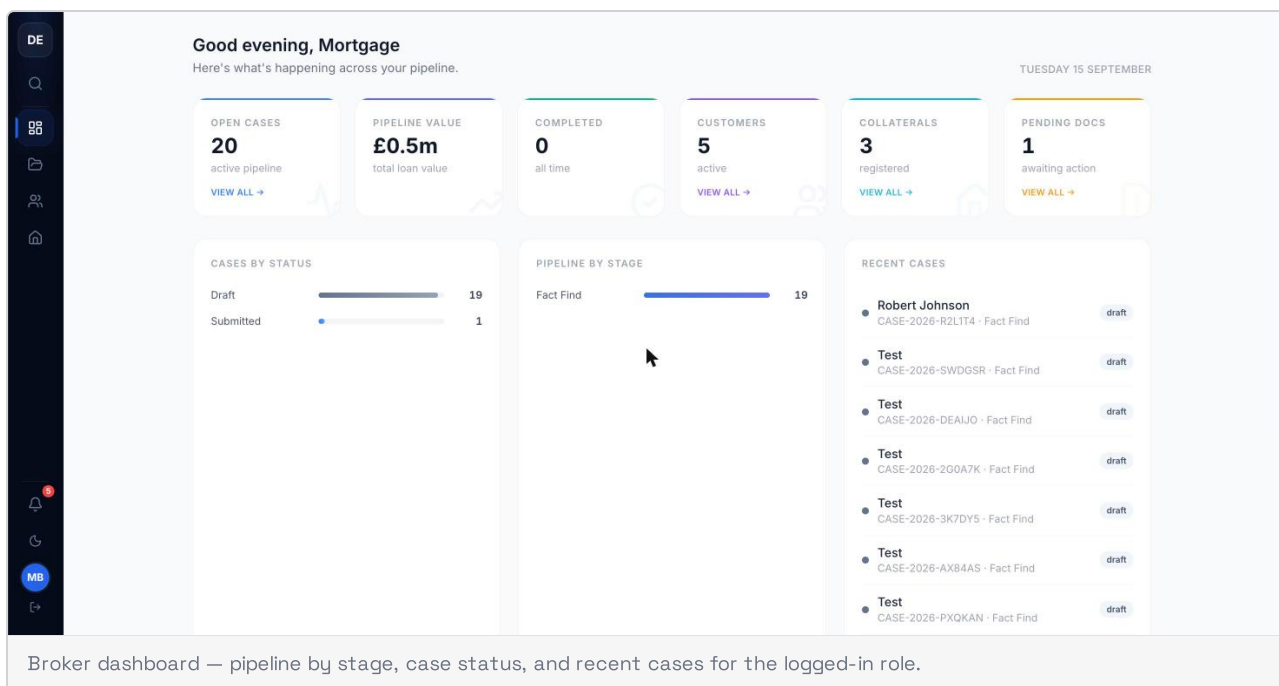
apps/api/src/middleware/auth.ts

typescript

```
// Checks that the user holds at least one of the required permissions.
// Supports wildcard suffix matching: 'entity.*' grants 'entity.case.create', etc.
export function hasPermission(userPermissions: string[], required: string): boolean {
  return userPermissions.some(p => {
    if (p === '*') return true;
    if (p === required) return true;
    if (p.endsWith('.*')) {
      const prefix = p.slice(0, -2);
      return required === prefix || required.startsWith(prefix + '.');
    }
    return false;
  });
}

export const requirePermission = (permission: string) =>
  createMiddleware<{ Bindings: Env }>(async (c, next) => {
    const user = c.get('user');
    if (!hasPermission(user.permissions, permission)) {
      return c.json({ success: false, error: 'Forbidden: insufficient permissions' }, 403);
    }
    await next();
  });
```

SCREENSHOTS



OUTCOME

Proof-of-concept stage — not deployed anywhere live, and not trying to look otherwise. What's real: a 65-table schema across 38 migrations, a three-layer permission model wired into all 28 API route files, and a working decision to rip out a third-party auth provider mid-build once it stopped fitting the RBAC model, rather than bend the model to fit the provider.

The open question this was built to answer — whether a fully config-driven permission model can absorb a new lender's org chart without a code change — is answered for the parts that are wired up. The parts still marked as designed-but-not-enforced (like the Chinese-wall query filtering) are the honest boundary of what's actually done versus what's specified.

LetWise UK

A landlord wealth-management platform — mortgage, tenancy, and cashflow tracking with an automatic remortgage-savings finder, plus a role-gated admin console. Built for a friend managing a multi-property portfolio.

• Live

letwise-uk.lovable.app/ github.com/mohitchimote/letwise-uk

PROBLEM

A friend of mine manages a portfolio of rental properties in the UK, and was tracking mortgages, tenancies, and rental income the way most landlords do — spreadsheets, plus whatever each mortgage lender's portal shows in isolation. The two things that actually matter for a landlord's return — whether any mortgage's fixed-rate period is ending soon, and whether a better rate is now available elsewhere — weren't connected anywhere. Compliance deadlines (EPC ratings, gas safety certificates) added another set of dates to track by hand.

LetWise UK was built to put portfolio equity, cashflow, and compliance deadlines in one dashboard, and — the more novel part — to automatically flag when a property's current mortgage rate is worse than what's newly available, without the landlord having to go shopping for rates themselves.

INTENDED USERS

My friend, a portfolio landlord managing multiple UK rental properties, is the primary user — tracking property valuations, mortgages, tenancies, and cashflow in one place. A second, role-gated admin interface is for platform operations: managing the market-rate data that powers the savings comparisons, monitoring subscriptions, and handling remortgage referrals.

MY ROLE

Solo engineering team, alongside a full-time product role at TCS — product design, data model, and full-stack build (TanStack Start frontend, Supabase schema and RLS policies, Cloudflare Workers deployment, Paddle billing integration).

