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TOMORROW**

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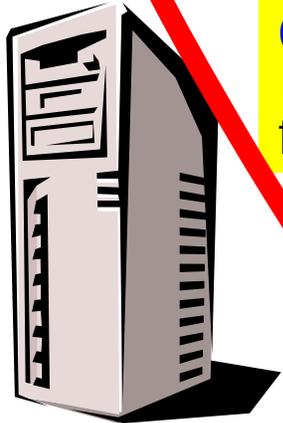
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# Computing: A Clear Trend



One computer  
(mainframe)  
for many people



One computer  
(PC)  
for  
everyone

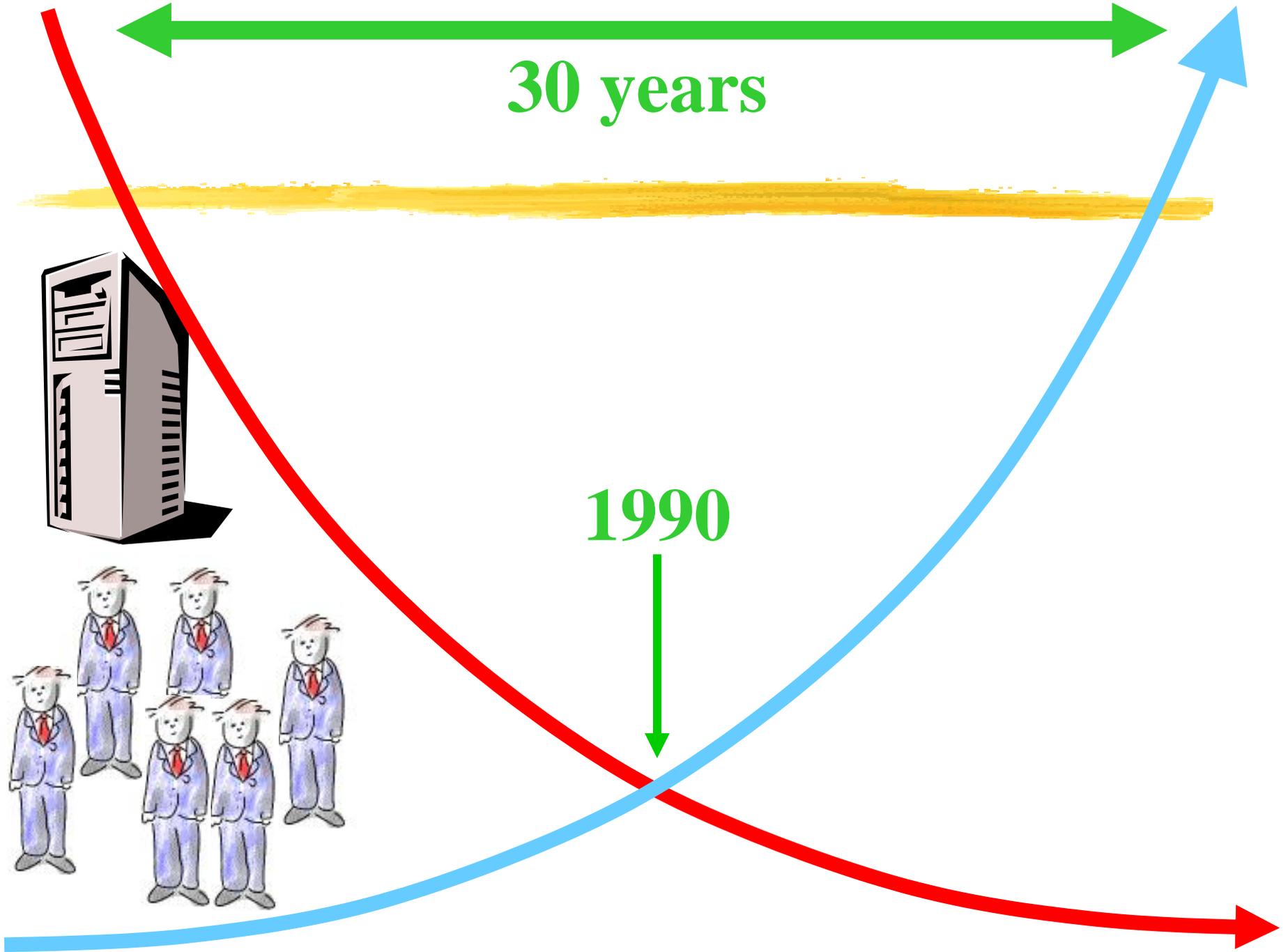
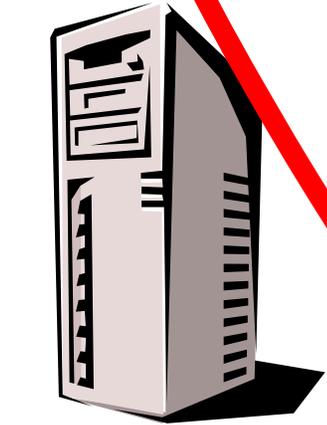


