

Trading Silos for Synergy



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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- The relationship between building systems and IT is facing revolutionary change. Understand why by looking at the history of the Convergence.
- Convergence is creating significant challenges for our clients.
- Our industry cannot effectively provide leadership to our clients without a paradigm shift in our thinking.
- Discover strategies for a new approach to the management of technology in a modern construction project.



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"Nothing goes smoother on our projects than the IT / Technology design. It's almost transparent. It's my favorite part of the process and I can't wait to do it again on the next project."

--- said No One, Ever



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THE UNFORTUNATE REALITY

Technology is...

- becoming a significant client challenge
- a growing part of their project solution
- an integral part of our buildings

Necessitating...

- its inclusion as a core component of the A/E process

But with that brings...

- disproportionate source of frustration



COMMON FRUSTRATIONS

- Assembling subject matter experts. How do I...
 - assess the need for them?
 - evaluate them against that need?
 - define their scope and boundaries?
 - ensure cohesive scopes of work with no holes?
 - recognize and protect against shadow designers?
- Disconnections between A/E and the Owner
 - Team not achieving the owner's vision
 - Lack of understanding of the design intent
- Construction Process Diverging from Design Process
 - SME engagement challenges surface again
 - Design intent lost in translation
 - Lack of experience in conceptual cost model development



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FRUSTRATION DICTATES THE WAY FORWARD



Our path forward is designed to minimize our frustrations.

Less frustration = successful process

That is not a sustainable approach



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What to design

When to design it

How to implement it

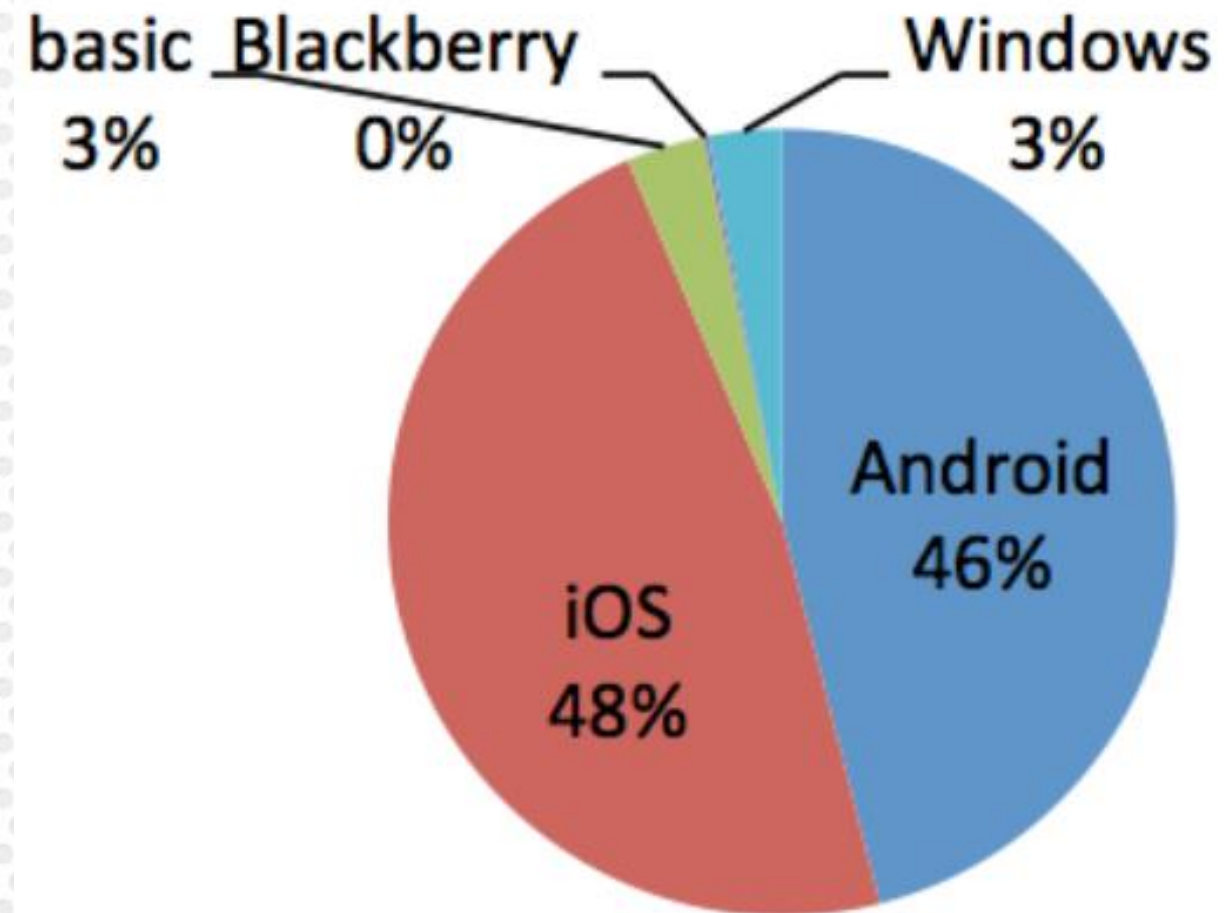
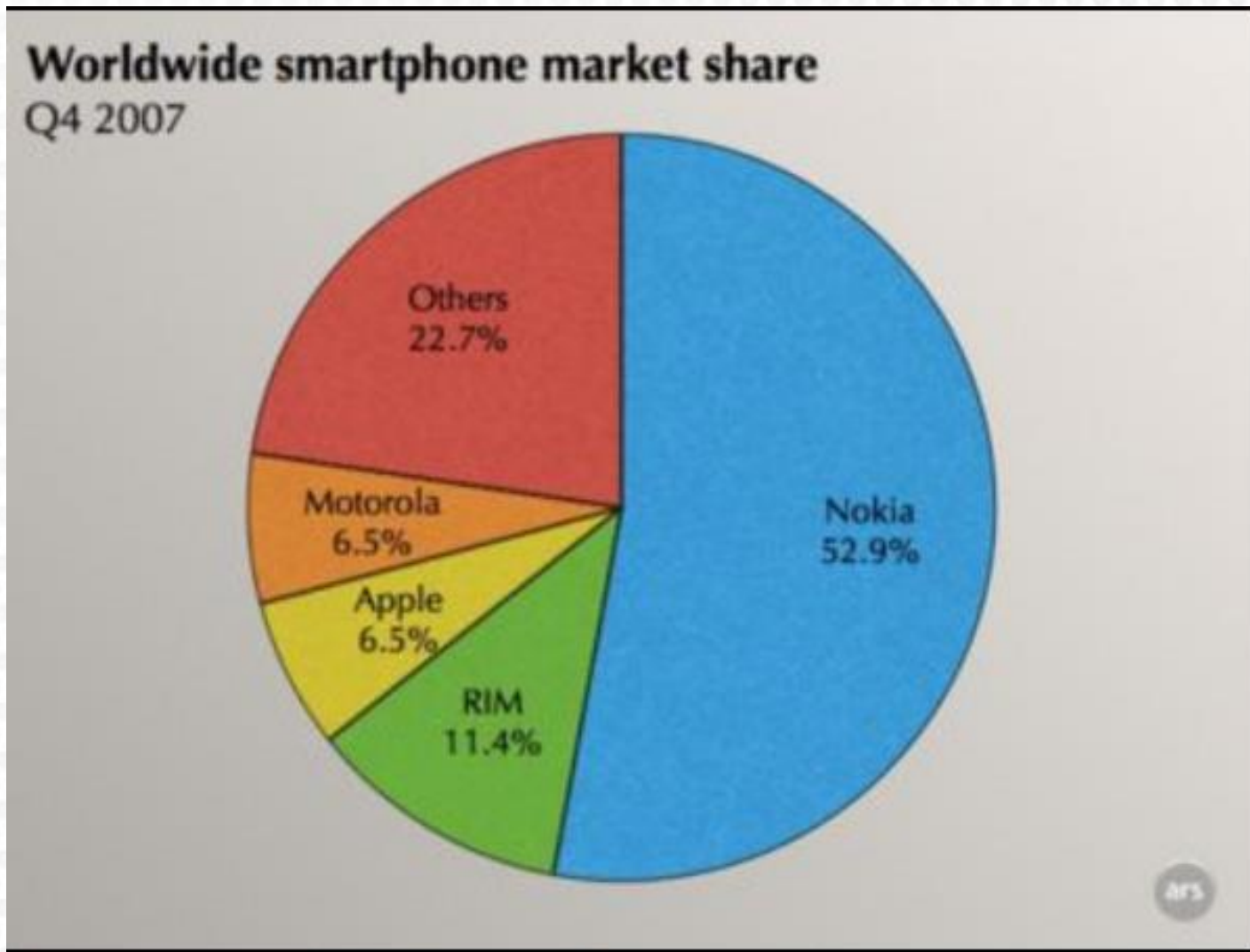
This is the path of least resistance verbalized



