Home Automation in Python

What is Home Automation

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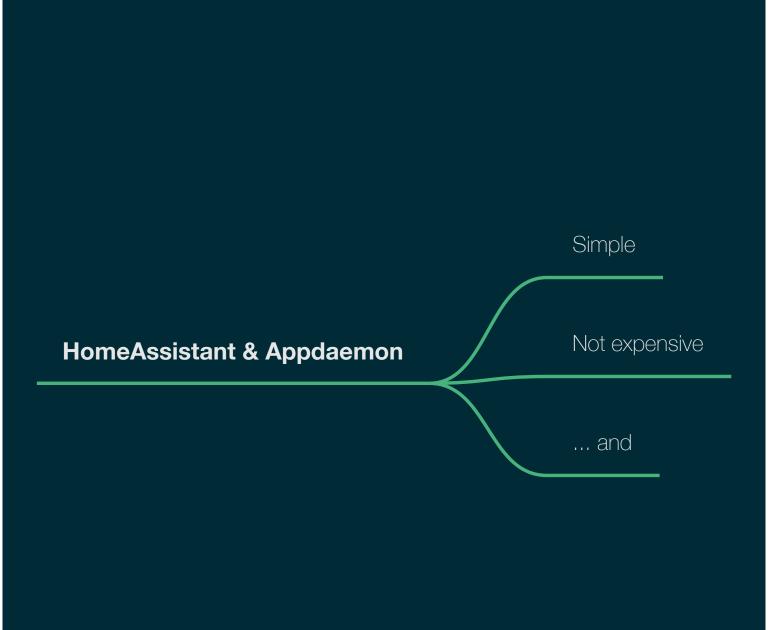
Something more?

"Something I can control from my phone" What is Home Automation Connecting devices together to generate Something more? behavior

Problems Expensive



HomeAssistant & Appdaemon



One place to manage them all

Simple

Version Controlled configuration

TDD your automations 😊



Anything integrates with anything

Open-Source

Not expensive

Not necessarily cheap, but can be

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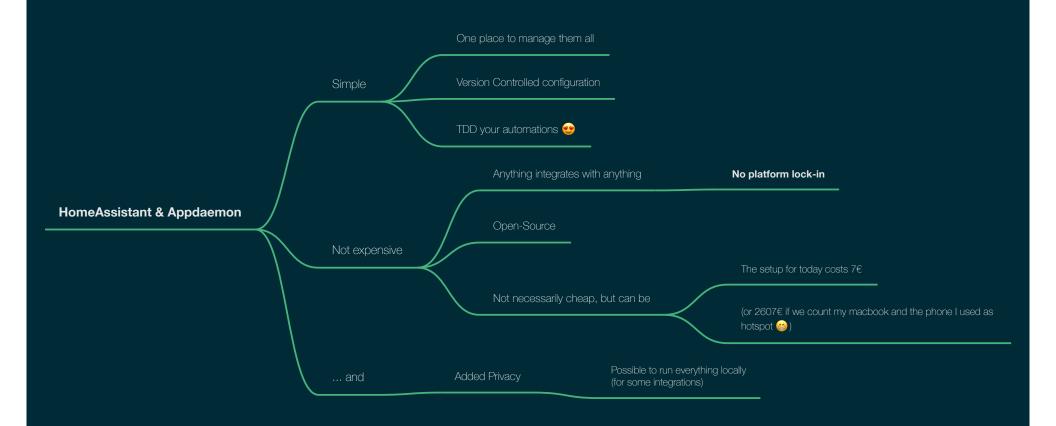
... and

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Added Privacy

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Possible to run everything locally (for some integrations)



Home Assistant & Appdaemon

Architecture

Everything is translated by **HomeAssistant**

Everything is orchestrated by **Appdaemon**

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Drawing on Board

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Many brands with many different protocols to implement essentially the same thing

Tower of Babel

They're obviously not compatible

For instance



For instance

Essentially the same thing: A light

Brightness

On / off

(Maybe) color temperature

Yet, 2 completely different **Apps** or **API** to control them

Enters **HomeAssistant** ...

Enters **HomeAssistant** ... **HomeAssistant** would translate a light, *no matter the brand*, as ...

