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Rethinking Access Control and Authentication for the Home Internet of Things (IoT)

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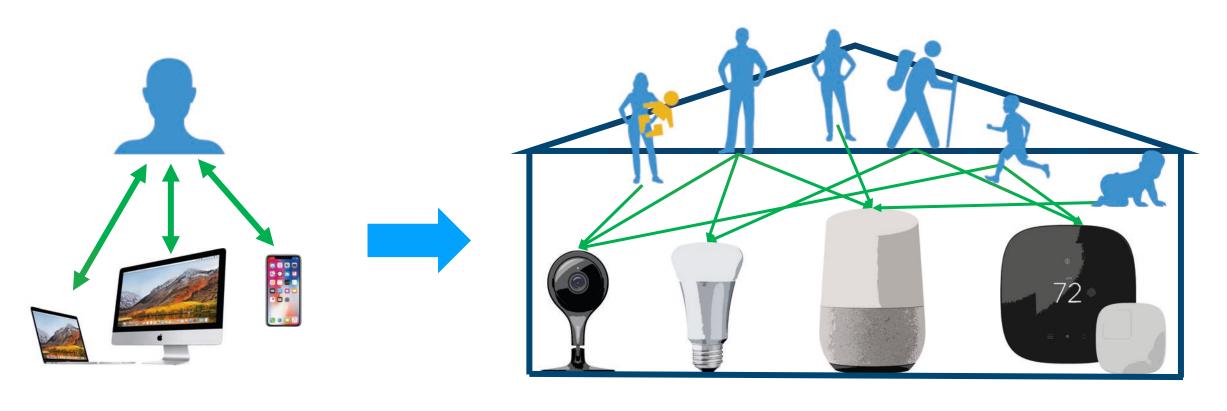








From Single User to Multi User



Single User Multi User

Vendors Still Treat It The Old Way!



Please Enter Your Password:



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Home IoT Devices



"Play music!"

"Order me a puppy!"





Research Goals



We conducted a user study to...

- Map desired access-control policies for home IoT devices
 - How policies vary by relationships and capabilities
 - Identify potential default policies

Method

User Study

Imagine you are the owner of a <smart device>.

Using this device, some users can access the following feature:

<capability>.

When should <relationship> be able to use this feature?

- Always
- Sometimes
- Never

User Study

Imagine you are the owner of a **Smart Voice Assistant**.

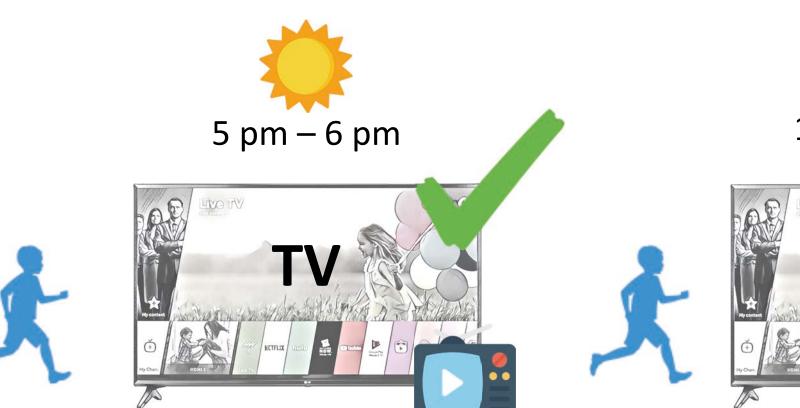
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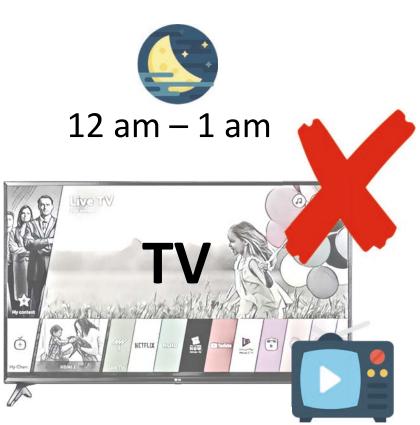
Make online purchases (e. g., on Amazon) on a shared household account.

