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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

- Engineering Manager Quality Assurance with 16+ years of experience in the software industry, having a fine blend of technical expertise and project management skills.
- Sound understanding of all aspects of the software development life cycle, from requirements, design, and implementation to testing, deployment and support.
- Sound understanding of E-Commerce, and fusion middleware technologies.

KEY SKILLS

- Team building and People management.
- Designing, architecture developing, managing and implementing core features of the Automation framework.
- Analyse and understand existing test coverage and automation frameworks, identifying opportunities for redesign, replacement, reusability, and improvement in efficiency and performance.
- Understanding of software design patterns, estimation techniques and test automation pyramid.
- Familiar with Google Cloud Platform, container systems like Docker and container orchestration tools like Kubernetes.
- Active listening, Restorative, Empathy, Responsibility, Analytical
- Proven ability to manage multiple projects simultaneously, prioritize tasks, and meet tight deadlines.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Test Automation Tools/Frameworks: Selenium WebDriver, WebdriverIO, RC, Cucumber, REST APIs, Junit, TestNG, Robot Framework, Appium
- Test Management Tool: JIRA, IBM Rational Quality Manager
- Defect Management Tool: Bugzilla, Quality Center, Rational Clear Quest
- Relational Databases: SQL Server, MySQL, Oracle and IBM DB2
- Programming / Scripting Languages: Java, Python
- Build Management Tool: Maven, Apache Ant
- Continuous Integration: Jenkins, GitHub, Hudson
- Version Control: GIT, SVN
- RAD Tools: Eclipse, IntelliJ, PyCharm, Confluence
- Operating Systems: Windows, Solaris, Mac, AIX and Redhat Linux
- Web Debugging: Firebug, Firepath, Chropath

INTEREST AREAS

Leadership and Management, Software-as-a-Service, E-commerce, Automation frameworks.

ACADEMIC SUMMARY

 Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Science from Amrita Institute of Technology and Science affiliated to VTU Belgaum in the year 2006 with an aggregate of 73%.

Engineering Manager – Quality Assurance, Rakuten India Enterprise Private Limited

09/2020 - Present

- Provided end-to-end testing support for business-critical projects by managing the QA team and leading test strategy, plan, execution, documentation, defect management and status reporting.
- Led a high-performing QA team to ensure the quality of Windows, Mobile, and Web-based applications, including cloud native applications.
- Developed strong cross-functional relationships with project stakeholders across different levels of the business.
- Developed and implemented performance management processes, including goal setting, performance reviews, and career development plans.
- Conducted regular one-on-one meetings with team members to provide feedback, coaching, and mentoring.
- Created and fostered a collaborative and inclusive team culture, promoting open communication and knowledge sharing.
- Participated in the regular product, engineering and operations review meetings.
- Built a good understanding of the products, customer base and their needs and work with the Product Owners to help manage customer expectations and queries.

- Drive people management tasks including appraisal, hiring, expenses management, trainings and other employee engagements.
- Conducted root cause analysis and implemented corrective actions to improve the software quality.
- Led the teams to follow QA best practices in an Agile (SCRUM) process.

Senior Technical Lead, Comviva Technologies

10/2019 - 07/2020

- Developed test automation framework for the Mobilytix project using Java, Selenium WebDriver, TestNG, Maven and Apache POI with BDD (Behavioral driven Development) technique called Gherkin.
- Helped coordinate technical leadership within Architecture, Development, QA and Release Management teams to enable
 effective automation.
- Performed API testing using Postman and API test automation using Robot Framework and Python.
- Evaluated manual test plans in order to design and implement well-structured test frameworks that are easy to extend and maintain.
- Worked with Engineering and Development teams to integrate the test frameworks into the DevOps pipeline.

Principal Member Technical Staff, Oracle India Private Limited

03/2011 - 05/2019

- Conducted automated regression test runs, analysed and debugged failures and reported results.
- Reviewed test progress against test schedule and prepared test metrics reports.
- Coordinated in walkthroughs, production release planning, validations, reporting, preparing status, follow-ups, bug tracking, defect review meetings, defect resolution process, risks and escalations management.
- Developed test documentation, reviewed test plans and test cases, analysed test results and generated test reports.
- Prepared status reports and defect reports for daily status meetings and sent them to the senior management.
- Conducted sessions in Selenium for the team and trained them in the automating the tests.
- Performed accessibility testing using JAWS and OGHAG tools.

Senior Software Engineer, IBM (India Software Labs) India Private Limited

03/2009 - 03/2011

- Developed a build automation framework using Apache Ant and Shell script.
- Co-authored the ETL Test Automation framework and conducted training sessions and mentored the team members in automating the test cases using the ETL Test Automation Framework

Member Technical Staff, Sun Microsystems India Private Limited

01/2008 - 02/2009

- Automated test cases using Selenium based test framework (Selenium, TestNG and Apache ANT).
- Automated the execution of Google's Open Social Compliance Tests using Selenium RC.
- Involved in functional testing and automation testing of Glassfish v2.1 CLI Installer using Expect and Glassfisv2.1 GUI Installer using Silk Test.

Software Engineer, FCG Software Services India Private Limited

07/2006 - 01/2008

- Developed test strategy, test plan, test cases, test reports, defect reports and product quality assurance documentation.
- Actively involved in all the stages of Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC)
- Effective defect tracking and reporting to improve communication and reduce delay.

AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES

- Completed the Rakuten Certified Managerial Program (RCMP)
- Received Rakuten Excellence Award in April 2022 and in Jan 2022.
- Received appreciation and Comviva Reward Points for contributions as internal trainer for Selenium at Comviva.
- Received top performer rating in 2013 & 2014 and the Helping Hand Award at Oracle.
- IBM Certified Database Associate.
- Won the Most Valuable Player of the month award at IBM for co-authoring the ETL Test Automation Framework.
- Won the IBM Thanks Award for developing the build automation framework.
- Abstract on Extract, Transform, Load (ETL) Test Automation Framework got selected for publication in the 2010 AP QSE Symposium at IBM.
- Received a certificate in Bug a ton contest featuring Sun Convergence product.