

Rik Wanders

Senior Full Stack Developer

Dutch Senior Full Stack Developer residing in Spain, with 18+ years experience specializing in Python & Node.js ecosystems. Experienced in scaling complex & high-traffic applications and leading development teams.

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EXPERIENCE

Lead Developer

Sep 2014 - Jun 2024

Chipta · Amsterdam, The Netherlands

- Managed development teams of 3-5 developers using agile methodologies and strict code review processes
- Optimized queries and processes with 30-60%, enabling platform to process thousands of orders per minute
- Led ticket scan app creation using React Native, enabling indefinite scalability and improving revenue by 40%
- Modernized frontend using React and responsive design, increasing user engagement by over 30%
- Established comprehensive testing suite (+80% coverage) and CI/CD system enabling reliable regular releases
- Implemented payment integrations with multiple providers, processing tens of millions in transactions
- Customized Django codebase for maintaining backward compatibility with old PHP system & database
- Created internationalization capabilities enabling market expansion to Eurozone countries

Lead Developer - Part-time

Mar 2015 - Jun 2022

Tender-it · Amsterdam, The Netherlands

- Directed agile/scrum methodology while designing complete platform in consultation with non-technical founders
- Developed industry-first Elasticsearch-powered search engine filtering & sorting hundreds of thousands of tenders
- Engineered automated web crawling system importing & transforming thousands of tenders daily into structured data
- Built subscription-based authentication system with recurring payments supporting business market entry

Senior Full Stack

Mar 2013 - Aug 2014

TravelBird · Amsterdam, The Netherlands

- Delivered native iOS booking app in scrum team (4) in 5 months handling 15%+ of bookings within first 3 months
- Designed REST API using Django REST Framework, accommodating new iOS & Android apps and mobile website
- Worked on comprehensive email marketing system supporting customer acquisition and retention campaigns

Mid-level Web Developer

Aug 2011 - Feb 2013

SWIS · Leiden, The Netherlands

- Delivered web projects for major clients (Bol.com, Gemeente Amsterdam) as part of company's top Scrum team
- Developed advanced frontend & UI / UX skills supporting user engagement & client satisfaction

Junior / Mid-level Web Developer

Jun 2007 - Jun 2011

Gamepoint · The Hague, The Netherlands

- Implemented payment integrations, internationalization, and optimized MySQL database structures & queries
- Advanced from junior to mid-level in 10+ developer team, contributing to large-scale PHP codebase

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Frontend:

JavaScript, Node.js, TypeScript, React, React Native, Svelte, Jest, Web Components, Tailwind CSS, Sass

Databases:

PostgreSQL, MySQL, MariaDB, SQLite, SQL optimization, MongoDB, Elasticsearch

DevOps:

Docker (Compose), CI/CD, Ansible, GitHub Actions, Serverless functions

Serving, Caching & Load Balancing:

Nginx, Varnish, Redis, Memcached, HAProxy

Backend:

Python, Django, Flask, FastAPI, RESTful API & LLM integrations, Celery, Silk, BeautifulSoup

Development tools:

Git, GitHub, GitHub Flow, Claude Code, Cursor, VSCode, Neovim

Cloud Platforms:

Vercel, Linode, AWS

Additional Languages:

Shell / Bash, Lua, C, Objective-C, PHP