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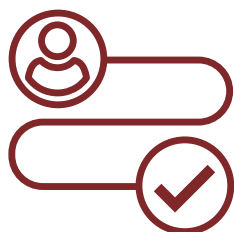
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# EVENT SUMMARY

The industry-led event brought together a diverse group of IT professionals from various industries including education, retail, healthcare, financial services, and government across the Scotland region.

The purpose of the event was to provide a platform for IT leaders to engage in peer-to-peer learning and networking, share best practices, and gain valuable insights to drive innovation and growth within their organisations. The event featured keynote speakers, panel discussions, and networking opportunities, allowing attendees to gain valuable connections and stay informed about the latest industry developments.

The event delved into pressing topics within the Scotland region, including digital transformation strategies, the role of IT in driving business success, sustainability in manufacturing, talent retention, generative AI, cybersecurity, and innovation.
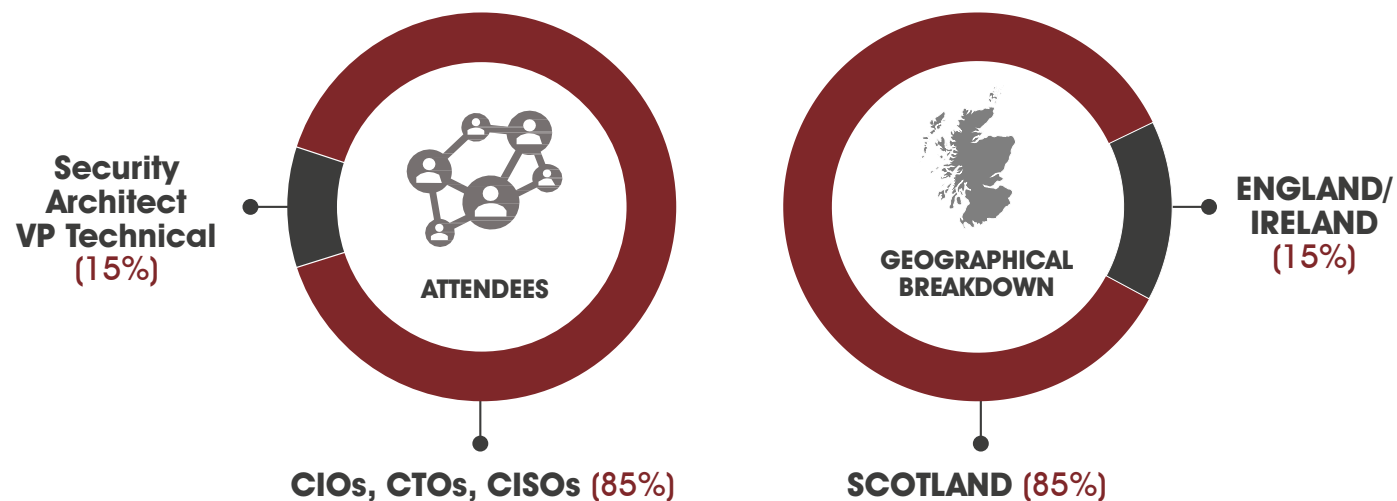
# ATTENDANCE



CIO Scotland attracted a diverse and engaged group of IT professionals from various industries and sectors across Scotland. In total, the event hosted over 100 attendees, including CIOs, CISOs, CTOs, IT Directors, Heads of Digital Transformation, Security Architects, and Software Developers.

The majority of attendees represented the healthcare, retail, education, and financial services industries, with additional representation from other sectors including government, energy, telecoms, and construction.

**Security Architect VP Technical (15%)**

**ATTENDEES**

**CIOs, CTOs, CISOs (85%)**

**GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN**

**ENGLAND/ IRELAND (15%)**

**SCOTLAND (85%)**

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# 2024 SPEAKERS 1/2

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ManageEngine - Abhinav Kaushik - Senior Technical Strategist

GSK - Cameron McKinnell - Head of Technology, Supply Chain Transformation and External Manufacturing

Haleon - Kshitij Kumar - Former Chief Data and AI Officer

HC-ONE - Harvey Neve - Director: Digital Data & Technology

Sandwell & West Birmingham NHS Trust - Martin Sadler - Exec. Director of Information Technology and Digital

NHS National Services Scotland - Steven Flockhart - Director of Digital & Security and CIO

NHS 24 - Ann- Marie Gallagher - CIO

University of Edinburgh - Claudia Pagliari - Director of Global e-Health

Acumen Cyber - Kevin Robertson - COO & Co-founder

British Gas - Paul Mitchell - Head of Digital Transformation

BT Group - Indul Hassan - Head of Engineering, Digital as a Channel

Heimdal - Andrei Hinodache - Cybersecurity Architect

KCA Deutag - Euan Davidson - Group Head of IT

Petrofac - Prashant Janaswamy - Global Head of Data Science and Automation

SSEN Transmission - James McLean - CIO

ESET - Nigel Pink - Head of Corporate Solutions UK

# 2024 SPEAKERS 2/2

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Brewdog - **Fraser Brown** - Global Head of Information Technology

