

# Me and My Research

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# “You and Your Research”

Bell Communications Research Colloquium Seminar  
7 March 1986



**Richard Wesley Hamming**

Feb. 11, 1915 – Jan. 7, 1998

**“A characteristic of great scientist is that they have courage. They will go forward under incredible circumstances”**

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it's necessary for some points I want to make

enterprise Wireless →

# chapter 1

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for me that individual was Dan Ling



Dan Ling  
Managing Director, MSR

settled on Aironet Wireless Inc.

the ability to program wireless NIC was critical for my research

Windows didn't understand wireless LANs

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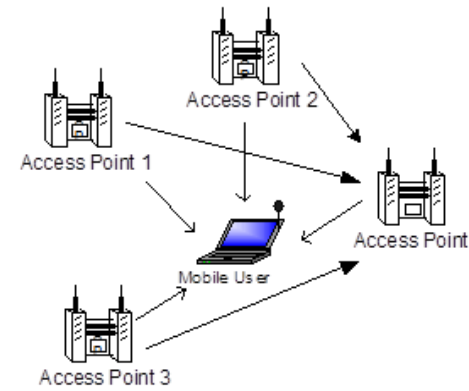
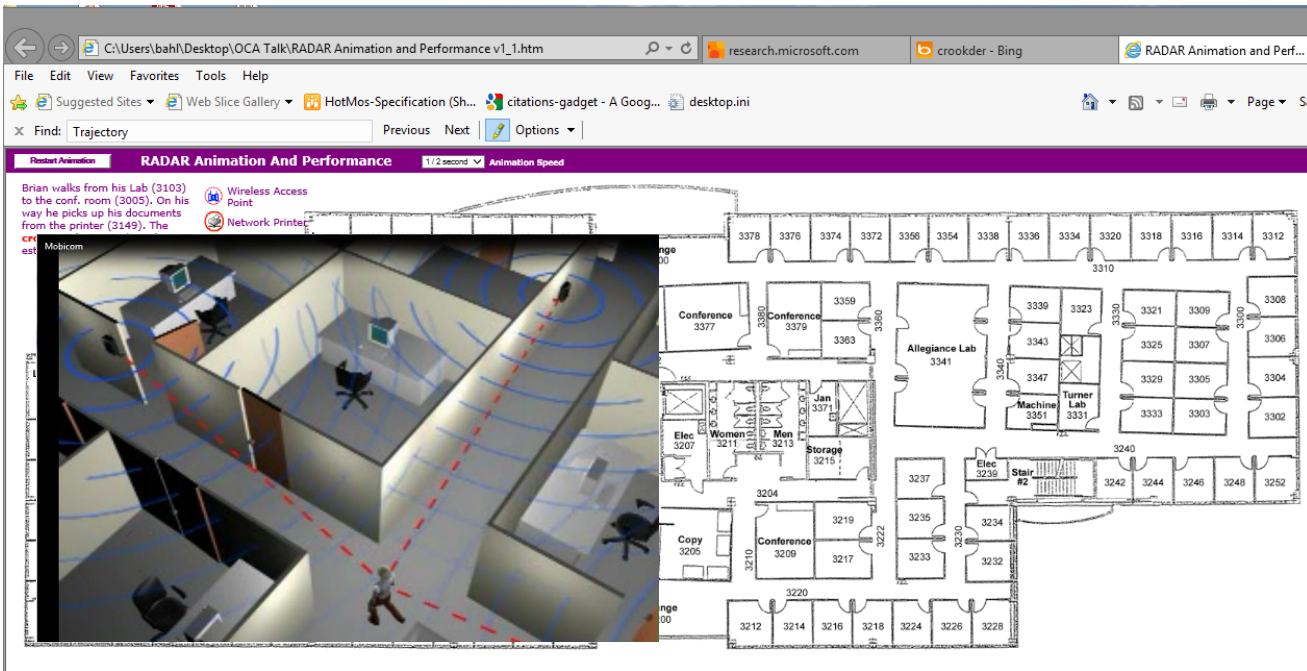
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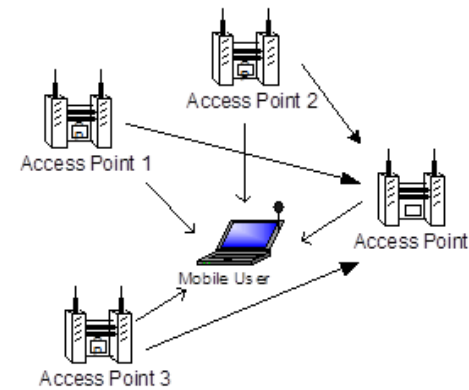
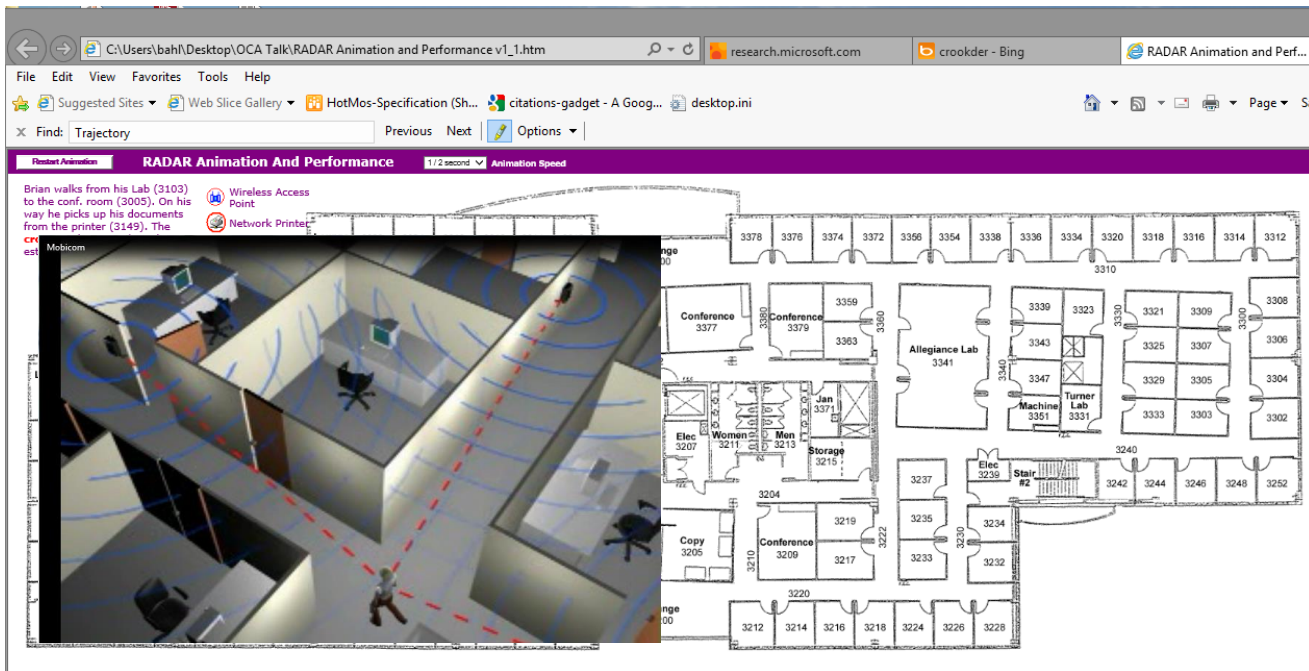
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*some of the best work gets done when you apply techniques from one field to another*

