

Digest #122

Here's all the news you need to know. Of course, the top news is Looker's \$48M! And, after a long search process, Baskin School of Engineering at UCSC announced their new dean. We have more post-CES news about local companies ZoZbots, Inboard, and Onewheel. Plus, find out how two locals nonprofits are collaborating to support more diversity in STEM. And, there's more.

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Top Stories:

- Looker Locks In \$48M in a Series
 C funding round led by Kleiner
 Perkins Caufield & Byers. Looker
 has raised a total of \$96 million since its launch in 2013.
- UCSC has <u>appointed the new dean</u>
 <u>of the Baskin School of</u>
 <u>Engineering</u>. He will succeed Joe
 Konopelski, who has served as
 interim dean since Art Ramirez
 stepped down in July 2014.
- Meet ZoZbot, the first consumer, modular robot that enables Robo-Gaming. Just launched last month, it was named by Tom's Guide as "Best Robot" at CES, and got plenty of other CES buzz from Mashable, Yahoo, and Gigmag.
- Skate or Die: Are electric skateboards the best rideable? They're safer than



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hoverboards, more versatile than bikes, and more portable than almost everything. What did Fortune Magazine say about Inboard Technology's M1?

- CATBIRD
- What happens when a product skates too close to patent infringement? <u>US marshals hauled</u> <u>off a skateboard in a raid at CES</u>. What does this have to do with Santa Cruz?



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 Stronger STEM Diversity in Santa
 Cruz County, and we continue to be a locus in the national movement to diversify STEM.



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 If all goes as planned in the deal between Santa Cruz and Cruzio, gigabit fiber internet will be available to all homes and businesses in the city by 2018.

> UC Santa Cruz Computer Science Department

Jobs/Internships:

- View openings
- Post a job (free)

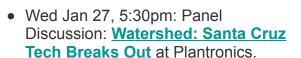


Events

Note: Dates, times, and locations are all subject to change. Be sure to check the meetup website for your event.

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- Wed Jan 20, 5pm: <u>Santa Cruz</u> <u>Women's Javascript/FrontEnd</u> <u>Development Meetup</u> at Looker.
- Wed Jan 20, 6:30pm: <u>Santa Cruz</u>
 <u>Bitcoin & Cryto-currency Meetup</u> at
 NextSpace.







- Thu Jan 28, 6pm: <u>Startup Grind</u>
 <u>Monterey Bay Meetup</u> at Scotts Valley
 Public Library.
- Fri-Sun, Jan 29-31, Hack UCSC 2016 at UC Santa Cruz.
- Fri-Sun, Jan 29-31, <u>Startup Weekend</u> <u>Monterey Bay</u> at CSUMB.

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