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Need Guidance on Advancing My QA Career with 5 Years of Experience

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I have around 5 years of experience in functional testing of web-based applications, including both manual and automated testing. I have worked with tools like Cypress for automation and have experience in Agile Scrum methodology.

Recently, I've been considering ways to advance my career, either by enhancing my automation skills, learning new testing tools, or moving towards a leadership role in QA.

I would love insights from experienced professionals on:

- The best skills or certifications to focus on next.
- Whether learning new automation tools like Selenium, Playwright, or API testing with Postman would be beneficial.
- How to transition from a QA Engineer/Test Analyst role to a Test Lead or Manager role.

Any advice or shared experiences would be greatly appreciated!

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That's great! Since you already have solid experience in functional testing, Agile Scrum, and Cypress automation, here I am giving you some suggestions that may advance your career:

1. You may go for Playwright for its cross-browser capabilities
2. Since modern applications rely heavily on APIs, you can also focus on that
3. You may go for ISTQB Advanced Level certification and Cypress Certification if available
4. Get involved in defining test strategies, risk-based te

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