# lessons from RADAR

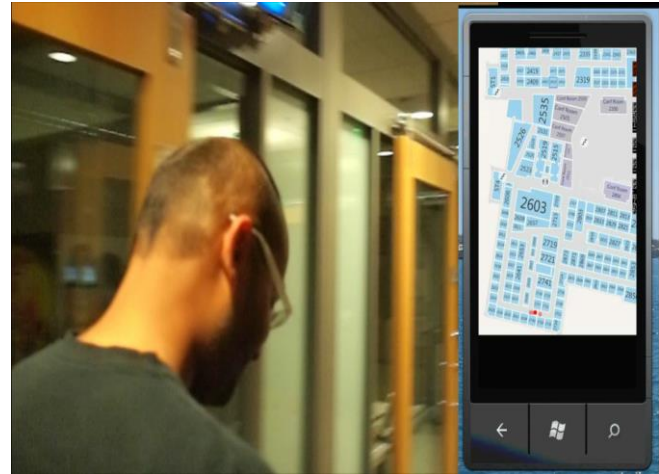
- research success does not always translate to commercial success
- for commercial success, be hard on yourself, have a convincing value proposition
  - didn't have it so didn't do additional research on this topic
- persevere market conditions may not be optimum for your technology
- market will adopt (intellectually) simpler solutions

# Radar then and now

MobiCom 1999



14 years later, MobiCom 2013



# ....back to NDIS extensions

## Enhancing the Windows Network Device Interface Specification for Wireless Networking

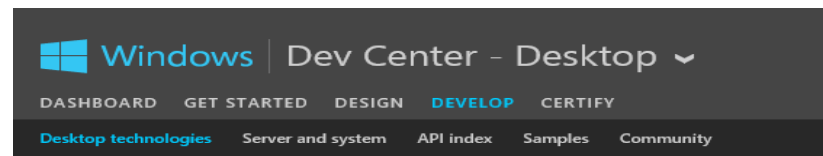
Victor Bahl  
Gavin Holland

August 2000<sup>1</sup>

Technical Report  
MSR-TR-2000-84

Microsoft Research  
One Microsoft Way  
Redmond, WA 98052

accepted for  
productization



- › Networking and Internet
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### Native Wifi

#### Purpose

The Native Wifi automatic configuration component can store profiles on the networks it connects to.

#### Developer audience

The Native Wifi API is designed for C/C++ developers and contains concepts and terminology.

success!

# ...about the bldg. 31 lab

MSR's Wireless Network - Message (Rich Text)

FILE MESSAGE INSERT OPTIONS FORMAT TEXT REVIEW

Ignore Delete Reply Reply All Forward Meeting IM More

Liesure Reading To Manager Done Create New

Team Email Reply & Delete


Rules OneNote Actions

Mark Unread Categorize Follow Up

Translate Find Related Select

Delete Respond Quick Steps Move Tags Editing Zoom

Wed 7/7/1999 8:54 PM

 Victor Bahl  
MSR's Wireless Network

To Systems and Networking Research Group

Cc Dan Ling; Jim Kajiy; Jack Breese; Kendall Martin; Stephen Dahl

I am pleased to announce that **MSR now has full wireless connectivity.**

**We have installed 20 access points** around the building and these provide complete coverage to our building (Bldg. 31) and in the Cafeteria. --- so no more excuses about not being able to respond to an urgent email since you were not at your desk :-)

I encourage you to start using this wireless network in your everyday lives -- this is the future. Take your laptops and notebooks with you to meetings, to the seminar room, to the library, etc Researchers who have been using this network swear by it and love the flexibility it provides.

We have gone through an extensive evaluation process and based on a well defined set of criterion, **we have settled on Aironet** (for now). **The cost of an Aironet adapter is \$297.50.** Device drivers for all our operating systems are available - Win2000, NT4, Win98 and WinCE (MIPS, SH-3 processor) so the network should be available on a wide variety of machines that support PC cards.

Currently we have 15 machines that are on the net and we expect to see more soon. I will be sending out a Redmond-research-wide announcement on this in about a week or so but before I do so, I would like you to test the network out first. Experience the difference of being connected while being mobile.

A note of caution, use the network wisely, you will be frustrated if you try to do large bulk data transfers (install large software packages like Win2000 or Office2000), or run netshow over this network. Also, **be aware that the wireless NIC will suck up your battery rather quickly**, so if you have a power outlet nearby -- use it. If you keep simple things like these in mind you will not be disappointed with the performance.

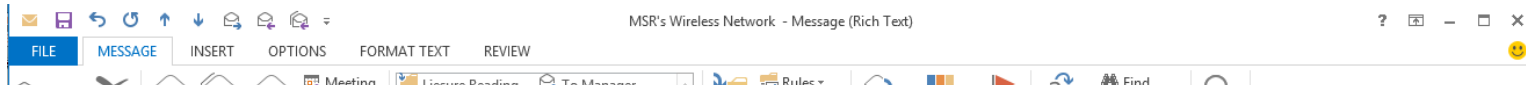
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Finally, please be aware that placement of APs is an in-exact science and an ongoing process. Their placement will effect the throughput you see. If you observe problems in coverage and low data rates in particular sections of our building on more than one occasion, please let us know. Steven Dahl will be able to help you resolve any problems you encounter. He has been worked on this project from the very start and he is now the resident expert on it.

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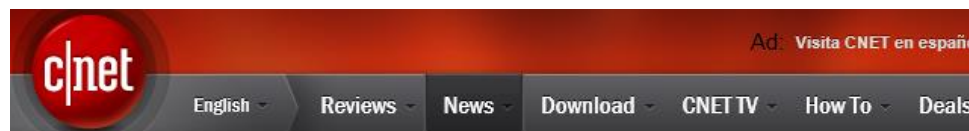
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November 9, 1999 10:18 AM PST

## Cisco buys Aironet for \$799 million

By Tiffany Kary  
Staff Writer, CNET News

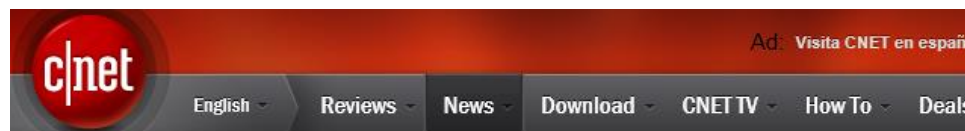


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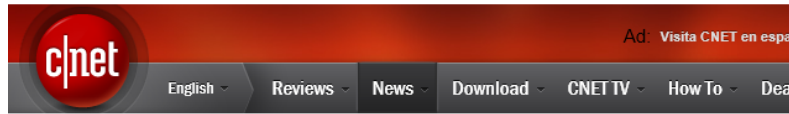
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# chapter 2

## what works in the enterprise

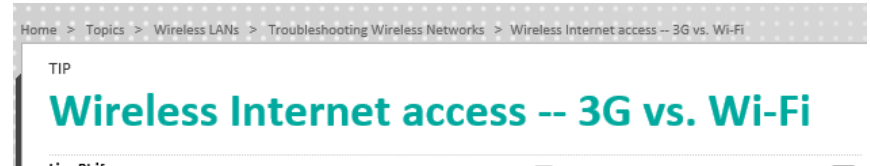
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August 1, 2001 3:00 PM PDT