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TECHNOLOGY CHANGES SO FAST



2007

- First iPhone: June 2007
- First Android: October 2008
- First website use: January 1989

2014



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WHERE IS TECHNOLOGY TAKING US?

IoT: The Internet of Things

- “Things” are:
 - A patient with a heart monitor implant
 - A patient with a biochip transmitter
 - A smart label (bar code, QR, RFID, WIFI) for supplies and drugs
 - A smart meter for utilities
 - A smart sensor for monitoring or recording whatever they are designed for
 - A smart grid – a sensor to detect communications from smart sensors
- “The Internet of...”
 - Giving “things” the ability to communicate data over a network and make decisions based on that data, without human-to-human or human-to-computer interaction.

IoT is an evolution of a phenomenon called Convergence



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WHERE IS TECHNOLOGY TAKING US?

A new world of integration of building systems built on:
TIME SENSITIVE NETWORKS (TSN)



THE UNFORTUNATE REALITY

Our industry can't handle convergence yet
and it's already evolving?!?!

*Our industry must take
control of convergence.*



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THE MORE ACCURATE REALITY

Technology is evolving faster than we are.

This is *key* to understanding our current challenges and the way forward



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UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFERENCE

Technology changes so fast

- Implies we are victims
- Suggests that no one can grasp it
- Informs most decisions on projects
- Perpetuates the status quo
- It only gets worse from here

Technology is evolving faster than we are

- Empowers us to take control
- Understands that there *is* expertise available
- Gives us control of decision-making
- Provides a roadmap away from frustration
- Is tough, heavy lifting but allows us to control our destiny

