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Definition

GSM

GSM (Global System for Mobile communications) is a standard developed by the European Telecommunications Standards Institute to describe the protocols for second-generation (2G) digital cellular networks used by mobile devices such as mobile phones and tablets.

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GPRS

General Packet Radio Service (GPRS) is a packet oriented mobile data standard on the 2G and 3G cellular communication network's global system for mobile communications. Definition 4

GPRS

- SMS messaging and broadcasting
- "Always on" internet access
- Multimedia messaging service (MMS)
- Push-to-talk over cellular (PoC)
- Internet applications for smart devices through wireless application protocol (WAP)
- Point-to-point (P2P) service: inter-networking with the Internet (IP)



ALL THE Gs

G1

- Designed exclusively for voiceonly communication.
- Almost extinct now.

G3

- Voice + data, but with higher speed radio access links
- "Mobile broadband"
- Video calling

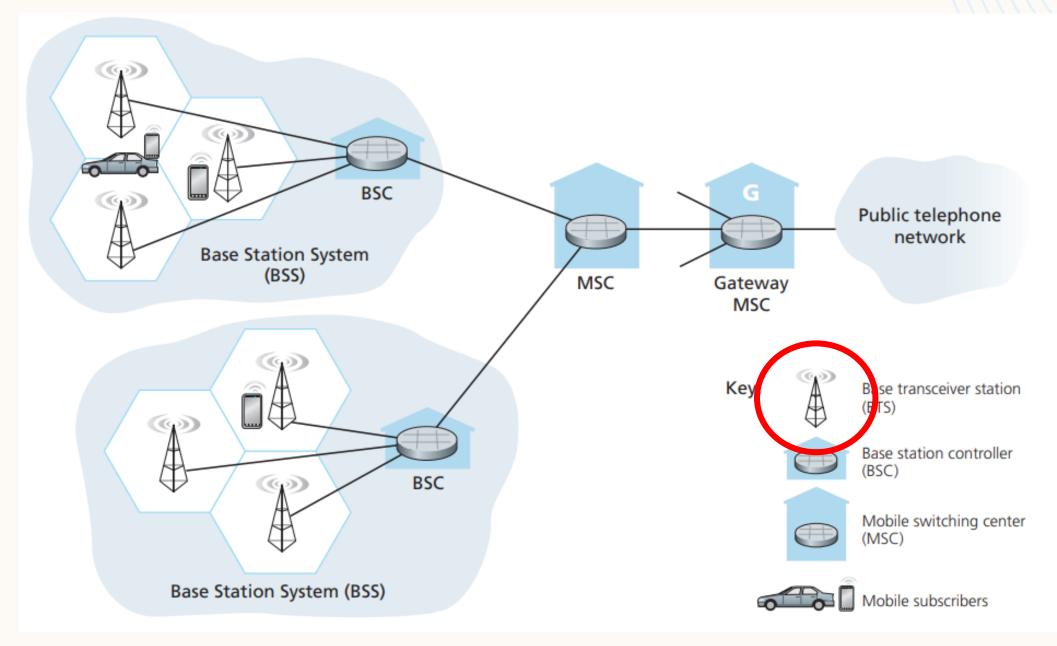
G2

- Original 2G systems were also designed for voice, but later extended (2.5G) to support data.
- SMS and MMS

G4

- Increased speeds
- Higher quality video calls, gaming, streaming etc.

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