When should your spouse be able to use this feature?

- AlwaysSometimes
- Never

Are Relationships and Capabilities Enough?





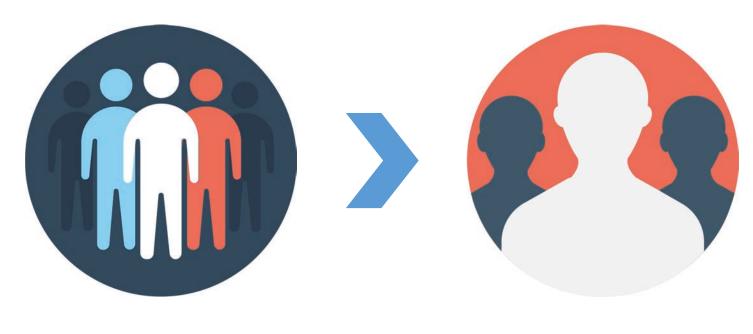
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- What contextual factors affect the user's decision?

6 Relationships



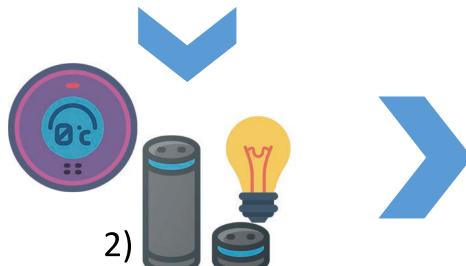
24 Relationships

6 Relationships

- Your Spouse
- Your Teenage Child
- Your Child in Elementary School
- A Visiting Family Member
- The Babysitter
- Your Neighbor