*Future success requires a paradigm shift
in our industry's thinking.*



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CONVERGENCE DEFINED

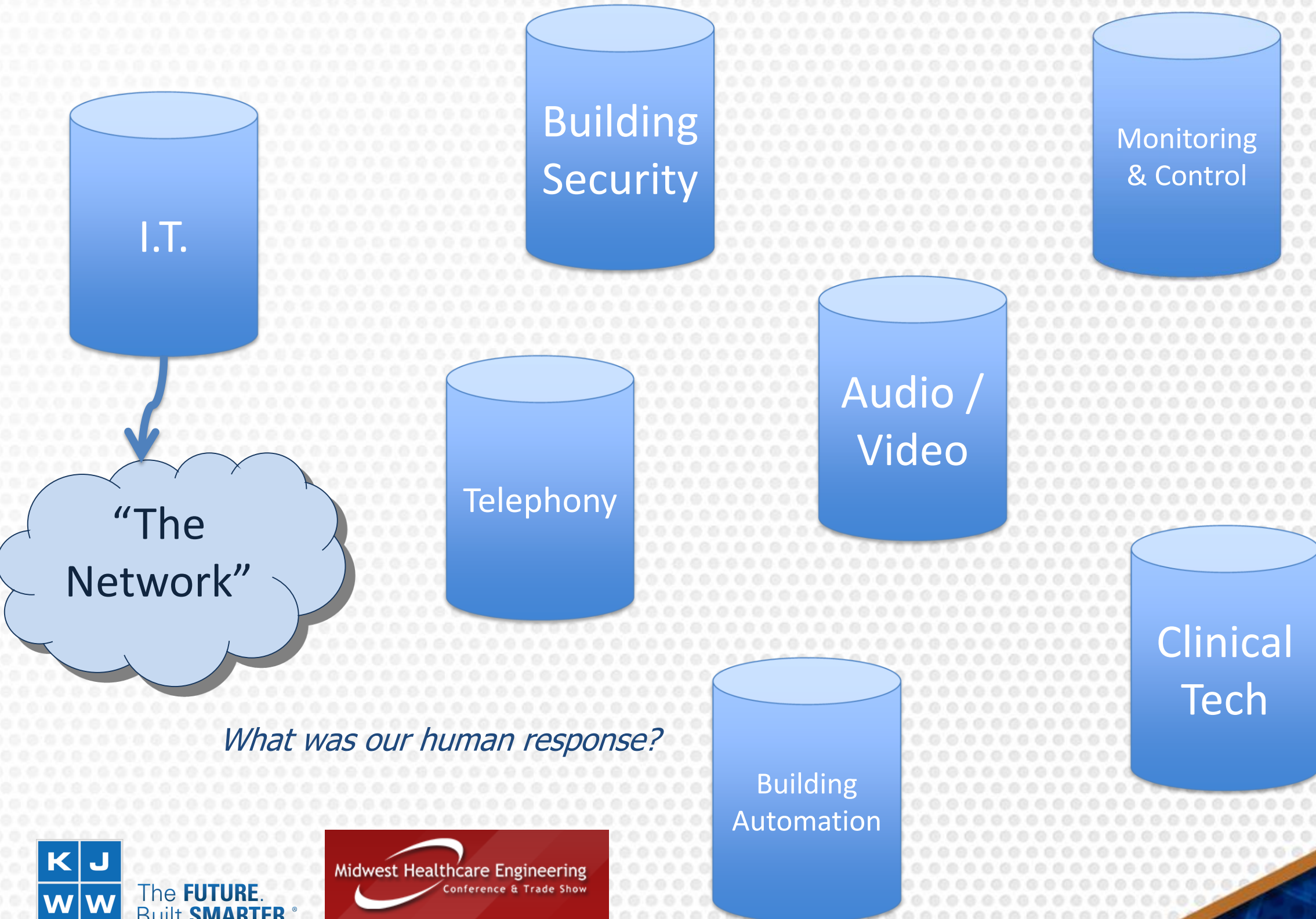
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CONVERGENCE EXPLAINED



- *Collection of discrete systems*
- *Isolated siloes*
- *Reflects our historical reality*

What was our human response?

CONVERGENCE EXPLAINED



The IT Silo

- Data Network
- Telephone



The Facilities Silo

- MEP Systems
- Sound/Paging



Clinical Silo

- Biomedical
- Nurse Call
- Digital OR
- Patient Experience

Isolated Silos

It works...until...

