

To whom it may concern

I am pleased to recommend Mr. Samuel Williams for possible employment by your company. I have known him for more than six years through my teaching for his Bachelors and Masters degrees of computer science at our department.

He showed a good understanding of my materials in algorithm teaching. He took three papers on algorithms for stage 1, stage 2 and Masters level from me. The first two are designed for fundamental algorithms and the stage 4 one was devoted for computational complexity. He achieved A+, A- and A+ for those papers. Apart from algorithms, he is particularly strong in graphics and programming languages.

While he was doing Masters study, he helped me as a teaching assistant. For the stage 3 algorithm course, I designed an assignment in which students are required to implement a program for solving a Sudoku puzzle. I declared that I will mark the assignments by the speed of the program presented. Samuel himself made one to challenge students. We even gave awards to top students. Although Samuel's one was the fastest, many students followed him. He was a great leader and mentor for students.

We are good friends. We do things together not only in computer science. We go to see movies, we do cherry admiring parties, etc. He enjoys his life and he is a forward looking person. When his car was stolen, he did not lament too much and recovered from the ordeal quickly. He is polite and listens to others first before he expresses his opinion. He will show a great power in a team environment.

I look forward to seeing him working at your company.

Sincerely yours,

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