



Wireless Home Control System

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2.2 Objectives

In order to enable homeowners to have the best experience with their new WHCS we will explain some core project objectives. These describe what the end-user would be able to do with the system at a high level.

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2.2.1 Voice Control

Voice control from a supported Android device will allow the user to remotely activate any part of the home that is integrated with WHCS. This would include activating lights, unlocking doors, turning off and on appliances (by controlling their respective outlets), querying sensors, and any other home specific applications. All of these *actions* and *targets* will be able to be used just from the user's voice. Voice actions will be specific to each target, but they will consist of verbs such as **turn**, **query**, **check**, **open**, **close**, and so on. The list of targets will directly correspond to the number of control modules listed in the home and their type. This will be explained in more detail in Section 4.

2.2.2 Light Activation

Through activating lights and querying their status remotely, a homeowner will no longer have to be present in the same room as the switch. By connecting lights to WHCS, they will become integrated in to the home network and not be isolated in each room of the home. With just a spoken command or a tap on their smartphone, lights will be controlled. By automating the process of toggling light switches, WHCS will have the ability to be smart about when they are ON or OFF, freeing the user from having to think about their state at all. In addition, lights, just like all of the other connected control modules in the home, will be able to be actuated on a specific schedule. This schedule can be designed by the homeowner to meet their daily lives or in a special circumstance, such as travel.

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2.2.3 Outlet Activation

Lights aren't the only actionable thing in the home. There are a multitude of appliances throughout the home which could benefit from remote control. Some of these include coffee makers, toasters, or computers. If integrated with WHCS through outlet control, these appliances would be able to be apart of the home network. Imagine being able to start the morning coffee from the comfort of the bedroom. This would be possible with an appropriate coffee maker and WHCS outlet control. An added benefit from having

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outlets being automated is that there would be less draw from power leeching devices' power subsystems, which may be always-on .

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2.2.4 Door Access

In addition to controlling home lights and various appliances, giving users remote control of their doors is a goal of WHCS. Through the use of an *electronic door strike*, we would provide specific control module the capability of locking and unlocking a door. This functionality would be demonstrated in Demo 10.5. WHCS sees door access as important for a home automation system to support because remote access, like a garage door, is simple and easy. We want to make opening *any* door simple and easy.

Unlike controlling appliances and reading sensors, correctly managing the operation of a safety-critical door must be handled with great care. Any flaw in the implementation of the WHCS network would leave a user's home vulnerable to outside attack. This is why any control module whose purpose is to control doors will support additional security features. These additional features will include mechanisms to prevent replay attacks (which garage doors are vulnerable to) and also prevent outside attackers from engaging the door opening mechanism just by sniffing traffic. For additional details on the security considerations of WHCS, please refer to Section 3.3.

2.2.5 Data Collection

In order to give users a broad overview of their home's state, WHCS supports the collection of data from *arbitrary* sensors. Data collected can include temperature, humidity, light level, sound levels, and so on. Each home may have sensors throughout collecting various data that the homeowner deems useful. The sensor integration with WHCS would be transparent to the user. All they would see would be the list of sensors and the corresponding values. WHCS's pluggable control module's would be tailored to each sensor or set of sensors, which would relay their data back to the base station. The base station would support queries from the LCD interface and simultaneously from a connected phone.

Beyond home sensors, all of the the other controllable objects in the WHCS would have metadata being collected about them at all times. This extra metadata would include **connection status** and **power status**. See Section 5.1.4 for a more detailed description of the supported network packets and the type of fields they support.

All of this raw data being collected could be displayed to the user in the form of graphs and tables. It would also serve as the basis for a set of descriptive statistics for display to the user.

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