

## Belkin Chooses Wifi for Home Automation

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Belkin launches the WeMo home automation system-- a line of modular automation products using wifi instead of a proprietary or industry standard (Z-Wave or ZigBee) communications protocol.



Why wifi? Belkin says it wants setup to be as simple as possible, while allowing the control of household electronics via mobile and tablet apps.

Wemo is set to launch on March 2012, and currently consists of 2 products-- the Home Control Switch and Motion Sensor.

The Home Control Switch plugs into any electrical outlet, and users plug any electrical device (such as a lamp) in it. Users can then control the plugged device (switching on/or of setting a schedule) using the mobile app.

Meanwhile the Motion Sensor pairs with the Control Switch, making devices react to motion (such as switching on lights when someone enters a room).

Belkin plans to extend the line even further in the future-- with door locks, lighting controls and a baby monitor, as well as a garage door opener.

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