... a light entity Enters **HomeAssistant** ... HomeAssistant would translate a light, no matter the brand, as ... and offer a standardised interface to access it

Entities, Services and Components

Every "thing" is represented by **HomeAssistant** as an **entity**

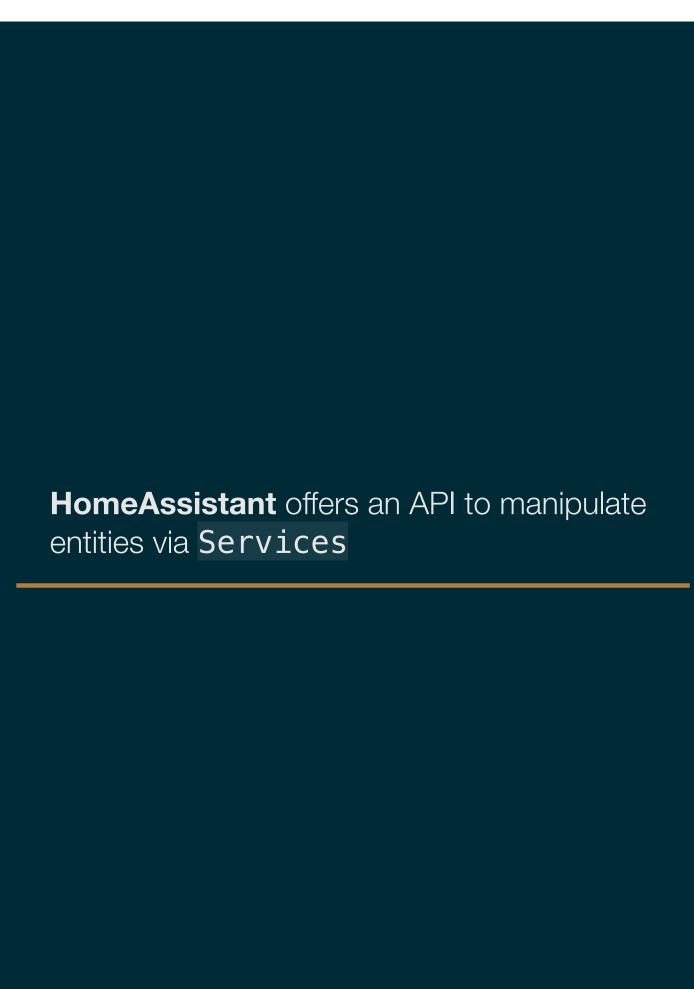
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Can be the target of service calls

Examples

Can have **state** Can be the **target of service calls** A connected switch Every "thing" is represented by **HomeAssistant** as an **entity** A lightbulb Examples Whether or not the sun is up Current weather



HomeAssistant offers an API to manipulate entities via **Services**

Service is an endpoint that can be called and which performs an action

Examples

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Turn On / Off

Examples

Change Brightness

Increase Volume

Components are implementations that allow HomeAssistant to support a specific platform

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Architecturally speaking it follows the *Adapter design* pattern

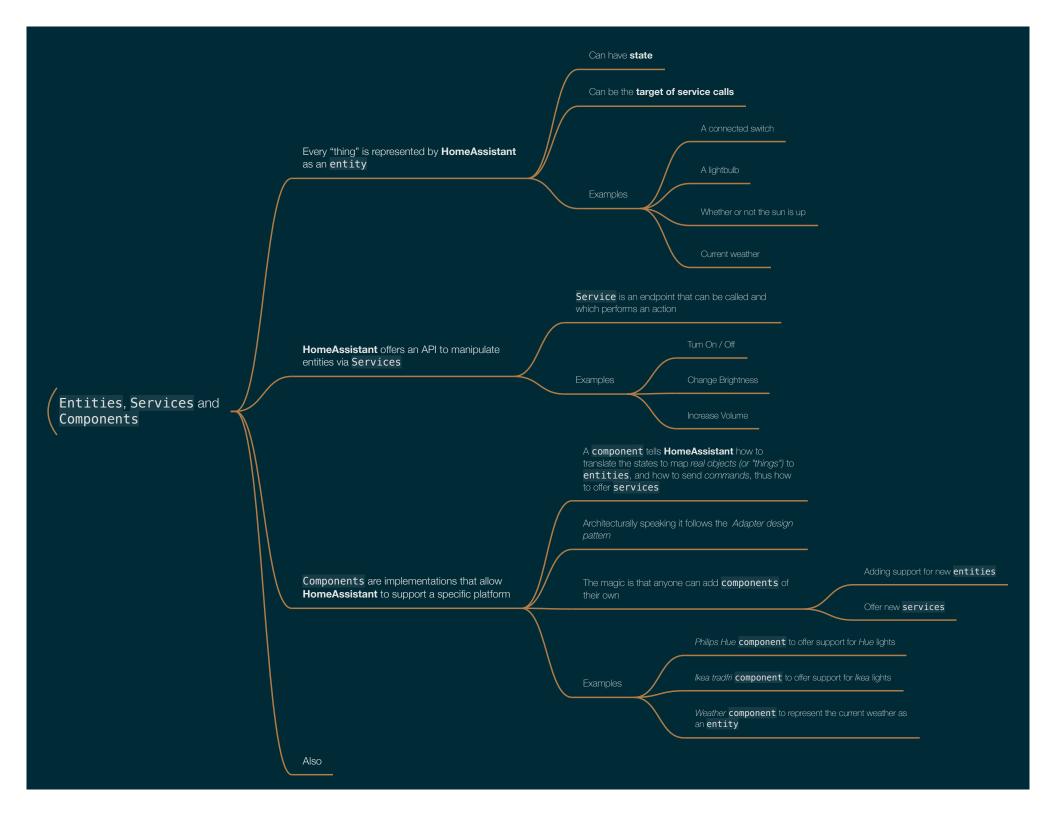
The magic is that anyone can add **components** of their own