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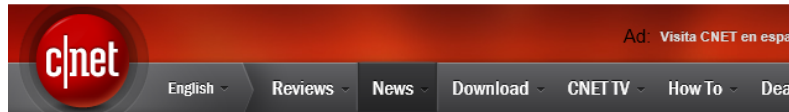


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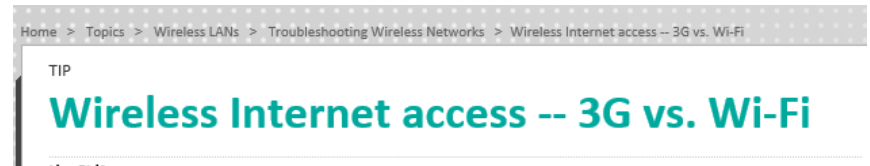
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*think independently, media often gets swayed by marketing*

# the world's first free public area Wi-Fi hotspot with location services



## Eat, Drink and Be Connected

You can now access the corporate and Internet at Crossroads Shopping Center using the same wireless technology ITG has deployed in this building.

Enjoy a great meal, listen to live music, watch the passing parade – while doing your e-mail, collaborating with campus colleagues on a presentation or doing research on the Web.

Microsoft Research is testing a suite of wireless access protocols and applications in a trial at Crossroads. To participate you will need to provide your own hardware (e.g. a laptop and ITG-approved 802.11 wireless network card) and install some beta software. If you're interested, please email [choice@microsoft.com](mailto:choice@microsoft.com), or check out <http://choice>.

**CROWN**  
Crossroads  
Wireless  
Network

**Sign up now!**

Microsoft

Choice  
Networks

CROSSROADS  
SHOPPING CENTER



The CHOICE Network Project

### The CHOICE Network

#### High Speed Secure Wireless Internet Access and Location Services in Public Places

*The Choice Network is available at the Crossroads Mall in Bellevue, Washington.*

Retired, June 14, 2002

*To the best of our knowledge, the Crossroads Wireless Network (CROWN) was the first free public area wireless hot-spot network in the world. At a time when the community was touting 3G networks, CROWN showed how Wi-Fi could be used for ubiquitous Internet access. Our network supported global authentication, network discovery, user mobility, differentiated services, last hop security, and location / context services. The edge-server design and the accompanying protocols have been picked up by working groups within the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) and by many companies as part of their world-wide hot-spot deployment. The centralized switch architecture for enterprise-wide Access Point deployment can also be traced back to CHOICE/CROWN. The New York Times covered our project on public area Wi-Fi networks in Feb. 2000. CROWN provided Internet access and location services for a little over 2 years and was retired on June 14, 2002.*

*The Crossroads Shopping Center continues to use our equipment and provide free wireless access via the King County Library System. Check it out here*

All you need to do when you enter a public place that offers the CHOICE network is to Configure your wireless LAN Card, get a passport account, check your proxy settings and point your web browser to <http://choice>.

<http://choice>

## Lots of innovations

- ◆ (dumb AP) smart wireless switch arch.
- ◆ global authentication
- ◆ IP address management
- ◆ packet level accounting
- ◆ policy based differentiated services
- ◆ mobility between networks
- ◆ secure for both users and network operators
- ◆ improved battery/device lifetime
- ◆ location-aware services
- ◆ local content provider
- ◆ Hardware & OS agnostic

## PAWNs: Satisfying the Need for Ubiquitous Secure Connectivity and Location Services

Paramvir Bahl<sup>1</sup>, Anand Balachandran<sup>2</sup>, Allen Miu<sup>3</sup>, Wilf Russell<sup>1</sup>, Geoffrey M. Voelker<sup>2</sup>, Yi-Min Wang<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Microsoft Research

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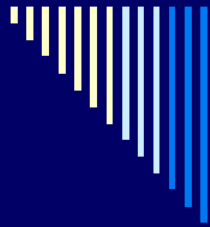
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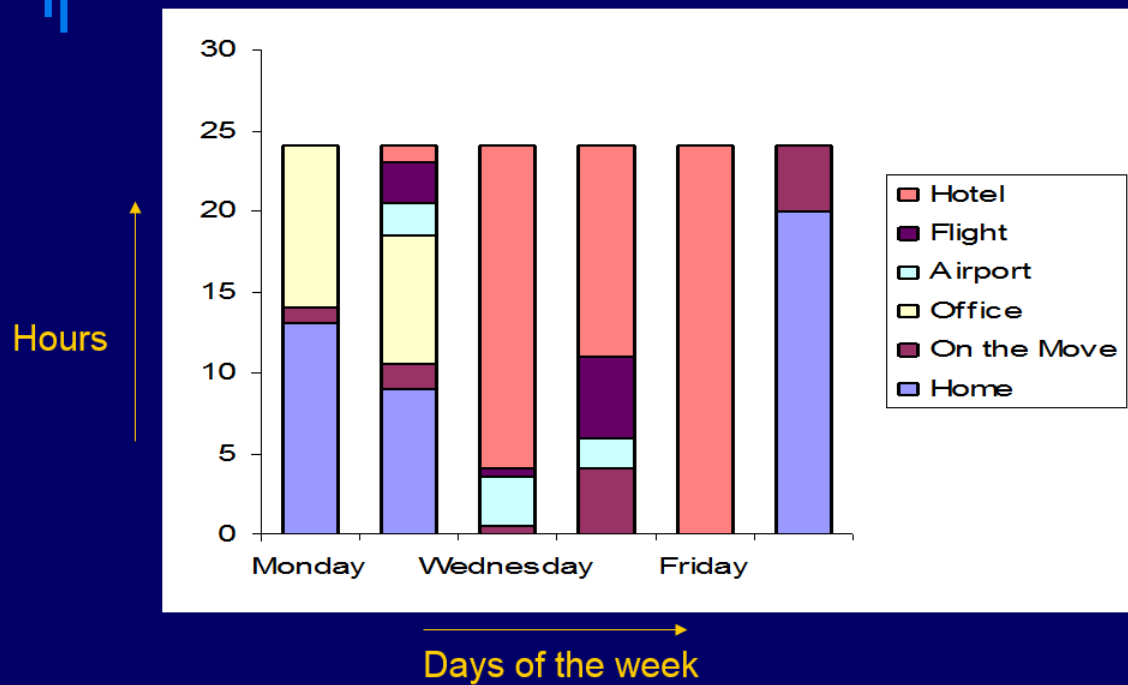
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deployments increasingly common. Based upon the IEEE 802.11 standard [1], wireless LANs are emerging as the ideal solution for providing high-speed connectivity in private networks and, to a limited extent so far, public places. As a result, network connectivity at 11 Mb/sec is becoming commonplace, and this data rate is expected to

