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New AXIS Camera Companion release – Doubled recording capacity

The rapid evolution of the award-winning AXIS Camera Companion continues, and today the leader in network video solutions has announced a major upgrade of the free software client that doubles the recording capacity when using SD memory cards. The new release also includes new features such as multiple user access levels and joystick support.

“AXIS Camera Companion has been very well received by the market. Until November 2012 we have registered over 30,000 downloads of the software. This indicates that users really appreciate the simplicity and the superb HDTV image quality offered by AXIS Camera Companion,” says Peter Friberg, Axis’ Director of System and Services. “By also adding support for 64 GB SDXC cards in all network video products with SD card capabilities our customers will benefit from the doubled recording capacity, which means that each camera can record over one month of video in HDTV quality.”

In addition to support for 64 GB SDXC cards, the new version includes support for administrator, operator and viewer user access levels, so that system access for different users can be restricted. Joystick support for efficient control of Axis PTZ network cameras is also available.

AXIS Camera Companion allows small business owners to use HDTV network cameras to help them clearly identify intruders, shoplifters and other incidents. Video can be viewed live and recordings played back from anywhere – onsite or remotely over the Internet. The system supports motion detection and pan/tilt/zoom control. Video clips and snapshots can be easily exported to colleagues and authorities, and the system supports third-party apps for viewing live and recorded video on leading smartphones and tablets, such as iPhone, iPad and Android. See [user tutorial](#).

Unlike analog surveillance installations, AXIS Camera Companion does not require a central recording device – a digital video recorder (DVR), network video recorder (NVR), or even a computer. All images are recorded onto a standard SD memory card in each camera, and the cameras keep recording even if the network fails. The cameras are powered over the network, eliminating the need for separate power cables. This reduces cost, simplifies installation, and makes the system more robust as there is no single point of failure. To further protect customers’ investments, existing analog cameras can be integrated via video encoders.

The new AXIS Camera Companion 1.3 software client is available for free download from http://www.axis.com/products/cam_companion_software/index.htm.

There are packaged solutions for the smaller retail store with four HDTV 720p network cameras including AXIS Camera Companion available. In addition to the existing AXIS M1014 Network Camera Surveillance Kit, a Surveillance Kit of AXIS M3004 Network Dome Camera Surveillance Kit will be available in Q4, 2012.

About AXIS Camera Companion

The AXIS Camera Companion solution consists of three parts: Standard Axis network cameras or video encoders with edge storage support for recording onto SD-cards; a free software client and third-party mobile apps used for viewing live and recorded video; and standard third-party network equipment such as routers, switches, SD cards and NAS devices.

The cameras are available through Axis' security installation and system integration partners. A majority of Axis network cameras and video encoders with firmware 5.40 or later support AXIS Camera Companion. For a complete list of the supported products, please see: http://www.axis.com/products/cam_companion_software/supported.htm
For photos and more, please visit http://www.axis.com/corporate/press/press_material.htm?key=accom

AXIS Camera Companion has during the year won some prestigious awards, including Highly Commended Product Award from Detektor International, ASIS Accolades Security's Best Award, Maximum Impact Awards as the Best Video Surveillance System and Futurshop 2012 Awards for Best Security Product.

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About Axis Communications

As the market leader in network video, Axis is leading the way to a smarter, safer, more secure world — driving the shift from analog to digital video surveillance. Offering network video solutions for professional installations, Axis' products and solutions are based on an innovative, open technology platform. Axis has more than 1,000 dedicated employees in 40 locations around the world and cooperates with partners covering 179 countries. Founded in 1984, Axis is a Sweden-based IT company listed on NASDAQ OMX Stockholm under the ticker AXIS. For more information about Axis, please visit our website www.axis.com