Migrating smaller networks to Open Source Server solutions

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How did we get here?

Many incremental changes

No decision-making policies in place

Major decisions made without discussion

Unusual decision making processes

Where exactly are we?

The Birth of the Micro

ZX80...

The Beeb

Archimedes, Amigas...

IBM PC

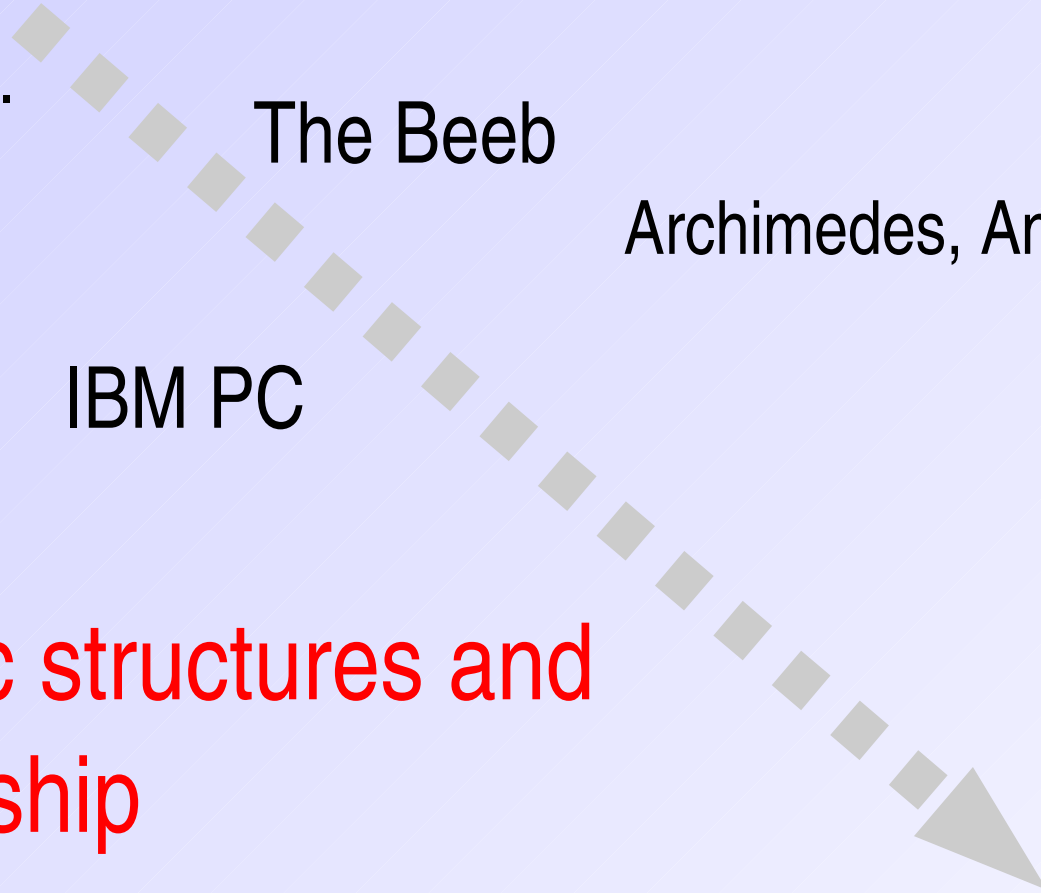# The Birth of the Micro

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Ad hoc structures and ownership

