

A Gest Wearable Means for Gesture Control

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A startup named Apotact Labs takes to Kickstarter to propose a wearable take on gesture-based control-- the Gest (pronounced "jest"), a "one size fits all" soft glove fitted with flex and motion controls.



Somewhat reminiscent of a stripped down version of motion control gloves such as the Nintendo Power Glove, the Gest consists of 4 small bands attached to an adjustable black strap. The bands and strap carry accelerometers, gyroscopes and magnetometers, and pair with PCs or mobile devices via Bluetooth to transmit the relative positions of the fingers wearing the device.

The Gest is designed to be as light and simple as possible, and the makers claim the battery provides up to a "full day of work" on a single charge. It does not capture the exact way the hand moves, but supposedly allows for fairly complex gestures wearers can assign to specific controls.

A Kickstarter video has the Gest handle Photoshop functions (such as control sliders, adding layers and changing brush sizes), air typing on an invisible keyboard and even connected lighting control.

Of course, it is hard to judge how a product will actually function through a promotional video, but the Gest appears popular enough to make over \$120000 (out of a \$100000 goal) in the space of a few days. Following the Kickstarter campaign the Gest controller should ship sometime on November 2016.

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