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# AXIS Camera Companion 2.0 Features New GUI, Free Site File Sharing Service, Digital Zoom and Support for 360° and Panoramic Views

**v2.0 upgrade of the award-winning IP video surveillance solution for small systems follows more than 60,000 downloads of the free edge recording software**

CHELMSFORD, Mass. – ISC West Booth #14057 – April 8, 2013 – Axis Communications, the market leader in network video surveillance, unveils version 2.0 of the popular AXIS Camera Companion digital surveillance solution for 16 cameras or less at ISC West (booth #14057). The latest upgrade of the edge recording solution includes a revamped graphical user interface (GUI), support for digital zoom in live and recorded video, compatibility with panoramic views from Axis' 360° fixed dome cameras, and an automated site sharing configuration file downloadable from a free cloud-based service for easier camera access via multiple devices.

Additional features of AXIS Camera Companion 2.0 include:
• Easy and secure export of video and snapshots from single or multiple cameras
• Support for 64 GB SDXC cards in all Axis products with an SD card slot
• Third-party apps for viewing live and recorded video on leading smartphones and tablets such as iPhone, iPad and Android
• Integration with Public View Monitors (PVMs) for retail loss prevention
• Drag and drop capability to change the order of cameras
• Administrator, operator and viewer user access levels
• Support for motion detection, pan/tilt/zoom (PTZ) and one-way audio
• Ability to link software registration to a user's myAxis account for automatic updates

See the AXIS Camera Companion 2.0 installation and user tutorial videos for more information.

With AXIS Camera Companion all video is recorded onto a standard SD memory card in each network camera or video encoder. Therefore, unlike analog surveillance installations prevalent in small security systems around the world, AXIS Camera Companion does not require a central recording device – such as a digital video recorder (DVR) – or even a computer to operate. This dramatically decreases the cost of an IP video surveillance solution for small systems.

Since AXIS Camera Companion creates a self-contained video surveillance solution connected by a simple switch or router, the cameras will continue to record even in an event of a network failure. Additionally, since the devices can be powered over the network, the need for separate power cables is eliminated, which reduces cost, simplifies installation and makes the system more robust with no single point of failure. Lastly, for users of working CCTV cameras who want to protect their existing investment, these analog devices can be digitized and integrated into an AXIS Camera Companion IP video system using video encoders.

"As of April 2013 we have registered more than 60,000 downloads of the free software client [since March 2012]," said Peter Friberg, Axis' director of system and services. "This indicates that users really appreciate the simplicity offered by AXIS Camera Companion and the superb HDTV image quality [when migrating from analog to IP video]."

AXIS Camera Companion allows business owners who need a small camera count surveillance system to install an affordable IP video solution that can use HDTV- and megapixel-quality network cameras to clearly identify intruders, shoplifters and other incidents. Video can be viewed live and recordings played back onsite or remotely over the Internet.

In 2012, AXIS Camera Companion won ASIS Accolades' Security's Best Award and the ESX Maximum Impact Award as the Best Video Surveillance System in the U.S., as well as the Futurshop 2012 Awards for Best Security Product in Spain.

AXIS Camera Companion 2.0 software is available for free download today at http://www.axis.com/products/cam_companion_software/index.htm. The majority of Axis network cameras and video encoders with firmware 5.40 or later support AXIS Camera Companion and are available for purchase via Axis' security system integration partners.

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.

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