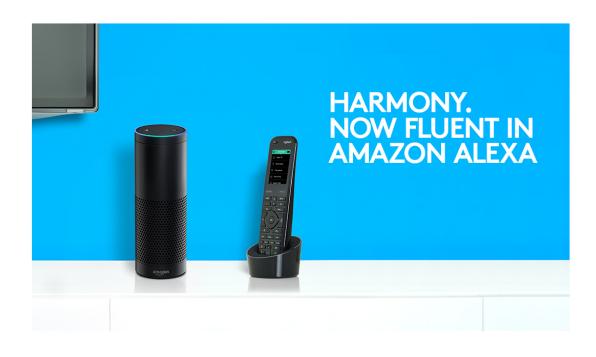


Now Amazon Alexa can control your entire family room entertainment experience with Logitech Harmony

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Control Logitech Harmony hub-based remotes with your voice, thanks to new Amazon Alexa skill.

Today Logitech announced a new Amazon Alexa skill that enables voice control of your entire living room entertainment experience using a



Logitech Harmony Hub with Alexa-enabled devices such as the Amazon Echo or Echo Dot.

When the skill is enabled on Amazon Echo or Amazon Echo Dot, you can start and stop Harmony Activities, control your entertainment devices, or even turn directly to your favorite channels, hands free, using only your voice. Harmony users can simply say "Alexa, turn on the TV," or "Alexa, turn on Netflix" to control the TV as well as other entertainment and <u>smart home devices</u>, and Harmony makes it happen.

"This new capability is both practical and fun for our users," said Renee Niemi, general manager of the smart home business at Logitech. "We've been working closely with Amazon to deliver robust voice control of your <u>smart home</u> using a Harmony hub-based remote and an Alexaenabled device—and if you don't have Harmony yet, just say 'Alexa, order a Harmony Hub' and have one delivered."

With Harmony Activities, different actions and more than 270,000 devices can be combined to bring an entire scene to life. For example, you can say, "Alexa, turn on my evening activity," to your Amazon Echo or Echo Dot and Alexa will use Logitech Harmony to start a series of actions that you've previously defined, such as turning the TV to HBO, bringing down the blinds and dimming the smart lights—all at once.

Logitech continually creates new experiences for Harmony remotes, so people always have access to the latest home entertainment and control experiences. These updates are delivered for free and over the air to our remotes, so our users can rest assured that a purchase today will also deliver the key features they will want tomorrow.

The Logitech Harmony Alexa skill will be available this week in the U.S. and will be available in the UK in the coming months. To take advantage of this new capability, launch the Alexa app on your smartphone and



select Smart Home from the left-hand navigation menu, Get More Smart Home Skills, and search for 'Harmony.' A Logitech hub-based remote such as the Logitech Harmony Elite or Logitech Harmony Companion is required. For additional information on using Logitech Harmony remotes with Amazon Alexa, please visit myharmony.com/alexa, our blog or connect with us on Facebook.

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