

# Automatic

## Episode 15

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#### What Had Happened Was...?

[Sunflower Farm Closed to Instagrammers and Snapchatters Searching for "Perfect Selfie"](#)

#### Do You Even Nerd/Geek?

Geek Battle Challenge

#### Say What?!?!?

##### Jennifer

[34 Best Home Automation Ideas On the Web](#)

##### Alondo

Alright team, remember me talking about the Clapper? Was an early entry in the arena of home automation. Not sure about you all, always a big fan of Rube Goldberg machines. One of my favorite from Pee-Wee's Big Adventure.

I hate multiple remotes. Universal remotes were great for basic devices, but what about complex stereo receivers, other devices most consumers don't have. I bought an RF receiver for my Playstation 2 so I could control Netflix without a controller. What could I use.

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One of the best devices on the market for this purpose is the Logitech Harmony remote series. Whereas most remotes used a 4 digit programming code from a book, Logitech took advantage of the internet and allowed for controlling thousands of devices. Additionally, as new devices hit the market, the device gets updated to account for their operation.

Another automation device I can personally attest to is the Kevo Smart Lock. With this device installed, you can unlock and lock your door using just your phone. This is incredibly convenient for those that go running or working out and don't want to carry their keys. It can also be used to grant a contractor or visitor access to your home on a temporary basis while they doing work or staying for a week, for example.

The last item I want to bring up is If This Then That. Have you ever wondered who might be talking about you on Facebook? Would you like your Twitter picture to get updated with your Facebook profile picture when it gets updated? Well, If This Then That, aka IFTTT is a free service that can do this for you automatically. It has plugins to a myriad number of apps.

## Bevan

Echo laughing randomly - security? ([link](#)) ([video](#))

Amazon echo in a Arkansas Murder case ([link](#))

Researchers put together a resource list for victims of smart home-aided domestic abuse (article: [link](#)) ( resources: [link](#))

## Other References

[Logitech Harmony Remote Controls](#)

[Kevo Smart Lock](#)

[If This Then That \(IFTTT\)](#)

## Music

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Intro and Outro music - Brasilia by Michael Glass

[See What Had Happened Was - Kutt Calhoun](#)

[Chainsmokers - #Selfie](#)

[Automatic - Pointer Sisters](#)