22 Capabilities







Order Online



Live Video



Answer Door



Mower Rule

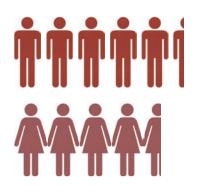


Lights Rule

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Results

425 Participants



54% Male

46% Female

Age 25-34

47%

CS

19%

Home IoT Device

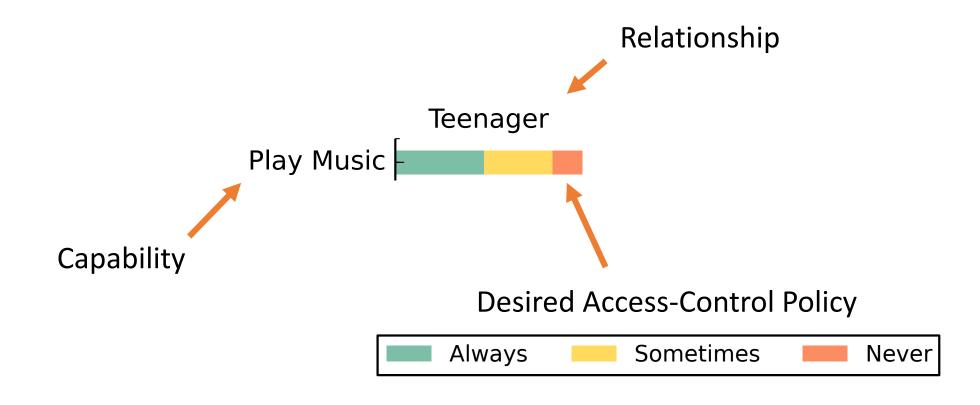




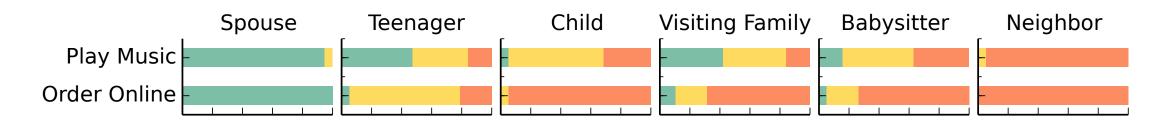
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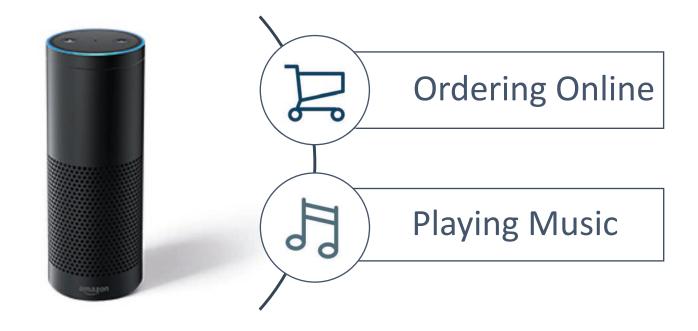
Results

Given one particular capability, what access-control policy should be set up for whom?



