KNX
The worldwide STANDARD for home and building control

KNX Association International
KNX status quo

January 2017
KNX is the standard

CENELEC
EN 50090
The only European standard for Home and Building Electronic Systems (HBES) based on KNX.

CEN
EN 13321-1
The European standard for Building Automation based on KNX.

ISO/IEC
14543-3
The world’s only standard for Home Electronic Systems (HES) based on KNX.

GB/T
GB/T 20965
Chinese standard for Home and Building Control based on KNX

US STANDARD
(ANSI/ASHRAE 135)

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KNX is interoperable (1)

Guaranteed interoperability through neutral certification

- KNX is the only home and building control standard running global certification schemes for

  A. Products  
  B. Training centres  
  C. Persons

- Product compliance is checked at neutral third party test laboratories

KNX logo guarantees interoperability between products of different manufacturers and applications
KNX is interoperable (2)

Guaranteed interoperability through neutral certification

- One PC software tool for

  A. Design  
  B. Configuration  
  C. Diagnostics

  of all KNX certified products

- Tool is independent of manufacturers, devices and applications – integrator can combine products of different manufacturers and applications in one installation

- Tool is extendable with customised apps
KNX is smart home

ETS Inside is…

• **Smart** - Finger tap instead of mouse click
• **Simple** – One tool for installers and end users
• **Safe** - No unauthorised access

1. ETS Inside is part of the KNX system. Operation and ETS data are decoupled.

2. The easily comprehensible user interface even runs on tablets and smartphones.
KNX is fit for use in ALL applications

- External services
- Building control
- Ventilation
- Lighting
- Renewable energy
- Visualisation
- Air conditioning
- Energy management
- Shutters and blinds
- Home appliances
- Irrigation
- Smoke detector
- Remote operation via web or telephone
- Audio & video
- Heating
- Smart metering
- Anti-intrusion

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KNX is fit for use in all kinds of buildings

- New or existing buildings
- Single-family houses or large size buildings
- Easy extendable/adaptable to new requirements
KNX supports the most important transmission media

- Twisted Pair
- Power Line
- Radio Frequency
- Ethernet/WIFI
KNX supports different configuration Modes

**System Mode**

- **A**: Configuration with PC (ETS)
- **B**: Prior basic course training recommended
- **C**: Any size of installation

**Easy Mode**

- **A**: Configuration without PC
- **B**: No prior training necessary
- **C**: Small or medium size installations
KNX is easy to couple with other systems

- KNX members offer large variety of gateways to couple to other systems

- Examples

  A
  Mapping to BACnet

  B
  Interfacing with DALI
KNX is secure

KNX Secure uses AES128 CCM for encryption/authentication and Diffie-Hellmann for a secure key exchange.

1. **KNX IP Secure**

   All KNX telegrams between two (or more) IP couplers are SECURED

2. **KNX Data Secure**

   The group communication of a particular sender (one or more group objects) to another group object(s) is SECURED
KNX is part of Internet of Things

KNX current ecosystem

KNXnet/IP

KNX IoT 1.0

Web services
- A gateway maps the KNX project
- Using oBIX, OPC UA and BACnet-WS
- Open data exchange of values and states

KNX IoT 2.0

2018: Plug & Play internet connected web services

KNX IoT 3.0

2020: Direct IP devices within KNX ecosystem
KNX devices sit natively on IP

KNX IoT 4.0

> 2020: Self-learning adopting system
KNX facts and figures

January 2017
405 members in 42 countries
KNX members

Total number

Annual increase

2002: 10
2003: 85
2004: 78
2005: 77
2006: 76
2007: 84
2008: 107
2009: 147
2010: 175
2011: 216
2012: 247
2013: 297
2014: 332
2015: 376
2016: 402

Total: 405
More than 7000 certified KNX products (samples of HVAC devices)
KNX facts & figures

- 405 KNX Members in 42 countries
- 7000 certified product groups
- 16 Test labs in 8 countries
- 66430 KNX Partners in 157 countries
- 400 Training Centers in 66 countries
- 20 Userclubs in 18 countries
- 44 National Groups
- 130 Scientific Partners in 33 countries
- 15 Associated partners
- ETS sold in 140 countries
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Systems and products

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Networking of the room automation functions

- If class A is to be achieved according to EN15232, the following is necessary:
  1. networking of energy-efficient room automation functions for all applications
  2. demand-oriented control

- KNX fulfills all technical requirements for the integration and communication of the different applications and products

- The integration of HVAC technology in home and building automation has long been part of standard KNX applications

- Currently over 70 manufacturers have registered KNX products with heating, ventilation and air conditioning applications

KNX has already shown in a variety of studies and projects that savings of 50% to 60% can be achieved through individual room control and ventilation control alone.
Individual room temperature control

Individual room temperature control offers the possibility of regulating the room temperature of a single room regardless of the temperature in other rooms.

