Sarah Deak

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User Experience Designer with 5 years of experience solving problems across various disciplines. Proven track record of developing user-centered designs that solve complex problems and improve consumer experiences. 3 years designing and maintaining SaaS technologies in an agile working environment, connecting daily with developers. Additionally, front-end experience equivalent to 2 years and full stack experience of 1 year.

WORK FXPERIENCE

Associate UX Designer & Application Developer at Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN May 2022- Present

- Overhauled, tested, and launched 4 SaaS applications from start to finish utilizing UX research strategies
- Spearheaded implementing an agile workflow and significantly improved cross-discipline collaboration
- Established and maintained a standardized Figma design system with 35+ components, fostering a cohesive and recognizable brand identity and streamlining the design process
- Proposed and established a new UX career stream within the organization
- Attended trainings in ITIL 4 Fundamentals, Project Management Essentials, Agile Basics

Student UX Designer at Krannert Computing Center, West Lafayette, IN

May 2021- May 2022

- Enhanced user interfaces iteratively for optimal usability across 10+ campus-wide applications
- Fostered holistic user experiences by considering both digital and physical elements of user journeys
- Modernized UX workflow by incorporating continuous discovery strategies in order to connect weekly with stakeholders & users

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Case Study for Video Express, a School of Business Application

Spring 2022

Led the redesign of a complex software application, utilizing information architecture and interaction design principles to simplify user flows, resulting in a 45% increase in task completion rates.

Visualized and presented unanticipated and controversial research outcomes to critical stakeholders

Independent Student Project, Purdue University

Spring 2022

Highlighted untapped opportunities in existing technology for on-the-go learning and designed a digital tool to encourage users to engage in informal, self-led exploration of location-based history, fostering enjoyment and fulfillment without extrinsic motivation

- Synthesized existing research, fostering ideation and evaluation to locate innovative solutions
- Delivered insights through concise and impactful presentation

Student Project, Sponsored by Nick Gould, Cerner Corporation

Fall 2021

Promoted 2-way communication between healthcare clients and providers & located opportunities to address existing client pain points through primary research.

- Showcased significant improvements in overall user satisfaction through high-fidelity Figma prototypes
- Applied Agile Sprints methodology to plan a project timeline, ensuring timely delivery of MVP

EDUCATION

Purdue Global, IN

Expected Graduation April 2026

Master of Business Administration - Project Management

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

Graduation Date May 2022

Bachelor of Science in User Experience Design, Minor in Psychology & Certificate in Collaborative Leadership

RELEVANT SKILLS

| Adobe Creative Suite | Prototyping | UX writing | Visual design |
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| Figma | Wireframing | Interviewing | HTML/CSS |
| Sketch | Mobile-first design | Usability | Python |
| Balsamiq | Responsive design | QA testing | Javascript |
| Whimsical | User research | Interaction design | Bootstrap |