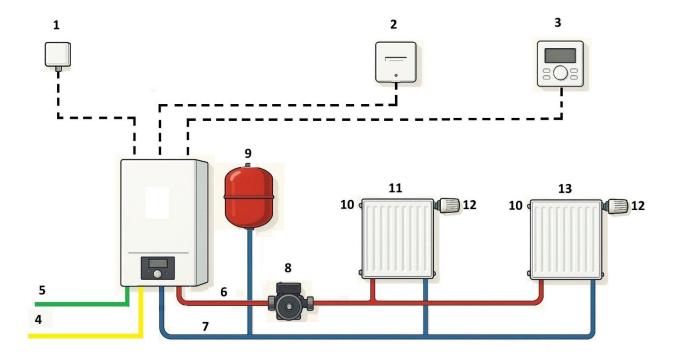




Modul 3: Reducing the energy consumption of a residential building with a smart home system

Information Heating Systems, Part I

This graphic shows the structure of a simple heating system



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Information Heating Systems, Part II

The following table shows an overview of the many different heating systems, categorized by primary energy source.

Primary energy source / fuel	Typ of heating	Function	Heat transport and heat transfer in the building	Temperature control
Oil	Oil boiler	Heating water through the combustion of oil	Heat transport through water Heat dissipation mainly via convection through: Radiators Heating coils (underfloor heating)	Boiler: Weather-dependent boiler flow temperature (central for each heating circuit) • Radiators: Thermostate valves • Underfloor heating: temperature-dependent regulation of the flow rate per room or zone using electrically operated valves
Gas	Gas boiler	Heating water through the combustion of oil and utilization of the thermal energy of the burner exhaust gas		
Wood	Wood pellets	Heating water through the combustion of wood pellets, wood chips or firewood		
	Wood chips			
	Firewood			
	Stove	Burning wood logs	Heat dissipation through heat radiation	

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Electricity	Night storage heaters	Heat generation through heating	Heat transport	by switching the heating elements or the
	Electric radiant heater	rods or heating coils	through air	heating coils on and off (2-point control)
	Electric panel heating: wall heating or underfloor heating	Heating wires in the wall or wallpaper or in the floor	Heat dissipation through heat radiation	
Solar Energy	Collectors (flat-plate collector or tube collector)	Heating of a liquid by the radiant energy of the sun in the solar collectors. The liquid transfers the heat energy to a hot water tank in a heat exchanger, which feeds the heating water circuit.	Heat transport through water Heat dissipation: mainly via convection through	 hot water tank: 2-point control by solar thermal controller Radiators: thermostatic valves Underfloor heating: temperature- dependent control Temperature of the flow rate per room or zone using
Ambient heat (earth, air, water)	Heat pump	Extraction of heat outside and release inside the house. Physical principle: Joule-Thomson effect Cooling is also possible by reversing the process	 Radiators Heating coils (underfloor heating) 	electrically operated valves.
Ambient heat of the air	Special case air-to-air heat pump: Split air-conditioning system	Works like a heat pump: Cooling and heating possible	Heat transport through air	by switching the split air conditioning system on and off using thermostats (2-point control)
Different energy sources possible	Combined heat and power plant	Heat generation: Utilization of waste heat from a combustion engine or a fuel cell.	Heat transport through water	Flow temperature is specified by the provider and cannot be influenced Radiators: thermostatic valves

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		Power generation: By fuel cell or generator driven by the engine.	Heat dissipation: mainly via convection through • Radiators	Underfloor heating: temperature- dependent control Temperature of the flow rate per room or zone using electrically operated valves.
Different energy sources possible	District heating	Use of a fossil thermal power plant, a fossil power plant to generate electricity or a CHP unit. The thermal energy is not generated at the user's location, but is routed to the buildings via a network of district heating pipes.	Heating coils (underfloor heating)	Flow temperature is specified by the provider and cannot be influenced Temperature control of the radiators: Thermostatic valves Underfloor heating: temperature-dependent regulation of the flow rate per room or zone using electrically operated valves.



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