

## Elizabeth Zagroba: Context-Driven Software Tester

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### Work Experience

Mendix | low-code software platform in Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Team Lead April 2020 – present

Test Engineer May 2018 – present

- Built skills in others through pairing, mob/ensemble, code review, and in mentor role
- Wrote feature-level API tests using the Python requests library & API spec in OpenAPI
- Advocated for, amplified, and connected work within & among teams as servant leader
- Uncovered risks and information about the system through exploratory testing
- Captained a 3-month refactor and upgrade of 8-year-old crucial legacy product
- Guided lean, iterative development on my team and through the Agile guild I facilitate
- Brought in knowledgeable workshops to reinforce and extend quality on all teams

Medidata Solutions | clinical trial software platform in New York, New York

Senior Test Engineer I & II Nov. 2016 – Apr. 2018

- Coordinated communication and pair testing sessions with London and San Francisco product teams to establish API contracts for the integration of their products
- Paired with product expert for compatibility testing; paired with interview candidates
- Wrote bi-weekly test reports to illuminate priorities and blockers to project managers

Huge Inc. | digital agency in Brooklyn, New York

QA Analyst April 2015 – Oct. 2016

- Explored applications & determined priorities among internal, external, offshore teams
- Evangelized about mind maps for visualizing coverage and improving communication

New York Public Radio | listener-supported radio stations in New York, New York

Quality Assurance Manager Sept. 2011 – Mar. 2015

- Explored all changes to web, iOS, and Android apps from a 16-person team
- Tested cross-domain login, platform upgrades, iOS/Android apps for millions of users
- Managed JIRA database; became point person for existing backlog and writing tickets
- Evaluated designs for improved UX, continuity of content, and integration with CMS

Online Producer

Oct. 2009 – Aug. 2011

- Juggled competing priorities for four teams/five managers; taught users new workflows

## **Conference Speaking, Workshop Facilitation, and Organizing**

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| Co-organizer: Test Craft Camp (unconference in the Netherlands) | 2019 – present |
| Peer conferences: DEWT, BREWT, ET19, MICST (Medidata)           | 2016 – present |
| TestBash speaker: United States, England, Germany, Netherlands  | 2016 – present |
| Let's Test speaker: Sweden and South Africa                     | 2016 – 2019    |
| Agile Testing Days speaker, Germany and United States           | 2017 – present |

## **Published Articles**

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| Test Buddy - A Balancing Act: Finding a Place for Exploratory Testing                                | 2020 |
| Ministry of Testing - Stop Tuning Out and Start Tuning In  | 2020 |
| Ministry of Testing - Defining Story Completion As A Software Tester                                 | 2019 |
| Ministry of Testing - How To Use Mind Maps To Develop Clarity<br>With Your Software Testing Strategy | 2016 |

## **Awards**

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| Excellence, voted by the 500+ person R&D department at Mendix          | 2020 |
| Collaboration, voted by 150+ person technology department at Huge Inc. | 2015 |

## **Trainings & Courses**

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| Inspiring Testing - Test Leadership Workshop (Fiona Charles)    | 2020 |
| Design Behind the Plan - Advanced Test Strategy (Fiona Charles) | 2020 |
| Python for Testers (Kristoffer Nordström)                       | 2019 |
| Getting a Grip on Exploratory Testing (James Lyndsay)           | 2018 |
| Rapid Software Testing (Paul Holland)                           | 2017 |
| Inspired Change Leadership (Selena Delesie)                     | 2015 |
| BBST Foundations & Bug Advocacy (AST)                           | 2014 |

## **Competencies & Skills**

Python, JIRA, Trello, Mendix, developer tools, context-driven exploratory testing, Agile, API testing, bug advocacy, usability testing, troubleshooting, time management

## **University Education**

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| B.A. in Mathematics, Summa Cum Laude<br>Colby College, Waterville, Maine | 2005 – 2009 |
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## **Interests**

tea, biking, gardening, Dutch, music, infrastructure, wordplay, podcasts, moonwalking