

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 extensive code review processes
- Architected scalable systems handling extreme traffic spikes, processing thousands of orders per minute
- Created 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

Mar 2015 - Jun 2022

Tender-it · Amsterdam, The Netherlands

- Leading agile/scrum methodology while designing complete platform in consultation with non-technical founders
- Implemented industry-first Elasticsearch-powered search engine for efficient tender discovery
- Created automated web crawling system indexing thousands of tenders daily into structured data
- Built subscription-based authentication with recurring payments supporting business growth
- Delivered intuitive "saved searches" and email notifications for user retention
- Collaborated on frontend optimization using Vue.js

Senior Full Stack

Mar 2013 - Aug 2014

TravelBird · Amsterdam, The Netherlands

- Built iOS app and robust REST API using Django REST Framework for mobile platforms
- Developed comprehensive email marketing system for customer acquisition and retention

Mid-level Web Developer

Aug 2011 - Feb 2013

SWIS · Leiden, The Netherlands

- Delivered web projects for major clients (Bol.com, Gemeente Amsterdam) using Scrum methodology
- Developed advanced jQuery/UX skills and mastered in-house CMS for rapid customization

Junior / Mid-level Web Developer

Jun 2007 - Jun 2011

Gamepoint · The Hague, The Netherlands

- Implemented payment integrations, internationalization, and optimized MySQL database structures
- 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