But perhaps you are looking at all this and thinking:



"Dude. Computers stink."

Or maybe just something like, "I don't want to sit in front of a computer all day anymore."



Here is why computers still matter.

- Computers are an important part of people's lives!
 - Communication
 - Entertainment
 - Photos, Music, Video
 - Education/Understanding the world around us.



And more generally...

- Technology is an important part of people's lives!
 - Medical technology
 - Cars
 - Appliances



- Anything that can break or that needs fixing







What happens when you don't understand the technology that you use?



What happens when your technology breaks?

- If you're dependent on it, you want it to be fixed.
 What are some technologies you're dependent on?
- What happens when you can fix your technology yourself?
- What happens when you need someone else to fix it for you?
- Would you rather fix your own technology or have someone else do it for you?



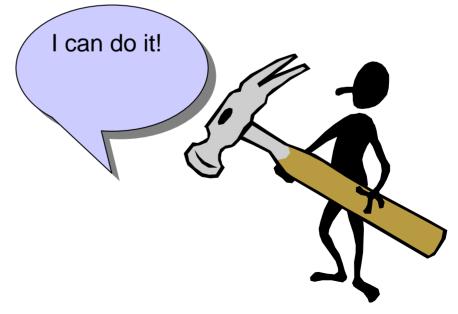
"I'd rather let the professionals do it."

• Advantages

- You don't really have to know what's going on with your technology – you can just use it
- You don't have to take the time to figure things out yourself
- Disadvantages
 - You don't really understand the technology you use
 - You're dependent on someone else to make your technology work

Why is it better to fix it yourself?

- It makes you feel powerful!
 "I did it all by myself!" feeling
- Understand the technology you use.
 - And thus, understand the world around you!



Why is it important for women to know about technology?

- It's an important part of understanding the world around us.
- It's highly valued in our culture.
 - Money
 - Power
- It's not something that women are always (or often) encouraged to do!



Why we care.

- The Artemis coordinators are here at least in part because we value our understanding of technology.
 - It has made our lives easier
 - It has made our lives more fun
 - It has made us feel good about ourselves!
- We want to share that with you!



