

Job Shadow Day in France

During job shadow days, girls attending Cisco Networking Academy follow female Cisco employees and learn about their work.

Rachel Gray

The focus of today's event is really to bring the girls into Cisco to show them what working in the IT industry is like. And to give them a little window on various different roles within Cisco.

Shariyar Smith

During the course of today, my impression of Cisco as a company just seems that they're very welcoming.

I spent the day with some system engineers and they showed me the data centers, the routing, the stacks of equipment. And they didn't dumb down what they knew. They just helped to enhance my own knowledge. So, they took what I already knew and helped to enable my learning. They really made me feel like a part of Cisco, even though I was only here for a day.

Reema Saheb Patel

Yeah, I was with the system engineers and they showed us all that they do, the integration they do of the applications. And so it's like a proper mix of the sales and technical sides, and I would really like to do something like that after I finish my Masters. And that has helped me decide on what I'm going to do with my future.

Sedef M. Buyukata

One of the biggest assets that women bring to the technology market is a different perspective and approach to technology, not only how it's utilized, but also how it's explained.

Annick Villeneuve (in French, with English voice-over)

For women, this is an extraordinary opportunity to have a true place in a company, to progress, and to become an actor of change in tomorrow's world.

Audrey Savary (in French, with English voice-over)

I've showed the girls how Unified Messaging is done at Cisco and explained, generally, what it is. I also covered IP Telephony, because they didn't know about it at all. I showed them what is coming out, the new types of telephony the possibilities to share documents. So, in the demo, it was the PowerPoint presentation. They didn't know you could work together on a document, even if you weren't in the same town or office.

Anissa Bouhoufani (in French, with English voice-over)

When I saw it, I was stupefied because you can speak and see each other at the same time, someone who is on the other side of the world. I was really surprised.

Shariyar Smith

The TelePresence technology just seems amazing, the clarity of the video quality was extraordinary. You could see the expressions on the American students and it really felt like you were in the room together.

Christina Powell

The TelePresence was amazing, the way that we could talk to students who were the same age as us, in the United States of America, and for them to see us, and see us waving at them, and be able to talk and have a laugh with them, and just basically have fun with them was quite fun. It was different. I'd never done it before, so it's a new thing and I enjoyed it.

Audrey Savary (in French, with English voice-over)

What I like at Cisco is the fact that it is a big technology developer and is always at the cutting-edge of technology.

Rachel Gray

So, Cisco's technology makes my life a lot easier to manage. Obviously, being a working mother and having a pretty demanding work life.

Lara Smalbeen-Dely (in French, with English voice-over)

We can work just as well from home as from the office, or from customer sites. It's up to us to organize how we do our work, and I enjoy this freedom enormously.

Reema Saheb Patel

Technology has always fascinated me. And today, in today's life, just about everyone depends on technology. We cannot live without it.

Aurelie Boulingrin (in French, with English voice-over)

I spend a lot of time on the Internet and using all today's new technologies. For me, it is very important. Without technology, I couldn't live as I do today. I'd get very bored.

Reema Saheb Patel

We use technology every day, so I knew that something which is so important, and is becoming more and more important day by day, I have to learn it and I have to be a part of it as well.

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