

My Unlikely Journey into Tech

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.
- Lao-tzu

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#### Careers in IT are Good for Women





Many entry points, many destinations

# Higher Salaries



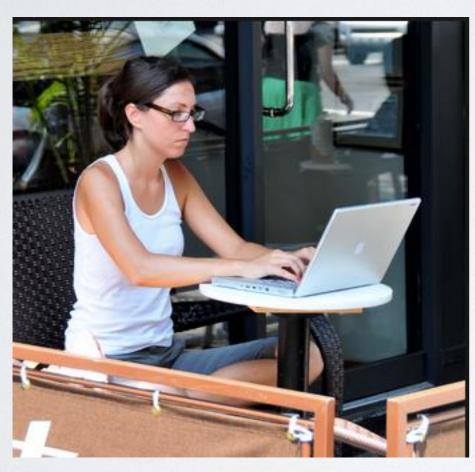
#### More Jobs



## More Equal Pay



## More Flexibility



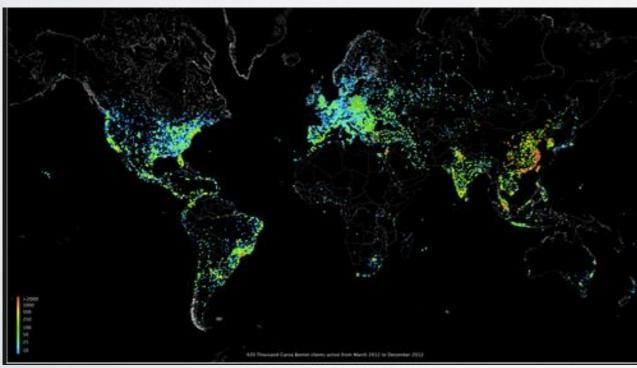




## Big Problems to Solve





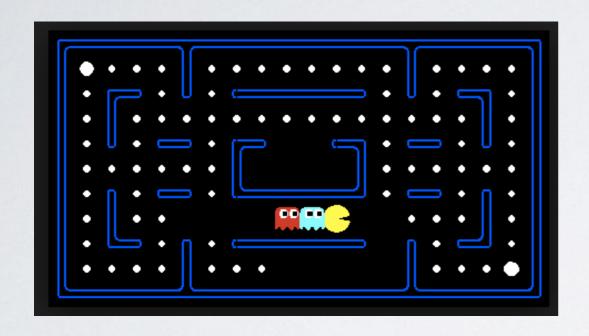




# How did I get here?



#### My father wanted me to be an engineer ....



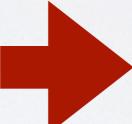


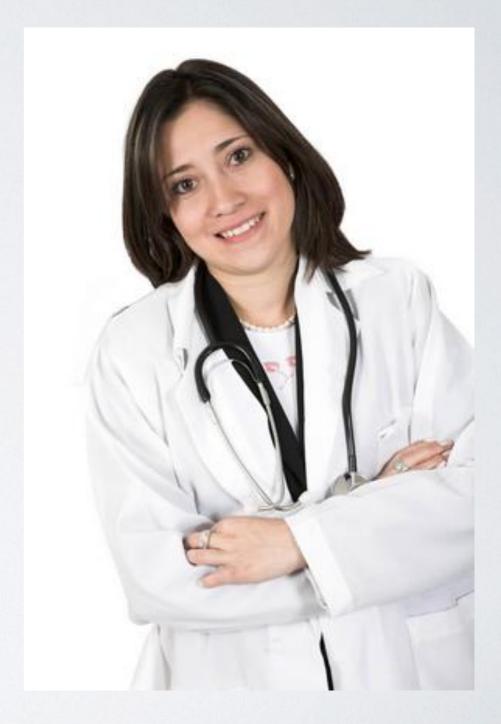
#### I had other ideas



## When I grow up, I want to be .....







#### So I went to Wake Forest University ...

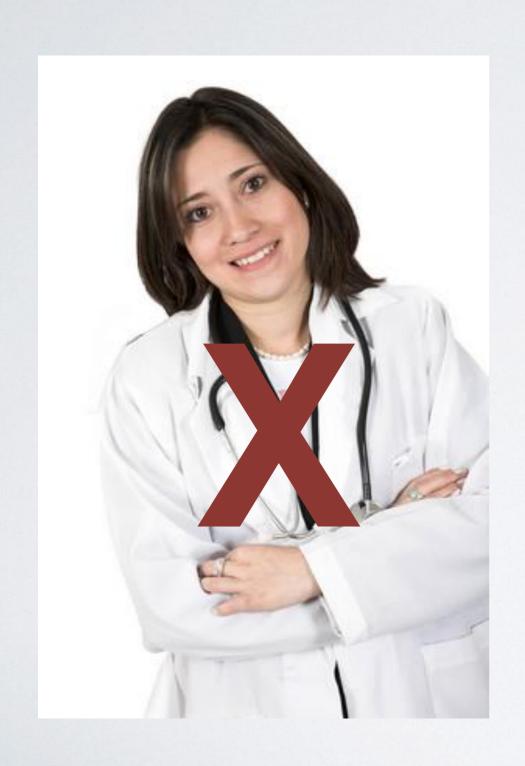


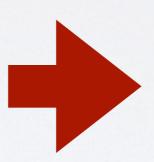
