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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.
-  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	 Backend
JavaScript, Node.js, TypeScript, React, React Native, Svelte, Jest, Web Components, Tailwind CSS, Sass	Python, Django, Flask, FastAPI, RESTful API & LLM integrations, Celery, Silk, BeautifulSoup
 Databases	 Development tools
PostgreSQL, MySQL, MariaDB, SQLite, SQL optimization, MongoDB, Elasticsearch	Git, GitHub, GitHub Flow, Claude Code, Cursor, VSCode, Neovim
 DevOps	 Cloud Platforms
Docker (Compose), CI/CD, Ansible, GitHub Actions, Serverless functions	Vercel, Linode, AWS
 Serving, Caching & Load Balancing	 Additional Languages
Nginx, Varnish, Redis, Memcached, HAProxy	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 code reviews	Platform Scalability Architected scalable systems handling extreme traffic spikes, delivering 30-60% performance improvements
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 Developed custom authentication, mailing, and localization systems with backward compatibility	Market Expansion Created multi-language platform capabilities enabling international market expansion

Technologies Used:

Python	Django	Django REST Framework	Django Channels	Django Silk	Jinja2	Weasyprint			
MySQL	Ansible	Python Fabric	Linode	Nginx	Redis	HAProxy	Selenium	OAuth	Node.js
React	MobX	Lit	Web Components	Web Sockets	React Native				



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

Designed and developed complete platform from concept to production

Search Innovation

Implemented Elasticsearch-powered search engine for efficient tender discovery

Data Automation

Created automated web crawling system indexing thousands of tenders daily

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/



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:

Objective-C Xcode Python Django Django REST Framework Django Celery Django South
Django Compressor AWS Sendgrid PostgreSQL MongoDB Linode Nginx Varnish
JavaScript gulp.js Sass



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:

[PHP](#)[MySQL](#)[Apache](#)[Linux](#)[XAMPP](#)[HTML5](#)[CSS3](#)[JavaScript](#)[AJAX](#)[jQuery](#)[jQuery UI](#)[Underscore.js](#)[Bootstrap](#)[Responsive design](#)[Firebug](#)



Gamepoint

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

🏢 Casual Gaming / Community 📍 The Hague, The Netherlands

🌐 gamepoint.biz/



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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