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Letter of recommendation for Martin F. Krafft

Martin F. Krafft worked as a teaching assistant in my Database Management Systems course in the spring semester of 2001. Martin's duties included grading students' programming assignments, and presenting two lectures to students. In addition, Martin was available outside of class time to answer students' questions about course programming assignments.

Martin presented a lecture on the C++ programming language to a group of students with little or no prior knowledge of C++, and he presented a tutorial session on using a Unix debugging tool (gdb) to debug C++ programs. His presentations were clear, well-organized, and complete. He began with simple examples that illustrated the concepts he presented, and then used that foundation to build more complicated examples that the students could easily understand. Martin did an excellent job answering student questions; he was respectful and patient to the students asking questions, and his clear and complete answers demonstrated his depth of knowledge in the subject. Also, as part of each of his presentations, Martin provided students with material that he had written to help them with C++ and gdb.

During the semester, Martin was readily available to students to answer questions about course assignments, particularly questions having to do with C++ programming concepts. Martin set up an electronic mailing list to which students in the class could post their C++ questions that he would then answer. In addition, he was available to help students outside of class, often addressing his peers' needs no matter how busy his own schedule. Martin was responsible for grading students' programming assignments. This included compiling, running and testing students' code, as well as writing written comment to students about their code's organization and design.

Students taking the course found Martin to be a very helpful resource in learning to be good C++ programmers. Martin was great at providing additional instruction and help to students in my course. Martin is very competent, hard working, and energetic. I highly recommend him.

Sincerely,

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