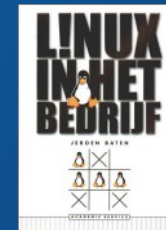# The case for a Dutch ANBS foundation

Who am I?

- Jeroen Baten
- Lifetime innovator
- Job title : IT Solutionist

Who am I ? (in pics)

Why?

- Because I believe we need an ANBS

A what?

- ANBS
- Play on ANBI
  - Dutch: Algemeen Nut Beogende Instelling
  - English: Public Benefit Organisation
- ANBS: Algemeen Nut Beogende Software
  - Public Benefit Software

Some examples from history

- The need for high volume traffic
- The need for resilient data connections

High volume traffic

- 1911 US: Long Island Motor Parkway Long Island Motor Parkway

- 1921 US: Federal Aid Highway Act

  - "We the people... need highways" :-)

- 1932 Bonn-Keulen highway

- 1930: NL: We don't need no highways!

- 1937: NL: Den Haag – Zoetermeer ready

- Bottomline: publicly funded infrastructure

Resilient Data Connections

- 1957: Spoetnik → US: Damn, we need a network! → DARPA → start research

- 1968: We have a plan! → Tender

- 29 oktober 1969: First data packet traffic

- 1990 US: end of DARPA funding

- 1991 US: Start of public funding

- Foundation: Everybody pays their part

Where are we now?

- Internet connected software is running the world.
- Internet infrastructure code is open source
- **But what about the next layer?**

Current software market

- Primarily commercial market
- Government is neo-liberal:
  - The market shall handle it
  - The market is the most efficient solution
  - The market makes everything cheaper and better
- Is there nothing else….?

Nothing else mattered….

- Educational research funding
- NLNet foundation: " It funds those with ideas to fix the internet"
  - Well, if it ain't broken…..
- NWO: "NWO funds scientific research…"
- Start-ups? Aka "the market"

What do we need?

- We need a way to create software for public benefit.
- Software in the heart of society
- <u>Software for which there is no commercial incentive</u>
  - There is no market (yet)
- Like:
  - Blockchain+GPG (see my other talk)
  - Archiving software for digital assets
  - Converting international software to multi-language
  - Medical big data analysis for rare diseases
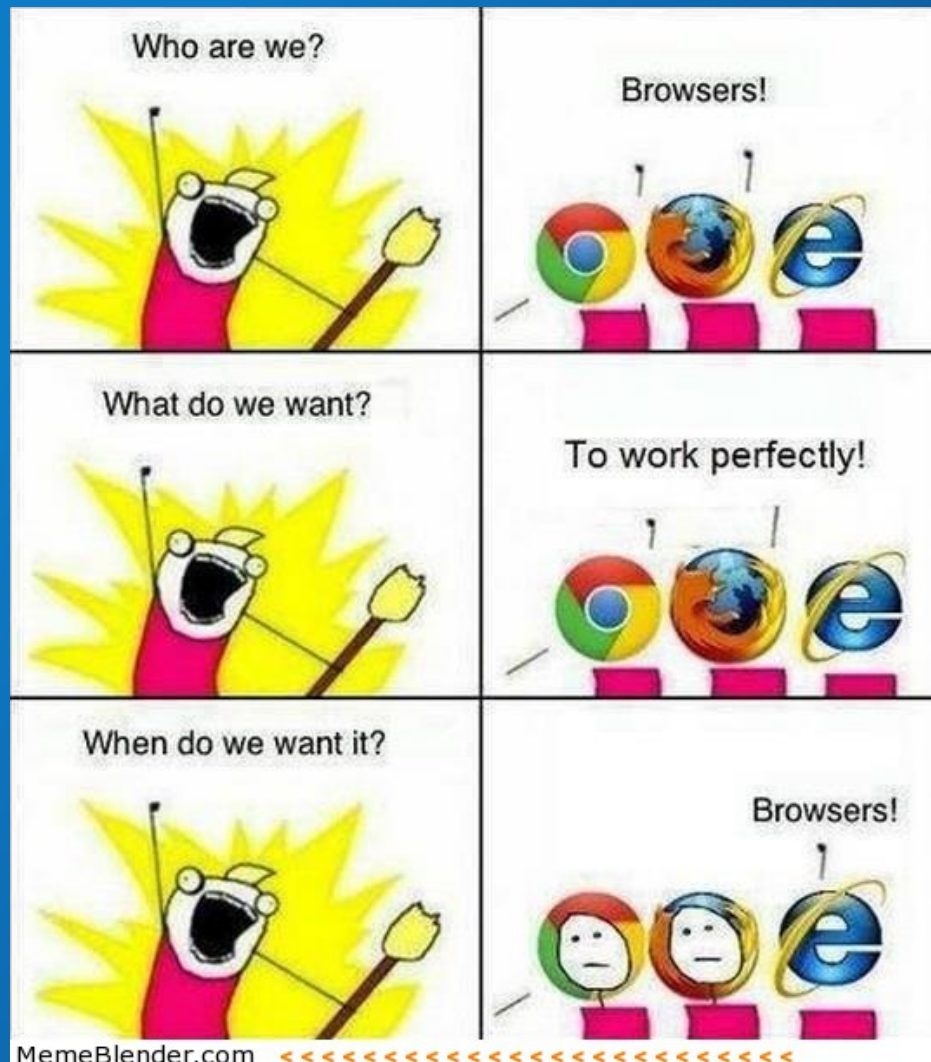
Why do we need it?

- How do you feel about being dependent on a commercial company and its focus?

When do we need it?

- Pretty soon

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