

Gabo Esquivel

Application Developer

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Summary

I'm an independent software contractor specialized in web applications, open source enthusiast and contributor. I develop custom software with expertise in user interface engineering, front end architecture and agile methodologies. I'm experienced in delivering client-focused "end-to-end" software. I've provided software development services to several clients including bureauoftrade.com (an e-commerce startup based in Palo Alto, CA), jsgeeks.com (a London-based company providing specialized software services in web and mobile areas), thewonderfactory.com and kernandlead.com (interactive agencies in New York City), gridium.com (energy data analytics startup based in Menlo Park, CA) and oklara.com (a software development company founded in San Jose, Costa Rica). For about a year I worked as UI Engineer at americanexpress.com and my work experience includes clients such as SunTrust, Evoxac, Staples, Tide and AMC Networks. My toolbox includes Javascript, HTML5, AngularJS, NodeJS, MongoDB, PostgreSQL, Ruby on Rails, REST APIs, Heroku, Git and SVN, LESS & SASS, Mocha and Jasmine, TDD, Grunt, Gulp, Vagrant, Rapid Prototyping and Analytics Experience Spoken Languages: English, Portuguese, Italian and Spanish I normally work on contracts ranging from 3 to 12 months. I'm currently traveling so I prefer to work remotely. I organize a javascript meetup group in Costa Rica <http://meetup.com/costaricajs> and Nodeschool in Costa Rica <https://github.com/nodeschool/costarica> I'm also interested in a wide range of topics related to software engineering, dev ops, product, saas, lean startups, business development, design and usability, data visualization, marketing and distribution.

Experience

Independent Software Contractor at gaboesquivel.com

marzo de 2010 - Actualidad (5 años)

Software development services that include software architectural design, prototyping, application development and integration with legacy systems.

6 recommendations available upon request

Software Developer at Possible Worldwide

septiembre de 2011 - febrero de 2012 (6 meses)

I joined the front end development team to work on a complex project for AMC Networks called YEAH. The application allows you to watch movies online inside facebook and get detailed information about the directors, actors, the making of the movie, make lists of favorite scenes, vote and share with your friends. I worked closely with the UX team and the client to develop the application, when the team became larger I took the lead on front end development.

4 recommendations available upon request

UI Engineer at BOSZ Digital

enero de 2011 - septiembre de 2011 (9 meses)

I worked as a UI Engineer at americanexpress.com. I was responsible for all things front-end. Duties included Object-Oriented Javascript with extensive use of AJAX to present the user with a fluid experience. A/B Testing and usage analytics. Special attention was given to code reuse, code size, application responsiveness, bandwidth usage, application usability and accessibility.

2 recommendations available upon request

Web Developer at BOSZ Digital

abril de 2010 - enero de 2011 (10 meses)

I worked on the development of campaign pages and microsites for clients in the banking and pharmaceutical industries.

4 recommendations available upon request

Web Developer at InterGraphicDESIGNS

noviembre de 2009 - abril de 2010 (6 meses)

I worked on several custom wordpress themes and maintenance existing websites. IGD provides their clients with a customized content management system called "Arcangel" that is build on PHP, building module for this CMS was part of my responsibilities. Technology: PHP, AJAX, Proprietary CMS(PHP, Ajax), Wordpress, Joomla, TypePad, Google Maps Integration, YouTube and Social Media integration, Cron Jobs, basic On-site SEO, SVN

3 recommendations available upon request

Technical Support at Hewlett-Packard

agosto de 2008 - diciembre de 2009 (1 año 5 meses)

English and Portuguese(Brazil) Technical Support for HP employees.

1 recommendation available upon request

Projects

Yeah Facebook App

September 2011 to February 2012

Miembros: Gabo Esquivel, Carlos Barrantes, Pablo Viquez, Jorge Ortega, Alberto Gil Ortiz, Gregor Milne, Gloriana Zamora Villalobos

YEAH is an online movie streaming service where you can watch movies dissected in chapters with detailed information and interactive games. It is a unique interactive movie watching experience on Facebook. Visit this url to see the teaser video <http://bit.ly/If5DF0> HTML5, PHP, FB JS SDK, AJAX, FB Credits, Brightcove API, require.js **update: it seems that now it works outside the facebook frame.

