

# Mr. Manoj Tharayil: 0449 577 117

## ISTQB-CERTIFIED SENIOR TEST AUTOMATION LEAD

### CURRICULUM VITAE...

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### Summary

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ISTQB-certified Senior Test Automation Lead with 23 years of experience delivering high-quality test outcomes across large-scale Agile and waterfall projects in Banking, Finance, Government, and Retail domains. Proven expertise in defect and test management, with deep hands-on experience in Azure DevOps and CI/CD pipelines. Leading testing and automation efforts, managing cross-functional QA teams of up to 10 professionals and implementing BDD frameworks from the ground up using C#, SpecFlow, and RestSharp. Recognised for award-winning contributions, strategic leadership, and excellence in defect triage, risk mitigation, and stakeholder communication. Hands on experience in designing and implementing automation frameworks, API Testing and UI Test Automation. Adept at driving defect governance and elevating QA maturity across test environments.

### DOMAINS EXPERTISE...

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- Banking & Finance: [MMSG](#), [UBank](#), [Barclays](#)
- Accounting: [MYOB](#)
- Government: [Dept. of Justice & Regulations](#)
- Engineering: [Kiewit Corporation](#)
- Call Centres (BPOs): [Nestlé](#), [American Express](#), [Fidelity](#)
- Retail: [Coles Supermarket](#)
- eLearning (Training & Education): [Waterford](#)
- Information Technology: [Microsoft](#), [Thoughtworks](#)

### Certifications

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- ISTQB Advanced Test Analyst Certification
- ISTQB Foundational Tester Certification
- Sun Java Programmer SCJP 1.4 Certification
- C#, SQL Server and Oracle Certification
- ECommerce Certification
- Bachelor of Technology (Electrical & Electronics)

### Skills

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- C#, RestSharp, SpecFlow
- Selenium IDE, Selenium WebDriver, Browser Stack
- Azure DevOps
- Webdriverio, Jasmine, Nodejs, Docker
- SQL / PL SQL
- API Testing Tool - Rest Assured
- CI/CD Pipelines using Azure
- JIRA, Bugzilla, Mingle, Rally
- Oracle, SQL Server
- JMeter, Gatling
- MS SharePoint, MS Dynamics CRM
- GitHub Copilot, Anthropic Claude, Google Antigravity
- Jenkins, Buildkite for CI / CD
- Soap UI, Rest API's
- SQL Developer / Toad

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July 2025 – Dec 2025

Test Lead

ANC Delivers, Melbourne

I have led the UAT (User acceptance testing) for the Finance Module Release, from designing the test strategy, test execution cycles, deciding on the QA tool, mentoring the team of SME's, co-ordinating with the CFO on the test approach and co-ordinating with the project manager on release timelines to conduct UAT successfully to deliver a successful release to Production with no Critical issues. The company was using a legacy software and migrated successfully to MYOB.

- **Test Lead activities:** Provided planning, and executive-level reporting across the UAT phase, ensuring risk mitigation and regular status updates to all stakeholders including the CEO. Created dashboards to provide real time status updates. Provided testing training to SME's who were new to formal testing.
- **Risk mitigation:** Raised risks proactively and raised them in the risk register to avoid any surprises and tracked the risks to completion with frequent updates and workarounds, after discussion with team.
- **Capability Uplift:** Conducted training workshops to train the team on the new tools used ( Jira, Zephyr) for test case creation, execution and real time, on demand reporting.
- **Delivery excellence:** Delivered a successful release to production ensuring all critical/showstopper issues were resolved before we went live.

May 2021 – July 2025

Test Automation Practice Lead

[MMSG](#), Melbourne

I have led the test automation strategy and delivery across multiple enterprise-level projects in MMS, supporting a team size of up to 35 professionals. Spearheaded the establishment of MMSG's first BDD-based Automation Centre of Excellence, driving capability uplift, innovation, and consistent quality outcomes across UI, API, and data-focused testing streams. Core responsibilities and achievements include:

- **Strategic Leadership:** Defined and executed test automation roadmaps, frameworks, and governance models to support enterprise transformation and DevOps alignment.
- **Practice Development:** Built and scaled a dedicated automation team from the ground up, mentoring Test Leads, Automation Engineers, and manual Testers while uplifting overall test maturity.
- **Framework Ownership:** Designed and implemented scalable automation frameworks using C#, SpecFlow, and RestSharp, with CI/CD integration via Azure DevOps and deployment to Microsoft Azure cloud environments.
- **Delivery Oversight:** Provided estimation, planning, and executive-level reporting across Test, SIT, and UAT phases, ensuring risk mitigation, resource allocation, and stakeholder satisfaction.
- **Capability Uplift:** Conducted regular training workshops, brownbag sessions, and coaching programs to promote technical excellence and knowledge sharing across QA disciplines.
- **Innovation & Governance:** Championed continuous improvement initiatives, introduced industry best practices, and influenced testing standards across the organisation.

