Raheel Syed

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Education

University of Virginia — **Charlottesville, VA**
BACHELORS OF ARTS AND SCIENCES — May 2026

- Pursing a double major in Computer Science and Economics
- Relevant Coursework: Data Structures and Algorithms 1 & 2, Software Development Essentials, Discrete Mathematics and Theory 1, Intermediate Microeconomics, Economics of the Public Sector, and Sustainability Economics.

Experience

Weblems - Part Time — **Virginia Beach, VA (Remote)**
FRONT END DESIGNER — Jul. 2023 - Present

- Lead UX/UI design for client websites using Figma and WordPress, collaborating with the CTO to create professional, responsive designs.
- Utilize platforms like Envato Elements and Dribbble for inspiration, speeding up design creation and ensuring high-quality, user-friendly results.
- Improved design processes by incorporating design systems and reusable components, reducing project turnaround times.

College Marketplace - Part Time — **Charlottesville, VA (Remote)**
UX/UI RESEARCHER AND DESIGNER — Jul. 2022 - Apr. 2023

- Advised the client on web design best practices, simplifying the homepage design to enhance user experience.
- Developed multiple design iterations in Figma, using color variables and auto layouts to improve consistency and design flexibility.
- Helped the client build a functional marketplace website, where college students can buy and sell items efficiently.

PolyUno - Internship — **Washington, DC (Remote)**
UX/UI DESIGNER — Jul. 2022 - Jun. 2023

- Created the initial design for the WeMeetUp website, ensuring accessibility by conducting user testing with individuals of varying technical proficiency.
- Researched and implemented best practices for design to enhance the user experience and visual appeal of the website.
- Gained proficiency in Figma, HTML, and CSS through online courses, contributing to a fully functional and visually appealing web product.
- Collaborated closely with the CEO and designer, delivering a final design that impressed the team and clients.

Projects

RoomEase — **Brambleton, VA**
FRONT END DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT — Jul. 2024 - Present

- Collaborated with four UVA students to develop RoomEase, a mobile app designed to help roommates stay organized.
- Created wireframes and mockups for all app pages using Figma.
- Proposed key features, including anonymous messaging, polling, chore cycling, and RAi, an AI-powered residential advisor.
- Planning to implement the app using React Native.

Portfolio Website — **Aldie, VA**
FRONT END DEVELOPMENT — Mar. 2024 - Present

- Developed a portfolio website with HTML, CSS, and JavaScript, featuring home, about, projects, and contact pages.
- Utilized Flexbox, media queries, and rem to create a fully responsive layout, with smooth animations applied to all elements using CSS transitions.
- Implemented light/dark mode toggle and resume download functionality, and securely deployed the site via Vercel.
- Portfolio website (regularly updated): raheelakhtarsyed.vercel.app

BrainDump — **Charlottesville, VA**
UX/UI DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT — Mar. 2024

- Lead front end development for BrainDump, a web application that uses Gemini AI to generate project ideas based on user input.
- Used Figma to create wireframes and mockups for all pages of the website and built the website using HTML/CSS and JavaScript.
- Managing and guiding the team to improve design quality and streamline user experience.

MuneebCuts — **Aldie, VA**
UX/UI DESIGN — Dec. 2022 - Jun. 2023

- Utilized Figma to independently design mobile and web versions of MuneebCuts, a platform for customers to schedule haircut and shaving appointments.
- Adopted progressive enhancement by creating the mobile version first to ensure that content is prioritized and functionality is sound before scaling to web.
- Created low and high fidelity prototypes and tested them with users of varying technical literacy to validate that the user flow is easy and intuitive.

Leadership

Project Code — **Charlottesville, VA**
CLINIVISION FRONT END TEAM LEAD — Sep. 2023 - Dec. 2023

- Led the front end development team to create CliniVision, a website that uses AI to analyze X-ray images.
- Taught team members web design principles and wireframing techniques, contributing to a cohesive, high-fidelity prototype.
- Fostered collaboration among a diverse, cross-functional team, improving communication and problem-solving skills.

Skills

Technical: React JS, React Native, JSX, JavaScript, HTML, CSS, Java, Python, C, Git/Github, LaTeX, Assembly.

Design: Figma, AdobeXD, Prototyping, User Research, Usability Studies, Case Studies, Design Critique and Feedback, Envato Elements, WordPress.

Soft: Leadership, Team Management, Project Oversight, Problem-Solving, Communication, Presentation.

Certifications: Google UX Design Professional Certificate, JavaScript Essential Training, React.JS Essential Training, React.JS Building An Interface, React: Creating and Hosting a Full-Stack Site, React Hooks, React: Accessibility, Building Modern Projects with React, From React To React Native.