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The Disappearing GIS

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Abstract

In 1988, Mark Weiser, a chief technologist at Xerox's Palo Alto Research Center, introduced the term ubiquitous computing, and heralded "the age of calm technology, when technology recedes into the background of our lives." This vision is now fast becoming a reality. Computing will soon be embedded everywhere in the fabric of our lives: in our bodies, phones, homes, and the environments in which we live. This talk will explore some of the issues that this technological revolution raises for geographic information science.