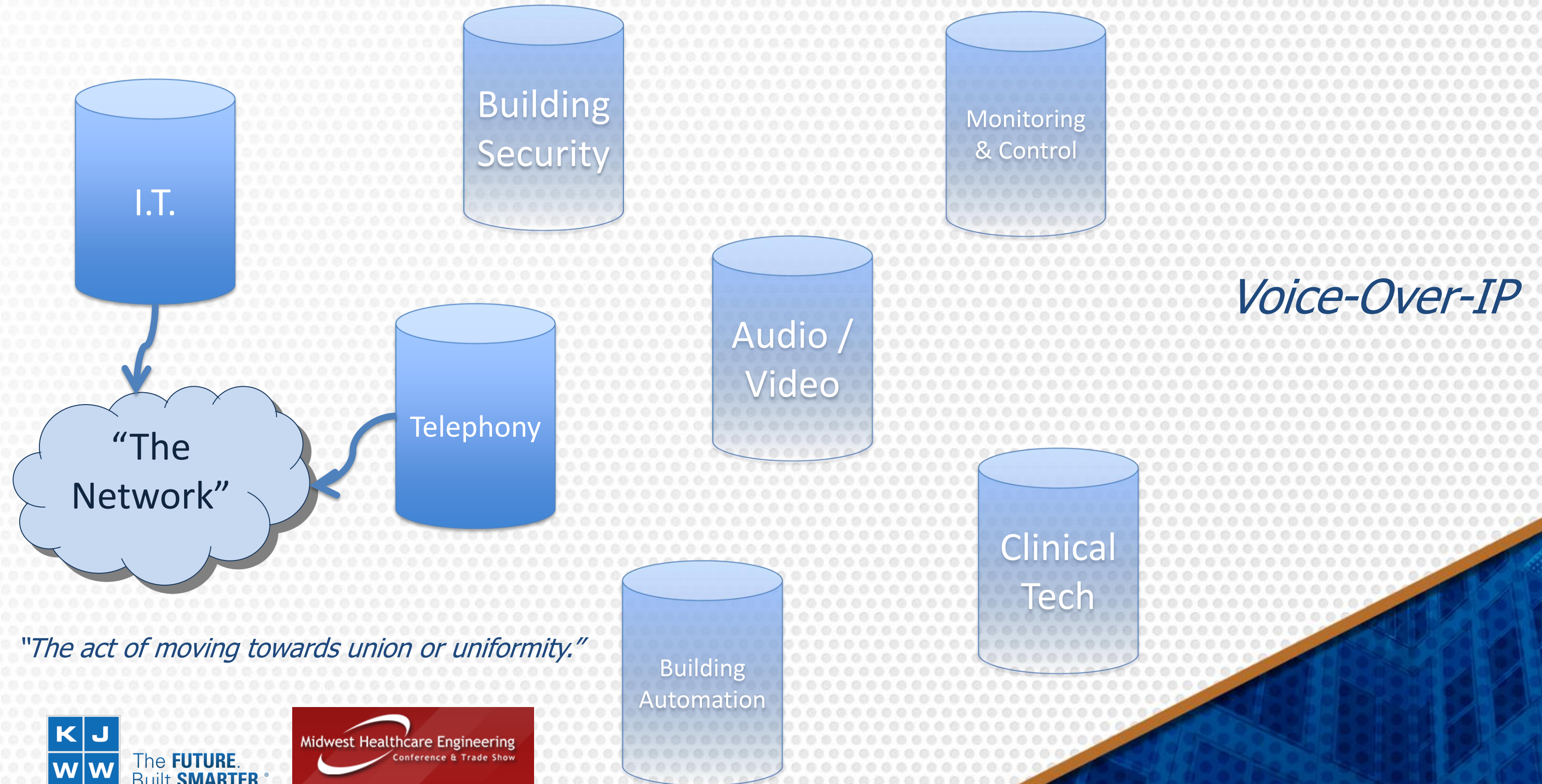


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- *Clients*
- *Consultants*
- *Contractors*

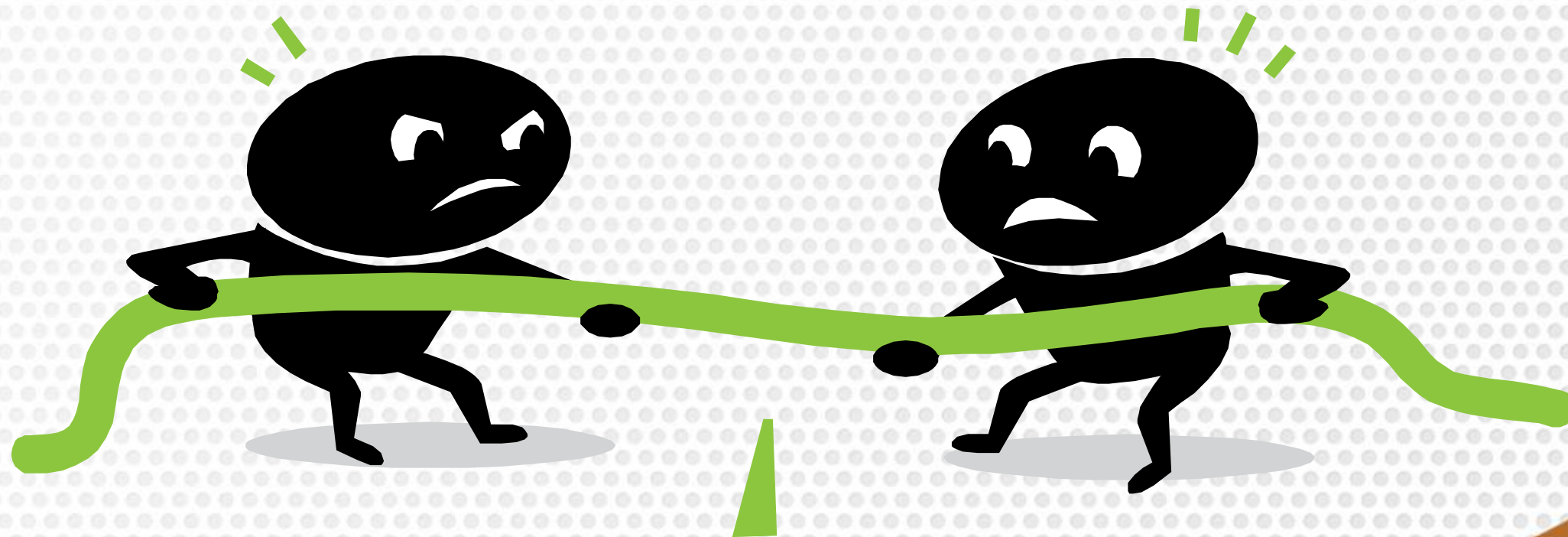
THE FOUNDATION OF REVOLUTIONARY CHANGE



CONVERGENCE IMPACT

- Leverages one investment for the benefit of others
- Unifies disparate technologies
 - Economies of scale
 - Greater capabilities from the whole than the parts (i.e. unified messaging)
- Sets the foundation for an epic struggle
 - Struggle that continues today
 - The source of our frustration

