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Senior Full Stack Developer

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Summary



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.

Technical Highlights



- 💎 18+ years of full stack development experience.
- leftrightarrow Expertise in modern **Python, JavaScript & Node.js** ecosystems.
- 👥 Team leadership and project management experience.
- 💻 Additional experience in DevOps & CI/CD.
- 🔊 Skilled in developing scalable solutions for **high-traffic applications**.
- 🏡 5+ years remote work and distributed team collaboration experience.
- ⌚ AI-accelerated development skills with security best practices.

Frontend

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

Backend

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

Databases

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

Development tools

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

DevOps

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

Cloud Platforms

Vercel, Linode, AWS

Serving, Caching & Load Balancing

Nginx, Varnish, Redis, Memcached, HAProxy

Additional Languages

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



Chipta

Lead Developer | Sep 2014 - Jun 2024
Ticketing Service | Amsterdam, The Netherlands
chipta.com/



Led technical development of innovative ticketing platform for 10 years, scaling from concept to processing thousands of tickets per minute during peak events. Transformed proof of concept into robust, scalable platform serving thousands of events.

Key Achievements:

Team Leadership

Managed development teams of 3-5 developers using agile methodologies and extensive code review processes

Platform Scalability

Architected scalable systems handling extreme traffic spikes, processing thousands of orders per minute

System Reliability

Created comprehensive testing suite (+80% coverage) and CI/CD system enabling reliable regular releases

Payment Integration

Implemented payment integrations with multiple providers, processing tens of millions in transactions

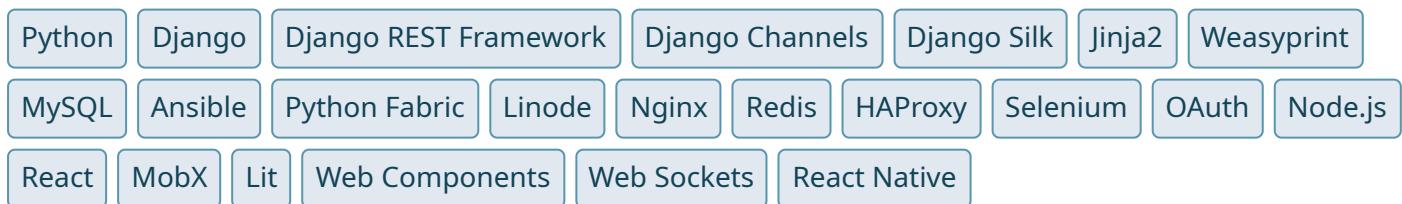
Technical Innovation

Customized Django codebase for maintaining backward compatibility with old PHP system & database

Market Expansion

Created internationalization capabilities enabling market expansion to Eurozone countries

Technologies Used:





Tender-it

Lead Developer

Mar 2015 - Jun 2022

Tender Discovery Platform

Amsterdam, The Netherlands



Built comprehensive tender discovery platform from scratch, enabling companies to efficiently find and track public procurement opportunities. Delivered complete platform with intuitive interface and administrative tools as part-time engagement.

Key Achievements:

Product Development

Leading agile/scrum methodology while designing complete platform in consultation with non-technical founders

Search Innovation

Implemented industry-first Elasticsearch-powered search engine for efficient tender discovery

Data Automation

Created automated web crawling system indexing thousands of tenders daily into structured data

Revenue Model

Built subscription-based authentication with recurring payments supporting business growth

User Experience

Delivered intuitive "saved searches" and email notifications for user retention

Frontend Optimization

Collaborated on frontend optimization using Vue.js

Technologies Used:

- Python
- Django
- Django REST Framework
- Django Celery
- Python Requests
- MySQL
- Beautifulsoup
- Elasticsearch
- Linode
- Nginx
- Node.js
- React
- Vue.js
- Webpack



TravelBird

👤 Senior Full Stack 📅 Mar 2013 - Aug 2014

🏢 Online Travel Agent 📍 Amsterdam, The Netherlands

🔗 travelbird.com/



TravelBird

Contributed to mobile app development during rapid growth phase (50 to 250+ employees), supporting European market expansion. Delivered iOS app and mobile website during critical period for travel industry mobile adoption.