- The current controllers are mainly complete, aesthetically sophisticated room controllers which also control all the other functions in a room.
- Some of the current controllers can also measure the CO₂ content and air humidity as well as support the heating and/or cooling operating modes.
Radiator and underfloor heating, cooling ceilings

Valves control the rate of flow in the individual heating and cooling circuits

• The triggering of the valves is normally carried out via analogue thermoelectric or motor valve drives.

• Motor valve drives with an integrated KNX interface...
  • can be very precisely positioned
  • mostly have additional intelligence and diagnostic functions
  • transfer both the current valve position and error messages via KNX
Fan coil controllers

A benefit of fan coil control is the rapid availability of thermal energy or cooling capacity. It is therefore widely used in hotels and office buildings.

- The control of the fan and the heating or cooling register is carried out via special KNX fan coil actuators in the unit while the operation is usually carried out via KNX room thermostats with extended functions and setting options.

- It is possible via KNX to separate the unit and the operation cost-effectively in terms of rooms.
Interfaces to energy generation and distribution systems

With interfaces to power generation systems it is possible:

• to display the current state of their heating system using the KNX visualisation system
• to predefine setpoint values and set operating modes
• Fault signals are automatically transmitted to KNX and displayed
• As the current heat requirement in the rooms can be communicated via the KNX gateway to the heating controllers, the heat generation must be precisely matched to the current demand.
Variable volume flow controller

• Based on the recorded room conditions and the current air requirement, energetically intelligent and demand-controlled systems can be set up with KNX.

• A central control unit permanently monitors the flap positions of the individual VAV boxes via KNX. If the flaps eliminate excessive inlet pressure, this is reduced.

• The aim is to operate the system with the lowest possible pressure loss.
Room air control and interfaces to ventilation systems

• In addition to the baseline values, the values for the room temperature, air humidity and carbon dioxide content measured by the KNX individual room controllers and air quality sensors can be transferred via the KNX interfaces to the ventilation system and taken into account during the control.

• In the other direction, the ventilation system transfers status signals to KNX which for example signal the necessary replacement of ventilation filters.
Interfaces to distributed air conditioning systems

- The interfaces to the air conditioning systems are versatile. In addition to a few standardised interfaces, the manufacturers use a variety of proprietary hardware and protocol solutions.
- Special KNX gateways enable the integration of almost all the air conditioning devices into KNX.
Summary

Over 7,000 certified KNX products cover all the applications of heating, ventilation and air conditioning.

The KNX worldwide standard thus offers the best requirements to improve the energy efficiency of buildings.
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Project examples

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Example 1
Integration of heating systems
Integration of heating systems

Connection between KNX and heating systems creates new possibilities

In combination with the Vaillant multiMATIC 700 heating regulator, the ise smart connect KNX Vaillant and the ise adapter, you can now integrate the heating system, ventilation system and/or the yield and consumption values in building scenarios, visualisation and facility management systems.

- **Information about the heating system**
  Display of maintenance modes, error messages, date and time, outside temperature, system status

- **Display yield and consumption values**
  Output values of solar system and heat pump, consumption values of water heating and heating (electricity, gas)

A new building near Dortmund
Integration of heating systems

Possible application scenarios:

- **Control the heating on demand**
  Times and setpoints for heating and domestic hot water can be configured and updated quickly and easily via a visualisation or any other sensor device.

- **Automatic ventilation**
  The ventilation system starts automatically when leaving the house so the house owner returns to a pleasant room climate.

- **Short-term, extended night mode**
  The automatic night operation mode can be delayed at your fingertips so your guests also feel comfortable later in the evening or even early in the morning.
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Example 2
A thinking home
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Intelligent home automation with KNX

- All components of home automation, such as lighting, blinds, heating and room temperature control, window contacts, weather station, etc. are networked via KNX and can be centrally controlled.