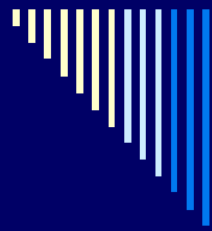
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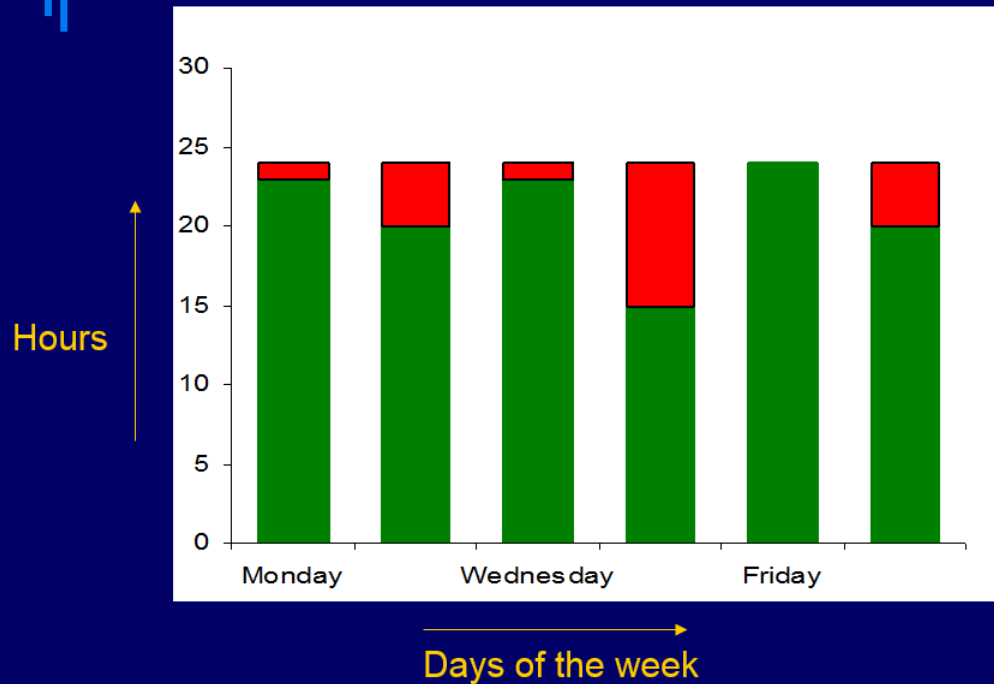
## Sample of my activities last week



# ...and then made the case



Amount of time I spent indoors (green) versus outdoors (on the move) (red)





# major uptake

- 100,000+ hotspots in the US alone
- telcos embraced hotspots for offloading traffic
- we expect them everywhere



# me...not so successful

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*if you believe in it...persevere*

# seven years later...

TopStories



Windows 8.1 now available  
2013-10-17

Windows 8.1: The most powerful and  
flexible OS for your business  
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## Nortel and Microsoft Form Strategic Alliance to Accelerate Transformation of Business Communications

July 18, 2006

Shared vision for unified communications to drive new growth opportunities for both companies.

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**From:** John Mulgrew (LCA)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 29, 2007 11:02 PM  
**To:** Victor Bahl  
**Cc:** Louis Carbonneau (LCA)  
**Subject:** Microsoft, Nortel form alliance



Hi Victor,

We included one of your patents in a presentation we gave to Nortel on October 10, 2005 as part of a patent cross license negotiation. **These negotiations ultimately resulted in the signing of a landmark cross license deal with Nortel** that got a lot of press and keen attention by Nortel's peers. **The Nortel agreement was a momentum shifting event for the licensing team and I want to thank you for your contribution.**

**The inclusion of your patent in these discussions is a remarkable achievement and speaks volumes to the value we get out of promoting research and innovations such as yours and seeking proper IP protection for it.** Microsoft has nearly 7000 issued patents. Yours was among approximately 20 patents we selected. As you may know, we place a pretty high bar on what we choose, and then it gets subjected to scrutiny again by the people we present it to.

Thank you again for the great work you've done as an inventor.

All the best,  
John

# ...one more thing about enterprise wireless applying the lessons

2002 - interviewed a charming young PhD candidate from Cornell

- loved him....took him on
- worked on *MultiNet* with my brother & I
- built the real thing
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*lessons applied: (1) build the real thing (2) show them the money (3) persevere*

enterprise wireless → public wireless → last-mile wireless

# chapter 3

## the last mile problem

it started with a chinese dinner



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Craig Mundie



# it started with a chinese dinner



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Craig Mundie

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Pierre De Vries  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 26, 2002 2:33 PM  
**To:** Alexis Chandler; Victor Bahl  
**Subject:** craigmu/bahl/pierredv meeting

Victor, Craig would like to get your input on what would be a feasible MAC proposal for an ad hoc multi-hop network.

Perhaps the three of us can meet at the Chinese Restaurant in Redmond? Craig wants to meet with you before the big meeting at the end of April, so I think that means tomorrow night...

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problem: how to get cable & DSL to speed up the spread of broadband Internet access?

constraint: don't break the bank

# Thirst for Connection.....

"All over the developing world, as antennas and satellite dishes sprout across the landscape - we can see the immense thirst for connection. Let us show that we are listening."

Secretary General Kofi Annan (Dec 9, 2003)

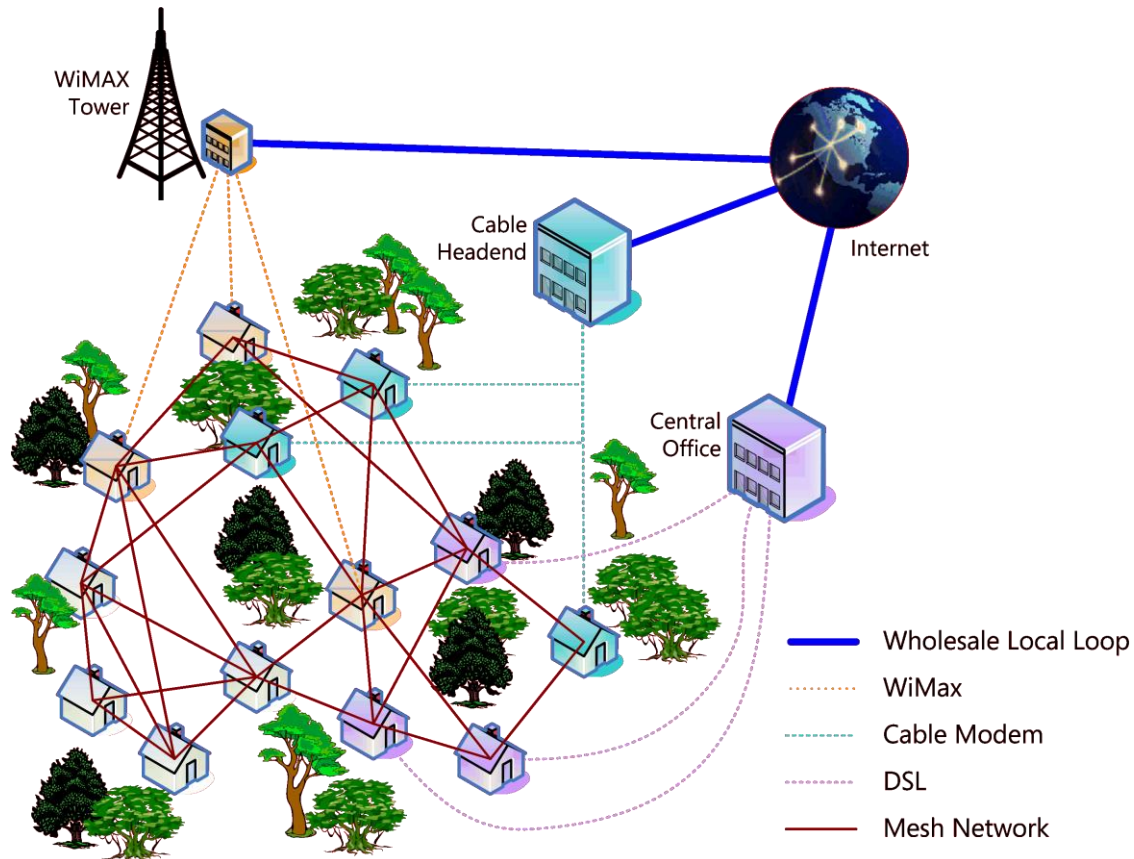
"The power of ideas and opportunities, fueled by local entrepreneurial energy, is the most important resource available in the resource-scarce part of our world."

