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PREFACE

The best type of revolution is a bloodless one that improves the life of mankind. During the nineteenth and twentieth centuries we experienced several bloodless revolutions, commencing with the industrial revolution. During the twentieth century our productivity was considerably enhanced with the PC revolution, while we closed out the old millennium with a substantial growth in the use of cellular telephones, personal digital assistants, and other electronic gadgets.

As we start the new millennium we are witnessing the potential emergence of a new bloodless revolution. This revolution involves the transmission of data over wireless networks and is referred to by this author as data over wireless (DoW).

Data over Wireless is not one technology but a series of technologies that provides the potential to revolutionize the manner by which we live. Just imagine being able to walk into a supermarket and use your cell phone to obtain a list of sale specials. Imagine driving from New York to San Francisco and being able to pay different tolls in different states without having to stop your car and reach for your wallet. Imagine being able to surf the Web, obtaining alerts concerning changes in stock prices or news about specific companies as it hits the wire, regardless of your physical location. In addition, imagine being able to have your address book, to-do list and mail directory automatically synchronized and updated as you arrive back at the office or return home after a trip. While we can now perform some of the previously mentioned functions, we typically cannot cross vendor platforms and must live with a series of constraints governing our ability to perform such functions. As we progress into this new millennium a variety of evolving standards will provide us with the ability to achieve the previously described functions with numerous vendor products, lowering the cost of equipment and expanding our equipment selection possibilities.

In this book we will examine both current and emerging wireless messaging technologies that will allow us to use our cellular phones, personal digital assistants and notebook computers to send and receive email, access LANs, and surf the Web without the tethering associated with the wired world of the previous millennium. While we will focus on obtaining an understanding the various underlying technologies associated with different types of data over wireless transmission methods, we will also examine the potential applications that evolving technologies could support. Some applications may not represent a revolution; however, they may represent a technique that can considerably boost organi-

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