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## **Letter of Recommendation for Ana Beatriz Albertini Dantas**

I've been working with Ana Dantas since almost two years (summer/autumn 2017) on our biggest project so far, which is the open source/DIY laptop MNT Reform. Reform is a highly ambitious project that would normally require a big team and cost millions to develop for a traditional manufacturer. By employing Ana's rapid prototyping, design and manufacturing skills, we were able to build and test several iterations of the device with a core team of only 3 people and a budget of less than 100.000 EUR.

Ana was leading the industrial design process from the beginning. She commands a wide spectrum of methods, ranging from traditional sketching and 3D CAD (Fusion, Solidworks) to rapid prototyping, FDM 3D printing, stereolithography (Formlabs), laser cutting, user testing and feedback gathering. Ana was never afraid to get her hands dirty and experiment with new methods — she set up and ran a polyurethane casting lab during our manufacturing trial runs, for example.

I experienced Ana as an optimistic and self-motivated designer who is focused on delivering results quickly and expertly while always keeping in mind that products are meant to be used by people and need to be validated and tested with actual people. I highly recommend Ana as a product designer.

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