As we all know, smartphones and tablets are increasingly popular as home automation controllers-- and now The Wall Street Journal profiles one Savan Kotecha, a self-proclaimed "Apple freak" whose house runs entirely on iPad apps.



The 34-year old songwriter and "The X Factor" vocal producer spent over \$80000 since December 2011 in his quest for an Apple-friendly home, one controlled via apps from the likes of Crestron.

"It was totally worth it," Kotecha says before admitting he wants to add even more features to his home. Currently his iPad controls shades, lights, music and security cameras, while automated nursery blinds and backyard awnings will feature in the future.

According to CEDIA 90% of home automation system owners are smartphone and tablet users, with iDevices being by far the most popular. Some automation vendors even specialise on Apple systems, such as Savant.

Of course, not all customers can afford so much on automation-- but growth in popularity also results in the dropping of prices. Meaning automation is pretty much on its way towards a mainstream future...

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