Many  
computers  
for everyone

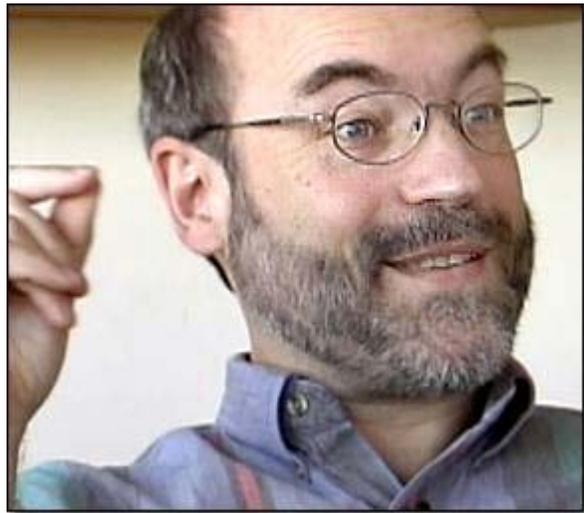


30 years

1990



# “The Computer for the 21st Century”



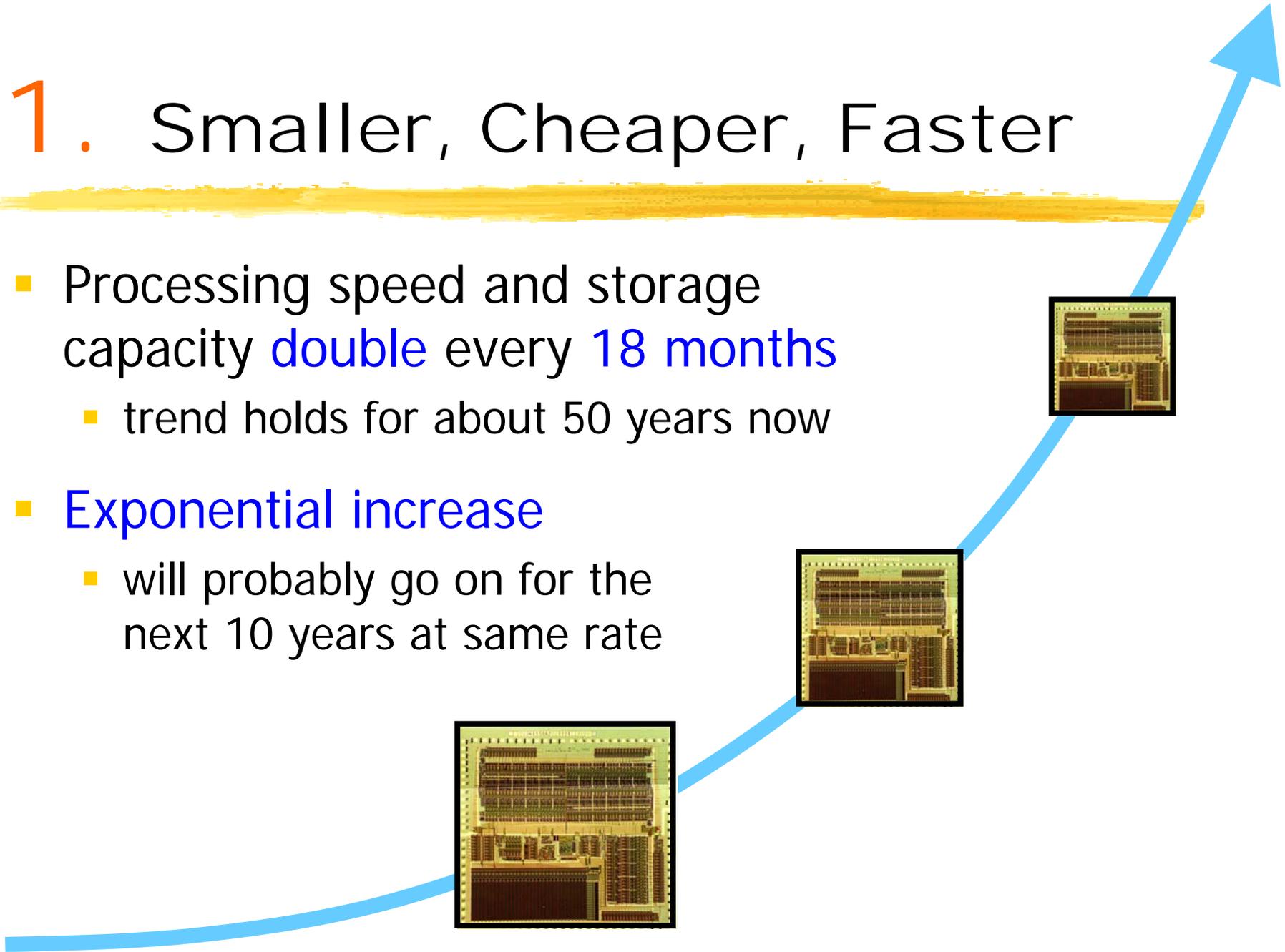
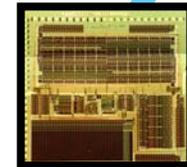
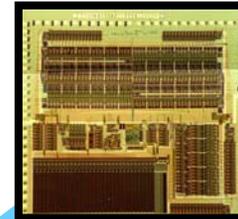
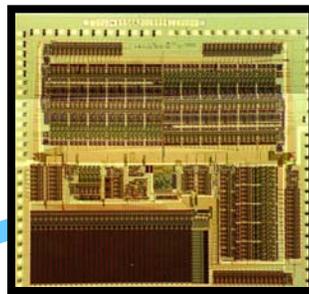
Mark Weiser (1991):  
*The Computer for the 21st Century*, Scientific American

*„In the 21st century the technology revolution will move into the everyday, the small and the invisible...“*

# The Trends

# 1. Smaller, Cheaper, Faster

- Processing speed and storage capacity **double** every **18 months**
  - trend holds for about 50 years now
- **Exponential increase**
  - will probably go on for the next 10 years at same rate





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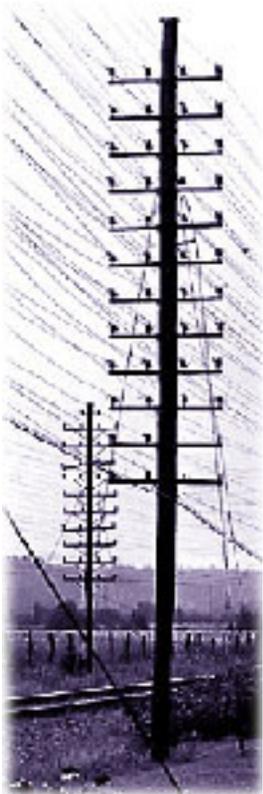
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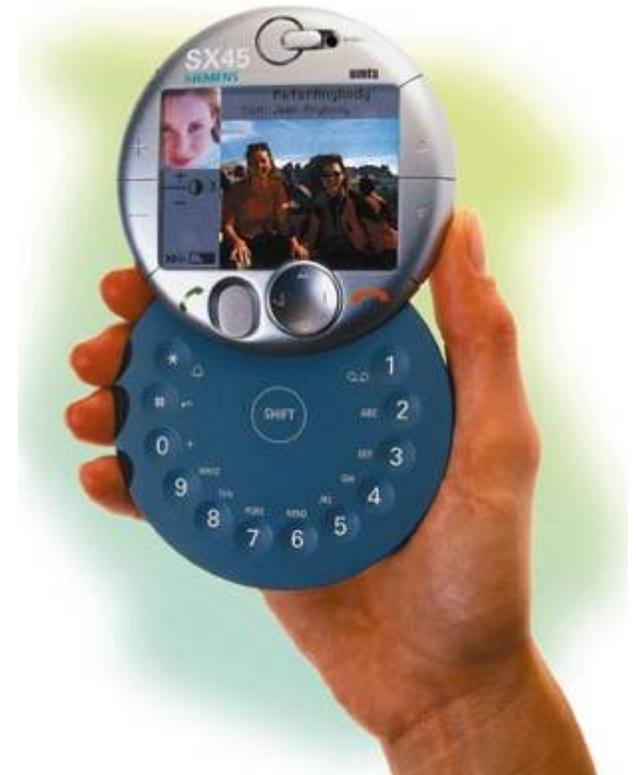
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## 2. Progress in Communication Technologies

