Taygun Kara

Software Test Engineer | ISTQB-Certified QA Specialist

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Professional Experience

Freelance Software Test Engineer

Self-employed | Istanbul | July 2024 - Present

- Beta Review Team Member for ISTQB & TTB "CT-GenAI" Certification Syllabus
- Developing independent UI & API test automation projects on GitHub (Java, Selenium, Rest Assured)
- Creating supportive web applications to assist and enhance test processes
- Producing technical blog content focused on software testing practices and tools
- Participating in voluntary alpha/beta testing for mobile and web applications
- Engaging with open-source testing tools and contributing to relevant repositories

Software Test Engineer

Çağdaş Otomat – Water Fixture B2B/B2C E-Commerce | Istanbul | Dec 2023 – July 2024

- Managed test processes for e-commerce systems with responsive design components
- Designed and executed smoke, regression, functional, and responsive UI tests
- Built a hybrid automation framework using Java, Selenium, and Rest Assured
- Integrated Jenkins for CI/CD test execution and reporting
- Reported bugs and followed up via a ticketing system

Co-Founder & Software Test Engineer

Şen Otonom Elektrik Enerji Mühendislik – B2C Marketplace | Kırklareli | Sept 2020 – Jan 2023

- Created and prioritized test scenarios based on business requirements
- Executed manual functional tests for web and mobile applications
- Logged defects with detailed reproduction steps and verified fixes through retesting

Technical Skills

Languages: Java, Python

Databases: SQL

Test Tools: Selenium, RestAssured, Postman, Cucumber, TestNG, JUnit, JMeter

CI/CD & Reporting: Jenkins, Allure Report

Version Control: Git, GitHub, GitLab

Test Management: Jira, Trello

Operating Systems: Windows, Linux

Education

B.Sc. Mechatronics Engineering – Eastern Mediterranean University, Cyprus (2012–2019) **Test Automation Bootcamp** – Patika & A101.com (2022)

Certifications

ISTQB Foundation Level - Turkish Testing Board

Projects

(More available on GitHub and portfolio)

QACart Todo – UI & API Test Automation

Selenium, TestNG, RestAssured, Allure Report Github, Project Page

Trello API Test - Postman & Newman CLI

Environment-based Postman test with scripting

Github, Project Page

Restful-Booker - API Test Framework

Java, Rest Assured, TestNG Github, Project Page

Spotify – API Test Framework

Java, Rest Assured, TestNG

Github, Project Page

For my full portfolio, certifications, and technical content, please visit: https://taygunkara.github.io