ARCHITECTURE & STACK

TanStack Start

React

TypeScript

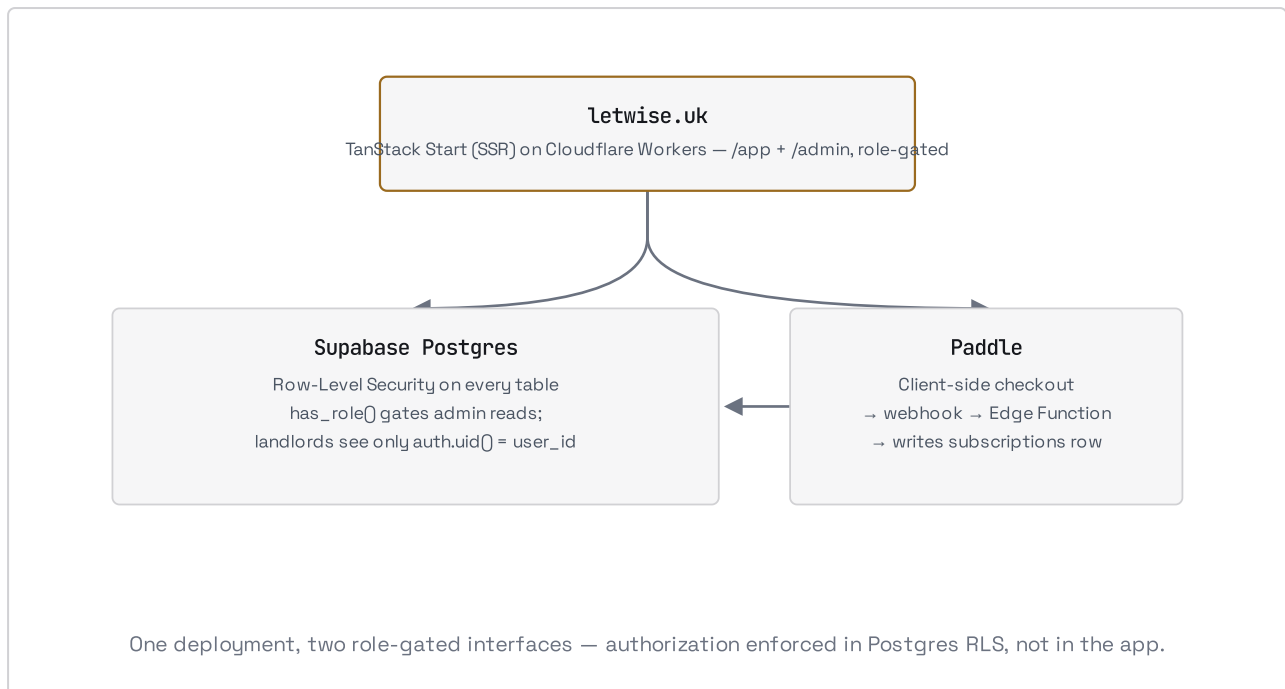
Tailwind CSS

shadcn/ui

Supabase (Postgres, Auth, Edge Functions)

Cloudflare Workers

Paddle



LetWise UK is a single TanStack Start application — React 19 with file-based routing, server-rendered and deployed to Cloudflare Workers — rather than a separate frontend and API. Role-gated route groups (`/_authenticated/*` for the landlord app, `/_authenticated/_admin/*` for the admin console) mean one deployment serves two distinct interfaces without a second app to build or ship.

Access control lives in the database, not the app. Every table — properties, mortgages, tenancies, transactions, subscriptions — has Row-Level Security enabled in Postgres via Supabase. Rather than each policy re-deriving "is this user an admin," a single `has_role()` security-definer function is called from every policy that needs it (see the snippet below). Landlords see only rows where `auth.uid() = user_id`; admins pass a role check instead. The authorization logic exists in exactly one place, not duplicated across a dozen policies or re-implemented in application code.

The savings finder is a straight comparison, not a black box. Each mortgage is matched against the latest `market_rates` row for its LTV band and term type, and the difference against the mortgage's current rate becomes a "potential monthly saving" shown on the landlord's dashboard. Acting on it logs a row to `referrals`, which shows up in the admin console's referral queue — the whole feature is a join and a subtraction, not a model.

Billing is Paddle, wired through Supabase Edge Functions. Checkout runs client-side via Paddle.js; a Supabase Edge Function verifies and handles the webhook, updating the `subscriptions` table server-side so subscription status is never trusted from the client.

Admin is a first-class interface, not an afterthought. The admin console (visually distinct — emerald rather than the landlord app's indigo) covers rate management, user

administration, a broadcast tool for announcements, the referral queue, and a read-only audit log that every admin write goes through.

