# Zahra (Mona) Ghassemi

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# TECHNICAL SKILLS

# Languages:

- Java proficient
- Python proficient
- Javascript proficient (Node.js)
- Bash (shell scripts)

#### **Test Automation:**

- Bitbucket Pipelines
- REST / Postman
- Appium
- WebdriverIO
- Saucelabs
- Cucumber
- XCode
- Android Studio

## **Networking:**

- Ping
- NetCat
- NMap
- Wireshark

#### Databases:

• SQL (MySQL)

#### **FE Development:**

- HTML5 proficient
- CSS
- Processing.js
- React.js

#### Tools of the Trade:

- Git
- Github, Bitbucket
- Scrum / Kanban
- JIRA, Confluence
- Linux / Terminal
- VSCode

# WORK EXPERIENCE:

## Quality Assurance Developer

Workjam, Inc. (Montreal, QC)

January 2019 - Present

- Implemented e2e testing framework in Javascript / CucumberJS with REST API calls for data creation, Appium/WebdriverIO, Saucelabs integration, and slack hooks for result reporting.
- Implemented front-end mobile tests.
- On-boarded test developers and mentored an intern working on the localization project.

# Quality Assurance and Support Specialist

Peerio Technologies (Montreal, QC)

October - December 2018

- Performed manual software feature testing and regression testing on desktop and mobile platforms.
- Wrote test scenarios in Cucumber and implemented automated tests in Javascript.
- Communicated with devs and users to resolve issues and fix bugs.

# Programmer/Data Analyst

 $Lechowicz\ Lab,\ McGill\ University\ (Montreal,\ QC)$ 

2014

- Translated code for an ecological simulation from Delphi (Pascal) to Python.
- Refactored code and added comments to improve reusability.

# Course Assistant (Logic and Computability)

McGill University (Montreal, QC)

2013

• Developed questions on formal logic for use in course assignments.

# Teaching Assistant (Introduction to Computing)

McGill University (Montreal, QC)

2010-2012

- Evaluated programming assignments (Java).
- Responded to student questions during weekly office hours and on online discussion board.
- Taught and reviewed core course concepts with students during interactive tutorials.

# Grader (Java)

Private Contract (Montreal, QC)

Summer 2011

- Assessed programming assignments (Java).
- Communicated with instructor to create an appropriate marking scheme.

#### LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE:

#### **Board Member**

QPIRG Concordia (Montreal, QC)

October 2019-present

• Participated in board meetings and collective decision-making related to the organization.

#### Reading Club Organizer and Discussion Lead

#Because WeveRead Montreal (Montreal, QC) and JooJoo Azad

April 2018-present

- Hosted regular events and promoted them through social media.
- Communicated with an international team as well as local bookstores and partners.
- Wrote grant applications and received funding from community organizations.

### Volunteer Tutor at McGill Computer Science Summer Camp

McGill University (Montreal, QC)

Summers 2010-2014

- Coached camp participants during programming activities.
- Adapted and delivered a lesson on the Java programming language.
- Coordinated a small team to ensure the smooth running of the biology section of the camp.

#### LANGUAGES SPOKEN AND WRITTEN:

• English (fluent)

• French (advanced)

• Farsi/Persian (fluent)

#### **EDUCATION**

# Master of Arts: Social and Cultural Anthropology

Concordia University (Montreal, QC)

2015-2017

- 3.94 Cumulative GPA
- Thesis: Reproducing The Virginity Imperative: Women's Collusion and Men's Complicity Among Young Iranians Living in Montreal

## Bachelor of Science: Computer Science and Biology

McGill University (Montreal, QC)

2009-2014

#### AWARDS AND HONOURS

• Concordia Conference and Exposition Award

2017

• Carrie Boucock Memorial Award (Concordia Department of Sociology and Anthropology)

• Governor General's Bronze Medal (for top graduating grade in high school)

2017 2006

#### ADDITIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING:

#### Peer Support and Advocacy Training

Centre for Gender Advocacy

2017-2018

#### Leadership Certificate

GradProSkills, Concordia University

2017-2018

#### French Language Workshops - Level 5

GradProSkills, Concordia University

2017

#### CPR/First Aid Certification, Fire Safety/Evac-Chair, CERT Volunteer Training

Concordia University / Canadian Heart and Stroke Foundation

May-June 2018