How we hired a senior tester in the time when everybody else is hiring too.

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Search for a senior QA engineer

- Few months of searching for a new QA team member are finally behind us
- Many job ads, many job interviews, many candidates in the pool...
- Problem? Specific knowledge required (rich experience in manual and automated testing, coding skills, communication skills, experienced testers mind)
- Opportunities from other companies made this search even more challenging
- Have we found who we were looking for? NO!
- Best candidate approached us on 27# Testival Meetup!

What have we learned from this?

- Use every possible way to promote what you are doing (Facebook, LinkedIn, Blogs, Job ads...)
- Use every possible platform to meet new people (Meetups, conferences, hang out with other companies and testers)
- Learn from others, because they will take over best people

Latest trends in QA

Global trends in 2017

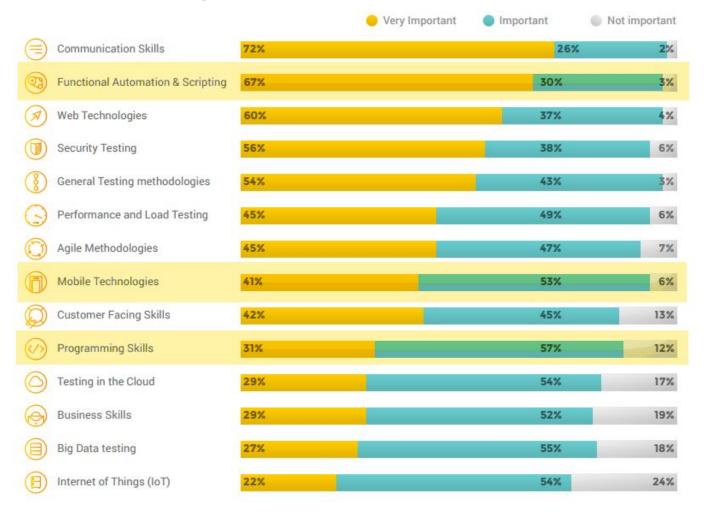
- Software solutions nowadays are cloud based
- No One can afford to have lousy solution because word of mouth and reviews make a difference
- Quality assurance has become incredibly important for everyone
- Pace of software development pushes towards test automation and continuous delivery
- Good times for testers... but VERY CHALLENGING times!

State of testing annual report 2017 (by PractiTest)





... new skills required





... jump in salaries



^{*} Salaries in thousands of USD and include bonus and perks if any.



^{*} NA - not enough information to provide meaningful information.

... non-formal education





48% Peer mentoring





43% Formal Training



43% Certifications and Courses





38% Conferences, meetups and seminars



36% Facebook, twitter, linkedin and blogs



34% Magazines



17% From other fields (e.g. psychology, writing, etc)



4%Weekend Testing and Miagi Do



7%Testing Diplomas

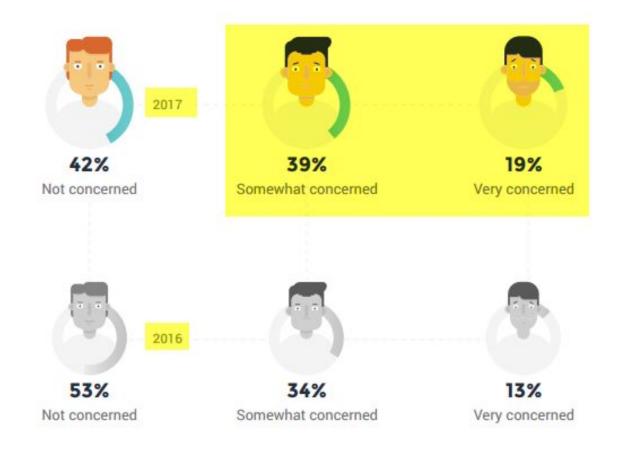


7%Testing competitions



7% Other

Are testers concerned about their job position!?





Thank you!

