

Testimonial for Benny

July 30, 2026

It was great to have Benny as part of CS3213! Academically, he was one of the strongest students in the class, excelling in both the exams and the group project.

The group project aimed to support a citizen-science effort in collaboration with real stakeholders. Each student team met regularly with a tutor, so I did not interact closely with the individual teams during most of the semester. However, the tutor who worked with Benny described him as highly active and someone who naturally established himself as a leader. He led discussions, provided updates on the team's progress, and coordinated the agendas for their meetings. At the same time, he remained very hands-on and made the most code contributions within his team.

It was thus not surprising that Benny's team was one of the three teams we shortlisted out of eleven, as their solution closely matched the needs of our collaborating stakeholder. After the course and project formally ended, I could also see Benny's competence and enthusiasm directly. He and a small group of other students voluntarily continued developing the project, with the aim of deploying it in practice.

During a meeting that I attended with the project members, I saw what the tutor had described. Benny led the discussion, made sure that everyone had an opportunity to contribute, and moved the conversation towards an actionable outcome. Importantly, he combines strong technical ability with distinct leadership and interpersonal skills.

Overall, I consider Benny an excellent software engineer. Based on what I observed, I expect that he will quickly take on significant technical and leadership responsibilities in any team he joins.

Manuel Rigger
Assistant Professor
School of Computing
National University of Singapore
E-mail: rigger@nus.edu.sg