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Foreword

Few people in the profession are as qualified to create a new text on software defined radio (SDR) as Walter Tuttlebee. One of the first members of the global SDR Forum, Walter was also a pioneer in military research that laid the foundations of SDR at Roke Manor. His current role, heading the Mobile Virtual Center of Excellence, keeps him in the forefront of the research and transition to practice of this eclectic collection of technologies we call software radio.

This first volume brings together a world-class collection of authors whose perspectives will help each of us deal more effectively with the proliferation of SDR applications. First, Walter differentiates the ideal or 'pure' software radio (my personal favorite) from the many partial instantiations of that ideal, the 'pragmatic' software defined radios. His review of the technology drivers and scope of SDR sets the stage. Wayne Bonser, and Allan Margulies then round out the discussion of origins and drivers. Wayne has been one of the consistent voices in the US DoD arguing the benefits of military SDR since the early 1990s. Wayne's partnership with DARPA on the SPEAKeasy programs and their predecessors is legendary. Similarly, Allan has been one of the unsung heroes of SDR, working tirelessly in the SDR Forum as the chair (and at times the only member) of the operations committee, and now the Forum's first employee. Alan gives a first hand perspective of the Forum as it matures into a global meeting place and melting pot for the best of the best. This section more than sets the stage, it has superb insights into the interplay of business, regulatory, and technology interests with differing perspectives around the world.

Defining the real market opportunities will remain a work in progress for some time to come. The snapshot of views in Part II can give you a starting point for your own continuing analysis. Markets change rapidly, but authors from Motorola and Morphics give you the views of a representative well-established systems supplier and a successful start-up company on this important topic. Eduardo Ballesteros and Carlos Martínez then focus specifically on third generation commercial wireless opportunities.

The interplay of markets, regulatory, and technical perspectives on SDR continues in Part III as suppliers, researchers and regulators each discuss SDR from a regional perspective. Markus Dillinger and Didier Bourse survey the European scene from a hands-on perspective in ACTS and IST. Markus, Siemens in particular and Germany overall, continues to make substantial contributions to the emergence of SDR. German contributions range from Markus' own work to that of colleagues Jondral (U. Karlsruhe), Fettweiss (T.U. Dresden), and Werner Mohr, (Siemens), and founding chair of the Wireless World Research Forum (WWRF), just to name a few of the more famous contributors – contributions from

some of these appear in Walter's next volume, *Software Defined Radio: Enabling Technologies*. Shinichiro ('Nick') Haruyama, similarly, captures the rapidly emerging Japanese program. The Japanese approach integrates the contributions of academic researchers and industrial giants in a way seldom matched around the world.

Pubudu Chandrasiri leads the transition of discussion from regional emergence to global standards. MExE was foreshadowed by the SDR Forum's groundbreaking work on secure download protocols. The MExE classmark system in some sense adapts the SDR Forum's approach to the needs of the commercial sector for simplicity and what one might call focused security (contrast with military INFOSEC). Global commercial standards supporting SDR make the regulatory tasks more manageable. Paul Bender of Germany and Stephen O'Fee of the UK then address regulatory tasks in the European Community head on, whilst Mike Grable offers an insider's view of the situation in the US. As of this writing, the US FCC had issued proposed rules intended to facilitate the reprogramming of radio functions in the field. The FCC's definition includes as an SDR any device that can change its emissions' RF frequency, bandwidth, or modulation by software. This ruling appropriately encompasses many multi-band and multi-mode wireless products in its scope.