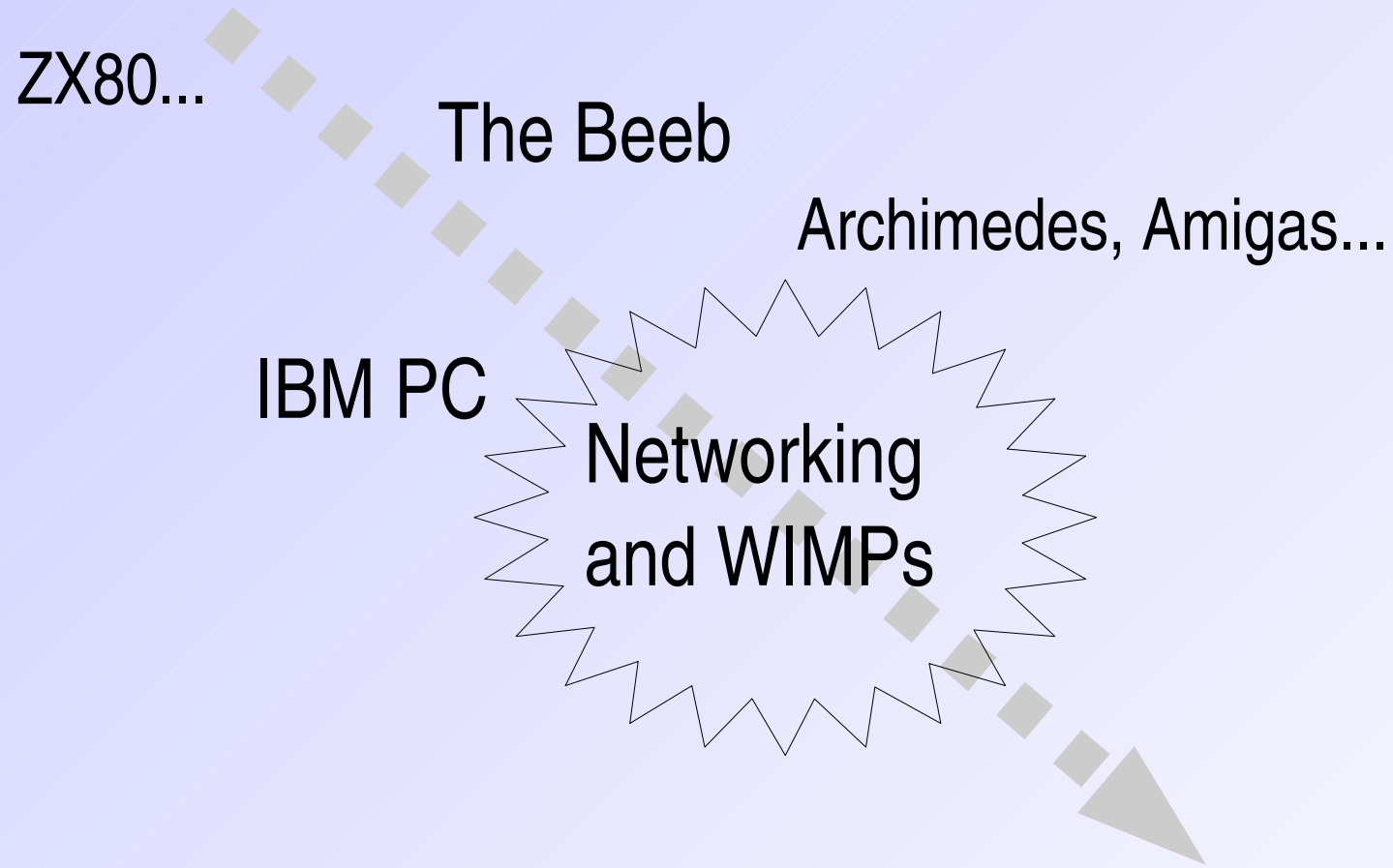# The Birth of the Micro

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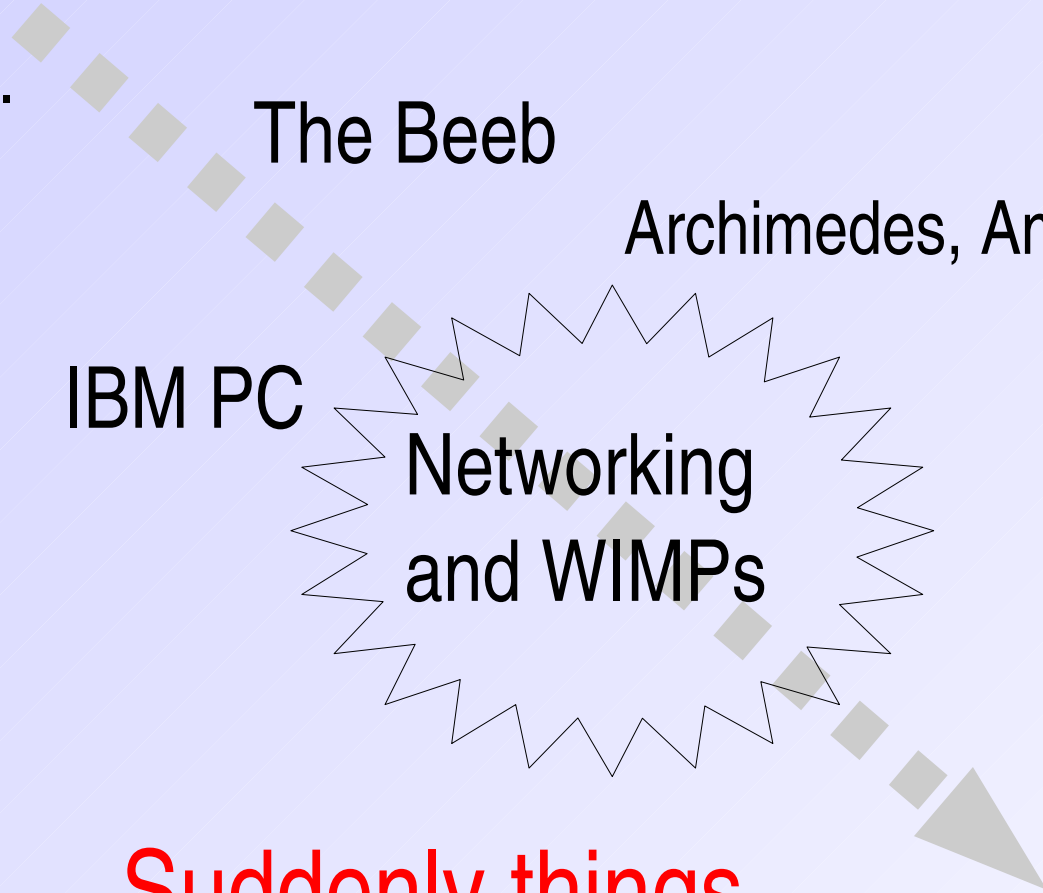
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Suddenly things become important