Skyscanner - **Nainesh Shah** - IT Director

VPZ - **Reuben Conroy** - Head of IT

Whyte & Mackay - **Mark Hilson** - Head of IT and Business Systems

Ideara - **Vicky Pike** Founder / Managing Director

Morningstar - **Derek Smith** - Head of Technology - Wealth International

Natwest Group - **Uma Iyer** - Delivery Lead - Financial Crime Systems

Leading Financial Services Firm - **Manavalan Sundarrajan** - SVP

The Weir Group - **Walid Hadid** - Big Data Business Partner

Edinburgh Napier University - **Claire Taylor** - Director of Information Services

Herriot Watt University - **Fraser Muir** - Global Director of Information Services

University of Edinburgh - **Rick Arnautovic** - Head of Information, Infrastructure & Technology

BT Group - **Simon Haston** - CTO: Central and Devolved Government

Crown Office - **Keith Dargie** - CDIO

DWP Digital - **Jacqui Leggetter** - Head of Data Platforms & Operations (Deputy Director)

The Scottish Government - **Jonathan Cameron** - Deputy Director - Digital Health & Care

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# FEEDBACK & TESTIMONIALS 1/2

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"CIO Scotland has been an incredible platform for Heimdal to connect with
C-level leaders (particularly CIO's) and truly understand their cybersecurity challenges.
Having the opportunity to discuss real-world security strategies and how our unified platform
can support enterprises in reducing risks and addressing evolving threats has been
invaluable. It's events and panel discussions like these that help shape the future of
enterprise security, and we're proud to be part of the conversation"
**Head of Enterprise - UK & Ireland - Heimdal Security**

"ManageEngine had a fantastic time participating in the CIO Scotland event organized by
Citrus Events A big thank you to everyone who visited our booth and engaged in insightful
conversations with our team"
**Enterprise Manager UK - (ManageEngine - Division of Zoho Corporation)**

"Congratulations on a superbly run event. My team were very complimentary about Citrus
Events and the venue as well"
**Field Marketing Manager, EMEA - Egnyte**

"The line up in terms of speakers for this one is as good as I've seen across the many events
I've been involved in - well worth attending.'"
**Co- Founder - Acumen Cyber**

"Congratulations on a very positive CIO event in Edinburgh - I really enjoyed the day and
its contents from guest speakers, panel of experts providing their insights into the challenges
facing us CIO/CTO in todays every changing environments"
**MAG International**

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"CIO Scotland was an exceptional event, providing valuable insights into the application of AI across various sectors such as healthcare, oil and utilities, government, retail, and education. I was honoured to participate in the Financial Panel, where I had the opportunity to share my perspectives on AI use cases and how this shapes up financial sector"
Quality Engineering Foundation

"The day was brilliant, thank you very much for having me. Certainly hope to attend again next year"
Reuben Conroy - Head of IT VPZ

"I really enjoyed the event and already looking forward to next year! Please feel free to get in touch when you are planning the next one or if there are any other opportunities coming up"
Jonothan Cameron - Deputy Director - Digital Health and Care- The Scottish Government

'Looking forward for future events!"
Walid Hadid - Big Data Business Partner - Weir Group

"Great event and so glad you were able to bring so many leaders from across Scotlands Tech scene"
VP Technology - Morningstar

"It was a really good event and was great to meet with some of my peers and contacts in this space"
Steven Flockhart - Director of Digital & Security & CIO
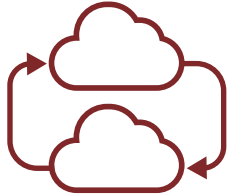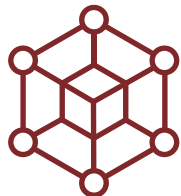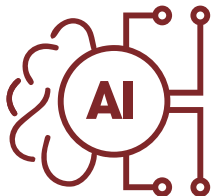
# EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Event Highlights At CIO Scotland, a variety of key topics were discussed by industry-leading thought leaders across multiple sectors. These topics included cybersecurity, generative AI, innovation, talent retention, and sustainability. Keynote presentations featured thought-provoking discussions such as: -

- Tech-Enhanced Care: Transforming The patient Journey
- Revolutionising Energy with Data and Tech Innovations
- Future of Finance: Harnessing Generative AI in Financial Services
- Tech Talent Unlocked: Strategies for Retention and Growth
- Governance Rewired: Building Ethical, Human-Centric AI for the public

Our industry-led panels explored essential topics such as retaining IT talent, the human-centric application of AI, how retailers can adopt and benefit from new disruptive technologies, unleashing innovation in the financial services sector, and empowering the patient journey through healthcare technology.

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We look forward to seeing you again next year in September 2025.