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Kudos to the Aptos High School Robotics Team for placing first overall in an international competition against 45 teams from 19 different countries.

If you want to know the real inside scoop of how Looker came to be, we're sharing a very readable startup story of how, in a little more than seven years, Looker went "from a single customer to more than 1700, from a small scrappy team in Santa Cruz to a 700-person company spanning eight offices around the globe."

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- Tue Jul 9, 6pm: [Startup Monterey Bay Tech Meetup](#), 656 Broadway, Seaside.
- Wed Jul 10, 6pm: [Santa Cruz New Tech Meetup](#), DNA Comedy Lab, Santa Cruz.
- Sat Jul 13, 10am: [Santa Cruz Web Developers Meetup](#) at NextSpace.
- Tue Jul 16, 5:55pm: [Santa Cruz WordPress Meetup](#) at Cruzio.

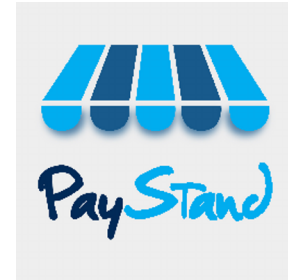


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