

Detailed Transcript-Curating Your Public QA Portfolio

[00:00:00.000 - 00:00:02.800]

Visual: The Microsoft logo, a four-paned window in red, green, blue, and yellow, appears on a white background.

[00:00:00.123 - 00:00:02.821]

Audio: [MUSIC PLAYING]

[00:00:02.822 - 00:00:09.008]

Visual: On a blue background, the title appears in white text: "Curating Your Public QA Portfolio." Logos for Coursera and Microsoft are in the corners.

Audio: [MUSIC PLAYING]

[00:00:09.008 - 00:00:18.172]

Speaker: Here's a scenario worth thinking about. A recruiter receives your resume, notices Playwright listed under skills, and does exactly what most recruiters do next. They search your name on GitHub. What do they find?

[00:00:18.172 - 00:00:25.012]

Speaker: If your profile is sparse or filled with repositories that lack descriptions and context, the conversation likely ends there.

Visual: On-screen text reads: "Recruiters check Github profiles."

[00:00:25.012 - 00:00:34.502]

Speaker: But if they land on a clean, organized profile with a pinned project, a clear title, and a readme that explains what you built and why,

Visual: A screenshot of a basic GitHub profile for "Demo Account." The "Popular repositories" section is empty. The "Repositories" list shows generic project names like "test-repo" and "sample-app."

[00:00:34.502 - 00:00:49.882]

Speaker: that's the moment your resume becomes a portfolio. In this video, you'll find out what makes a public GitHub portfolio work for you in a job search. And what a recruiter actually responds to when they reach your profile.

Visual: A screenshot of a well-organized GitHub profile for "Avery Stone." The "Pinned" section shows two projects with clear descriptions. The repositories below also have descriptions.

[00:00:49.882 - 00:01:03.202]

Speaker: What recruiters actually look for. Most technical candidates have called on GitHub. Far fewer have a portfolio. The difference comes down to presentation and context.

Visual: On-screen text in a translucent box reads: "Public Github portfolio. An important aspect in job search."

[00:01:03.202 - 00:01:06.312]

Speaker: A recruiter reviewing your profile is not a developer. They are not reading your code. They're asking three questions.

Visual: On-screen text reads: "What recruiters actually look for."

[00:01:06.312 - 00:01:34.822]

Speaker: What did you build? Does it look professional? Can I understand it without technical knowledge?

Visual: Two side-by-side screenshots. The left, labeled "Code on Github," shows a

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basic list of files in a repository. The right, labeled "Portfolio on Github," shows a well-organized profile page with a bio and pinned projects. A diagram shows a central hexagon labeled "Your profile." Three callouts appear with questions: 1. "What did you build?" 2. "Does it look professional?" 3. "Can a non-technical person understand it?"

[00:01:34.822 - 00:01:46.072]

Speaker: The pinned repository is your first impression. GitHub allows you to select up to six repositories to feature at the top of your profile.

Visual: A screenshot of a GitHub profile. The "Pinned" section is highlighted, showing six repositories. On-screen text reads: "Can show six repositories at the top of your profile."

[00:01:46.072 - 00:01:56.092]

Speaker: For a junior QA job search, pin your important project. For example, you can pin your playwright automation project.

Visual: The first pinned repository, "End-to-End-Release-Portfolio," is highlighted.

[00:01:56.092 - 00:02:08.832]

Speaker: Assign it a short descriptive name that signals purpose at a glance. Something like playwright checkout tests.

Visual: A text box appears next to the highlighted repository. It reads: "Give short, descriptive name."

[00:02:08.832 - 00:02:13.912]

Speaker: Or e-commerce E-to-E suite. Add a one-line description that names the tools and the goal.

Visual: The text box changes to read: "Add tool names and goals."

[00:02:13.912 - 00:02:35.322]

Speaker: Now, the most important element in your entire portfolio is the readme.md file. A read me is a markdown document that sits at the top of your repository and is the first thing anyone reads when they open your project. Think of it as the cover letter for your code.

Visual: On-screen text reads: "Your README matters." A subtitle appears: "The cover letter for your code."

[00:02:35.322 - 00:02:49.992]

Speaker: A professional QA read me has four components. First, project overview. One short paragraph explaining what the application does, what you tested, and why.

