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For women in technology, the future's wide open

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Sunny Webb, senior principal

My name is Sunny Webb and I'm a Senior R&D Principal at Accenture. When I was young, I'd read a magazine about this new thing called the Internet and I saw it as this new uncharted territory. It seemed really appealing to someone like myself, who's a tinkerer who really wants to try out things and figure out how to explore them. And I saw this as a new opportunity to learn, too.

So this is really old; we used to call it an A drive. It's a 3-1/2 floppy disc drive. This is the disc that I wrote one of my first programs on. I think I was about 12 when I wrote it. So it's been around forever. I don't think anybody's ever seen these, certainly not today. Now it's a doorstopper.

Girls Who Code is a fantastic non-profit and they have this very high ambition of educating 1 million girls by 2020 to learn how to code. I was really excited about the partnership and so I raised my hand to start up the Northern California presence. We started kicking that off and we have set up clubs and have been working with getting volunteers to teach elementary and middle schools girls and even high school girls to learn how to code.

Not every school teaches young females how to code today and there's such a large gap in the number of females that are in computer science. By teaching girls how to code, we can teach them how they can do it and that they can become engaged in that type of activity going forward in their career

I was drawn to marathon running because it turns into this fantastic challenge when you set it as a goal. This is my collection of medals that I've won over the past few years while I've been running marathons. I've run 13 marathons total. I think this might be my favorite one. This is when I ran the Marrakesh Marathon in Morocco.

It's important to have women in STEM fields because women bring a balance and a unique perspective to a team. The generation before me really, really had to work hard. They were trailblazers. Today it's not easy, but I would say if you're curious about STEM to be really aggressive and to try it.

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