- Functional examples:
  - the blinds close when the TV is switched on
  - the letterbox reports when the post has been delivered
  - the socket with an iron plugged in switches off when nobody is in the room

The fact that the heating system supplies heat as required independently of the outside temperature, helps save energy. “Demand-based heating works better with KNX 10 than before, as the valve position of the radiators and the exact room temperature are now reported to the heat generator. The actual temperature can thus be compared with the desired temperature and the boiler ‘knows’ whether it should heat or not,” Matthias Schmidt explains.
A thinking home

Buderus heating system supplies heat as part of KNX home automation

• The Buderus heating system is integrated into the home automation system via the KNX 10 gateway
• The single-room control unit allows the desired temperatures to be set manually for individual rooms.
• When open windows are detected, the room temperature control unit receives this information, switches to frost protection mode and closes the radiator valves.
• The Buderus heat generator is informed that no heat is needed and stops heating.

The “smarthouse213” of Ute and Matthias Schmidt from Coburg (Germany)
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Example 3
Energy plus fresh air
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Intelligent networking of regenerative energy systems

• As a result, the building produces more energy than consumed for heating the building, heating the drinking water, ventilation technology and household usage (“energy-plus house”)

• A touchscreen display visualises the setup and interplay of the energy system composed of photovoltaics, heat pump, geothermal heat and controlled ventilation.

• The building technology which has been refined for maximum energy efficiency and optimum indoor air hygiene saves energy costs and avoids emissions.

Construction of a residential house in Oberbayern (Germany)
Energy plus fresh air

Ventilation and air conditioning

- Two ventilation systems of the type Vallo ValloPlus 800 SE with KNX interface supply the rooms with filtered and preheated fresh air.
- Heat exchangers transfer up to 90% of the thermal heat from the extracted air to the incoming air.

Control over energy consumption and domestic technology

- A total of 22 KNX sensors installed in the heat generation and distribution system record the room and medium temperatures as well as the flow rates and air flow volumes.
- With the KNX visualisation, you always have an overview of the system.
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Case studies
## Overview of case studies

| Case study 1: | Control and monitoring of the system functions of an HVAC device |
| Case study 2: | Control and monitoring of temperature |
| Case study 3: | Visualisation of HVAC relevant parameters |
| Case study 4: | Optimisation for optional heat pump power consumption |
| Case study 5: | Heat pump power consumption forecast |
Case study 1 - Control and monitoring of the system functions of an HVAC device

The display and remote control of the operating modes (comfort, standby, night reduction) for the system functions (heating, cooling, ventilation and hot water) of a generator.

Case A: The user toggles the operating state via his smartphone.

Case B: The user starts the one-time heating of the hot water before showering.
Case study 1 - Control and monitoring of the system functions of an HVAC device

KNX solution for case A

Selection of the operating mode

The user has different options depending on the system configuration:

1. To set the operating mode centrally on the power generation system. The system affects the respective heating circuit (e.g. one floor).

2. To set the operating mode separately for each room via the visualisation using individual room temperature control.

The setting under point 1 has the primary function.
Case study 1 - Control and monitoring of the system functions of an HVAC device

KNX solution for case A

1. The default operating mode is only carried out on the heat / cooling generator via a heating / cooling circuit with a corresponding feedback signal.

Selection and feedback of operating modes via HVAC mode, 1 byte / DPT 20.102 or 1 bit / DPT 1.00x

For example for a heat pump control:
0: Auto
1: Comfort
2: Standby
3: Economy
4: Building protection
Case study 1 - Control and monitoring of the system functions of an HVAC device

KNX solution for case A

2. The default operating mode is carried out primarily at the heat / cooling generator as well as per room on the individual room thermostats. Both the room thermostats and the heat / cooling generators send a feedback signal to the visualisation about the respective status.

Selection and feedback of operating modes via HVAC mode, 1 byte / DPT 20.102 or 1 bit / DPT 1.00x

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RTS: Room temperature sensor
RTC: Room temperature controller
Case study 1 - Control and monitoring of the system functions of an HVAC device

KNX solution for case B

Domestic water heating

The one-time heating of the hot water e.g. via night mode, is triggered via a 1 bit command.

The status can be queried at the same object or a separate status object.

Alternatively, a temporary increase of the setpoint temperature of the hot water is possible.

One-time domestic hot water

1 bit, DPT 1.00x

Active signals
Case study 2 - Control and monitoring of temperatures

The display of actual and setpoint temperatures of rooms, zones / heating circuits as well as the remote control of setpoint temperatures and the optional creation of setpoint temperature time profiles are among the standard functions of an individual room temperature controller.

Case A: The user sets the setpoint temperature from 19°C to 21°C.

Case B: The user would like the room temperatures to be displayed via a smartphone.

Case C: An energy manager optimises the inlet temperature of a heating circuit / zone using the predefined room temperatures.

