# Blanca Mendizabal Perello

Full-stack software developer recently graduated from [Makers Academy](http://www.makersacademy.com), Europe's leading web development bootcamp. I'm looking for a full-stack junior developer position in a company with ambitions to create something fantastic in the next few years.

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## Skills

### Project management and analytical skills

Strong ability breaking projects into smaller tasks, making it easier to deliver on time and budget.

### Problem solving

My naturally empathetic character is one of my biggest strengths, making it very easy for me to see when any of my colleagues need personal or professional support. During my studies at Makers I had the opportunity to help colleagues that were struggling, making them feeling relieved and empowered.

### Flexibility and active learner

For the last five years I have been experiencing big changes in my life, and I overcame those by focusing on my strengths and abilities. Last year I made the biggest change in my life, changing careers and teaching myself to code before I joined Makers. It sounds crazy but it's being amazingly satisfying!

### Communication and collaboration

Currently writing a weekly blog explaining my journey into coding. My colleagues at Makers highlight my patience and ability to explain concepts as two of my main skills.

### Data analysis

Extensive experience on research and data analysis that allowed me to build internal databases of information to support fundraising proposals and impact evaluation reports.

### Creativity and design

Extensively worked with AutoCAD, Photoshop, InDesign, and Illustrator in personal and professional projects. I love designing attractive and user friendly interfaces for every project I work on.

## Projects

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| Name | Description | Technologies | Timeframe |
| [Twitch.tv streaming](https://github.com/groundberry/twitchtv-streamers) | Javascript with Ajax requests | Javascript, jQuery, HTML, CSS, Bootstrap | 3 days |
| [Wikipedia search](https://github.com/groundberry/wikipedia-search) | Javascript with Ajax requests | Javascript, jQuery, HTML, CSS, Bootstrap | 1 day |
| [CSS playground](https://github.com/groundberry/CSS-playground) | A tool that allows you to make changes to a simple web page and see the HTML and CSS code that you are creating in real time. | React | 10 days |
| [StoryApp](https://github.com/groundberry/story-app) | Javascript single-page application | Javascript, jQuery, HTML, CSS | 5 days |

## Experience

**Sustainability Consultant** at [*Little Bee Community*](http://littlebeecommunity.com) *(London, UK)* Oct 2013 -- Aug 2016

Led a wide range of projects locally and abroad, ensuring goals were met on time and on budget. Created internal databases of agricultural techniques and best practices, and funding opportunities for a wide range of projects. I supported and managed volunteers and other team members.

**Agricultural Engineer** at [*Battle McCarthy*](http://http://www.battlemccarthy.com/) *(London, UK)* Jan 2013 -- Oct 2013

Responsible for urban agriculture R&D. I worked with five other people, developing agricultural strategies to maximise food production inside buildings using hydroponic systems.

**Environmental Engineer** at [*Aqualogy (AGBAR group)*](http://www.aqualogyuk.co.uk/) *(Madrid, Spain)* Sep 2011 -- Sep 2012

Responsible for conducting compliance checks for the purpose of enforcing Spanish and European laws regarding water treatment. I also designed a working methodology for the analysis of biological quality parameters of Spanish rivers.

**Voluntary speaker** at [*Technical University of Madrid*](http://www.upm.es/internacional) *(Madrid, Spain)* Mar 2007 -- Jul 2008

Participated as a guest speaker at the IV World Congress of Agricultural Engineers, presenting my final year project "Iberian Pig Value Chain Analysis”.

**Internship food sector** at [*Technical University of Madrid*](http://www.upm.es/internacional) *(Madrid, Spain)* 2006 -- 2008

Worked at the Agricultural Economy department analysing the value chain of various food products, and at the Agri-Food Industry department carrying out quality control procedures in the bread industry.

## Education

**Onsite Software Development Bootcamp** at [Makers Academy](http://www.makersacademy.com) *(London, UK)* Aug 2016 -- Dec 2016

Highly-selective 16-week full-time program, emphasising:

* Front-end software development
* Back-end software development
* Pair-programming
* Test-driven development
* Object-oriented design
* Agile methodologies

**M.Sc. Environmental Engineering and Management** at [EOI Business School](http://www.eoi.es/portal/en) *(Madrid, Spain)* 2010 -– 2011

Master thesis "Development of an Environmental Management System under the European EMAS Regulation".

**M.Sc Agricultural Engineering** at [Technical University of Madrid](http://www.upm.es/internacional) *(Madrid, Spain)* 2000 -- 2008

My final year project, "Iberian Pig Value Chain Analysis", received an outstanding qualification.

## Other information

English (Professional working proficiency)  
Spanish (Native)  
I love making my own bread and photography