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Test Automation Engineer

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Personal Statement

My objective as a test automation engineer is to simplify the testing process through quality automation that provides value to the team. I have a strong focus on not only improving quality of life through technology, but also on developing myself and mentoring my peers.

I am always looking for a new and exciting challenge, and am currently seeking test automation and software development opportunities.

Experience

Spark OCTOBER 2023 - PRESENT

Test Automation Engineer

As a test automation engineer at Spark, I have had the opportunity to work across a variety of automation projects including mobile app testing, regression and internal tooling. I had immediately taken the opportunity to mentor others on more technical aspects of the role, and introduced both code quality and process standards for the wider test engineering chapter.

- Pioneered a successful mobile app testing framework using **Typescript**, **Appium** and **WebDriverIO**, the first of its kind within the company.
- Introduced standardised visual regression testing of critical pages through the use of **Docker** containers in **CI/CD pipelines**.
- Supporting and training other chapter members and manual testers into upskilling through training sessions, improved standards and guides.
- Regression testing of critical user journeys with **Cucumber** and **Playwright**.

DevAcademy Aotearoa JUNE 2023 - OCTOBER 2023

DevAcademy Aotearoa offered an immersive software development bootcamp that simulated real-life development teams. The program focused on teaching modern development with a focus on empathy, agile processes and collaboration. Coming in with knowledge of a majority of the stack, I was able to focus on deepening my understanding and mentoring others.

Industry skills taught include **Javascript**, **Typescript**, **React**, **React Query**, **Express**, **APIs**, **SQL**, **git** and **testing** methodologies.

The Warehouse Group JULY 2022 - MAY 2023

Copy Centre Specialist

Canterbury SCL / Awanui Group FIXED TERM FEBRUARY 2022 - JULY 2022

Contact Centre Consultant

Interests

I enjoy tinkering with new and different technologies, and have a lot that I am eager to learn - some notable things being Golang and its concurrency model, AWS certifications and GraphQL.

Outside of programming, I enjoy listening to 80's music (my favourites are ZZ Top, David Bowie, Fleetwood Mac & Pink Floyd) going on 5 hour walks and spending time with my younger brother with Angelman Syndrome.

As a German, I am always looking for a chance to make homely family dinners and will gladly host a Raclette dinner for anyone I can bring along, and have even hosted an at-work Raclette for Friday drinks!

References

Available on request