

Gabo Esquivel - Sr. Engineer

With 15+ years in full-stack engineering, I help organizations turn ideas into market-ready products—bridging technical execution, user experience, and business strategy.

I focus on emerging tech and user-driven innovation, with expertise in web3, cloud, full-stack web/mobile, and AI. Fluent in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and Italian.

Bitlauncher

Remote • Nov 2023 - Nov 2025 • 2 yrs

Bitlauncher is an AI and crypto launchpad platform that provides early access to promising AI unicorn startups through token sales and auctions.

Designed full-stack architecture with Viem, Wagmi, Supabase, Next.js 14

Built a token bridge for swapping USDT, USDC, and BITUSD to USDCred tokens

Integrated Gnosis auction contracts and wallet interface with realtime balances

Developed a custom EVM indexer via WebSocket event subscriptions

AI SDK integration and prompting mechanism for masterbots.ai

Established AI-driven development workflow using Claude, v0.dev, Cursor and SourceryAI

Opyn

Remote - Contract • Oct 2024 - Feb 2025 • 6 mos

Opyn is a decentralized perpetual options protocol on Arbitrum.

Architected the Next.js app and data fetching mechanism

Built trading interface and custom UI/UX for options trading

Integrated Opyn protocol and Arbitrum Testnet using viem/wagmi

Set up onchain data indexing with Ponder and PostgreSQL (Supabase)

Prototyped AI assistant for user onboarding and support

ZTX

Remote • Aug 2022 - Aug 2023 • 1 yr 1 mo

ZTX is a virtual world platform that integrates cryptocurrency for digital asset ownership. Users can mint, trade, and use items in-game.

Built a WebGL EVM wallet connector using Ethers and a custom JavaScript event system

Set up advanced analytics and reporting using Google Analytics Tag Manager

React architecture using Next.js, TailwindCSS and Framer Motion

RareMint

Remote • Jul 2021 - Dec 2022 • 1 yr 6 mos

RareMint is a platform for rare and unique digital assets. It allows users to mint, trade, and collect unique digital assets.

Built NFT indexer using Moralis streams, Node.js and PostgreSQL

Enhanced NFT marketplace responsiveness using Remix, TailwindCSS and GraphQL queries

Integrated Wallet Connect for secure wallet connections and transactions

Assisted the launch of the first auctions Pokemon cards on Polygon

Bitcash

Remote - Part-time • Jan 2020 - Jul 2021 • 1 yr 7 mos

Bitcash app allows you to exchange your money for local currency stablecoins or bitUSD, which you can then use to buy cryptocurrencies.

Architected and implemented a full-stack platform using React, Vite, Node.js, PostgreSQL, Hasura GraphQL, and Google Cloud

Developed a peer-to-peer exchange, integrated real-time chat, and built a backend matching engine

Built a real-time EOS indexer that deserializes EOS binary data with Node.js worker threads and persists it in PostgreSQL on Google Cloud

Implemented WebAuthn-based key management for direct in-browser transaction signing, eliminating the need for external wallet apps and bypassing app store restrictions

Enabled secure QR-based signature requests for seamless login and transaction signing in external apps like Bitlauncher.ai, using Supabase subscriptions and webhooks

Emanate

Remote • Contract • Dec 2019 - Jul 2020 • 8 mos

Emanate is a social media platform for artists to share their work and connect with other artists.

Maintained and improved the streaming web app

Developed a back office for artists' token payments

Integration with the EOS blockchain and AWS backend services

EOS Costa Rica

Hybrid • Mar 2018 - Jan 2020 • 1 yr 11 mos

Block producer offering infrastructure and blockchain development services.

Participated in the EOS Mainnet launch and managed other EOSIO-based blockchain validators

Configured a private EOSIO blockchain for Grant Thornton Labs and developed an application MVP enabling efficient intercompany transactions and tax management using a stablecoin, with an immutable records trail via hashing and IPFS

Developed the EOS Rate frontend using React and Styled Components

Assisted with recruiting, onboarding, public speaking, workshops, training, and community engagement (e.g., TicoBlockchain.cr and CryptoCantina Meetups)

Knowledge

Remote • Sep 2017 - May 2018 • 9 mos

Knowledge.io was a 2017 blockchain platform that enabled users to earn tokens by sharing expertise, creating a decentralized ecosystem for valuing and monetizing knowledge.

Deployed ERC20 token for ICO on Ethereum mainnet with Truffle

Built marketplace and wallet dashboard using React and Web3.js

Maintained mobile trivia game enabling users to earn tokens by answering questions

Wink

On-site • Apr 2015 - Mar 2018 • 3 yrs

Wink (holawink.com) was Costa Rica's first mobile neobank, providing digital banking and financial services focused on user experience and ease of use.

Led backend architecture, integrations, and security

Recruited and coordinated with partner banks and vendors

Built biometric KYC with React Native bridge

Integrated partner bank APIs

AMC Networks

Hybrid • Nov 2012 - Apr 2014 • 1 yr 6 mos

YEAH! was a streaming movie service by AMC Networks, launched at SXSW 2013. It curated classic genre films—horror, sci-fi, action-adventure—and enhanced them with interactive bonus content for a unique viewing experience.

Led frontend team, collaborating with creative and backend teams

Built interactive video streaming frontend for Facebook app

Implemented back-office with Brightcove integration

Added interactive trivia, interviews, and quizzes to video player

Optimized platform for curated films with 400+ interactive elements each

American Express (AMEX)

On-site • Apr 2010 - Nov 2012 • 2 yrs 8 mos

AMEX is a global financial services leader, best known for its credit and charge cards.

Contributed to the migration from Dojo to jQuery

Implemented responsive layouts, A/B testing, and analytics

Developed credit card marketing components for comparison sliders and dedicated landing pages

Let's Work Together

I typically work through remote 1099 contracts via my US-based company, Blockmatic Labs LLC. This setup gives clients straightforward contracts, built-in compliance, and IP protection. Based in Costa Rica, I operate on US Mountain Time and am just a short flight from major US cities.

If you're exploring something ambitious—a decentralized system, an AI-powered product, or an idea that needs a strong technical foundation—I'd be happy to hear from you.

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