My Dream Home

In today’s world modern technology has gotten its clutches into our everyday life like at no other point in history. It’s hard to imagine completing our day-to-day tasks without the use of modern devices. It’s only natural that the technology has found its way inside our homes, incorporated into the base structure.

Smart homes aren’t a thing of a yet-to-be-seen future; they are here now, readily available to be built into new homes or built around older buildings.

As a software engineering student, I can see obvious up- and downsides to smart homes. When considering what my dream home would look like, I’ve weighed the pros and cons against each other and still couldn’t come to a final conclusion other than the simple truth that all things are good in moderation, and technology is no exception.

All software is created by humans and thus is prone to the human factor, development oversights and overlooked security risks as it’s not possible to create something perfect. At the same time in the majority of cases, most risk factors do not pose a great threat, and for a lot of people that risk is worth the convenience which is what makes smart homes so popular.

From the four homes that were discussed earlier–(Monticello, La Casa Azul, Fallingwater and Xanadu 2.0)–I think it’s the Fallingwater that incorporates the core ideas of my dream home. Built in 1936, its structure doesn’t rely on the technology of smart homes to function. It is also built in tune with nature, created around it in the least obstructive way possible in an attempt to make the mansion ‘flow’ with nature, in particular the river that flows through it.

That is the idea of my dream home, too. I want something that is created with its surrounding environment in mind and looks seamless in nature because of it. A home that’s not built around the idea of smart home software controlling everything there is to control, like the temperature, humidity, lights, expiration dates and what else, but also leaves room for any necessary technological addition that I may want to install later.