

To whom it may concern:

I am writing in regards to Stephen Greco. Stephen worked for New York Media as a Software Engineering Intern as part of our 2013 Summer Internship program. The focus of the program was to perform research and development tasks as part of our company's effort to explore new technologies that provide value to our business.

Specifically, during his time at New York Magazine, Stephen worked on several different development projects across a range of technologies. He was tasked with three main projects:

- A migration of our listings database and applications from legacy technologies to a state of the art stack using the Scala and Perl languages as well as MongoDB
- Creation of a collection of migration scripts to extract legacy data from a range of subsystems into NoSQL database stores. This project involved systems integration work requiring the investigation of various sub-system technologies. Programming consisted primarily of Python with integration to MySQL, MongoDB, JSON and other RESTful services.
- Creation of a new blogging platform based on node.js platform. This project
 consisted of building a fully functional blogging platform from scratch built
 on node.js-based technologies including Express, MongoDB, ElasticSearch
 and others using javascript as programming language. This project will be
 launching soon in production as the technology blog for New York Media.

Across all of the assignments, Stephen proved to be extremely diligent and efficient in his approach. All of his assignments were completed on or ahead of schedule. In addition, while he was asked to work across a wide array of technologies and programming languages, Stephen was able to adapt and learn these new technologies quite quickly.

On a personal level, I found Stephen very pleasant to work with. He has solid communication skills, knows when to ask questions, able to work with others, and eager to do a good job. I would recommend him for any position where these skills as well as the skills of a solid technologist are needed. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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