



HOME TECHNOLOGY EXPLAINED

By James & Giles Limited

So, what exactly does Home technology mean ?

It should mean that all control systems, be-it lighting systems, audio visual, security, future proofing, etc are all brought together and made to work together in exactly the same way as originally designed but organised through one neat control panel.

Home technology has in the past being seen as a rather boring and nerdy industry by some, because of its high tech background. However home technology has now definitely caught up with what homeowners and interior designers want, producing options even the most creative interior designer didn't think was possible.

Thinking outside the box

In a recent case study of refitting a large Holland Park villa property James & Giles were able to offer an option to the client that he thought would not be possible. The client loves music in the background while he works from his home office but he needed a system that is able to stop the music instantly when his 'phone rings. It is now possible to have a system linked to the telephone that instantly dims the music to mute when receiving an incoming call. When the handset is placed back in the cradle the music automatically fades back in again.

There are so many new and innovative ways of having all the benefits of the latest technology without the need to see it. Plaster-in speakers which can quite literally be plastered in or papered over to be completely concealed, loved by interior designers, are just one of many new products. Customised television bezels are another. With bespoke screens available in just about whatever colour and material you could wish for (even graffiti) TV screens even when not concealed can still compliment the interior design!

Now you can control your home anywhere with the arrival of the iPad. There is a rapidly growing demand for linking the home technology to this amazing piece of Apple kit.

New solutions to an age old problem

Finally there is a solution to an age old problem. Wireless lighting now means installation is possible anywhere, be-it a Grade 1 listed building or a 600 year old converted barn. There is now no need for any rewiring when installing a new lighting design, which means no re-plastering and redecorating either! It is even possible to install an intelligent wireless lighting system with lighting keypads that sit on bare brick walls with absolutely no wiring. The 'BAKO' lighting system is meant to be a retro fit item, but it works perfectly in a period Listed development.

An experienced and specialist home technology company can offer simplicity and elegance of design, as well as access the vast portfolio of technology manufacturers, and wide products available from all over the world.

Designer lighting keypads are a solution to an interior design problem that are loved by most clients. There are a stunning range of lighting keypads to suit modern or traditional interiors using a whole myriad of materials and finishes to suit just about any interior scheme. The typical size of a keypad is no larger than a traditional light switch but because of the styles available the switch becomes invisible to the eye, therefore not detracting for the interior.

Whatever your home technology wishes are, your home technology systems can always be turned into a high tech design solution. In a new built or substantial alterations a home



technology specials company, working closely with other design professionals such as architects and interior designers can offer truly stunning results.

James and Giles Limited are award winning, fully certified, home technology specialists who design and install bespoke lighting, security, audio visual, climate control and home network systems.

There are some home automation companies who claim to offer a 'design solution' be-it a pair of concealed speakers or a television that doubles as artwork or mirrors, but James & Giles believe these are not true design solutions. They offer specialist expertise at integrating home technology, reducing the amount of separate controls in each room, often referred to as wall clutter, to provide one stylish, keypad or touchscreen that operates the lighting, climate control, music, CCTV, security gates, external lighting and any other functions required.





£1,000,000.00 in the London area will be 'smart' (though not necessarily self-aware) by 2015.

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