

SpeakerCraft Multi-Room Control Using iPhone

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How cool is this? And yes, it may be targeting the home right now, but what executive or professor wouldn't want to use this familiar interface for their boardrooms and classrooms?

SpeakerCraft not only announced, but is shipping its new MODE/iPhone Interface, which allows the Apple iPhone or iPod Touch to be used as a wireless remote for control of all sources and routing, and accessed on the touch screen through the GUI. The system runs on the home's wireless network via a wired port on the user's wireless router. SpeakerCraft swears this is easy to set up and requires no programming. Yippee.

SpeakerCraft also says a person can literally walk through their front door, press a single virtual button on the iPhone touch screen and have access to all of their system's control functions. This also allows an unlimited number of iPhones operating the system, and two can simultaneously operate in multiple zones. The interface should be familiar to iPhone users – it shares the look and feel of other iPhone functions and therefore presents little or no learning curve.

The interface is generated through an embedded web server residing on a chip inside SpeakerCraft's ERS 1.0 Ethernet-to-serial adapter. The interface is accessed through the iPhone's Safari browser. This means you don't have to download or install an application on the iPhone itself. Again, Yippee. The ERS also contains a version of the interface designed to display and operate on a standard PC or Mac. This offers the user the option to control the system from the iPhone/iTouch or any PC on the network.

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