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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write this personal recommendation for Philippe Nguyen. I have known Philippe since September 2019 when we worked together at Learn to Forecast, a Swiss tech startup focused on building a “no code” deep learning platform called Giotto (giotto.ai).

During my years of developing machine learning applications in industry, I have worked with and personally mentored more than 10 engineers in both startup and enterprise environments. I rank Philippe in the top 5% of collaborators that I have had the privilege to mentor.

Philippe has a rare blend of architectural design-thinking and highly-developed programming skills. I was especially impressed by his ability to rapidly acquire the technical knowledge needed to design and develop a complex machine learning application like Giotto. He showed remarkable product and time management skills in the high-pressure environment of an early-stage startup.

During the development of Giotto, Philippe displayed great creativity by designing the abstractions needed to support a wide variety of computer vision pipelines. He was also instrumental in establishing software engineering best practices in the team (unit tests, continuous integration, code reviews, etc), and his attention to detail ensured the quality of the Python codebase remained extremely high.

Philippe is intelligent, inquisitive and seeks to gain in-depth knowledge across a wide range of intellectual pursuits. His projects often result in significant contributions to open-source software, as evidenced by the development of `giotto-tda`, a machine learning toolkit for topological data analysis.

In my view, Philippe Nguyen will make an outstanding machine learning engineer and I recommend him in the strongest terms for your team.

Should you require any other information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

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