

# QA and Software Testing Careers in the USA

## An X-Ray of Today's Job Requirements



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**What is required from  
Software Testers &  
QAs nowadays?**

# Let's research job postings on LinkedIn



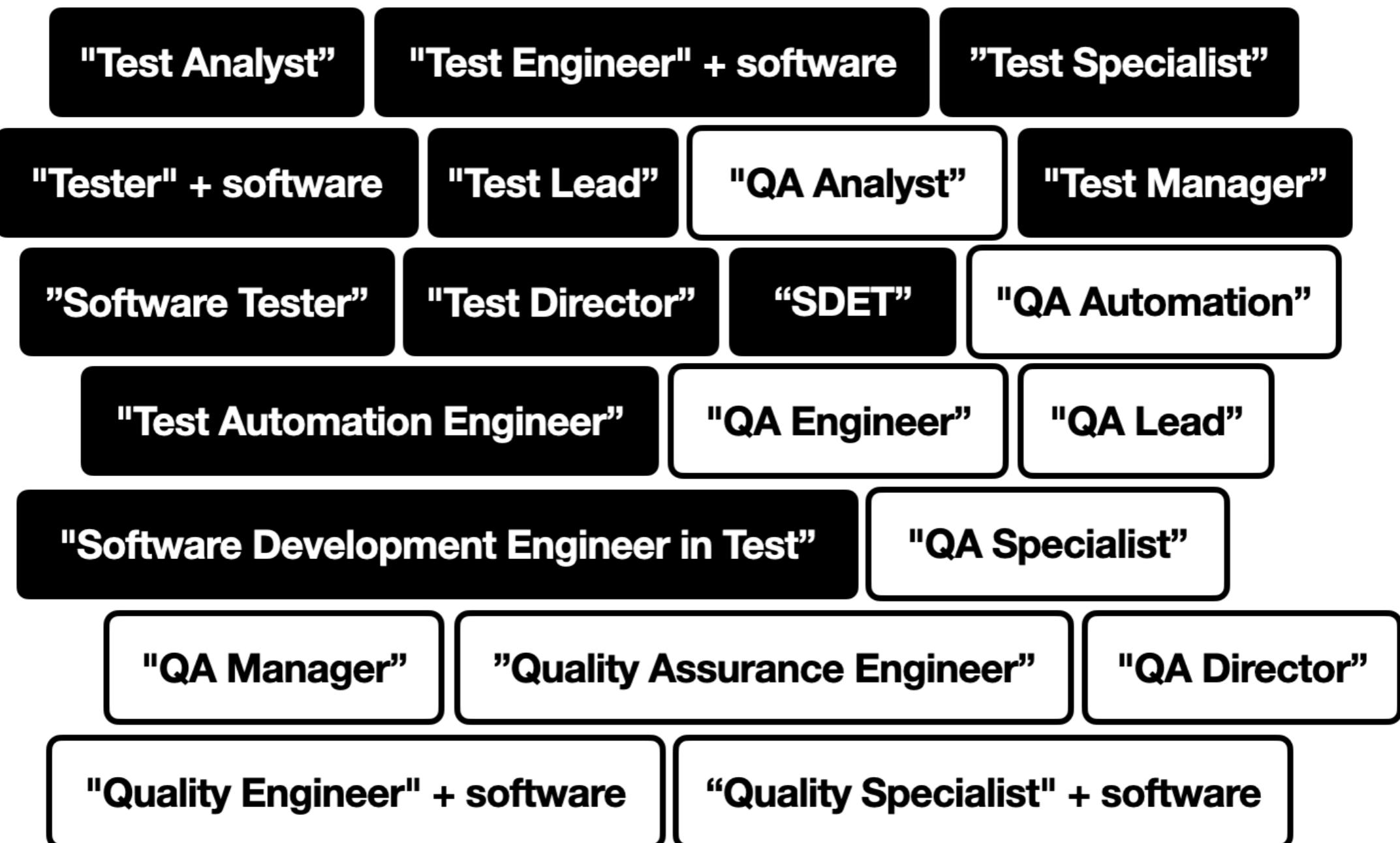
A study of Software Tester and QA job  
postings in the USA on LinkedIn.com

# But first, let's define a procedure!

- 1.** Define which titles I want to search.
- 2.** Extract job postings from LinkedIn.
- 3.** Filter testing-related job postings.
- 4.** Present the results.

