Jan Marlon Stirler

IT Application Developer & Client Relations Professional (German IHK-Certified)

IT expertise backed by 15 years of hands-on experience in leadership, account management and customer care

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Available immediately · German citizen (EU) · visa sponsorship required outside the EU

PROFILE

Certified IT Application Developer (German IHK qualification) with around 15 years of professional experience, including several years of staff, operations and customer responsibility, most recently as Area Manager overseeing multiple café locations in Cologne. During my practical training placement at G+D Netcetera, I worked within an agile team on Java applications for the financial sector and independently built a monitoring solution for system interfaces. My strength lies at the intersection of people and technology: understanding user and customer requirements, translating them into clear technical tasks, and following through until they work in practice.

- **Internship reference, G+D Netcetera: Excellent** – "consistently to our complete satisfaction"
- **Final IHK project: Good (83/100 points)** – planning, implementation, documentation and oral exam
- **Leadership experience:** area management, staff scheduling, onboarding and training of teams

SKILLS

IT & Development	Java, Spring Boot, SQL and relational databases, REST and SOAP interfaces, JUnit, Git; working knowledge of Python, HTML, CSS and JavaScript
Methods	Requirements analysis, testing and quality assurance, technical documentation, Scrum and agile collaboration
Operations & Business	Staff leadership and scheduling, onboarding and training, cost calculation, process optimization, customer and account management, presentation skills
AI-Assisted Work	Daily use of LLM assistants and agentic tools for around two years in development, research and documentation, with critical review of all outputs
Languages	German (native), Farsi (native), English (fluent, C1)

WORK EXPERIENCE

11/2025 – 07/2026

Application Developer (practical training placement)

G+D Netcetera (Netcetera Software Services GmbH), Cologne · Team KAVIS · software for banks and payment providers

- Contributed to existing Java / Spring Boot applications within an agile team (Git, code reviews)
- Final IHK project: monitoring solution for REST and SOAP interfaces with dashboard, database and automated tests, replacing manual interface checks
- Testing, quality assurance and technical documentation; presented project results

Until 02/2026 at Bank-Verlag GmbH; transferred to G+D Netcetera as part of a partial business transfer

04/2024 – 09/2024

Career Reorientation

Consultation and preparation for retraining as an IT Application Developer

WORK EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

09/2022 – 04/2024
Area Manager Cologne & Head Barista
Café WOYTON, Cologne
- Cross-location management and coordination of multiple sites
- Staff scheduling, onboarding and training of teams
- Cost calculation and process / workflow optimization

04/2021 – 09/2022
Head Barista & In-House / To-Go Lead
ST. Louis Breakfast, Cologne
- Department and shift management, staff scheduling and training, cost calculation

03/2020 – 03/2021
Career break (pandemic-related)

01/2018 – 03/2020
Store Manager
Café WOYTON, Cologne · Operations and shift management, conducted staff training

07/2016 – 01/2018
Owner (Self-Employed)
Steiner-Stirler GbR, Cologne · Affiliate and social media marketing

10/2015 – 10/2016
Senior Account Manager
Rodeler Ltd., Cologne · Managed national and international clients, product consulting

10/2012 – 07/2015
Barista & Shift Lead
Café WOYTON, Cologne · Shift management, onboarding of new staff

10/2010 – 10/2012
Promoter & Team Lead
F+L Group, Cologne · Face-to-face customer acquisition, nationwide promotional campaigns

EDUCATION

10/2024 – 07/2026
Retraining Program: IT Application Developer (German IHK Certification)
GFN GmbH, Cologne · Final examination, IHK Cologne, 07/2026
- Curriculum: object-oriented programming (Java), databases and SQL, software project planning, networking and systems fundamentals
- Strongest exam results: software project incl. oral exam (Grade: Good, 83/100 points), Business & Economics (Grade: Good, 81/100 points)

2005 – 2007
University-entry qualification (Fachhochschulreife)
Cuno Vocational College, Hagen, Germany

2000 – 2005
Secondary school certificate (Fachoberschulreife)
Luise-Rehling-Realschule, Hagen, Germany

INTERESTS

Game modding (reverse-engineering existing project structures and implementing custom adjustments), tabletop games, film and series