Comparison Between Capabilities



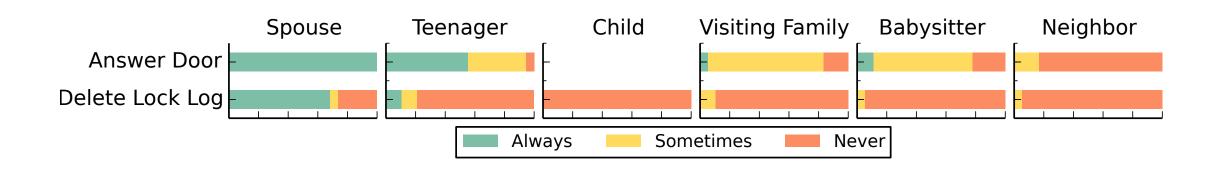


Capabilities Within One Device

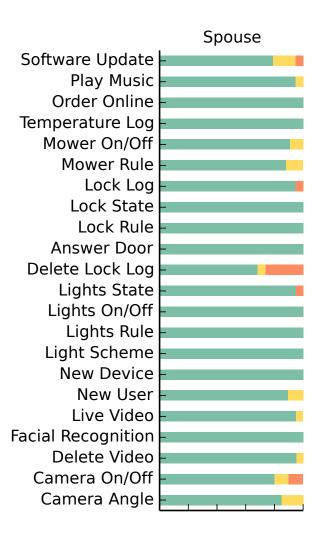




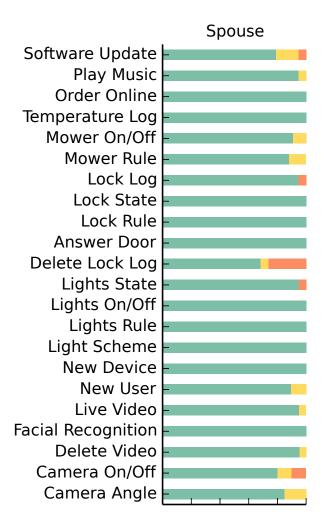


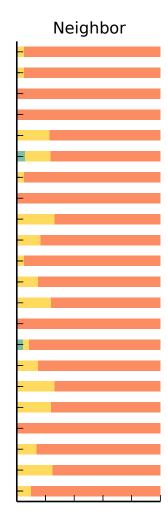


Spouse Can Do Almost Everything



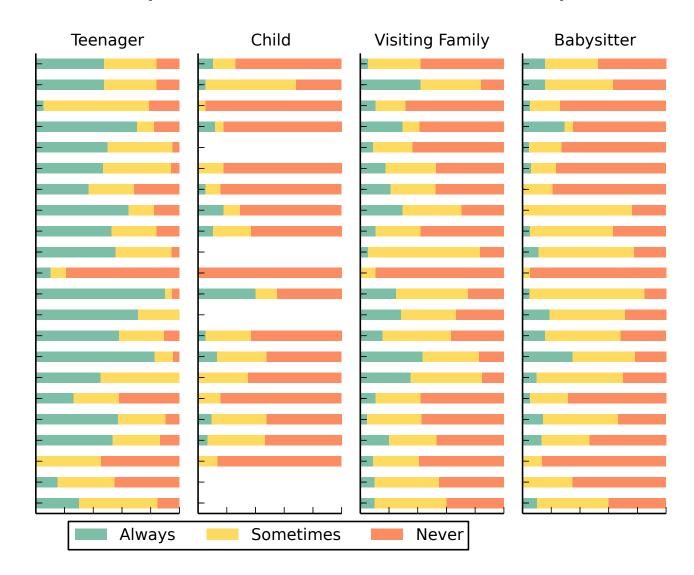
Neighbor Can Do Nothing



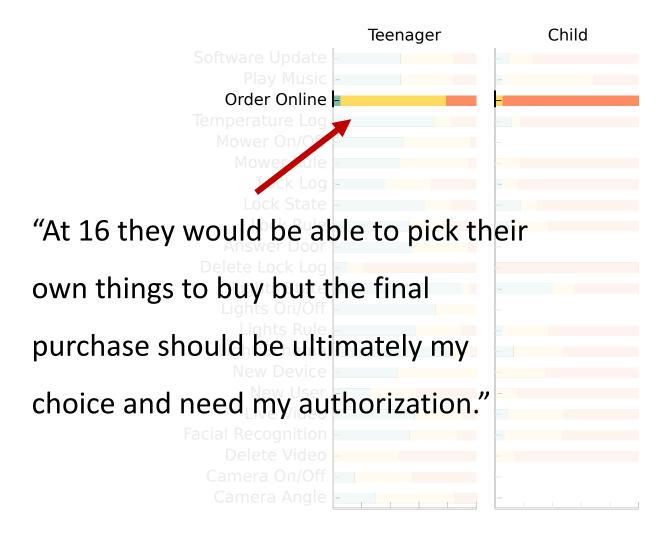


Other Relationships Are More Complex

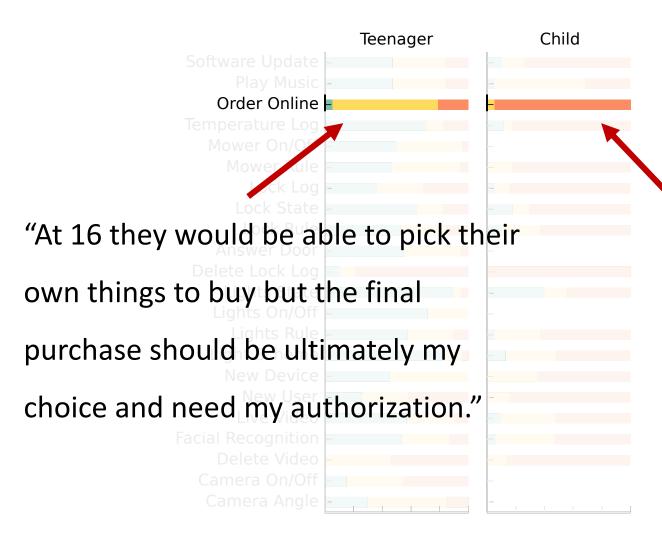
Software Update Play Music Order Online Temperature Log Mower On/Off Mower Rule Lock Log Lock State Lock Rule **Answer Door** Delete Lock Log **Lights State** Lights On/Off Lights Rule Light Scheme **New Device New User** Live Video **Facial Recognition** Delete Video Camera On/Off Camera Angle