**1.**

**Define which titles  
I want to search**



**2.**

**Extract job postings  
from LinkedIn.**

	<b>Principal Quality Assurance Engineer</b>	
Elios Talent		
New York and Area (Remote)		
US\$ 125K/year - US\$ 200K/year		
Viewed · Promoted ·  Simplified application		
	<b>Director of Quality Assurance</b> 	
Provisions Group		
United States (Remote)		
4 benefits		
 Evaluating applications		
Promoted ·  Simplified application		
	<b>Lead QA Engineer</b>	
Inspiren		
New York, NY (Remote)		
US\$ 125K/year - US\$ 140K/year		
Promoted		
	<b>Senior Software Test Engineer Lead (Remote)</b> 	
Silicon Valley Bank		
Florida, United States (Remote)		
Promoted		
	<b>Senior Automation QA</b> 	
Apex Systems		
Orlando, FL (Remote)		
\$50/hr - \$80/hr · Pension plan, + 1 benefit		
Promoted		
	<b>Lead QA &amp; Release Engineer (AI Platform Quality &amp; Automation)</b>	
XY.AI Labs		
United States (Remote)		
 Evaluating applications		

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(function () {
    const jobList =
document.querySelector('ul.vKEylGeUWcADKxhajJztfNHvi0YIwrxqaXo');

    const jobs = Array.from(jobList.querySelectorAll('li'))
        .map((li) => {
            const titleElement = li.querySelector('a.job-card-container__link');
            const companyElement = li.querySelector('div.artdeco-entity-lockup__subtitle span');
            const salaryElement = li.querySelector('div.artdeco-entity-lockup__metadata ul li span');
            let salaryElementFinal = null;

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                    avgSalary: 162500
                    company: "Elios Talent"
                    location: "New York and Area (Remote)"
                    maxSalary: 200000
                    minSalary: 125000
                    paymentPer: "year"
                    title: "Principal Quality Assurance Engineer"
                    url: "https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/4304807382/?eBP=CwEA"
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                    ► 3: {title: 'Senior Software Test Engineer Lead (Remote) with ve...'}
                    ► 4: {title: 'Senior Automation QA with verification', company: ...}
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                    ► 6: {title: 'Technical Engineering Manager, SDET with verification'}
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# 3751 job postings extracted

Raw dataset extracted from LinkedIn between  
September 7 and 8, 2025

**3726 after removing  
duplicates**

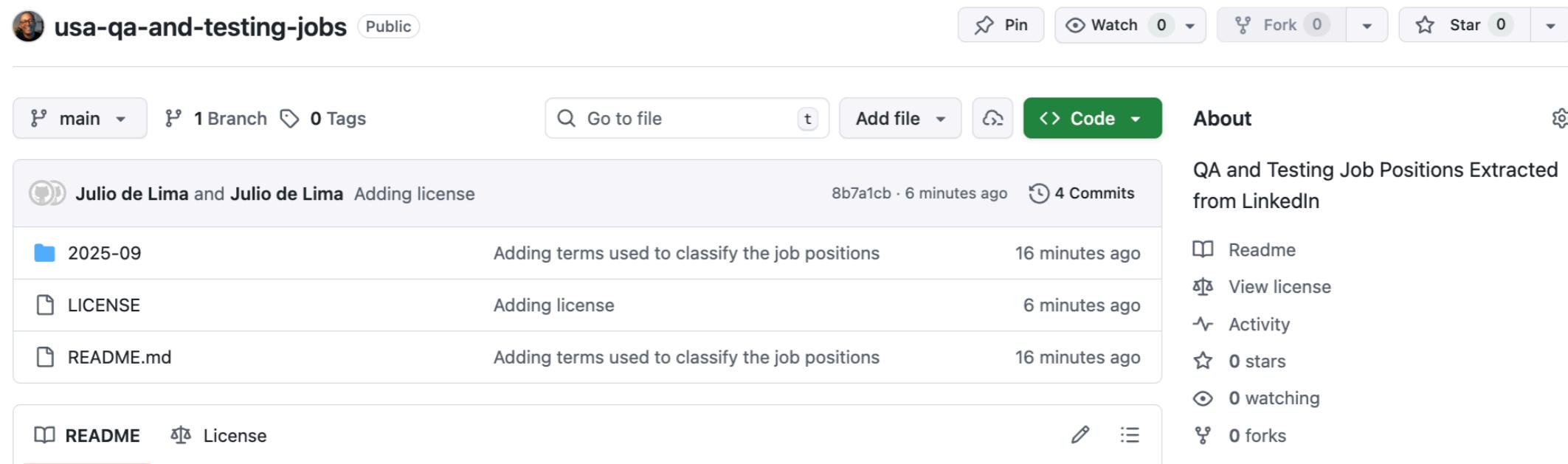
Identified based on the job postings ID  
available in the URL.

**3714 populated  
with public  
descriptions**

Extracted by accessing the URL with  
WebDriver to retrieve the description.