Key Achievements:

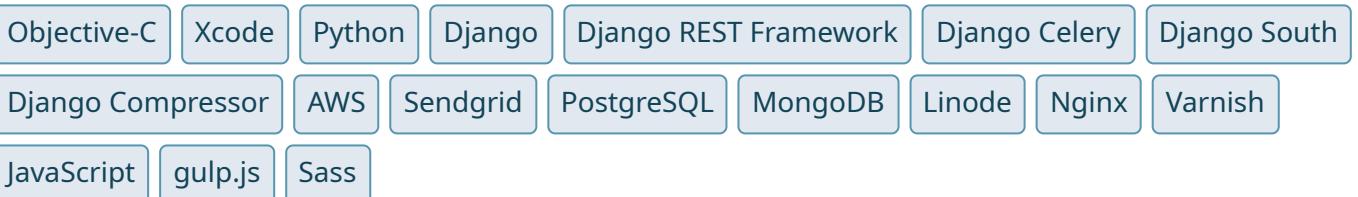
📱 Mobile & API Development

Built iOS app and robust REST API using Django REST Framework for mobile platforms

✉️ Email Marketing Platform

Developed comprehensive email marketing system for customer acquisition and retention

Technologies Used:





SWIS

👤 Mid-level Web Developer 📅 Aug 2011 - Feb 2013
🏢 Web Development Agency 💎 Leiden, The Netherlands
✉️ swis.nl/



Delivered web solutions for high-profile clients including major e-commerce and government organizations as part of dedicated Scrum team. Maintained agency's reputation for quality while meeting diverse client requirements.

Key Achievements:

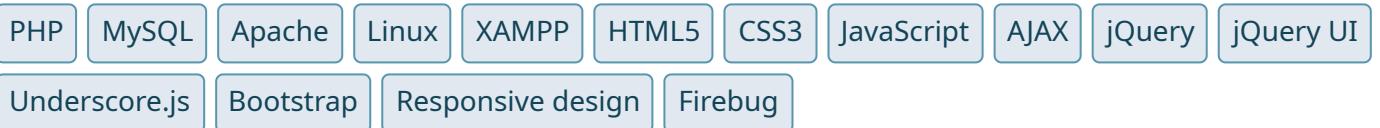
⌚ Client Delivery

Delivered web projects for major clients (Bol.com, Gemeente Amsterdam) using Scrum methodology

⌚ Frontend & CMS Development

Developed advanced jQuery/UX skills and mastered in-house CMS for rapid customization

Technologies Used:





Gamepoint

Junior / Mid-level Web Developer Jun 2007 - Jun 2011

Casual Gaming / Community The Hague, The Netherlands

gamepoint.biz/



GamePoint

Progressed from junior to mid-level developer at established gaming community platform serving hundreds of thousands of users. Contributed to platform stability, feature development, and system enhancements.

Key Achievements:

Platform Development

Implemented payment integrations, internationalization, and optimized MySQL database structures

Team Collaboration & Growth

Advanced from junior to mid-level in 10+ developer team, contributing to large-scale PHP codebase

Technologies Used:

PHP MySQL Linux nginx Memcached HTML CSS JavaScript jQuery AJAX
YUI Library

References



Michaël de Groot - Founder of Chipta

"Rik modernized our client-facing interfaces and implemented optimizations that delivered substantial performance improvements. His work enabled us to process thousands of tickets rapidly during our busiest periods."



Elmar Krack - Co-founder of Tender-it

"Rik demonstrated exceptional technical leadership by designing and developing our entire platform from the ground up, handling both backend and frontend development with impressive skill."



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