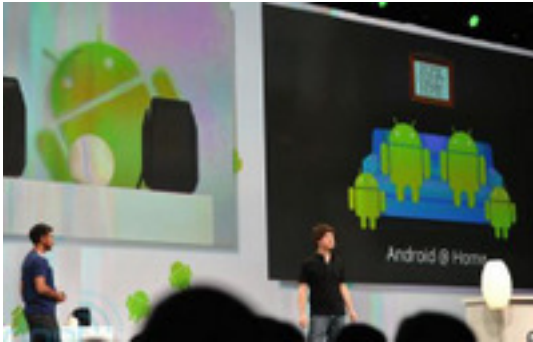


Google Goes Home: Android Feet On Your Couch

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While more and more of our homes are connected to the mainland of internet, the rooms in our homes (with their various devices) remain the world's largest archipelago. Millions of rooms, hundreds of millions of devices that can't talk, won't talk with each other-- and remain like islands without digital bridges to one another.

So many companies, so many groups, so many associations have tried and failed to integrate home appliances via a home network...

Now Google wants its turn as bridge-maker: The masters of Android will offer open source libraries that will enable developers to build apps that can discover, connect and communicate with devices and appliances in the home.

Google announced its new platform in a keynote address at *Google I/O 2011*: [Android@Home](#) will be a system for connecting home devices via Google protocols and APIs.

"We want to think of every device in your home as a connection to Android apps," says Hugo Barra, product management director for Google, in the keynote. (Remember Barra from the [IF A keynote](#) where he promised you smartphones would be supercomputers?)

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