## Repository:

[github.com/juliodelimas/usa-qa-and-testing-jobs](https://github.com/juliodelimas/usa-qa-and-testing-jobs)



The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for 'usa-qa-and-testing-jobs'. The repository is public and has 1 branch and 0 tags. The 'Code' tab is selected. The commit history shows four commits from Julio de Lima, adding license information and classification terms. The repository has 0 stars, 0 forks, and 0 watching.

File	Message	Time
2025-09	Adding terms used to classify the job positions	16 minutes ago
LICENSE	Adding license	6 minutes ago
README.md	Adding terms used to classify the job positions	16 minutes ago

## USA QA and Testing Jobs Research

### Overview

This research project analyzes the software testing and quality assurance job market in the United States. The study focuses on understanding job requirements, technologies in demand, salary ranges, and employment trends in the QA/testing field through systematic data collection and analysis from LinkedIn job postings.

### Research Timeline

- Data Extraction: September 7-8 (2025)
- Data Evaluation Script Development: September 8 - October 1st (2025)

### Methodology

#### Phase 1: Exploratory Observation

Initial observation of job positions to understand the landscape of software testing roles available in the market.

### About

QA and Testing Job Positions Extracted from LinkedIn

- 📄 Readme
- 🔗 View license
- 📅 Activity
- ⭐ 0 stars
- 👁 0 watching
- 🍴 0 forks

### Releases

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**3.**

**Filter testing-related  
job postings.**



Leonardo DRS



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## Senior Quality Engineer

Melbourne, FL · Reposted 2 weeks ago · 35 people clicked Apply

Promoted by recruiter · Responses managed outside of LinkedIn

In person

✓ Full time

▼ 0 of 10 skill matches

Apply 

Save

### About the position

Job ID: 112567 Location: Melbourne FL onsite Schedule: 9/80

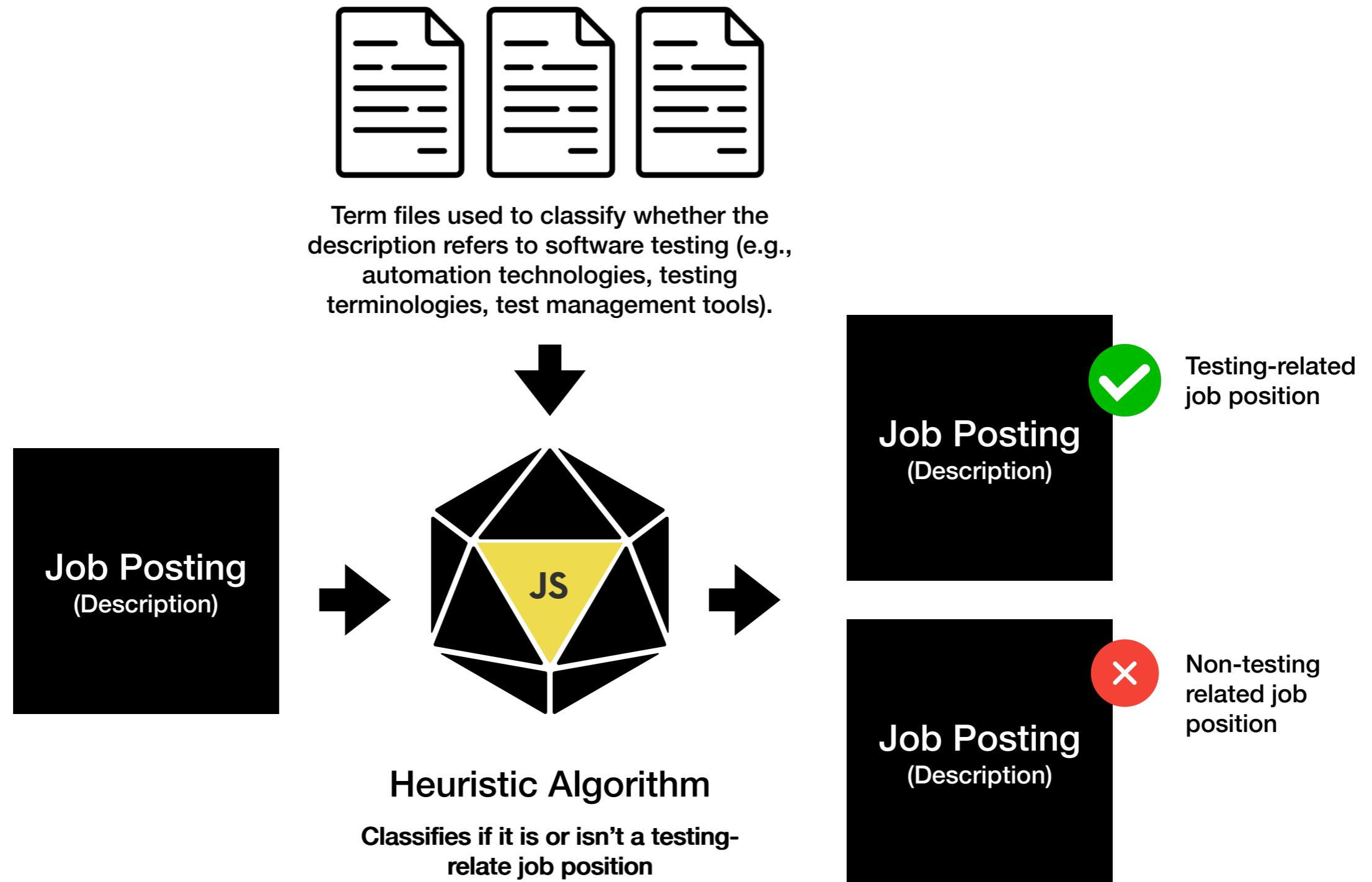
The Electro Optical Infrared Systems (EOIS) line of business within DRS has locations in Dallas and Austin, TX, Melbourne, FL, and Cypress, CA. EOIS develops, manufactures, and supports infrared and electro-optical solutions for soldiers, ground vehicles and airborne platforms. We offer an exciting and challenging work environment, a competitive salary and benefits package, and a business culture that rewards performance. *Employing the world's brightest. Supporting the world's bravest.* **Job Summary Job Responsibilities**US Citizenship required. This position requires an active DOD security clearance or the ability to obtain such clearance within a reasonable time after commencement of employment. Taking care of our people is a top priority at Leonardo DRS. We are proud to offer competitive salaries and comprehensive benefits, including medical, dental, and vision coverage, a company contribution to a health savings account, telemedicine, life and disability insurance, legal insurance, and a 401(k) savings plan. We champion wellness programs that focus on physical, emotional, and financial well-being. We