Richard Newton, Dean UC Berkeley (Jul. 2005)

VSAT for kiosk in Kodia, Madhya Pradesh

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# idea: mesh networking



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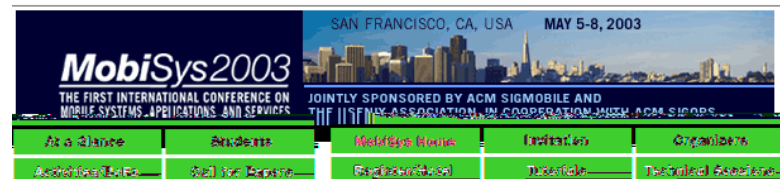
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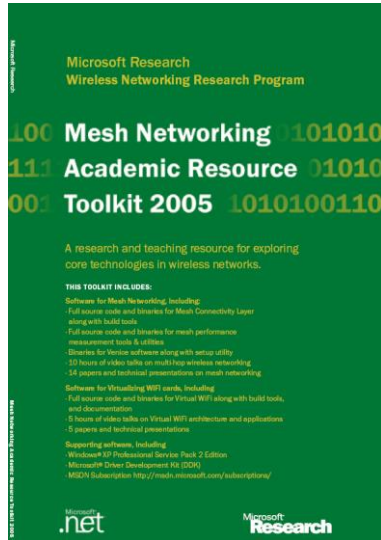
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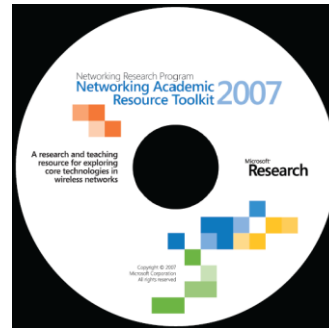
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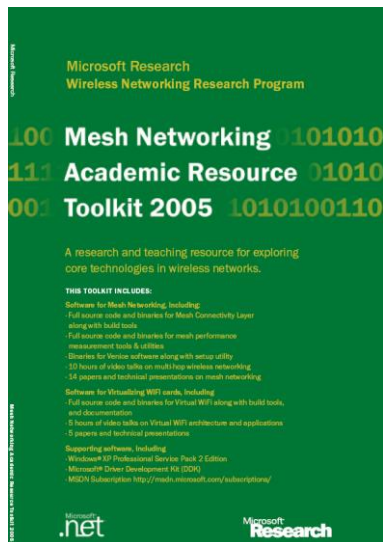


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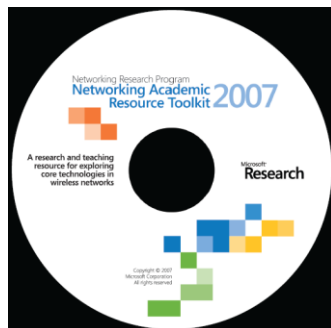
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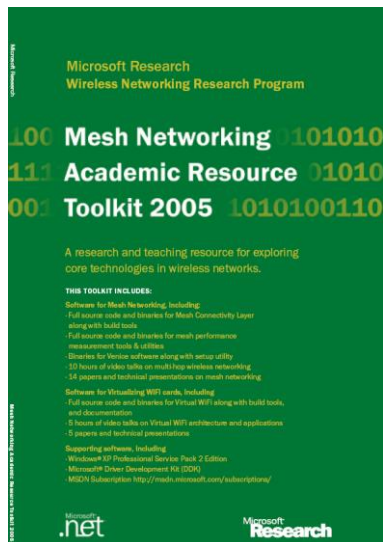


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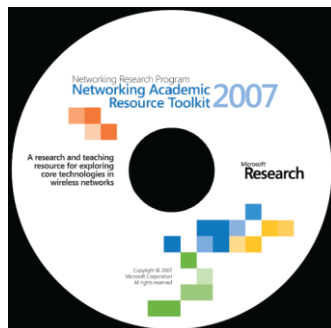
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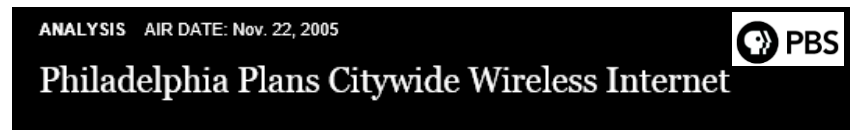
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By Bob Brewin

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technically: introduced multi-radio wireless networks to the community

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enterprise wireless → public wireless → last-mile wireless → rural wireless

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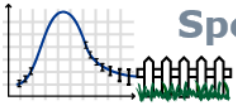
**Ronald Harry Coase**

29 Dec. 1910 – 2 Sept. 2013



noble laureate & "father" of reform in spectrum allocation policies

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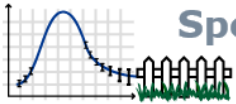
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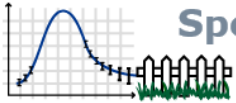
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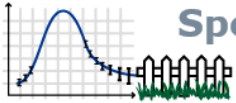
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## ... at stake were TV white spaces

in 1996, US Congress had set June 12, 2009 as the deadline for full power television stations to stop broadcasting analog signal

the idea of dynamic spectrum access was in the air but someone needed to step up and prove that the DSA concept works

