

# Benjamin Maccini

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**Contractor** June 2025 — Present  
Food is the Best Medicine *Austin, TX*

- Webmaster and technical assistance for <https://foodisthebestmedicine.org>

**Market Crew** Jan 2025 — Present  
Chaparral Crossing Farmers Market *Hornsby Bend, Travis County, TX*

- SNAP benefit distribution for ESL clientele, working with farmers for technology assistance and grant writing

**Market Lead** Aug 2024 — May 2025  
Sustainable Food Center *Austin, TX*

- Primary point of contact for day-of operations at the market including vendor relationship management and coordinating staff.
- Worked with vendors and program recipients to accept and receive SNAP/WIC/DUFB program benefits

**Founding Engineer** Nov 2021 — Dec 2023  
unPLUG Dining *Chicago, IL*

- Helped grow engineering team headcount to 12+, brought on numerous advisors and specialists.
- Established our engineering process and culture from both an operational perspective and a technical one

**Software Engineer** Jun 2019 — Jun 2020  
Pensa Systems *Austin, TX*

- Productionized research-oriented Python machine learning code for retail inventory data collection

**Contractor** Feb 2018 — Jun 2019  
Pensa Systems *Austin, TX*

- Led the coordination of independent contractors for the purpose of data collection and data labeling
- Performed linear regression analyses of runtime systems for quality control purposes

## EDUCATION

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**University of Texas at Austin** Austin, TX  
*Master of Public Affairs* Aug 2025 — Expected Graduation May 2027

**University of Texas at Austin** Austin, TX  
*Bachelor's of Science, Applied Mathematics; Minor, Business* Aug 2015 — May 2019

## PROJECTS/VOLUNTEERING

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**Student Consultant**, Environmental Technology Implementation Project Aug 2024 — Present

- A binational collaboration between UDLAP Puebla, Mexico and the University of Texas at Austin that aims at providing a set of policy recommendations for the 1944 Treaty addressing rising salinity levels in the Lower Rio Grande River.
- Perform multi-objective linear analysis of surface water data in OASIS with statistical analysis in Python
- Survey reports of existing literature and creation of informational graphics for policy briefs
- Research into remote sensing methodologies for salinity measurement using Sentinel 2 and Sentinel 3 bands.

**Core Volunteer**, Festival Beach Food Forest Jan 2025 — Present

- Planting, budget reconciliation, grant writing and fundraising

## SKILLS

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- Domain Knowledge: Online ordering systems, payments, loyalty platforms, data labeling services, retail inventory systems
- Technology: Python, PostgreSQL, OASIS, Excel, cloud computing (AWS, Azure, GCP), data analysis
- Other skills: Mexican cooking (Escuela de Gastronomía Mexicana), working knowledge in Spanish