

# Nico Villa

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## SUMMARY

Driven and enthusiastic software test engineer with solid experience in both manual and automated testing practices. Proven ability to develop, execute comprehensive test plans, and identify software defects efficiently. A strong commitment to personal growth, confident in collaboration within team settings or independent contributions. Experienced in analyzing software performance and ensuring that quality standards are not just met but exceeded. Ready and eager to tackle the challenges that come with innovative projects at Tech Innovations LLC.

## EDUCATION

### Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science

University of California, Berkeley GPA: 3.8

2025

Berkeley, CA

*Coursework: Software Development, Data Structures, Algorithms, Database Management*

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Testing Tools:** Selenium, JUnit, TestNG
- **Bug Tracking Systems:** JIRA, Bugzilla, Trello
- **Programming Languages:** Java, Python, SQL
- **Automation Frameworks:** JUnit, Selenium WebDriver, Cucumber
- **Development Methodologies:** Agile, Scrum, Waterfall
- **Version Control:** Git, GitHub, Bitbucket
- **Continuous Integration:** Jenkins, CircleCI, Travis CI
- **Database Tools:** MySQL, MongoDB, PostgreSQL
- **Documentation Tools:** Confluence, Markdown, Google Docs
- **Project Management:** Trello, Asana, Microsoft Project

## SKILLS

- Manual and Automated Testing
- Defect Tracking
- Agile Methodologies
- Test Plan Development
- Software Quality Assurance
- Strong Communication Skills

## EXPERIENCE

### Quality Assurance Intern

NextGen Software Solutions

June 2025 - Present

San Jose, CA

Collaborate within a dynamic team focused on delivering exceptional software quality across diverse applications. Responsibilities encompass manual and automated testing processes aimed at identifying software defects whilst improving overall functionality. Problem-solving features regularly highlight my contributions from tracking issues through their lifecycle to providing constructive feedback for software enhancements.

- Conducted thorough manual and automated testing to guarantee software quality.
- Developed and executed detailed test plans and cases aligned with project specifications.
- Identified and documented software defects, facilitating prompt issue resolution with development teams.
- Analyzed testing outcomes to inform group decisions and improve software strategies.

### Software Testing Volunteer

Coding for Good

January 2025 - May 2025

Los Angeles, CA

Engaged actively in testing web-based applications as part of a volunteer team committed to enhancing user experience and software reliability. Every contribution refined our methods, fostering both personal learning and teamwork skills within the group.

- Assisted testing efforts by reviewing web application functionalities with keen attention to detail.
- Provided in-depth reports regarding software performance achieving enhanced usability ratings.
- Worked closely with fellow volunteers, sharing insights that improved collective testing efficiency.
- Participated in training sessions chosen to develop knowledge around testing tools and techniques.

### Academic Project Experience

University of California, Berkeley

September 2024 - May 2025

Berkeley, CA

Explored testing methodologies within an academic framework emphasizing both theory and practical application. Emulated real-world scenarios examining the significance of structured software testing practices.

- Developed case studies highlighting critical facets of software testing approaches.

- Facilitated peer reviews uncovering defects in course-based software using collaborative techniques.
- Implemented agile testing frameworks with a team, reflecting professional industry standards.
- Presented findings showcasing continuous improvement within testing protocols during academic symposiums.

## LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

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- Dean's List for Academic Excellence (2022)
- Volunteer Appreciation Award from Coding for Good (2025)

## CERTIFICATIONS

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- Certified Software Tester (CST) 📅 2025
- Agile Testing Certification 📅 2025

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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- Member of the Computing Society at UC Berkeley, promoting collaborative tech initiatives.
- Active participant in local coding workshops, supporting community learning efforts.

## LANGUAGES

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- English (Native) • Spanish (Intermediate)

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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**Work Status** : Authorized to work in United States. No sponsorship required.

## REFERENCES

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