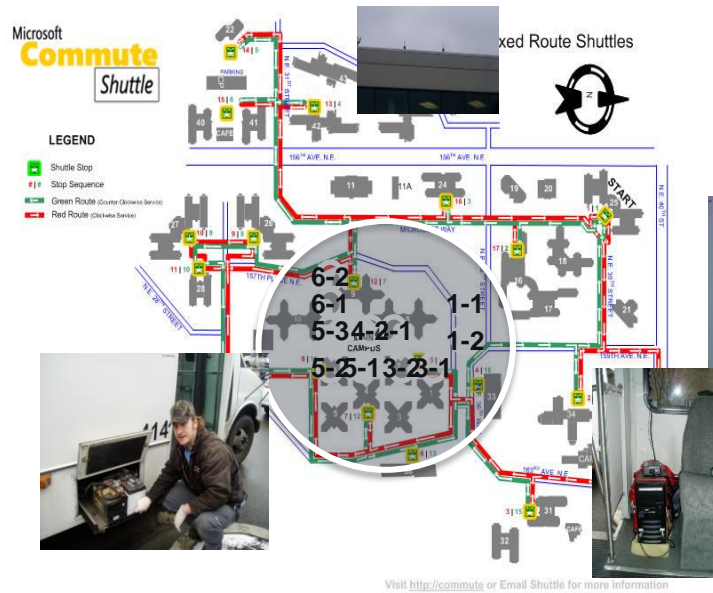


# the first urban white space network in the world

Oct. 16, 2009



White Space Network Setup in Bldg. 99



Campus-Wide Deployment



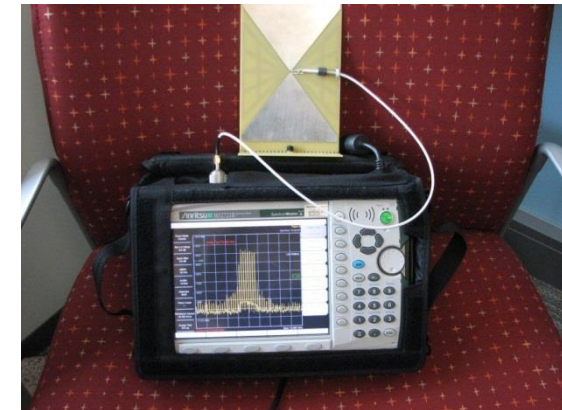
WS Antenna on Bldg 42



WS Antenna on MS Shuttle



Shuttle Setup



Data packets over UHF

# success!

Aug 14, 2010

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL  
Digital Network

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## FCC Officials Visit Microsoft To Examine Experimental Network



Chairman Genachowski & Microsoft's CTO Craig Mundie, August 14, 2010



Chairman Genachowski and FCC Managing Director Steven VanRoekel Climb aboard the MS Shuttle to look at our WhiteFi Network

The New York Times

## F.C.C. Opens Unused TV Airwaves to Broadband

By EDWARD WYATT

Published: September 23, 2010

# world-wide influence on spectrum policy



India  
October 22, 2009



Federal Communications Commission  
April 28, 2010



Office of Communications (UK)  
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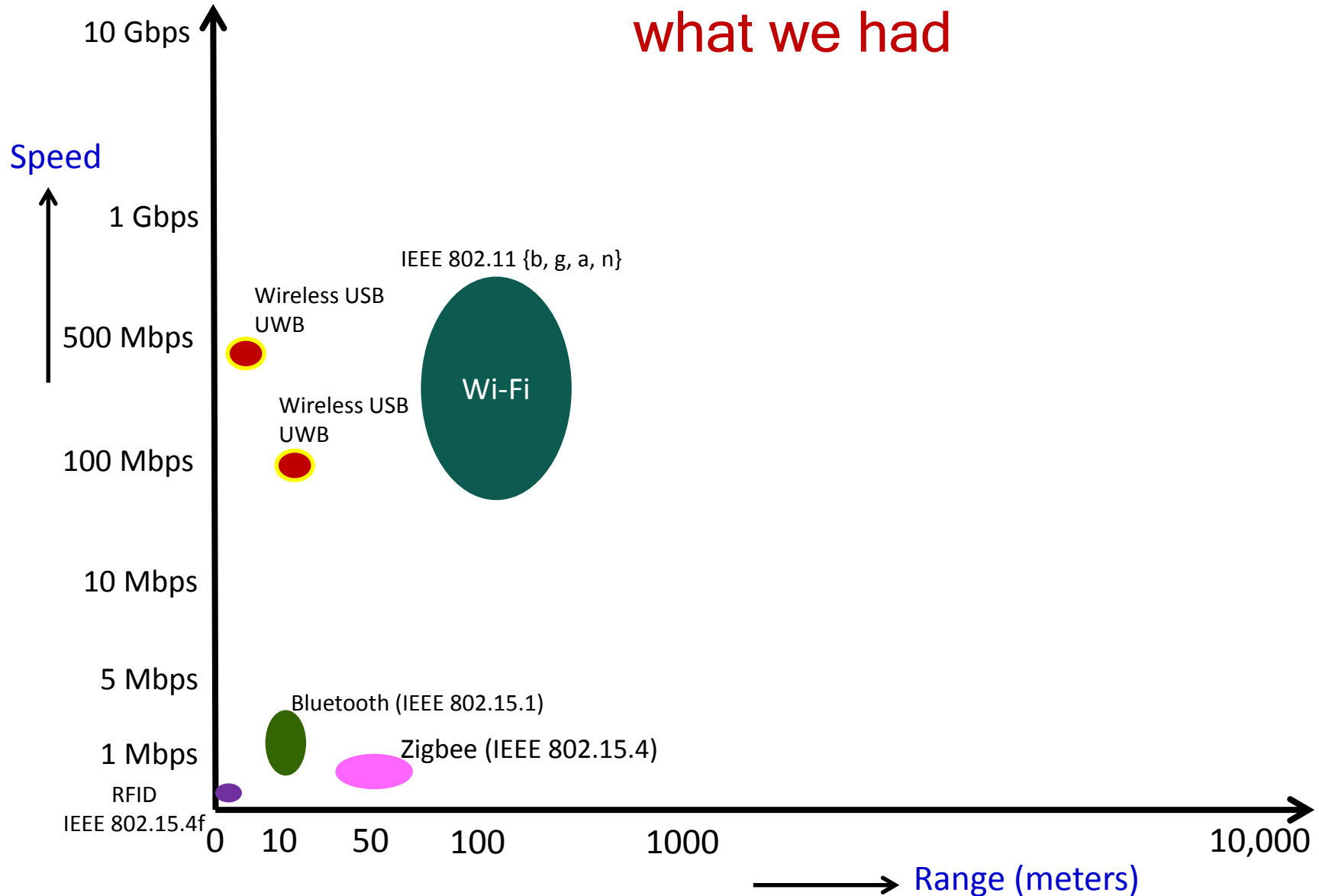
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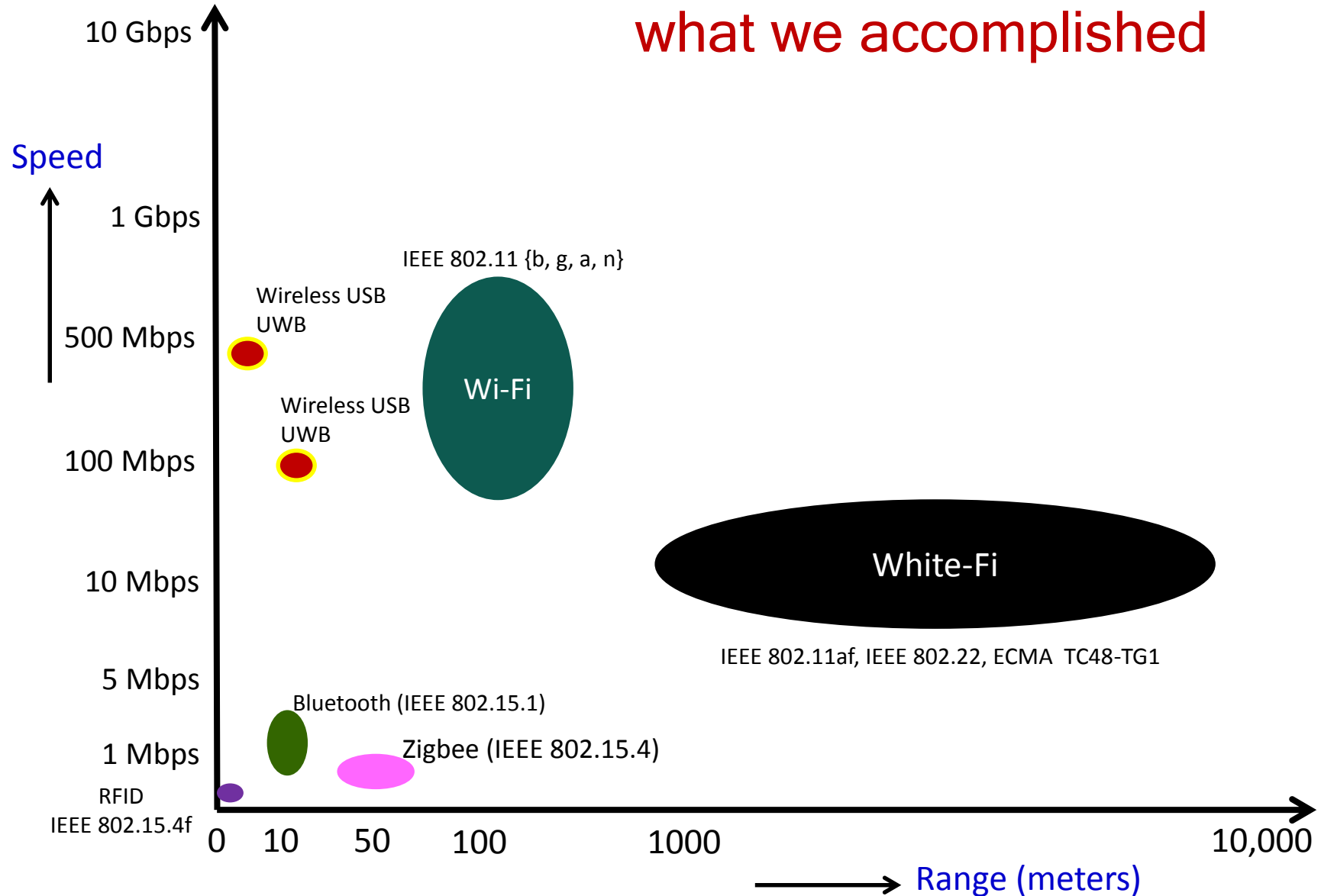
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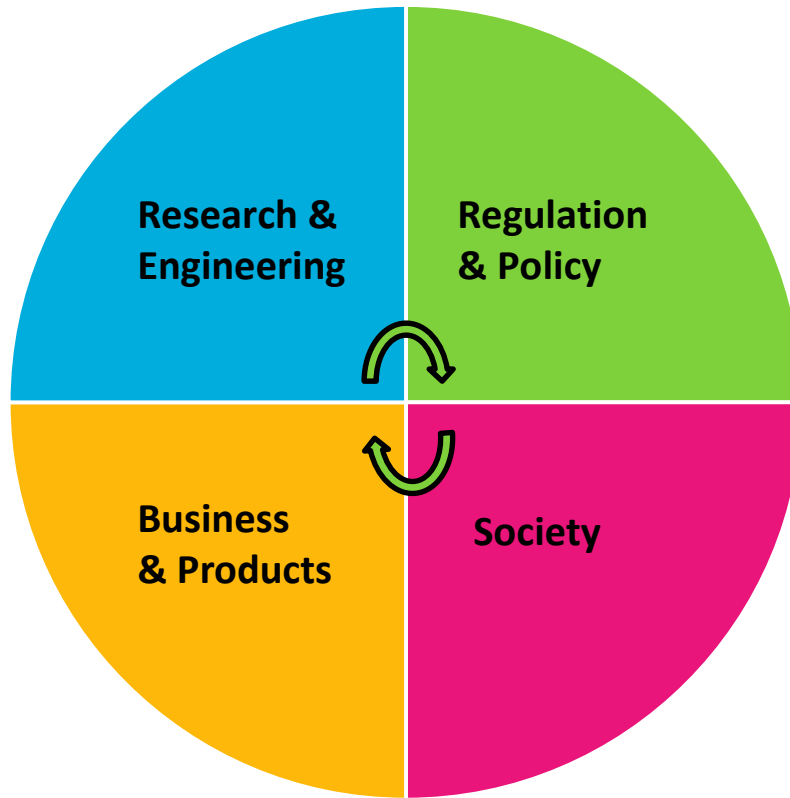


