STEPHEN BENNETT

Automation/Manual Test Engineer

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EXPERIENCE

Mobile QA Engineer
Stadion　05/2025 - 07/2025　London, United Kingdom

- **Comprehensive Manual Testing**: Performed exploratory, regression, and smoke testing on both native mobile apps and web applications to ensure product quality across platforms.
- **Process Evaluation & Enhancement**: Reviewed and adapted existing QA processes; proposed and implemented alternative solutions tailored to the fast-paced, short project cycles typical at Stadion.
- **Cross-Team Coordination**: Ensured thorough QA coverage across business, development, and testing teams, promoting alignment and effective collaboration.
- **Automation Framework Evaluation**: Researched and recommended three automation frameworks based on project requirements, scalability, and team skillsets. Delivered live demonstrations highlighting each framework's strengths, limitations, and training needs.
- **Test Automation with Maestro**: Developed high-level automation test scripts using Maestro, focusing on maintainability and alignment with product needs.
- **CI/CD Integration**: Built and maintained GitHub Actions-based CI/CD pipelines, including automated test reporting integrated with GitHub Pages and Slack for real-time visibility.
- **Documentation & Knowledge Sharing**: Authored detailed automation documentation and created a QA knowledge base to support ongoing learning and development for all QA team members.
- **Team Training Initiatives**: Led weekly QA training sessions featuring live demos and video tutorials on scripting for commonly encountered test scenarios.
- **Agile Participation & Communication**: Provided consistent QA updates during daily stand-ups, sprint planning, grooming ceremonies, and QA weekly syncs, ensuring QA efforts were visible and aligned with project timelines.
- **Shift-Left QA Strategy Rollout**: Championed and presented a shift-left QA approach and automation strategy to cross-functional teams. Successfully implemented this in two products, articulating its benefits, limitations, and ongoing management needs.

Test Engineer
Elsewhen　11/2023 - 06/2024　London, United Kingdom

- **Test Automation with Cypress and Playwright**: Automate using Cypress/Playwright - Typescript positive and negative test cases based on new features groomed in sprint planning
- **Security Testing with Okta**: Ensuring that all automation scripts are configured with OKTA authentication single sign-in with OKTA authentication API using an access token to perform programmatic login with cypress hooks and custom commands
- **CI/CD Integration**: Monitoring CI/CD pipeline with GitHub Actions and ensuring that the pipeline passes on any PR merger
- **Bug Management:** Investigating any failed reports by reviewing, debugging, and alerting the dev team by escalating any bugs found via a ticket
- **API Testing**: Testing API requests via Swagger/postman manually by testing the API collection and validating the response status and data before automating each request in Postman or Cypress
- **Personal Development**: Upskill and introduce the playwright to the new projects while phasing out Cypress
- **Manual Test Coverage**: Ensuring test coverage for manual test cases, API, and cypress automation test suites with regular maintenance
- **Test Methods**: Manually test project applications with testing methods such as exploratory testing to understand feature behaviours, this has assisted with developing a test strategy to guide QA with testing and documenting test plans, test scripts, project processes
- **Agile Participation & Communication:** Providing updates in stand-up on the progress and status tickets, tests, bugs, and other QA tasks
- **Team Player**: Team Advocate and spokesman due to the absent QA lead and ensuring that all members within the QA team are supported and all issues, and concerns are escalated and resolved

SUMMARY

Quality Assurance professional with over 10 years of experience in automation and manual testing, expert in test automation and CI/CD pipeline integration. Contracting for over 5 years and seeking both contract and permanent roles. Key achievements include the successful implementation of shift-left QA strategies in two products and the development of high-level automation test scripts using Playwright, Cypress, WebdriverIO, Appium, Detox and Maestro. Seeking a Test Engineer position, where my process evaluation and cross-function team coordination skills can support the business mission of innovating the testing process in a SDLC domain. Proficient in designing, implementing, and managing tests across product suites, with a strong track record in enhancing quality control and assurance metrics. During my tenure, CI/CD pipelines were built and maintained to improve real-time visibility and efficiency, and multiple automation frameworks were evaluated to match team skillsets and project scalability.

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https://linktr.ee/steviebdesigns

🌐 https://www.steviebdesigns.co.uk

EDUCATION

BSc Multimedia and Internet Technology
Greenwich University
09/2006 - 06/2010　London, United Kingdom

AUTOMATION FRAMEWORK

Skill	Level	Rating
HTML	Advanced	●●●○○
CSS	Advanced	●●●○○
React	Intermediate	●●○○○
Typescript	Advanced	●●●○○
Javascript	Advanced	●●●○○
Playwright	Advanced	●●●○○
Jest - API	Intermediate	●●○○○
Cypress	Proficient	●●●●○
WebdriverIO	Intermediate	●●○○○
Detox	Intermediate	●●○○○
Maestro	Advanced	●●●○○
SQL	Advanced	●●●○○
GIT	Intermediate	●●○○○
Selenium	Beginner	●○○○○
Pytest	Beginner	●○○○○

EXPERIENCE

Automation Test Engineer
Kubrick Group   08/2022 - 08/2023   London, United Kingdom
- Automate test cases using Cypress - JavaScript
- Automate and write scripts for API collections
- Create GIT branches and push and merge to the automation repo
- Create and run CI pipelines in Azure DevOps and schedule weekly runs for releases
- Write test cases on requirement-based stories from the backlog
- Creating QA processes from scratch by creating test strategies, test cases for regression and smoke test suites, automating Kubrick applications
- Planning releases with the head of technology, and product owners and documenting end-of-sprint releases
- Create release reports at the end of the sprint to the development team
- Creating Test plans for regression test suite