CODE SNIPPET

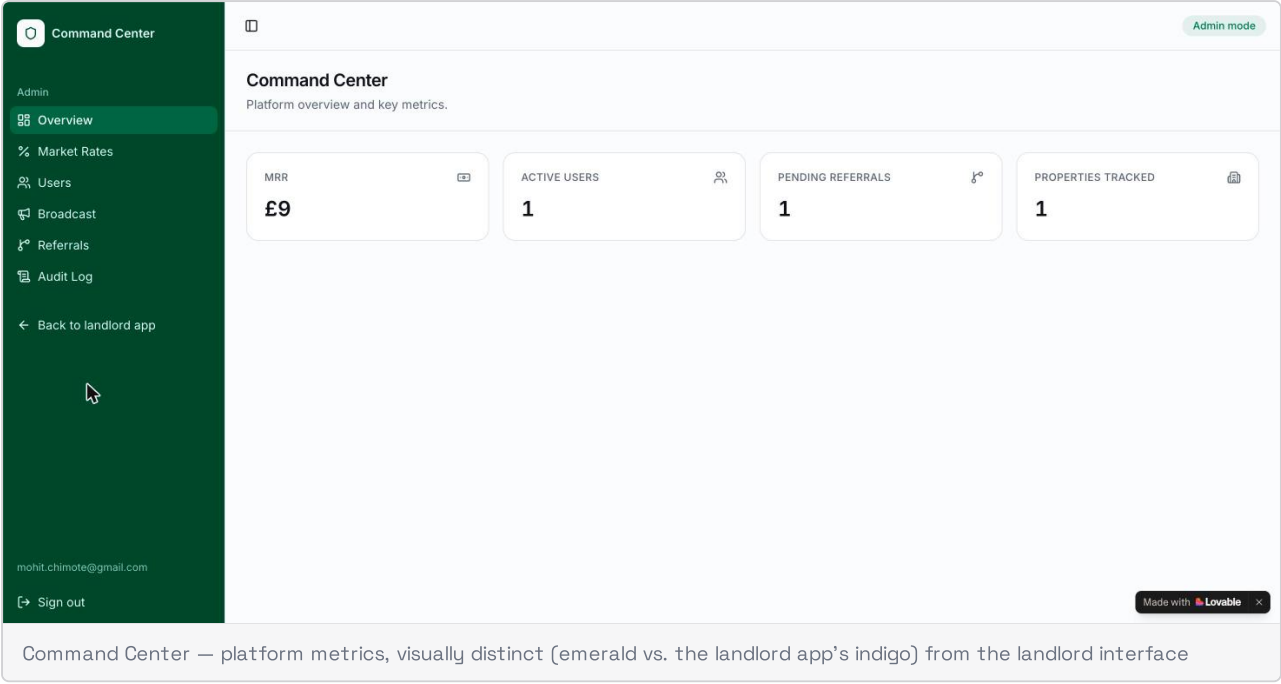
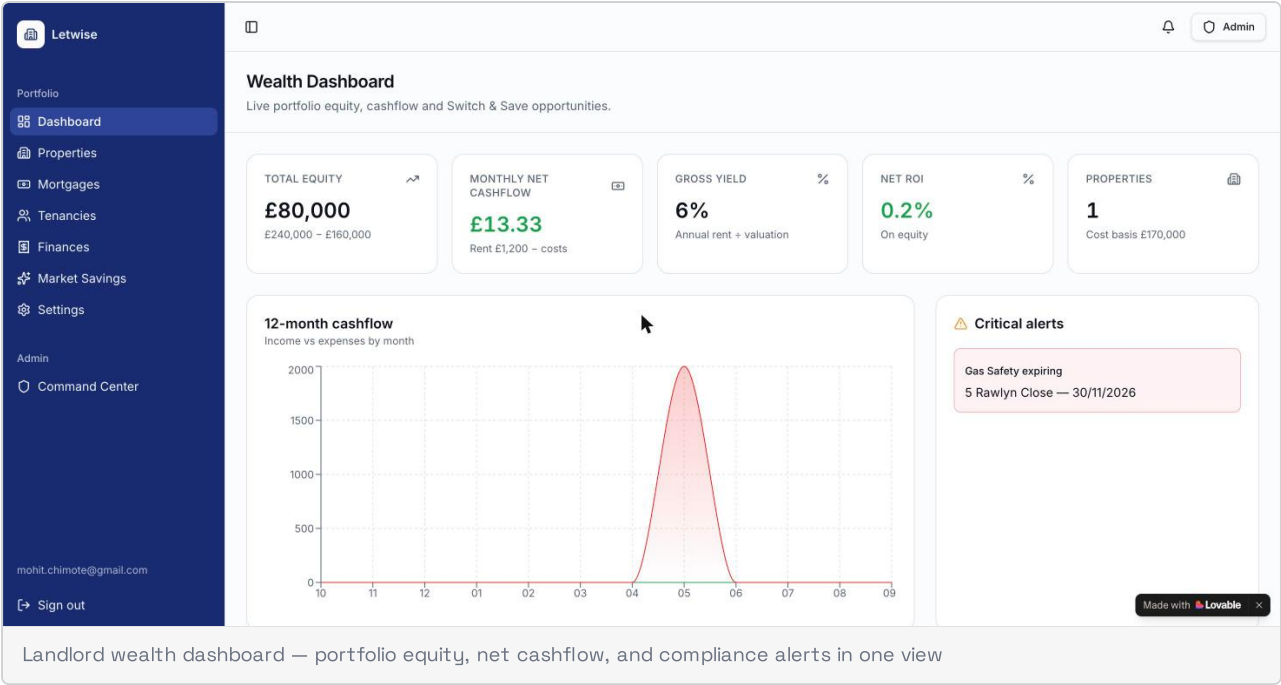
supabase/migrations/20260419221700_403e120a-61b7-4927-bed1-b532dcefa40e.sql

sql

```
-- one security-definer function, called from every RLS policy that needs a role check
create or replace function public.has_role(_user_id uuid, _role public.app_role)
returns boolean language sql stable security definer set search_path = public as $$
  select exists (select 1 from public.user_roles where user_id = _user_id and role = _role)
$$;

-- used directly in policies, e.g. (properties table):
create policy "properties_admin_select" on public.properties
  for select using (public.has_role(auth.uid(), 'admin'));
```

SCREENSHOTS



Command Center

Admin

Overview

Market Rates

Users

Broadcast

Referrals

Audit Log

Back to landlord app

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Sign out

Admin mode

Market Rates

Mortgage products that drive Switch & Save comparisons for landlords.