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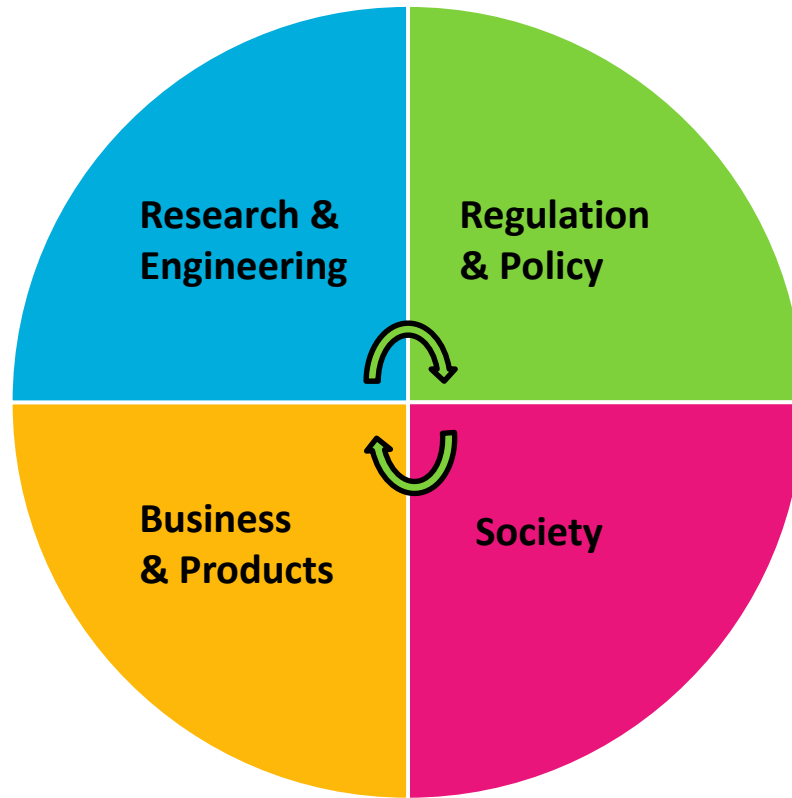
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# lessons learnt



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*research is only one part of the story, understand what it takes, get involved, and make it happen*



# impact!



## The Mawingu Project (in Kenya)



**Steven Mwaniki.** - 6 hours ago

As one of the lucky student of Gakawa secondary school am so humbled by the kind of Noble project that you guys have brought to our school. That is so kind of you. We promise to take great care of precious project. We are so grateful of you and may our Mighty Lord Bless you Forever.

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# chapter 5

# looking ahead

in progress ...

