

# Sam Connelly

*Here to help your teams deliver quality software*  
Performance test engineer, agile practitioner,  
with extensive fintech background

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## PROFILE

Worked on a wide variety of projects spanning a 12 year tech career. From startups to large corporations. Have consistently delivered business value through digital transformations, performance uplift and improved quality engineering processes.

Happy to roll up the sleeves to get the job done. Wearer of many hats.

Passion for knowledge sharing and coaching. Often facilitating chapter guilds in both a work and volunteer capacity. Constantly learning. Currently learning DevOps.

## SKILLS

**Communication** - [Keynoted at international tech conferences](#), runs effective workshops for a variety of groups and is articulate with written language.

**Analytical** - enjoys diving into data and pulling out business insights. Process improvements and retro's. Anything that can get measured, is.

**Leadership** - coached and managed teams of testers/developers in a professional manner for 5 years. Have actively been leading volunteer groups for over 15 years.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Scrum Master  
DevOps with Nana  
Diploma in Financial Advice (TAFE NSW)  
Bachelor of Computer Science (UTAS)  
Certified tech professional (ACS member)

Rapid Software Testing by James Bach  
OWASP's top 10 security testing  
TDD with swift at /Dev/World  
[Technical presentations](#) by Damian Conway  
Specification by Example by Gojko Adzic

## TECH BINGO

Analytics (adobe workspace)  
Jira & Confluence  
Java, C#, Kotlin, Swift  
Javascript - Typescript  
OS - Linux & Windows  
Event driven architecture

Version Control - Git  
API - Postman & curl  
Performance - K6/JMeter  
Query - SQL & noSQL  
Agile - Extreme, scrum & SAFe  
Microservices

CI - Jenkins & TeamCity  
[Accessibility](#) - VoiceOver  
Cloud - google, Azure  
Functional programming

## **EXPERIENCE** (for fintech, banking & performance testing)

Lead consultant/contractor      BugHunterSam      April 2021 - current

### **Test/Data Engineer** (mobile), scrum master - **Woolworths rewards app**

Provided data insights (adobe workspace), exploratory testing and test automation for gift cards/wallet, the project increased sales by at least 8% each month reaching 1.6 million in monthly sales. Ran team agile ceremonies, managed releases.

### **QA manager**/backend performance engineer - **FrankieOne**

Managed a team of 5, increased engineering efficiency and reduced time spent on regression testing by over 80%. Increased team collaboration and knowledge sharing.

Built K6 performance testing scripts, coached and mentored devs in performance testing.

### **Performance test engineer** - **Big W**

Digital transformation project migrating stock management to a real time microservice architecture. Reducing oversold stock, a \$550K per week problem. Wrote a [performance testing script](#) across event queuing architecture + microservices.

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### [Mobile Test Engineer](#)

**CBA**

May 2019 - Apr 2021

Successfully delivered a new product to market for Colonial First State; lead testing for a superannuation and investment mobile app. Was involved with inception, beta release, staff training and user support. Microservice architecture on top of a mainframe. Ran agile ceremonies for the team.

[built dashboards](#) to provide insights into key business metrics; Mobile app user engagement, quarterly app stats reporting and competitor analyst. Developed and executed on an overall [mobile app test strategy](#) and assisted a wider IT Strategy.

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Test Engineer

[Tyro Payments](#)

Dec 2014 - Nov 2016

Tester in Agile (Extreme Programming) iOS team, lead performance testing (Jmeter), assisted product with SQL reports, managed test environments, built a robot to automate mobile testing ([talk](#)), developed a visual risk based framework to reduce build times of iOS app ([talk](#))

*For a full work history please see my [LinkedIn](#)*