Manual Mobile Tester
Tik Tok   07/2022 - 08/2022   London, United Kingdom
- Exploratory Testing based on Acceptance criteria
- Testing both iOS and Android devices
- Functional and behavioral regression/smoke testing on iOS and Android devices

Automation/Manual QA Tester
Curio   04/2021 - 08/2022   London, United Kingdom
- Automated Curio's web testing and developed QA processes, including regression and smoke test suites using Cypress - Typescript.
- Managed end-to-end release planning and documentation in collaboration with the head of technology and product owners.
- Testing Stripe payments
- Established and monitored a bug triage dashboard workflow; ensured integration with CRM tools like Instabug and Intercom for comprehensive bug reporting.
- Lead automation of QA processes, developing scripts for smoke tests and expanding to regression suites with Cypress, Typescript, and Cucumber.
- Coordinated with customer service to troubleshoot app and web technical issues, and worked with developers and UX to ensure design fidelity.
- Conducted A/B testing, performance monitoring using Firebase and Looker, and led presentations on QA advancements and new technologies.

QA Engineer
Efficio   11/2020 - 04/2021   London, United Kingdom
- Contract Manual Testing their procurement tools

Mobile QA Tester
Tempcover   01/2020 - 06/2020   London, United Kingdom
- Permanent - Automation/Manual Testing for their new car insurance app using Detox and Cucumber

Software QA Tester
BBC   12/2019 - 01/2020   London, United Kingdom
- Contract - Manual Testing BBC's toolkit

QA Engineer
Clarksons Platou   05/2019 - 08/2019   London, United Kingdom
- Contract Testing cloud based product which parse data between each app. Desktop - Automation/Manual - Cypress

Android and iOS Application Test Analyst
Tantalum Corporation   05/2018 - 02/2019   London, United Kingdom
- Contract - Testing their Motor Tech application for both iOS and Android using their ODB hardware - London

Web Quality Assurance Analyst
Breakthrough Media   01/2018 - 03/2018   London, United Kingdom
- Contract - Testing all breakthrough websites for their GDPR audits

Quality Assurance Manager
Freedman International   09/2017 - 11/2017   London, United Kingdom
- Contract QC Manager managing a team of 6 Quality Controllers and the wider studio that consists of Designers, Developers, Art Workers and Project Managers - Accounts: EA Games, Sage and Fitbit

MANUAL TESTING EXPERIENCE

- 💎 Exploratory Testing
- 💎 Regression Testing
- 💎 Creating Test Cases for Test Plans
- 💎 Ad hoc Testing
- 💎 API Testing
- 💎 Desktop Web application Testing
- 💎 Mobile and Smart Device testing

SKILLS

Android   **Restful API testing**

BrowserStack   **Crm**   **Cypress**

Debugging   **Git**   **Github**

Github Actions   **Javascript**   **Jira**

Joomla   **Mailchimp**   **Postman**

Playwright   **Browserstack**

Mobile Testing   **Regression Testing**

Smoke Testing   **SourceTree**   **Swagger**

Typescript   **UAT Testing**   **Manual Testing**

Automation Testing   **Vercel**   **Wordpress**

Xcode   **Zephyr**   **GitLab**   **Azure Devops**

CI/CD Pipeline   **iOS**   **End-To-End Testing**

BDD   **Continuous Integration**

Object-Oriented Programming   **Scrum**

Kanban   **Electronic payments**

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

💎 **Playwright - AI Zerostep**   09/2024
Using Zerostep AI with playwright and Typescript to automate applications

💎 **Learning Frontend Development and Figma UI/UX design**   01/2025
Currently completing a Next.js and Figma course to develop my skills to become a frontend developer

💎 **AI with Machine Learning with Python**   02/2025
Developing an understanding on AI and Machine Learning and how this can be integrated in QA automation and SDLC.

EXPERIENCE

Digital Quality Assurance Manager

William Lea Tag   04/2017 - 09/2017   London, United Kingdom

- Permanent - Working for H&M testing Digital assets, email marketing, web, video assets

Senior Digital Quality Controller

Schawk   06/2015 - 04/2017   London, United Kingdom

- Permanent - Working for Sky Digital testing Digital assets, email marketing, web, video assets

Account Manager

Telappliant   08/2013 - 06/2015   London, United Kingdom

Account Manager for VOiP solutions for accounts such as Millwall Football Club

Production Executive

Alchemy Worx   06/2013 - 07/2013   London, United Kingdom

Email tester for Sainsbury's bank, Playstation, Sony, Tesco

Software Support

Bcsg   05/2012 - 05/2013   London, United Kingdom

1st Line technical support for Barclays Business Accounting software

Senior Customer Service Advisor

Serco   10/2010 - 02/2012   London, United Kingdom

Sky Customer service advisor and technical support

Work Placement – Graphic Designer

Apptomix   08/2008 - 03/2009   San Diego, California, USA

Graphic and Frontend Designer for there content management system

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

◆ Completed Pytest with Selenium January 2025

Completed Udemy course in a different automation framework discipline. Example of project I had completed on my online portfolio.

◆ Background vocalist for Heather Smalls, P. Diddy, Anastasia, and International Gospel Artists

Previously a member of award-winning Choir - The Kingdom Choir. A member of a collaboration singers for a session choir for X-factor finale 2006. Currently a member of the award-winning choir The Spirituals.

◆ Teach Gospel music at workshops and school music

Supported and shadowed MBE Choir Direct Karen Gibson in vocal and choir workshops

◆ Voluntary activities / Community outreach/community workshops / Youth Mentoring. Currently part of my community committee.

Assisted in the bidding and funding for Solon Estate Community centre. Developed community activities, outreach programs and schemes for young adults.

INTERESTS

◆ Design flyers, websites, and logos for people and small organisations.