Hashtag Gloves

"They are, objectively, the worst gloves." -Gizmodo

The Idea:

"I can't believe someone wasted time inventing this crap"

In early Novermber, we decided to make the trek to South Hadley for Mt. Holyoke College's Embedded Systems Hackathon. We had no idea what the next 24 hours would bring...

Inspired by Jimmy Fallon's #Hashtag sketch, we decided to make voice-recognizing, tweeting gloves our project.

The Reception:

The Tech:

"This is technology gone horribly wrong."

We sewed conductive thread onto the fingertips of the gloves, and used an Arduino to detect when the circuit was shorted to start the voice recognition software. We then coded in Python to connect to Google Voice API and Twitter API for the voice-to-text and then text-to-tweet. We made a Twitter account for the gloves, because why not? (@HashtagGlove)

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We ended up getting 3rd place at HackHolyoke! When a DailyDot journalist asked for an interview several weeks later, we happily agreed. We had no idea it would attract any attention...

Despite some internet haters, we loved working on the project and look forward to attending hackathons in the future!
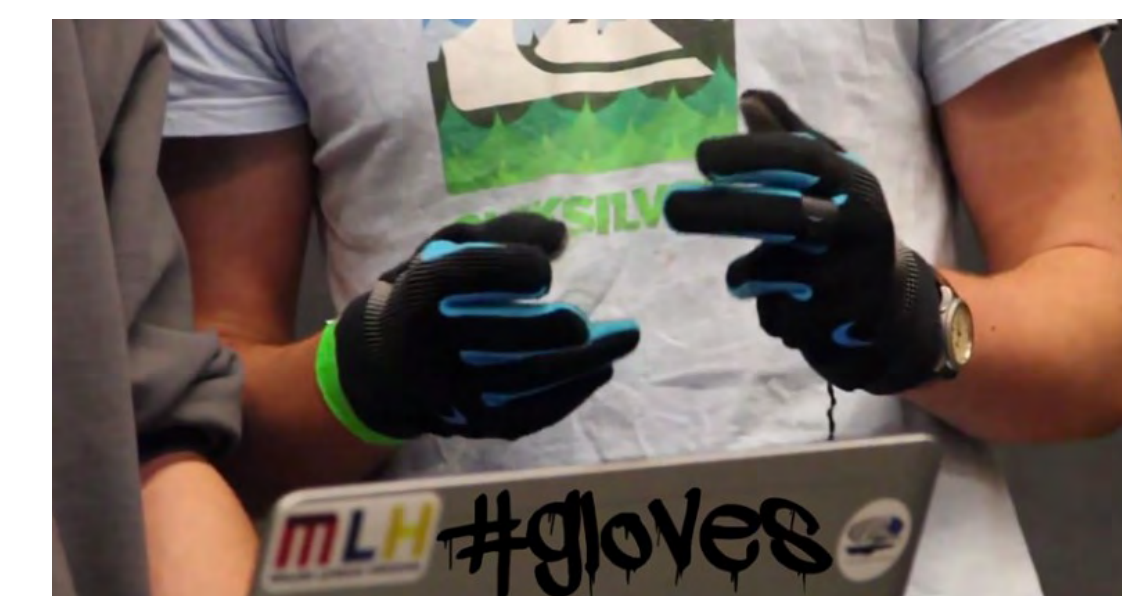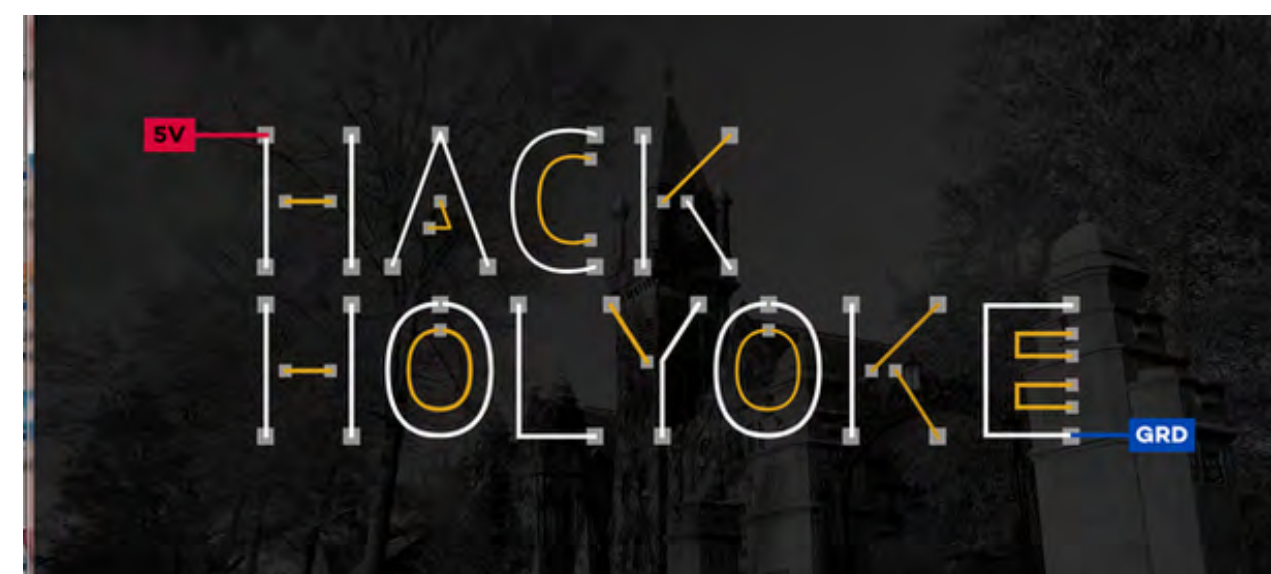

