Curriculum Vitae: Vincent Dirks

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Introduction

I'm an agile software test analyst. I love adjusting the test process to match it to the context at hand. I like manual (exploratory) testing, but I also have fun coding some automated checks. I gravitate towards Context Driven Testing (CDT), and tend to agree with the thoughts and expressions from the leaders of the CDT community, such as James Bach and Michael Bolton. I'm also really enjoying learning about Agile methods and philosophies; for me, Agile is best summed up as "Autonomy with Responsibility through Trust".

When you distil software development to its true essence, it is still about people; it is driven by people, made by people, and most importantly, it is made for people. People have emotions, passions, motivators and more. We're all different, and we all have something unique to give. I'm looking to work with people that have a passion for what they do, and have fun doing it! For me, testing is my professional passion, and I'm looking for a new role where I can work with people who share their passions and challenge me to be the best.

Education

1993	Graduated ME (Elec) University of Auckland
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Work Experience

Contracting – Engel Consulting Helping Kim Engel on some interesting smaller projects, whilst hunting for my next big career challenge.	Sep 2016 current
Senior Software Test Analyst – Trade Me Testing changes to the iconic NZ Trade Me website (Motors Group) covering DB, UI, API, deployment, agile methods, squad mastering, new staf induction and junior staff support, API & UI automation checks	Dec 2014 Aug 2016
Software Tester – LeasePlan NZ Testing various bespoke developed applications (for internal use) Developing a test automation framework for LeasePlan	Apr 2013 Dec 2014
Volunteering whilst Primary Caregiver Eastern Suburbs AFC –Junior Girls Co-ordinator (2011-2014) Glendowie Boating Club - Arrow Class Convenor (2011-2014) MOTAT Tramways Volunteer Conductor (2012-2014) Eastern Suburbs Montessori Primary School - PTA (2011-2012)	Aug 2009 Apr 2013
Research Assistant – University of Auckland Set up database for research into a cyclist's exposure to air pollution when commuting to and from work in Auckland.	Aug 2011 May 2012
Logistics Manager - Monitor Business Machines NZ Ltd Total management of all aspects of production and delivery of all electronic hardware sold by the company.	Aug-2005 Aug 2009
BTech Lab Coordinator & **Physics Tutor** – University of Auckland	Feb-2004 – Dec 2005
Bluetooth Software Engineer – UoA Bioengineering Institute	Sep-2002 – Aug 2003
Physics Tutor – University of Auckland	Jul-2002 – Sep2002
Senior Development & Support Engineer, Project Manager Monitor Business Machines NZ Ltd	Aug 1997 – Nov 2001
Short Term Contracts Cerebos Greggs – Production Planner & documentation Auckland City Council – Ph PABX maintenance & support	1996 – 1997
Production Scheduler – Charter Holt Harvey – Tissue Group sales forecasting, product specifications, Continuous improvement projects	1994 – 1996