**"A Heuristic is a fallible means  
of solving a problem."**

James Bach

# **My heuristic for identifying whether a job opening is related to software testing**

1. If a specific software testing keyword is mentioned
2. If a test automation technology is mentioned
3. If a test management tool is mentioned
4. If the posting includes variations of Software Testing, Software QA, or SDET
5. If it is free from prohibited words (pure Quality Assurance terminology)



# 2873 testing-related job postings

After applying my heuristic to identify  
testing-related job positions



## Why is it fallible?

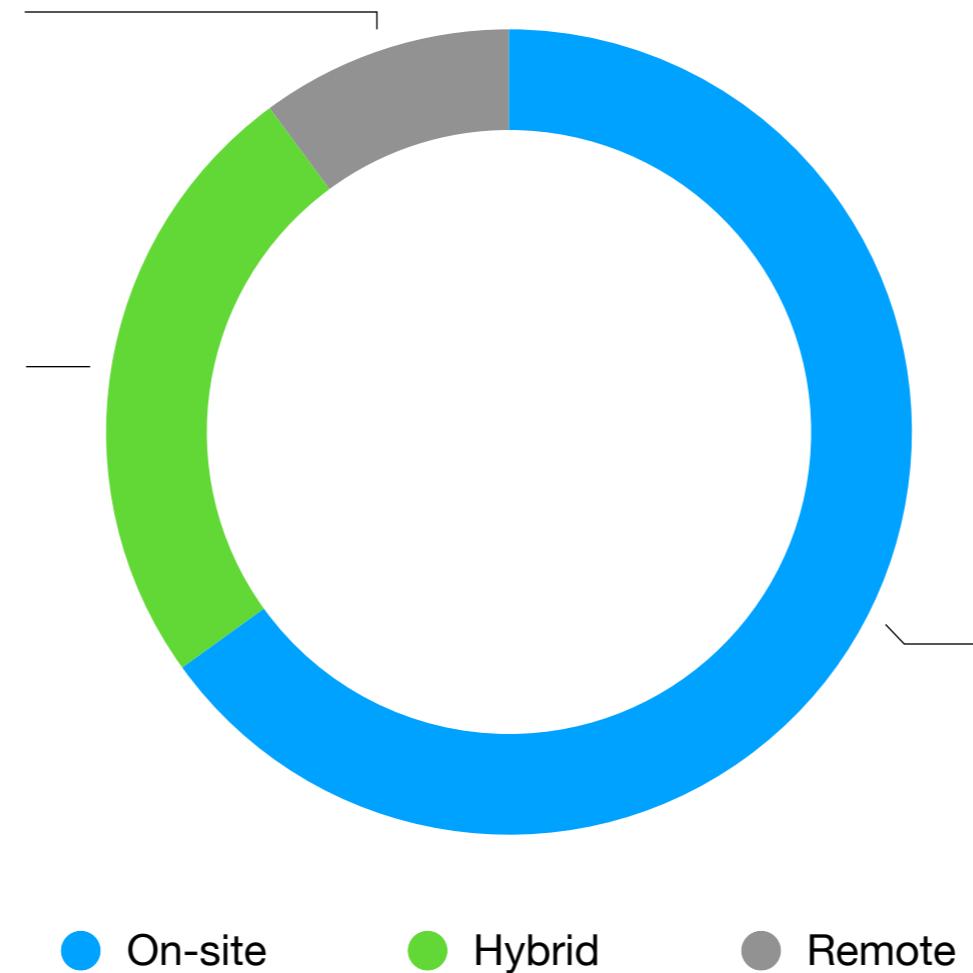
- Mistakes in the job postings.
- Gaps in selected terms to filter

