



# WYNAND THERON

BACKEND SOFTWARE  
DEVELOPER

Backend developer with 6+ years of experience building scalable APIs for FinTech applications. Passionate about clean code, performance optimization, and developer mentorship.

## CONTACT

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## LINKS

- 🌐 [wynand91.github.io/portfolio/](https://wynand91.github.io/portfolio/)
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## SKILLS

- Python
- Django
- Django REST Framework
- PostgreSQL
- RESTful API Design
- JavaScript
- HTML / CSS
- Agile Methodologies
- AWS Technologies
- Version control
- CI/CD
- Docker



## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Technical Sabbatical

(Nov 2024 - Current)

- Took a brief sabbatical for personal growth and skill enhancement.
- Built a Django OIDC package (View [fedauth](#)) - multi-tenant Django admin/frontend login.
- Developed a full-featured Django/DRF sample app with CI/CD, testing, and API design (View [TravelSure](#))
- Did a few courses (DSA, Design Patterns, System Design, ReactJS)
- Updated personal projects and portfolio site.

### Byte Orbit

(2018 - 2024)

#### Intermediate Backend Developer

(Oct 2021- Oct 2024)

- Part of backend team that developed the 'Shoprite MoneyMarket app', a multi-million-user platform awarded MTN's 2022 'Business App of the Year' and 'Most Innovative App'.
- Lead developer for the Money Market USSD app.
- Main stack: Python, Django, Django REST Framework, PostgreSQL.
- Implemented, assisted and optimised high-volume APIs including KYC, Store Locator, and VAS systems – cutting response times by up to 90% via async tasks, caching, and query optimisations.
- Implemented highly reliable ledger transaction APIs processing millions in rands monthly.
- Assisted in delivering robust EFT integration enabling wallet top-ups from any external bank accounts.
- Integrated with in-store legacy POS (Point of Sale) kiosks (using XML)
- Implemented automated daily reporting, integrating with AWS S3 & SFTP file handling, replacing manual workflows and saving Shoprite staff thousands of hours.
- Assisted with optimising internal metrics dashboard, cutting load times from several minutes to ~3s
- Streamlined operational workflows by customising Django Admin with group-based access controls and actions – reducing cross-team friction and eliminating time-wasting ad hoc requests.
- Trusted with direct production scripting, handling high-risk, time-sensitive interventions (e.g. account locks during fraud escalations), demonstrating reliability and composure under pressure.
- Worked with supporting technologies such as Redis, Huey, Celery, and Docker.
- Final reviewer on PRs before senior approval.
- Served as mentor to several junior developers.



## Intermediate Backend Developer continued (Byte Orbit)

- Supported additional projects via:
  - Code reviews
  - Debugging
  - Dependency upgrades or switching
- Built POC apps using alternate technologies like Node.js, NestJS, TypeScript, WebSockets, Apache Kafka, Golang.

## Junior Backend Developer

(Jan 2019 - Sep 2021)

- Intern for 5 months, whereafter I started as a junior dev.
- Completed the Udacity Full-stack Developer Nanodegree.
- Contributed to various backend projects, including the award-winning forex and investment app 'Shyft', through bug fixes, code reviews, and new feature development.

## Outdoor Warehouse

(Feb 2010 - Mar 2018)

- Sales assistant
- Receiving manager



## EDUCATION

### BSc Human Life Sciences

University of Stellenbosch  
2011 - 2013

### Diploma in Marketing Management

Boland College  
2016 - 2017



## CERTIFICATIONS

### AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner

Amazon Web Services  
View [Badge](#)

### Full-stack Developer Nanodegree

Udacity  
View [Certificate](#)

## LANGUAGES

- English (Fluent)
- Afrikaans (Fluent)
- German (Basic)

## REFERENCES

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**Recommendation letters** and more **references** can be provided on request.