Teenager vs. Child

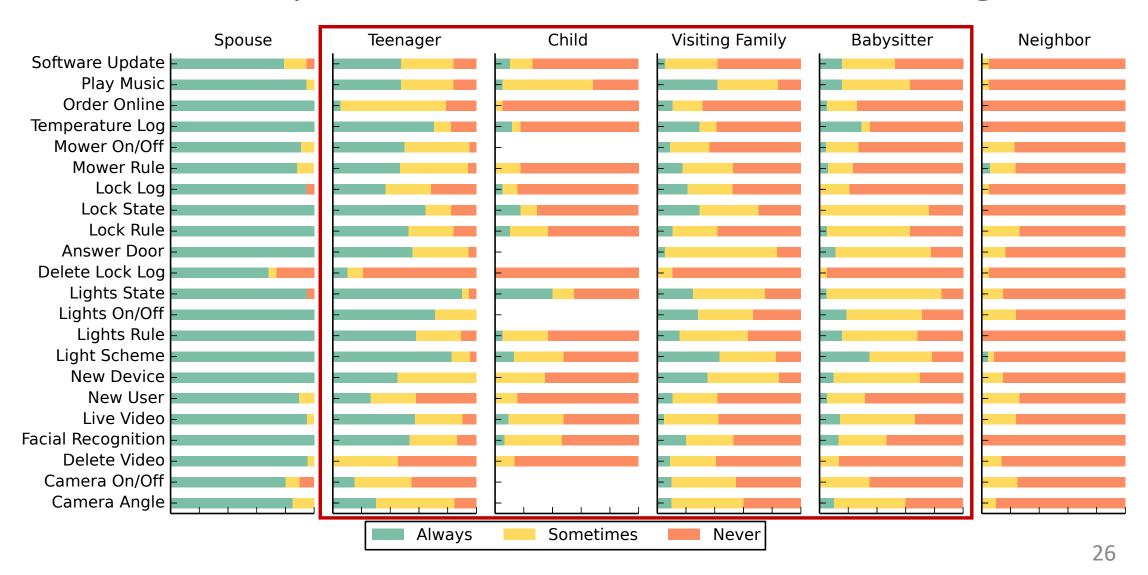


Teenager vs. Child



"They are in no way responsible enough at this age."

Relationships Matter...But Are Not Enough



Relationships Matter...But Are Not Enough



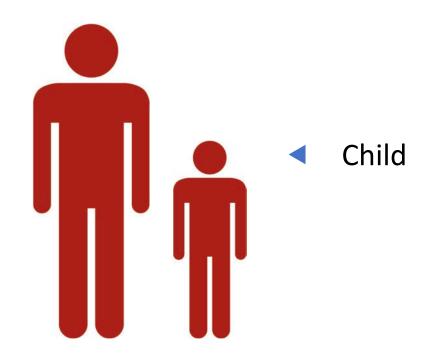
Contextual Factors

Factor: Time of Day



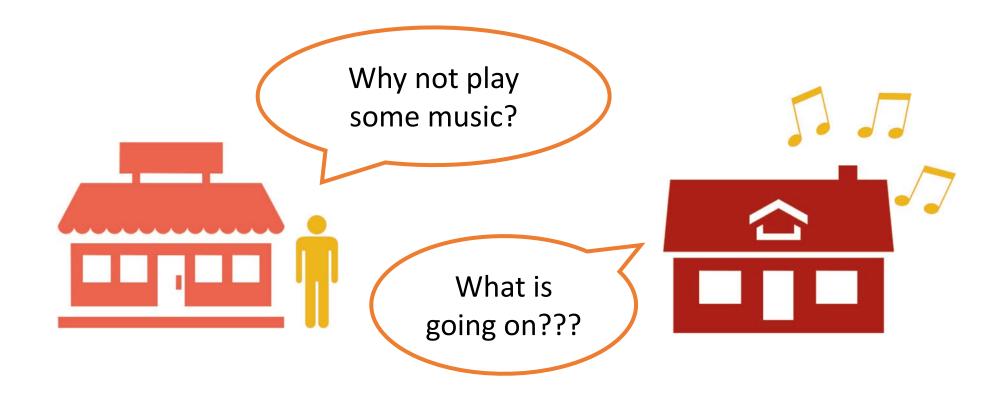
"I would not want anyone trying to use the mower at night. The neighbors would most likely get mad."

Factor: People Around



"They would be allowed to use it whenever I am home with them."

Factor: Location of User



"Why do you need to use it if you aren't close?"

Factor: Location of Device





"If it is used in the bedroom then it would matter who has access."

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Factor: Explicit Permission



"When they are authorized by the owner."