A liberal arts institution aims to impart a broad general knowledge and develop general intellectual capacities, in contrast to a preprofessional, vocational or technical curriculum

Think critically
Solve complex problems
Communicate clearly
Learn to continuously
learn



#### When I grow up, I want to be .....



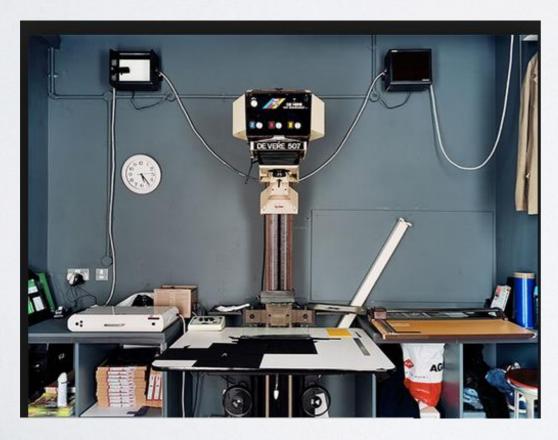




#### Which allowed me to explore other passions









#### When I grow up, I want to be .....



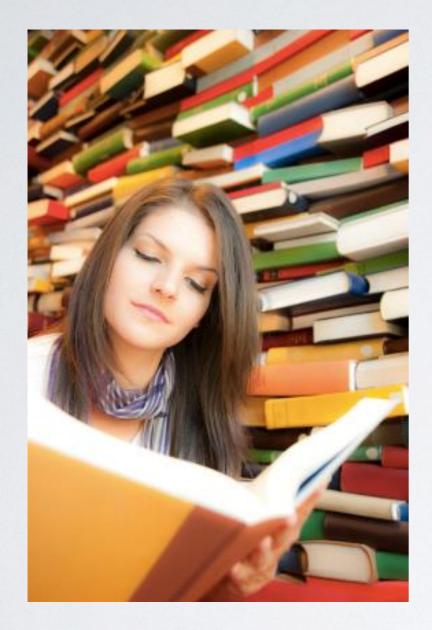




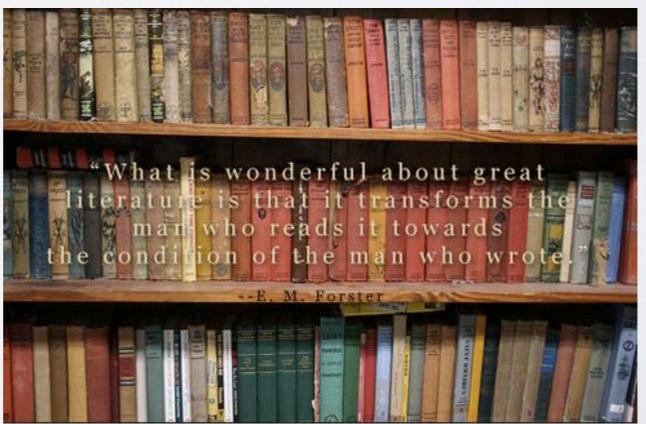


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at CHAPEL HILL

#### What I thought graduate school would be ...







#### What it was actually like for me ...



## Along the way, I needed a to support myself so

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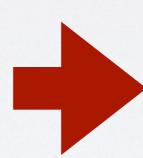






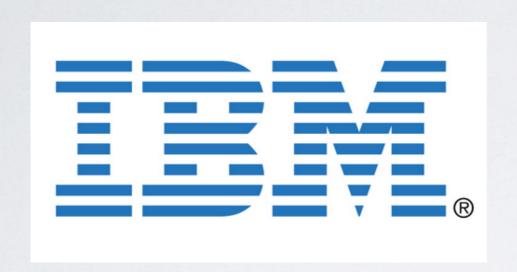
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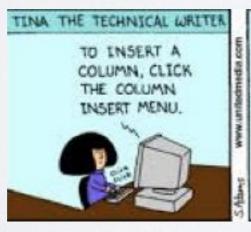


