Logitech Launches Harmony API

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Logitech hopes to unite all connected devices under a single control system as it launches the Harmony API, reportedly the first to provide developers with access to over 270000 entertainment and smart home products.

"Before the Harmony API it was extremely difficult for developers to create smart home entertainment experiences because of the vast diversity of protocols that controlled devices in the living room and the metadata needed to keep the devices in sync," the company says. "This is a problem Harmony has solved and we wanted to open our platform to the smart home ecosystem."

The API allows for all kinds of devices to work in, err, harmony, with the announcement press release giving the example of Philips Hue lighting dimming automatically when a user plays a movie on a Samsung TV via Apple TV.

So far Logitech names IFTT, SmartThings, Ubi, Myo, vie and Playtabase as Harmony API partners, with more to follow "in the near future." It is also taking signups for its API developer program.

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