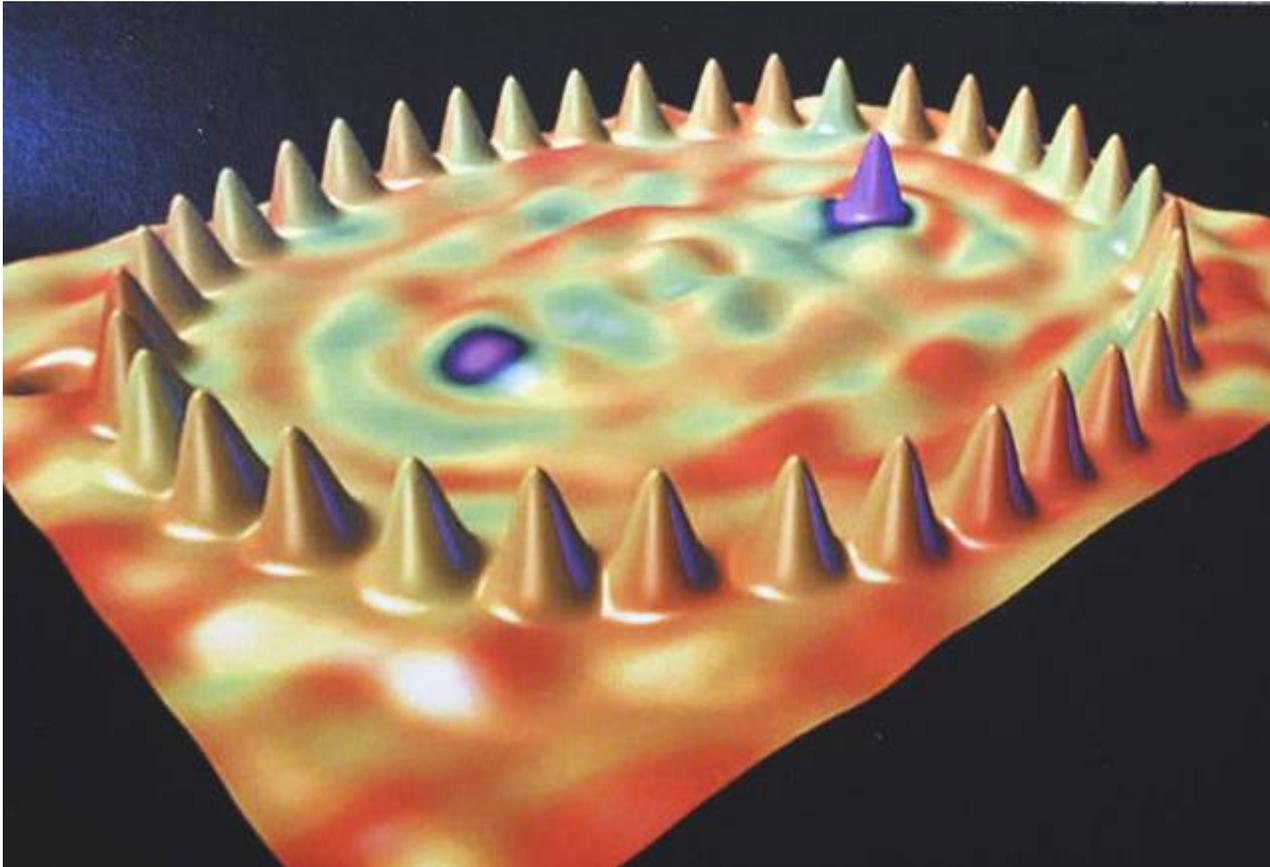


Nostalgia

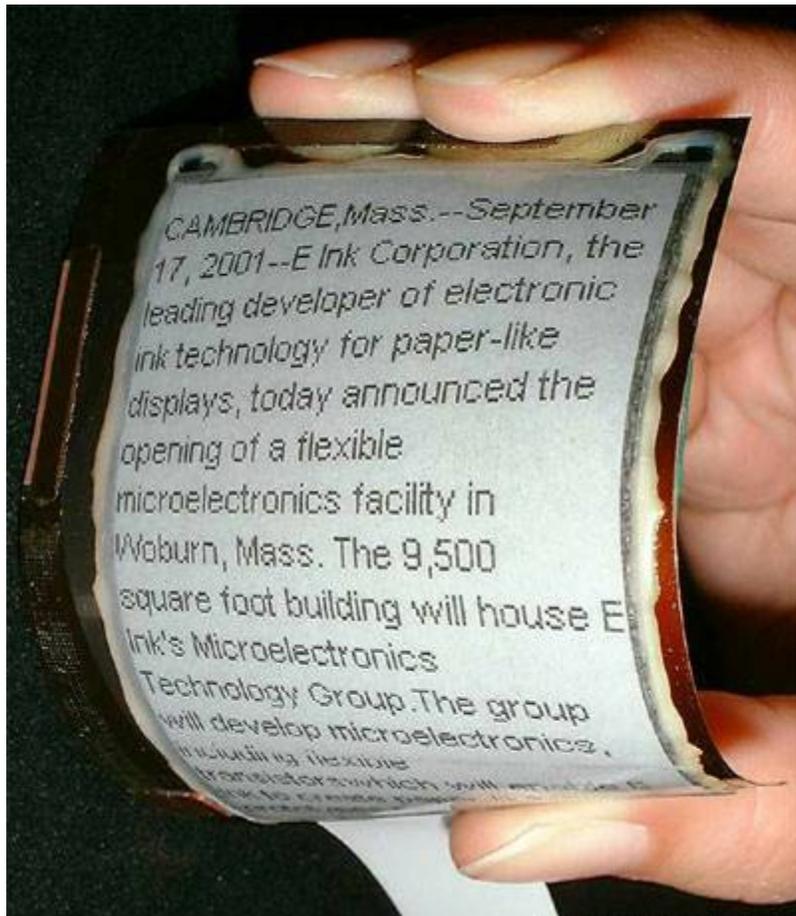


# 3. New Materials

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# Consequences: Smart Paper, Electronic Ink



