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John Washburn has been a software quality professional since 1994 and a software developer from 1985 to 1994. Mr. Washburn has extensive experience in most areas of software quality including test planning, test execution, test tracking, defect analysis, root cause analysis, software configuration management, tool integration and test automation. Mr. Washburn is fluent in 4 programming languages: Java, C/C++, PERL, and Visual Basic. He is also a competent programmer in nearly a dozen additional languages.

BIOGRAPHY

John Washburn, the first of four children, was born in Gurnee, Illinois in 1962. He is currently married to his wife, Lori, of 20 years and have 3 children of their own. Mr. Washburn has lived in the Milwaukee metropolitan area since 1980.

Mr. Washburn's interest in election procedures began in 1992. William Pangman, a friend of Mr. Washburn's, hosted *For Which it Stands*, a radio talk show in Madison, Wisconsin. Mr. Pangman asked Mr. Washburn to research the book, *Votescam: The Stealing of America*, as the author, Kenneth Collier, was scheduled to be a guest on the show. The book detailed the ongoing persistent election fraud perpetrated in the Florida counties of Broward, Dade and Miami between 1970 and 1989; particularly; the persistent fraud committed with punch cards to which the system is singularly vulnerable. The research direction provided by Mr. Pangman was to read the book, read the applicable Wisconsin statutes, observe actual election procedures as conducted during September 1992 and to report on which, if any frauds, described in *VoteScam* were possible in Wisconsin. Unfortunately, with the death of Mr. Collier, the interview was never scheduled and the 6 weeks of part-time research seemed wasted.

Mr. Washburn's interest in election integrity was renewed with the election of Milwaukee Alderman Angel Sanchez by 11 ballots in the spring of 2000. Alderman Sanchez's victory was tainted amidst allegations and documentation of various forms of election fraud. Since the spring of 2000 the election irregularities and fraud committed in the City of Milwaukee have grown in number, diversity and publicity. Some was even captured on video tape.

With this backdrop Mr. Washburn petitioned the Wisconsin State Election Board to provide guidelines to municipal clerks in Wisconsin on how to test voting machinery software. A Wisconsin-specific version was submitted to the Board for consideration as an official manual from the Board to clerks and other election officials. From this, the guidelines were expanded so as to be applicable to any jurisdiction in the United States.

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PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

John Washburn has created commercial, retail software for [PKWare](#), [RR Systems](#), and the [WH Brady Company](#). John Washburn has provided software testing and software QA services for many clients including: [Catalyst International](#), [Miller Brewing](#), [Harley Davidson](#), and [AQS](#).

Specific Experience

- ERP Testing – Completed the test planning, test creation, data creation and managed the test execution of significant custom addition to SAP. This integration included integrating systems located in 3 different states.
- Web Application Testing – Led a 2-phased testing project of a web-based application consisting of more than 4800 pages and with regulatory constraints distinct to 52 jurisdictions; the 50 states, Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico.
- Test Automation – Created, executed and maintained a suite of automated test suites used for regression testing between versions and across supported platforms.
- Process Improvement – Evaluated a selected test tools for test automation. Contributed to process improvements for revision control of test data sets. Performed defect analysis and root cause analysis in order to suggest process improvements.
- Fluent Programmer – Fluent in 3 programming languages: C/C++, Java, PERL and Visual Basic. Written commercially-sold software for every version of Microsoft Windows from version 1.03 to XP.
- Telephony Programming – Created a Voice over IP (VoIP) paging application. Developed a JAVA-based application for Motorola iDEN phones.

INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT

- Member of American Society of Quality (ASQ)
- Holds the ASQ certification, CSQE. CSQE certificate number is 3242.
- First earned the CSQE certification from ASQ in 1998.

EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Science – Mathematics
University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
- Attended and achieved senior standing – Electrical Engineering
Milwaukee School of Engineering
- Achieved senior standing – Computer Science and Engineering
Milwaukee School of Engineering

PERSONAL INTERESTS

- Assistant scout master for BSA troop 67.
- Number theory with a specialization in the distribution of twinned primes.
- Avid Go player with a rank of 12 [kyu](#); a moderately good club player
- Cryptography and Cryptanalysis

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