

Matt Karimov

Manchester, UK | ☎+447803374001 | mattkarimov@outlook.com | linkedin.com/in/mattkari |
github.com/mattkari

Quality Automation Specialist

Java | Selenium | Cucumber | AWS | CI/CD

Profile

Experienced QA Automation Engineer, manual tester, and complaints manager, over 5 years, in Banking, Finance and QA Industry with both Web based and Client/Server applications, covering UI, API Testing, and Database Testing and strong business compliance understanding of knowledge in the fields of Finance and Banking. In depth understanding of SDLC, STLC and Agile Scrum Methodology.

Areas of Expertise

- Automation Testing (Selenium, Cucumber, JUnit, JBehave)
- Programming Skills (Java)
- Manual Testing
- API Testing, REST Assured, Postman
- Database Testing (SQL, MongoDB)
- Understanding of SDLC and STLC
- Agile and Scrum Methodology
- UI/UX Testing
- Version Control (e.g., Bitbucket, Git, Gitlab)
- CI/CD Tools and Practices, Jenkins, Maven
- 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)

- Spearheaded the BDD automation approach using JBehave and Cucumber, translating user stories from JIRA into actionable test scenarios.
- Led the development and execution of automation test scripts for SEPA and instant payments in a Dockerized environment, ensuring scalability and reproducibility.
- Pioneered the integration of ICON's test framework with Docker, providing consistency across test environments and enhancing test reliability.
- 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 and ICON's unique BDD approach.
- 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.
- Oversaw the implementation of the ICON test framework, ensuring its effective integration with existing tools and processes.
- Ensured effective collaboration between development and QA teams, ensuring alignment of test strategies with software development goals.

Bitbucket, Jira, Java, Selenium, JBehave, Cucumber BDD, Junit, Docker, Cloud Payment Platforms, XML Processing, ICON's BDD Framework

QA Automation Engineer

Amplience, UK (04/2021 – 01/2022)

- Championed Agile Scrum practices, leading bug triage meetings and extracting test scenarios from user stories to prioritize and formulate comprehensive test plans.
- Utilized Java OOP and Ruby to design and implement a robust test automation framework integrating Selenium, Cucumber BDD, TestNG, Maven, and POM.
- Conducted diverse test types including exploratory, gap analysis, integration, e2e, Smoke, Regression, and UI testing, ensuring products align with user requirements.
- Played a pivotal role in release meetings, representing the QA perspective, and ensuring validation and feedback loops with stakeholders regarding risk areas and system integration.
- Leveraged Jenkins on AWS EC2 for enhanced test automation and performed in-depth API testing with REST Assured Library and Postman.
- Managed defects and liaised with stakeholders using Jira, ensuring clear communication and timely resolution.

Java, Ruby, Selenium, Cucumber, Junit, TestNG, MongoDB, Docker, API Testing, REST Assured Library, Postman, Git, Jenkins, Jira, JSON Schema, Maven, POM, Agile

Complaints Manager

Lloyds Banking Group, UK (11/2017 – 01/2021)

- Spearheaded manual testing in banking redress calculations, ensuring the precision of both manual and automated calculators for Asset Finance Payment Protection Insurance claims.
- Utilized SQL for data-driven decision-making, enhancing the accuracy and efficiency of claim processes.
- 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