#### The internship that changed everything





It said "Janet Ramey"

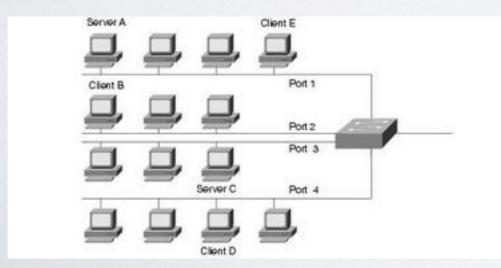






## My first deliverable





#### Main concepts:

- Collects data for workstations on token-ring networks
- Creates a MIB for collection by other network management software
- Delivered on a 3.5 inch floppy disk
- Physically installed on every workstation
- Network management

# Making the jump from summer intern to full-time





IBM 6611
Multiprotoco
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Router















#### **Certifications Matter**

#### Cisco Career Certifications **Janet Ramey** HAS SUCCESSIBLLY COMPLETED THE CINCO CAREER CERTIFICATIONS TEST REQUIREMENTS AND IN BECOGNIZED AS A Cisco Certified Network Associate — CCNA **September 14, 2001** VALUE THREE CHI. CSC010995367 Cinco libs John Chambers John I Clanters Problem and CLO Charlesons, Inc.

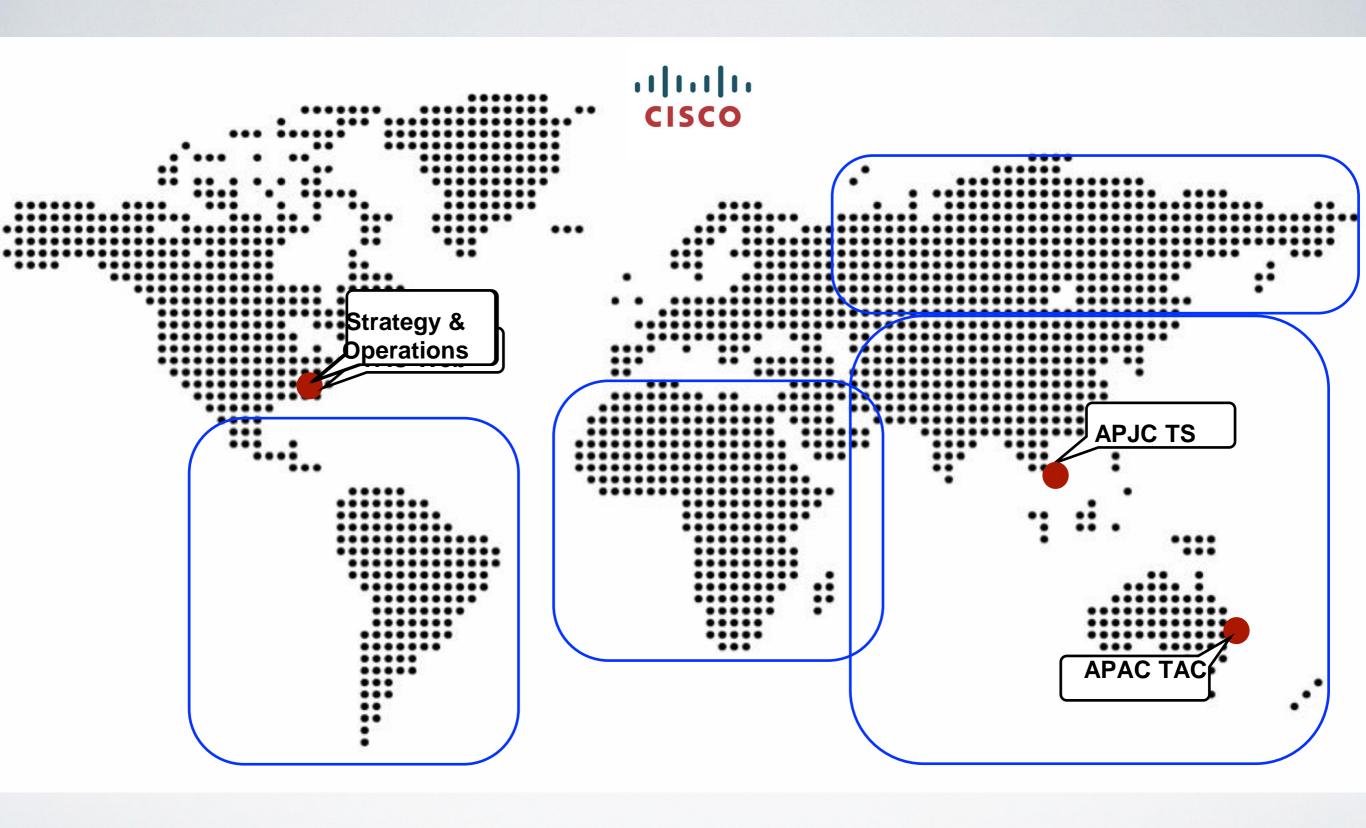
## Along the way, life happened ....

