Community Partner: Future Ada

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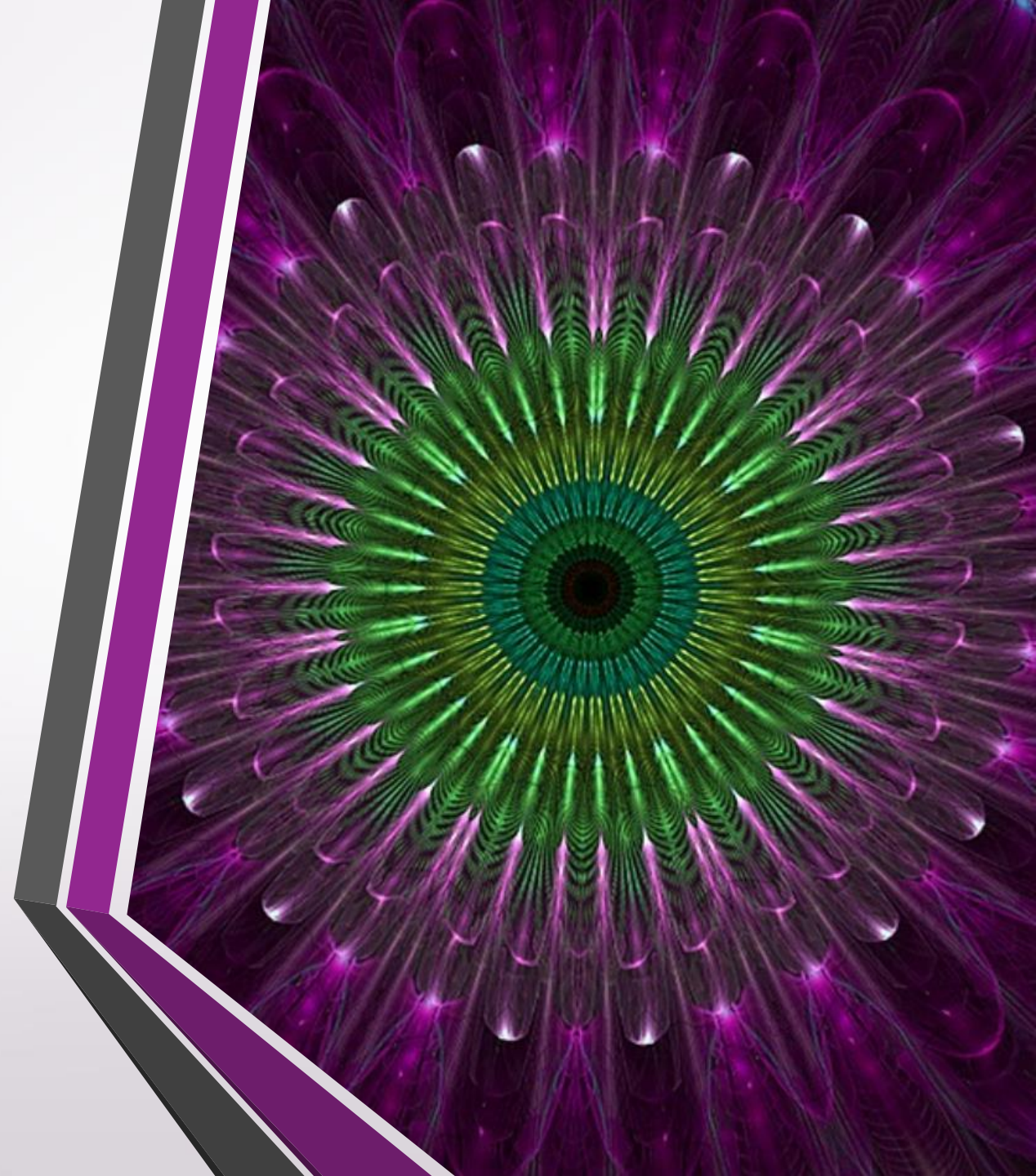RiskLens, Lead DevOps Engineer | @risklens

ACTE Summer Conference 2019

Who is Future Ada?

- Spokane based 501c3 non-profit advocating for women and non-binary individuals in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, & math)

- Ultimate vision is to create a diverse & inclusive environment within all the STEAM fields

- Founded in 2017

- Received non-profit status in early 2018

- Made up of a current 6 member board and a strong pool of volunteers

Why STEAM and not STEM?

- Science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics (STEAM) are the industries leading the charge into the future

- Art brings **creativity** and **inclusivity** to STEM fields

- Art pushes STEM professionals to think outside the box when problem solving

What are our values?

Collaboration

Creativity

Innovation

Diversity

Inclusion

Representation

Empowerment

Security

41% of women leave technology companies after **10 years of experience**

(from the Athena Factor)

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- Founded to help bring support to gender minorities of all ages in the sciences and tech
  - Want to *encourage* and *inspire* young folks to consider STEAM fields for careers
  - Want to *support* those already in these fields so they feel welcomed to stay
  - The world is *stronger* when we are all at the problem solving table
  - *No one* should feel pushed out of a STEAM program or career before they choose to do so for their own reasons

Current community partnerships

Community Partners

- Inland Northwest Technologists

- Volunteers of America Spokane

- YWCA Spokane

- Spark Central

- Eastern Washington University Computer Science Professional Advisory Board

- Spokane Community College Software Development Advisory Board

- Spokane Public School District 81 IT Advisory Board
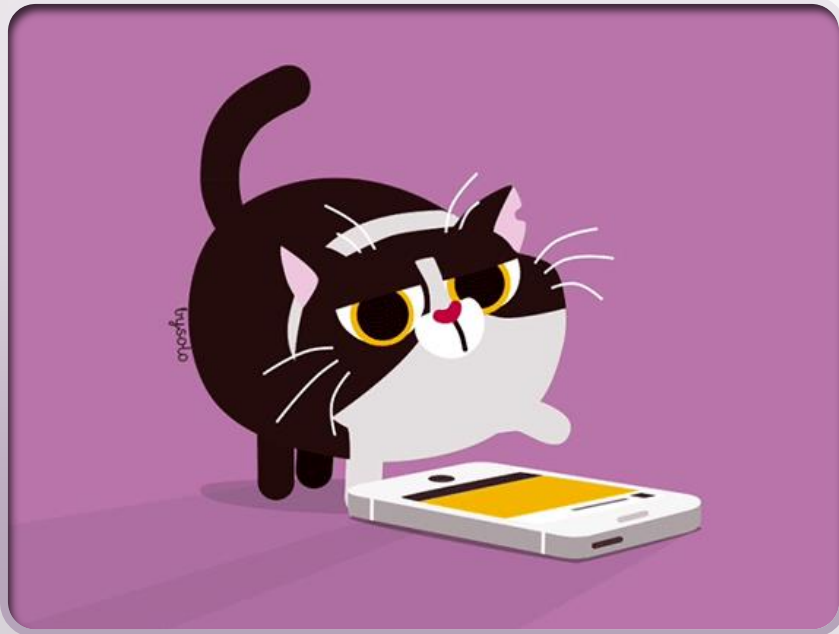
Membership Associations

- Electronic Frontier Alliance

- Inland Northwest Business Alliance

What programs do we offer?

- Privacy & Security Workshop
- Django Girls
- Code in the Dark
- March for Science Spokane
- Career Mentor Program
- Women in Tech Interview Workshop

Connect with us!

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