Riku Nurminen

Full-stack developer and technical owner

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PROFILE

I take over the technical side of a product — architecture, backend, frontend, deployment — so a founder or CTO has one person they can hand it to.

Coding since 1996, building commercial web software since 2003. Self-taught, backend-focused but frontend-capable. I prefer building things that work over things that look impressive, and being the senior technical counterpart to a founder or CTO over being one of many hands on someone else's backlog.

SKILLS

- **Daily:** JavaScript, Node.js, Vue.js, REST APIs, WebSockets, PostgreSQL, MySQL/MariaDB, MongoDB, Redis, Linux, Docker, Nginx, Cloudflare, CI/CD (GitHub Actions, GitLab CI), cloud VMs (Azure, AWS, GCP), architecture and legacy rebuilds
- **Also:** Rust, Vite, Ruby on Rails, gRPC, Tailwind, testing (unit, integration, e2e)
- **Earlier:** C, C++, Perl, PHP, Python, OpenGL

EXPERIENCE

The Rudolf Oy — Technical owner (through Nurminen Development Oy Ltd) 2022–2025

- Brought in for limited backend support; ended up owning the full stack.
- Rebuilt the Node.js backend from an unmaintainable state, and shipped a new Vue.js frontend after the previous developer couldn't finish it.
- Sole technical owner for three years: architecture, implementation and delivery, with no handoff between backend, frontend and infrastructure.

tieto.nurminen.dev — Founder and instructor 2024–

- Courses on cloud infrastructure (Azure, AWS, GCP), Docker and Node.js in production, including the learning platform itself.

Intoloop Oy (Campwire) — Consultant 2020–2021

- Built a Node.js microservice that added discussions (commenting) to their Rails course platform.
- Part of the Rails team building the platform itself, including a Chargebee integration for recurring subscriptions.

XL-Autopesu.com Oy — Consultant 2021

- Built a Vue.js and Node.js admin interface for an existing MariaDB database.

Comgate Oy — Consultant 2019–2020

- Built a Node.js microservice that connected their legacy ERP to travel-industry providers (Expedia, Bokun, Viator).
- Part of the Rails team building their SaaS application.

Freelance — Web developer 2003–2019

- Upwork projects (2017–2019); full-stack web development and IT support for small businesses as Rikun Mediatuotanto (2012–2015); website redesigns and HTML5 rewrites.

Datapoli Oy — Full-stack web developer 2007

- PHP, MySQL, HTML5, CSS.

Finnish RK-Group Oy — Consultant 2003–2005

- Custom bulk-order web app, PHP/MySQL. My first commercial project was a PHP/MySQL webshop in 2003.

WORKING TOGETHER

- B2B through my Finnish company, Nurminen Development Oy Ltd.
- Finland (EET): full overlap with European hours and US East Coast mornings.
- AI coding agents in my workflow: I design and review, agents implement, automated checks and a review run on every change. I read and own every line that ships.

EDUCATION AND LANGUAGES

- Koulutuskeskus Salpaus — Audiovisual Communication, 2011–2013
- Finnish (native), English (fluent, professional working proficiency)