



Who are We as Prospective ConnectR Owners?

Please take a quick minute to let us know more about what you're thinking of doing with ConnectR by answering one single, simple question:

In your household, what do you imagine will be the *single most important* situation or reason for using a ConnectR?

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Dear ConnectR Enthusiast,

For all of you who either signed up for the Pilot Program or otherwise indicated interest in ConnectR, we would like to thank you for your support. This is the first of several communications from the iRobot ConnectR team designed to keep you updated on what's going on with ConnectR and provide you with a glimpse of the future of home robotics and our lifestyles.

Message from the ConnectR Team

Your response to our upcoming ConnectR Pilot Program has been overwhelming and we couldn't be more excited. All of us on the ConnectR team are hard at work with the goal of putting ConnectR Virtual Visiting Robots in the first consumers' homes as soon as we can in 2008. We will be selecting people over the next few months and will let you know as soon as possible whether you have been chosen to participate. So again, thank you for your interest and support.

Future forward? Let's go!

iRobot Cofounder and CEO, Colin Angle envisions that robots and robot technology will help us live differently with far greater ease over the next few decades. And ConnectR, iRobot's first step into the world of in-home mobile virtual presence, has an important role to play.

Homeowners such as yourselves are already bringing robots into their lives to do dirty, dull or dangerous tasks like vacuum-cleaning, floor-washing and gutter cleaning. In five years, increasing numbers of robots will perform even more tasks for you that require relatively little manual dexterity. These robots will be networked with information applications starting to mainstream. Many people will see robots as dependable and affordable helpers.

Eventually in our homes, we will have teams of single-purpose robots working together to accomplish a variety of jobs. For example, a Roomba could be vacuuming your living and dining rooms, a window washing robot could be hard at work in the family room, and a dog-walking robot could be out walking Fido. And ConnectR could be working with you to call the shots. "I think there will be one robot that talks to humans and directs the little bots," says Angle. ConnectR could conceivably evolve into this robot-in-chief role since it is specifically designed to interact with humans.

People will come to view home robots as essential, valued parts of our lifestyles and no longer as novelty or luxury items. Robots will perform the heavy lifting in home maintenance and security. They will serve as a mobile portal to the internet, facilitating information delivery and enhancing human interaction.

Twenty-five years from today, 75% of U.S. households will have at least one special-purpose robot regularly performing routine jobs. Home robots will seamlessly allow us to do more of what we want to do and less of what we have to do. These are all very realistic and exciting possibilities for the future. And many of you will be on the leading edge.

Again, many thanks for your interest and support of ConnectR. Stay tuned!