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# Preface to Indian Edition

## AUDIENCE

Today, the telecommunications industry continues to implement new technologies in an effort to provide high-bandwidth, high-speed data transmission capabilities to the consumer. In the end, a combination of sophisticated wireline, fiber-optic, and wireless technologies will most likely be deployed by this industry to satisfy consumer demand. The technology of choice for a particular situation will be dictated by both economic considerations and marketplace preferences. *Introduction to Wireless Telecommunications Systems and Networks* provides a comprehensive, broad-based coverage of the fundamental aspects of the most popular forms of wireless telecommunications systems and the emerging wireless technologies used to extend the reach of the wired public or private data network.

This text is written primarily for either the two- or four-year college-level student who is studying the technical aspects of wireless systems and networks. The text can also be used to help readers gain a deeper understanding about the fundamental operations of wireless technologies used by professionals and technicians involved in a technical-support segment of this field. Readers will also gain knowledge about other popular technologies in this and the next generation of wireless telecommunications systems and networks. Lastly, the text serves as a good reference for those who simply need to know more about the fundamentals of present-day wireless telecommunications systems.

## APPROACH

*Introduction to Wireless Telecommunications Systems and Networks* will provide the reader with a detailed look at two basic wireless industry segments: the wireless cellular industry and the industries that produce products that provide wireless extensions to wired IEEE 802.x data networks and wireless connectivity to the Internet. Coverage includes GSM and CDMA cellular systems, 3G cellular, and IEEE standards-based wireless LANs, PANs, and MANs. Additionally, a chapter is included that addresses the relatively poor transmission quality of the air interface and the techniques used to overcome this shortcoming, a chapter on broadband satellite and microwave systems, and another chapter that takes a look at emerging wireless air interface and network technologies that will be incorporated into the next generations of wireless systems.

This text is unique in that it provides coverage of both major cellular wireless technologies (GSM and CDMA), provides the reader with a clearly defined path for the migration from these technologies to 3G cellular, addresses the technical aspects of the air interface and the special technologies used to achieve high data rates and combat bit errors, and lastly, provides a comprehensive coverage of all three IEEE 802.xx wireless network technologies and includes information about mobile satellite technology.

Writing a text that covers all of these topics provides an opportunity to point out similarities between systems and to contrast systems where appropriate. The broad coverage of wireless topics will provide the reader with the comprehensive overview needed to see the big picture of where various wireless technologies and systems are applicable or not. It is also this author's opinion that in the long term these major wireless industry segments will eventually morph into one industry that offers ubiquitous high-speed wireless network access.

## ORGANIZATION

There are two major technology areas that are covered in this book. The first seven chapters deal with the rapidly expanding cellular wireless industry. Coverage includes an introduction and review of modern telecommunications infrastructure, a short history and review of wireless communications, the evolution of the cellular telephone system, an introduction to common cellular network components, the cellular concept, GSM and CDMA wireless cellular systems, and coverage of cellular wireless data networks. With cellular wireless systems now covered, Chapter 8 takes a step back and examines the wireless channel or so-called 'air interface'. The effect that a relatively poor-quality channel has on wireless system hardware and the steps needed to provide high-quality radio links are examined. New digital modulation techniques and other esoteric encoding methods used to mitigate detrimental wireless propagation effects are presented in this chapter and also set the stage for the newer wireless systems introduced in the next four chapters that make use of these new technologies. To wrap up the topic of cellular wireless, typical GSM and CDMA system hardware is presented as the last topic in this chapter.

The next three chapters deal with the rapidly evolving IEEE standardized wireless extensions to LANs, PANs, and MANs. IEEE 802.11, 802.15, and 802.16 are each covered in their own chapter with varying levels of detail. The last two topics are so new that only a limited number of products have been introduced into the marketplace. However, it is this author's contention that these technologies will each play an increasingly larger role in the future of wireless data access and transfer. For the sake of completeness, Chapter 12 provides an overview of yet another impending wireless technology: broadband satellite systems. Finally, the last chapter provides a brief glimpse into the emerging technologies that will shape the wireless systems and networks of the future.

## FEATURES

1. The text is written from a systems perspective with very few detailed system block diagrams.
2. The mathematics used in the text is limited to algebra, the use of dBs, and various exponentials making this text suitable for use at the two-year college level. The topic coverage has been chosen to provide the reader with the necessary fundamental concepts and theories needed to understand the operation of cellular wireless systems, broadband satellite technology, and the IEEE standards-based wireless LANs, PANs, and MANs extension technologies.
3. This text is almost totally devoid of any detailed circuit diagrams. Almost all the topics that are presented in this text are basic fundamental wireless system and network concepts and therefore they transcend the changing technology that may be used to implement them over the course of time. Today, one must deal with these systems from a block diagram point of view—the same approach

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taken by this work. It is the author's belief and observation that the field and support technician of today and the future will be primarily tasked with the evaluation of system operation and the possible reconfiguration of programmable hardware/ system functions more often than the repair of this hardware. This text was written with this in mind.

4. In summation, the style of presentation used in this text closely resembles how the author presents and demonstrates this material in a classroom setting—at a systems level. It is the author's belief that this text will be helpful to the student that desires to learn about the basic operation of the wireless networks and systems presented here.

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