

MARIIA PAVLENKO - QA ENGINEER

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Authorized to work in the United Kingdom or remotely worldwide.

I'm an Engineer with a **strong** background in **product quality, UI testing, UX research** and **quality assurance** across digital products. To take my skills to the **next level**, I'm pursuing a career in **QA**.

- Hands-on experience testing **web, mobile** and **API** applications.
- Perform **REST API** testing using Postman and Swagger.
- Use **SQL** for backend validation and data verification.
- Create and maintain test documentation, including **test cases, checklists** and **bug reports**.
- Apply **test design techniques** to improve test coverage and identify edge cases.
- Use **Linux, Docker** and **Chrome DevTools** for troubleshooting and defect investigation.
- Review **requirements** and **acceptance criteria** to identify risks and defects before implementation.
- Use test management and reporting tools, including **TestRail** and **Allure**.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

QA Engineer - Freelance

Mar 2026 – Present

Web, mobile and chatbot testing projects | London, United Kingdom

- Performed functional, exploratory, smoke and regression testing of web, mobile and chatbot applications.
- Validated new integrations and customer-facing workflows: registration, authentication, search, booking, notifications, chat and profile management.
- Analysed requirements and user flows; created test cases, checklists and bug reports in TestRail.
- Designed and executed a full-cycle REST API testing project: test plan, checklists, test cases and manual testing in Postman, response validation with JSON Schema, defects and observations documented separately, and positive regression flow automated with Newman and GitHub Actions CI/CD. Verified backend data using SQL queries.
- Investigated defects using logs and Chrome DevTools, reporting issues in Jira with detailed reproduction steps.
- Designed test scenarios covering positive, negative, boundary and edge-case conditions.

Product Quality & UX Research Background

2014 – 2026

Ozon Bank, Tinkoff Bank, IBM iX, Rambler&Co, 1Point Agency | Yerevan, Armenia

Worked across banking, FinTech, CRM, media and consumer digital products, supporting product teams with requirements analysis, user journey validation and product quality improvements.

- Reviewed requirements, user stories and acceptance criteria, identifying unclear logic, missing scenarios, edge cases and inconsistencies before development.
- Validated web and mobile product flows against business requirements and acceptance criteria before and after release.
- Documented functional issues, unexpected behaviours, usability problems and gaps in user flows for Product, Design and Engineering teams.
- Performed acceptance testing of CRM and internal banking features, including verification flows, client profiles, support tools and multi-channel communication scenarios.

CORE SKILLS & ABILITIES

- **Quality Assurance:** functional, regression, smoke, system, exploratory and UAT/acceptance testing; white-box and gray-box testing; test design (EP, BVA, decision tables, state transition); mobile, web and desktop testing; defect lifecycle management; SDLC, STLC.
- **Test Documentation:** test cases, checklists, bug reports, test plans, traceability matrices.
- **Tools:** Postman, TestRail, Jira, Chrome DevTools, Charles Proxy, Git, GitHub, Swagger, TestFlight.
- **API Testing:** REST API, HTTP methods, status codes, JSON structure/Schema validation, Postman automation with Newman, GitHub Actions CI/CD, Jenkins.
- **Test Automation Tools:** Playwright (TypeScript).
- **Programming:** Python (pytest, test scripts).
- **Databases:** SQL (subqueries, CTE, PostgreSQL) for backend validation; basic NoSQL (MongoDB) querying and data checks.

- **Process:** Agile/Scrum, requirements analysis, sprint planning, cross-functional team collaboration; BDD (Gherkin: Given-When-Then) scenario formulation.
- **Logs & Investigation:** log analysis via application and server logs, Chrome DevTools Network/Console, Charles Proxy traffic interception; Linux command line, Docker.

EDUCATION

- 2025 | **Advanced QA Course for ISTQB CTFL v4.0**
Test design techniques, defect lifecycle, test management, requirements analysis. Applied course topics to a live web application: 35+ test cases, checklists and bug reports documented in GitHub.
- 2025 | **Mentorpiece Self-Directed Learning QA programme.**
Hands-on QA training focused on practical testing tasks, requirements analysis, test documentation and defect reporting. Passed the QA screening assessment for admission. Recommendation available from Lilia Urmazova ([linkedin.com/in/lilia-urmazova](https://www.linkedin.com/in/lilia-urmazova)), QA Lead.
- 2022 | **QA Engineering & Backend on Django, Yandex Practicum.**
Test case design, bug reports, API automation with Pytest, Django testing and Git workflow. Built a Django social network project with test coverage
- 2019 | **Data Analyst Professional Training, TripleTen.**
Python, SQL, statistics, A/B testing, exploratory data analysis, data visualisation and forecasting. Completed 13 data analysis projects.
- 2015 | **Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Marketing research**
St Petersburg State University of Economics, Graduated with academic distinction.