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Summary

Motivated Software Tester with 8 years of progressive experience in the Software Testing industry. Expertise in manual and automation testing, planning, reviewing, and requirements gathering. Proven ability to navigate complex software, build successful teams, and achieve goals on time. Known for advocating for the end-user throughout the development process.

Key Skills:

- Strong knowledge of software testing methodologies, including manual testing, automated testing, and exploratory testing.
- Experience with test automation frameworks and tools, such as Selenium WebDriver, Cucumber and Robot Framework
- Knowledge of programming languages to create tests in Java and Python.
- Familiarity with test management and defect tracking tools, such as JIRA, ALM, and Bugzilla.
- Ability to write test cases, test plans, and test scripts that are clear, concise, and thorough.
- Strong understanding of software development lifecycle (SDLC) and the testing phase within it.
- Experience with Agile and Scrum methodologies.
- Attention to detail and ability to identify and isolate defects.
- Good communication and collaboration skills to work with developers, product managers, and other team members.
- Enjoy learning and adapting to new technologies, tools and methodologies.

Current Certification

- ISTQB – BCS Certified Agile Tester Extension (FLA)
- ISTQB - BCS Certified Tester Foundation Level (ISEB-SWT2)
- City & Guilds Level 2 Software Testing (7540-12-012)
- Microsoft Technical Associate – Database Fundamentals (98-364)

Experience

Contract QA Analyst, Propylon, Dublin

December 2022– Present

Propylon is a developer of legislative drafting software. I work with the QA analysts to identify key test cases for regression. Using the Robot Framework tool I then automate the test cases and add them to the overnight runs. These test cases are then removed from the manual backlog. I spend my time creating test cases and reporting defects identified in the overnight automation runs. The test cases chosen for automation are a mixture of existing functionality and new features. They are chosen based on discussion with the QA team based on the risk.

Contract QA Analyst, Pexlify, Dublin

June 2022 – December 2022

Pexlify is a certified partner of Salesforce and a recommended developer of Salesforce customisation for its clients. Currently working on a Salesforce Financial Services cloud implementation for Ruffer PLC. This is an agile project and I manually test stories during each sprint, report any bugs or issues in Jira and verify fixes have been implemented correctly. Identifying test cases and stories to use for regression testing as the sprints progress and building suites of automated tests in a Java/selenium framework.

Helped other QA Analysts learn Java & Selenium, bitbucket and Git by creating a standardise framework they could copy and expand on. Held weekly Q&A sessions to assist their learning.

Experience (Continued)

Contract QA Analyst, The Central Bank of Ireland, Dublin (Employed via Expleo Group)

June 2021 – June 2022

Working on the 'Fitness and Probity' agile project to bring a paper application process to a fully online front-end web-based application, integrated with a client (Bank) side CRM.

Attend and participate in agile ceremonies - daily stand-up's, fortnightly sprint reviews, sprint retrospectives, backlog grooming sessions, estimation sessions, three amigo's sessions.

Prepare test cases, log static defects when conflicts are identified between acceptance criteria and requirements documentation. Carry out test execution and log defects, retest and close fixed issues. Assist with UAT and investigate UAT defects.

Contract QA Engineer, SAP Ariba, Dublin (Employed via Manpower Ireland)

August 2020 – June 2021

Working in the QA department of the localisation team. Reviewing strings for translatability by flagging and logging localisation issues in JIRA. Using a Selenium/Java/Jenkins/Git framework to update, fix or create new scripts. The automated scripts capture screen shots of the strings and aid translation by providing context to the strings. After translation, ensuring the functionality of the translated screens is intact by running the scripts in the localised languages. Using JIRA to investigate new features for new strings and deciding to either update existing scripts or create new ones. Increased the overnight pass rates from 30% to 75% by using pre-created events in the scripts rather than creating the event from scratch.

Contract Software Tester, Accounting Technicians Ireland, Dublin 2

April 2018 – March 2020

Successfully implemented an assessment module in the new CRM software package by identifying missing requirements in the developer's specifications from the test cases I wrote for coverage of the business rules. Working on a membership module to add to the CRM and enhancing an existing apprentice module to accommodate new business vision and requirements. Using cucumber and gherkin to develop and produce business requirements for these new modules.

Software Tester, Interactive Services, Dublin 15

May 2017 – April 2018

Responsible for the testing within a development team that specializes in the localization of e-learning courses for the financial services sectors. There was no formal test plan, so I developed and implemented a test charter, so all software released was at an acceptable standard. Client fixes for functionality dropped dramatically. Upskilled in HTML/CSS and GIT so that I could fix minor text and graphics issues. The Project Manager would receive minor issues from client and assign to me to fix. I would then assign back to Project Manager to keep independence in the fix and verify bug cycle. This freed up programmers to do more urgent and important tasks in the project.

Warehouse Tester, Actavo (In Home Division), Dublin 12

August 2016 – April 2017

Tested set top boxes (SKY TV) to confirm faulty using a series of manual tests. Updated the stock on the company's system and organised return to the client. By asking the business leaders and managers questions about the high level of set top boxes that were incorrectly assigned as faulty. I could see the negative impact it had on the business. I created a simple spreadsheet that recorded every set top box I tested along with Engineer ID, Team, Team Manager and Area Manager. I was then able to identify which Engineers, Teams, Managers and Area Managers were having issues diagnosing faulty set top boxes. Extra training was arranged, and the non-faulty boxes returned as faulty steadily dropped to an acceptable level.

Temporary Software Tester, Interactive Services, Dublin 15

October 2015 – August 2016

Obtained a 4-week work placement via ETB training course. Was kept on in a temporary basis testing various types of custom E-Learning solutions for Fortune 500 companies such as Coca Cola, Deloitte, Facebook, Hershey, LinkedIn, Morgan Stanley, United Airlines, VISA and Walmart. Regression testing, checking functionality, localization testing, and working on a new template to ensure functionality and display was consistent over numerous browsers, devices and OS using emulators and the actual devices.

Experience (Continued)

Pre-2015

Environmental Emissions testing roles 2004 to 2015 and 12 years in a quality assurance and quality control role for a manufacturer of adhesive papers and vinyl.

Further information

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