

Curriculum Vitae: [Vincent Dirks](#)

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[Intro – 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 [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 getting to know about [Agile](#). I've learnt many of its nuts and bolts, but also love the philosophy that underpins it all. For me, Agile is summed up as "*Autonomy with Responsibility through Trust*".
- I think the true essence of software development is still about people. It is driven by people, made by people, made for people. And those 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 respect and challenge me to be the best.

[Summary Skills Matrix](#)

Testing	Context driven testing, Risk based testing , Manual & exploratory testing , Test planning , Rapid test execution , Visual modelling , Test plan reviews , Session and thread based testing , Test charters , Test session video capture , Gherkin , Behaviour Driven Development , API's , Large public facing web site testing (Trade Me) , Metric driven development , AB Testing (statistical analysis) , Mobile Testing , Mentoring & induction , UAT <i>(used through 4 years of professional testing at Trade Me & LeasePlan)</i>
Automation	Trade Me (2yr) : SoapUI (as part of Ready!API), Groovy scripting, Tractor (a UI for Protractor), SQL , XPATH & CSS locators LeasePlan (2yr) : VBA & MS Access to develop automation framework for character based legacy AS400 applications, SQL privately (3mth) : Selenium WebDriver , Java , JUnit , Protractor , Javascript , node.js , Jasmine
Programming	OOP , Java (Selenium , GWT , Robotics , JUnit), Javascript (node.js , Protractor), SQL , C# (code reviews only), VBA (MS Access , Excel), C (embedded), Powershell , MATLAB , C++ , HTML , Bootstrap , CSS , XML , JSON , Groovy , Regex , LabView , Lejos
Documentation	Jira (Test plans, reviews, task management, bug tracking), TestRail , Wiki (Confluence , MediaWiki), MS Word , MS Excel , Specifications
Miscellaneous	Agile squad master , CI/CD Continuous Integration/Deployment , Deploy Lead (Trade Me Production Deploys), Product Demonstration , Training (Staff & Distributors), Version control (Mercurial), SQL Server Management Studio (stored procedure profiling), Memcached , Quickbooks , Manufacturing and Production Scheduling (FMCG) , Manufacturing and Logistics (electronics business), External Relationships (suppliers, clients, contractors), Radars , Lasers , Fibre Optics , Physics , Robotics , Sales forecasting .

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[Education](#)

- 1993** ME (Elec) University of Auckland
1991 BE (Elec) Hons. University of Auckland
1988 Secondary School Dux Literarum. Rutherford High School
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[Work Experience](#)

Contracting – Engel Consulting Helping Kim Engel on some 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 staff 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 legacy text based system	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	Aug 2011 May 2012
Logistics Manager - Monitor Business Machines NZ Ltd Management of all aspects of production and delivery of the 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 Sep 2002
Senior Development & Support Engineer, Project Manager Monitor Business Machines NZ Ltd	Aug 1997 Nov 2001
Short Term Contracts (production scheduling & Documentation)	1996 - 1997
Production Scheduler – Carter Holt Harvey – Tissue Group sales forecasting, product specifications, continuous improvement	1994 - 1996

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