Case D: The user configures time profiles so that the corresponding rooms have achieved the comfort temperature at the time of usage.
Case study 2 - Control and monitoring of temperatures

KNX solution for case A
Changing setpoint temperature from 19°C to 21°C

An individual setpoint value can be predefined for each room by the individual room thermostat via the visualisation.

RTS: Room temperature sensor
RTC: Room temperature controller
Case study 2 - Control and monitoring of temperatures

KNX solution for case B
Display of the room temperatures on a smartphone
Each temperature sensor sends the respective actual value per room via KNX to the associated room thermostat which routes it for display on the visualisation.

RTS: Room temperature sensor
RTC: Room temperature controller

Actual / setpoint temperatures:
2 byte Float / DPT 9.001

photo: ThinKnx
Case study 2 - Control and monitoring of temperatures

KNX solution for case C
For demand-based control, an energy manager optimises the energy consumption
The valve drives send the valve position per room to the energy manager which calculates the optimum inlet temperature on the basis of the current valve positions.

RTS: Room temperature sensor
RTC: Room temperature controller

Actual / setpoint temperatures:
Value_temp
2 byte Float / DPT 9.001

Valve lift:
Percent (0..100%), 1 byte, DPT 5.001

Active signals
Case study 2 - Control and monitoring of temperatures

KNX solution for case D

The user configures time profiles

Individual setpoint values can be preassigned for each room for individual room temperature control. The profile data is stored in the visualisation system.

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Setpoint temperature per room

HVAC status of room

Setpoint values

Actual values

HVAC mode status

HVAC mode

Active signals

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photo: ThinKnx

RTS

Act. temp.

Heating actuator with RTC

Room 1

Room n

RTS

Act. temp.

Heating actuator with RTC

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Case study 3 - Visualisation of HVAC-related parameters

Display of HVAC-specific parameters

Case A: The user would like the power consumption of HVAC devices to be displayed.

Case B: The user would like the operating state (normal operation, faults, service requirements …) to be displayed via smartphone.

Case C: The next service interval should be indicated to the user.
Case study 3 - Visualisation of HVAC-related parameters

KNX solution for case A

Power consumption of HVAC devices

Current heating controllers mainly make the energy consumption available as an absolute value on the KNX:
- electricity for heating
- electricity for hot water
- gas for heating
- gas for hot water

The energy consumption values are prepared in the visualisation system and displayed as:
- diagrams
- absolute values
- daily, weekly, monthly or annual values
Case study 3 - Visualisation of HVAC-related parameters

KNX solution for case B
Displaying operating states on the smartphone

Almost all the operating states can be queried via the KNX interface and displayed in the visualisation including: heating, cooling, active heating program, day / night mode, HV pumps, DHW heating, active electric night heating, service, etc.

When there are system errors, error messages are automatically sent to the visualisation via the KNX, either as individual fault messages or as group messages (“Faults of heat generator”).

Fault message, Operating status:
1 bit / DPT 1.00x
1 byte / DPT 6.020
1 byte / DPT 20.xxx
Case study 3 - Visualisation of HVAC-related parameters

KNX solution for case C

**Note about the next service interval**

The note about the next service date can be carried out in different ways:

1. The heat / cooling generator determines the necessity of a service appointment itself and sends a request in the form of a yes / no telegram to the visualisation system.

2. The running times of the HV and storage pumps, compressors, electric heaters etc. are sent as absolute values to the visualisation, compared with the specified maintenance intervals and the next service period is calculated.
Heat pumps belong to the most energy-intensive devices in the building. There is therefore a high added value for the customer to integrate these systems in the energy management so that they can be operated cost-effectively.

Case A: The service water is heated if the electricity is reasonable.

Case B: The heating or cooling is carried out within a tolerance range defined by the customer if the electricity is reasonable.
**Case study 4 - Optimisation for optional power consumption of heat pumps**

KNX solution for cases A/B
Heat pumps can represent optional processes (e.g. heating or cooling) on the communication interface, so that these processes can be started by an energy management system under favourable conditions.

**Use of SG ready functions** for heat pumps with Smart Grid capability
Operating status 1
is backward compatible to utility lock, incorporates a maximum lockout period of two hours
Operating status 2
the energy-efficient normal operation with pro-rata filling of thermal store for the maximum lockout period of two hours
Operating status 3
is the controller mode for heating rooms and water
Operating status 4
is a definitive start-up command

http://www.waermepumpe.de/waermepumpe/sg-ready/
Case study 4 - Optimisation for optional power consumption of heat pumps

KNX solution for cases A/B
Heat pumps can represent optional processes (e.g. heating or cooling) on the communication interface, so that these processes can be started by an energy management system under favourable conditions.