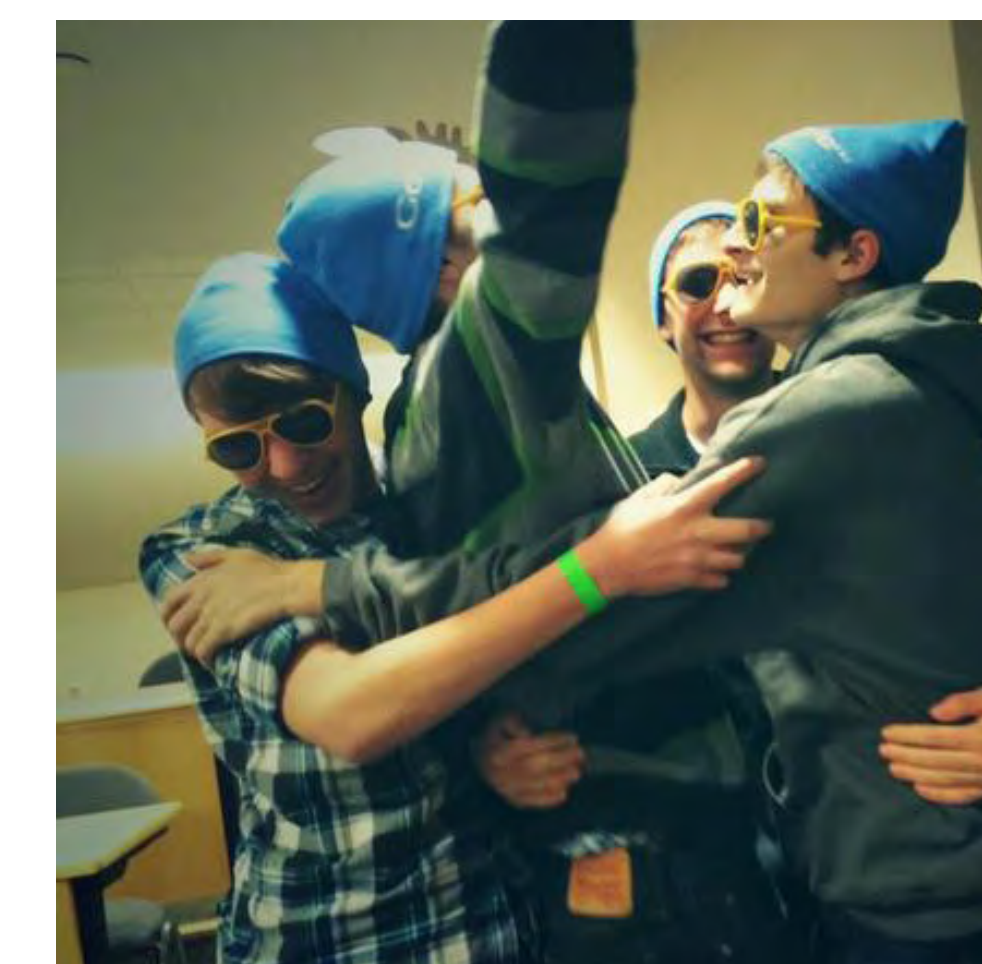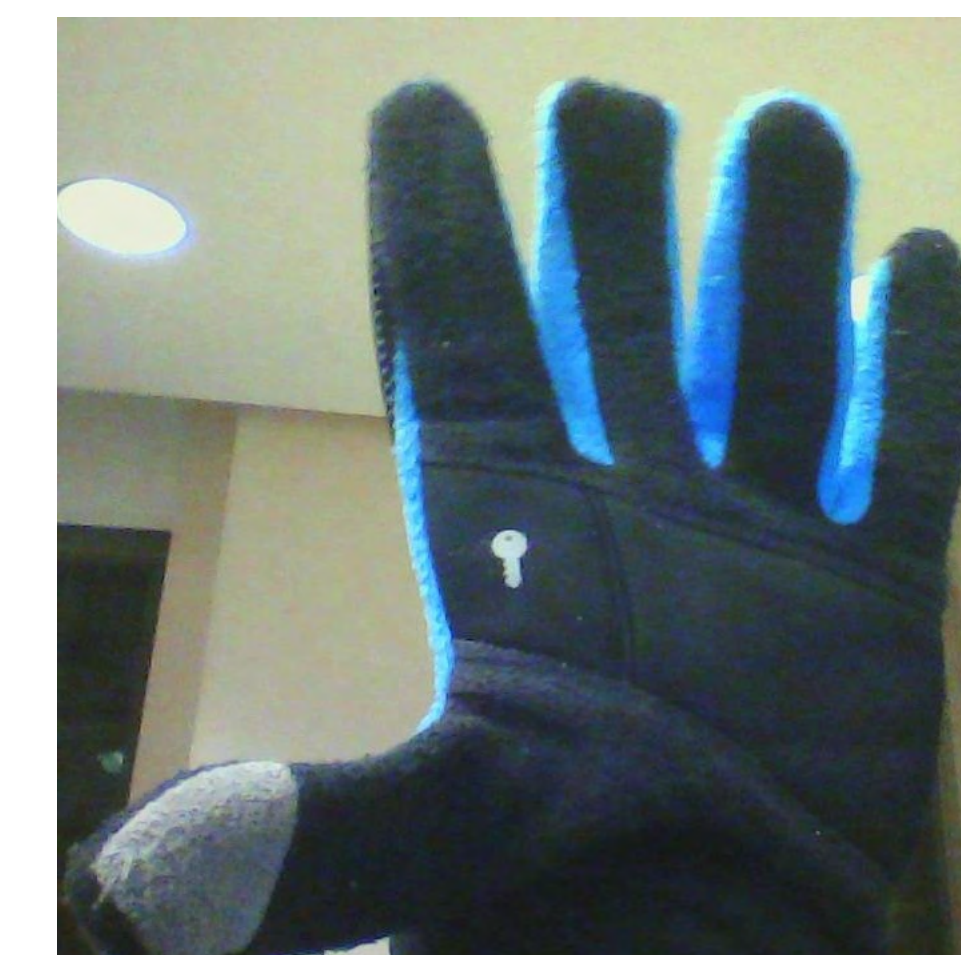Hashtag Glove
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"What kind of self absorbed hipster douchebag would invent a device that makes sure the entire world is watching you tweet about yourself by waving your hands and talking out loud?"

Meet the Team! (from left to right) Andrew Deaver, Byron Wasti, Patrick Huston, and Keenan Zucker