

CEDIA Expo Additions for Control4 Smart Home OS 3

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SnapAV announces further additions to the Control4 Smart Home OS 3 at CEDIA Expo 2019, including voice control capability via Google Assistant, 3rd party smart doorbell integration and the CA-10 home automation controller.



“Control4 Smart Home OS 3 was designed as the ultimate solution for today’s smart home, giving each homeowner a unique and personalised experience that unifies all connected devices for control in a single platform,” SnapAV says. “But Control4 OS 3 is also designed to evolve with the needs of homeowners and the industry. We’re setting the bar even higher with new personalisation features and integrations with tens of thousands of devices, which now includes voice control using Google Assistant.”

Google Assistant integration enables homeowners to use an "OK Google" voice command to adjust lights, scenes, blinds, locks, thermostats, fans and more in the Control4 system. The integration is compatible with any Google Assistant-powered speaker or smart display, such as a Google Hub, or any smartphone with Assistant. Customers can add Google Assistant to the system on their own, and can customise the voice experience using the Control4 online portal.

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The latest OS 3 release has Control4 expand Intercom Anywhere support for popular 3rd party doorbells. Installers can integrate IP-based video doorbell support into a Control4 system, and use Intercom Anywhere to make and receive calls from Control4 touchscreens and mobile devices. Intercom Anywhere also supports multi-family installations, with a centralised doorbell used by multiple housing units can direct call an appropriate tenant.

Large installations demanding redundancy and high availability can make use of the CA-10-- a controller offering x4 the processing power and memory of the EA-5 controller for consistent performance even when controlling "thousands" of devices. The CA-10 includes redundant power supplies, network ports, solid state storage and fans to ensure continuous operation, even in the case of hardware failure. In case of pre-programmed fail-over event, the controller automatically notifies the installer to immediately troubleshoot the issue.

Other Smart Home OS 3 additions announced at CEDIA Expo include push notifications with a camera snapshot, enhanced music control, on-screen lighting control, pinch, zoom and pan camera views on the T3 touchscreen and mobile devices, and an update of Composer Pro to version 3.1.

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