# Zafar Peeran

## PRODUCT DESIGNER

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## **EDUCATION**

## **University of Minnesota**

Bachelor of Arts - Economics, August 2020 - May 2023 Minor - User Experience Design

#### **EXPERIENCE**

#### Paaq

Market Research Intern, November 2019 - June 2020

- Collaborated with the founding team for paaq, a contemporary brand focused on telling the stories of South Asia.
- Analyzed market trends and customer demand using competitor brands and responses from social media
  - Examined metrics from past releases and applied strategic changes to future releases to obtain a larger target audience.
- Developed marketing strategies that focus on strategic partnerships with key influencers
  - Networked with multiple South Asian social media influencers to curate posts that generated engagement with both of our audiences.

## **PROJECTS**

#### HealthU

HealthU is a service that aims to raise the priority of students' mental health and wellbeing in higher education. As part of a course curriculum, I was tasked with redesigning or creating a service that solves a problem for students of higher education.

- Conducted user research through surveys and interviews.
- Created journey maps and wireframes that were based off of user research and findings.
- Created app prototype from user feedback in usability studies.

#### **Toxicity - A Study**

Toxicity in gaming has been around since many of us have begun our journeys in games. I, with the help of a partner, set out to improve the player experience of our favorite game, Valorant.

- Developed survey to determine pain points and issues in user base.
- Interviewed survey participants to gain a deeper understanding for how users felt using the product.
- Utilized findings to develop potential solutions and mockups.

### **Hoop Radar**

Hoop Radar is a passion project that my classmates and I were instructed to design during a course in University. Hoop Radar is an app that brings all things NBA to a central location.

- Conducted user surveys to determine our target consumer base.
- Developed personas, utilized competitive analysis to understand competitors in the product space.
- · Refined prototypes based on results from usability studies.

## SKILLS

Microsoft Office, Photoshop, Lightroom, Illustrator, InDesign
Figma and Adobe XD
HTML and CSS
AstroJS