Finally, Part IV looks at the early military and commercial markets. When I taught my first software radio course in Paris in 1996, I was most impressed with Ericsson, Nokia, and Rohde & Schwarz for the depth of understanding of these European leaders of the issues of this technology well before it emerged into the 3G migration plans several years later. I hesitate to say that the Europeans had a much better grasp of and practice with the benefits of high-end software standards and tools like Z.100, UML, and virtual machines, but they did. Few have more to offer from this head start than Ruediger Leschhorn of Rohde & Schwarz and David Hislop of RadioScape. Joined by their colleagues, these authors talk not just about the early products, but about the key abstractions – 'architectures' – that enable rapid, efficient reduction to practice. Their insights are absolutely essential for the rapid, affordable proliferation of SDR technology to military, civil, automotive, and broader commercial markets. The SDR Forum's current roadmap calls out the emergence of that cross-market synergism as a competitive advantage for the future. Those companies who best leverage that synergism should more rapidly transfer good ideas from one market segment, research group, or technology to others, reaping the benefits in market share and bottom line.

So let me conclude this foreword with enthusiastic congratulations to Walter and his world-class team for creating this timely tour de force of SDR. This text well complements other texts currently on the market. My own text, *Software Radio Architecture*, attempts to bridge the cultural divide between radio engineers and computer scientists. The IEEE text with Zoran Zvonar, *Software Radio Technologies: Selected Readings* collects those technical papers published in the IEEE until early 2001. Enrico Del Re's text *Software Radio* includes a strong collection of mostly European technical papers from his year 2000 Elba workshop. In addition, Jeff Reed (Virginia Tech, USA) and others are developing teaching texts for the English language corpus. And Walter's book – both volumes – fills a unique and critical niche in the panorama of software radio's on-going reduction to practice. Written by the world's experts, Walter included, you can't go wrong. Enjoy!

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Abbreviations

2G Second Generation Mobile Communications, e.g. GSM, TDMA

3G 3rd Generation Mobile Communications
 3GPP 3rd Generation Partnership Project
 A&T Acquisition and Technology

A/D Analogue to Digital Converter/Conversion
A2C2S Army Aviation Command and Control System

ACTS Advanced Communications Technologies and Services, part of the European 4th

Framework Programme

ADARS Adaptive Antenna Receive System

ADC Analogue to Digital Converter/Conversion

ADI Air Defense Initiative

ADM Advanced Development Model
AFRL Air Force Research Laboratory
AGC Automatic Gain Control

ALC Automatic Level Control
ALE Automatic Link Establishment

AM Amplitude Modulation

AMPS American Mobile Phone System – a First Generation Analogue Mobile Phone

Standard

AMTD Affordability Manufacturability Technology Demonstration

AOC Air Operations Center

API Application Programming Interface

ARIB Association of Radio Industries and Businesses, Japanese Industry Association

ARPK Administrator Root Public Key ARPU Average Revenue Per User

ASIC Application Specific Integrated Circuit
ASNR Air Senior National Representatives

ASPEN Advanced Signal Processing and Networking

ATC Air Traffic Control

ATD Advanced Technology Demonstration

ATDMA EU supported collaborative TDMA research project under RACE

ATF Advanced Tactical Fighter

AWE Advanced Warfighter Experiment

BAA Broad Area Announcement

BCS Baseband Converter Subsystem

BCT Brigade Combat Team

BIT Built-In Test

BLOS Beyond Line of Sight

Bluetooth Short range wireless standard, intended for communication between cellphones and

headsets/PCs

BMDO Ballistic Missile Defense Organization

BRAN Broadband Radio Access Network, an ETSI standard

BTI Balanced Technology Initiative

C2 Command and Control

C3I Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence

CA Certification Authority
CAS Close Air Support

CAST EU supported collaborative SDR-related research project under IST

CC/PP Composite Capability/Preference Profile

CCM Certificate Configuration Message CCSK Cyclical Code Shift Keying

CDC Control Data Corp.