Factor: Consequences

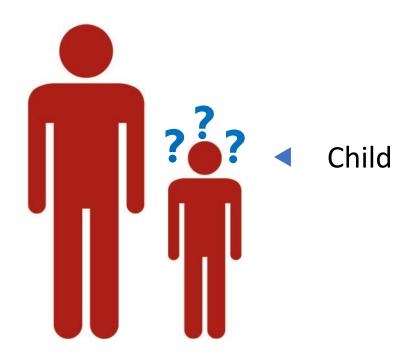


Factor: Responsible Usage



"They shouldn't use the lights if they are using them too frequently."

Factor: Understanding



"I would need to teach her how to first."

Factor: Help



"If they want to come over to mow the lawn, then why not?"

Recap: Missing From Current Systems

Relationships

Capabilities

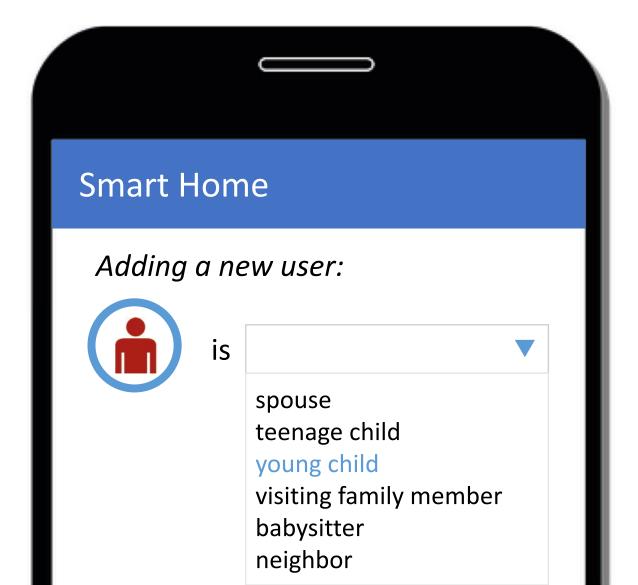
Contextual Factors

Design Implications

