What is Wireless and Mobile Communication?

Wireless Communication

- Transmitting voice and data using electromagnetic waves in open space
- Electromagnetic waves
 - Travel at speed of light (c = 3x10⁸ m/s)
 - Has a frequency (f) and wavelength (λ)
 - $c = f x \lambda$
 - Higher frequency means higher energy photons
 - The higher the energy photon the more penetrating is the radiation

Electromagnetic Spectrum



Wavelength of Some Technologies

• GSM Phones:

- frequency ~= 900 Mhz
- wavelength ~= 33cm
- PCS Phones
 - frequency ~= 1.8 Ghz
 - wavelength ~= 17.5 cm
- Bluetooth:
 - frequency ~= 2.4Gz
 - wavelength ~= 12.5cm

Frequency Carries/Channels

- The information from sender to receiver is carrier over a well defined frequency band.
 - This is called a channel
- Each channel has a fixed frequency bandwidth (in KHz) and Capacity (bit-rate)
- Different frequency bands (channels) can be used to transmit information in parallel and independently.