Feb 2021 – May 2021

Automation Test Lead

[Moula](#), Melbourne

Full-time role at Moula as test lead and successfully implemented End to End API Automation Framework and UI Automation Framework. I have played integral role in leading Automation design, writing Automation Framework in C#, SpecFlow, Selenium and RestSharp and driving Microsoft Azure for Cloud deployment to enable instantaneous quality feedback to its product and testing stakeholders. Other key milestones that define my capabilities and translate well into this new role include:

- *Creating the initial UI Automation BDD Framework from scratch using Cucumber and Java in the brief period of 1.5 months*
- *Created the API Automation framework from scratch using c#, SpecFlow and RestSharp and creating CI pipeline in Azure storage in the next 1.5 months*

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Sep 2019 – Jan 2021

Senior Quality Test Analyst (Automation)

[UBank](#), Melbourne

Working for [FINXL IT Professional Services](#) on major client partnership with UBank ([Subsidiary](#) of [NAB](#), one of [Australia's Big-4 banks](#), supporting team of 10 in testing the [New Payments Platform \(NPP\)](#) Project (\$5M investment spanned across both UBank and NAB and using both legacy systems and latest technology). I have played integral role in leading test case design, driving Amazon AWS for Cloud deployment to enable UBank to provide instantaneous bank transactions to its customers. Other key milestones that define my capabilities and translate well into this new role include:

- *Automated microservices and performance testing services that ensured successful releases*
- *Led performance testing and ensured performance defects fixed well ahead of the release dates*
- *Identified all high severity defects during the first cycle of testing itself*

Jun 2017 – Aug 2019

Senior Quality Test (Automation) / Business Analyst

[MYOB](#), Melbourne

As a senior automation test analyst, I was able to successfully test two projects: Bankfeeds onboarding which is used for onboarding new customers which is estimated around (\$1.5M investment); and Supplierfeeds which enables MYOB to provide bank transactions and supplier invoices to their customers (\$3M investment). During my tenure, the BA moved to another project and I stepped up to work on dual role of BA and QA for 6 months. Key defining milestones included:

- *Awarded "Best Individual Contributor" for the whole of our business division in MYOB*
- *Implemented static analysis that improved code quality ([Cobertura](#)) and [Docker](#) to the team*
- *Successfully automated all the testing efforts*

Sep 2016 – Jun 2017

Senior Test Analyst

[DOJR](#), Melbourne

Previous role through [Planit Testing](#) within major project at Victorian State Government's Department of Justice & Regulations. I tested the Finance 10g to 11 g migration project (\$2M investment) to ensure it was compliant to all government legal regulations regarding finance software. Reporting to the Test Lead, I was the single QA for testing all the services and ensuring timely delivery to Production. Key milestones included:

- *Stepped up to help Test Lead and created Test Plan based on DJR template*
- *Conducted frequent UAT process overview sessions for business users for several divisions*
- *Tested all software, identified and fixed defects so that UAT sessions were a huge success*

### OTHER NOTABLE EXPERIENCE...

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- **Test Analyst** within team of 7 through Planit for [Coles Supermarket](#) (Jun 2016 – Aug 2016) working on major Forecast Integration project: Product enabled Coles to forecast sales for all distribution centres and integrate them with stores to bring Fresh Produce to customers quickly and avoid wastage.
- **Lead Quality Analyst** supervising team of 10 through [Thoughtworks](#) for [Barclays](#). Created and implemented new Consumer Loan Product. As Lead Tester, I was responsible for the overall quality of project delivery. Received "Peer Recognition and Achievement" Award for best individual contribution.
- **Test Lead** through [Microsoft](#) for key enterprise clients such as [Nestlé](#), [American Express](#), [Fidelity](#) and [Kiewit Corporation](#) (Jan 2014 – Dec 2014). I was praised for successfully testing complex projects and enabling Microsoft to deliver projects on time. I was the recipient of Microsoft's "Best project" trophy for my work as the Nestlé project. I also received the "Director's Special Achievement" Award (For going the extra mile to make other projects successful).
- Other projects include eLearning Solutions project for US company [Waterford](#); an integrated web portal for UK train ticketing brand, [Trainline](#); and relaunching MSN homepage for Microsoft with new features for web brand [MSN](#).