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ABOUT ME 🧐

After years of experience in the IT industry, I've discovered a true passion for problem solving, delivery, and being a leader within a team. This CV focuses on my leadership skills, and how I've led, planned, and delivered pieces of work, while bringing a team along the journey with a collaborative approach to delivery.

Developing my leadership and product delivery skills is a key driver in wanting to pursue the Product Ownership pathway. I have displayed this through:

- *Being the Product Owner for the Design System team.*
- *Engaging in the Distinctive Leadership courses offered by BNZ.*
- *Delivering a new "Test Strategy" to our team.*
- *Facilitated in QPS for the Client Dojo/Design System Team.*
- *Filled in as PO/BA for our team when needed, making sure we continued to deliver.*

EXPERIENCE 🧠

PRODUCT OWNER (SECONDMENT) • BNZ • AUGUST 2022 – PRESENT

- **Design System Team** – During my time as Product Owner on the Design System team, I focused on:
- Improving our relationships and processes with our Design and Content team.
- Changed the mindset of the team to deliver more often and gather more feedback.
- Created and delivered clear and realistic roadmaps to our stakeholders.
- Shipped multiple new components for consuming developing teams in a couple of months as opposed to half a year/a year that it used to take.
- Creating a safe, honest, efficient, and constructive environment for my team members and consumers.
- Coordinated and lead several key meetings and actioned the changes discussed.
- Confidently displayed our quarterly plans to our stakeholders and explained the benefits of the work we planned to do.



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SKILLS

Clear and effective communication.

Delivery driven.

Organisational.

Thrives in team environments.

Confidently able to work with different personalities and ways of working.

Welcoming personality and energy.

Have shown great capability to step into any role and complete any task given.

EXPERIENCE

SENIOR AUTOMATION TESTER • BNZ • JUNE 2020 – PRESENT

- **Test Strategy (Cypress Automation)** – Our team had some Automation in place that was not as effective as it could've been, and we wasted a lot of time testing the wrong things. I observed this and made a plan/roadmap for our team on what our Automation looks like currently, what state we want to get to, and how to get there. This was presented to the team, and we then created stories/tasks off this roadmap, and we delivered this new test setup as a team.
- **PO/BA fill in** – We had about a two-week period where both our PO and BA were away on leave, so I naturally stepped up to fill that gap in our team. During this time, I ran sprint planning sessions, the Design System guild, team retrospectives, daily standups, backlog refinement, and sprint review. While running these ceremonies, I also made sure we had stories/bugs ready for our team to work on, planned and delivered releases, and communicated with our consumers about our release changes and any issues they raise in our public teams channel.



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SKILLS ⚡

Confident presenter of ideas and sharing knowledge.

Ability to carry out Squad Master responsibilities including organising and facilitating team meetings such as retrospectives, refining sessions etc.

Leadership skills that showcase great potential.

Enthusiastic and keen learner who loves to try new ideas to increase engagement.

INTERESTS 🏀

Loves food! Wellington foodie with a food Instagram 🍔

Sports fanatic! Basketball and Rugby! 🏀🏈

Investing 📈

Gaming 🎮

EXPERIENCE 🧠

MOBILE TEST ANALYST • TRADEME • AUGUST 2019 – JUNE 2020

- **COVID alert level messages** – During the first outbreak of COVID in New Zealand, Trademe as a company had to comply with the COVID alert level system. This meant that specific alert levels had different rules for trading goods and services. Our PO at the time had just left the company, so I stepped in to take lead on this task. This meant I had to plan and coordinate with our team on what needed to be done and communicate this to the wider domain to ensure our plan is executed in a timely manner. There were a lot of dependencies, so we had to communicate with other areas of the business about when to execute each of these releases, so they happen in the correct order. This is where I saw the greatest amount of growth in my leadership skills throughout my career, displaying full capability to lead a team in planning and delivering a product/project.

EDUCATION 📖

Bachelor of Commerce – Information Systems Major • December 2015 • Victoria University of Wellington



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