



To whomever it concerns

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It is my pleasure to recommend Stojanco STAMKOV for an internship in the IT domain, especially: programming tasks.

IUB is a German private university with a highly selective, international student body established in close cooperation with Rice University / USA to combine the benefits of first-class American institutions and the German university system. The intense and deep study program covers, within three years, the whole material of an ECTS accredited bachelor program. In doing so, the education at IUB is interdisciplinary, i.e., all students attend regular courses from various disciplines in addition to a thorough education in their majors. English is the language of instruction at IUB, it is also used for all other communication including the daily life in the colleges.

My own position at IUB is that of a Professor of Computer Science, in charge of the areas Databases, Web Information Systems, and Software Engineering; additionally I run an IT company since many years.

I know Stojanco Stamkov in my capacity of teaching the Software Engineering class and lab (Spring 2006). In the lecture students get exposed to modern software engineering principles, methods, and process models with emphasis on software quality aspects. In the lab students have to solve a non-trivial C++ programming task encompassing specification, implementation, testing, integration, and shipping; development follows an XP approach with bi-weekly changing teams and code bases.

The student shows very good handling of C++ and Linux (which is considered prerequisite), immerses well into the techniques taught, and applies them successfully to new situations. His XP teams advance well, even under difficult circumstances like regularly being exposed to unknown code.

In summary, considering the peer group of undergraduate students in Germany (which I know from my work with TU München and TU Darmstadt) Stojanco Stamkov has a very well-founded working knowledge of programming and software engineering quality aspects. Hence, I can very much recommend him for an IT internship, and remain available for further inquiries.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter Baumann". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

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