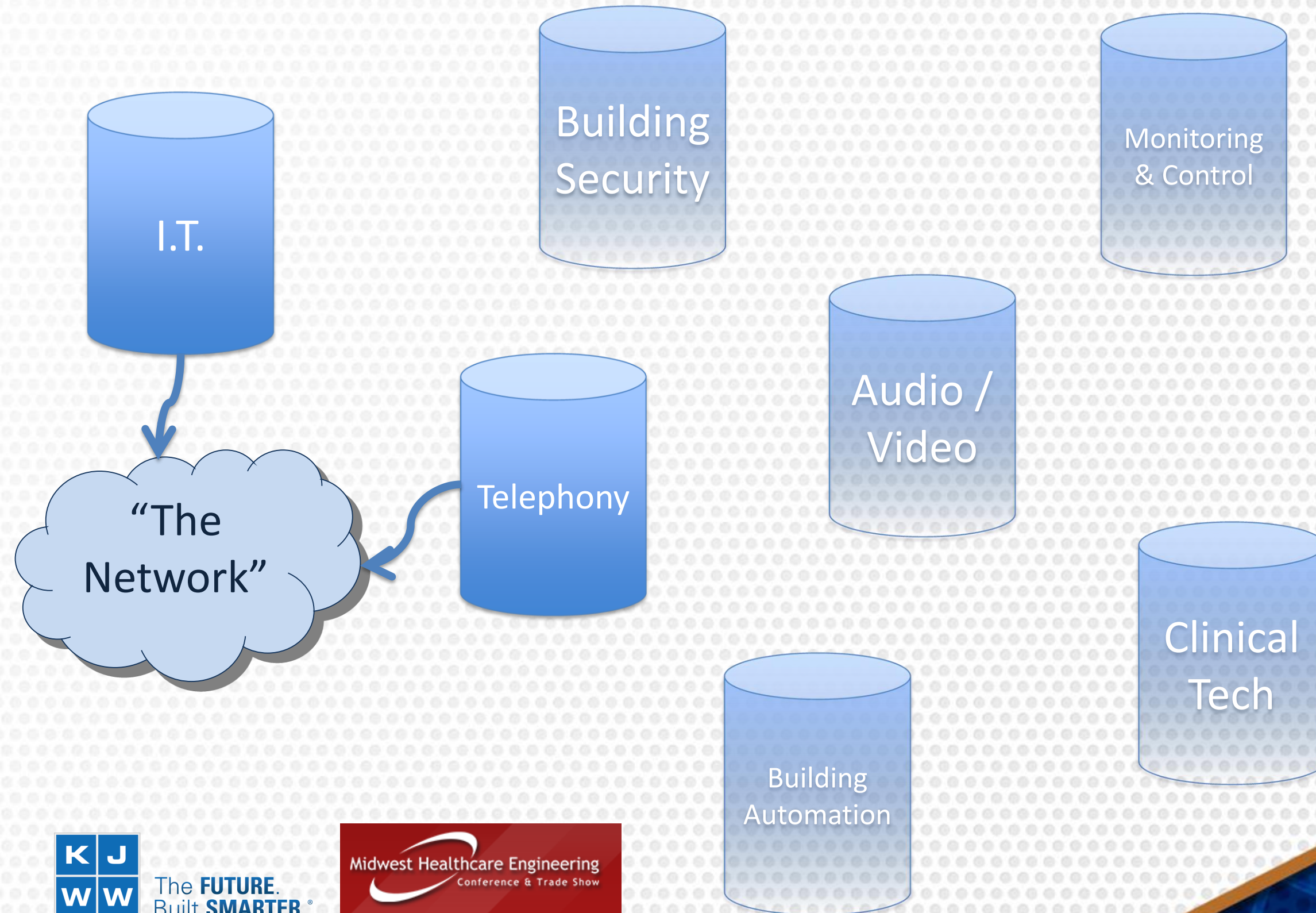
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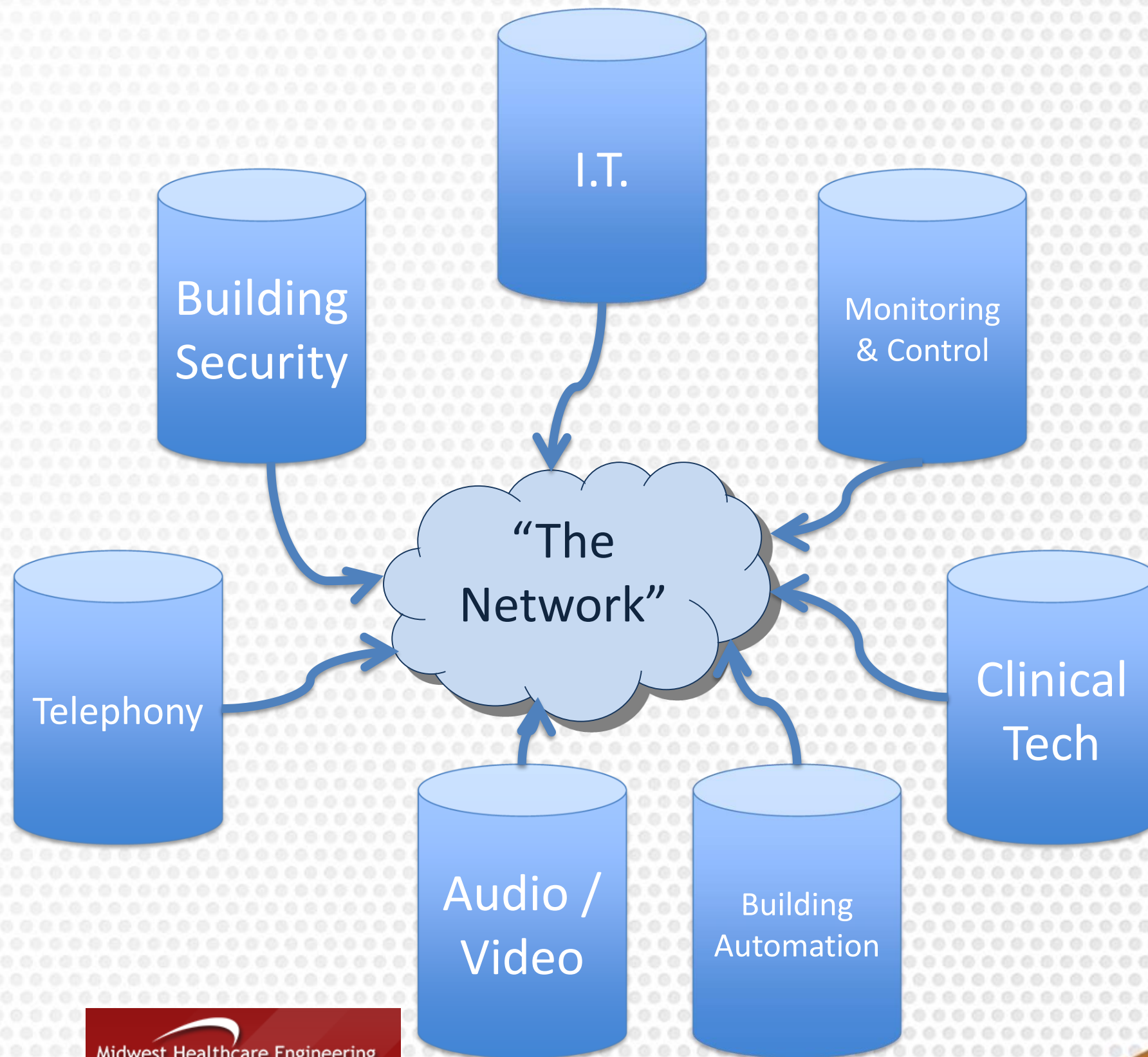
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THE EVOLUTIONARY CHANGE

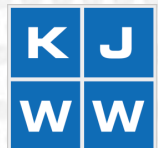


THE REVOLUTIONARY CHANGE



The Technology Utility

Why is this a challenge?

