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If 2002 was all about broadband, in 2003 wireless networks – primarily Wi-Fi – stole the show. We all know that a combination of Windows XP, broadband and a Wi-Fi network is a beautiful thing when it comes to handling traditional networking applications. The question is, can it manage the leap from bog-standard network activity to entertainment nervous system?

Go Digital put it to the test by pushing Wi-Fi to its limits (see page 14). It might be very good at sharing broadband internet access, transferring files and sharing the family printer, but how does it stack up when you pump music, graphics and video through its veins?

We've also put the PAN (personal area networking) standard, Bluetooth, through its paces. Rumours of its death have been greatly exaggerated, especially since a consortium representing the world's leading Bluetooth vendors sat down a year ago to resolve ease of setup issues. They set themselves the five-minute Bluetooth challenge – anyone buying a Bluetooth-enabled product should be up and running within five minutes of taking their new toy out of its box. Not one to miss a trick, we subjected the latest Bluetooth products to our own *Go Digital* challenge, using our group of mixed-ability guinea pigs (see page 34).

With over half our workforce now defined as mobile workers, the UK is leading Europe in terms of mobile communications. This year *Go Digital* predicts it will prove to be the hottest ticket in town. In the drive to eradicate 'dead time', employers are looking at ways of improving the efficiency of their increasingly mobile workforces. Combining mixtures of GPRS and broadband hotspot access, anyone working on the move will be affected by mobile communications – whether they're in a plane, on a train or in an automobile (see page 36).

In the home, meantime, the digital revolution (or should that be revolutions) is proceeding at an even faster pace, with interested parties as diverse as Rupert Murdoch, Bill Gates and Michael Dell all staking their claim for the digital throne. From Sky+ to Media Center, *Go Digital* puts different versions of the digital home to the test on page 62.   Guy Dixon