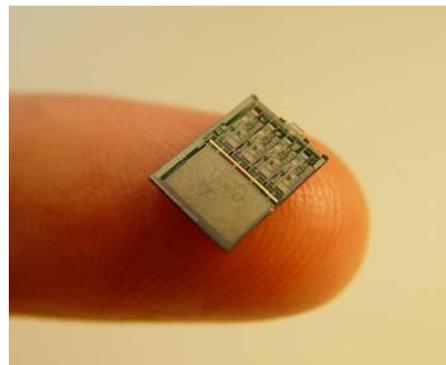
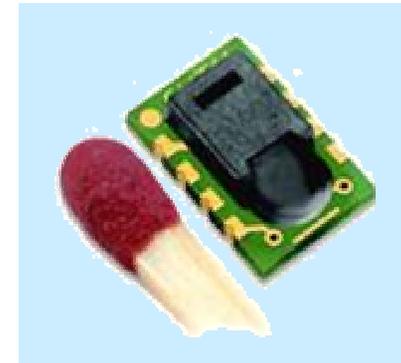
E-Ink, 2001



Siemens, 2003

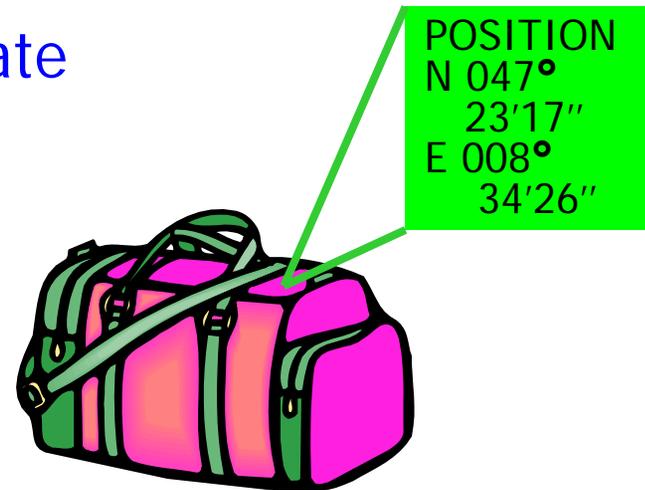
# 4. Better Sensors

- Miniaturized cameras, microphones,...
- Fingerprint sensor
- Sensors for
  - temperature, humidity, acceleration,...



# 5. Location

- Progress in technology
  - smaller, cheaper, more accurate
- More and more “smart” mobile objects
  - assets, devices, products, everyday objects, people
- New applications
  - e.g., never get lost, find valuable objects



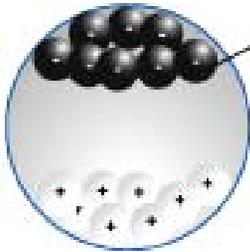
# Where Does All the Technological Progress Lead To?



Wireless high-speed communication



Better sensors



New materials



Moore's law



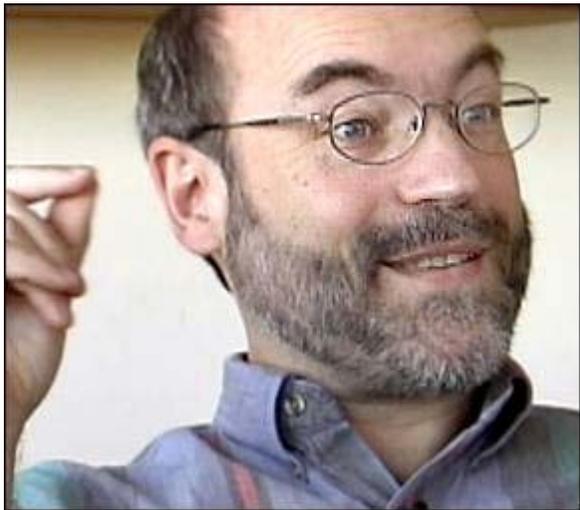
Item localization

POSITION  
N 047°  
23'17"  
E 008°  
34'26"



# The Vision

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Mark Weiser (1952 – 1999), XEROX PARC

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  - embedded in the **environment** („**sensor networks**“)

# From an Internet of Computers... To an Internet of Things?

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# Cooperating Smart Everyday Things?

When the **tooth brush**  
communicates with the  
bathroom **mirror**

- animated **cartoon** appears  
on the mirror
- brushing the teeth  
becomes a **computer  
game**, the tooth brush  
becomes a **joy stick**
- high-score lists, collect  
rewarding **points**,...

