



## Fadia Ahmad Shaddad

Fadia Ahmad Shaddad is a 43-year old WIT participant who resides with her family in southern and had no prior experience with a computer before joining the Women in Technology program.

Fadia, who is a housewife, expresses many reasons for taking the class. “One of the primary reasons was because I didn’t know how to shut down my daughter’s computer” Fadia explains. “Before taking this course I had to ask my neighbor for help.” In addition, Fadia is pleased with the ability to protect her children by monitoring the sites they browse. “Now I can effectively communicate with them about computer usage” says Fadia.

The influence of computer literacy on women’s participation in the community is apparent to Fadia. When comparing herself to her mother’s generation, Fadia declares, “Everything is different – My daughter is my friend, and I am in touch with her generation unlike my mother who was disconnected from me when I was young.” She respects all ambitious women regardless of their age and is glad WIT is encouraging other women in her community.



When asked about the biggest challenges to her WIT studies, Fadia is confident that nothing will stand in her way, replying “I am determined to continue because my relatives have studied in various institutes.” Fadia’s relatives abroad encourage her to continue studying so she can stay in touch through the internet.