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Dear Sir or Madam,

I’m writing to recommend Dustin Zeisler for a position in Software Development. Dustin is bright, dedicated, and ready to start his career as a Software Developer.

Dustin joined the program with knowledge of HTML, CSS, jQuery, Git, and Ruby programming. Because of his excellent performance, I promoted him to the advanced track where he immediately started working on a Ruby on Rails project with other advanced students and volunteered to provide mentorship to incoming students. He focused on making projects with both Ruby and JavaScript. In Ruby he worked with web frameworks Sinatra and Rails. He practiced TDD using Rspec, Minitest, and Jasmine. There he jumped in and learned CoffeeScript and worked with the Chrome Dev tools to analyze and debug code. Dustin demonstrated his knowledge of these skills to me through code review and standardized tests.

Dustin has grown as a developer through these real world projects:

**Critic Matcher** is a movie critic recommendation service. In this project he was a core member of his team touching most of the Rails code base. He wrote code to process user ratings data and pass it along to the ranking algorithm. Along with the ranking algorithm he handled API data from Rotten Tomatoes and designed a data model to store that data. He not only demonstrated excellent backend skills, he also designed the frontend site to be responsive and look good on any device. Through this project Dustin gained experience in agile development and pair programming.

**Scrabble** is a proof of concept game where the user can drag tiles and drop them onto a board. After initial prototype design he planned a flexible OOP program in JavaScript with great test coverage. He constructed an interchangeable player class that could be swapped out for different user interfaces, an artificial intelligence player, or even a mock player that can be used for testing with predefined plays.

Dustin has met all of the requirements to graduate from Portland Code School, worked as a part of teams to develop real applications, and he has shown a real talent for working on both the backend as well as middle-end data driven applications. I feel confident in recommending Dustin to you, and I’m excited to see what he will do in his new career.

Sincerely,

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