# Kieren Davies

## Polyglot Software Engineer



## Education

2011-2014

B.Sc. Mathematics and Computer Science, University of Cape Town

2016 B.Sc. (Hons.) Computer Science, University of Cape Town

Selected work experience

Oct 2021-present

Staff Software Engineer, Zivver, Amsterdam (remote)

#### **Enablement**

Designed, implemented, and documented systems and tools to improve developer experience, velocity, and software quality. Collaborated extensively with product development, infrastructure, and security teams. Guided teams to apply DevOps practices.

- Redesigned critical continuous integration pipelines.
- Implemented automated code quality scanning.

#### **Backend**

Implemented product features, and ensured the security and scalability of backend services.

- Coached a junior engineer through designing, implementing, and deploying a new service which scales to thousands of update events per second.
- Planned and oversaw an online migration of 100 million records of business-critical data from PostgreSQL to S3.
- Designed, implemented, and verified a new authentication protocol in a single week to land large new customer.
- Established and participated in an on-call rotation.
- Established and organised weekly internal "tech talks".
- Updated the technical interview process, created and refined a new assignment and evaluation guidelines, and ran interviewer training.

Jan 2021–Oct 2021 Engineering Manager, Zivver, Amsterdam (remote)

Grew and managed a cross-functional team of 8 backend, frontend, and QA engineers.

Jul 2020-Jan 2021 Senior Software Engineer, Zivver, Amsterdam (remote)

Jan 2019-Feb 2020 Senior Software Engineer, Independent View, Amsterdam

Jan 2017-Jan 2019 Software Engineer, Booking.com, Amsterdam

Nov 2014-Aug 2015 Software Engineer Intern, Amazon Web Services, Cape Town

Dec 2012-Feb 2013 Software Engineer Intern, Facebook, Menlo Park, CA

## **Publications**

K. Davies, C. M. Keet, and A. Ławrynowicz, "More effective ontology authoring with test-driven development and the TDDonto2 tool," International Journal on Artificial Intelligence Tools, 2019.

### Achievements

2014, 2017 World finalist, ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest