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Quality Engineer - FullStack Developer

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EXPERIENCE

Various Open Source Contributions

January 2023 - Present

Zero To Mastery — *Full-Stack Web Developer* (Bootcamp)

January 2023 - Present

Major League Hacks — *Design & Hack* (Hackathon)

20 April - 23 April 2023

Cognizant — *Variants Locale Team Lead* (Apple)

October 2021 - December 2023

- Help and backup managers in their day-to-day responsibilities.
- Coordinate and review tasks to ensure that high quality & deadlines are met by multiple teams.
- Provide instructions and guidance with new tasks
- Reporting to management with regards to progress, deadlines and problem areas.
- Onboarding new joiners, provide performance feedback to management & team members.

Cognizant — *Quality Assurance Analyst* (Apple)

October 2021 - December 2023

- Performing linguistic & phonological testing of voice recognition software following an Agile Methodology.
- Conducting manual and automated QA testing & analyzing the results.
- Operating NL processing tools & incorporating large-scale systems to mitigate defects.
- Working on software functionality around root testing, automation & functional verification.
- Working with Swift, Python, GitHub, Stack & Internal tools.

PAST EXPERIENCE

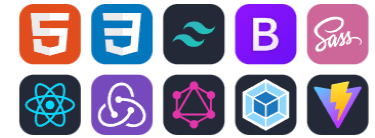**St. George International British School**
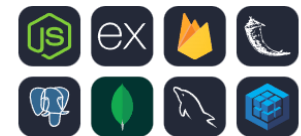
Programming Languages:

- JavaScript, TypeScript
- Python & Swift

Front End:

- HTML / CSS
- React, Redux / GraphQL
- WebPack / Vite
- Tailwind / Bootstrap
- SASS / Styled Components

Back end:

- NodeJS, Express
- Firebase & Flask
- PostgreSQL, MongoDB, mySQL

Testing:

- Postman & Jest
- Selenium
- Gherkin / Cucumber

LANGUAGES

Sep 2019 - Sep 2021

Freelance Digital Marketing & Business Development

2016 - Sep 2021

Mashauri Limited & IE Business School [Internship]

May - Sep 2019

Out-Of-The-Cube [Start-up]

March - May 2019

General Manager HomeAway Country-Guesthouse

Jan 2017 - April 2019

EDUCATION

Bachelor in Business Administration & Marketing Management
IMM Graduate School of Marketing
2014 - 2016

Certificate in Project Management
CTU Stellenbosch Campus
2012 - 2013

FURTHER EDUCATION

Click on skill for certificate

- The Complete Web Developer: Zero to Mastery
- The Complete Junior to Senior Web Developer Roadmap
- Complete React Developer (w/ Redux, Hooks, GraphQL)
- Complete Node.js Developer: Zero to Mastery *(in progress)*
- JavaScript: The Advanced Concepts
- Understanding TypeScript
- Complete Python Developer in: Zero To Mastery
- GitHub Ultimate: Master Git and GitHub
- CI/CD Pipelines using Azure DevOps
- SEO Bootcamp: Learn Search Engine Optimization
- AWS Analytics services
- Testing: The Complete Developer's Guide
- MasterClass Software Testing with Jira & Agile -Be a QA Lead
- Rest API Testing (Automation) from Scratch-Rest Assured Java
- Appium -Mobile Testing (Android/IOS) from Scratch+Frameworks
- Selenium Webdriver with Python from Scratch & Frameworks
- Selenium WebDriver with Java -Basics to Advanced+Frameworks
- Cypress -Modern Automation Testing from Scratch + Frameworks
- The Complete Software Testing Bootcamp

SOFT SKILLS

- Performing linguistic & phonological testing of voice recognition software following an Agile Methodology.

- Excellent communication skills with the ability to effectively communicate and coordinate with internal teams both on and offshore:

- Coordinating with multiple departments and teams for resolving issues and understanding and relate project status and issues via clear verbal and written means.

- Demonstrated expertise in testing methodologies, experience with standard QA and development tools.

- The ability to effectively reuse existing automation or testing tools and create both when needed.

- Experience with manual test case writing, regression testing, smoke testing, integration testing and acceptance testing.

- Experience with automated testing tools or equivalent automation skills: familiarity with Selenium automation toolset, or equivalent skills.

- Executing and triaging scripts to automate manual test cases for saving manual efforts using XCode.

- Good analytical skills, ability to autonomously solve problems, collaborate with multiple teams, identify and solve ambiguous problems.

- Effective detail-oriented and meticulous, with proven excellent planning and organizational skills with the ability to define problems, collect data, establish facts, draw valid conclusions, and provide solutions.

- A self starter with the ability to work independently as well as in a team, adaptability to constant changes and changing priorities.

- Demonstrated ability to set-up hardware, flashing firmware and basic issue troubleshooting.