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## EXPERIENCE

### NETAPP

Wichita, KS

#### Quality Assurance Engineer III

April 2016 – August 2024

- Served as team lead, driving process improvements, offering technical guidance, and mentoring junior engineers.
- Transitioned iSCSI test configurations to a virtual infrastructure powered by VMware, reducing capital expenditures by 60%.
- Adopted Agile practices within the team, implementing 20-day sprint cycle and daily standups, driving increased productivity and efficiency.
- Designed, implemented, and documented a thorough test strategy to ensure seamless compatibility between VMware vSphere ESXi and NVMe over Fabrics (NVMe-oF) storage solutions.
- Resolved issues and provided expert guidance by efficiently managing escalations from customer support and technical marketing teams.
- Acted as team representative in defect standup meetings, ensuring overall release health and advocated for potential stop-ship issues.
- Fostered strong partnerships with Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) to coordinate qualification efforts and develop tailored test plans that aligned with their product release schedules.

#### Quality Assurance Engineer II

October 2014 – April 2016

- Achieved certification for over 1200 distinct VMware solutions to be used with block storage product offerings, validating their compatibility and performance.
- Streamlined VMware deployment times in lab environments by 75% through the development of PowerCLI scripts and integration of provisioning software Cobbler.
- Reduced lab footprint by 40% through the consolidation of hardware components in test configurations, optimizing resource utilization and maximizing test coverage.
- Built and managed a centralized VMware vCenter infrastructure that was shared effectively across development and quality assurance teams.
- Cultivated a strategic partnership with VMware to accelerate defect resolution and gain early access to VMware releases, optimizing software development lifecycle.

#### Quality Assurance Engineer I

October 2011 – October 2014

- Implemented and executed comprehensive test strategy for storage failover driver and block storage product, resulting in over 50 unique solutions certified for Windows Server Catalog.
- Developed documentation for Windows Server solutions, enhancing the setup and configuration processes for internal and external customers.
- Identified and validated use cases for Hyper-V Virtual Fibre Channel, enabling enhanced storage scalability.

## EDUCATION

### WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

Wichita, KS

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

**Developer Tools:** Git, BitBucket, VS Code, JupyterLab

**Frameworks:** Ansible, pytest, Docker

**Languages:** VMware PowerCLI, PowerShell, Python, Bash

**Networking:** Cisco IOS, Cisco NX-OS, NVIDIA Mellanox MLNX-OS

**Operating Systems:** VMware vSphere, Microsoft Windows Server, Red Hat Enterprise Linux, SUSE Linux Enterprise Server, Oracle Linux, Ubuntu

**Project Management Tools:** Jira, Confluence

**Storage Protocols:** Fibre Channel, iSCSI, NFS, NVMe over Fabrics (NVMe-oF), Serial Attached SCSI (SAS)