Valencia McMurray

QA Engineer, Capability Manager

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I am a QA Engineer with 10 years of professional technical experience, 8 of which have been focused on quality assurance. I am eager to transition into a QA Architect role, where I can leverage my years of QA leadership, hands-on technical expertise, and passion for building scalable, effective QA solutions. My focus is on driving innovation in testing strategies while continuing to mentor and lead teams toward high-quality results.

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Skills

Manual Testing, JavaScript, Automated Testing, Webdriver.io, Cypress, Cucumber, Nightwatch.js, Mocha, Node.js, SQLPro for Postgres 3, Writing Test Cases & Test Plans, LambdaTest, BrowserStack, TestRail, Postman, GitHub, Trello, Jira, Slack, Zoom, Leadership, Effective Communication, QA Training and mentorship.

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Experience

Groundswell / QA Engineer, Capability Manager
NOV. 2021 - PRESENT, REMOTE

I began as a contractor and transitioned into a full-time QA Engineer and Capability Manager. My focus is on test automation using Cypress and Cucumber, where I develop and maintain automated test suites to ensure software reliability across platforms. As Capability Manager, I oversee QA processes, manage team capacity, and lead initiatives for continuous improvement in testing practices. This dual role allows me to combine technical expertise with leadership responsibilities, driving both quality and efficiency in product delivery.

Freelance / QA Bootcamp Architect
Summer 2023, REMOTE

Developed a comprehensive QA course for a coding bootcamp, covering manual and automated UI testing, security, API, and performance testing. Designed hands-on projects, portfolio-worthy activities, and provided in-depth training on testing best practices. This course remains a key part of the bootcamp's technical curriculum.

Aclaimant / QA Engineer, Team Lead
NOV. 2018 - NOV. 2021, REMOTE

Led a QA team by selecting members, removing technical roadblocks, and promoting goal-oriented practices. Built a QA tech stack using CircleCI, LambdaTest, TestRail, and WebdriverIO for automated testing. Created an automation test suite from scratch and mentored junior team members in software testing and coding.

Freelance / QA Consultant
SEP 2016 - NOV. 2018, REMOTE

Initially focused on front-end web development using clients' preferred tooling stacks, with minimal back-end involvement. Transitioned to

freelance QA consulting, where I assembled and trained a remote QA team, leveraging tools like Webdriver.io, Nightwatch.js, Mocha, and Postman to meet the testing requirements of companies without dedicated QA staff. Led the team in writing test cases, creating test plans, and executing both manual and automated testing, using GitHub, Jira, and SQLPro for Postgres, while ensuring timely delivery of comprehensive test documentation and results within client deadlines.

TubeMogul / Software Developer in Test

JULY 2015 - SEP 2016, Emeryville, CA

At TubeMogul, I worked on the User Interface team, focusing on testing new features and creating detailed test cases, which I assigned to distributed teams across different time zones. I leveraged TestRail for test management and gained expertise in UI, API, and SQL testing. Close collaboration with cross-functional teams was key to ensuring project success and delivering high-quality features.

Valtira / Cloud Developer

JULY 2014 - JULY 2015, Minneapolis, MN

At Valitira, I transitioned from an intern to a full-time developer post-graduation. I focused on front-end development using HTML5, Angular, JQuery, and CSS, while also building backend servlets in Java. My role emphasized delivering dynamic and responsive user interfaces integrated with robust server-side logic.

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Education

Augsburg College / Computer Science, B.A.

SEP. 2009 - DEC. 2014, Minneapolis, MN

Worked in the I.T. department and as a tutor in the Computer Science department. Helped several students achieve Dean's List honors while actively engaging in various on-campus organizations.