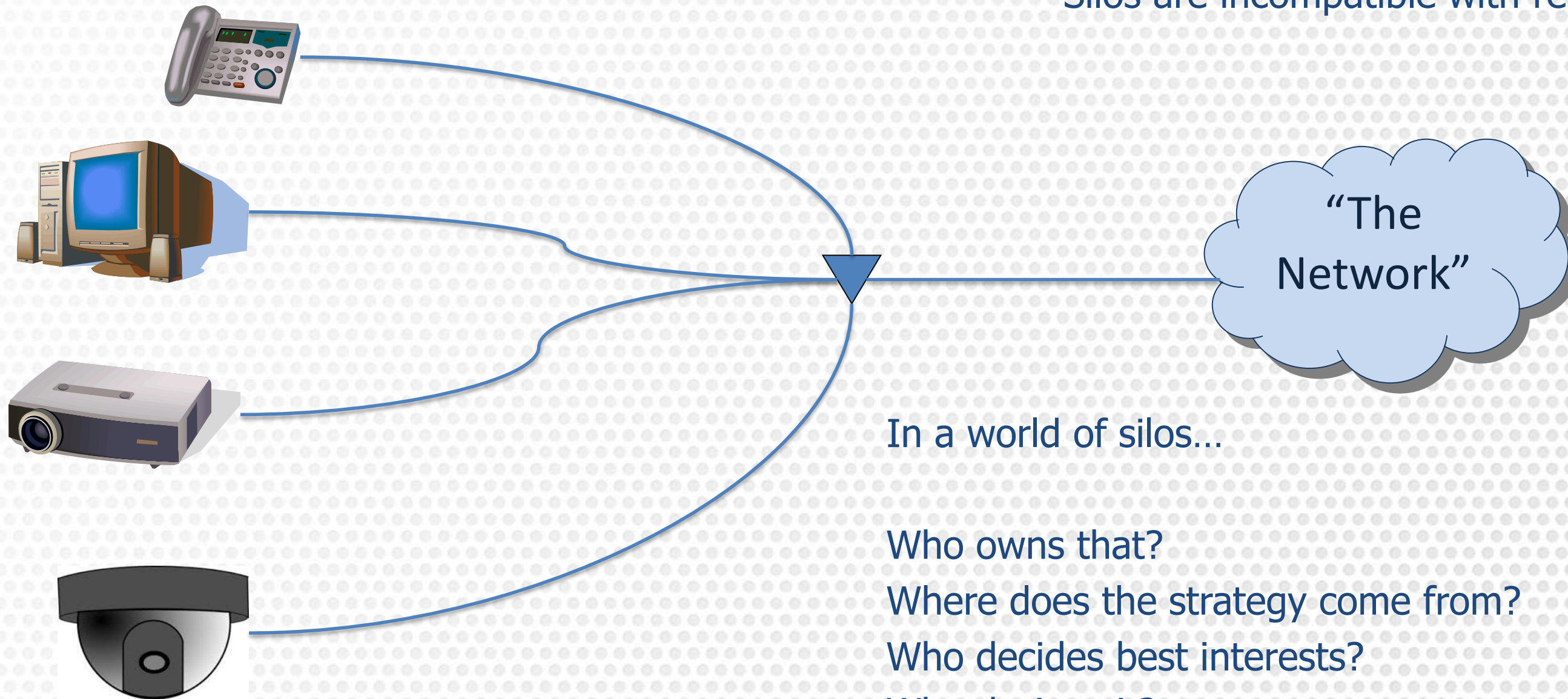


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DEFINING OWNERSHIP

Silos are incompatible with reality



In a world of silos...

Who owns that?

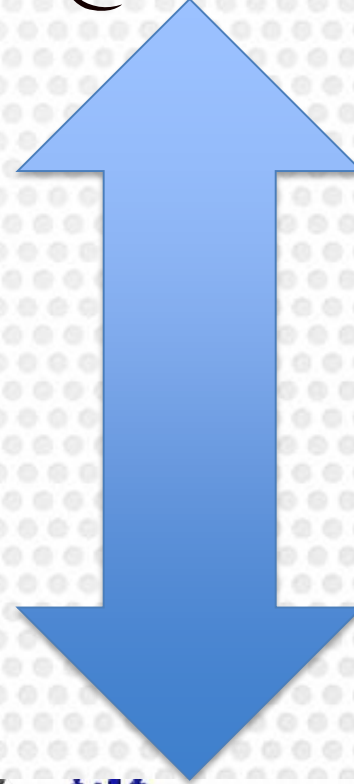
Where does the strategy come from?

Who decides best interests?

Who designs it?

Who constructs it?

OUR CHALLENGE



Are silos that big of a deal?

We must deal effectively with multiple decision-makers simultaneously, many of whom have conflicting goals.



