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*State University of New York*

**Department of Computer Science and Engineering**

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Graduate Application Committee  
University at Buffalo  
CSE Department  
Re: applicant Xiao Yu Ge

Dear Colleagues:

I am delighted to provide a reference for Mr. Xiao Yu Ge. I have known him since August 2009 as a student in my undergraduate course “CSE250: Data Structures (In C++),” and then from some office contacts. I am an Associate Professor with long happy service at UB.

Mr. Ge earned a B+ in CSE250, and was solidly above the line of students who were having trouble with the syntax and features of C++. One reason was that he came to see me over the summer saying “I’m a transfer student—what can I do to prepare for this course? do I have the background? Actually, he didn’t: our 100-level students take two terms with Java that go into pretty advanced object-oriented concepts. He hadn’t had any Java at all. I recommended Doug Flanagan’s *Java in a Nutshell*, and later in the summer he came by to tell me he’d picked up the language—so he had no trouble with my “From Java to C++” teaching materials.

On exams and handwritten assignments he came through *in high volume*. My final course project is in groups of 2, where students give initial partner preferences before I pair them. He worked well with a native speaker and did some further work solo. In any event I am not surprised that his grades improved with each year. He seemed to have maturity already—OK, it was 2+ years since he’d started at Fredonia—and knew what he was talking about when he came to office hours. This, the fact that he asked me for a reference, and some private remarks to me, all indicate that he was able to follow my lectures well during his first term—I don’t speak any differently from how I did at Oxford. His interests in Networks specializing in secure interaction are well-founded and well-written.

Hence I can recommend him heartily for Master’s study here. I will be happy to provide any further information you may desire.

Yours sincerely

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