4.

Present the  
results.

# 1435 unique variations of title

# Work Arrangements



# Total Salary Average Offered

**\$124,788**  
per year

Up to 10 skills

**\$127,575**  
per year

From 11 to 20 skills

**\$127,479**  
per year

From 21 onwards

# Highest Average Salary



OpenAI



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## Software Quality Engineer

San Francisco, CA 1 month ago

Promoted by recruiter · Responses managed outside of LinkedIn

US\$ 380K/year - US\$ 460K/year

✓ Full time

▼ 5 of 10 skill matches

🚫 No longer accepting applications

### About the position

Location: San Francisco, CA (Hybrid: 4 days onsite/week). Relocation assistance available. **About The Team** We build scalable, reliable software foundations that improve product quality and developer effectiveness across multiple platforms. We partner closely with product and engineering teams to deliver fast while establishing durable, secure systems. **About The Role** We're seeking a Software Quality Engineer to own and evolve build systems and pipelines. You'll design and maintain robust, flexible workflows that connect platforms, improve quality, and enable teams to ship confidently. You'll work across diverse tech stacks, making pragmatic trade-offs to move quickly while laying strong long-term foundations. **In This Role, You Will**

- Own and improve build systems across interconnected platforms.

# Highest Upper Salary Range

 Netflix ...

## Software Development Engineer in Test 5 - TV & Web Player

**Platform** 

United States · Reposted 2 weeks ago · Over 100 people clicked Apply  
Promoted by recruiter · Responses managed outside of LinkedIn

