

# Ashley Patel

QA Automation Engineer - Testing-focused with limited production backend development

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## SUMMARY

Automation and quality engineer with 5+ years building test frameworks and CI pipelines. Strong in test strategy and reliability checks, but limited experience owning production backend systems or designing APIs. Some Python scripting for test harnesses.

## EXPERIENCE

### Senior QA Automation Engineer - SaaS Collaboration Tool

2021 - 2025 | Remote

- Built and maintained end-to-end test suite (Playwright, pytest) and quality gates across multiple repositories.
- Created synthetic load tests and failure injection scenarios; improved release confidence and reduced escaped defects.
- Developed tooling for test data generation and environment provisioning; limited direct work on production services.

### QA Engineer - Enterprise Software Vendor

2018 - 2021 | Toronto, ON

- Owned manual and automated testing for backend services; wrote test plans and triaged bugs with engineering teams.
- Contributed minor fixes in Python to internal scripts; not responsible for service architecture or on-call.

## SELECTED PROJECTS

### API Contract Test Harness

2024 - Python, pytest

- Implemented schema validation and regression tests for REST endpoints; did not build the underlying APIs.

## SKILLS

**Languages:** Python (scripting), JavaScript (testing), SQL (basic)

**Tools:** pytest, Playwright, Jenkins, GitHub Actions

**Backend:** Limited exposure; no ownership of production backend/platform systems

**Cloud:** Some AWS console usage; no IaC

## EDUCATION

### University of Guelph

BComp, Software Engineering | 2014 - 2018 | Guelph, ON