Ben Weese

Senior QA Engineer · Playwright Automation Architect · AI Test Generation

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SUMMARY

Senior QA Engineer with 10+ years designing and shipping production test automation across payments, insurance, and healthcare. Architect of a Playwright/JavaScript platform for a high-volume payment system and of a Claude Code agent pipeline that turns Jira tickets and epics into reviewed Xray manual tests and Playwright automation.

SKILLS

Test automation: Playwright, JavaScript, Selenium, Rest-Assured, Groovy / Geb / Spock, Postman / Newman, SoapUI, JSON Schema validation

AI-assisted testing: Claude Code (agents, skills, slash commands, plugins), AI test generation, Playwright test agents, prompt guardrails

Testing domains: Payment systems, concurrency and race-condition testing, REST and SOAP API testing, regression strategy, exploratory testing

Tools and process: Jira, Xray, Zephyr, Git, Bitbucket, GitLab CI, Kanban, Scrum, offshore team coordination

EXPERIENCE

Senior QA Engineer, Xplor Technologies · Remote · formerly Clubessential Holdings — Apr 2023 – Present

- Architected a Playwright/JavaScript end-to-end framework from scratch for a high-volume payment platform, covering UI and API layers across multiple environments.
- Built 20+ API service clients, 100+ JSON schema validators, a modular helper structure, and a generic polling abstraction that replaced scattered async logic.
- Built a Claude Code agent pipeline (planner, generator, healer, page-mapper, plus API planner and generator) that turns a Jira ticket or full epic into reviewed Xray manual tests and Playwright automation, with human review at each stage. Replaced off-the-shelf Amazon Q tooling.
- Packaged the agents, skills, and commands as a versioned Claude Code plugin with a three-way-merge sync CLI that keeps shared AI guides consistent across every QA repo; cut always-loaded AI context cost 58%.
- Designed validation for reversals, refunds, token migration, and race conditions in concurrent transactions.
- QA lead on a Kanban/Scrum team: developer collaboration, offshore alignment, and Jira, Zephyr, and Xray test tracking.

Software Developer in Test, Early Warning · Remote — Jun 2022 – Mar 2023

- Tested SOAP web services with SoapUI.
- Designed a proof of concept for automating the SOAP test suite.

Lead Quality Assurance Analyst, Ameritas · Lincoln, NE — Apr 2019 – Jun 2022

- Led design and development of a Rest-Assured API automation framework, following a successful Postman framework rollout.
- Built UI automation in Groovy with Geb and Spock, alongside API automation and heuristic-driven exploratory testing.
- Designed QA processes from the ground up, including regression methodology for legacy systems.

Quality Assurance Technical Lead, MacPractice · Lincoln, NE — Jul 2012 – Mar 2019

- Set the QA department's technical direction, owning the build system and the adoption of automated API and UI testing.
- Implemented UI automation with Java, Selenium, Cucumber, and Serenity; ran Postman/Newman API suites in GitLab CI.
- Mentored the QA team, sourced new tools, and authored technical documentation.

EDUCATION

B.S., Management Information Systems, Bellevue University
Computer Software Engineering coursework, Iowa State University