US\$ 100K/year - US\$ 720K/year  Remote  Full time  6 of 10 skill matches

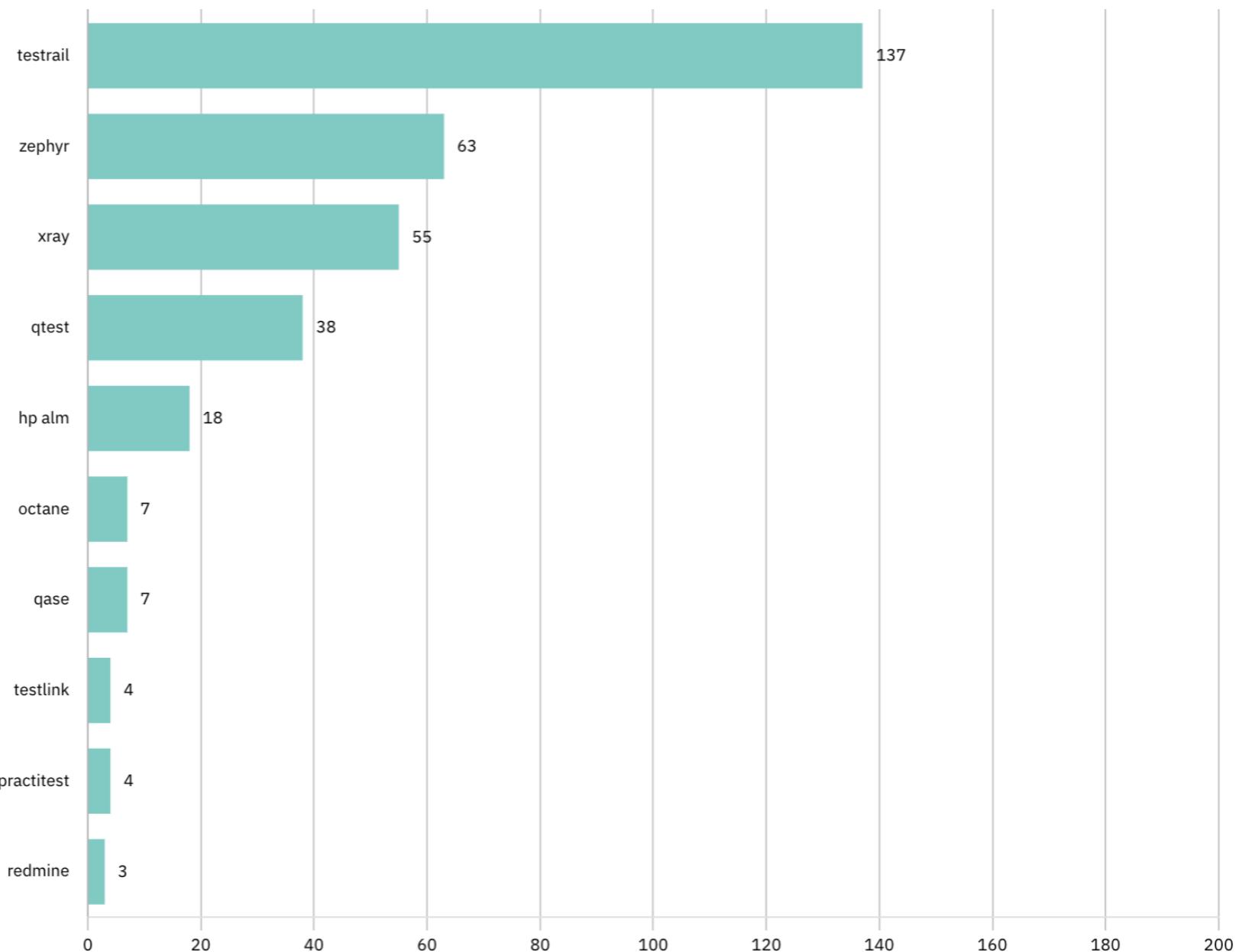
**Apply**  **Save**

## About the position

Netflix is one of the world's leading entertainment services, with over 300 million paid memberships in over 190 countries enjoying TV series, films and games across a wide variety of genres and languages. Members can play, pause and resume watching as much as they want, anytime, anywhere, and can change their plans at any time. The TV & Web Player Platform team is responsible for developing streaming video players that deliver industry-leading playback experiences within the Netflix app on consumer electronic devices and web browsers. Our players operate on millions of devices, including Smart TVs, streaming sticks, game consoles, set-top boxes, and browsers like Chrome, Firefox, and Edge. We aim to delight our members with innovative playback features and exceptional

# Test Management Tools

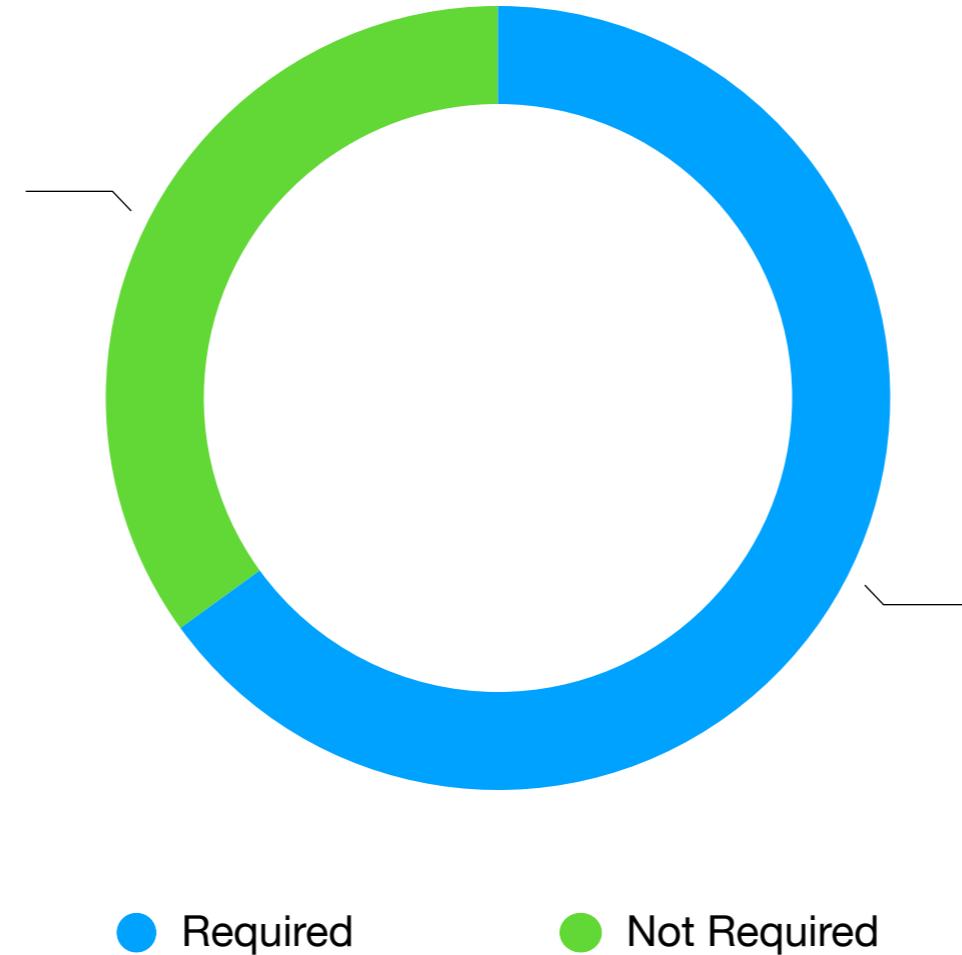
Frequency of occurrences.