Last refresh: 31/07/2026, 14:30:36 - success - 10 rows from 4 sources (manual)

Refresh now

Add product

Lender / Product	Type	LTV	Rate	APRC	Fee	Term	Effective	
Barclays scraped Buy to Let 2 Year Tracker (Purchase Only).	tracker	<=60	4.40%	7.80%	£899	24m	31/07/2026	
Barclays scraped Buy to Let 2 Year Tracker (Remortgage Only).	tracker	<=60	4.40%	7.80%	£999	24m	31/07/2026	
HSBC scraped 2 Year Fixed Premier Fee Saver Buy To Let	2yr_fixed	<=60	4.76%	7.00%	£0	24m	31/07/2026	
HSBC scraped 2 Year Fixed Premier Fee Saver Buy To Let	2yr_fixed	<=60	4.76%	7.00%	£0	24m	31/07/2026	
HSBC scraped 2 Year Fixed Premier Fee Saver Buy To Let	2yr_fixed	<=60	4.76%	7.00%	£0	24m	31/07/2026	
Barclays scraped Buy to Let 2 Year Tracker (Purchase Only).	tracker	<=75	4.52%	7.80%	£899	24m	31/07/2026	
Barclays scraped Buy to Let 2 Year Tracker (Remortgage Only).	tracker	<=75	4.52%	7.80%	£999	24m	31/07/2026	
Barclays scraped Buy to Let 2 Year Fixed (Purchase Only).	2yr_fixed	<=75	4.87%	7.90%	£899	24m	31/07/2026	
Barclays scraped Buy to Let 2 Year Fixed (Remortgage Only).	2yr_fixed	<=75	5.17%	7.90%	£0	24m	31/07/2026	

Made with Lovable

Market Rates — the scraped product data every landlord's Switch & Save comparison is matched against

OUTCOME

In active use by the friend it was built for, tracking their property portfolio day to day — mortgages, tenancies, cashflow, and compliance deadlines in one dashboard instead of scattered across lender portals and spreadsheets.

The architecture decisions travel well beyond a single user, though: role-gated routing in one deployment, RLS-enforced multi-tenancy through a single `has_role()` function, and Paddle billing wired through server-verified webhooks are the same shape a genuine multi-landlord SaaS product would need — nothing here was built assuming there'd only ever be one user.

Clinic Pay Tracker

A pay-tracking and invoicing tool for a self-employed dental specialist working across two clinics with two different pay structures.

• Live

paytracker.drmonica.in github.com/mohitchimote/clinic-tracker

PROBLEM

My wife is self-employed across two dental clinics that pay her in completely different ways — one on an hourly rate plus a two-tier treatment commission and a set of flat daily bonuses, the other on a per-treatment rate table with no hourly component at all. She was tracking both by memory and a notes app, then reconstructing the month from scratch to invoice each clinic — easy to under-bill, easy to lose a day entirely.

She needed something she could log on her phone in under a minute after each shift, that would do the maths itself for whichever clinic she'd worked that day, and hand her a ready-to-send invoice at the end of the month.

INTENDED USERS

My wife — a self-employed dental specialist working across two clinics (a London practice and one in Southend-on-Sea) with different pay structures at each. She's the only user, logging her own pay on her phone after each shift.

MY ROLE

Solo engineering team, alongside a full-time role at TCS — built and maintain the whole thing: the frontend, the Worker API, and the D1 schema.

ARCHITECTURE & STACK

HTML

JavaScript

Cloudflare Workers

Cloudflare D1

GitHub Pages

It's deliberately the simplest stack that could do the job. `index.html` is the entire frontend — no framework, no build step — hosted on GitHub Pages behind a custom domain. It talks to a small Cloudflare Worker API backed by Cloudflare D1.

Two clinics, two pay formulas, one app. Each clinic has its own calculation function. The Harley clinic is hourly + tiered treatment commission + flat daily bonuses (see the snippet below); the Southend clinic is an entirely different item-and-rate-table model. Switching clinics in the UI swaps which formula and which invoice renderer is used — there's no attempt to unify them into one generic model, because they aren't actually the same shape of problem.

One table in a shared database. The D1 database (`los-db`) is shared with another one of my projects — the Worker only ever reads or writes the single `clinic_days` table that belongs to this app, identified by a YYYY-MM-DD key per day worked.

Auth is a shared password, on purpose. There's exactly one real user, so a single app-wide password gating both the frontend and the Worker API is enough — no accounts, no sessions, no OAuth. It's the right amount of engineering for who actually uses this.

Invoicing is a copy-paste, not a PDF. At month end, the invoice tab totals up hours and treatments for the period and renders a plain-text summary she copies straight into a message to the clinic — matching how she actually sends invoices today rather than generating a document nobody asked for.

CODE SNIPPET

index.html

javascript

```
function calcDay(s) {
  const hourly = s.hours * 11;
  const treats = (s.t6*12)+(s.t3*2)-(s.cons*5);
  const extras = (s.bonus?30:0)+(s.indem?2.5:0)+(s.gdc?2.5:0);
  return { hourly, treats, extras, total: hourly+treats+extras };
}
```

SCREENSHOTS

Clinic Pay Tracker

Harley Tooth Whitening · Dr Monica

Synced

Log day

This week

Invoice

Tax estimate

<

9 Sep 2026

Wednesday

>

HOURS WORKED

Start time

10:00

Finish time

17:00

Hours

Tap ± to override

-

7

+

TREATMENTS

6% treatments

+£12 each

-

4

+

3% treatments

+£2 each

-

0

+

Cons only

-£5 each

-

1

+

DAILY EXTRAS

Daily log — Harley clinic, a real logged shift (7 hrs, 4× 6% treatments, 1 cons-only) — the exact inputs to the calcDay() snippet above

Clinic Pay Tracker

Harley Tooth Whitening · Dr Monica

Synced

Log day

This week

Invoice

Tax estimate

Invoice breakdown

This week

Hourly pay — 13.5 hrs × £11

+£148.50

6% treatments — 7 × £12

+£84.00

Cons only — 1 × £5

-£5.00

Daily bonus — 2 days × £30

+£60.00

Indemnity contribution — 2 days × £2.50

+£5.00

GDC contribution — 2 days × £2.50

+£5.00

Total due

£297.50

Copy invoice text

Print / Save as PDF

Invoice breakdown — hourly pay, treatment commission, and daily extras itemised to a real total due, ready to copy or export as PDF

🏠 Clinic Pay Tracker

Tooth Club Southend-on-Sea · Dr Monica

● Synced

Log day

This week

Invoice

Tax estimate

CLINIC

Currently recording for **Tooth Club Southend-on-Sea**

Switch clinic

CONNECTION STATUS

Cloudflare D1 ● Connected

Last synced 21:53

DATA SUMMARY

Total days logged

60

Total hours

298.5

Total earned (gross)

£8114.10

Re-sync from Cloudflare

Clear all local data

Settings — the clinic switcher (she works across two, each with its own pay formula) and real cumulative usage since launch

OUTCOME

In daily use since it was built: 60 days logged, 298.5 hours, £8,114.10 tracked in gross fees — real numbers pulled straight from the app's own data summary, not an estimate. Logging a shift now takes under a minute on her phone, and month-end invoicing is copy-paste instead of reconstructing the month from memory.

