

To Whom It May Concern,

It is my pleasure and honor to recommend Lorenzo Ancora for their work as a volunteer at the Free Software Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded by Richard Stallman in 1985 to support the free software movement. Our organization coordinates global efforts on campaigning for user freedom, and thus often relies on contributions stemming from skilled volunteers such as Lorenzo.

Starting in November of 2018, Lorenzo regularly attended and worked during a weekly three hour meeting dedicated to the maintenance and growth of the FSF's Free Software Directory(FSD), a catalog of free software which runs on free operating systems. Besides participating in the addition and editing of entries for the FSD, Lorenzo developed technical solutions and improved many aspects of the FSD, which is based on the popular wiki software, MediaWiki. Lorenzo orchestrated major improvements to the tools used by FSD's administrator group for organizing and working on the infrastructure of the FSD. These tools are critical for the administrator group for tracking issues and tasks in maintaining the FSD. *Lorenzo also worked along side other volunteers* in creating a new entry form (for new submissions) and a system for designating new entries as being under review. MediaWiki is complex software to support and Lorenzo routinely demonstrated a strong skill set with HTML 5, CSS 3, and Javascript in making positive additions to the FSD.

Besides the abundant enhancements to the FSD, Lorenzo frequently assisted other volunteers who attended the FSD meetings. This help would include a variety of skills from troubleshooting technical issues to determining the licensing of software through an examination of the program's source code. During the meetings Lorenzo would also competently engage in conversations related to the world of computer programming and free software licensing. Lorenzo's consistent attendance of the weekly FSD meeting made for a rich learning experience for other volunteers.

Lorenzo's contributions to the Free Software Directory as well as gnu.org and fsf.org are too numerous to list, but we are grateful for his efforts. It is for this reason that I recommend Lorenzo and will continue to appreciate his work as a volunteer. If you have any questions for me, please feel free to email me.

Sincerely,



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