

EVAN APPEL

Applied AI Engineer · Forward-Deployed Engineer

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SUMMARY

Applied-AI engineer who builds with agents across the full stack. 15+ months working agenticly through research, frontend, backend, and data; built seven non-trivial applications with agentic CLI harnesses (Claude Code primary). Led a team to a 3rd-place, C-suite-judged AI hackathon finish. Pairs agent fluency with the engineering discipline — TDD, CI/CD, validation — that makes agent-built software durable.

SKILLS

Agentic development: Claude Code (primary daily driver), Codex, Gemini CLI / Antigravity, GitHub Copilot, GitLab Duo, Qwen, NotebookLM; local inference via Ollama (Open WebUI over Tailscale)

Methodology: RECL (Requirements · Execute · Check · Loop); PRD.md / AGENTS.md / TASKS.md scaffolding; TDD with pytest as the verification layer

Languages: Python (production), SQL (production), TypeScript / JavaScript (working), Bash

Tooling: uv, ruff, ty, pre; Git / GitLab CI/CD; structured logging; Snowflake

Build surface: web apps, TUIs, data ingestion, external-API & local-data integration

EXPERIENCE

Marketing Analyst — Credit One Bank

Las Vegas, NV · Feb 2023 – Present

De-facto AI/data engineer · Project lead · Python & Git authority for a 100-analyst organization

- Led a three-person team to 3rd place in the bank's first AI Hackathon (bank-wide, C-suite judges; beat Operations, Treasury, Risk) with an agent-built tool that turned hundreds of PDFs into infographics, dashboards, and decks — weeks of work compressed to ~1 hour.
- Apply agentic development daily; drive Python, Git, and agent-tool adoption across a 100-analyst org via weekly workshops (since Aug 2024) and a 5,000-line internal manual adopted org-wide.
- Engineering discipline that makes agent work durable: formal lead on a 30-project, ~25,000-line SAS-to-Python migration to Snowflake with standardized packaging, env-var secrets, and unattended execution.
- Built a pytest validation methodology (cached fixtures; CI without a live DB) and the team's first GitLab CI/CD pipeline — only engineer in the department shipping to DevOps production.

PERSONAL PROJECTS — AGENT-BUILT (REPOS PUBLIC / AVAILABLE ON REQUEST)

Seven working applications built with agentic CLI harnesses to develop and demonstrate agent-driven fluency across web, TUI, data ingestion, and API/local-data integration:

Gasoline price tracker — overlays world events on personal fuel-price history (*public*)

Spotify listening-trends app — interactive weekly trends with playlist building

Notetaking & sharing tool — web UI + TUI for personal knowledge management

Personal finances app — expense tracking and analysis (Rocket Money-style)

Photo organization tool — bulk labelling/deletion over a Photos library

Health tracking app — activity, steps, and workout insights · **Personal website** (*public*)

EARLIER EXPERIENCE

Data Analyst — Coin Cloud (2021–2022): operational analytics for a crypto-ATM fleet; acting backup manager.

Data Analyst — Precision Opinion (2019–2021): SQL reporting; PM/requirements for a custom software build.

Data Analyst → Data Scientist — Forms Direct (2012–2019): self-directed path from content writer to data analyst (SQL, Python, Excel, Mode); managed a small remote team.

EDUCATION & CONTINUING EDUCATION

University of Nevada, Las Vegas — B.A. Journalism, minor Sociology (2007–2012)

PyCon US 2026 — incl. "Professional Python: From Vibes to Verification" (Matt Harrison) · **Snowflake Hands-On Essentials** · **Codecademy Data Engineer** path (in progress, 2026)