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Profile Summary

Detail-oriented QA Engineer with 3.7 years of experience in automation and manual testing across banking, fintech, and insurance domains. Skilled in automation using Java (Selenium + TestNG) with strong expertise in SQL validation and API testing (Postman & REST Assured). Proficient in building data-driven automation frameworks, executing regression, exploratory, and acceptance testing, and integrating test suites into Jenkins CI/CD pipelines. Adept at writing risk-based test strategies and collaborating in Agile teams using Jira. Proven success in delivering high-quality solutions for banking and trading platforms.

Project Experience

TCS BaNCS | Automation Tester
Client: Standard Bank South Africa

- Developed and maintained data-driven framework in Java using Selenium WebDriver and   TestNG for core banking functionalities.
- Conducted API testing with REST Assured for payments, accounts, and compliance services.
- Designed and executed SQL queries for backend validation and test result verification.
- Integrated automation suites into Jenkins pipelines for continuous testing.
- Performed manual testing including regression, acceptance, and sanity testing.
- Collaborated with developers and business analysts for defect resolution.

Trade Online | Automation Tester
Client: Standard Bank South Africa

- Built BDD automation test suites using Cucumber, Selenium, and TestNG for trading workflows.
- Automated API scenarios with RestAssured and validated backend transactions using SQL queries.
- Designed modular, Factory Pattern-based automation scripts for scalability.
- Conducted manual regression and exploratory testing for feature readiness.
- Integrated BDD frameworks into Jenkins CI/CD pipelines for continuous feedback.

Education

Anjuman College of Engineering and Technology - BE in CSE , 2021 passout
Hislop Jr College - 12th, 2017 passout
Guru Nanak High School - 10th, 2015 passout

Technical Skills

Automation Tools: Selenium WebDriver
Frameworks: TestNG (Java), PyTest (Python), Cucumber BDD, Page Object Model, Factory Pattern, Data-Driven Framework
Languages: Java, Python, JavaScript
API Testing: Postman, REST Assured
Database: SQL
Manual Testing: Regression, Sanity, Acceptance, UI & Functional Testing
CI/CD: Jenkins
Version Control: Git, GitHub
Test Management & Bug Tracking: Jira, Confluence, TestRail
Others: Agile/Scrum