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Sony adds more capabilities to the [6th generation Aibo](#) with the announcement of a web-based API allowing users to program new tricks into the lovable robot puppy, including the ability to control connected devices.



The "Aibo Developer Program" is designed for developers wanting to make "services and applications" working with the robot dog. A concept video demonstrates the concept well enough. It has the pup monitor a microwave, turn on a robot vacuum, let one know when the laundry is done and even act as a surveillance camera, all with the help of simple voice controls.

Adding such capabilities to the robot dog involves "Aibo Visual Programming," a system using drag-and-drop block coding to teach Aibo what to do. More experienced coders can join a Developer Program providing deeper access to the dog's inner workings. However Sony says users cannot modify the personality of the Aibo, meaning the dog will always "stay true to

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himself/herself."

The version 2.5 software for the Aibo is available now.

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