# Saish Lad

## **Product Designer**

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#### **EDUCATION**

#### **Master of Science in Human-Computer Interaction**

August 2023 - May 2025

Indiana University, Bloomington

**Coursework** - Introduction to HCI/d, Foundations of HCI, Interaction Design Methods, Meaning and Form in HCI, Experience Design, HCI/d Studio Practice.

#### **Bachelor of Engineering - Electronics**

July 2018 - June 2022

Mumbai University, Terna Engineering College, Nerul

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

#### **Graduate Student Instructor** ~ *Indiana University, Bloomington*

January 2024 - Present

- Instructed **60+ undergraduate students in INFO I303 Organizational Informatics**, emphasizing precise evaluation of business processes aligned with diverse organizational types and functional areas.
- Facilitated course-related weekly discussions for **30+ students**, concurrently delivering instruction on Git/GitHub to enhance their collaborative capabilities and version control proficiency.

## Product Designer ~ Adarja Digital Private LTD (Digital Marketing startup), Mumbai

August 2022 – May 2023

- Revamped the Information flow for the company's secondary B2C venture website, leading to a 16.3% increase in sales.
- Led a cross-functional team of 6 in designing and launching an e-commerce platform for a client. Simultaneously
  collaborated with the marketing team on digital branding initiatives, resulting in 7200+ site visitors within the initial
  month.
- Directed and managed a user feedback loop by conducting 23+ interviews and incorporated user insights to drive the comprehensive redesign of a cloud computing dashboard.
- Streamlined the e-commerce checkout process for client's website, delivering a 28.6% reduction in cart abandonment and a 13.7% boost in successful transactions.

#### Product Design Intern ~ Adarja Digital Private LTD (Digital Marketing startup), Mumbai

June 2022 – July 2022

- Leveraged competitor analysis and qualitative research insights to identify **5+ critical areas**, thereby enhancing Adarja Digital's service design model and driving a **20%+ growth** in client acquisitions.
- Conceptualized **3 features** for the B2B *AD Financial Analysis platform*, including the creation of **20+ high-fidelity screens**, and worked closely with engineering teams to ensure successful implementation.

# **Design Engineer Intern** ~ Papillon Swimming Pools, Mumbai

March 2022 - May 2022

• Executed engineering analysis to ensure design compliance with industry standards and used AutoCAD to plan and create pool structure layouts.

## **Electrical Engineering Intern** ~ MTNL, Mumbai

July 2019 - June 2020

• Applied server-side scripting languages as Python or Node.js to enhance the backend functionality of web applications integrated with electrical systems.

## **PROJECT**

# **Digital Promotion Strategy** ~ (Freelance client - Marvellous decorations)

February 2021 – January 2022

- Developed and implemented a cohesive brand identity including logo design, color palette and typography, resulting in a significant increase in brand recognition and **800+** new followers on social media.
- Produced an engaging brand video showcasing core values, unique selling propositions, and narrative, obtaining
   1700+ views and widespread sharing across social media platforms.
- Utilized graphic design software such as Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, and Canva to create **30+** high-quality visuals that effectively communicated promotional messages.
- Designed a responsive e-commerce website, incorporating product listings, individual product pages, shopping cart functionality, transaction workflows, and promotional features, leading to **over 40% increase** in customer orders.

#### **SKILLS**

**Design** - Interaction Design, User Flows, Graphic Design, Storyboarding, User Experience, UI Design (Low-High fidelity mockups), Wireframing, Co-design, Data Visualization, Prototyping (Physical & Digital), Service Design

**Research & Evaluation** - Qualitative & Quantitative Analysis (User Interviews, Focus groups, Observational study, Surveys), Affinity Mapping, Contextual Inquiry, Competitor Analysis, Heuristic Evaluation, Usability Testing Methods, Journey Maps (Empathy, Emotions, Customer), User Personas, Information Architecture

Marketing - Brand Development, Social Media Marketing, Campaign management, SWOT Analysis

Engineering - IoT, Digital Signal Processing, Embedded Systems Development

Languages & Tools - HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Python, C++, Figma, Adobe Creative Suite, AutoCAD, Framer, Miro, Microsoft Office, Keynote, GitHub, Canva