

GSM Technologies (2G, 2.5G, EDGE, GPRS)

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Overview

This course will be delivered by a senior operations manager at BSNL, India's leading network operator.

The course introduces some of the most important aspects of mobile communication networks, radio transmission technologies and systems, from 2G, GPRS and EDGE to 3G.

This is a highly technical course aimed primarily at professionals in wireless technology management, but those coming from a PSTN background would also gain from attending. With a focus on network capabilities, the course will also be useful for those working on the development of applications and services. The course also includes a full module on OSS.

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Objectives

To train participants who have exposure to, and have worked in fixed access voice and data telecom networks, in mobile communication concepts and GSM technologies for provision of voice and data services by acquainting them with:

- Cellular concepts
- Physical architecture and functional description of the components and interfaces of the GSM Network
- Mobility
- Planning and engineering of the network
- OSS and customer service options
- Evolution path to GPRS, EDGE and 3G - the network architecture and functional modifications over 2G network

Expected outcome

At the end of the course participants will be able to:

- Identify the different components and interfaces of the GSM network architecture
- List the functions of the components of the network
- Explain the structure of the information flow and list the functions of the links in the network
- Explain mobility management in different scenarios
- Determine key steps in the planning and engineering of the network
- List the top level requirements of an OSS
- Explain the functioning of GSM network for data in GPRS, EDGE and 3G implementations
- Determine the requirements for the migration of a 2G network towards GPRS, EDGE and 3G

Target audience

The target audience is mainly focused on telecoms professionals such as engineers working in a GSM platform on a daily basis. The course will also target staff from the transmission, switching and data departments.

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Course outline

Introduction

- Evolution of mobile communications and implementations in North America and Europe
- Advantages of mobile communications
- Problems with the earlier generations of mobile communications
- Determination of 2G requirements and 2G implementations
- The GSM standard

Cellular concepts

- Frequency reuse and patterns of reuse
- C/I requirements
- Types of cells, multi-sector cells
- Handovers

Network architecture

- Network physical architecture (components and links)
- Functional description of the components
 - MSC, BSC, BTS, EIR, HLR, VLR
 - Link architecture - physical and logical channels
 - Functional description of channels

Mobile RF network

- Mobile RF principles
- Clutter, fading signal strength requirements
- BTS components
- Antenna requirements

Call and mobility management

- Call handling - outgoing and incoming to and from fixed access and mobile
- Scenarios for mobility
- Roaming



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Planning and engineering of network

- GSM network optimization
- Interworking between GSM networks
- Introduction to 3G and its planning
- Traffic concepts - signalling, control, voice
- Allocation of physical and logical channels
- Frequency planning
- Determination of antenna requirements
- Use of planning tools
- BTS measurements and drive test

Mobile services

- Voice - prepaid, post-paid
- SMS
- VAS
- Data

OSS

- Service provisioning
- Mediation and billing
- Traffic parameters
- Coverage and congestion
- Call drops
- QoS parameters

Course leader

Sushil K. Mishra

Mr Sushil K Mishra is a telecom professional with nearly 23 years of experience in telecom project management, transmission system planning and development, data networks, operation and maintenance of telecom network. During these years, he has demonstrated professional excellence in:

- GSM project rollout
- O&M of GSM network (RF and Core)
- 2G and 3G network planning and roll-out
- RF optimization of GSM network
- BSNL MPLS (Multi-Protocol Label Switching) network operation and management
- Installation of transmission systems of OFC and microwave

He has been instrumental in roll-out of 2G and 3G GSM network in parts of eastern India. Apart from project roll-out in GSM and other radio systems, he has expertise in GSM Network operation and RF optimization. His analysis of network issues and the steps taken to improve the network has been recognized by the leadership of BSNL and was circulated to all circles of BSNL for adoption. He has also worked as a trainer at the Advanced Level Telecom Training Center, the apex training centre of India.

He has imparted training on computer networking, GSM and CDMA technologies as trainer in telecom technologies at ALTTTC, in addition to delivering lectures at various other forums. He has a comprehensive understanding of networking concepts pertaining to security, IT, WAN protocols, networking devices administration and maintenance in multiplatform environments. He has a vast experience in managing the operation/maintenance of various telecom equipment, in reducing downtime and enhancing operational effectiveness of networks. He holds a Master of Business Administration and has been involved in marketing of telecom services to retail customers as well as enterprises. Sushil is an effective communicator with relationship management skills and the ability to relate to people at any level.

At present he is working as General Manager in BSNL, one of India's largest telecom service providers.

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About the CTO

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