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Matt Karimov

Quality Automation Specialist

Java | Selenium | Cucumber | AWS | CI/CD

Experienced Software QA Engineer with over 5 years in the Banking, Finance, and QA Industry. Proficient in both automated and manual testing, with a strong understanding of SDLC, STLC, and Agile Scrum Methodology. Demonstrated expertise in backend development, cloud systems, and CI/CD pipelines. Adept at collaborating with cross-functional teams, ensuring software quality, and accelerating the release of high-quality software products.

Areas of Expertise

- Automation Testing (Selenium, Cucumber, JUnit, JBehave)
- Programming Skills (Java)
- Manual Testing
- API Testing
- Database Testing (SQL, MongoDB)
- Understanding of SDLC and STLC
- Agile and Scrum Methodology
- UI/UX Testing
- Version Control (e.g., Bitbucket, Git)
- CI/CD Tools and Practices
- Test Case Management (Jira)
- Performance and Load Testing
- Effective Communication
- Domain Knowledge (Banking, Finance)
- Continuous Learning and Adaptability

Experience

Quality Automation Specialist

NatWest Group, UK (02/2022 – Present)

- Led the development and execution of automation test scripts for SEPA and instant payments in a Dockerized environment, ensuring scalability and reproducibility.
- Managed regression test planning with a focus on containerized applications, actively participating in stakeholder meetings for project updates.
- Enhanced test coverage through GAP analysis, emphasizing payment processing accuracy and compatibility.
- Played a pivotal role in refining testing documentation and practices, aligning with the complexities of instant payments.
- Developed Java methods for payment injections using XML, adhering to best coding practices and container standards.
- Collaborated with the team to address technical challenges, ensuring seamless integration and functionality of payment modules.

Bitbucket, Jira, Java, Selenium, Cucumber BDD, Junit, Docker, Cloud Payment Platforms, XML Processing
Software QA Engineer **Amplience, UK** (04/2021 – 01/2022)

- Run bug triage meetings in Agile Scrum Team to prioritise bugs from the backlogs.
 - Extracted testable scenarios from user stories and create new test plan and ensure tests are executed and results recorded.
 - Carried out exploratory testing and gap analysis, integration testing and e2e testing.
 - Completed validation steps and have a QA voice present in release meetings.
 - Liaised with stockholders and provide feedback about operations risk areas for integration and system impact.
 - Designed and implementing automated tests using Selenium Web Driver, Cucumber BDD, Junit and TestNG.
- Java, Ruby, Selenium, Cucumber, Junit, MongoDB, Docker, API Testing, Jira, JSON Scheme*
Software Development Engineer in Test (SDET) **FleetApps, USA** (05/2020 – 04/2021)

- Engaged in Agile Scrum Team practices, formulating test scenarios and cases through SDLC using Git and Github

- Delivered actionable insights from calculator test results, driving product improvements while also serving as a Subject Matter Expert in redress calculations.
- Championed training and support for Complaints Managers, reinforcing best practices and knowledge sharing.
- Established and managed robust communication channels with customers, addressing and resolving a wide range of banking product complaints with transparency and fairness.

Manual Testing, SQL Database, Automation, Validation, Verification, Fintech, Outcome Testing

Quality Assurance Representative **HSBC, Leeds, UK** (05/2017 – 11/2017)

- Conducted manual testing, verification, and validation on intricate redress calculators.
- Handled sensitive banking data, performing comprehensive reviews and root cause analyses on payment protection insurance complaints.

Manual Testing, Validation, Verification, Fintech, SQL Database, Audit Check, Edge, BMM, AES, Creditor, ParamMaint

OTHER EXPERIENCES

Branch Manager , Lighthouse Educational Society, London, UK	2015 - 2016
Charity Officer , Northern Education Society, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK	2009 - 2011
Lecturer , TIU University, Tashkent, Uzbekistan	2003 - 2004

EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS

Full Stack Automation Tester (SDET) Program , Cydeo, Virginia, USA	2020
PhD in Governance and International Affairs , Durham University, UK	2018
MA in Public Administration , JMI Central University, New Delhi, India	2006
BA in Legal Studies , TIU University, Tashkent, Uzbekistan	2003