

**Kyle Wiens**, an American entrepreneur, conservationist, and advocate for the Right to Repair movement, is the CEO and co-founder of iFixit.

Wiens earned a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from California Polytechnic State University (Cal Poly), San Luis Obispo in 2005. During his time at Cal Poly, he noticed the scarcity of online resources for fixing electronic devices. It was there that he and his college friend Luke Soules founded iFixit in 2003.

iFixit began as an online platform for Apple repair guides. Over the years, it has grown into an international community known for its open-source repair manuals and product teardowns. The platform provides repair instructions for thousands of devices, encouraging people to repair their items rather than discarding them and contributing to e-waste.

In his role as CEO of iFixit, Wiens has led a mission to make repair knowledge universally accessible, thus reducing electronic waste and improving sustainability. He believes in "Design for Repair," a principle that encourages manufacturers to design their products with their lifecycle in mind, including reparability and end-of-life disposal.

In 2011, Wiens branched out to create Dozuki, a software company focused on creating user-friendly digital manuals for manufacturing. As Chief Software Architect, he spent a decade (until 2021) improving production efficiency and information transparency in the manufacturing sector.

Wiens' influence extends beyond his entrepreneurial ventures. He has been a strong advocate for the Right to Repair movement, which seeks to change laws to make it easier for consumers to repair their own electronic devices. As the Chairman of the Board for The Repair Association since January 2015, he has spearheaded legal efforts that successfully resulted in the legalization of the Right to Repair in various jurisdictions.

In his advocacy work, Wiens has testified before the US Copyright Office and the International Trade Commission. He has also been instrumental in developing global environmental standards.

A prolific writer and speaker, Wiens regularly shares his expertise on reparability, environmental impact of manufacturing, and service documentation. His work has appeared in esteemed publications like The Atlantic, Harvard Business Review, Wired, Popular Mechanics, and the Wall Street Journal.

Throughout his career, Wiens has consistently championed the principle that fixing things is better than throwing them away. His dedication to sustainable practices and repair education continues to influence product design, legislation, and attitudes towards durable products around the globe.