**Converging worlds: Home Automation and Environmental Control Systems**

Background

*“Hello Google/Alexa/Siri, what’s the weather?”*

The dialogue these devices are capable of is impressive, but the link to controlling actual devices such as lights, doors and other appliances is still evolving. They rarely take into account how the system will remain functional when the power, user’s speech or internet fails.

Aims

This presentation will provide a perspective to enable a therapist to look behind the glamour of a home automation system and analyse its components in relation to the needs of individuals living with disability.

Findings/Results/Outcomes

This presentation explores the differences between a home automations system intended for consumer use and a control system specifically designed for a person with disability. Workshop participants will gain an understanding of the building blocks within a system. This will give them the confidence and background to critically analyse a system design and questions to ask suppliers to ensure a product is relevant and provides reliable control to our clients.

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