Who makes IT decisions in your organisation?

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On what basis are those decisions made?

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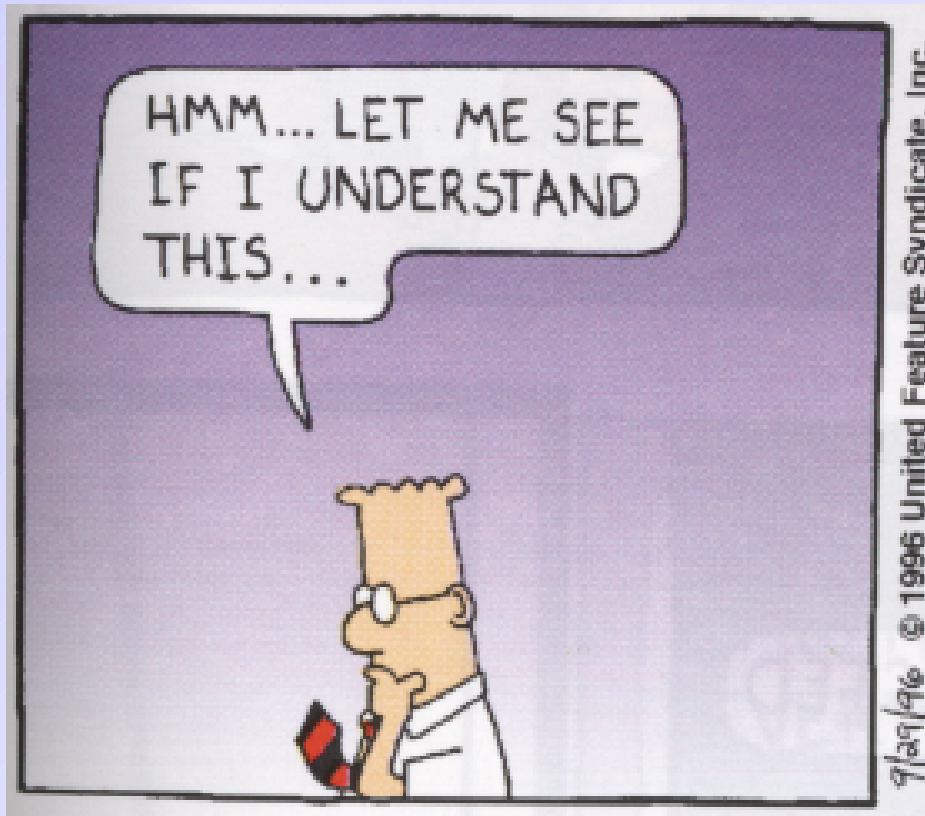On what basis are those decisions made?

Could you find a philosophy?

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- you can't predict.

- you can't guarantee to fix.

- become out of date.

- cost our students a fortune to emulate.

