



SHARIFF ELWARDANY

QA/TEST SPECIALIST, LEAD, MANAGER

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EDUCATION

1995 - 1998

UNIVERSITY OF WESTMINSTER

- BSc (Hons) Software Engineering

SKILLS

- Test Management & process
- Test leadership, training & mentoring
- Agile & waterfall testing practices
- Critical thinking and implementation
- People development
- Time Management
- Leadership
- Effective Communication
- Critical Thinking
- Introducing and improving QA processes with organisations.

PROFILE

With over 20 years of experience in the software development and digital industry, I specialise in driving software quality assurance excellence across various methodologies, including Agile, Waterfall, SAFe (Scaled Agile Framework) and Hybrid frameworks, with strong integration of DevOps, CI/CD practices.

My expertise spans leadership roles such as Interim Head of QA, Programme Test Manager, Test Manager, and Test Lead, where I have effectively managed both hands-on and strategic responsibilities. I have successfully guided organizations through the transition from Waterfall to Agile methodologies, ensuring seamless adaptation and enhanced quality at every stage of software testing.

I bring extensive experience in leading and managing both manual and automated QA teams. In previous roles, I have played a key role in optimising QA processes within software development, including improving cross-functional communication among BAs, POs, Dev Teams, and UI/UX designers. My contributions have involved developing comprehensive test strategies, test plans, and test cases, refining defect management processes, and establishing robust quality control measures. In addition to these achievements, I have taken on Programme Test Manager responsibilities, overseeing QA across multiple projects within organisations to ensure consistent and high-quality software delivery.

EXPERIENCE

SSE PLC

Test Lead / UAT Manager / Defect Manager

JULY 2023 -

SEPTEMBER 2024

- Responsible for the planning, executing and leading User Acceptance Testing (UAT) phases various Business Units within SSE as part of two large Migration Programmes from one cloud platform to another platform (from Citrix to MS Azure and from Windows 10 to Windows 11)
- Daily reporting on the progress to the Test Manger of MAP (Migration Application Programme)
- Defect management throughout all UAT phases within the Programme

EXPERTISE

- Test Strategy
- Test Plan
- Manual Testing
- Functional Testing
- System Integration Testing
- Regression Testing
- End-to-End Testing
- UAT Testing
- UI / UX Testing
- Mobile Apps Testing
- White-box / Grey-box / Black-box / Testing
- Augmented Reality (AR) Testing
- Managing Automation Test teams

TOOLS

- MS Office 365
- JIRA / Confluence
- Cucumber / Gherkin
- XCode
- Android Studio
- Adobe Experience Manager (AEM)
- MS ADO
- MS Azure
- MS InTune
- WireShark
- BrowserStack
- HeadSpin
- TestFlight
- GitHub
- XML
- BuddyBuild
- HP ALM
- Oracle SQL Developer
- MySQL
- MacOS
- Windows
- Unix
- Linux
- BugZilla
- Apple App Store
- Google Play Store

Times Media Limited JUNE 2019 - JUNE 2023
QA Tester / QA Specialist / QA Lead / Programme Test Lead

- Responsible for the planning, maintaining, reporting and execution of QA for all Times Media Limited Mobile apps for smartphone and tablet.
- Acted QA Lead / Programme Test Lead for TML
- Created Sanity and Regression Test cases for
- Accountable for increasing the overall quality of Functional Testing, leading to a reduction in number of production incidents as a result of delivering change.
- Daily reporting on the progress of test execution to Product Manager and all Stakeholders (Programme Director, Head of Product)
- Defect reporting and management throughout the QA test cycle
- Accountable for how Functional Testing is implemented.
- Estimated work efforts and test cycles
- Managed End-User expectations of Functional Releases

Career Break MARCH 2019 - JUNE 2019

RBS SEPTEMBER 2015 - MARCH 2019
QA Tester / Test Lead

WorldPay FEBRUARY 2015 - SEPTEMBER 2015
Corporate Test Manager

BSkyB SEPTEMBER 2014 - FEBRUARY 2015
Senior QA Tester / Consultant

Tesco SEPTEMBER 2013 - AUGUST 2014
QA Tester / Test Consultant

Somo Global (now CI&T) JANUARY 2013 - SEPTEMBER 2013
Programme QA Manager / Head of QA

Career Break OCTOBER 2012 - DECEMBER 2012

Linklaters OCTOBER 2012 TO DECEMBER 2012
Business Analyst / UAT Manager

Freesat MAY 2012 - OCTOBER 2012
Business Analyst / Product Owner

OpenTV (now Nagra) OCTOBER 2009 - MAY 2012
Test Lead

Practical Law Company JUNE 2009 - OCTOBER 2009
QA Tester / Senior Test Consultant

Camelot / The National Lottery APRIL 2008 - MAY 2009
Senior Test Consultant / Test Lead

News International JANUARY 2008 - MARCH 2008
Test Team Lead / QA Manager

Irish National Lottery AUGUST 2007 - DECEMBER 2007
End to End Test Manager

CERTIFICATIONS

- PRINCE 2 Project Management - Foundation
- ISEB - Foundation in Business Analysis

LANGUAGES

- English (Fluent)
- Arabic (Fluent)

HOBBIES

- Reading
- Video games
- Martial Arts - 1st Dan Black Belt in Choi Kwang Do and Head Instructor at Reflect CKD

Career Break

JULY 2007 -
AUGUST 2007

Microsoft

Test Analyst

JUNE 2007 - JULY
2007

NTL Telewest (now Virgin Media)

Test Consultant

AUGUST 2006 -
FEBRUARY 2007

Channel Five

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Aspace Solutions (now ActivIdentity UK)

Test Analyst

MAY 2004 -
SEPTEMBER 2004

Tescom International

Test Analyst

JULY 2003 - APRIL
2004

Commslogic TLC

Junior Consultant

JANUARY 2002 -
JULY 2003

Barclays Capital

Intranet Developer

SEPTEMBER 2001 -
JANUARY 2002

References are available upon request