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Professionally qualified Software Tester and Software Developer with over twenty-five years' experience of agile, scrum, software testing, software design, support and installation. I also have a very good working knowledge of Selenium, C#, ASP.Net, Java and Ruby.

Graduated from the University of Portsmouth in September 2009 with a Master of Science in Software Engineering with Merit. More recently I have passed the Professional Scrum Master 1 examination and in October 2013 I also sat and passed the ISTQB Advanced Test Manager examination while in April 2014 I sat and passed the ISTQB Certified Agile Tester examinations.

EXPERTISE

- Automated testing with C# and Selenium, also Java, Ruby/Watir, Scrum, Agile Software Testing and ASP.Net
- Good working experience of MSSQL, Stored Procedures.

CAREER HISTORY

Since January 2020 I have been employed by CheckaTrade in Portsmouth and my current job title is Senior Test Automation Engineer. Within this role, I create, maintain and execute a suite of automated testing processes on company front-end websites as well as back-end processes. The automated testing is now conducted C# and Selenium. I also maintain a suite of legacy tests which were created with Ruby and Watir.

March 2017 to January 2020: Senior Test Automation Engineer at Wiggle Ltd in Portsmouth. Within this role, I created, maintained and executed a suite of automated testing processes on company front-end websites as well as back-end processes. The automated testing tools used were C#, SpecFlow and Selenium. We also used Java while stress and load testing were executed with the JMeter tool.

January 2010 to March 2017: Quality Assurance Manager at Alver Services Ltd in Gosport, Hampshire. Within this role, I supervised a team of software testers and developers. I also validated all software updates to ensure the products have been fully tested and documented before release. I also supervised the daily scrum meetings and during the last year of my employment, I had introduced automated testing with Selenium and Java.

September 2008 to September 2009: Full time student at Portsmouth University. I achieved a degree in Master of Science in Software Engineering with Merit.

January 2006 to May 2008: Software Developer, Mobile Tracking Systems, Fareham. My main duty was the conversion of Visual Basic software packages into updated C# packages. All packages were Windows-based and used PostgreSQL as the background database. I had also started early development of the Web based options before leaving. All projects were complete re-writes using pure C# rather than conversions. Sadly, due to a downturn in company fortunes in a difficult and shrinking market, I was offered redundancy in May 2008.

August 2002 to January 2006: Software Developer, Motor Trade Technologies, Weston Super Mare. My main duty was the development, support and upkeep of two highly successful software applications. These packages were written in Visual Basic 6 with Microsoft Access backend databases.

June 1998 to August 2002: Software Developer, Motor Trade Software, Fareham. My main duty was the development, support and upkeep of two highly successful software applications. These packages were written in Visual Basic 6 with Microsoft Access backend databases.

EDUCATION

- Scrum.Org - Professional Scrum Master 1
- British Computer Society - ISTQB Certified Agile Tester
- British Computer Society - ISTQB Advanced Test Manager
- British Computer Society - ISTQB Certified Tester, Foundation Level.
- University of Portsmouth - Masters in Software Engineering. Subjects covered included Software engineering, C#, Software Testing and Formal Methods. Overall Merit Grade
- University of Portsmouth - BCS Honours Degree in Computing. Subjects covered included Database design, Software engineering, C++, Visual Basic, and Networking. Passed with a 2:1
- Highbury College, Portsmouth - HNC in Computing. The course covered subjects such as Visual Basic, C, Networking, and Microsoft Office. Overall Merit Grade
- Chichester College - HNC in Computer-Aided Engineering. The course covered subjects such as Software Development, CAD, CAM and production techniques. Overall Merit Grade
- City of Portsmouth Boys School
 - ✓ CSE Grade 1 in English Language, Mathematics, Science, History, Art, Geometry
 - ✓ CSE Grade 2 in English Literature, Human Biology, Nautical Studies

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

Keeping Fit, Cycling, Cooking, Genealogy, Yachting, Reading.