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Student Technology Competition -- Super Computers to Improve Government Services



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The City University of New York and the International Business Machines Corporation (IBM) on October 25 hosted a high-tech training camp, more than 100 different professions City University of New York students divided into more than 30 groups participated in the challenge.

Students discuss topics as how to use IBM's supercomputer "Watson" (Watson) technology to improve the level of education and government services. IBM's mentor and the university's teaching staff will provide guidance and feedback. The winner of the competition will be released next year in January, the award-winning team can receive cash prizes, summer internships compliment.

"Watson" is a thinking computer system developed by IBM, has been used for the treatment of cancer doctors advise. This innovative technology not only can answer complex questions, but also the language to interact with people, and as a world-class expert in general and detailed answer questions.

The game includes four members of the third group of Asian students, they mainly discussed how to improve the response system Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and other departments. Students said, municipal agencies in spite of the central dispatcher, but emergency calls would go through intersectoral to another dispatcher, and each department uses a different response system, which is a problem.

Members of the group Xuyun Ying said that, in general, the dispatcher will not know all the answers, but the “Watson” system can be incorporated into different problems and sources of information, more effectively help dispatchers answer questions.

Another team member, Janet Wong, an accounting major at Baruch, said, their initial idea was to focus on 311 systems, and later decided to focus on the issue of emergency department study how the “Watson” as a tool. Because New York City is very diverse population, not all of the dispatchers can speak a variety of languages and “Watson” Yes, it can speed up emergency telephone answering systems, and more effectively help callers.

Another group of Iowa (Michael Edwards II) introduced, they intend to “Watson” as an effective learning tool. Because teachers do not have enough time to answer students' questions, such as there are a lot of questions about his math, but his teacher did not have time to help him, and “Watson” can answer questions that students in various disciplines, and to provide learning materials, which can be effective help students to improve achievement.

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