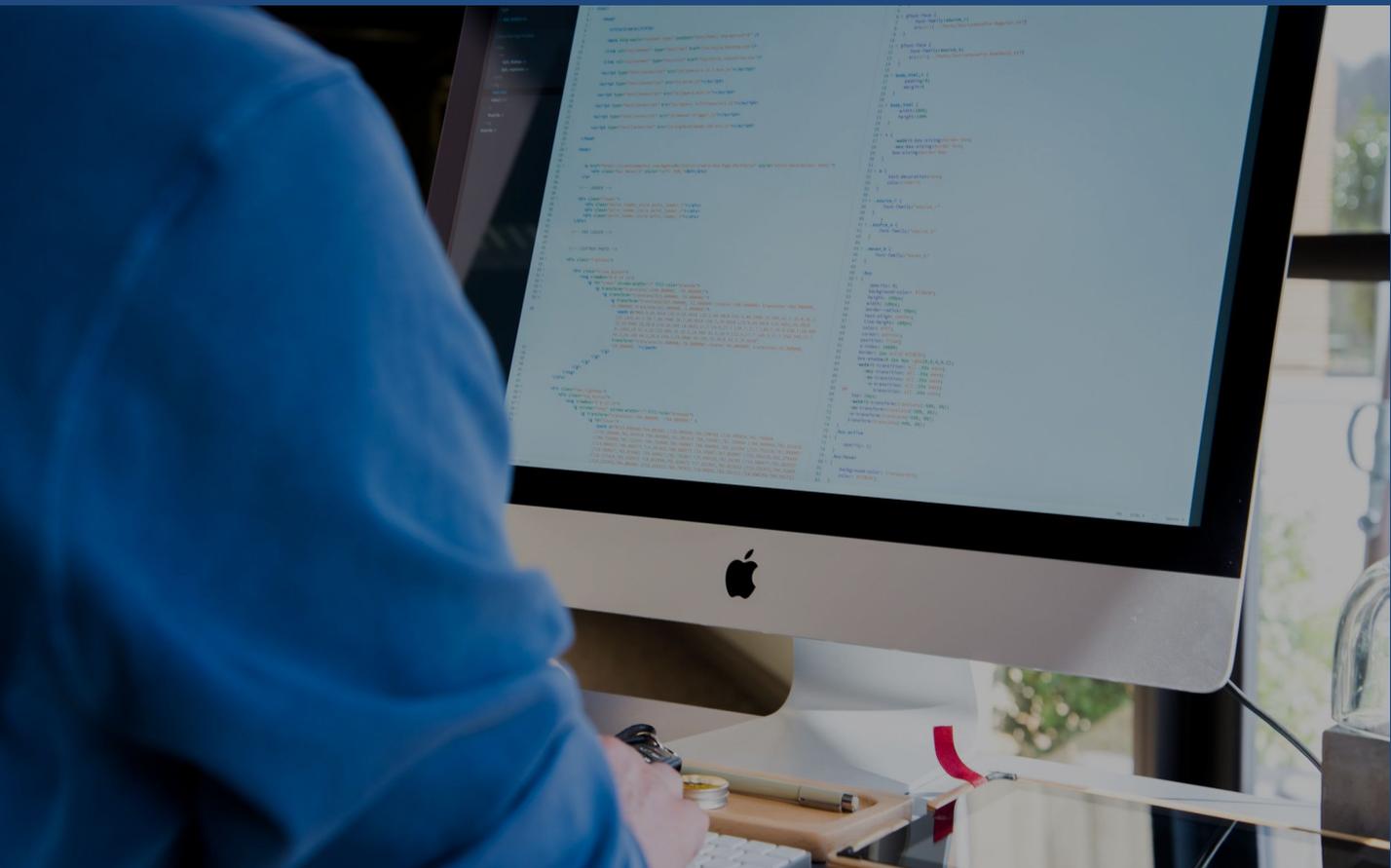




Case Study: BairesQA's Quality Assurance Partnership with ClickUp



Executive Summary

BairesQA, a specialized software testing company based in Buenos Aires, Argentina, has successfully established a strategic four-year partnership with ClickUp, one of America's leading SaaS productivity platforms. Since December 2021, BairesQA has grown from providing two initial QA professionals to deploying a comprehensive 14-person testing team that ensures the reliability and functionality of ClickUp's rapidly evolving platform.

This case study demonstrates how BairesQA's embedded QA methodology and staffing expertise have enabled ClickUp to maintain its high-velocity development pace while preserving software quality across its complex, multi-feature productivity ecosystem.

In this engagement, BairesQA provided its services through WeCodeIT SAS, a legal entity registered in Uruguay and owned by BairesQA. WeCodeIT SAS is the name recognized by ClickUp for direct collaboration and reference purposes.

About ClickUp: The Challenge Context

ClickUp is an all-in-one productivity platform that combines project management, AI automation, team chat, and knowledge management, effectively replacing multiple separate tools for over 8 million users across 1.6 million teams globally. Founded in 2017 by Zeb Evans and Alex Yurkowski, ClickUp has achieved remarkable growth, reaching over \$100 million in annual recurring revenue and maintaining a \$4 billion valuation.