## About the Test Management:

- Azure DevOps is generally used to describe Azure Test Plan, it was not possible to distinguish (196 mentions).
- Jira was also considered Test Management Tool in some positions, it was ignored on purpose (633 mentions).

# Test Automation



## About the Test Automation Classification:

- The first filter classifies test automation based on the presence of test automation tools.
- After this classification, an additional filter is applied for the terms “test automation”, “automate test”, and “automated test”.

# Total Salary Average Offered

**\$123,601**  
per year

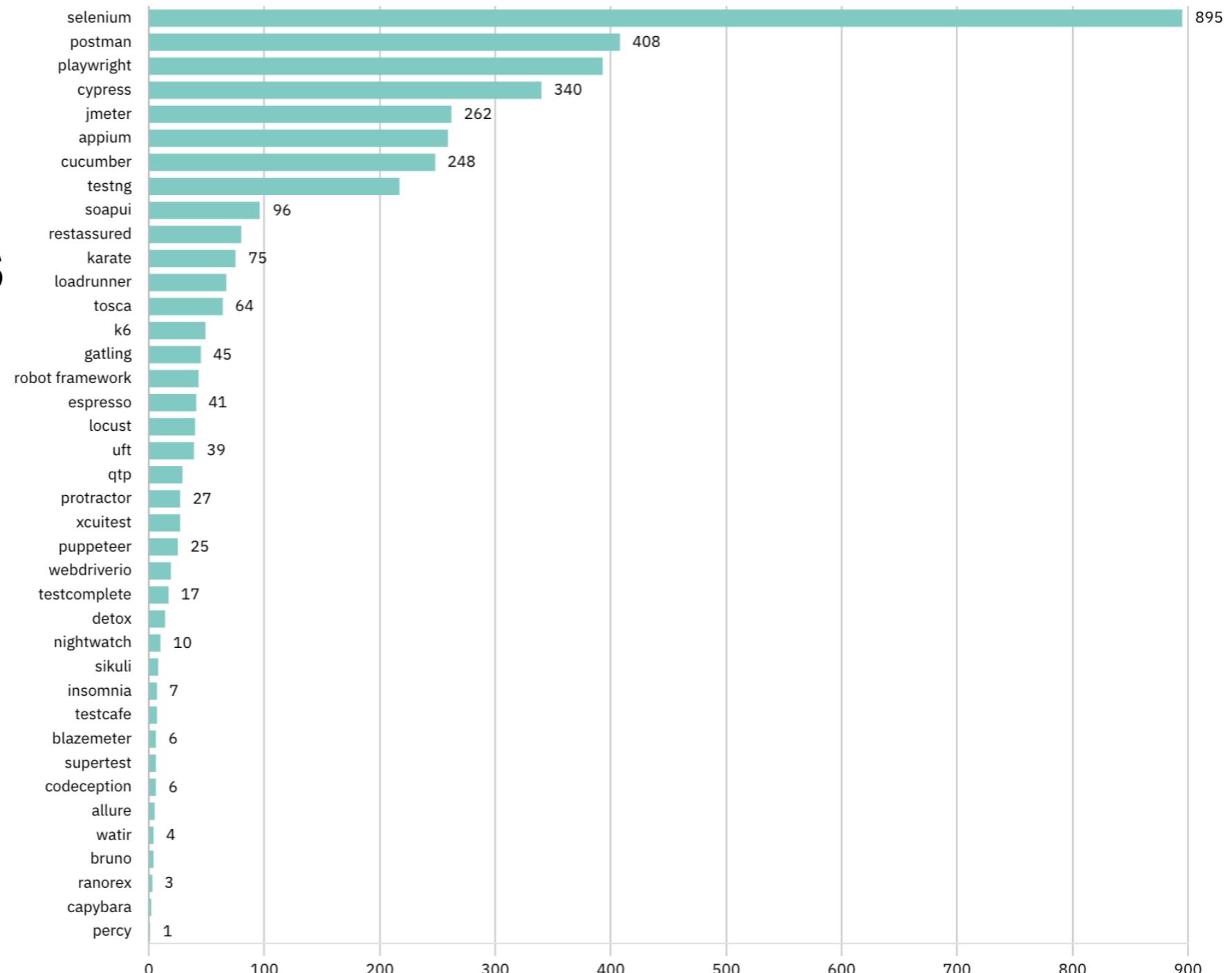
Positions not requesting test  
automation skills

