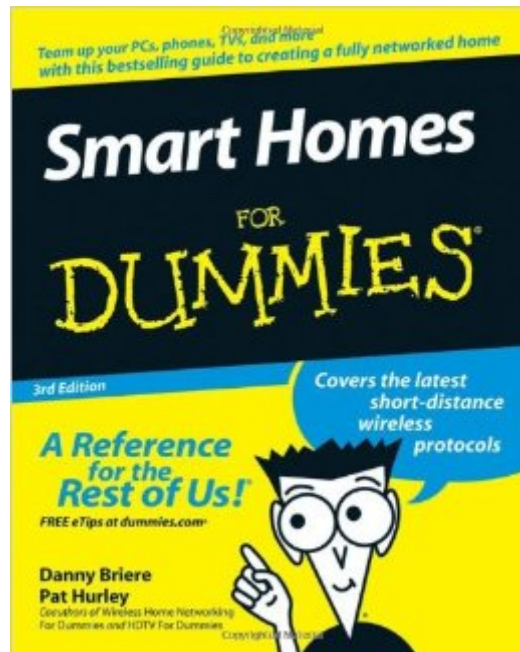


The book was found

# Smart Homes For Dummies



## Synopsis

Do you long to listen to your favorite CD from anywhere in your house? To set up a wireless network so you can access the Internet in any room? To install an iron-clad security system? To fire up the coffee pot while you're still asleep and wake up with automated lighting? Smart home technology can help you do just that! *Smart Homes For Dummies, Third Edition*, shows you how easy it can be to create and live in a cutting-edge, fully connected home—without breaking your bank account. With this user-friendly guide, you'll discover all the latest trends and gadgets in home networking, automation, and control that will help you make life more enjoyable and comfortable for your entire family. We help you plan for things such as flat-screen TVs, intercom systems, whole-home audio systems, gaming consoles, and satellite systems. We talk about your wiring (and wireless) options and introduce you to the latest technologies, such as VoIP and Bluetooth. You'll see how to:

- Build your home network on a budget
- Turn your home into an entertainment center
- Access the Internet from any room
- Get VoIP on your phone network
- Boost in-home wireless and cell phone signals
- Connect your computer to your TV
- Secure your home and property
- Increase your home's resale value
- Avoid common networking pitfalls

And much, much more. Complete with a resource list for more information and neat toys of the future, *Smart Homes For Dummies* is your plain-English, twenty-first century guide to a fully wired home!

## Book Information

Paperback: 432 pages

Publisher: For Dummies; 3 edition (July 23, 2007)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0470165677

ISBN-13: 978-0470165676

Product Dimensions: 7.4 x 0.9 x 9.3 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.4 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 3.9 out of 5 stars [See all reviews](#) (57 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #839,816 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #82 in [Books > Crafts, Hobbies & Home > Home Improvement & Design > Energy Efficiency](#) #1656 in [Books > Crafts, Hobbies & Home > Sustainable Living](#) #4338 in [Books > Science & Math > Nature & Ecology > Conservation](#)

## Customer Reviews

What a difference four years makes. In the first edition (1999), Briere and Hurley did a great job

providing an informative, helpful overview of home automation concepts, all wrapped up in an easy-to-read style that doesn't talk down to a reader. However, people purchasing the book in 2001 or later would be disappointed as the book showed its age: maybe half the links for automation-related companies yielded the dreaded "404" error (many courtesy the dot-com crash), wireless networking was barely mentioned, and cable modems and DSL hadn't reached critical mass to warrant an extended discussion. Fast forward to the second edition (2003) and these shortcomings have all been addressed. New URLs are in place, the authors love wireless, and high-speed Internet connections are addressed for both cable modems and DSL modems. In addition, DBS is also discussed in much greater depth as DirecTV and DISH Network receivers have sprouted like mushrooms on homes and apartment buildings across the U.S. I found the second edition extremely helpful, more so than the first, and it gave me a far better comfort level in figuring out smart home technology. My wife and I are currently remodeling and this book is a huge help to let us know what's possible, what's affordable, and what's do-able by us versus a professional installer. While the book appears to be more focused on running hard wires for your network, don't let that fool you. The authors are firmly in favor of wireless for many homes and apartments, especially where cost or inability to renovate prevents running hard wiring through the walls. The main idea is that, when possible, put as many wires into the walls as you can.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Shipping Container Homes: Shipping Container Homes 101, Shipping Container Homes for Beginners, Everything You Need to Know About, Tiny House Living, and...Container Home, Tiny House Living Books Shipping Container Homes: Box Set: Shipping Container Homes: 51 Ideas to Decorate Your Tiny House, Shipping Container Homes 101 Homes Around World River and Sea Homes Macmillan Library (Homes Around the World - Macmillan Library) Homes Around World Portable Homes Macmillan Library (Homes Around the World - Macmillan Library) Smart Homes For Dummies Shipping Container Homes: The Ultimate Guide to Shipping Container Homes Better Homes and Gardens New Junior Cook Book (Better Homes and Gardens Cooking) Halloween Tricks & Treats (Better Homes and Gardens) (Better Homes and Gardens Cooking) Better Homes and Gardens Salads (Better Homes & Gardens Test Kitchen) Shipping Container Homes: The complete guide to building shipping container homes, including plans, FAQs, cool ideas, and more! The Porch Book (Better Homes and Gardens) (Better Homes and Gardens Home) Better Homes and Gardens Kitchen and Bath Renovation Guide (Better Homes and Gardens Home) Better Homes and Gardens Baking: More than 350 Recipes Plus Tips and Techniques (Better Homes and Gardens Cooking) Big Book of Home How-To P (Better Homes and Gardens) (Better Homes and

Gardens Home) Mail-Order Homes: Sears Homes and Other Kit Houses (Shire Library USA) Do It Yourself: 100+ Paint Projects (Better Homes and Gardens) (Better Homes and Gardens Home) Shipping Container Homes: A Comprehensive Guide to Shipping Container Homes Tiny Homes: Tiny Homes for Beginners, Tiny House Design Tips - Two Books in One Smart About the Fifty States (Smart About History) A Smart Girl's Guide: Cooking: How to Make Food for Your Friends, Your Family & Yourself (Smart Girl's Guides)

[Dmca](#)