

## # ■ Work With Me – Chris Brownlie

Hi! I'm Chris — a Software Test Engineer with 6+ years of experience in test automation, build systems, and CI/CD.

This page is designed to help you understand how to collaborate with me effectively.

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### ## ■ How I Think & Work Best

#### - **Systems-First Mindset**

I naturally see how processes connect. I enjoy building robust pipelines and tools that reduce errors and improve efficiency.

#### - **Hyperfocus & Deep Work**

I do my best work when I have long, uninterrupted blocks of time. I may work quietly for hours and then deliver a lot of work.

#### - **Attention to Detail**

I'm especially strong at catching edge cases, inefficiencies, or flaky tests others miss — it's one of my superpowers.

#### - **Task Clarity Helps Me Thrive**

I value clear goals, written instructions, and defined scopes. I'll always ask for clarity when needed — not because I'm unsure, but because I want to do it right.

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### ## ■ Collaboration Style

#### - **Best Ways to Communicate**

- Prefer written messages (Slack, docs, emails) over spontaneous calls.
- I respond best when things are clearly worded and structured.
- If there's a lot of context, I appreciate a short summary upfront.

#### - **Meetings**

- I'm happy to join calls, but prefer them to be scheduled with an agenda.
- I may take a moment to process questions — a few seconds of silence means I'm thinking, not checked out.

#### - **Feedback**

- I appreciate constructive, specific feedback.
- Written feedback gives me time to process and respond thoughtfully.

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### ## ■ How I Work With Code

- I'm at home in automation tooling, build engineering, and testing frameworks — especially with Rust, Python, and Go.
- I prefer to work from a clean repo with clear branching strategies and love when linters, formatters, and commit hooks are used.
- I document my work proactively so others can pick up from where I leave off.

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### ## ■ What Helps Me Shine

#### - **Written documentation & expectations**

Even just a few bullet points help me get going.

#### - **Time to think before responding**

I like to give well-considered answers — I may come back 30 mins later with a solution rather than respond instantly.

- \*\*A calm, respectful environment\*\*

I value directness and psychological safety. I do best on teams that respect differences and support each other.

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## ## ■ Things to Keep in Mind

- If I miss something or misinterpret a request, feel free to tell me directly — I'll take it seriously, not personally.
- If I go quiet, I'm likely heads-down or hyperfocused. A gentle nudge is totally fine.

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## ## ■ Let's Build Something Awesome

I bring focus, rigour, and passion to engineering challenges. If we work together, I'll do everything I can to make it happen.