It's the smallest of these projects by far, and it hasn't needed to change since — which, for a tool that has to survive being used by someone other than the person who built it, is the actual measure of whether it works.

Life Partner Seek

Matchmaking platform built for a proposed marriage bureau — complete and deployable, with a role-based visibility model built to the same standard as an enterprise RBAC system.

• Built • Awaiting operator

life-partner-seek.lovable.app/ github.com/mohitchimote/life-partner-seek

PROBLEM

A family member was planning to launch a matrimonial matchmaking bureau — the traditional model where bride and groom candidates, often with a parent managing the profile on their behalf, are matched by staff who mediate between families. That staffing model creates a real access-control problem: members need to browse and message each other, parents need visibility into a profile they manage without holding that person's login, and bureau staff (relationship managers, admins) need broad cross-profile access to do their job — but a member shouldn't see everyone's full profile, and even staff identity shouldn't be exposed to a member who has no active relationship with them.

Life Partner Seek was built to solve that access problem in the data layer, not paper over it with UI-level hiding that a direct API call could bypass.

INTENDED USERS

Bride, groom, and parent members browsing and managing matrimonial profiles, plus relationship-manager and admin roles staffing the bureau. Built for a family member who's planning to launch this as a matchmaking bureau — it hasn't launched yet, so there are no real members using it, and this write-up doesn't claim otherwise.

MY ROLE

Solo engineering team, alongside a full-time role at TCS — product design, data model, and full-stack build (React/TypeScript frontend, Supabase schema and RLS policies).

ARCHITECTURE & STACK

React

TypeScript

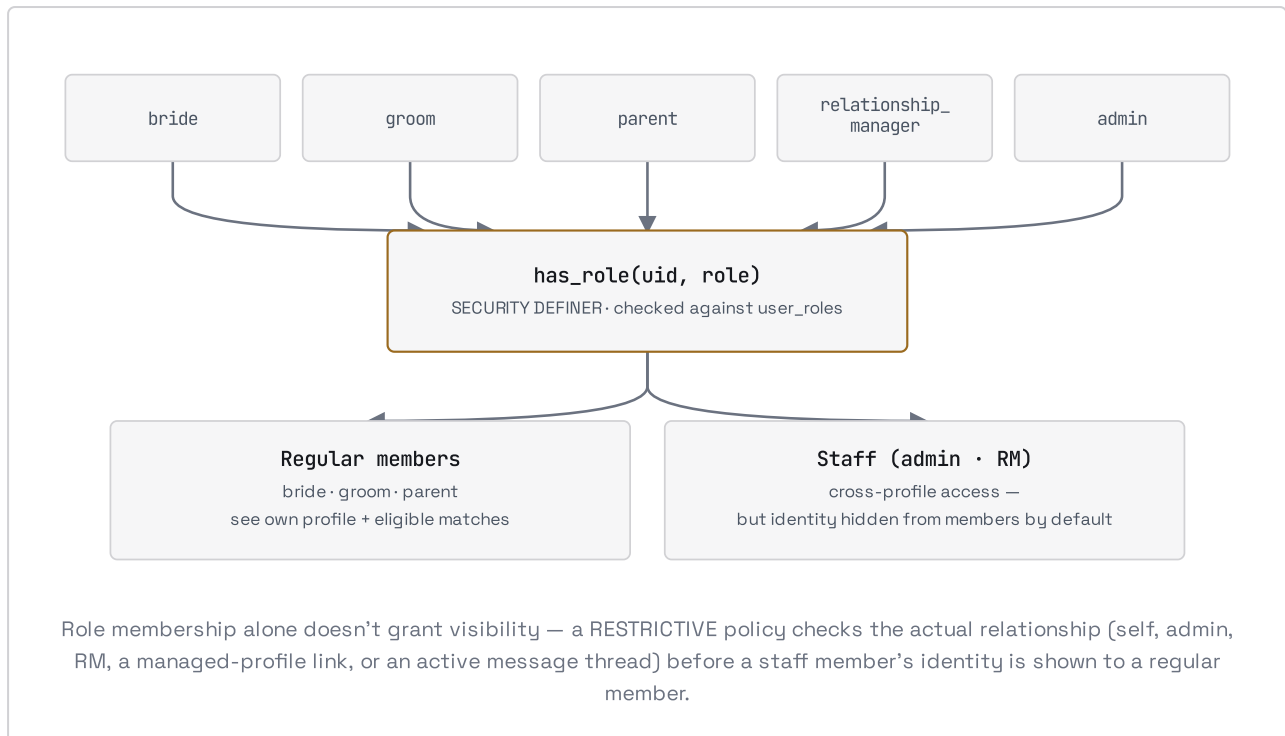
Supabase

PLpgSQL

Row-Level Security

shadcn/ui

Tailwind CSS



Five roles, one enum, one lookup table. `app_role` — `bride`, `groom`, `parent`, `relationship_manager`, `admin` — is a Postgres enum, and role membership lives in a dedicated `user_roles` table rather than as a column on `profiles`. That separation is deliberate: it's the standard defense against a user editing their own profile row to grant themselves a role they shouldn't have.

One function gates every decision. `has_role(user_id, role)` is a SECURITY DEFINER SQL function that checks `user_roles`, and it's the only thing every RLS policy calls to make an access decision — no role logic duplicated across policies or reimplemented in the frontend.