Visual: A screenshot of a README.md file. The "Project Overview" section is highlighted. A text box appears, reading: "Overview of your work."

[00:02:49.992 - 00:03:06.132]

Speaker: Second, text stack. A brief list of tools used. Playwright, JavaScript, VS Code, node.js. This is where your ATS keywords live in your portfolio.

Visual: The "Tech Stack" section is highlighted, showing a bulleted list of tools like Playwright and JavaScript. A text box reads: "Brief list of tools used."

[00:03:06.132 - 00:03:37.602]

Speaker: Third, test coverage. Describe what your test suite covers. Use real numbers from your actual lab work, how many test cases you authored, which

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browsers you validated against, and which user journeys you covered. Avoid fabricated business impact figures, hiring managers reviewing entry level work are seeking evidence of solid engineering practice, not projected commercial outcomes.

Visual: The "Test Coverage" section is highlighted. A text box reads: "Describe what test suite covers." It then changes to: "Avoid fabricated business impact figures."

[00:03:37.602 - 00:03:51.342]

Speaker: Fourth, set up instructions. Simple number steps to running the tests locally. This signals that your work is reproducible and professionally documented.

Visual: The "Setup Instructions" section is highlighted, showing three numbered steps. A text box reads: "Steps to run the test."

[00:03:51.342 - 00:04:25.562]

Speaker: If you are transitioning to QA from a different background, your GitHub profile can reflect that transition too. Consider adding a brief byline that bridges your domain knowledge to QA. Such as, QA portfolio connecting retail operations experience to software testing, compliance checks, and defect documentation. A well-placed line in your profile bio or read me overview can surface before a recruiter even opens your code.

Visual: A screenshot of a GitHub profile for "Morgan Lee." A repository named "retail-qa-transition-portfolio" is highlighted. Its description reads: "QA portfolio connecting retail operations experience to software testing, compliance checks, and defect documentation."

[00:04:25.562 - 00:04:30.502]

Speaker: Now, here's what this looks like from a recruiter's perspective.

Visual: On-screen text reads: "Well-organized GitHub profile. From a recruiter's perspective."

[00:04:30.502 - 00:04:39.922]

Speaker: This is what a well-organized GitHub profile looks like to someone who has just received your resume and searched your name.

Visual: The GitHub profile for "Morgan Lee" is shown. The profile information on the left, including the name, username, and bio, is highlighted.

[00:04:39.922 - 00:04:47.882]

Speaker: Selecting the pinned project opens the repository. Notice the first thing visible is not the code, it's the read me.

Visual: A pinned repository, "retail-qa-transition-portfolio," is highlighted. The view then navigates to that repository's page.

[00:04:47.882 - 00:04:53.642]

Speaker: The read me opens immediately below the file list.

Visual: On the repository page, the README.md section is highlighted.

[00:04:53.642 - 00:04:59.262]

Speaker: The project overview tells the recruiter what was tested and why.

Visual: The "Project Overview" section is highlighted. A text box reads: "Tells the recruiters about the tests."

[00:04:59.262 - 00:05:02.832]

Speaker: The text stack confirms the tools.

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Visual: The "Tech Stack" section is highlighted. A text box reads: "Confirm the tools."

[00:05:02.832 - 00:05:09.682]

Speaker: The test coverage section uses specific, realistic numbers grounded in actual lab work,

Visual: The "Test Coverage" section is highlighted. A text box reads: "Use of real numbers from your actual lab work."

[00:05:09.682 - 00:05:27.972]

Speaker: and the setup instructions demonstrate that this project is well documented enough for someone else to run. This is the detail that makes a recruiter forward your profile to a hiring manager. It's not the code, it's the clarity.

Visual: The "Setup Instructions" section is highlighted. A text box reads: "Documentation how to run the test."

[00:05:27.972 - 00:05:40.712]

Speaker: Open your GitHub profile now and assess it the way a recruiter would. If a non-technical person cannot understand what you've built in under 30 seconds, your read me needs work.

Visual: On-screen text in a translucent box reads: "Your profile is your portfolio. If a non-technical person cannot understand your work in 30 seconds, your README needs work."

[00:05:40.712 - 00:05:43.080]

Visual: The video ends with the Microsoft logo.

Audio: [MUSIC PLAYING]