Rik Wanders

Senior Full-Stack Developer

Building scalable web applications for remote teams

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SUMMARY

Dutch Senior Full-Stack Developer residing in Spain. 10+ years Python & Node.js experience, scaling complex, high-traffic & data heavy applications with Django & React, and leading development teams. Additional skills in DevOps, CI/CD & UXD. Current with industry trends, AI & security. Thrives in agile teams / startup environments. 5+ years remote work experience.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Chipta | Amsterdam, NL | Lead Developer | 09/2015 - 03/2025

• Led distributed development team (3-5 devs) with agile methods and strict code review processes, optimizing output 25%

Tender-it | Amsterdam, NL | Lead Developer | 06/2014 - 06/2015

• Delivered complete platform with Python, Django & React in consultation with non-technical founders
• Transformed thousands of tenders daily into structured data, by making web crawlers & importers with Django & Celery
• Developed industry-first Elasticsearch-powered search engine for filtering & scoring hundreds of thousands of tenders

TravelBird | Amsterdam, NL | Senior Full-Stack Developer | 03/2013 - 08/2014

• Shipped iPhone & Android booking apps in scrum team (4) within 5 months, handling 15%+ of bookings in 3 months
• Designed REST API with JWT auth using DRF, deployed on AWS, accommodating iOS & Android apps and mobile website
• Supported acquisition by sending thousands of emails with marketing system using Python, Django, Celery & SendGrid

SKILLS

•**Backend:** Python | Django | Django REST Framework (DRF) | Flask | FastAPI | RESTful APIs | LLM integrations | pytest
•**Frontend:** JavaScript | Node.js | TypeScript | React Native | React | Svelte | Tailwind CSS | Jest
•**Databases:** PostgreSQL | MySQL | MariaDB | SQLite | SQL optimization | Elasticsearch | MongoDB | Redis
•**Development Tools:** Git | GitHub | Git Flow | Claude Code | Cursor | Neovim | tmux
•**DevOps:** Docker | Docker Compose | GitLab CI/CD | GitHub Actions | Ansible | Python Fabric | Caching strategies
•**Cloud Platforms:** Amazon Web Services | AWS EC2 | AWS S3 | AWS Lambda | Vercel | Linode
•**Dev Methodologies:** Agile | Scrum | XP | AI-Assisted Development | Secure by design | TDD | UXD

SIDE PROJECTS

EDUCATION

Software Development, Dutch Vocational Education (MBO) | Nova College, Hoofddorp, NL
Comprehensive 4-year program including foundational computer science, algorithms, and data structures.

LANGUAGES

Dutch: Native
English: Fluent

NATIONALITY

Dutch