The platform's complexity presents unique QA challenges:

- **Rapid Development Cycles:** ClickUp follows agile methodologies with frequent feature releases and updates
- **Multi-Feature Integration:** The platform includes 15+ customizable views, unlimited dashboards, and over 1,000 integrations
- **Scalability Requirements:** Supporting millions of users across diverse industries and use cases
- **Cross-Platform Functionality:** Ensuring consistent performance across web, mobile, and API environments

The BairesQA Solution: Dual-Team QA Architecture

Initial Engagement and Growth Trajectory

BairesQA's partnership with ClickUp began in December 2021 with a modest two-person QA team. Recognizing the quality and professionalism of BairesQA's services, ClickUp progressively expanded the engagement, growing the team to 14 dedicated professionals by 2024. This 600% growth over four years reflects both ClickUp's expanding needs and BairesQA's proven ability to deliver consistent, high-quality testing services.

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Strategic Team Structure

BairesQA implemented a sophisticated dual-team approach to address ClickUp's diverse QA requirements:

Build Check Team (7 Professionals)

The Build Check team focuses on **regression testing and quality gates**, executing comprehensive manual test cases to ensure that new platform changes don't introduce defects that could negatively impact existing functionalities. This approach is critical for ClickUp's continuous deployment model, where frequent updates could potentially disrupt the user experience for millions of active users.

Key responsibilities include:

- **Pre-release Validation:** Systematic testing of new features before deployment
- **Regression Coverage:** Ensuring existing functionalities remain stable after code changes
- **Quality Gatekeeping:** Providing go/no-go recommendations for production releases

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Embedded QA Team (7 Professionals)

The second team operates as **Embedded QAs**, with each professional integrated directly into specific ClickUp development squads. This embedded model ensures deep domain knowledge and enables real-time quality assurance throughout the development lifecycle rather than traditional end-stage testing.

Benefits of the embedded approach include:

- **Shift-Left Testing:** Quality checks integrated early in the development process
- **Squad Specialization:** Deep expertise in specific platform areas and functionalities
- **Rapid Feedback Loops:** Immediate identification and resolution of issues
- **Cross-Functional Collaboration:** Direct integration with developers for faster problem-solving

Implementation Excellence and Results

Seamless Integration

BairesQA's team successfully integrated into ClickUp's existing development ecosystem, adopting the company's agile methodologies, tools, and workflows. The four-year partnership duration demonstrates the team's ability to maintain consistent service quality while adapting to ClickUp's evolving needs and technological stack.

Quality Assurance Best Practices

The BairesQA implementation incorporates modern QA best practices essential for SaaS platforms:

- **Manual Testing Excellence:** While automation is valuable, manual testing provides the nuanced scrutiny necessary for complex user interactions
- **Multi-Environment Testing:** Comprehensive testing across different browsers, devices, and integration scenarios
- **Performance Validation:** Ensuring platform stability under varying user loads and usage patterns
- **Security Compliance:** Maintaining ClickUp's enterprise-grade security standards required by its diverse client base

Implementation Excellence and Results

Scalability and Flexibility

BairesQA's staffing model has proven highly adaptable, scaling from 2 to 14 professionals based on ClickUp's evolving requirements. This flexibility is crucial for SaaS companies experiencing rapid growth and changing development priorities.

Business Impact and Value Creation

Risk Mitigation

By implementing comprehensive regression testing and embedded QA practices, BairesQA helps ClickUp minimize the risks associated with rapid development cycles. This is particularly critical given ClickUp's position as a mission-critical productivity platform for over 8 million users.

Development Velocity Enhancement

The embedded QA model enables ClickUp's development teams to maintain high-velocity feature delivery while ensuring quality standards. Early defect identification and resolution prevent costly downstream fixes and reduce time-to-market for new features.

Cost Optimization

BairesQA's nearshore staffing model provides ClickUp with access to skilled QA professionals at competitive rates compared to domestic alternatives. The four-year partnership duration suggests significant cost-effectiveness and value realization.

Professional Expertise Access

The partnership provides ClickUp with immediate access to specialized QA expertise without the overhead of recruiting, training, and retaining internal staff. BairesQA's experience across multiple clients and technologies brings best practices and cross-industry insights to ClickUp's QA processes.

Strategic Partnership Success Factors

Cultural and Operational Alignment

BairesQA's ability to integrate seamlessly into ClickUp's fast-paced, innovation-focused culture has been critical to the partnership's success. The team's adaptability and commitment to ClickUp's quality standards have enabled long-term collaboration.

Continuous Value Delivery

The consistent expansion of the BairesQA team from 2 to 14 professionals over four years demonstrates ongoing value creation and mutual satisfaction with the partnership outcomes.

Technical Excellence

BairesQA's dual-team approach addresses both immediate quality assurance needs (Build Check) and long-term development integration requirements (Embedded QA), providing comprehensive coverage of ClickUp's testing requirements.



Conclusion

The BairesQA-ClickUp partnership exemplifies successful QA outsourcing in the modern SaaS environment. By combining regression testing expertise with embedded QA integration, BairesQA has enabled ClickUp to maintain its competitive advantage through rapid, reliable software delivery. The partnership's four-year duration and 600% team growth demonstrate the effectiveness of BairesQA's approach in supporting one of the industry's fastest-growing productivity platforms.

This case study illustrates how strategic QA partnerships can enable SaaS companies to scale effectively while maintaining the quality standards essential for customer satisfaction and market leadership. BairesQA's success with ClickUp positions the company as a proven partner for other high-growth technology companies seeking to optimize their quality assurance operations.

Thanks!



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