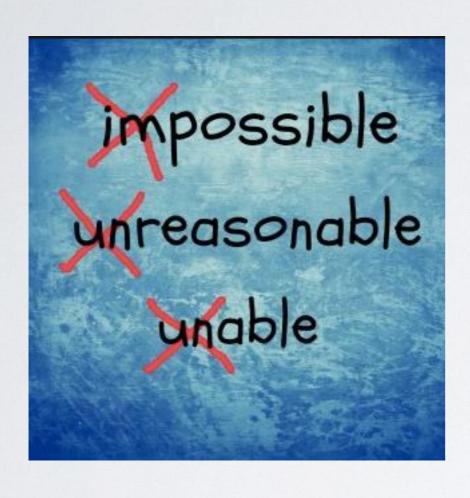


## Manager or Technical Leader?









Be curious and take chances

Don't be afraid of changing direction

Certifications matter

Fake it until you make it

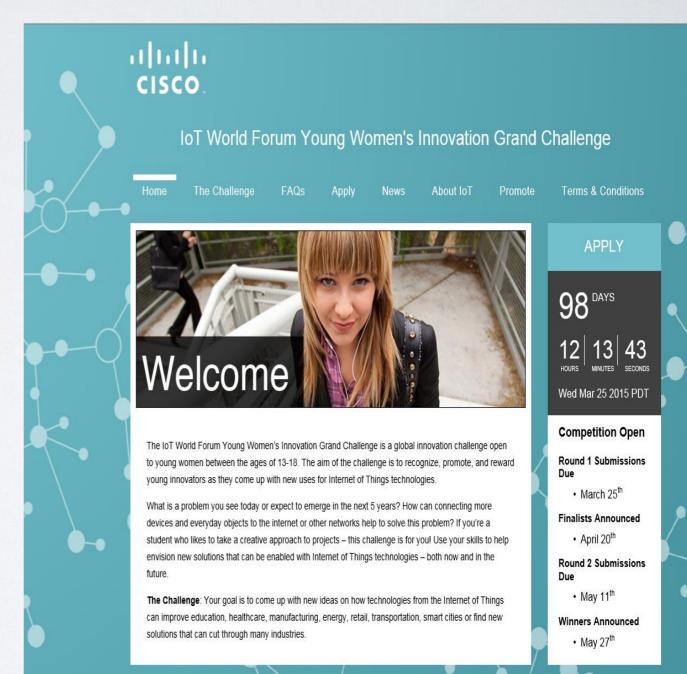
Communication is a super skill

Work across cultures

Never stop learning

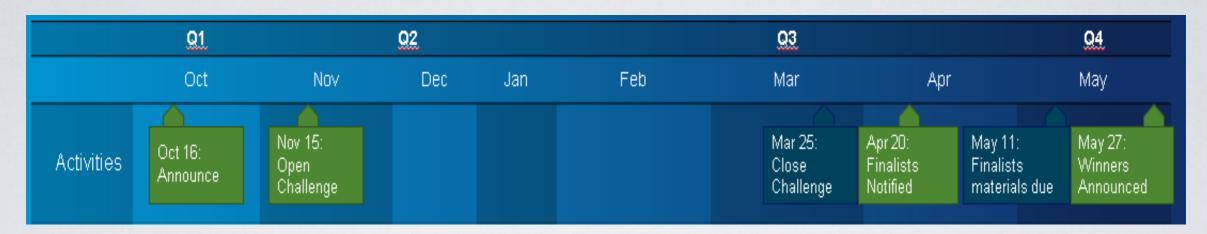
## GLOBAL IOT WORLD FORUM YOUNG WOMEN'S INNOVATION GRAND CHALLENGE

- Fosters interest in STEM
- Asks you to envision new solutions from IoT
  - Create new business opportunities
  - Better people's lives
  - Increase efficiencies
- Encourages you to become the next innovators, entrepreneurs, and executives.



Visit: <a href="http://cs.co/iotgirls">http://cs.co/iotgirls</a>

#### Specifics of the Challenge



- Open to young women between the ages of 13-18
- Entrants will submit ideas for Internet of Things in the area of education, healthcare, manufacturing, energy, retail, transportation, or smart cities.
- Judging will be based on originality, creativity, and feasibility of the solution.



- 1st Prize \$20k (1 winne
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$10k (4 winner
- 3rd Prize \$ 5k (5 winner

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