



Neat-O: \$2 Million Nightmare

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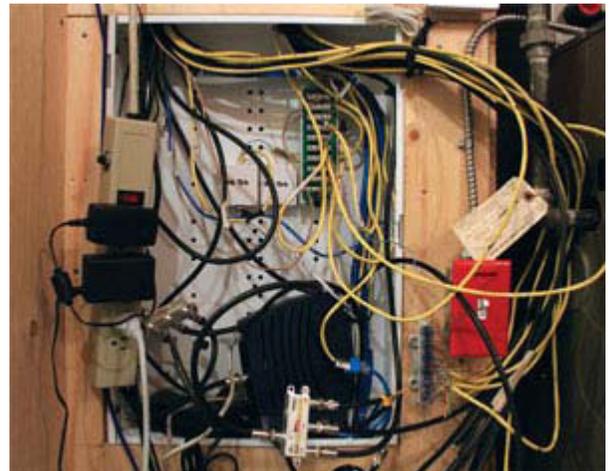
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You would expect everything in a new \$2 million home to be spic 'n span, but this British Columbia, Canada residence was left with some electronics work that looked more like a child wired it than a professional contractor.

Compared with the low-voltage done on the neighbors' house, it's easy to see why Beyond Audio was called on to patch things up.

It was the Kelowna, B.C.-based integrator that had provided the electronic systems work in the neighboring home, and when that owner saw this mess, "our client insisted this owner call us," says Beyond Audio's Mike Ohman.

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At first, the owner was hesitant to have things moved around, says Ohman. "We saw the wiring the first day with the client, and he suggested we not touch it for fear everything would stop working altogether. They had just moved in, two TVs were working and his computer network kind of worked, but he had to keep things operational during a light renovation."

That sentiment changed after the owner tried to use the on-demand service from Cablevision - while the regular cable service worked, the VOD playback did not. It was time for Beyond Audio to step in, and fix the network while they were at it. The company ended up reconfiguring most of the house systems, Ohman says, including the audio system, home theater, remote controls and more.

“The Cablevision system was pre-wired, cables stripped, and then three out of 12 were terminated and plugged into a \$3 splitter,” says Ohman. “We terminated the wires, provided a proper amplifier and splitter and it all works perfectly.”

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“The computer system was partially wired and terminated, but was slow and the wireless only worked within about a 40-foot radius of the mechanical room,” he explains. “We changed to a better router, switcher and WAP, all by Packedge, the speed jumped up and the wireless works throughout the entire house and back yard.” And the client will be spending more time in that back yard, too. After Beyond Audio managed to clean up the mechanical room up, the owner hired the firm to install an outdoor system that includes three audio zones, TV and controls, says Ohman.

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