

Theo van der Sluijs

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Profile Summary

With a strong background in technology and project management, I am committed to a sustainable future. At Zeeuwind, I combine innovation and collaboration to make homes and businesses more sustainable and drive the energy transition forward.

Languages

Dutch (C2 level)
English (C1 level)
German (B1 level)

Personal Interests

Home Automation
Raspberry pi / Linux / Docker
Python development
Open-source contributions
Renewable energy & Sustainability

Personal Activities

Hiking
Indoor Rowing
Energy Coach Volunteer

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Profile

With a background in software development and product management, I have always used technology to optimize processes and create impact. As Manager Sustainable Built Environment at Zeeuwind / Energiek Zeeland, I focus on making homes and businesses more sustainable, collaborating with municipalities and other partners. I coordinate neighborhood-focused sustainability projects and explore innovative solutions such as home batteries, EMS, and small heat networks.

I leverage my technical expertise to develop digital platforms that support homeowners and energy coaches in their sustainability journey. From API-based energy data systems to implementing smart energy solutions, I believe technology plays a crucial role in the energy transition.

Over the years, I have learned that success is not just defined by technology or project goals but by the positive impact we create – whether by making a community more sustainable or improving energy management.

At my core, I am a bridge between technology and sustainability, between strategy and execution, and between people and innovation. My goal? To accelerate the energy transition and make sustainability accessible to everyone.

Work Experience

Manager Sustainable Built Environment **Zeeuwind / Energiek Zeeland**

2025 - Present
Vlissingen, Zeeland, Netherlands

At Zeeuwind, I lead the sustainability efforts for homes and SMEs through Energiek Zeeland. I develop and coordinate neighborhood-focused sustainability projects, collaborate with municipalities and external partners, and ensure a future-proof digital platform for homeowners and energy coaches. Additionally, I research and implement innovative solutions such as home batteries, energy management systems (EMS), and small heat networks. My work is centered around collaboration and practical solutions to make sustainability accessible and achievable for everyone.

Skills: Sustainable project management, Stakeholder management, Innovation in energy transition, Strategic and operational leadership, Digital platform development

Senior Product Owner **Maxxton**

2023 - 2025
Middelburg, NL / Pune, India

As Product Owner at Maxxton, I lead a team of 18 backend and frontend developers, designers, and QA professionals in India. I visit India regularly and maintain daily contact to ensure smooth communication and efficient workflows. I work with clients such as Roompot, Landal, and Farmcamps to provide tailored solutions. My focus is on developing secure, well-tested financial modules that streamline operations and enhance user experience.

Skills: Project Management, Team Leadership, Software Development, Agile Methodologies, Product Owner, DAC7 Legislation

Product Owner **PAY.**

2022 - 2023
Spijkenisse, NL / Enschede, NL

At Pay, I was a Product Manager/Product Owner leading a team of 8 developers. My role involved creating robust and secure payment processing software. With skills in analytical thinking, business analysis, agile methodologies, and project planning, I ensured our solutions met high standards. I collaborated with major banks and organizations like iDeal, IN3, and ING to deliver reliable and secure payment systems.

Skills: Project Management, Project Planning, Product Owner, Analytical Skills, Business Analysis, Team Leadership, Agile Methodologies

Project Manager / Operational Lead **XSARUS | Digital Commerce**


2021 - 2022
Middelharnis, NL

As Project Manager/Operational Lead at XSARUS, I led a team of 8 developers to build secure webshops for major fashion brands like Bomont and Nora. Specializing in Magento e-commerce, I promoted collaboration, innovation, and agile methodologies to deliver robust online shopping experiences. I ensured projects met deadlines, budgets, and quality expectations while maintaining clear client communication.

Skills: Team Leadership, Project Management, Operations Management, Agile Methodologies, Product Owner

More work experience can be found on my LinkedIn page
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Education



Haagse Hogeschool/TH Rijswijk

1996 - 2001

VIA, Design and Interaction



MEAO Oude Tonge

1991 - 1996

Computer Science & Business Administration



Willem van Oranje

1987 - 1991

MAVO

Technical Skills

Debian, Docker, MySQL, Oracle, SQL, PostgreSQL, Lotus Notes Formulas, LotusScript, ABAP-OO, Flex2.0, Product Owner, PDF Form Script, VisualBasic, PHP, ASP Classic, Python, ActionScript, Bash, Raspberry Pi, Home Automation

Professional Interests & Activities

- Leading cross-functional IT teams for global software projects.
- Agile coaching and team management.
- Conducting workshops and training on Agile methodologies.
- Managing the product lifecycle from concept to launch.
- Collaborating with international teams to drive innovation.
- Optimizing software development processes for efficiency.
- Implementing and managing cybersecurity measures in IT projects.
- Conducting security audits and risk assessments for software systems.
- Presenting at (industry) conferences on sustainability or tech.

Certificates

- Professional Scrum Master™ I (PSM I)
- Professional Scrum Product Owner™ I (PSPO I)
- Professional Scrum Product Owner™ II (PSPO II)
- NUCLEAR01x: Understanding Nuclear Energy

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Hobby projects



SH Python Installer

<https://github.com/tvdsluijs/sh-python-installer>

Updating Python on systems like Raspberry Pi and Ubuntu can often be a complex and problematic task. This process usually involves navigating various dependencies, handling potential conflicts, and ensuring compatibility with existing applications. This can be particularly daunting for users who are not deeply familiar with system administration. In light of this challenge, my script offers a streamlined solution. With just a single command line, you can effortlessly update your Python version to any desired release. This straightforward script eliminates the usual issues and complexities associated with Python updates, making it accessible and hassle-free for everyone, regardless of their technical expertise.



Energy Pricing Project

<https://energieadvieszeeland.nl/eprijzen/>

In early 2021, when energy prices were rising, I discovered the benefits of negative electricity prices with a friend. This led to ePrijsen, a platform that monitors dynamic energy prices. I wrote a Python script that alerts via Telegram when prices are low. What started as a personal project grew into a service for thousands of users. Using Docker and Digital Ocean, I ensured scalability and stability. By the end of 2023, ePrijsen reached 13,000 users.



Home Assistant Configuration on GitHub

<https://github.com/tvdsluijs/home-assistant-config>

This repository contains my personal Home Assistant configuration, aimed at improving and automating my home environment. It provides an overview of YAML files, scripts, and other necessary configurations. This setup is specifically tailored to my needs but can serve as inspiration or a starting point for others. The goal is to provide insight into my system and offer ideas and guidelines for creating your own Home Assistant environment.

Non-work related roles



Energy transition workgroup Nisse - Chairman

2022 - Present

As the Chairman of the Sustainability Work Group, I collaborate with the councilors and municipal officials of the municipality of Borsele. Our group includes a former CEO of a major energy company, a building constructor, and a chemical scientist. Together, we assist the inhabitants of Nisse in creating sustainable housing solutions.

<https://www.borsele.nl/werkgroep-duurzaam-nisse>



Stichting dorpsraad Nisse, Gemeente Borsele - Chairman

2020 - Present

As the Chairman of the Village Council, I collaborate closely with the councilors and municipal officials of the municipality of Borsele to maintain and enhance the quality of life in Nisse. My role involves strategic planning and community engagement to ensure our town remains a great and pleasant place to live.

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