

# HARSHITHA GANDI

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Product designer shaping clear, usable experiences across AI-assisted workflows and physical-digital products.

## EDUCATION

### DePaul University

*Master of Science in Human-Computer Interaction*

Relevant Coursework: User Experience Design, Interaction Design, User Research, Information Architecture, Prototyping & Usability Testing

**Chicago, IL**

*Graduated July 2025*

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Kohler

*UI/UX Designer*

*AI-powered product identification and model validation platform*

**Remote, USA**

*January 2026 – Present*

- Redesigned reviewer validation from model-number-only review to image-assisted, one-click confirmation, reducing per-image review from 30-40 seconds to a few seconds.
- Added clear status cues and simpler label actions so reviewers could move through high-volume image queues with less friction.
- Designed a one-page training-run dashboard with previous-vs-current comparison, weak SKU views, accuracy/loss trends, and model-failure context.
- Helped product and ML partners make faster training decisions by connecting weak SKUs, model metrics, and example evidence in one scannable view.

### Robo Coupler Pvt Ltd

*Product Design*

*Smart floor-cleaning robot product design*

**Visakhapatnam, India**

*Feb 2022 – Dec 2022*

- Designed the exterior form, internal structure, and functional user experience for a smart floor-cleaning robot, balancing usability, ergonomics, and automation in a 5-member cross-functional team.
- Conducted 10 user interviews and synthesized findings through affinity and journey mapping to identify 4 recurring needs around usability, automation, efficiency, and affordability.
- Translated research insights into 12 product requirements covering cleaning workflows, navigation behavior, product ergonomics, and low-friction everyday use.
- Developed and compared 3 product concepts and 8 form explorations, using 2 rounds of usability testing to refine the product experience around cleaning workflows and ease of use.
- Collaborated on sensor integration, navigation behavior, and automated cleaning logic to connect the physical product with its user experience.

## LEADERSHIP & INVOLVEMENT

### XD Roundtable

*Vice President of XD Roundtable*

*Student UX and product design community*

**Chicago, IL**

*Jun 2024 – Jul 2025*

- Led UX community initiatives, workshops, and guest speaker sessions for students interested in UX, UI, product design, and HCI.
- Mentored 20+ students on UX process, portfolio development, design thinking, career preparation, and design critique.
- Facilitated 8 peer critique conversations around case-study storytelling, research framing, and interface rationale.
- Coordinated with 6 student leaders, faculty, and external guests to create learning opportunities around product design, UX research, and interaction design.

## SKILLS

**Design:** Product Design, UX/UI Design, Interaction Design, Design Systems, Information Architecture, Prototyping, Accessibility, Vibe Coding

**Research:** User Interviews, Affinity Mapping, Journey Mapping, Usability Testing, Research Synthesis

**AI/Product:** Human-in-the-Loop ML, Explainable AI, AI Workflow Design, Product Metrics, Feedback Loops

**Tools:** Figma, FigJam, Miro, HTML/CSS, Codex, Framer, Google Stitch, Adobe Creative Suite, ProtoPie, Procreate, Git