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OUR CHALLENGE



The IT Silo

- Data Network
- Telephone



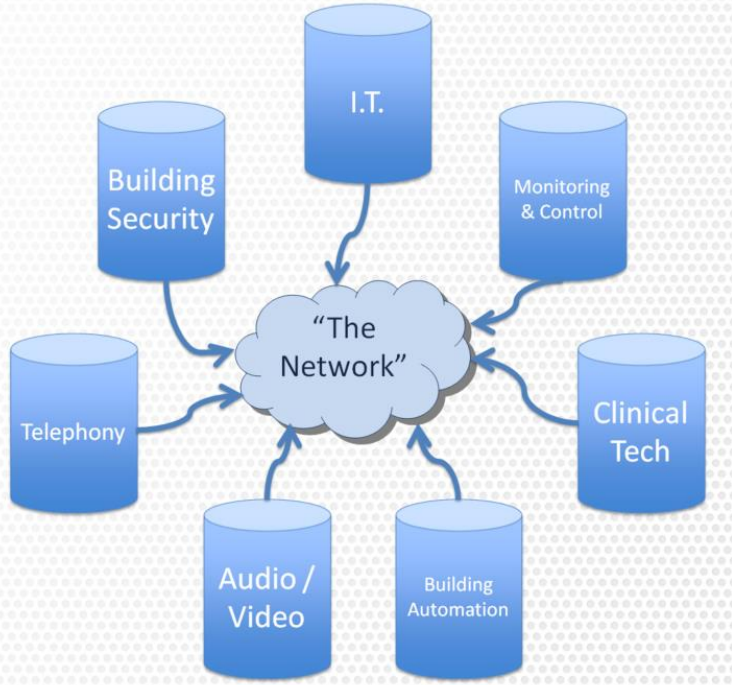
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WHAT DOES FAILURE LOOK LIKE?

- Decision making in silos
 - Duplication in a rising cost environment
 - The *right* solution can be stifled
 - Overlook disruption & innovation
 - No one drives the overall vision
 - Is not sustainable!
 - Inevitable pressures won't allow it
 - Not able to meet technology expectations
 - Can do it at home? Why not at work?
 - Client no longer being able to achieve their goals (V/E)
 - *Creative Tension* is never achieved



Even with failure we've still *designed & engineered* but
have we consulted as advisors?

If not the A/E then who?



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STEPS TO SUCCESS

This is *not* a technical problem.
This is a people problem.

Reimagine our design process



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THE PARADIGM SHIFT

- Make informed, intentional decisions about technology
 - Simplified team member selection aligned behind a coherent strategy
 - Unified contract requirements behind a single approach
 - Structure and method to the design process
 - Influence the construction and procurement strategies
- Understand similarities between design team & client frustrations
 - Both experiencing the same issues
 - Paradigm shift provides leadership – a way forward
- Convergence
 - Understand it
 - Learn from it
 - Apply it
- A/E industry takes a leadership position in being a catalyst for our clients

