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My name is Valencia and I am a QA Engineer with almost 10 years of professional technical experience, 9 of those years being focused mainly on QA. Along with my QA expertise, I am bringing positive energy, QA connections, and a desire for continued growth in my career.

Skills

Manual testing, javascript, automated testing with webdriver.io, Cypress, Cucumber, and nightwatch.js, mocha, Node.js, SQLPro for Postgres 3, writing test cases and test plans, LambdaTest, BrowserStack, TestRail, Postman, GitHub, Trello, Jira, Slack, Zoom, leadership, effective communication, and QA training.

Experience

Freelance / QA Engineer Contractor

NOV. 2021 - PRESENT, REMOTE

After taking a break from contracting, I started up again by taking on a QA Lead contractor position. I've grown my JS skills as well as picked up Cypress, Cucumber, and I'm currently working on my yellow belt Six Sigma certification. Last year I also built a comprehensive QA course based on my prior training programs for a coding bootcamp company. The course goes over many testing areas from manual and automated UI testing to security, API, and performance testing. I created hands-on activities, projects that students could put into their portfolios, and explained the Dos and Don'ts for each of those testing areas. This course is still a core technical pathway for that coding bootcamp.

Aclaimant / QA Engineer, Team Lead

NOV. 2018 - JAN. 2023, REMOTE

I handpicked team members, leveraged technical decisions to reduce roadblocks and promoted effective goal realization. I built up our QA tech-stack, which included CircleCI, LambdaTest, TestRail, and WebdriverIO for automated testing. I also created this suite from scratch. On top of hands-on technical work, I actively trained & mentored junior colleagues in coding & software testing. This was a remote role requiring flexibility and excellent organizational skills.

Freelance / QA Team Consultant and Contractor

SEP 2016 - NOV. 2018, REMOTE

Initially, I spearheaded the development of websites for customers with a preferred tooling stack, primarily managing front-end development with minimal DB and server setup/use. Conducted manual testing and implemented Cypress-driven automation tests when necessary to ensure sites met regularly changing customer requirements. As I expanded my network, I assembled and trained a remote freelance QA team, which provided an effective quality assurance solution to companies lacking full-time staff. Led the team in delivering reliable documentation, test suites, and test results while meeting customer timelines.

TubeMogul / Software Developer in Test

JULY 2015 - SEP 2016, Emeryville, CA

At TubeMogul, we made software for brand advertising. I worked as a Quality Engineer in the User Interface team. Most of my work was testing new features and creating test cases that I delegated to other team members to execute. Although I mainly worked on the UI, cross-functional team collaboration was integral for many of the projects.

Valtira / Cloud Developer

JULY 2014 - JULY 2015, Minneapolis, MN

At Valtira we made websites for different businesses in Minnesota. I worked with a great group of people. I programmed in HTML5, angular, jquery, and Java. Although I've done some back-end work with servlets and the like, most of my work was on the front-end. My last project was working on an admin site for an online TV company.

Education

Augsburg College / Computer Science, B.A.

SEP. 2009 - DEC. 2014, Minneapolis, MN

I've worked in the I.T. department and for the Computer Science department, helped several students make the Dean's List via my tutoring, and immersed myself in the various groups around on-campus.