Current: Guest vs. Owner

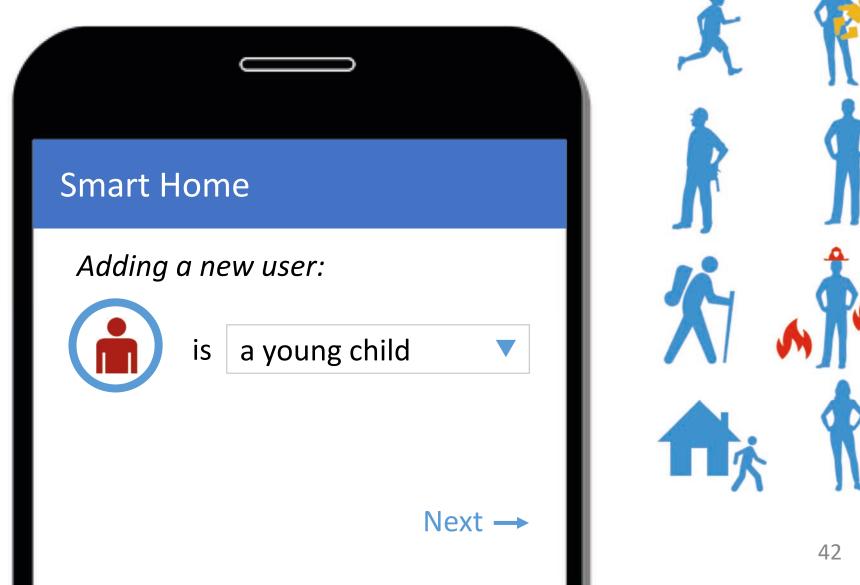


Future: Designing for Relationships

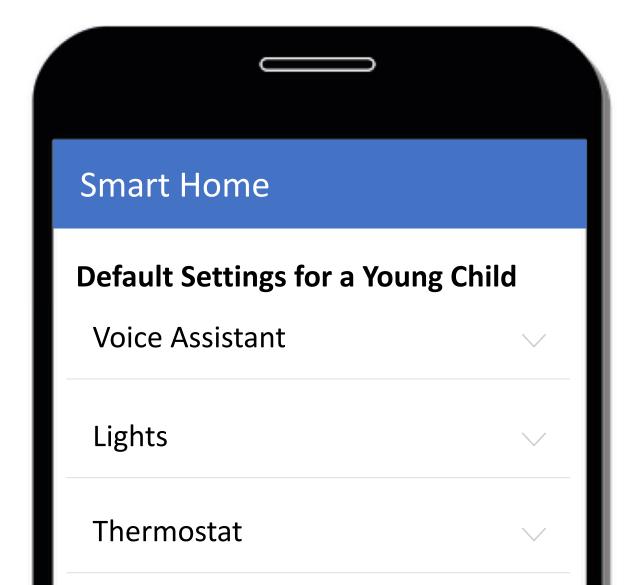




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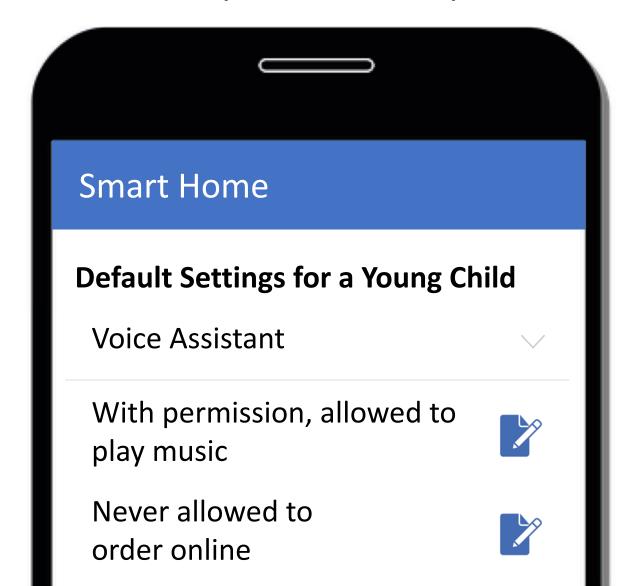


Future: Relationships and Capabilities



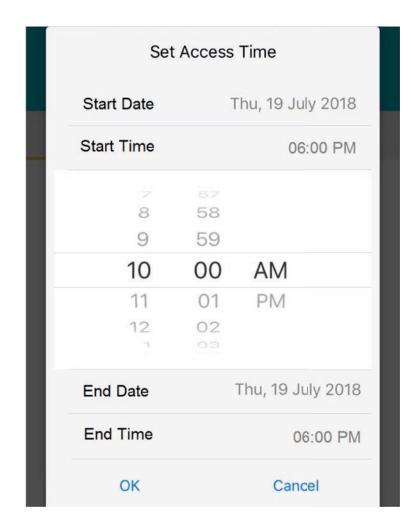


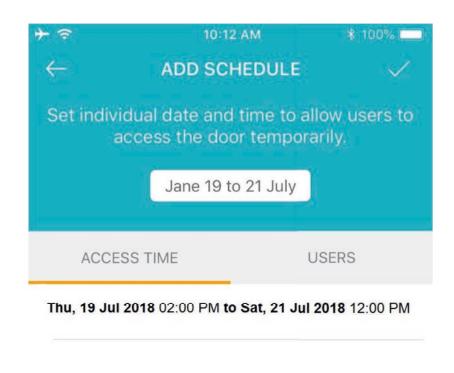
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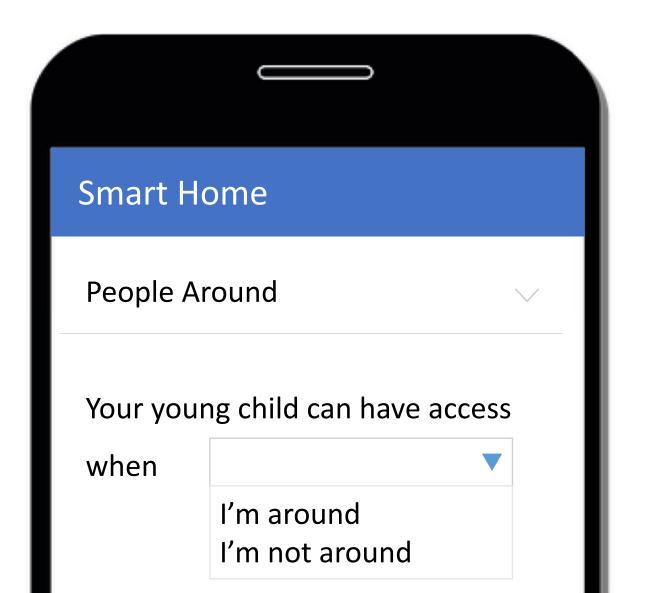


