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Action Plan Based on Self-Review

Your self-review reflects your journey from being a Computer Science engineering student to becoming a full-time Quality Assurance (QA) engineer. You highlight the challenges you faced in mastering core coding and testing principles, which you overcame through determination and continuous learning.

Professional Goal 1: Enhance Automation Testing Skills					
Milestones	Resources	Outcomes	Timeline	Priority	
Learn new	Online courses	Improved	Start:	High	
automation	(Udemy,	efficiency in test	October 2024		
tools (e.g.,	Coursera).	execution.			
Selenium,					
Cypress).					
Implement	Internal	Enhanced ability	End:		
advanced test	company	to manage	March		
automation	training	complex	2025		
strategies in	sessions.	automation			
current		frameworks.			
projects.					
	Mentorship	Increased			
	from senior QA	contribution to			
	engineers.	team			
		productivity.			

This goal focuses on improving your expertise in automation testing by learning new tools like Selenium and Cypress. The goal involves implementing advanced test automation strategies in your current projects, with the help of resources such as online courses and internal company training. By doing so, you aim to increase the efficiency of test execution and improve your ability to manage complex automation frameworks, ultimately contributing more effectively to team productivity. The goal is to be completed by March 2025.



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Professional Goal 2: Gain Leadership Skills in QA				
Milestones	Resources	Outcomes	Timeline	Priority
Take on more	Leadership	Improved team	Start:January 2025	Medium
responsibilities in	workshops	collaboration and		
current projects		management skills.		
Lead a small QA	Guidance	Ability to handle complex	End; December	
project team.	from senior	QA projects	2025	
	leaders	independently.		
	within the			
	company.			
Participate in	Books and	Preparation for a		
leadership training	online	leadership role.		
programs.	materials on			
	leadership in			
	tech.			

The objective here is to build leadership skills within the QA field by taking on more responsibilities and leading a small QA team. Resources for this goal include leadership workshops, mentorship from senior leaders, and books on leadership. By participating in leadership training and handling complex QA projects independently, the goal is to prepare you for a future leadership role in QA. This goal is set to be achieved by December 2025.

Personal Goal 1: Improve Communication and Project Management Skills					
Milestones	Resources	Outcomes	Timeline	Priority	



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Participate in communication and project management training.	Project management certifications (e.g., PMP, Scrum).	Better project handling and communication within teams.	Start: November 2024	Medium
Practice by leading cross-functional meetings.	Workshops on effective communication .	Efficient issue tracking and conflict resolution.	End; July 2025	
Take on project management tasks in current projects.	In-house mentorship and practical experience.	Increased visibility in team management.		

This goal focuses on improving both communication and project management abilities. The milestones include participating in relevant training and certifications, such as PMP or Scrum, and practicing by leading cross-functional meetings. You will also take on project management tasks in your current role. The outcome will be better project handling, improved communication, and increased visibility in team management. This goal is expected to be completed by July 2025.

Personal Goal 2: Develop Work-Life Balance and Wellbeing					
Milestones	Resources	Outcomes	Timeline	Priority	



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Set a clear boundary between work hours and personal time.	Time management tools (e.g., Google, Calendar, To do list).	Improved mental and physical health.	Start: October 2024	High
Engage in regular physical activity or mindfulness practices. Plan vacations or short breaks to disconnect from work.	Fitness and mindfulness apps (e.g., Headspace, Strava). Support from family and friends.	Better focus and productivity during work hours. Enhanced quality of life outside of work.	End: Ongoing	

This goal aims to establish a better work-life balance by setting clear boundaries between work and personal time. It includes engaging in physical activities or mindfulness practices and planning vacations or breaks to disconnect from work. Using time management tools and fitness apps, along with support from family and friends, this goal seeks to improve your overall health, productivity, and quality of life. This is an ongoing goal, starting in October 2024.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, my journey from a Computer Science student to a full-time QA engineer has been one of growth and learning. I have developed key skills in automation, communication, and problem-solving while overcoming challenges in adapting to real-world demands. These experiences have strengthened my passion for quality assurance and shaped my future goals, which include enhancing my automation expertise and developing leadership capabilities. I am confident that my continued focus on personal and professional growth will enable me to make meaningful contributions in my field.