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Introduction:

The information below summarizes the positive and negative aspects of living in a smart home. A smart home is a convenient home setup where devices can be automatically controlled from any internet-connected place in the world. The devices are interconnected through the internet and they can be controlled by the user.

Positive Aspects:

There are many benefits of living in a smart home like lights automatically turn on when you come home, the thermostat heats the rooms you are about to use, or the coffee machine will start to brew when you like that. So, it is an advantage because you do not lose any time to do all the things and can do more with your family or have more time for yourself. Another pro could be that you can save a lot money. Besides you are technically up to date and the value of the real estate is rising.

Negative Aspects:

On the other hand, smart living might not be so good because somebody can hack the computer system and open the door when you are not at home, so you have to live in fear of hacker-attacks. Another reason why living in a smart home is not always good is that the equipment is very expensive, and a lot of people think that automation is weird. Other people are of the opinion that they feel partly observed and therefore have to worry about their private life.

Alexa:

Alexa is known as a virtual assistant. It is capable of voice interaction, music payback, making to-do lists, setting alarms, streaming podcasts, playing audio-books and providing weather, traffic, sports, and other real time information, such as news. Alexa can also control several smart devices. Users are able to extend the Alexa capabilities by installing skills. You can activate the device with a special word.

Conclusion:

All in all you can say that living in a smart home can be very nice and comfortable, but you should inform yourself about the dangers and risks and really think about how you want to live in the future.