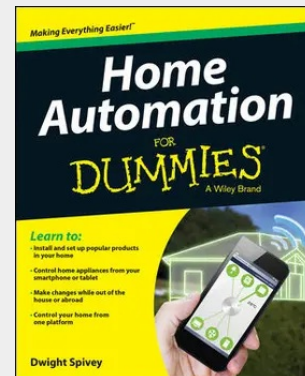


Home Automation for Dummies

The easy way to control your home appliances Do you want to control common household appliances and amenities from your smartphone or tablet, wherever you happen to be? Home Automation For Dummies guides you through installing and setting up app-controlled devices in your home, such as heating and air conditioning, lighting, multimedia systems, game consoles, and security and monitoring devices--and even suggests popular products to consider. The saturation of the mobile market with smart devices has led to an upsurge in domestic devices, such as thermostats, refrigerators, smoke detectors, security systems, among others, that can be controlled by those devices. Both Google and Apple offer fully-integrated solutions for connecting mobile devices to home theater and audio systems, and now Google has branched out into smart thermostats and smoke detectors. If you've caught the bug and want to get your feet wet in this cool new phenomenon, Home Automation For Dummies gives you plain-English, step-by-step instructions for tech-ifying your home without breaking a sweat. * Provides clear instructions on remotely controlling your home appliances * Shows you how to set preferences to automatically adjust lighting or temperature * Explores digital "life hacks" that explain how non-app-ready appliances can be controlled via smart phones using third-party go-betweens * Covers an emerging segment of the industry that was one of the primary focuses of this year's Consumer Electronic Show If you're looking to find new ways to simplify and better control your home environment using app-driven devices, your phone, or tablet, Home Automation For Dummies makes it easier.

Learn to: * Install and set up popular products in your home * Control home appliances from your smartphone or tablet * Make changes while out of the house or abroad * Control your home from one platform Want a smarter home? See how you can control it with your phone or tablet! The home of the future can be your home, with your smartphone or tablet and the easy-to-follow advice in this book! It shows you how to control all sorts of things in your home using your mobile device, from thermostats and home security systems to lights and cleaning devices. And with these plain-English instructions, you can do it yourself! * Your home automation toolbox -- decide what you want to automate and learn what you need to make it work * Choose the right stuff -- find out who has the best thermostats, robotic cleaning devices, home security, and outdoor care * Welcome home -- discover how to have the lights, temperature, and even a cup of coffee ready when you walk in the door * Let tech entertain you -- set up an automated home entertainment system * Handle what you forgot -- set your security system or adjust things in your home while you're on vacation * Automate the outdoors -- learn how to automate lawn mowing, watering, and checking the weather * Maximize your mobile devices -- discover the best home automation apps and how to keep them up-to-date * Just right -- compare home automation platforms to get what you need Open the book and find: * Help planning your budget * Recommended equipment providers * How to set preferences for automatic control * Benefits of automating lights and heating * Ways to automate household chores * Tips for kitchen automation * Advice on updating apps * Ten great websites to check out



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