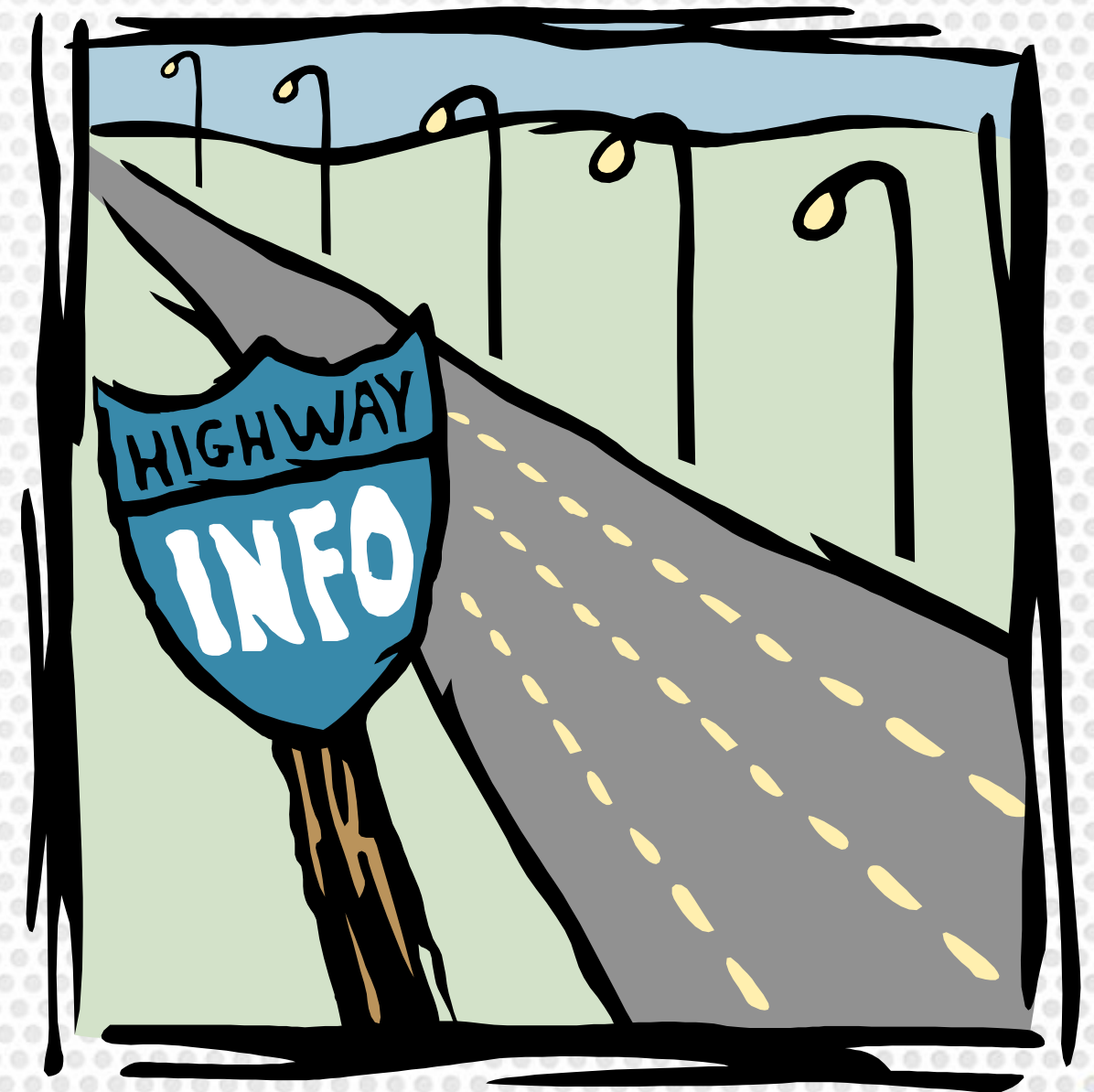


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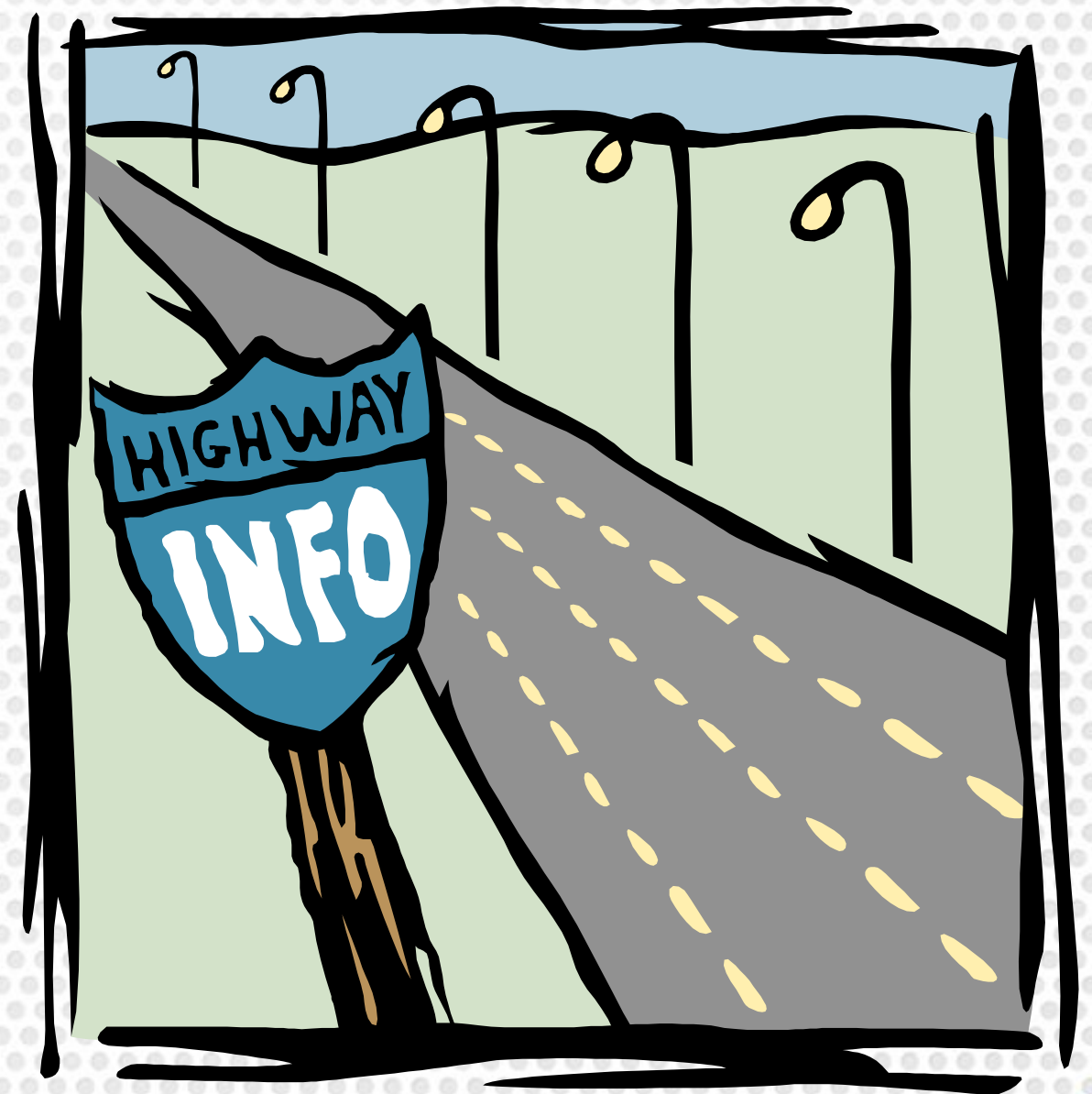
STEPS TO SUCCESS

- Technology Project Governance Structure
 - Engaged at project conception
 - A “core team” that mimics reality
 - Technically Knowledgeable Stakeholders
 - Strategic decision making
 - Not just their silos
 - Bridges executives & user groups
- Governance structure defines “the rules of the road.”
 - Makes purposeful decisions on converged technology



STEPS TO SUCCESS

- Rethink User Groups
 - Technology is no longer a user group
 - Needs, wants and ideas come from user groups
 - A global technology strategy usually does not
 - Strategy must transcend individual interest
- Governance Structure / User Group Relationship
 - Engage the user groups with defined rules of the road



IDENTIFYING SUCCESS

- Leadership is evident in the design process
 - Frustrations reduced = Goals achieved
 - Taking the path of least resistance was not the reason for reduced frustrations
 - Defined a process that achieved something that wouldn't have been possible
 - Clients begin to reorganize internally to manage converged system challenges.
- The technology solution was optimized
 - Capabilities achieved
 - Outcomes realized
 - Goals met
 - Budgets adhered to
 - The jar is full
- Buy-out and construction strategy matched the design strategy.
 - Design-phase thought leadership is echoed in the construction strategy.

*"Technology changes so fast...
but there is a method to the madness."*

--- says Every One, Always



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THE CRUCIAL QUESTION

In every decision that you make, ask yourself:

are we “moving towards union and uniformity”
or are we reinforcing silos?

The *right* answer will usually be self-evident



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