



Valentina Zakovriazhina

Release Manager, Project Manager

MBA-certified Solution Train Engineer (STE) with 10+ years' experience as a Certified Test Manager. Expert in building and enhancing software processes for large projects, covering everything from hiring to continuous improvements.

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WORK EXPERIENCE

STE QA LEAD, Deutsche Telekom IT GmbH

09/2022 – Present, Berlin, Germany

STE QA LEAD AND PEOPLE LEAD, Deutsche Telekom IT Solutions

06/2019 – 08/2022, Saint Petersburg, Russia

Achievements/Tasks

- Drive quality initiatives in the project with 30+ scrum teams, 600+ people.
- Manage quality based on SAFe and Agile principles.
- Scale test strategy from 10 to 30 scrum teams.
- Define of metrics to assess the impact of improvements and use as indicators of necessary adjustments.
- Create an organizational model for transformation of two projects into one.
- Disciplinary leadership - 20+ employees in unit with low attrition (<10%).
- Hire 30+ test engineers into the project to support rapid project growth.

Test Manager | Project Manager, Deutsche Telekom IT Solutions

06/2017 - 05/2019, Saint Petersburg, Russia

Achievements/Tasks

- Planning and coordination of crossed release activities (several releases in parallel, waterfall model of work) for team up-to 50 test engineers.
- Project transformation from waterfall to Agile to support flexibility.
- Prepare transition to external partners (Indian colleagues).
- Budget and capacity calculation improved by establishing new estimation process.

Project Manager, Luxoft

06/2015 - 05/2017, Saint Petersburg, Russia

- Provide audits for projects inside of the company.
- Collect and prepare quality reports based on department indicators for the customer (big Europe Bank).

Project Test Manager, Luxoft

02/2012 - 06/2015, Omsk, Russia

- Planning all testing activities incl. test strategy and resource management.
- Managing a distributed international testing team.
- Participation in project audits and CMMI lvl 5 certification.
- Managing Test automation CoE.

Test Engineer / Test Lead, Luxoft

09/2010 - 02/2012, Omsk, Russia

- Manual testing of Web-app

Software Engineer (C#, Basic), Omsk State Technical University

04/2006 - 09/2010, Omsk, Russia

- Created and supported app for internal document management

SKILLS

- ❖ Project Management
- ❖ Process/change Management
- ❖ Risk Management
- ❖ Quality Assurance
- ❖ Resource Management incl. compensation
- ❖ SAFe/Agile/Scrum/Waterfall
- ❖ Scalability

CERTIFICATES

- Web API Practical course (11/2023)
- Practical python course: from basics to advance (10/2023)
- Dev4All: DevOps basics (10/2023)
- Leading SAFe Course (12/2018)
- ISTQB Certified tester, Advanced Level, Test Manager (11/2015)
- ISTQB Certified tester, Foundation Level (10/2015)

EDUCATION

Telekom MBA, Business Innovations

Berlin Business School

2021 - 2023, Berlin, Germany

Computer-aided design systems with Honours

Omsk State Technical University

2002 - 2007, Omsk, Russia

LANGUAGES

Russian

Native

English

Professional Working Proficiency

German

Beginner (A2)