CDMA Code Division Multiple Access

CDMA-2000 3G evolution of the IS-95 digital cellular standard

CECOM Communications & Electronics Command

CF Core Framework

CLDC Connected Limited Device Configuration

CLI Common language Infrastructure

CNI Communications, Navigation, and Identification

CNR Combat Net Radio

CODIT EU supported collaborative CDMA technology research projects under RACE

COMSEC Communications Security

CORBA Common Object Request Broker Architecture

COTS Commercial Off the Shelf CP Cryptographic Processor

cPCI Compact PCI

CPU Central Processing Unit CPUAX VHSIC Phase-II Chip

CRL Communications Research Laboratory (Japan), also, Certificate Revocation List

CSI Critical System Interconnect CSP Common Signal Processor

CTIA Cellular Telephony Industry Association (USA)

CTR Clock/Time/Reference

CVM® Communication Virtual Machine
CVSD Continuously Variable Slope Delta

CWAS Commander's Situation Awareness Workstation
CYPRIS Cryptographic Reduced Instruction Set [processor]

D/A Digital to Analogue Converter/Conversion

DAB Digital Audio Broadcasting

DAC Digital to Analogue Converter/Conversion

DARO Defense Airborne Reconnaissance Office
DARPA Defense Research Projects Agency
DASD Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense
DCA Defense Communications Agency

DDR&E Director Defense Research and Engineering
DISA Defense Information Systems Agency

DoD Department of Defense

DRE xyz Texas Instruments DSP DAB chip

DRiVE EU supported collaborative SDR-related research Programme under IST

DRM Digital Rights Management

DSP Digital Signal Processing/Processor
DSSS Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum

DTL Diode-Transistor-Logic
DTMF Dual Tone Multi Frequency

DUSD Deputy Under Secretary of Defense

EAM Emergency Action Message

ECCM Electronic Counter Counter Measure

ECIT Enhanced Communications Interface Terminal

ECM Electronic Countermeasure

ECMA European Computer Manufacturers' Association

EDM Engineering Development Model
EEI External Environment Interface
ELF Extremely Low Frequency
ELINT Electronic Intelligence
EMP Electromagnetic Pulse

EPM Electronic Protection Measures

EPROM Erasable Programmable Read-Only Memory

ERM Entity Reference Model ESC Electronic Systems Center

ESPRIT Early European collaborative research in Information Technology

ESU Executive Service Unit

ETSI European Telecommunications Standards Institute

FAA Federal Aviation Administration FDDI Fiber Distributed Data Interface

FDL Fighter Data Link

FEC Forward Error Correction
FFT Fast Fourier Transform
FH Frequency Hopping

FIRST EU supported collaborative SDR-related research Project under RACE

FM3TR Future Multiband Multiwaveform Modular Tactical Radio

FPGA Field Programmable Gate Array

FRAMES EU supported collaborative research project under ACTS which played a major role in

defining the 3G air interface, UTRA

FSK Frequency Shift Keying GBP® Generic Baseband Processor

GloMo Global Mobile

GPPE General Purpose Processing Element

GPRS Generalized Packet Radio Service, evolution of GSM

GSM Global System for Mobile – TDMA-based Second Generation Mobile Phone Standard

GWEN Ground-Wave Emergency Network

HaveQuick Secure defense radio system

HF High Frequency

HIPERLAN ETSI wireless access/WLAN standard

HMI Human Machine Interface HNM Host Network Manager

HP Hewlett Packard

HPIB Hewlett Packard Interface Bus HRM Home Reconfiguration Manager HTTP Hypertext Transfer Protocol

I&CP International and Commercial Programs

I/O Input/Output

IBMS Integrated Broadband Mobile System, research Programme under the German national

Programme

ICNIA Integrated Communications Navigation Identification Avionics

IDL Interface Definition Language

IEEE Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

IEICE The Institute of Electronics, Information, and Communication Engineers, Japan

IF Intermediate Frequency
IFF Identification Friend or Foe
ILS Integrated Logistics Support
IM/S Independent Mark Space

i-Mode Interactive cellular Internet service in Japan IMSI International Mobile Subscriber Identity

IMT-2000 International Mobile Telecommunications standard, 3G standards framework of the

ITU

INFOSEC Information Security

IP Internet Protocol, also, Intellectual Property

IPT Integrated Product Team

IrDA Infrared data communication standard

IS-136 TDMA based 2nd Generation Digital Mobile Phone Standard IS-95 CDMA-based 2nd Generation Digital Mobile Phone Standard

