

Sonos and Control4 SDDP FAQ

Q: What's new with the Sonos driver?

A: The latest release (89) of the Sonos driver adds support for using SDDP to add and identify Sonos devices. SDDP support was added to the Sonos OS in their July 9 release, v10.3.

Q: What's SDDP?

A: Control4® Simple Device Discovery Protocol (SDDP) is software that is built into a manufacturer's product to make integration with a Control4 system easy and seamless. Incorporating Control4 SDDP technology into new products is a great way for companies to easily enter the rapidly growing home and commercial automation industry.

Q: Is this an officially supported integration?

A: Yes! Sonos have provided an official API for control of their products, and Control4 was an early partner in their launch of this API. As Sonos continued improving the API, the Control4 integration kept pace with the added features and is a Works With Sonos certified integration.

This latest release of the Control4 driver and Sonos' latest OS release now means that the Sonos integration is also certified by Control4.

Q: How does it change my installs?

A: You can now use SDDP to perform the initial setup simply by double clicking the Sonos devices in the *Discovered* tab in Composer Pro System Design. This will auto-configure the driver to control the correct Sonos device and track any IP address changes. It is not necessary to use SDDP to set up the integration, so any existing and new installs will continue to work using the previous drop-down Sonos Room Selector property to identify a Sonos device.

Q: Remind me what the Sonos driver can do.

A: The Sonos integration allows control of any Sonos device on your network. Favorite items and playlists can be selected for playback, players can be grouped together, and of course, playback and volume controls are available. Direct selection of the line in (or home theater in on Amp, Playbar, Playbase, and Beam) is also present. Information on the currently playing track is shown on the Now Playing screen, along with information on which service the track is playing from.

Q: Are there limitations on the Control4 OS version or the Sonos software version?

A: The Sonos driver requires at least Control4 OS 2.8.2 to run. We recommend that you use Control4 OS 3 for the best customer experience. To add and identify the driver with SDDP, you should be running at least Sonos OS v10.3

Q: Do I need to go and update my existing Control4 and Sonos installs with the new driver?

A: This driver release is only adding support for SDDP to the driver. There are no new features in v89 from v88, so there is no requirement to update any v88 systems to v89 if you don't need to use SDDP. However, it is always a good idea to make sure that drivers are up to date, and the Sonos driver supports the Composer Driver Auto Update agent which will handle this for you.

The Sonos OS also has an automatic update feature, which we recommend you enable so that your customers can always take advantage of new features as they are added without requiring you to roll a truck to start the upgrade.



Q: How does Control4 enhance a Sonos customer experience?

A: Using Sonos as a standalone music playback system works well. Integrating it into a Control4 system allows for whole-home automation possibilities that aren't present in the Sonos system by itself. Imagine starting your favorite station automatically by turning on the coffee machine in the morning or pressing one button to have the lights dim and a chilled-out playlist begin playing for a dinner party.

Q: Which Sonos devices support SDDP?

A: Here is the list of Sonos devices that support SDDP:

- SYMFONISK bookshelf
- SYMFONISK lamp
- Sonos AMP
- Sonos Beam
- Sonos One Gen 2
- Sonos One Gen 1
- Play:1
- Play:3
- Playbase
- Playbar
- Play:5 Gen 2
- CONNECT AMP after 2015