The Technology to Deliver Millions of Connected Homes

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Agenda

- Challenges to Creating a Smart Home
- Smart Home Platform Principles
- Platform Architecture Overview
- Adding Intelligence to the Smart Home
- Q&A

Challenge: Growing Breadth of Smart Products



Challenge: Interoperability



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Challenge: Multiple Protocols, Communication Standards



Challenge: Products Integrating Sensors





Challenge: Intelligent Control



If 30 minutes after sunset, then turn on outside lights If 10pm, then turn off outside lights If returning home after dark, then turn on outside lights

Two Paths to Market



Challenge: Business Objectives Not Aligned

	<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Retailer</u>	Service Provider
Product	Differentiate Products	Sell More Products	Commoditize Products
Platform	Add Value to Product	Add Value through Integration	Centralize Value Creation in Platform
Data	Control Data and Extend Customer Relationship	Control Data and Maintain Customer Relationship	Control Data and Customer Relationship

Opportunity: Complementary Strengths

Manufacturer Strengths

- Market, product knowledge
- Product business model
- Differentiated features
- Extend use cases

Service Provider Strengths

- Coordination between devices
- Understanding state of the home
- Customer relationships
- Common user interface

Smart Home Challenges

Integration Complexity

- Scaling to Keep Pace with Breadth of Products
- Connecting Devices Using Different Technologies
- Integrating Combination Products
- Integrating Value Added Services

Maintaining Simplicity

- Adding Devices and Capabilities without Complexity
- Adding Intelligence and Automation

Developing and Ecosystem

Overcoming Misaligned Business Objectives

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AlertMe – Introducing OMNIA[™] The technology to deliver millions of connected homes

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- 2. MARKET/TECHNOLOGY TRENDS PILGRIM BEART (FOUNDER DIRECTOR)
- 3. INTRODUCING OMNIA[™] STEVE HIRST (CTO), DR SIMON GUNTER (STRATEGY)

AlertMe provides a unifying, intelligent and open ecosystem for monitoring , control and automation



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The connected home is about 'things' and collections of software that need to interoperate and work together harmoniously – at huge scale. We provide relevant and intelligent services, and manage the complexity and fragmentation of smart technologies to make it invisible to the end user – it needs to 'just work' seamlessly.

We manage the complexity to preserve user experience

- 1. Curating a coherent and intelligent mass consumer application
 - Avoids 'clashing', extends beyond simple controls to intelligent automation
- 2. Creating a scalable and resilient service 'brain in the home and cloud'
 - Portable Logic hub software can run locally (hub or CPE) and in the cloud for hubless devices
- 3. Openness to realise the network effects of new devices, applications and innovation
 - Open APIs to partner UI development, 3rd party devices & developer



For the IoT.

"talk therapy won't scale" Support.com



Modular services that are extendible, avoiding applications in siloes – delivering across a wide range of devices, communication protocols and sectors

Energy Controls



Control your heating/hot water remotely, predict schedule based cost and link occupancy for intelligent scheduling

Home Automation



A modular set of home automation services, user configurable rules and messaging options e.g. alarm/sensor notification, event triggered recording

Energy Analytics 'Smart Energy Report'

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Data analytics for energy consumption trends by category, normative comparisons and tips/ advice to save money extending to occupancy based scheduling





AlertMe customers

AlertMe Energy 70% customer 'very useful' 20% use monthly to manage spend **Consumer stats**

>20,000 new connectable devices at CES 2014

Top 3 Consumer Applications Turn on lights, Adjust thermostat, Lock doors

1 in 5 US Homes has at least one connected device

11% has an internet connected thermostat

70% Want to control things from bed

> 61% For kids safety

What the consumer will pay US & EU customers would pay \$10 - \$13 a month for remote home monitoring and security

AlertMe Home 60% use app daily 30% log in online twice weekly 8 connected devices average home

AlertMe Control

50% interact daily 30% save 10% on bills



The rapid adoption of smartphones and proliferation of affordable connected devices is bringing the market to an inflection point-invoking the next stage of the Internet





Market Evolution - the technology challenges



The connected home is not new – but is now undergoing significant technology and market development

Market moving from single device to multiple applications - from product to platform

- Early market success single point devices
 - highly user-friendly niche applications
- Today simple platforms for a home ecosystem
 - simple rules based automation
- From remote control, interoperability, extending to intelligence

Openness drives innovation and customer experience is critical

• Solve the complexity and open from a solid base

Communications standards still evolving

- Early systems single standards : new platforms multi-protocol
- Multiple/competing standards
- Platforms need to manage standards dynamically



New industry alliances on communication standards

Market movements for standardisation & collaboration

- AllSeen/AllJoyn
- Thread
- OIC
- Hypercat •

What Next?

