

Digital sovereignty - a practical take from Denmark

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open source **it**





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Chair of industry
associations
for open source
vendors in 2003 and
again in 2025

About Magenta and me

- Open source since 1999
- 45 people in Copenhagen, Aarhus and Nuuk
- Data security solutions for Denmark,
Greenland and Sweden
- ISO 27001 and ISO 27701

Open source solutions for public sector

- with a focus on security



OpenWorkplace
A free, secure and scalable workplace



Why digital sovereignty

Rising licensing costs

Tightened security requirements

Pressure from the US

Scandinavia is heavily penetrated
by American Big Tech



Oh right, and then there was also this...



What are Magenta's customers asking for?

- Hybrid setups
- Transitioning to a 'clean' open source platform
- Security
- Digital sovereignty



In fact...

It should be a no brainer for all public institutions to start buying open source and digital sovereign solutions

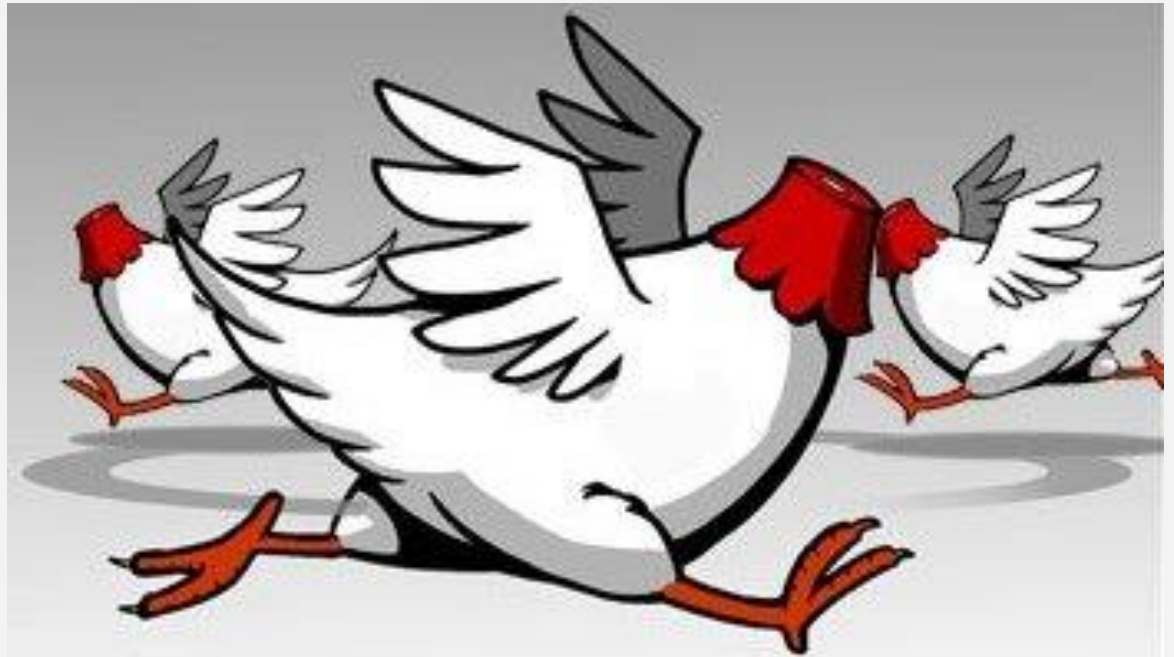
...with this guy as the driver



But instead of acting

...and directing
public demand
towards alternative
solutions

I see a lot of public
institutions
REacting like this



So how do you get to this point?

You could start to move away from the solutions from Microsoft and other Big Tech vendors

Towards Linux and mainly European software solutions

Let me end my presentation with a few examples from my world



Current engagements with digital sovereignty

Municipality of
Lyngby-Taarbæk



HOLSTEBRO
KOMMUNE



STATENS IT



Nextcloud

Development of Linux based
desktop PC for alle employees
(Based on MedborgarPC)

Current engagements with digital sovereignty



Municipality of Ishøj



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KOMMUNE



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Nextcloud

Implementation of open source productivity suite in a hybrid setup (Mail, calendar, files, chat/video)

Current engagements with digital sovereignty



Municipality of Holstebro



HOLSTEBRO
KOMMUNE



Custom upstream development for the Nextcloud iOS app

Current engagements with digital sovereignty



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Municipality of Fredericia



Deployment of Linux based desktop PC + implementation of open source productivity suite in a hybrid setup

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Development of open source email client for resilience purposes

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Gold partner

Sambruk frame agreement

Magenta delivers on the Sambruk frame agreement in relation to **MedborgarPC, OpenStream** and **new products** adopted by Sambruk

We also offer the services below via the frame agreement:

Development	Management	Governance
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Functional development● Systems architecture● System migration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Security analysis● Change- and release management● User account administration (IAM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Code review● Architecture governance