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Wireless technologies like GSM, UMTS, LTE, VoLTE, 5G NR, Wireless LAN, and Bluetooth have revolutionized the way we communicate by making services like telephony and Internet access available anytime and from almost anywhere. Currently, a great variety of technical publications offer background information about these technologies but they all fall short in one way or another. Books covering these technologies usually describe only one of the systems in detail and are generally too complex as a first introduction. The Internet is also a good source, but the articles one finds are usually too short and superficial or only deal with a specific mechanism of one of the systems. For this reason, it was difficult for me to recommend a single publication to students in my telecommunication classes, which I have been teaching in addition to my work in the wireless telecommunication industry. This book aims to change this.

Each of the eight chapters in this book gives a detailed introduction to and overview of one of the wireless systems mentioned above, and how it has been deployed in practice. Special emphasis has also been put on explaining the thoughts and reasoning behind the development of each system. For readers who want to test their understanding of a system, each chapter concludes with a list of questions. For further investigation, all chapters contain references to the relevant standards and documents. These provide ideal additional sources to find out more about a specific system or topic. In addition, a companion website with further background information and the latest news is available at http://www.wirelessmoves.com.