Staff access is real, but staff identity isn't free. Admins and relationship managers can see across member profiles to do their job. But a RESTRICTIVE policy on `profiles` (the snippet below) means a member can only see *who* a given admin or RM actually is if they have a genuine relationship with that staff member — themselves, an active `managed_profiles` link, or an existing message thread. Role membership alone doesn't unlock visibility in either direction by default.

Parents get delegated access, not shared logins. A `managed_profiles` table links a `manager_id` to a `managed_profile_id` with an explicit relationship (`parent` or `relationship_manager`) — so a parent managing their child's profile is a real, auditable row in the data model, not a shared password.

CODE SNIPPET

supabase/migrations/20251020212633_23ff1f4c-f63b-4f2f-9c6d-b52789f4746e.sql

sql

```
-- Allow staff names (Admin/RM) to be visible to users who have a direct message relationship with them
-- This updates the restrictive profiles visibility policy to include has_message_relationship()

DROP POLICY IF EXISTS "Restrict staff visibility" ON public.profiles;

CREATE POLICY "Restrict staff visibility"
ON public.profiles
AS RESTRICTIVE
FOR SELECT
USING (
  -- Non-staff profiles are generally visible subject to other policies
  (
    NOT has_role(id, 'admin'::app_role)
    AND NOT has_role(id, 'relationship_manager'::app_role)
  )
  OR
  -- Staff profiles (admin/RM) are visible if one of these conditions holds
  (
    (has_role(id, 'admin'::app_role) OR has_role(id, 'relationship_manager'::app_role))
    AND (
      auth.uid() = id -- self
      OR has_role(auth.uid(), 'admin'::app_role) -- admin viewing
      OR has_role(auth.uid(), 'relationship_manager'::app_role) -- RM viewing
      OR EXISTS (
        SELECT 1
        FROM public.managed_profiles mp
        WHERE mp.manager_id = profiles.id
        AND mp.managed_profile_id = auth.uid()
      )
    )
    OR has_message_relationship(auth.uid(), id) -- has DM relationship with this staff
  )
)
);
```

SCREENSHOTS

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Administrator

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- Verify Documents
- Unmatch Logs
- RM Assignments
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- Messages

Sign Out

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Admin Dashboard

Overview of your key metrics

Total Profiles9All profiles

Pending Approvals1Awaiting review

Pending Documents2Verification needed

Expiring Soon0Next 30 days

Membership Distribution

Active paid memberships

Premium2

Plus1

Free6

Action Items

Memberships expiring soon

No memberships expiring in the next 30 days

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September 2026

Admin dashboard — the unrestricted view: all profiles, pending approvals, membership tiers across the whole platform

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Manage Profiles

All Profiles

Shrish S

shirish123@gmail.com

pending

groom

active

Registered: 14 Oct 2025

Expires: 16 Jan 2026 (-242 days left)

Verify

Reject

View

Message

Inactivate

Nidhi A

nidhi123@gmail.com

verified

bride

active

Registered: 11 Oct 2025

Expires: 14 Nov 2025 (-305 days left)

Verify

Reject

View

Message

Inactivate

Satya

satya123@gmail.com

verified

groom

inactive

Marriage Fixed

Registered: 6 Oct 2025

Expires: 6 Oct 2026 (22 days left)

Admin — Manage Profiles: cross-profile access to verify, message, or inactivate any member

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Relationship Manager

Navigation

- Home
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Sign Out

Home

Relationship Manager Dashboard

Overview of your managed profiles and key metrics

Total Profiles
3
Profiles you manage

Pending Documents
2
Verification needed

Expiring Soon
0
Next 30 days

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Relationship Manager dashboard — same layout as admin, but scoped to only the profiles this RM is assigned (3, not 9)

Welcome, Nitin
Manage your children's profiles

Sign Out

Manage Your Children's Profiles

Select a child to manage their matrimonial profile, or register a new child.

