Home Automation via Almond Router

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A firmware update adds home automation support to the Securifi Almond+ and Almond 2015 routers, allowing the two wifi devices to double as smart home hubs handling required automation commands.

The Almond+ is the higher-end device. It features ZigBee and Z-Wave support, 802.11ac dual-band (2.4GHz and 5GHz) wifi, gigabit LAN and wifi coverage reaching 465 square metres.

Meanwhile the Almond 2015 covers 279 square metres (a 30% increase over the original 2012 model, Securifi says), a smaller display and only ZigBee support support. The company says the router also doubles as a range extender when paired with an Almond+ unit.

Both routers feature colour touchscreens and a companion smartphone app for the programming of "complex" home automation rules. The system is based on an "if than than this" scheme, and allows for the creation of scenarios such as switching the lights on and ringing the doorbell if incoming mail triggers the sensor inside the mailbox.

The firmware update is available now for Almond router users.

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