Control with a conventional heat pump via operating modes and setpoint values.
Case study 5 - Heat pump power consumption forecast

Heat pumps belong to the most energy-intensive devices in the building. There is therefore a high added value for the customer to integrate these systems in the energy management so that they can be operated cost-effectively.

Case A: Further energy-intensive processes which exceed the domestic current of the PV system are prevented from starting during the heating cycles.

Case B: The user can be shown when heating cycles take place and at what price.
Case study 5 - Heat pump power consumption forecast

KNX solution for cases A/B
Heat pumps can represent optional processes (e.g. heating or cooling) on the communication interface, so that these processes can be started by an energy management system under favourable conditions.

Operating states and forecast data can be communicated by heat controllers to a visualisation program via the KNX and displayed as values, diagrams or graphics.

The heat pump determines the thermal energy demand of the building and communicates the power requirement to the PV system.

The PV system plans the operating time of the devices under consideration of a yield and consumption forecast so that the power consumption makes an optimum contribution to the domestic consumption.

The heat pump converts this proposal dependent on the operating state and thus increases the domestic consumption. Electrical energy is converted into thermal energy cost-effectively and stored temporarily in the house.
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Training

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3 easy ways to become an expert in KNX

On-site Training
- KNX Basic Course
  Getting familiar with KNX and become a certified KNX Partner
- KNX Advance Course
  Extend your KNX Knowledge
- KNX Tutor Course
  Become a KNX Trainer

Online Training

Literature
3 easy ways to become an expert in KNX

On-site Training

Online Training

Literature

- ETS eCampus
  Free online training for beginners
- KNX Webinars
  Interactive KNX Presentations
- Online KNX Basic Course Preparation for certified Courses
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• KNX Brochures
  Brochures about all aspects of KNX

• KNX Books
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  - Various languages about further aspects of KNX by independent authors
"Climate control with KNX" as part of the KNX Advanced course

A large part of the KNX Advanced course already deals with HVAC topics:

- Types and function of heating components
- Integration of the heating system into building management system
- Single-room control and KNX gateways
- As well as: fan coil, ventilation, integration of air conditioning systems, indoor and outdoor sensors
KNX HVAC on-site training

New HVAC training

- “Heating, cooling and ventilation with KNX” as a two-day course

- **Target group:**
  Primarily specialists in electrotechnology with experience in electrical installation with experience and knowledge of installation in the HVAC sector

- **Your benefits:**
  - You will receive solid, basic knowledge about HVAC applications in home and building technology using KNX.
  - Important HVAC terms, contexts and typical HVAC components are clearly explained using practical examples.
  - You will be technically qualified to communicate with HVAC manufacturers and specialists.
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New HVAC training

• With additional topics

  • **Basic know-how:**
    Temperature, heat, thermal energy, thermal capacity, humidity, dew point, formation of condensation and its consequences, …

  • **Heat distribution systems:**
    Thermal comfort, temperature profiles, heat distribution systems, heat pumps, heating surfaces, heating fittings, heat meters

  • **Heat generators:**
    Operation of mini CHP plants and heat pumps, solar heat, conventional heat generators, domestic water heating

  • **In-depth understanding of control and regulation:**
    Continuous-action and switching controllers, practical setting of the control parameters not only for individual room thermostats
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New HVAC training

• With additional topics
  
  • **Heating control:**
    Regulation of flow temperature and room temperature, significance of hydraulic balancing
  
  • **Domestic water heating:**
    Storage / flow-through principle, avoidance of legionella, heat exchangers, …
  
  • **Increase in energy efficiency with KNX:**
    with KNX through individual room temperature control dependent on room usage, influence of flow temperature, influence of domestic water temperature, influence of pressure of the circulating pump, …
  
  • **KNX interfaces / gateways** for heat generators
  
  • … and more practical exercises!
KNX HVAC on-site training

New HVAC training

• **Certification**
  After passing the final exam, you will receive the official KNX certificate.

• **Dates**
  The first course will be held on 3rd and 4th May 2017 at BFE in Oldenburg. Go to [www.bfe.de](http://www.bfe.de) for information and to register.

Further training courses to follow.
HVAC training in KNX training centres

Where can I find information on KNX training?

http://start.knx.org/
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HVAC website
HVAC website

http://hvac.knx.org
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