Satya
satya123@gmail.com
Son

Nidhi A
nidhi123@gmail.com
Daughter

Register New Child

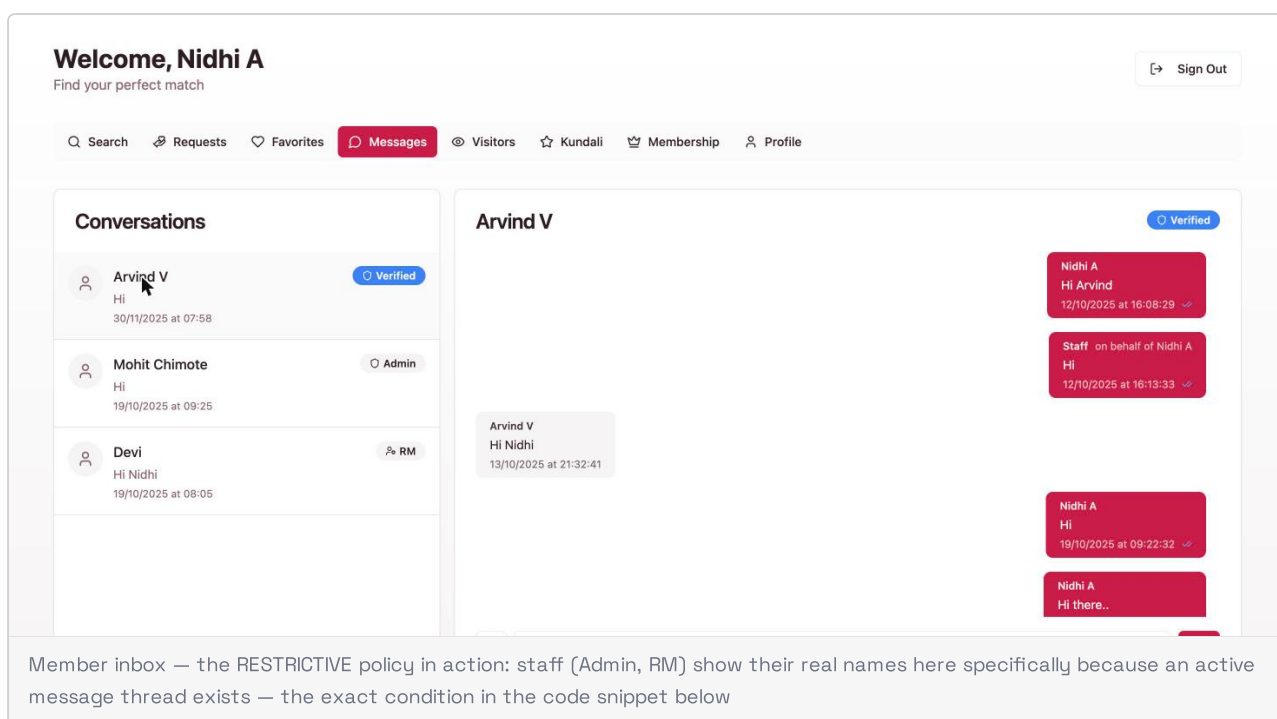
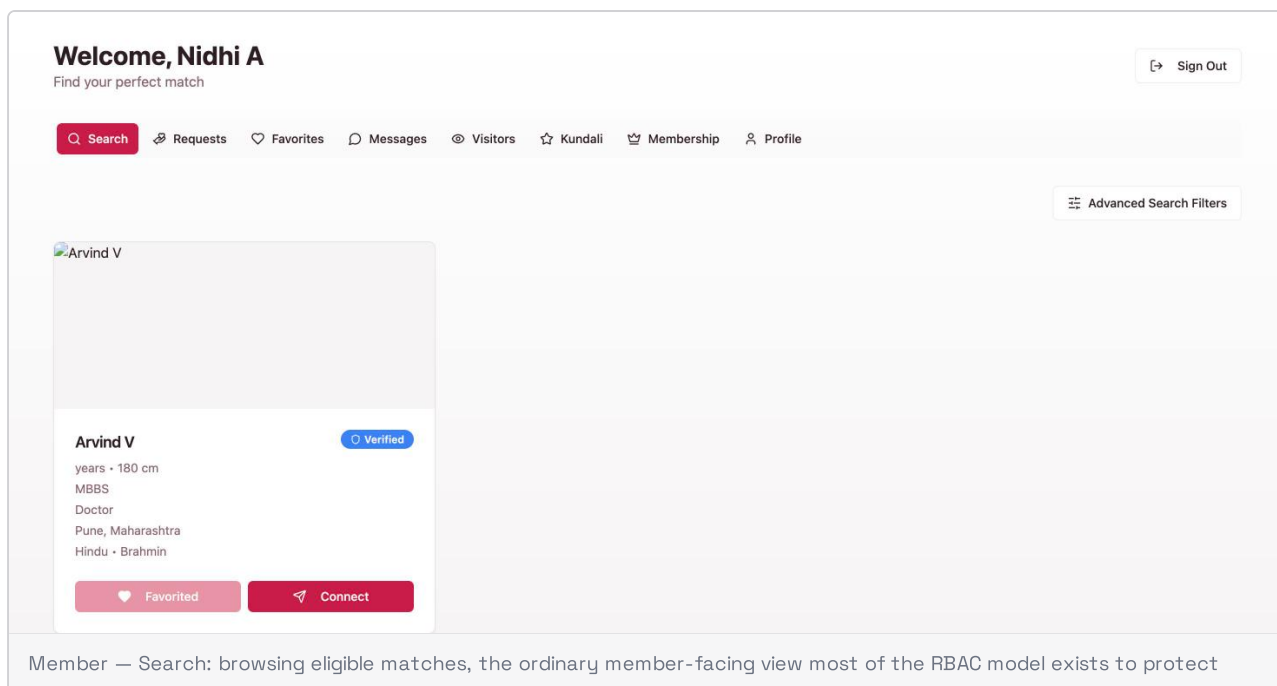
How it works:

- Register your son or daughter who is looking for a life partner
- Once registered, select their profile to manage it on their behalf
- You'll be able to view matches, send messages, and manage favorites for them
- Your child will also be able to log in independently with their email

Welcome back!

You have successfully signed in.

Parent view — managing two children's profiles via the managed_profiles delegation, not a shared login



OUTCOME

Complete and deployable, but not launched — it's waiting on its operator (the family member it was built for) to decide on go-to-market, so there are no real members or usage numbers to report yet.

It was built as though it were going into production from day one regardless: the role model wasn't bolted on after an MVP, it was there from the first schema migration, and the access-control decisions are enforced by Postgres RLS rather than trusted to the frontend.

AI Mortgage Tools

Two personal proof-of-concepts exploring AI-assisted mortgage processing with a locally-hosted Gemma model — document summarisation and affordability assessment, both built to run entirely offline.

• Proof of Concept

AI Summariser: github.com/mohitchimote/ai-summariser

AI Affordability: github.com/mohitchimote/ai-affordability

PROBLEM

Mortgage underwriters spend a lot of time on two repetitive tasks: reading long documents — application packs, valuation reports, offer condition letters, payslips — to extract what actually matters, and running affordability calculations against a moving target of UK income tax bands, National Insurance thresholds, and cost-of-living data that shifts every tax year. AI summarisation and AI-assisted affordability checks are the obvious answer to both.

The complication is that UK regulated financial services (FCA, GDPR, Consumer Duty) makes it hard to casually send customer financial data to a third-party API. Both tools exist to test a narrower question: can a fully local, offline model do this work well enough to be useful, without that data ever leaving the network?