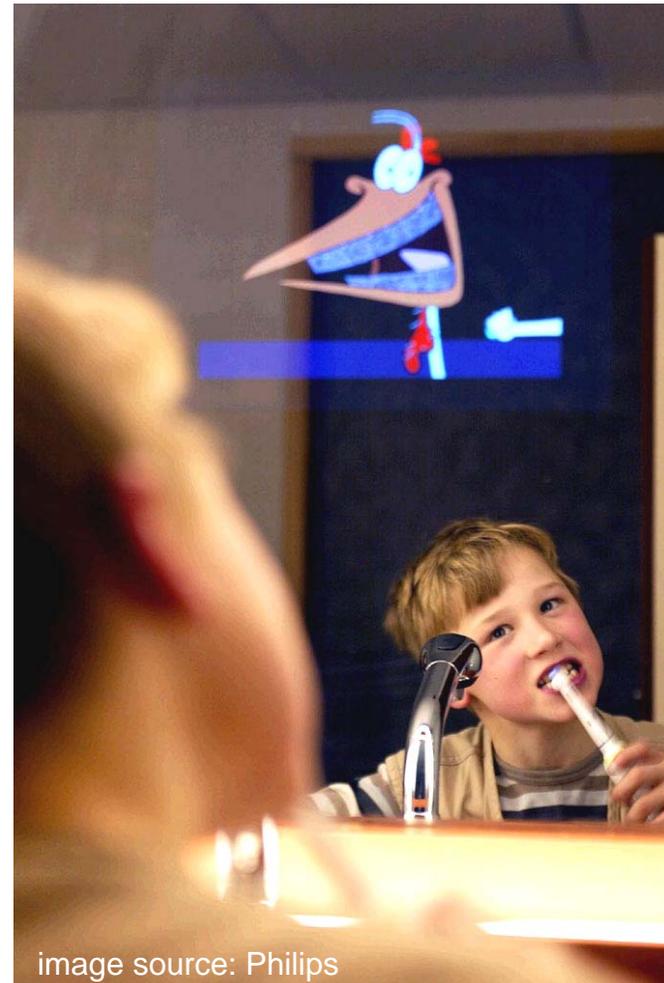


image source: Philips

# How do we Interact with Disappearing Computers?





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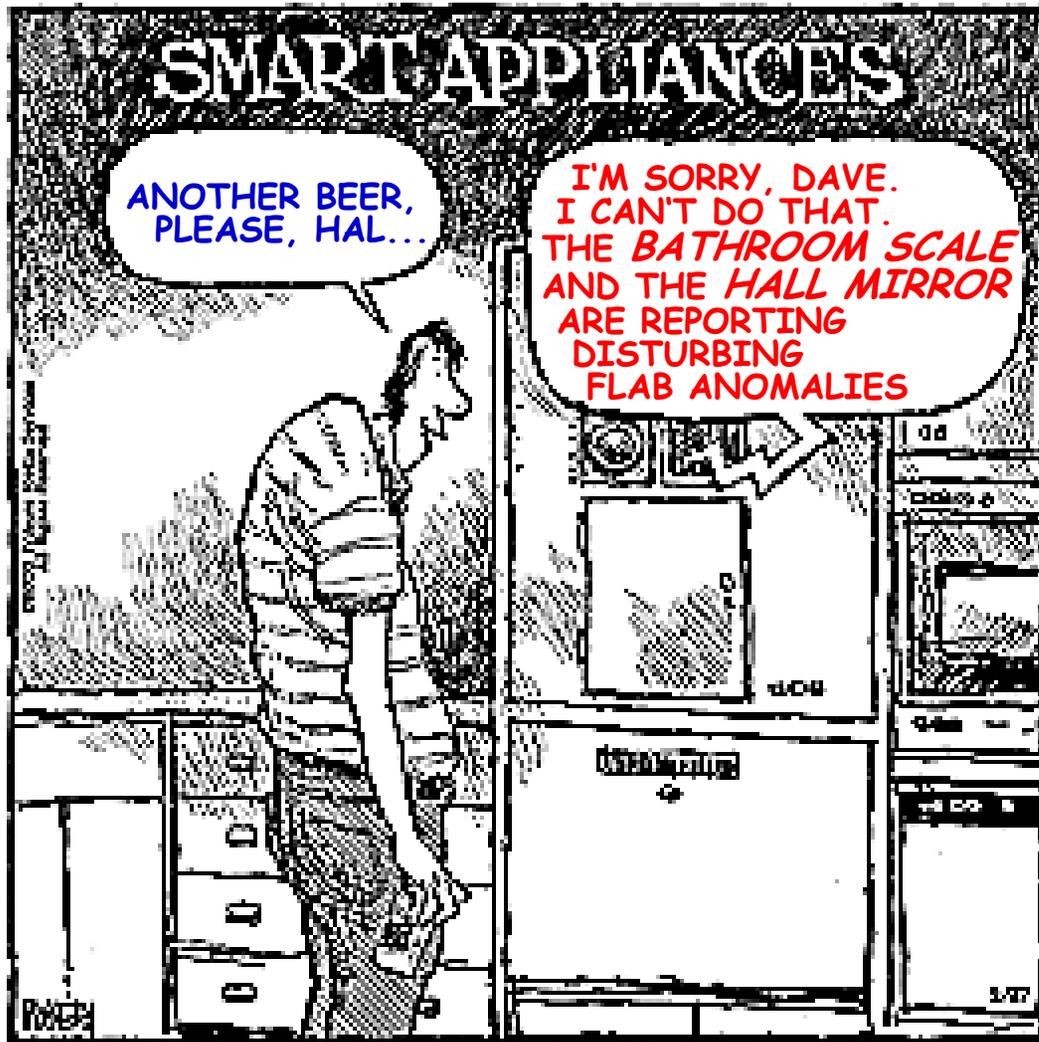


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# When the Smart Fridge Communicates with the Hall Mirror...



