Rakesh C S | Quality Engineer

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Professional Summary

QA Automation Specialist with 8+ years of experience, including 2+ years in leadership roles. Expert in Playwright BDD, Selenium, Cypress, and API automation using Rest Assured. Proven ability to deliver high-quality releases, implement shift-left strategies, and achieve 85%+ automation coverage. Skilled in mentoring teams, optimizing QA processes, and leveraging cloud platforms (AWS) in Agile environments.

Work Experience

Automation Testing Engineer | ANZ | Mar 2022 – Present

- Led QA strategy for SMS enterprise platform across global teams, reducing defect leakage by 30%.
- Designed and scaled automation frameworks using Playwright BDD & Cypress, improving test execution speed by 40%.
- Mentored 3–5 junior engineers, enhancing team productivity and code quality.
- Implemented Allure reporting with screenshots and video, improving stakeholder visibility.
- Leveraged GitHub Copilot for AI-assisted test authoring, reducing script creation time by 25%.

Associate Testing Engineer | Cognizant (ANZ Client) | Nov 2020 – Mar 2022

- Developed Selenium + Java automation framework, achieving 85%+ coverage across critical workflows.
- Created data-driven test scenarios using Cucumber & Gherkin, improving collaboration and readability.
- Detected 35+ critical defects pre-release, preventing major production issues.
- Integrated testing for backend systems (Murex, STP NW, Splunk) for end-to-end validation.

Test Engineer | Nous Infosystems | Sep 2017 – Nov 2020

- Designed Selenium-based automation using Java + TestNG and built Appium framework for Android.
- Developed API automation using Rest Assured (JSON & XML).
- Handled automation end-to-end as sole QA engineer, including direct client interaction.
- Awarded 'Young Achiever' for outstanding automation contributions.

Education

Bachelor of Science, Computer Applications | The Oxford College of Science, Bengaluru | Graduated: 2017

Skills

- Automation Tools: Playwright, Cypress, Selenium, Appium, Rest Assured
- Programming: Java, Python, JavaScript
- Frameworks: TestNG, Cucumber, POM, Data-Driven Testing
- CI/CD & Tools: Git, TeamCity, XRAY, Allure Reporting
- Cloud & Others: AWS, Murex, STP NW, REST APIs

Certifications

- Selenium Essential – LinkedIn Learning
- Google Introduction to Generative AI