<ng>2014 marked the</ng> **introduction** <ng>of Apple HomeKit, a set of smart home-specific protocols programmed directly into Apple's iOS software for iPhones and iPads.</ng> <ng>The idea was simple: To establish standards for how Apple-friendly smart-home devices should</ng> **interact** <ng>with your phone, with each other, and with Siri, Apple's voice-activated artificial-intelligence assistant.</ng>