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Letter of Recommendation

To the Admissions or Hiring Committee:

It is my pleasure to recommend Amel Benkerri, a graduate of Thirduni Cohort 1, an intensive applied artificial intelligence programme delivered in partnership with the United States Embassy in Algiers.

Thirduni is highly selective. More than 28,000 people applied to Cohort 1, and participants were chosen through a two-stage review. Admission alone reflects strong motivation, clear written English and a genuine commitment to building with technology.

Over four weeks, Amel Benkerri completed a demanding curriculum in applied AI:

- how large language models work and how to use them responsibly
- designing and building AI agents, including tool use, memory and connecting agents to external services
- product thinking and user-centred design, starting from a real problem before writing code
- the foundations of software security, including threat modelling and common vulnerabilities
- presenting and pitching a product to a professional audience

The programme then gave participants a dedicated capstone month to apply these skills. Working in teams, they took a project from idea to a working prototype, with a live demonstration, public source code and a recorded presentation. The projects were reviewed by judges from the United States Embassy and a leading Algerian company. The cohort delivered 128 projects addressing real challenges in Algeria, in healthcare, agriculture, water, education, law and public safety.

Completing Thirduni demonstrates more than technical skill. Amel Benkerri showed the discipline to keep pace with a rigorous schedule, the ability to learn new tools quickly, and the habit of turning an idea into something that works. These qualities are exactly what employers and universities look for in people who will build with AI in the years ahead.

I recommend Amel Benkerri with confidence, and I would be glad to confirm this recommendation. Their certificate of completion can be verified at the address below.

Sincerely,



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