Women Rock IT
IT is a world of possibilities.

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Greengineer & Machinegineer @ the amazing CISCO
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Welcome to Shraddha’s Brain
• Born in Udaipur, India in 1984
• Moved to New York, USA in 1988
• Moved to California, USA in 1990
June 30, 2015 - 30/6/15 \rightarrow \text{multiples of 3}
When I was 17, I was a... TELEMARKETER
Cisco = My Playground
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• From Greengineer to Machinegineer
• Dream Job!
• Building
• Engineering
• IT & networking (CCNA)
• Creating
• Educating
• Playing
• Helping people
• Working with diverse people
• Startup mentality
• Great culture
• Having FUN!
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- Empowered by Cisco, love working here!
- Creator of opportunities, having FUN, and boundless imagination!
- PLAY!
Shr+ha = Playful
IT is it!
Accessibility + IT

- $100K Cisco Research Grant to RIT/NTID (Rochester Institute of Technology – National Technical Institute for the Deaf) in 2010
- Attended Fall 2010 Career Fair and selected two Cisco interns for Summer 2011
- Prepared for their arrival six months in advance - intro video, interpreters, learned and taught ASL, “Happy Holidays” team video, teaching ASL at orientation, etc
- Company Meeting event story - incredible opportunity to highlight interns
- Cisco’s YouTube channel videos were not captioned; empowered interns to directly discuss this with Cisco YouTube team
- First virtual career fair via TelePresence in Fall 2012
- Partnership opportunities - ed-tech, cross university teaching, Deaf Academy
Energy Efficiency
+
IT
Internet of Everything + IT

- IoE is Internet of Things with people, process, data in the mix
- CEO John Chambers says every company will be a tech company
- Imagine the IT and networking needed for this
- Mix your passions, power it with IT
- What do you want to IT?
Why IT?
Why not?!

- Get to mix all your passions
- So much demand for IT professionals
- Make a great salary
- Change the world
- Be cool!
PICTURE TIME!
Story Time!
Don’t complain. Make a change.
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Rethink resources.
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From mistake to magic.
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It’s all about perception.
Smart is cool.
They're storming Silicon Valley with their sharp ideas. Meet six American Indian women who are paving their way to technological superstardom with their ambition and aptitude. By AARTI VIRANI and PARIZAAD KHAN SETHI

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IT is cool. Smart is cool.

IT and Smart are undercover cool.
Be yourself. Your entire, authentic, YOU self.
Try new things out, even if you’re not good at it.
Find people who support you. Forget the ones who don’t.
Go far and bring 99 women and men with you!

Shrutha
05/01/2014
You are on top of the world, wherever you are.
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If I fear it, I'll try it. If I dread it, I'll master it.

8:00 PM - 16 Sep 2014
What you should do next. Now.

• Shake hands with each other, congratulate the people next to you
• Look at each other, help each other
• Write a letter to your future self, who you want to be, what you want to do
• Remember how each of you can make a difference
• Never doubt what you can do, you can change the world
• Get those IT skills
• Learn, create, build, Play! Have fun! Explore!
• Do not be afraid of what you don’t know
• It is NEVER too late to start
• Don’t lose yourself. Embrace yourself
THANK YOU!

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- Divya Naidu
- Monique Morrow
- Janet Ramey
- Vanessa Sulikowski
- My family and friends
- Cisco
Thank you.  

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\[ t = \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)} \]
where \( x = \text{sun} \)
\[ t = \text{tomorrow} \]