I can't see that far but as far as I can see there are lots of problems to solve

# PCAST report [July 2012]

*“Traditional practice of clearing and reallocating portions of the spectrum used by Federal agencies is not a sustainable model for spectrum policy”*

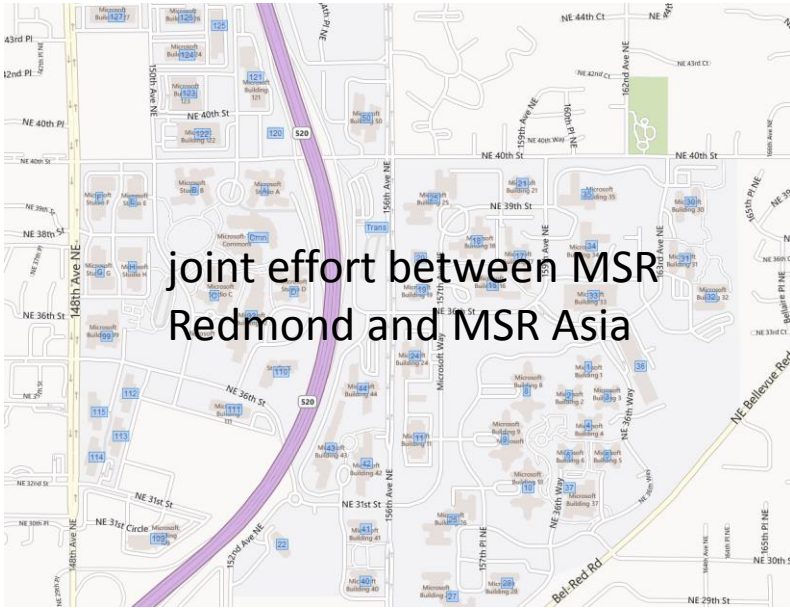
*“The norm for spectrum use should be sharing, not exclusivity”.*

If we get this done then *“[we] could multiply the effective capacity of the spectrum by a factor of 1,000.”*

few projects I continue to work on:

- a campus-wide DSA network
- platform to encourage DSA research in academia
- data to change spectrum regulations world-wide
- DSA in all licensed bands

# project Istanbul: a campus-wide wsn



# spectrum crisis - can it be managed?

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By Brent Skorup - 06/20/13 12:00 PM ET

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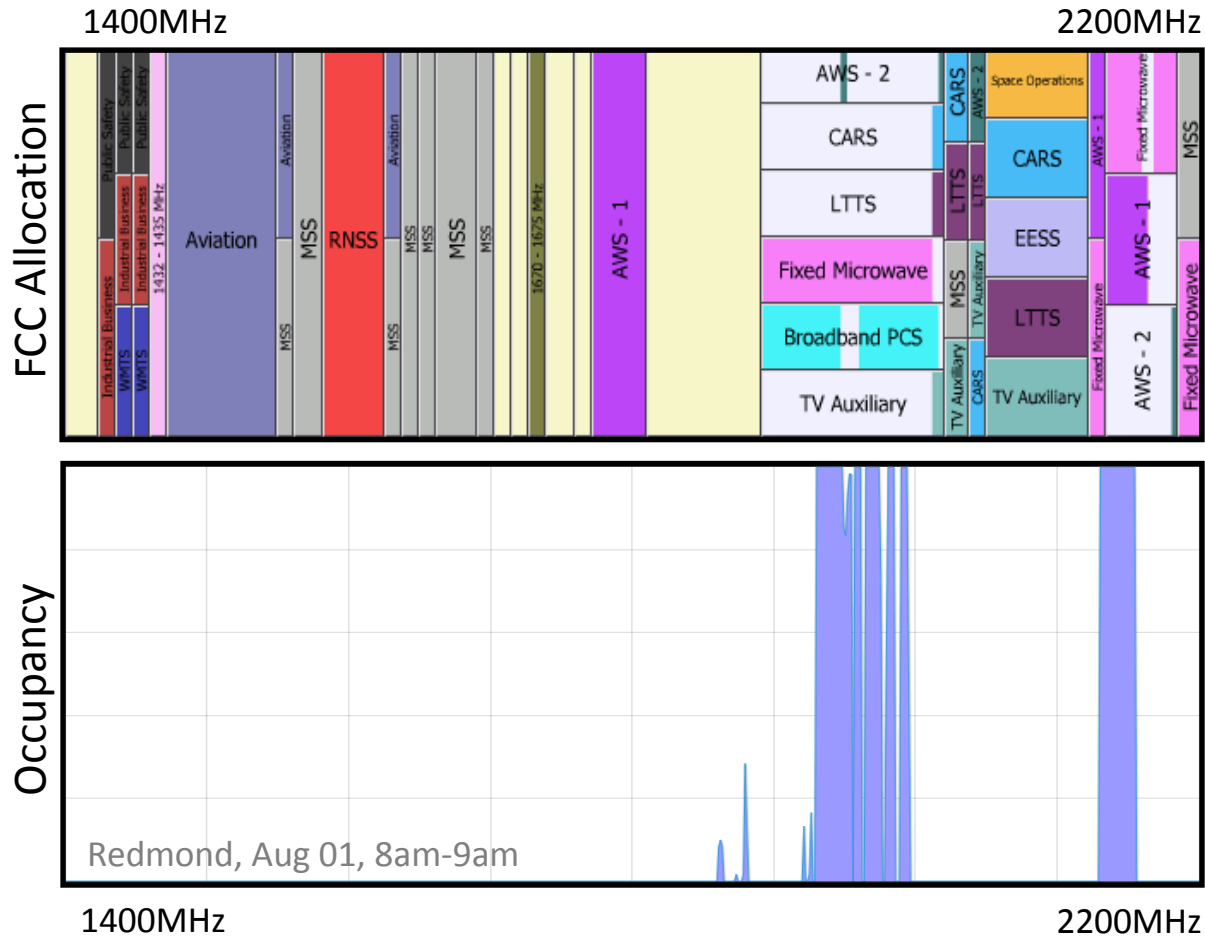
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Yes, I'm the cybersecurity guy, but I'm also an engineer by trade, a Bell Labs alumnus and a patent holder who has worked on

# early (inconclusive) results






# let's find out if it's being used

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# call to action: let's scale it up

replace speculation with hard data



consider this as a national service

once we show spectrum is not being used, we can build DSA systems in the infrequently used frequency band and eliminate the spectrum crisis problem forever

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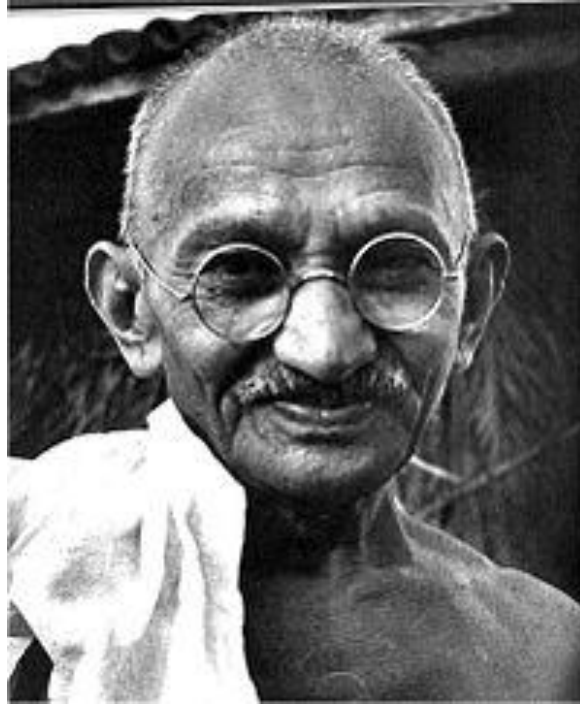
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.....and go change the world for the better

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(2 October 1869)



**“One needs to be slow to form convictions, but once formed they must be defended against the heaviest odds.”**

Thanks