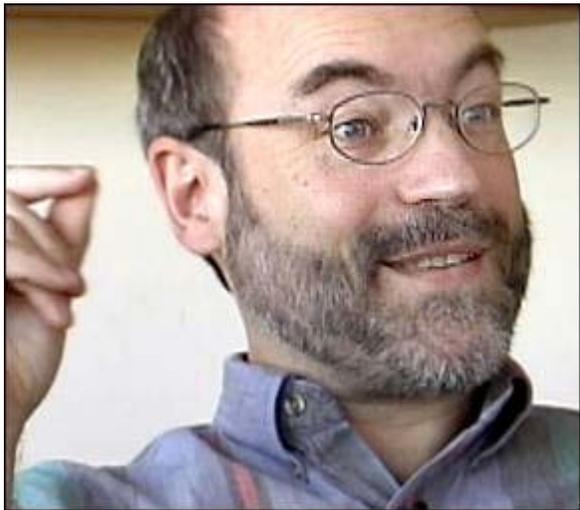


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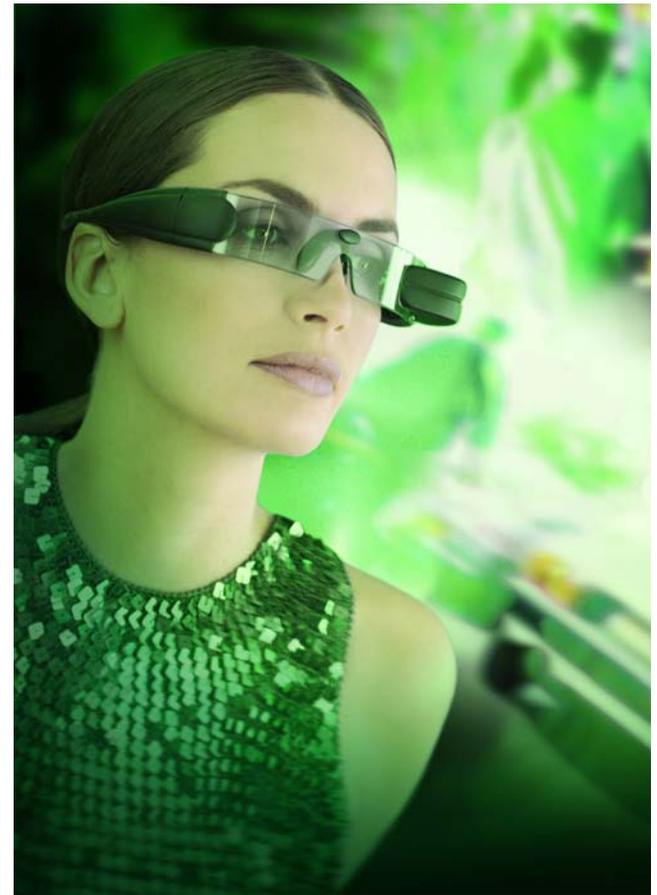
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# Wearable Computing

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# Augmented Reality – Application Scenario

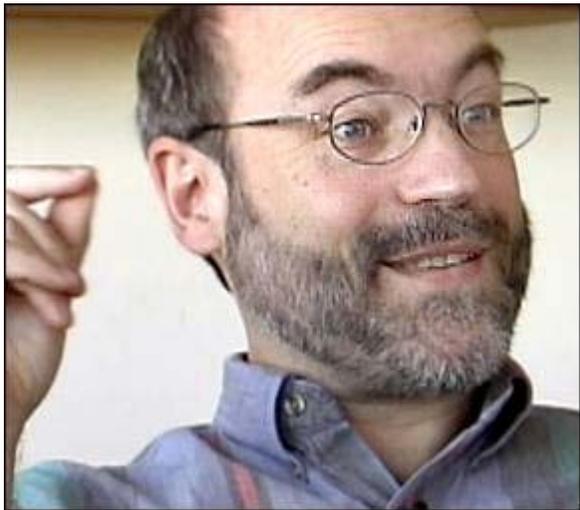




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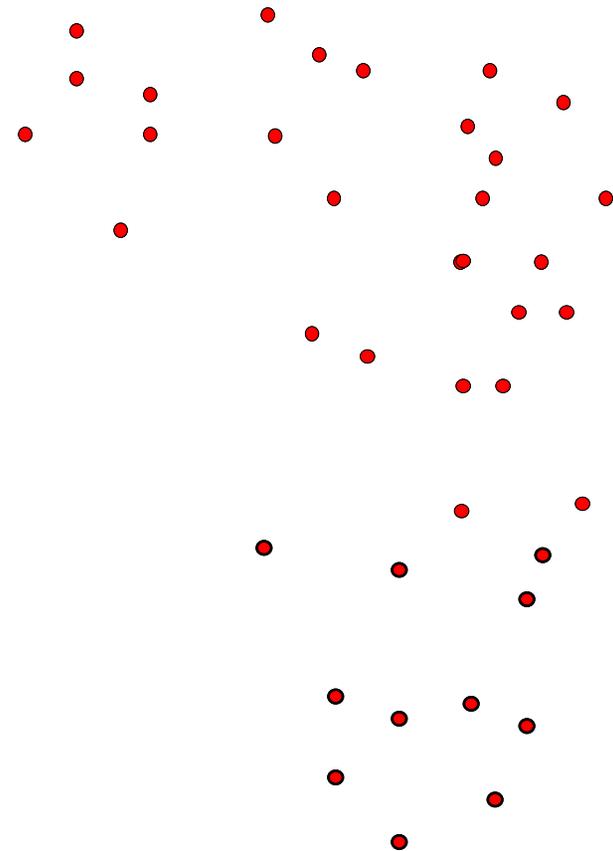
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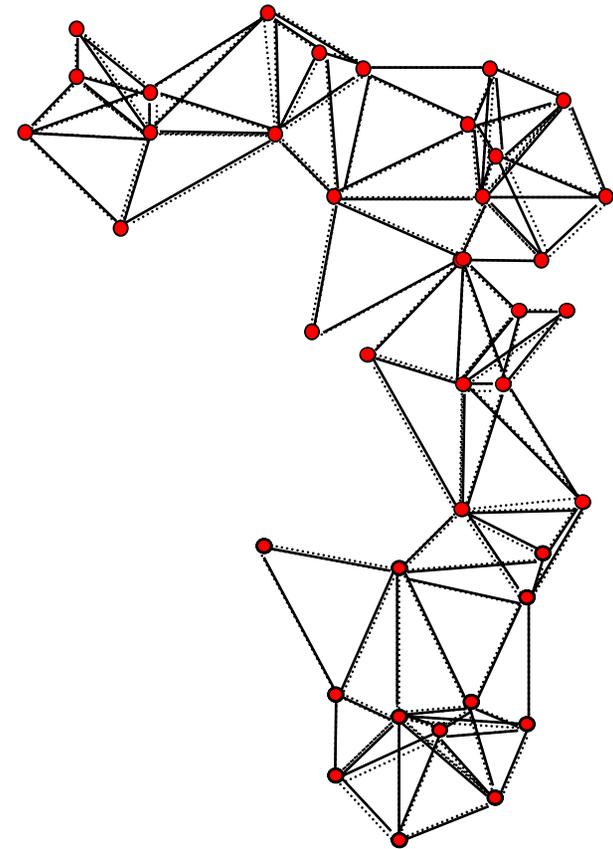
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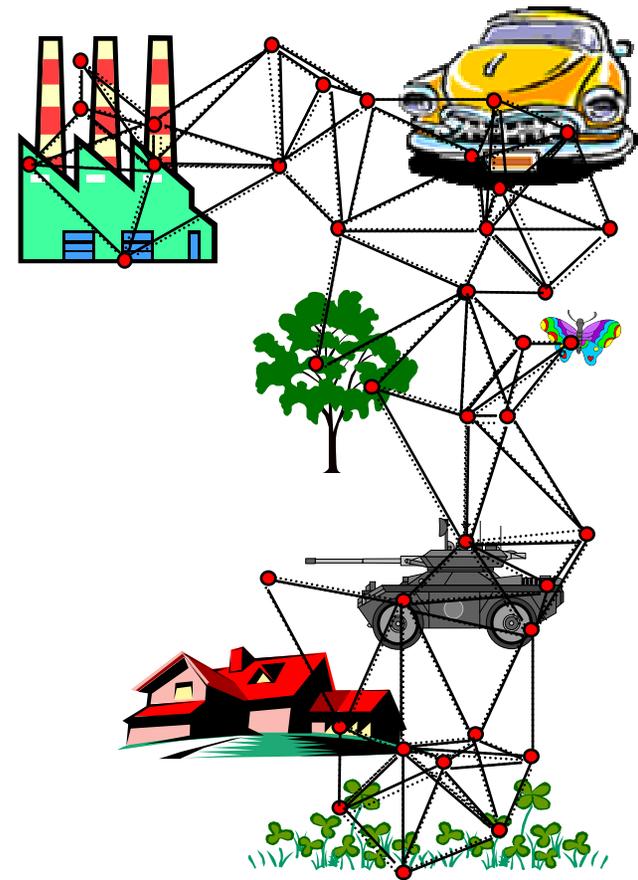
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- **Monitor** the world and recognize relevant events and situations





