

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

Adyengo | [gitaarik/adyengo](#)

Open-source Django package for Adyen payment integration with recurring payment support. Used in production at Tender-it.

Monkful | [gitaarik/monkful](#)

Python package to easily create RESTful API's for MongoEngine documents used for MongoDB database. Inspired by Django REST framework. Used in production at Travelbird.

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