

Product and Technology News at CEDIA UK Expo 2008

This special edition HiddenWires print supplement looks at new products and technology on show at CEDIA UK Expo 2008. For further coverage visit cediaexpo.hiddenwires.co.uk.

This year is notable for the number of multiroom servers offering integration with iPods and iTunes. For video, there are new projector and TV screen technologies, and for those concerned with aesthetics, there are new AV furniture designs, more attention to how screens are presented when in use, and ingenious ways to hide them when not.

Both installers and manufacturers are adapting to the convergence of IT and AV technologies. More multiroom AV companies are getting involved with home automation, and vice versa. There are plenty of new on-wall and wireless controllers, directional loudspeakers, wired and wireless lighting systems, and projector and TV mounting and lift systems. Finally, if you have time between seeing all of the exciting products and innovations, do visit the HiddenWires team (stand F24) to give us your feedback and sign up for our monthly e-newsletter. We wish you a successful Expo!

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Automation and control

Adapt (stand G20) is showing the HomeControl system. This is designed to control all aspects of the home, including lighting, blinds, multiroom audio and video, home theatre, surveillance and security, climate control, irrigation and more, via a simple, user-friendly interface. Also on show is the Adapt Building Control system. This development of HomeControl is designed for offices, commercial buildings and hotels, and allows property owners, companies and hotel owners to monitor and control energy consumption, security systems, light and other technical infrastructure in a more cost-effective, secure and logical manner.

For automated bathroom devices, **Unique Automation (stands A12 and A14)** is showing the bathomatic bath management system, and the bathomatic freestanding 'all in one box' solution. An all-glass shower, made by stand partners Barretts Glass, is the centrepiece of the stand, and features the bathomatic

shower control and new bathovision tablet. Also on show is the waterproof bathovision TV with a heated, mirrored glass that combats condensation. All products interface with AMX, Crestron and other automation systems via RS232 or TCP/IP, and have local, glass touchscreen fascias. The company is also announcing collaboration with both Rako and Amina Technologies.

Opus (stand E5a) is launching the WCU600 touchscreen keypad. Designed to control the Opus 500 multiroom system as well as a number of third party lighting and smart home products, the WCU can also display video from DVD, TV or CCTV systems and the on screen menus of audio/video servers, iPod docks and more.

AMX (stand B4) is having live demonstrations of its advanced control systems for residential and commercial installations. The display will highlight the latest additions to the AMX portfolio, namely the stylish Modero 5200i Viewpoint Widescreen and

the Novara range of simple, cost-effective control pads. New control technology is also on show from **Crestron (stand B8)**. The company is unveiling its latest touchpanel and control designs, including its TPMC-8X WiFi touchpanel and TPS 4L wallmount touchpanel, European lighting control solutions, and European CAMEO keypads.

Specialist supplier and trainer for KNX products, **Ivory Egg (stand F9)** is demonstrating a range of products, including, switches, actuators, dimmers, door entry, thermostats, HVAC controllers, valves, sockets, sensors, touchpanels and GUIs from Gira, Merten, EnOcean and Theben.

Door entry is also being promoted by **BPT Security Systems (stand B24)**. Its Mitho system integrates video door entry and home automation and consists of a handset and a colour touchscreen video monitor for door entry. This can also control room temperature, lighting, energy efficiency control, shutters and awnings and intruder alarm systems.



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