# 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 junior developer position in a company where I can make an impact and also grow professionally.

[Blog](https://groundberry.github.io/) | [GitHub](https://github.com/groundberry) | [LinkedIn](https://uk.linkedin.com/in/blancamendi) | [Twitter](https://twitter.com/blanca_mendi)

## Skills

### Project Management

I've shown strong ability breaking projects into smaller tasks while working at [Little Bee Community](#experience). I managed a project in Africa, creating a three-year timeline that included monthly and weekly tasks, cost tracking, and list of suppliers. This structured workflow made it easier to deliver the project on time and on budget.

### Adaptability

For the last five years I have been experiencing big changes in my life, and I managed to successfully overcome them by focusing on my strengths and abilities. My last challenge, a career change, started one year ago when I began learning HTML, CSS and JavaScript by myself. I then decided to join Makers Academy, a 12-week bootcamp where I learnt Ruby, Rails, Node, and React, to name a few technologies. It has been an amazing and satisfying journey!

### Communication and Collaboration

My colleagues at Makers highlight my empathy, patience, and ability to explain concepts clearly as my main skills. For example, on one specially challenging week I noticed that my colleague was struggling with understanding how a Node app works. I helped her analyse the project's structure and data flow. By the end of the day we managed to have a server up and running!

### Design and User Experience

I'm passionate about crafting attractive and user-friendly interfaces for every project I work on. I have taught myself CSS, Bootstrap, Photoshop, InDesign, and Illustrator. I have used these skills to create appealing and usable apps in personal projects, and marketing materials for [Little Bee Community](#experience) and [Battle McCarthy](#experience).

## Projects

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| Name | Description | Technologies | Timeframe |
| [Flashcards Client](https://github.com/groundberry/flashcards-client) | Client side of a single-page app | React, React Toolbox | Ongoing |
| [Flashcards Server](https://github.com/groundberry/flashcards-server) | Server side of a single-page app | Ruby on Rails | Ongoing |
| [CSS playground](https://github.com/groundberry/CSS-playground) | Live-editing HTML and CSS tool | JavaScript, React, Jest | 10 days |
| [StoryApp](https://github.com/groundberry/story-app) | JavaScript single-page application | JavaScript, jQuery, Jasmine, 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://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.

**Guest 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”*.

**Intern (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 12-week full-time program (and 4-week pre-course), emphasising:

* Front-end development
* Back-end 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

* Email: blanca.mendizabal.perello@gmail.com
* English (professional working proficiency).
* Spanish (native).
* I love making my own bread, and photography.