Smart Homes

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What is a Smart Home?

Smart home: a dwelling incorporating a communications network that connects the key electrical appliances and services, and allows them to be remotely controlled, monitored or accessed.

Elements of a smart home:

- Communication network: wire, wireless, or mixed
- Intelligent control: system management
- Home automation: relevant components and systems



Major Areas of Application

Home appliances

- Oven
- Fridge

Environment

- Lighting
- HVAC
- Water

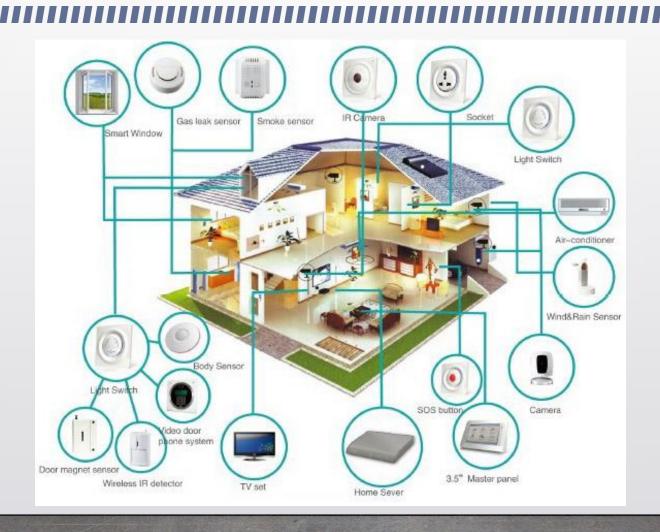
Health care

care for the elderly and disabled

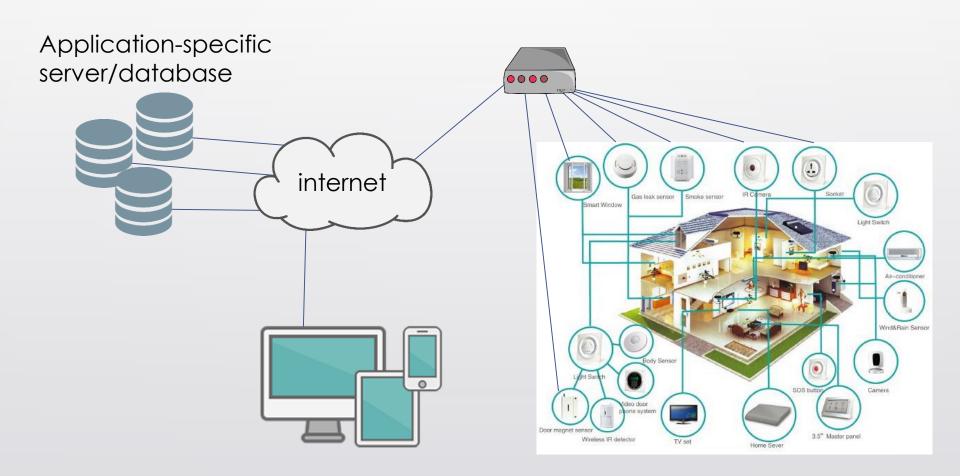
Security

- person recognition
- alarms

Smart Home System



Architecture for smart home system



Smart home products that are currently available

Smart lightbulbs

Change color or brightness based on

- Remote
- Cue 8pm every night; on sunrise/sunset
- Upon receipt of text

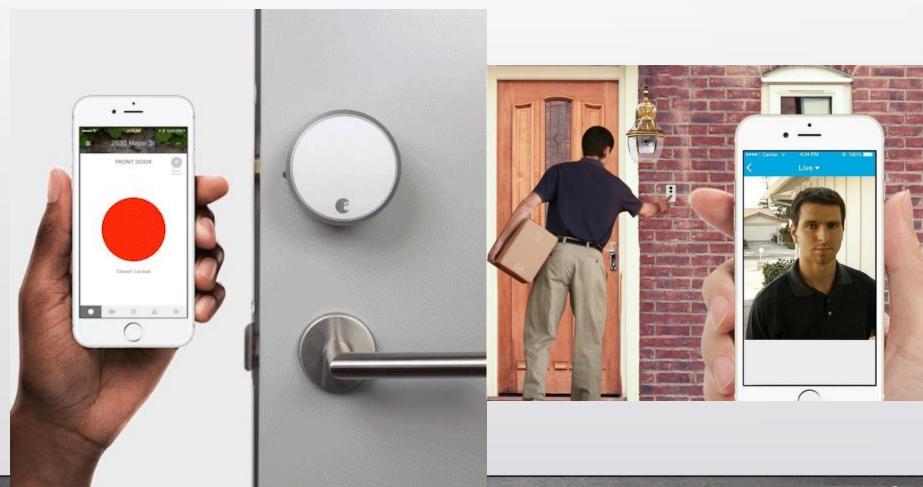


Smart mirrors





Smart locks and doorbells



Smart Lawnmowers





Hub: cooperating devices

Interacts with multiple devices and can be programmed with a set of rules.

- When someone leaves, automatically
 - turn off lights, heater/AC
 - lock door
 - set off alarm if motion sensor is activated
- When smart watch indicates you woke up, automatically
 - Turn on lights
 - Start brewing coffee
- Automatically be notified if there's a water leak in the basement

Future directions

- Personal assistant robot
- Integration with self-taught AI for predicting automation
- Must have increased security of software and devices



Smart Home Benefits

- Control at your fingertips
- Customization
- Reducing cost of home-security
- Comfortable living
- Accessibility
- Reduced energy wastage

Smart Home Challenges

- Reliability
- Cost
- Device variety
- Privacy and security issues
- Safety
- Learning curve