ISC Intelligent System Controller

ISDN Integrated Services Digital Network

ISP Internet Service Provider

ISS Interference Suppression Subsystem

IST Information Society Technologies, part of the European 5th Framework Programme

ISTAG IST Advisory Group

ITU International Telecommunications Union

J2EE Java 2 Enterprise Edition
J2ME Java 2 Micro Edition
J2SE Java 2 Standard Edition
JAR Java Archive file format

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JARECO Jam Resistant Communications
JCIT Joint Combat Information Terminal

JCP Java Community Process JDL Joint Director of Laboratories

JROC Joint Requirements Oversight Council

JTAG Joint Test Action Group [IEEE standard 1149.1]
JTIDS Joint Tactical Information Distribution System

JTRS Joint Tactical Radio System JVM Java Virtual Machine

JWID Joint Warrior Interoperability Demonstration

KP Key Processor

KVM Kilobyte Virtual Machine
LAN Local Area Network
LCC Life Cycle Cost
LF Low Frequency

LLPE Low Latency Processing Element

LOS Line of Sight

LPI Low Probability of Intercept

LPI/D Low Probability of Intercept and Detection

LRIP Low Rate Initial Production
LRM Line Replaceable Module
LRU Line Replaceable Unit

LTTP Long Term Technology Program

MAG Market Aspects Group (of the UMTS Forum)
MATT Multi-mission Advanced Tactical Terminal

MBMMR Multiband Multimode Radio

MCM Multi-Chip-Module

MEDIAN EU supported collaborative research project under RACE
MEECN Minimum Essential Emergency Communications Network

MEMS MicroElectroMechanical-System
MEXE Mobile Execution Environment

MFBARS Multifunction, Multiband, Airborne Radio System

MIDP Mobile Information Device Profile

MIDS Multifunction Information Distribution System

MIPS Mega Instructions Per Second

MMAC Multimedia Mobile Access Communication Systems

MMI Man Machine Interface

MMITS Modular Multifunction Information Transfer System

MNS Mission Need Statement

MOBIVAS EU supported collaborative SDR-related research project under IST
MONET EU supported collaborative mobile network research project under RACE

MPHPT Ministry of Public Management, Home Affairs, Posts and Telecommunications, Japan

MPT Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications (Japan), now part of the MPHPT

MRPK Manufacturer Root Public Key
MSE MEXE Service Environment
MSK Minimal Shift Keying

ORB

NDI Non-Developmental Item

NRaD Naval Research and Development
NRL Naval Research Laboratory

NSA National Security Agency

OASD Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense

OCSP Online Certificate Status Protocol
OEM Original Equipment Manufacturer
OMG Object Management Group

ORD Operations Requirement Document

Object Request Broker

ORPK Operator Root Public Key

OSD Office of the Secretary of Defense

OSI Open Standards Interconnect, standards body and philosophy

OS-JTF Open System – Joint Task Force

OSP Online Service Provider

OTA Over The Air

P25 Standard used for North American Public Safety Communications

P3I Pre-Planned Product Improvement

PABX Private branch exchange – an on-site telecommunications switch
PASTORAL EU supported collaborative SDR-related research project under IST

PCI Personal Computer Interface

PCMCIA Personal Computer Memory Card International Association

PDC Personal Digital Cellular standard, Japan
PDUSD Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense

PKI Public Key Infrastructure

PKCS Public Key Cryptographic Standard

PLMN Public Land Mobile (telecommunications) Network

POS Point of Sale

POSIX Portable Operating System Interface

PPS Preprocessor Subsystem

PRM Proxy Reconfiguration Manager

PRN Packet Radio Network

PROMURA EU supported collaborative research project under RACE

PSTN Public Service Telecommunications Network

QoS Quality of Service

R&D Research and Development

RACE Research into Advanced Communications technologies in Europe, part of the

European 3rd Framework Programme

RADC Rome Air Development Center

RAP Radio Access Point

RDEC Research, Development and Engineering Center

RDF Resource Description Framework

REN Range Extension Node
RF Radio Frequency
RFP Request For Proposal
RNS Residue Number System