Organizations

Costa Rica JS - Javascript Meetup Group

Instigator

marzo de 2012 a Actualidad

I'm the organizer of costaricajs, an open group for developers to get together and stay up to date with the technologies, techniques and frameworks related to javascript. (Node.js, MCV/MV*, Touch Screens, Mobile Development and more). <http://www.meetup.com/costaricajs/>

Courses

Web Developer

InterGraphicDESIGNS

History of Art

Digital Photography

Skills & Expertise

JavaScript

HTML 5

Web Development

jQuery

CSS

Front-end

CSS3

Ruby on Rails

PHP

User Experience

Node.js

CoffeeScript

Git

AngularJS

Software Design

Agile

SEO

Software Architectural Design

Web Analytics

MySQL

Google Analytics

Ruby

Apache

HTML5

JSON

Big-picture Thinking

MongoDB

Languages

Spanish

(Competencia bilingüe o nativa)

English

(Competencia profesional completa)

Italian

(Competencia básica profesional)

Portuguese

(Competencia básica profesional)

Education

Universidad Latina de Costa Rica - Cenfotec

Bachelor of Science (BS), Software Engineering, 2007 - 2011

Honors and Awards

Best High School GPA Best CCCN GPA

Interests

sustainability, languages and cultures, behavioral economics, real time data, data visualization, lean startups, capoeira, yoga, surf, diving, traveling, something

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20 people have recommended Gabo

"Gabriel is a really talented and forward-thinking developer. He excels at working on awesome interfaces and also the back-end. Dedicated and hard-worker, a great person to work with. He is always enthusiast about introducing new technologies and still manages to complete everything within schedule. He's definitively a valuable asset to any project. I'm looking forward to work with him in future projects."

— **Marek Paw#owski**, *CEO, Web Desire*, worked directly with Gabo at gaboesquivel.com

"My company hired Gabriel for a short term project getting excellent results. He had a great attitude and collaboration besides the full expertise we needed. We're looking forward to continue working with him in other challenging projects."

— **Ronald Aguilar**, was Gabo's client

"I've known Gabo as a result of his huge efforts with JSMeetups and WebCR. He's the rare sort who is a natural born organizer and leader – but who also knows his code! He's demonstrated to be both passionate about web development and breaking technologies in addition to creative in finding solutions to problems. I'd look forward to collaborating with Gabo anytime and would highly recommend him for contract work."

— **Aeron Glemann**, *Mobile Developer / UI Development Lead, Backcountry.com*, was with another company when working with Gabo at gaboesquivel.com

"Gabo never ceased to impress us with his spotlessly clean code, helpful documentation, and eye for seeing and acting on the most minute areas for improvement. He's routinely gone above-and-beyond supporting his code and providing bug fixes with an unbelievably upbeat attitude. He took huge initiative to bring our site up-to-date with the latest in HTML5 and CSS standards while supporting legacy browsers. On top of that, he was always available to talk to and highly professional throughout our engagement. We're looking forward to working with him again."

— **Max Ellinger**, was Gabo's client

"Gabriel is a smart and dedicated person who has passion on what he does. He is always trying to learn something new from his work and others, keeping on top of the new technologies in the industry. Gabriel is an important and valuable piece of any team."

— **Carlos Barrantes**, *Senior Web Developer, Freelance Web Developer*, worked directly with Gabo at gabo.esquivel.com

"Gabriel is a very enthusiastic and proactive developer; he strives to always be up-to-date with the latest technologies and trends. He's a friendly person, easy to get along with. I strongly recommend him."

— **Marco Carvajal**, *Operational & Market Risk Management Head, GE Consumer Finance - BAC Credomatic Network*, was with another company when working with Gabo at gabo.esquivel.com

"No doubt Gabriel is a great person to work with, he's very committed to his work, excellent engineer, the kind of person you want on your team. He will take any task and owned from beginning to end. During the time I worked with him, I was very pleased working with him, he took the lead in many areas and became the lead developer in a very short period of time."

— **Pablo Viquez**, *Software Architect, Possible Worldwide*, managed Gabo at Possible Worldwide

"Gabriel has the rare ability to solve problems that have left other developers scratching their heads. He was a key player on a very difficult development project and maintained his professionalism throughout. He is a great technical resource and can articulate Development practice and theory eloquently. His linguistic skills are also a major plus when it comes to dealing with complex scopes and client communication. It was a pleasure to work with him and I would do so again in a flash."

— **Gregor Milne**, *Senior Project Manager, Possible Worldwide*, worked directly with Gabo at Possible Worldwide

"Gabriel is the type of person that arrives early and leaves late, if the project needs it. He will pay attention on the instructions given to him at any point in time but was not hesitant to share his point of view. He knows about Client Side technologies but can also do work for server side. Constantly looking how to learn new technologies and how to improve his overall capacity is a day to day effort Gabriel keeps in mind."

