



## Lujain Rayes

Lujain Rayes, 24, works as an assistant in the Business and Computer department at Effat College in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. A native of Jeddah, Lujain holds her bachelors degree in business and marketing, and had some basic IT skills from using a computer in her work and daily life. When she heard about the Women in Technology (WIT) training course being offered at Effat College, she decided to sign up, hoping to further improve her computer skills.

Having completed her WIT course in July 2007, Lujain encourages other women to join the program. These days, she points out, "All jobs require computer skills. Everyone should at least have the basic skills."

"Women represent half of our society, and women's development improves our society," Lujain believes. A program that simplifies computer basics and makes them accessible to everyone can be extremely beneficial.

Looking ahead, Lujain sees opportunities everywhere. She is eager to improve her English and improve her computer networking capabilities. "My mother didn't finish her education and she has no computer skills," Lujain says. However, her family has been "very supportive" of Lujain as she pursues further IT training, works toward a higher degree, and strives to establish a higher position in society. Her ideal job would be to work in an economic field or in human resources.

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