

# Marina Appel

Software Engineer / Product-focused Web Developer

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Work authorization: Germany (freelance permitted)



## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

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Frontend developer with 4 years of experience working with early-stage products and small teams. Focused on improving existing interfaces: cleaning up UI, fixing inconsistencies, and making products more usable, stable, and maintainable. Comfortable joining live projects that need thoughtful refinement rather than greenfield development. Experienced in AI-assisted development workflows using Cursor and Claude Code.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### Freelance Hamburg, Germany (Remote)

*Independent frontend developer focused on improving existing web interfaces.*

#### Software Engineer

12/2025 – present

- Currently building my personal website and portfolio (Nuxt 4, Vue 3, Tailwind CSS) while developing small interactive demos and UI components. I enjoy joining early-stage products that are already live and helping teams refine UI, improve usability, and stabilize frontend structure.
- Use AI-assisted development (Cursor, Claude Code) for code generation, debugging, and refactoring.

**Tech:** Vue 3, Nuxt, TypeScript, JavaScript, Node.js, REST, Git, Jest

### NUNAMI Hamburg, Germany (Remote)

*Built and refined product UIs and internal tools for affiliate platforms and landing pages, improving conversion rates and delivery speed through systematic component reuse.*

#### Software Engineer

06/2023 – 05/2025

- Started as a freelance developer (1.5 years), later joined the team in-house for 6 months.
- Built reusable component libraries and stable layouts from design specifications using Vue 3, Nuxt, and TypeScript.
- Integrated REST APIs with attention to edge cases, error handling, and performance.
- Investigated CTR drops and usability issues in existing flows, achieving 20-30% CTR improvements through UI changes.
- Reduced delivery time through systematic component reuse and shared patterns.
- Used AI-assisted development (Cursor, Claude Code) for code generation, debugging, and refactoring.

**Tech:** Vue 3, Nuxt, TypeScript, JavaScript, Node.js, REST, Git, Jest

### Children's Creativity Center (Hybrid)

*Improved performance and stability of CMS-based web properties with a focus on mobile experience.*

#### Web Developer

10/2022 – 05/2023

- Improved mobile performance and layout stability on WordPress and Drupal sites.
- Reduced repeat issues through small UI fixes and documentation

**Tech:** Wordpress, JavaScript, PHP, REST, Git

## **Freelance** (Remote)

*Delivered small-scale web projects, maintenance, and API integrations for non-technical clients.*

### **Web Developer**

06/2023 – 05/2025

- Delivered small websites, UI fixes, and API integrations for various clients.
- Maintained PHP/MySQL codebases and implemented targeted bug fixes.
- Provided short documentation for non-technical clients.

**Tech:** Wordpress, JavaScript, Node.js, PHP, Git, MySQL

## **LANGUAGES**

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**English:** B2-C1

**German:** A1 (Goethe Zertifikat)

**Russian:** Native

## **SKILLS**

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### **Frontend Development**

JavaScript, TypeScript, HTML5, CSS3, Vue 3, Nuxt, React, Tailwind CSS, responsive design, mobile-first layouts, UX Design

### **Backend Basics**

Node.js, Express, REST API, GraphQL, Python PHP (OOP), MySQL, Postgres, GCP, AWS, Microsoft Azure

### **AI-Assisted Development**

Cursor IDE, Claude Code Prompt engineering, iterative prompting, context management AI pair programming, code generation and review with LLMs

### **Testing & Quality**

Jest, reproducible bug reports, code reviews Error handling, loading and empty state patterns

### **Ways of Working**

Async communication, defined scopes, collaborative problem solving Git, documentation

## **EDUCATION**

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**State Marine Technical University**, St. Petersburg, Russia

Specialist (Diplom equivalent to a BSc and MSc)

Material Science (Anabin H+)

**Relevant coursework:** Calculus, linear algebra, probability and statistics, numerical methods, computational modeling, programming fundamentals, thermodynamics, structural analysis