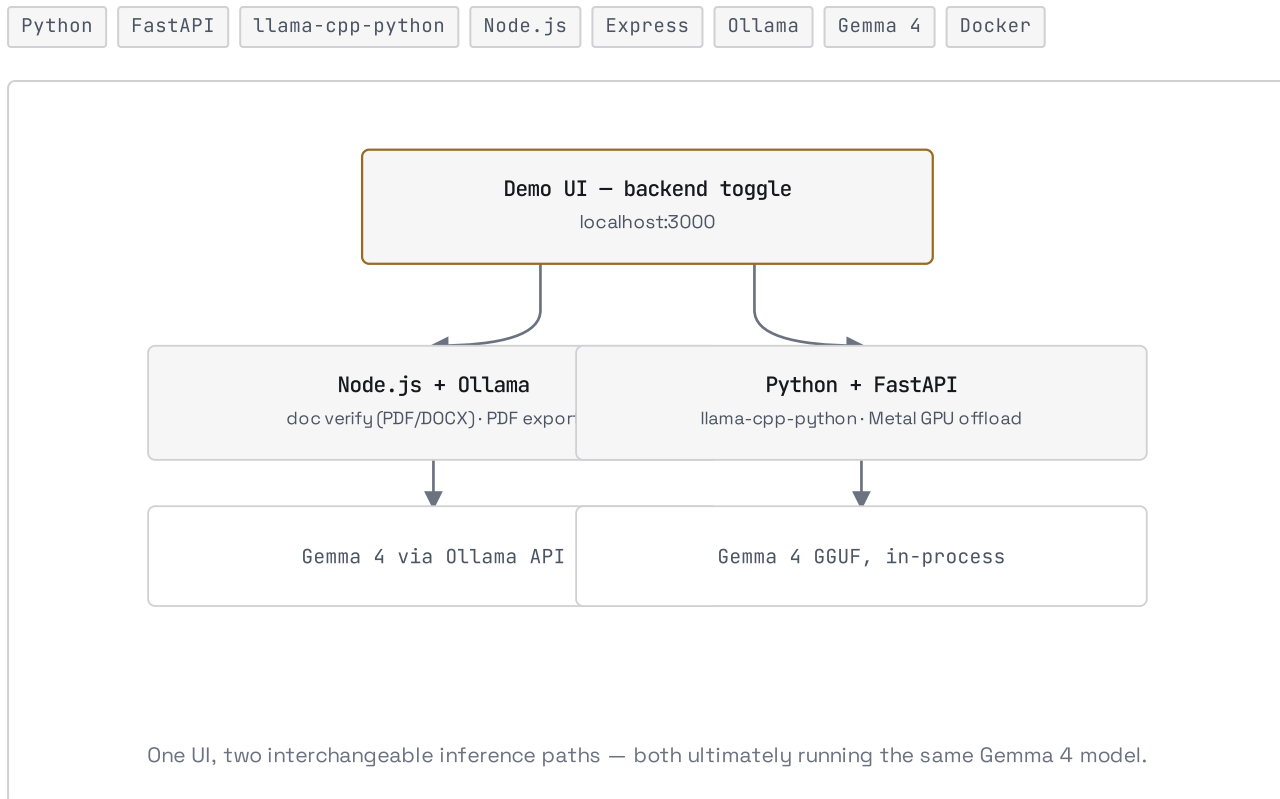
INTENDED USERS

Mortgage underwriters and processors handling long document review and affordability checks — the personas these were built to test, not a live product with real users yet. Proof-of-concept stage; production path would depend on a real employer's model-governance sign-off, which is outside the scope of a personal project.

MY ROLE

Solo engineering team, alongside a full-time product role at TCS in UK mortgage technology — the day job gave me the problem context, but both of these are independent personal builds, not TCS deliverables.

ARCHITECTURE & STACK



These are two separate services sharing a theme, not one product — kept as one case study because the interesting parts (offline inference, structured domain data) are the same story told twice.

AI Summariser — one UI, two interchangeable backends. A shared demo UI toggles between a Node.js/Ollama backend (the easier path to run locally — adds document verification via PDF/DOCX upload and PDF export of summaries) and a Python/FastAPI backend using `llama-cpp-python` with Metal GPU offload on Apple Silicon for faster in-process inference, plus a mock mode for testing the API without loading the model at all. Both ultimately run Gemma 4 — the Node path calls it through the Ollama API, the Python path loads the GGUF weights (Q4_K_M, ~5GB) directly in-process. Prompts are domain-specific per document type: mortgage application, valuation report, offer conditions, payslip verification.

AI Affordability — rules as data, not as prompt strings. The Node.js/Express backend's `promptBuilder.js` detects application type (`residential / buy_to_let / holiday_let`) from the loan and property data, then filters a set of affordability rules down to the ones that actually apply before building the prompt. UK income tax bands (England & Wales and Scotland separately), employee and self-employed National Insurance thresholds, personal allowance tapering, and ONS household cost-of-living data all live as structured reference data pulled in via `referenceData.js`, not hardcoded into the prompt text. When a tax year changes, updating the tool is a data change, not a code change.

CODE SNIPPET

node-service/promptBuilder.js

javascript

```
import { getAll } from './referenceData.js';

function fmt(n) { return Number(n).toLocaleString('en-GB'); }

function detectAppType(data) {
  const purpose = data?.loan?.purpose;
  const propType = data?.property?.type;
  if (purpose === 'holiday_let' || propType === 'holiday_let') return 'hl';
  if (purpose === 'buy_to_let' || propType === 'buy_to_let') return 'btl';
  return 'residential';
}

function filterRules(rules, appType) {
  return rules.filter(r => {
    const t = r.applicable_to || ['all'];
    return t.includes('all') || t.includes(appType);
  });
}

function formatRules(rules) {
  return rules.map(r => `[${r.category}] ${r.title}\n${r.text}`).join('\n\n');
}
```

OUTCOME

Both stayed at proof-of-concept — that decision belongs to whichever employer's model-governance process would need to sign off on production use, not something a personal project gets to decide on its own. What they did prove out: a Gemma 4 GGUF model with Metal GPU offload runs fast enough on a laptop for interactive document summarisation, and encoding UK tax and lending rules as structured reference data rather than prompt text makes the affordability tool's yearly maintenance trivial — swap a JSON file, not the code.