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Jennifer Marsman Lecture

Attending the lecture by Jennifer Marsman was an eye-opener to me about the possibilities and potential that we as Computer Science majors may become a part of. What I found helpful was the insight Marsman gave on the hackathons and a few of the possible projects that you could do at the next hackathon that I attend. I thought that the crime tracker app that uses GPS to inform people about local neighborhoods was a nifty idea. Being able to use public data for a useful app sounded very clever. I was also inspired by the Emotiv technology Marsman displayed to us, a device similar to a mobile EEG that uses brain waves to simulate brain control, I had never heard of this technology before and I found it quite fascinating. Another thing I didn’t know, that we had access to, was public data given by the government such as crime rates and other statistics related to public-concerns. The data could easily be used to create helpful applications that could benefit a whole community. Marsman’s lecture helped me realize how creative we can be and gave me a great outlook on projects I could do at the next hackathon that I attend.