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Job: Principal Test Engineer

Company: Auto Trader

I work as part of the Consumer Experience team managing several other test engineers across multiple product areas, such as finance, e-commerce, and retailer platform. I'm responsible for driving the testing strategy across the teams in partnership with other engineering leaders.

Logical

Strategic

Curious

The skills I use most in my job...Strategic Planning

- Test Automation
- Leadership
- Management
- Agile Methodologies

The most interesting thing I've worked on in my career so far...I established the strategy and implemented continuous deployment (CD) for multiple systems and development teams, increasing the release frequency from once a week to several times a day.

What inspired me into digital and tech... I met someone who was a Test Engineer; after chatting with them and learning more about the role, I was fascinated by the idea of working in a team and improving software using testing methodologies.

My educational background is... Self-taught to write code. I have no formal education beyond A Levels which can be linked to my job as a Test Engineer.

What advice I'd give to girls thinking about a career in digital and tech... There are many diverse and rewarding roles in the industry; explore them and find which ones bring you joy and inspire you. Don't let the lack of University education put you off, there are several different ways to get into tech, and not all of them start with a degree.