Managing for the mass market, at huge scale

- Openness should benefit all and the non-technical customer experience must be assured
- IP to the edge ۲
- Beyond the mechanics of device connectivity and into data driven services







Omnia[™] – a platform for millions of connected homes



Engineering Best Practice

5 years 'real world' deployment experience informing architectural and operational principles of SCALABILITY, AVAILABILITY, MAINTAINABILITY AND INTEROPERABILITY

• Distributed Service Orientated Architecture, supported by best practice CI/CD test and regression framework and a well formed and versioned API set together with SDK for openness

The 'Uniqueness' Factors

- **Portability**: to run software in the cloud, on the hub or in other CPE
- **Device adoption:** standardising device and network protocol adoption
- Synthetic Devices: combining hardware devices and disaggregated device data in software
- Sensor Data Fusion: using data from multiple sensors and external data for sentient awareness





Architectural Layers:

- Devices & Protocols: managing device adoption
 - Network and Device Abstraction: Simplifies characterisation and adoption of devices, standardises communication with device types
- AlertMe Platform: common, portable logic between hub and cloud: messaging, applications, intelligence and services
 - Connectivity: Maintains connection
 - Messaging: captures and routes device messages at huge scale
 - Synthetic Devices: Combines devices, schedules and rules
 - API layer: supports mobile and web Uls, 3rd party systems and developers
- Databases & Analytics: SQL and NoSQL plus patented data analytics
 - Data & controls for intelligence/improved confidence based on multi-sensor data aggregation
- User Interface: presenting to devices



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'Brain in the home' and 'brain in the cloud'

Homogeneous java runtime environment across hub and cloud allowing full flexibility of software and intelligence deployment

- Distributed intelligence and co-ordination between both the home and the cloud
- Consistent use of the Java language for hub, cloud service and abstraction of networks and devices
- Consistent treatment for hub-based or hubless devices

AlertMe's hub software can also **run virtually inside other CPE**, for example on 3rd party routers and set-top-boxes





Device & Network Abstraction makes device adoption extremely scalable

- Allows deployment of device types independent of brand or communications protocol
- Highly user friendly SDKs
- Flexibility for today's multi-protocol environment and future standards

Device Abstraction

- Simplifies device adoption and communication with the platform
- Standardises device description into 'Canonical Forms'
- Simplifies combining devices into compelling propositions

Network Abstraction

- Abstracts variations caused by network access technologies and their integrated protocol definitions
- Simplifies management of combinations of devices and the adoption of a new device or network protocol









Protocol specifics & pairing



Realising the full benefit of device abstraction to create 'a complex device in software'

A synthetic device

- A device in software that is made up of other devices (either synthetic or physical) and the functional decomposition of complex hardware into its' respective components
- Treated as any other device rapidly expands new propositions without adding new devices

The synthetic device is made up of:

- Producer Devices : devices that produce the event for the synthetic device
- Consumer Devices: devices that consume the events to perform a particular action
- Event Logic: the method/rule which says what should be done when a particular event occurs on the producer devices



climate control automated comfort



Energy analytics deployed at scale

• Proprietary algorithms use explicit and implicit profiling to create personalised near real-time energy reports

Beyond the physical graph: to intelligent automation

- Learning algorithms for energy controls and automation
- Home occupancy detection model using patented Bayesian method, used for e.g. intelligent heating

Relevant applications for the enterprise market:

- home insurance analytics
- appliance interaction analytics
- appliance remote diagnostics



Intelligent Personal Assistant for the Home



Keep's you posted on the important stuff – context, confidence, relevance & priority aware.

Tracks the 'noise' – should you need it and for dynamic profile building.

	Cell phone location	Occupancy driven heating control	Auto-off	Data disaggregation
Selected Patents	<i>"Utilizing cell phone location for occupancy determination and home energy control"</i>	<i>"Electronic control units for central heating systems"</i> thermostat scheduling	<i>"Monitoring and automatically switching off electrical appliances when no one is present"</i>	" Method of identifying the operation of a power consuming device from an aggregate power series"



THE ALERTME DIFFERENCE

EXPERTISE IN MASS DEPLOYMENT

BREADTH WAY BEYOND SINGLE POINT SOLUTIONS

SCALABLE, INTELLIGENT, OPEN PLATFORM & IP

Questions?



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Upcoming Smart Home Event!

CONNECTIONS EUROPE Monetizing Strategies for the Connected Home



Thank You.



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