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Letter of Reference: Markus Stocker

Markus had an intern position at Hewlett-Packard in the research laboratories in Bristol, UK in the Semantic Web research group. This was a full time position from May 1, 2007 until October 31, 2007, a period of 6 months. This is a typical length of intern position.

During his time with the research group, Markus designed and implemented a query optimizer for an existing query system. Markus's responsibilities were to characterise the problems, propose a solution, then implement and evaluate that solution.

He successfully completed this programme of work and completed a conference paper which has been submitted to a leading international conference in the research domain. In addition, the implementation of his design has been made available as open-source software from Hewlett-Packard and is in use by several thousand people.

Markus worked in a mature and effective manner. He interacted with other members of the research group, and other researchers in the laboratories in a collaborative and open manner and established himself as a respected member of the community. This including giving well-attended presentations to the research group.

Markus left Hewlett-Packard at the end of October 2007 because his fixed-term intern position came to an end.

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