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Subject: Reference letter for Francesco Pascale

I started following Francesco Pascale during his studies at the School of Engineering at this University, first within the curriculum in Computer Engineering at the undergraduate level ("Laurea"), and then within the M.Sc. Curriculum ("Laurea Magistrale"). He attended two courses I teach, namely "Advanced Programming" and "Distributed Systems". Then I had the opportunity to follow him closer, when he prepared his master thesis under my supervision in my MOBILAB research group (www.mobilab.unina.it), entitled "Model-driven engineering of an embedded industrial system" (in Italian). Francesco completed his studies in October 2014.

The M.Sc. thesis addressed the problem of applying model-driven design techniques to the engineering of a real-world on-board embedded system in the railway domain. During his project work, Francesco showed a strong commitment to complete successfully his tasks and good capabilities in coping with innovative engineering methods. This I believe stems from a proper understanding of fundamentals covered in his curricula.

Last year Francesco started working to support completion of his own studies, and he is still employed for *Critiware*, a spin off company of the Federico II University, specialized in consultancy for engineering critical software systems. In this context he is doing a really meaningful first employment experience in an advanced industrial setting.

In summary, Francesco is a very motivated and good young engineer; he is also a highly reliable person, with many interests; I can easily foresee he has a very good career ahead of him. For his goal of starting a new experience in an challenging international context, I have no hesitation in recommending him in strong terms, as I sincerely appreciate his motivations to enlarge his perspectives and his willingness to put his skills to work in a highly qualified research context.

I will be glad to provide any other additional information if needed.

Sincerely,


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