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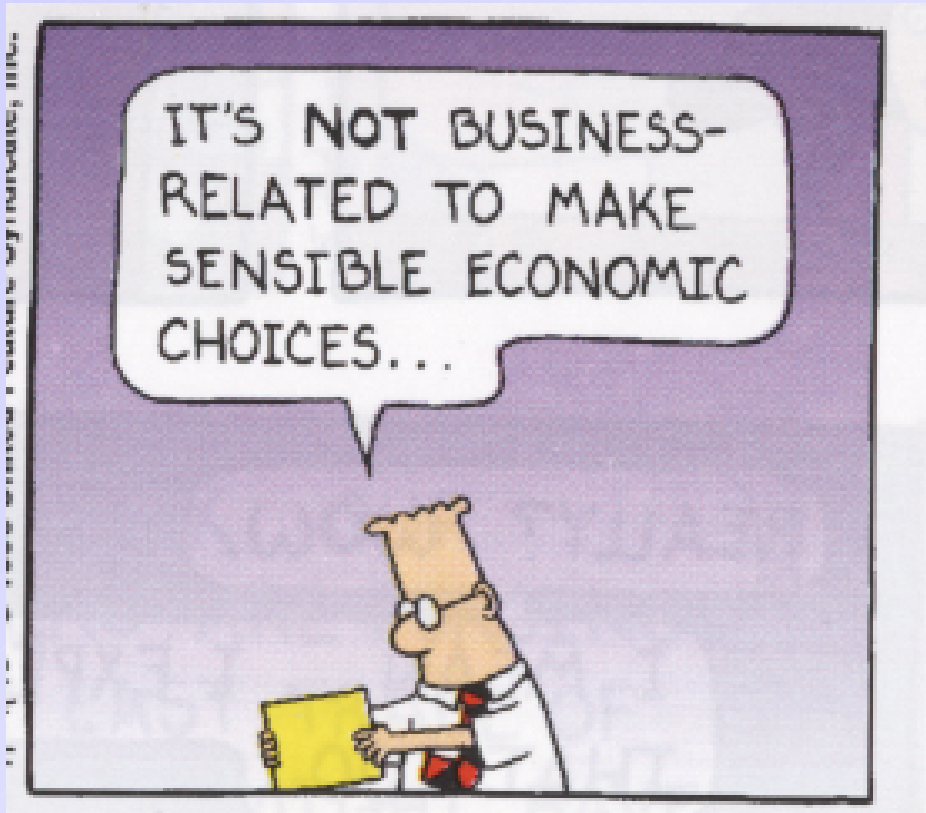

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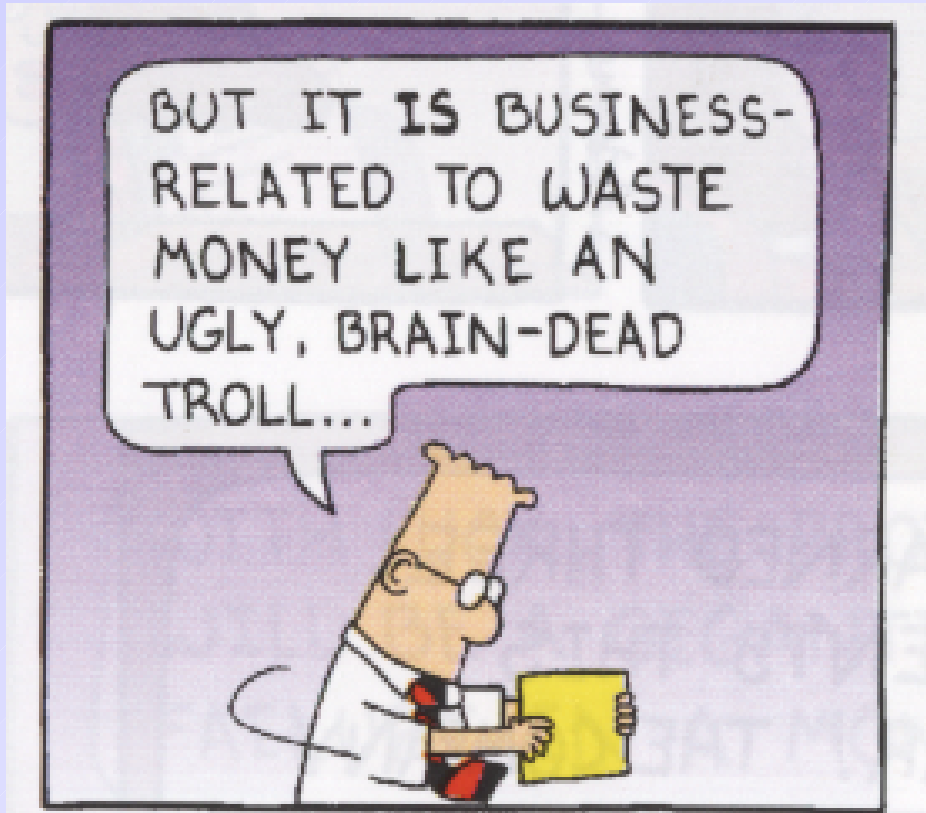

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What should we want?

- Philosophy

  – which will probably
    need to be reflected
    in a policy

- ROI

  – or VFM or any other
    appropriate TLA

- Control

  – over current software
    and future decisions

- Inclusion

  – our students should
    be able to afford
    similar systems

Educational Reasons

Why is this important?

Inclusion

Accountability

Flexibility

Options

- Design and build your own

- Collaborate

- Buy one

- Open Source

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