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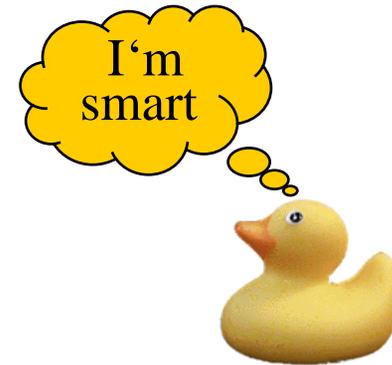
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Applications?

# What If Everyday Objects Become Smart?

- What **applications** might then be possible?
- Implications on **business**?





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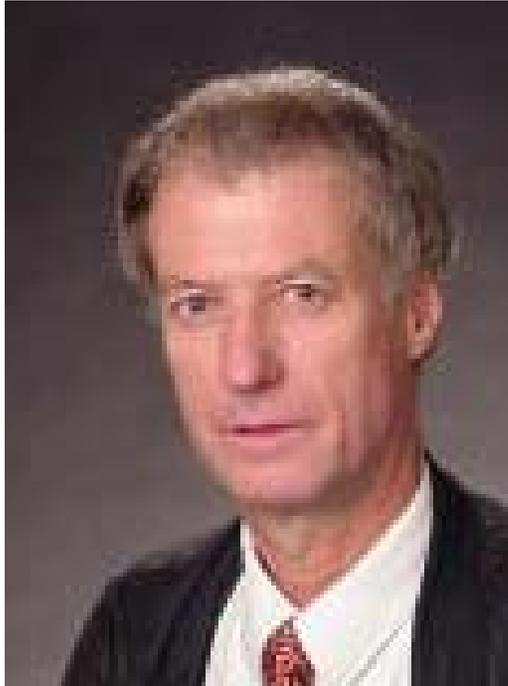
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Implications?

# Child Locators?

- „We'll **map your child's location** within feet and provide the closest street address“
- **Privacy?**



# Endangered Societal Values?

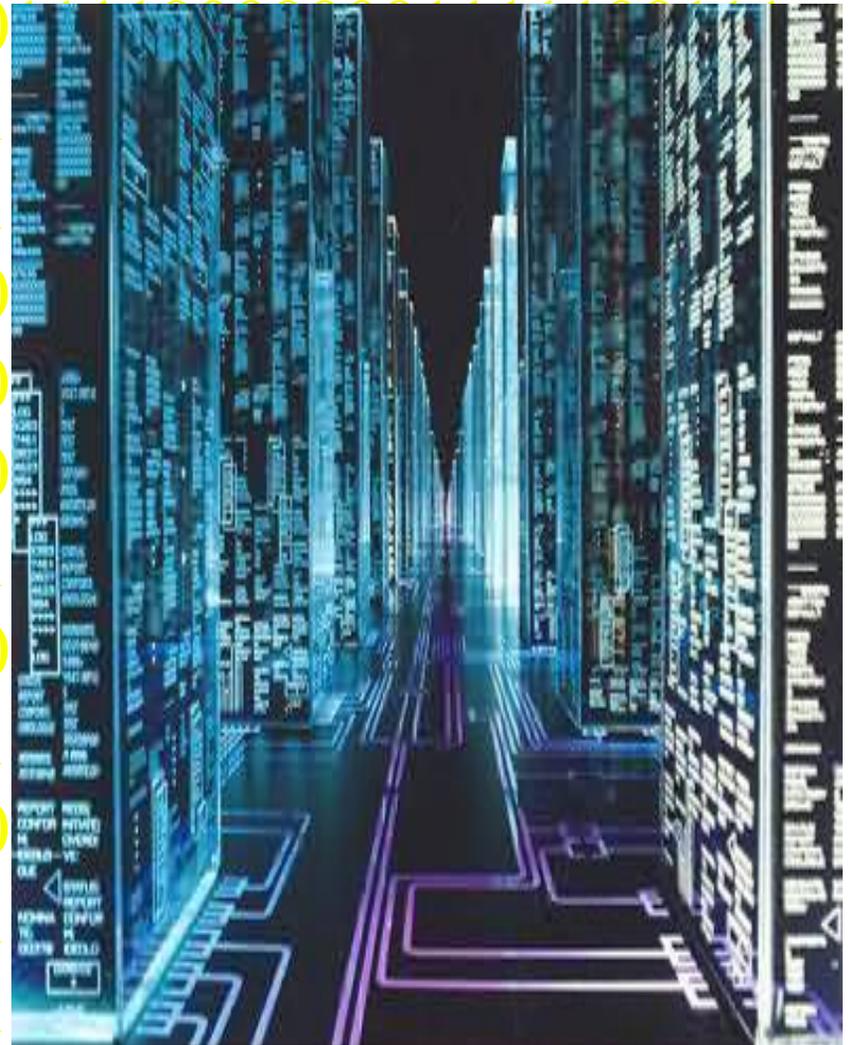
- Freedom of expression
  - loss of privacy
- Self-determination, being in control
  - humans out of the loop in automatic procedures
- Dependability
- ...



