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Letter of Recommendation for Charles D Allison

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to you with personal and professional recommendation for Chuck Allison. I have known Chuck over many years through his work promoting software development knowledge and professional practice.

We first met during the ISO C++ standardization process, where Chuck was part of the ANSI effort and I was a member of the BSI representation. His contributions to the committee's work were valuable and on two fronts: technical substance and personable guidance. This balanced guidance was again visible during my time as an online columnist for the *C/C++ Users Journal* when Chuck was its senior editor.

When he established *The C++ Source* online, Chuck invited me onto the advisory board. He instituted a strong review process and deep discussion to bring more rigorous standards of review to a non-academic outlet for programming articles. This sense and passion were also visible in his joint organisation of the *Writing Better Code* summit in 2003. This forum, to which I was invited, gathered a few representatives of software development practice to discuss matters of quality and professionalism.

The discussion and focus that inspired both the *Writing Better Code* summit and *The C++ Source* moved me to invite Chuck to deliver a keynote at the *ACCU Conference* in Oxford in 2004 and to contribute to the collection *97 Things Every Programmer Should Know*, for which I am both the site and book editor.

Chuck's public engagement and interest in software development at the code face also made him a regular and valued speaker at the *SD West* conferences, where our paths often crossed.

Please feel free to contact me if there are any further details you would like me to elaborate on.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'K' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

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