— **Miguel Alvarez**, *Technology Manager, Possible Worldwide*, worked directly with Gabo at Possible Worldwide

"Working with Gabriel has been a real pleasure. He has demonstrated to be a highly professional and proactive developer, as he not only seeks to complete his work, but always puts the effort in doing it right - by following best practices and thinking in the overall architecture or goal, or by providing solutions to previously unsolved problems. He's a great team player and what I really like about him is that he always keep a positive attitude even in the most difficult and stressful of situations, which helps keeping a good

energy/vibe within the team. His teammates have always expressed positively about working with him. I highly recommend him, just as I would like to have him as part of any team that I am in."

— **Francisco Martínez, MSc.**, *Technical Architect, Possible Worldwide*, managed Gabo at Possible Worldwide

"Gabo esta constantemente innovando, buscando siempre simplificar el proceso de desarrollo y mantenimiento de aplicaciones web"

— **Andrey Bolaños Sandoval**, *Senior Creative Engineer, Technology, Prodigious Latin America*, worked directly with Gabo at BOSZ Digital

"Gabo is a top developer and a natural leader in his field. Working with him is a great experience, he has an excellent attitude for solving problems and coming up with effective and creative solutions. Definitely someone you would like to work with!"

— **Iván Alarcón**, worked directly with Gabo at BOSZ Digital

"Excellent partner, dynamic and proactive!."

— **Reyner Sibaja**, *Senior Front-End Web Designer and Motion Graphics Producer, TribuDDB*, worked with Gabo at Bosz Digital & Qualitas Factory

"I have worked with Gabriel on various web development projects. He is very smart and fast learning. He always thinks about how to do things better, and has a lot of great ideas. It's very fun working with him. I high recommend Gabriel."

— **Haiyan Sui**, *Principal Software Engineer, Digitas*, worked directly with Gabo at Bosz Digital & Qualitas Factory

"Desde el inicio de su carrera en BOSZ, Gabriel sobresalió por su compromiso con la calidad y su entendimiento de lo importante que es llevar a cabo su labor con el más estricto apego a las expectativas que se tienen del mismo. La actitud de Gabriel es cierta de apertura y de ayuda a sus compañeros. En BOSZ se ha convertido en una pieza muy importante de su grupo tanto en Costa Rica como en EEUU."

— **Jose Coto**, *CEO, BOSZ Digital*, managed Gabo indirectly at Bosz Digital & Qualitas Factory

"Gabriel is an amazing Web Developer. He's up to speed on all of the latest technologies and matches his technical skills with a "can do" personality. I've counted on Gabriel to build multiple landing pages and web sites and he's never let me down."

— **Noah Rosenbaum**, *VP Director, Prodigious Worldwide*, managed Gabo indirectly at Bosz Digital & Qualitas Factory

"I want to recommend Gabriel as a very professional and reliable person. In the projects that I assign him, he always exceeded my expectations in the way he finished them. I desire the best for him in his future as a web developer and PHP programmer as well as a person."

— **Pablo Barrantes**, *Director Creativo, Virtual Shaman*, managed Gabo at InterGraphicDESIGNS

"Gabriel es una persona proactiva y eficiente, dispuesto a realizar su trabajo a tiempo y con excelencia. Tuve la oportunidad de trabajar con él en InterGraphicDESIGNS obteniendo grandes resultados en los proyectos asignados. Excelente profesional y gran compañero."

— **Jose Tenorio**, *Director de Arte, InterGraphic DESIGNS*, worked with Gabo at InterGraphicDESIGNS

"Gabriel Esquivel es un talentoso programador, con gran entusiasmo por el aprendizaje de nuevas tecnologías y siempre buscando la forma de mejorar en su trabajo. En InterGraphicDESIGNS destacó por sus habilidades tanto técnicas como humanas por lo que para mí es un gusto recomendarle."

— **Ricardo Arce**, *Gerente de Proyectos, InterGraphicDESIGNS*, managed Gabo at InterGraphicDESIGNS

"Persona pro activa, responsable, multifuncional, capaz de realizar todo trabajo con eficiencia y eficaz. De rápido aprendizaje, adaptable a todo cambio y amante de los retos."

— **Liz Agüero**, *Contract Administrator-ACO, Hewlett-Packard*, worked with Gabo at Hewlett-Packard

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