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Oddly named appliance maker SevenHugs presents a clever looking universal remote at CES 2016-- the Smart Remote geolocates individual devices, allowing customers to control whatever they want by simply pointing the remote at it.



To figure out what devices are in the home the SmartRemote uses wifi and 3 connected sockets. The remote triangulates its position between the sockets to around 10m range, and users can "train" it to associate a particular spot with a specific device.

The Smart Remote seen at CES 2016 uses wifi and Bluetooth connectivity to control Philips Hue lights, Sonos speakers and the Nest Learning Thermostat. However an open SDK promises a technically infinite list of compatible devices and services, as well as a personalised user experience.

"Smart home technology fragmentation remains an obstacle, with every connected object needing to be controlled by a dedicated smartphone application or a remote control," Sevenhugs says. "With the Smart Remote, you only need one solution to control everything in your home with just one touch."

Smart Remote preorders open on Q1 2016 before shipments kick off from September 2016.

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