Current: Full Access or Temporary Access

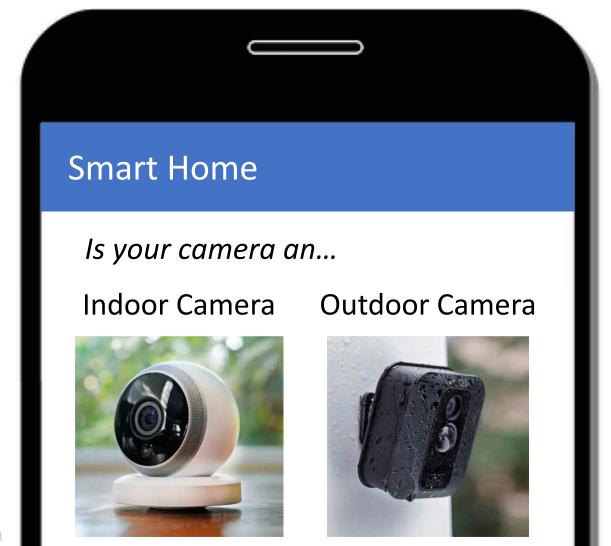




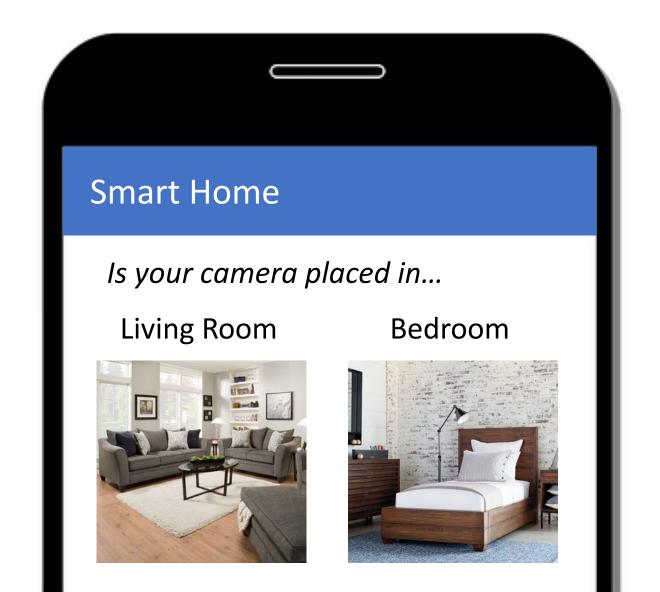
Future: Contextual Factors



Future: Device Context

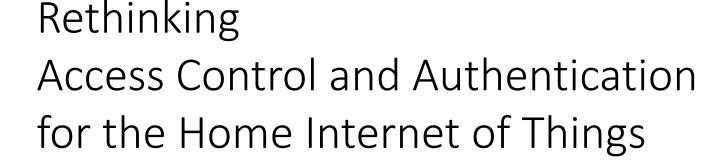


Future: Device Location





Capability-Based **Access-Control Policies**





Relationships Determine **Default Policies**

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