

WOMEN IN TECH

Q&A

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What does a 'day in the life' look like in your role?

My day starts with taking stock of things, gathering requirements, deliverables, and timeframes from stakeholders. This helps set up the day.

I interface with customers, agree on priorities, communicate key milestones, and collaborate with folks across the organization. I look for ways to add value to our internal and external customers for present and future deliverables, and produce SMART plans for continuous improvement.

What are the ways that CompuCom empowers you as a woman in tech?

Providing equal opportunity, having a meritocratic approach, and learning and development initiatives help in staying ahead of the curve with respect to changing business dynamics. The Diversity and Inclusion culture helps others view issues differently, leading to distinct solutions across functions.

What top skills do you believe are needed to thrive in a career in technology?

Cognitive flexibility. As the pace at which technology is updating, one should be able to unlearn, and learn new things. Analytical and logical thinking along with problem-solving.



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What advice would you give to young professionals starting in tech?

Give domain knowledge importance. Ask questions of yourself and your leaders in terms of how your work impacts customers, business, and people. This ensures you gain a holistic perspective and are able to take decisions optimally. Having this mindset at an early stage helps pave a smoother future.

Do you believe women need to “act like a man” to be successful in tech?

The biggest mistake one can do is “act.” It adds to stress as you are in a constant battle within yourself and your acting persona. One way I can think which worked for me is being aware of one’s strengths and weaknesses and choose the areas to improve. Have a frank discussion with your superiors, and get a mentor to guide you.

If you don’t have a tech-savvy support system, how can you find good mentors or the help you need?

Take the first step (often the hardest to overcome in mind, but easier in reality), simply reach out, explaining why you would like them as a mentor.

What is one trait you need to be a great leader?

Emotional Intelligence. To be a leader, you need to look beyond metrics. You can achieve great results with a motivated and energized team.

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