



HOME AUTOMATION WHITE PAPER

4 Things You Gain When You Add Home Automation

Selecting a security system for your home is the first step to creating a fully automated, 21st century home. By having a continuous and secure communication line to your home and a quality security system, your home becomes safe and shielded, where both your material items and your loved ones are protected.

But complete security is only one advantage when you choose a quality security system. You also have taken the first step towards home automation, which offers much more than just security.

There are four intangible things you gain when you choose home automation. Let's investigate them:

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1 SECURITY for your home

A home security system obviously secures your home. Your security system monitors your home, alerts you and authorities to break-ins or fire and connects you to 24/7 monitoring.

But a fully automated home will also proactively address emergencies such as water leaks, carbon monoxide levels, and unsecured doors. This allows you to prevent emergencies rather than wait for them to happen.

With window sensors, automated locks, and keyless door automation, you can secure and access your home with a push of a button. You can offer access to a neighbor in an emergency or double check your doors before boarding a plane for an extended trip. You can even arrange access to your home for contractors or pet-sitters, without giving them a code or house key.

With the proper sensors and a smart hub, your home can protect itself proactively from water damage or fire. Before alerting you to a problem, your smart hub can even turn off water pressure or call authorities directly, without waiting for your response.

With 24/7 continuous monitoring and a reliable security system, your home and loved ones will be secured and potential problems will be head off before they can cause damage.

What You Gain: *Peace of Mind*

Home automation gives you total security for your home and loved ones, solving issues before they start and alerting authorities in case of a fire or attempted break-in.

Result:

More Money in Your Wallet

Through lowered insurance premiums, automated energy saving measures, and an increased resale value, your new home security and automation system delivers dollars.

2 MONEY SAVINGS for your Wallet

Most people count the cost of installation and monthly fees when considering a home security system. But you might be surprised how much money you will save with a home security system and home automation tools.

First of all, there is a reduced chance of break-ins or fire damage with a security system which is continuously connected to authorities and emergency services. But with home automation, you are likely to head off many catastrophes with sensors which can alert you to unlocked doors, open windows or garage doors, or the presence of smoke or water.

Additionally, many insurance companies offer a discount when a home is protected by a security system and automated devices.

Secondly, the bulk of your saving can easily come from energy savings. Energy management is a cornerstone to home automation since it is easily controlled and measured.

Utilize energy management through:

- adjusting climate control
- turning off lights or unused appliances
- throttling or minimizing water usage
- moderating energy usage during peak times.

You can even automate the switching off of “energy hogs,” which are devices that over-use wattage, even when not in use.

Lastly and thirdly, many people don’t know a security system and home automation actually increases the resale value of your home. As a pre-wired and static system which stays with the home, new home buyers are impressed by the connectivity of the home and the prestige it brings.



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3 CONTROL for you and PROGRAMS for your Home

Smart devices and applications virtually eliminate routine actions such as switching on or off lights, opening or closing blinds, adjusting the temperature of the room, setting alarms, checking doors before heading to bed, or even refilling the cat food.

Today's home automation products save time by eliminating repetitive actions, which are easily programmed via your smart home hub or smart phone, and carried out by a smart device. Often a daily activity can be replaced by a single smart plug and home automation, saving you hours every year.

Since your smart home is always connected, you don't even have to be home to carry out everyday chores. The connectivity wired to your home allows you to support multi-devices and scale up over the years, as new technology emerges.

But you aren't locked into strict, preprogrammed tasks and timelines. You are still able to adjust as needed, accommodating for guests, vacations, unusual weather, power outages, or even an extra-hungry cat.

Result: *More Time*

Through automation, you eliminate unnecessary time spent on rote chores and activities, gaining countless hours. Yet you remain in control, able to change and adjust the programming as needed.



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Result:

Space Age Automation

One day, turning down the thermostat and flipping on the overhead fan will be as antiquated as getting up to change the television channel. Your smart home will continue to evolve and reach for new heights.

④ EVOLUTION in the Future

Consumer Technology Association (CES) has their finger on the pulse of new technology, including advancements in home automation. In 2016, debut tools and trends arrived in smart home technology, including seamless integration and exciting new “toys.”

As with all new technology arenas, new devices are created on an experimental level, eventually evolving into mainstream equipment with universal technological support.

Today’s new mechanisms work within context of your existing appliances and home products, such as smart televisions, smart phones, computers, and devices. As more consumer products are created within the Internet of Things (IoT) designation, the more opportunities will be available for automation.

Integrating more devices and tools is one way home automation is evolving, but smarter technology is the key to a truly intelligent home. As your devices collect data, they are able to see patterns and react accordingly. By learning your habits and preferences, your home will be able to adjust your room temperature and lighting to your exact liking. You won’t need to push a button or set preferences via your smart home hub—your home will just know, due to extensive data collection.

New applications, extensive adoption of IoT appliances, and deep integration will raise IQ of your home over the next several years. It is an exciting time in home automation.

Learn More About Home Automation

If you want to learn more about home automation and home security, you’ll want to talk to Smithville Fiber. Their reliable Honeywell Total Automation package is the first step toward a secure and automated home.

With 24/7, cellular (GSM) monitoring and scalable smart hub, your Smithville Security package can give you peace of mind, cost savings, more time, and space age automation. Contact us today for a FREE home or business assessment by a security expert along with a no-obligation quote.