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Katie Semans: We are taking a robotic arm that was purchased

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as a kit, and we are modifying it. What we did is we started with the

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robotic arm which is a bunch of servers hardware and what we had to do is basically

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write a control for it, which is basically so I can control on the computer and control with voice

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commands. Matt Showalter: They are putting a robotic arm system together that ultimately

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will move onto a rover for a future proposal. And it's

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teaching them some concept of what teamwork is about, how to build a

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electromechanical system. Now we're at the point where in a couple of days hopefully we'll have a

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the whole system working the way we want it to after, you know, four weeks of work and its

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cool seeing other people's work progress along with yours and being able to combine them,

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and have your finished product. Actually its been really helpful cause we've got an electric

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guy, we've got a lot of mechanical guys, we've got some computer guys which

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didn't think about how important those people were if we didn't have those computer science guys,

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we would have an arm but I don't know if it could see what we're trying to do. I'm working on

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3d printing and material space. If I'm not working upstairs on

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my own research I can step in and be like "hey I can do this in salts and I can

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help you with this model or something like that, and then I end up helping,

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salts modeling is pretty fun. In the short ten weeks that

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they have to be able to produce this project

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their learning how to take a team that never met anybody before each other before they came

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here, bind themselves into a cohesive unit to be able to produce

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this project. Our mentor Matt when he bought the arm the idea

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was that it would be a stepping-stone to further projects and

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more advance projects. So we're kind of at the beginning right now we're not going to finish

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whatever we do in 6 weeks, we're going to continue next year and years after in the innovation lab

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and hopefully be product and be real useful. Cool.