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## **About Me**



I'm Vandana and I go by she/her/hers pronouns. I'm in my final year of graduate school pursuing a Data Science Master's degree. I've been in the Boston area ever since I was in 1st grade and grew up here. Before that, I moved around a lot spending a couple years in New Jersey and California. I'm passionate about all things data and also love combining the business aspects into what I do. I'm especially interested in data analysis, business intelligence, and UI/UX design.

I have worked on a number of UI/UX projects at both WPI and in the work environment. I first got exposed to the field when I was an undergrad at WPI and took the Human Computer Interaction course. I learned that I love making website designs and mockups. I'm taking this class to learn more technologies/tools that I can use to enhance my design creation process as well as learn good design principles. A personal project I would like to complete is creating my own website portfolio containing all the projects I've worked on as well as my resume.

Some fun facts about myself are that I love traveling and trying new things. Exploring different locations, cultures, and interacting/meeting with new people are things I am passionate about. I have been to 11 countries so far! These countries include Canada, Mexico, Singapore, India, Switzerland, France, Germany, Austria, Liechtenstein, Bahamas, and of course the United States. In addition, I also enjoy baking, singing, and playing badminton in my free time!

In my discussion with other students in the UX design class, I learned about so many of their interests and tools they use which sparked my interest in exploring more areas of UX design. For example, one student showed a picture of herself that she created using procreate. I have not heard of procreate before this and it was interesting to learn that I could use a tool like this to create designs of my own. Another student also expressed his interest in combining philosophy and UX design. For example, he brought up an interesting point about how user experience could avoid algorithmic bias and how it is used as an uplifting tool within society. I myself am interested in the psychology of user experience, such as what makes one person favor a given design while another person could despise said design.