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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, well written 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 through learning, mentorship and short feedback loops.

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 worked on diverse automation projects, including mobile app testing, regression testing, and utilities to improve reporting and system integration. In my role, I have taken the initiative to mentor others on the technical aspects of the role and have introduced code quality and process standards for the broader test engineering team.

- Pioneered the company's first mobile app testing framework using **TypeScript**, **Appium**, and **WebDriverIO**, significantly enhancing testing efficiency and reliability.
- Implemented visual regression testing by leveraging **Docker** containers within **CI/CD pipelines**.
- Supported and trained fellow chapter members and manual testers through **training sessions**, **improving standards**, and guides, facilitating upskilling and proficiency in test automation and coding.
- **Regression**, **API** & **UI testing** of critical systems and journeys.

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