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CAREER SUMMARY

Experienced Senior Software Test Engineer with 8+ years of expertise in both automation and manual testing. Proficient in utilizing Java and Selenium for automated testing, along with comprehensive knowledge of SQL and Agile methodologies. Adept at designing and executing test plans, managing QA processes, and collaborating cross-functionally to ensure software quality and adherence to project deadlines. Proven ability to lead testing initiatives, mentor team members, and collaborate across departments to drive product excellence. Strong analytical mindset, exceptional problem-solving skills, and a track record of delivering high-quality software solutions.

SKILLS AND STRENGTHS

- **Automation Testing** - Java, Selenium WebDriver, TestNG. API Testing
- **Manual Testing** - Test Planning, Test Case Design, Execution, Defect Tracking.
- **Tools** - JIRA, Confluence, Bitbucket, Jenkin, Artifactory, Git, Postman
- **Database** - SQL, Query Optimization
- **Methodologies** - Agile (Scrum), Waterfall
- **Test Management** - Test Strategy, Test Plan, Test Execution
- **Team Leadership** - Mentoring, Training, Process Improvement

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

❖ **Senior Software Test Engineer | Schindler India.Pvt.Ltd | Nov 2021 – Currently working**

- Led automation efforts using Java and Selenium, resulting in a 40% to 50% reduction in testing time and increased test coverage. Along with API testing using postman tool.
- Designed and executed comprehensive test plans for various software projects, ensuring quality standards were met.
- Collaborated closely with development and product teams to identify, prioritize, and resolve defects in a timely manner.
- Mentored and trained junior testers, improving team performance and knowledge sharing.
- Leveraged SQL skills to validate data integrity, optimize queries, and ensure accurate test results.
- Actively participated in Agile ceremonies, contributing to sprint planning, stand-ups, and retrospectives.
- Managed test documentation and tracked testing progress using JIRA, Confluence.
- Played a key role in process improvement initiatives, enhancing testing methodologies and workflows.

❖ **Software Test Analyst & Infra Ops Analyst | BNY Mellon.Pvt. Ltd | June 2016 – Nov 2021**

- Conducted thorough manual testing of web and mobile applications, identifying critical defects and ensuring a seamless user experience.
- Collaborated with cross-functional teams to define acceptance criteria and validate software requirements.
- Executed test cases, reported defects, and tracked their resolution to closure.
- Assisted in the implementation of automated testing frameworks, increasing testing efficiency.
- Contributed to the creation of detailed test plans and documentation, ensuring clarity and consistency.
- Actively participated in sprint planning, daily stand-ups, and sprint reviews within an Agile environment.

❖ **Software Developer | eSankalp IT Solutions | Mar 2015 – Mar 2016**

- Initiated software testing career, gaining hands-on experience in manual testing and test case creation.
- Assisted in implementing automated test scripts using Java and Selenium, streamlining testing efforts.
- Collaborated with senior testers to identify defects and contribute to the overall improvement of the product's quality.
- Developed a solid foundation in Agile methodologies and gained exposure to various testing techniques. Along with the software development.

EDUCATION
Bachelor of Engineering in Information Technology | Amravati University

CERTIFICATIONS
Microsoft Certified: Azure Administrator Associate