

To Whom it May Concern
06/11/2023

Re: Thomas Davis-Jones



I am writing to wholeheartedly recommend Thomas Davis Jones, the Lead Game Programmer for the M-Fit project, whose inputs contributed massively to the success.

Thomas was an integral part of this Minecraft proof of concept project, funded by Innovate UK project in 2023. Throughout the project, Thomas exhibited an exceptional blend of technical prowess, creative thinking, collaboration and outstanding communication skills.

He brought a fresh, dynamic approach to our development process in what was a new, yet to be structured, field. Embracing the Agile methodology, Thomas's adaptability and proficiency in Java, along with his ability to rapidly navigate, utilize and repurpose a vast array of modding tools, (often with sparse documentation and bugs), was very impressive. His critical thinking regarding the game's opportunities and constraints combined with deep understanding of the underlying code was crucial in tackling the more complex, novel aspects of our project.

Perhaps most notably, Thomas's holistic contribution shone in his communication skills. Whether it was during brainstorming sessions, where his ideas were often a springboard for innovation, or in translating these ideas into tangible game concepts, he demonstrated a clarity and breadth of thinking that we have found is rare in highly skilled programmers. He excelled in translating technical issues into layman's terms, making intricate details accessible to all team members, regardless of their technical background. This skill was invaluable in ensuring that everyone was aligned with the project goals and methodologies.

Moreover, Thomas demonstrated a keen sense of time management and feasibility assessment, always mindful of our project timelines and technical boundaries. His suggestions and interventions were not only practical, but also showed a deep understanding of both user experience, engagement and functional design. His ability to bridge across professional domains was impressive.

A testament to success was the positive outcome of our 60-user beta test, which validated the project's objectives and underscored the success of the team's collaborative efforts, significantly enhanced by Thomas's contributions. This project demanded not just technical expertise, but also heightened creativity and problem-solving abilities, which he consistently delivered. The very positive feedback on the gaming experience is testament to his skills.

In closing, I firmly believe that Thomas's blend of technical skill, creativity, and exceptional communication abilities will make him a valuable asset to any team. He approaches software development not just as a task, but as an art, seamlessly balancing user experience with technical functionality. His future in this field is undoubtedly bright, and I eagerly anticipate seeing the impact they will make in his career.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alistair Fraser', with a horizontal line underneath.

Dr Alistair Fraser