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As we celebrate International Day of Women in Science and Technology on Feb 11, 2019, we wanted to feature some of the international women in Palo Alto Networks that help make our community what it is today.



International Women in Science and Technology have astounded us throughout history.

For instance, the English mathematician Ada Lovelace of the mid 1800s basically founded scientific computing and placed the first stone on the path for women in computer programming, and the American electrical engineering pioneer Edith Clarke opened new doors for women in STEM and engineering in the 1920s.

There were women engineers of color who helped blaze a whole new trail for generations to follow. Women such as Dr. Ellen Ochoa, who was the first Hispanic woman astronaut to go to space in 1993, and the three African-American women—Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson—who were the brilliant minds behind sending the first American into orbit in 1962 and the inspiration behind the film *Hidden Figures*, directed by Theodore Melfi.

Then there's the American mathematician and U.S. Navy admiral Grace Hopper, an iconic visionary who devised one of the first compilers, coined the term "bug" and helped develop the first commercial electronic computer, UNIVAC I. The legacy of Grace Hopper inspired the annual *Grace*

Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing, co-founded by Dr. Anita Borg and Dr. Telle Whitney in 1994. In fact, Palo Alto Networks participates in this annual celebration and is a proud sponsor of the event.

For more information about attending the next Grace Hopper conference, [CLICK HERE](#).



Rear Admiral Grace Murray Hopper

Closing the gender gap is an important key to the future success of our company and the continued growth of our business. In September, Palo Alto Networks partnered with [Black Girls Code \(BGC\)](#) to host a two-day cybersecurity [event](#) for girls at our Santa Clara headquarters. We've also [joined forces with Girl Scouts of the USA \(GSUSA\)](#) to create the first-ever national cybersecurity badge. Palo Alto Networks is committed to solving the complicated, fast-moving challenges of the digital age, and to fueling the genius and contributions of talented girls and women to help meet that challenge.

Women around the world continue to contribute pivotal aspects of science and technology, so it's important to recognize the achievements of the women who came before us and the new intriguing minds of young women who will make the next big discovery in science, or write the next history-changing algorithm, or even create the next program that makes life more enjoyable.

"When I think about my mentors who were women in technology, I think of how they were limitless in all they did; they didn't fill any particular mold; they were creative, artistic, and smart; they never doubted their seat at the table, conducting themselves with confidence, brilliance, and direct communication"

-Gina Hancher, Director of Online Customer Experience, including the Live Community, at Palo Alto Networks.

The list of international women in science and technology continues to grow, and the Live Community is proud to be a part of that evolution. As a community that provides a vibrant forum, insightful knowledge, and P2P engagement about Palo Alto Networks technology with fellow cybersecurity professionals, we want to take a moment to recognize all the women who have helped make Palo Alto Networks a leader in cybersecurity. Among them are a few we'd like to highlight in February.

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Women in Technology: The Inspiration of Aditi Pasupulati

Aditi Pasupulati
WFT Team Lead

Plano, Texas
Feb. 11, 2019



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Technology: The Glowing Determination of Faith Opiyo

Faith Opiyo

Sr. Technical Support Engineer, Threat Specialist

Amsterdam, Holland

Feb. 18, 2019



Women in Technology: The Solid Foundation of Seetha Pillai

Seetha Pillai

Sr. Product Manager

Santa Clara, California

From all of us in Live community, we would like to send a big THANK YOU to all the international women for your contribution to science and technology.

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