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ROM Read Only Memory, also, Rough Order of Magnitude

RPK Root Public Key

RRC Rome Research Corporation
RTL Resistor-Transistor-Logic
RTOS Real Time Operating System
S&T Science and Technology

SATURN Secure defense radio system, also an EU supported collaborative SDR-related research

Programme under IST

SCA Software Communications Architecture SCVP Simple Certificate Verification Protocol

SDI Strategic Defense Initiative

SDL Specification and Definition Language

SDR Software Defined Radio

SEM-E Standard Electronic Module format-E

SHF Super High Frequency

SIM SPEAKeasy INFOSEC Module SIM Subscriber Identity Module

SINUS EU supported collaborative research Programme under RACE

SIP Silicon Intellectual Property

SLATS EU supported collaborative research project under RACE SLFCS Survivable Low Frequency Communications System

SMS Short Message Service SoC System on a Chip

SODERA EU supported collaborative SDR-related research Programme under IST

SOO Statement Of Objectives

SOPRANO Software Programmable and Hardware Reconfigurable Architecture for Network

(software radio testbed of Sony Computer Science Laboratories, Inc.)

SoRDS Software Radio Development System (software radio testbed of AFRL)

SORT EU supported collaborative research project under RACE

SPO Special Program Office

SRC Syracuse Research Corporation SRM Serving Reconfiguration Manager

SSL Secure Sockets Layer
STAJ Secure Tactical Anti-Jam
STANAG Standard NATO Agreement

SUNBEAM EU supported collaborative research project under RACE

SWAP Size, Weight, and Power SwRM Software Reference Model TACP Tactical Air Control Party

TACS Total Access Communications System (UK analogue cellular standard based on

AMPS)

TADIX-B Tactical Data Information Exchange System Broadcast
TAJPSP Tactical Anti-Jam Programmable Signal Processor

TCDL Tactical Common Data Link
TCS Terminal Control System

TCTU Tactical Communications Terminal Unit

TDMA Time Division Multiple Access

TETRA Trans European Trunked Radio – Digital PMR Standard

TF Task Force

TIBS Tactical Information Broadcast Service

TOC Tactical Operations Center
TRANSEC Transmission Security

TRAP Tactical Receive Applications
TRE Tactical Receive Equipment

TRUST European research project IST-1999-12070 'Transparently Reconfigurable UbiquitouS

Terminal'

TTCN Tree and Tabular Combined Notation

TTP Trusted Third Party
UCD Use Case Diagram
UHF Ultra High Frequency
UML Unified Modeling Language

UMTS Universal Mobile Telecommunications Service
U-NII Unlicensed National Information Infrastructure

URL Uniform Resource Locator
USAF United States Air Force
USD Under Secretary of Defense

USIM Universal Subscriber Identity Module

USMC United States Marine Corp

USN United States Navy

UTRA UMTS Terrestrial Air Interface

UWC-136 3G evolution of the IS-136 digital cellular standard

VAS Value-Added Service

VCO Voltage Controlled Oscillator
VCOS VHSIC Chip on Silicon
VDL VHF Digital Link

VHDL VHSIC Hardware Description Language

VHF Very High Frequency

VHSIC Very High Speed Integrated Circuit

VIADAB® Versatile Information Architecture for DAB

VLF Very Low Frequency

VLSI Very Large Scale Integration
VME Versa Module EuroCard
W3C World Wide Web Consortium

WAN Wide Area Network

WAP Wireless Application Protocol

WARC World Administrative Radio Conference WCDMA Wideband Code Division Multiple Access

WDE Waveform Definition Environment
WDL Waveform Definition Language
WGS Waveform Generator Subsystem

WINDFLEX EU supported collaborative SDR-related research project under IST

WML Wireless Markup Language