**\$128,053**  
per year

Positions requesting test  
automation skills

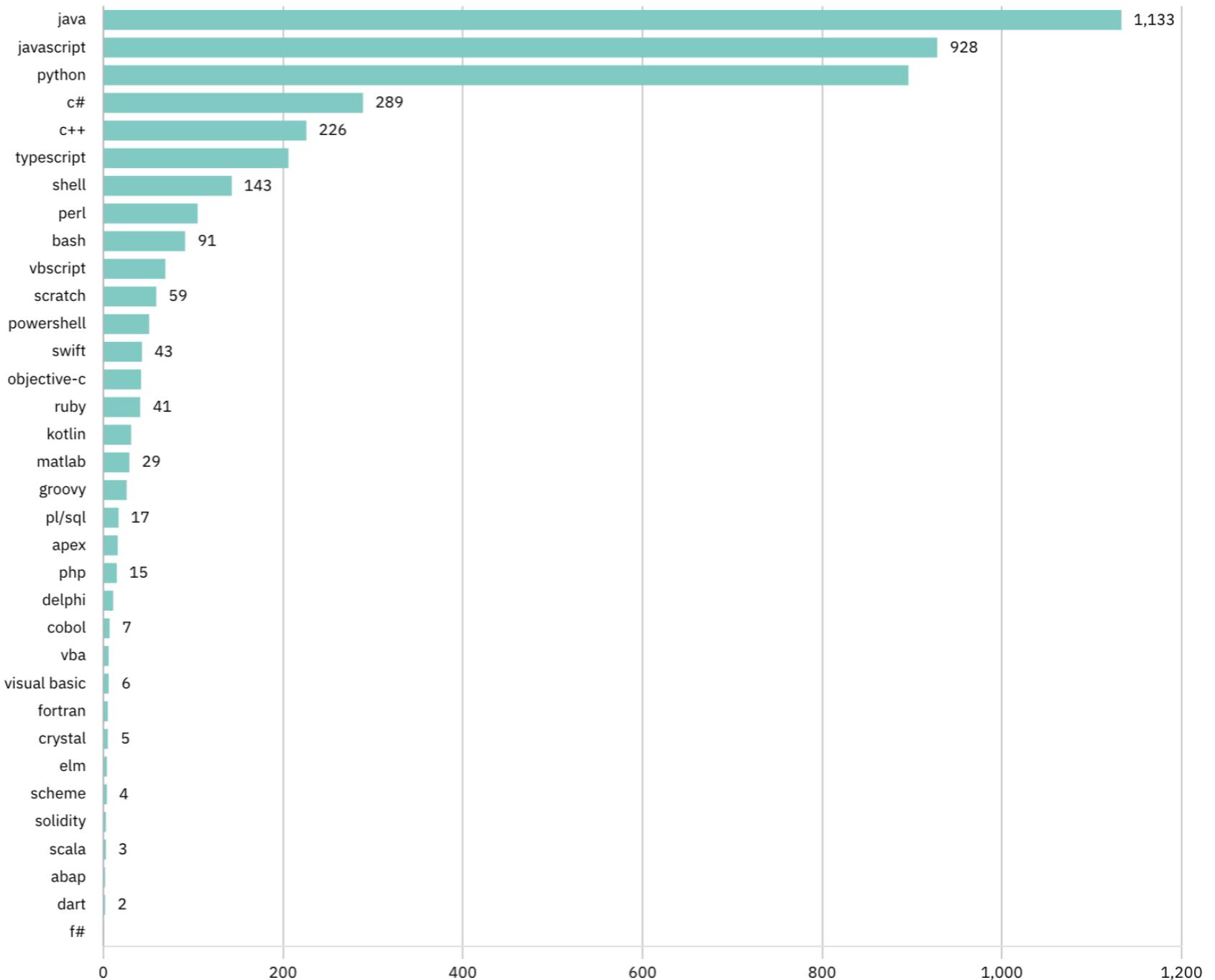
# Test Automation Technologies

Frequency of occurrences.



# Programming Languages

Frequency of occurrences.



**This Heuristic has  
plenty of room to  
improvement**

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