# The Digital Revolution Reverses Defaults

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- What was once **private** is now **public**
- What was once **hard to copy** is now **trivial to duplicate**
- What was once **forgotten** is now stored **forever**





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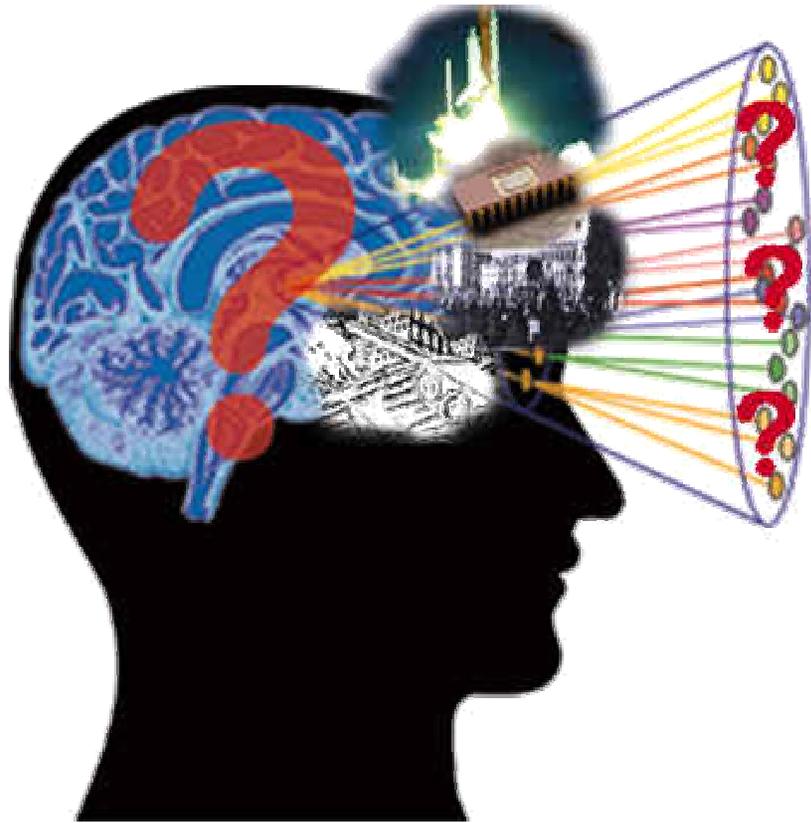
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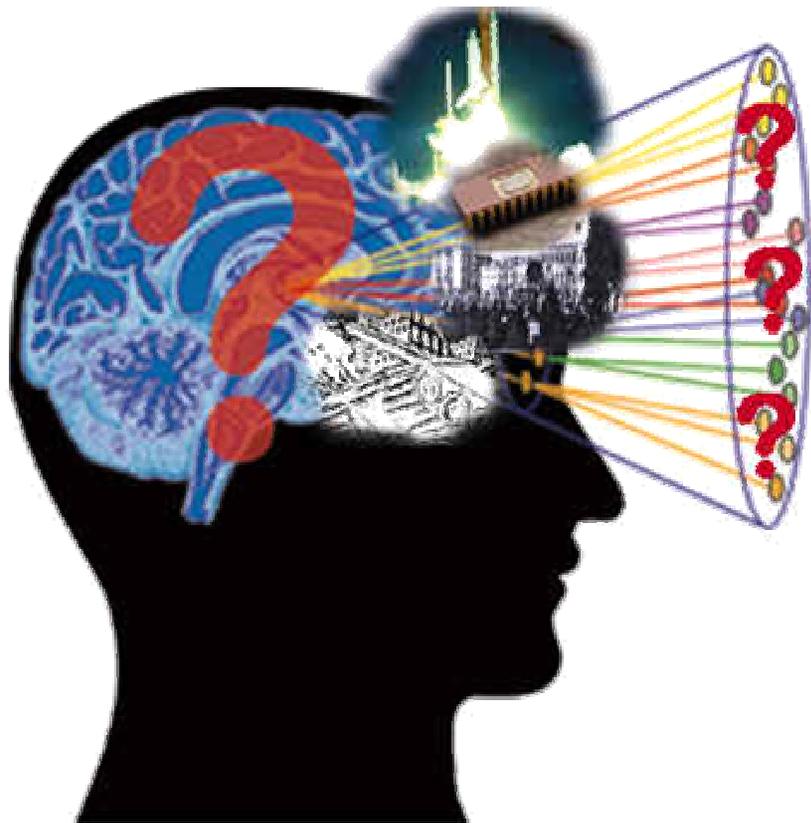
# Why Care About the Future?



*"We should all be concerned about the future because we will have to spend the rest of our lives there".*

Charles F. Kettering

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*"We are always very bad at predicting how a given technology will be used and for what reasons"*

Bran Ferren

# A Better World?





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# Living in a Smart Environment

- **Consequences of Ubiquitous Computing**

- social, economic, privacy
- everyday life, work, home,...

- What alternatives do we have when **shaping a „smart“ world?**

- **Gottlieb Daimler- & Karl Benz Foundation**

- supported 7 groups (DE, CH), Jan 02 – Jan 05
- scenarios, demonstrators, papers
- discussions and discourses



# Ladenburg Discourses



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