

Matthew Grant

Automation Tester & Quality Expert

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PROFILE

Over the past seven years of my career I have discovered my single greatest motivator: **delivering experiences people love**. My breadth of experience in various functional roles - from BA to PO; from UX, tester, to developer - equips me to tackle any challenge at any stage of the SDLC. My expertise is in test automation, but I am able to seamlessly step into any project, wearing any hat, and elevate our team and deliverables as both a passionate contributor and leader. At the heart of my perspective is the user, and two simple understandings: a great experience reflects a great product, and great teams build great things.

SKILLS

Artificial Intelligence

Cursor, Claude Code, MCP, Google Stitch

Test Automation

Cypress, Playwright, NUnit, Moq, Model-based testing

Software Development

HTML, CSS & Tailwind, JS, TS, C#, Blazor, SQL & MS SQL Server, Azure & AWS, RESTful APIs

UX/UI Design

Figma, Figma Make, Adobe Illustrator

Agile Methodology

TDD, Jira, Scrum, Kanban, Scrum Mastering, Gherkin, requirements gathering

EDUCATION

Bachelor of ICT - Level 7,

Ara Institute of Canterbury

2014 - 2017 | Christchurch, NZ

- Software Applications and IS Testing
- Systems Design and Implementation
- Database Management Systems

WORK EXPERIENCE

UX Engineer, MRI Software

Mar 2025 - Present

A natural evolution of my previous experience, my role of UX Engineer sees me functionally splitting my work between frontend development, interface design and implementation, and UI automation testing. I regularly commit high-quality, testable code, and integrate AI tools into my workflows to accelerate throughput. Where I shine in this role is the remediation of pain-points: I am able to identify and resolve areas of friction before they even hit production. When clients identify a UX constraint, I work cross-functionally to replicate, resolve, and re-test the issue, with the experience to be confident that the product is better for it.

Senior QA Engineer, MRI Software

2023 - 2025

As a senior QA engineer, my duties primarily related to the implementation and management of test processes within my team, and the architecture of our UI automation suite. Governing change management to transition our manual test plans to a more modern stack (Jira Xray), I also completed a full transition of our Cypress test framework to Playwright. The need for clean and scalable UI tests was rooted in the sensitive nature of the platform's financial data. During this time I regularly made documentation and design specs, committed UI code, and performed PO and BA tasks - such as client meetings, retros, refinement, and requirements gathering.

Software Test Lead, Proptech Group Limited

2021 - 2023

As the test lead for a massive data migration project, my role necessitated leadership alongside my regular duties. I lead a team of two junior testers during this time, mentoring and giving them regular, actionable feedback. Centralizing a shared platform to collaborate on test tasks - especially regression tests - allowed us to work seamlessly across different geographic regions. Through my time as mentor I was able to support their ultimate transition to Product Ownership. At the same time, I also created and maintained a product knowledge base, and used this to supplement a regular cadence of internal and external-facing business updates for each project in our suite.

WORK EXPERIENCE CONT.

Software Tester, *Harcourts International*

2019 – 2021

As a one of two testers across a large development team, I had a great deal of responsibility in developing, managing, and executing manual test suites to ensure quality across multiple products. I spearheaded a test automation initiative with Cypress to support confidence in the security of our real estate contracts system. I also managed communication and bug escalations from front-line support, gave regular feature demos, and lead test condition workshops for my project teams.

Technology Support, *Harcourts International*

2018 – 2019

I entered the professional software industry in a technology support role for a premier real estate CRM, learning quickly how to thrive within a fast-paced, dynamic team. This period built the foundations for my learnings over the coming years, and my skills in communication and eye for detail meant I was picked for a QA role the following year.

REFERENCES

References provided upon request.