Adding support for new entities

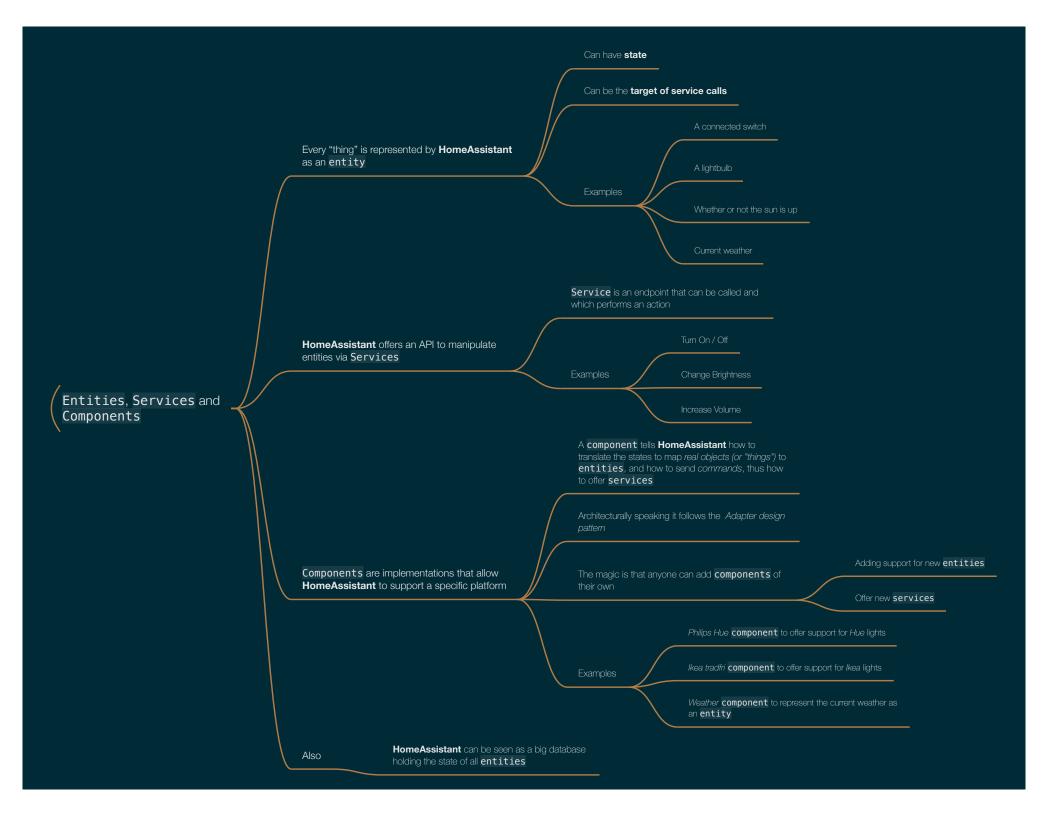
Offer new services

Examples

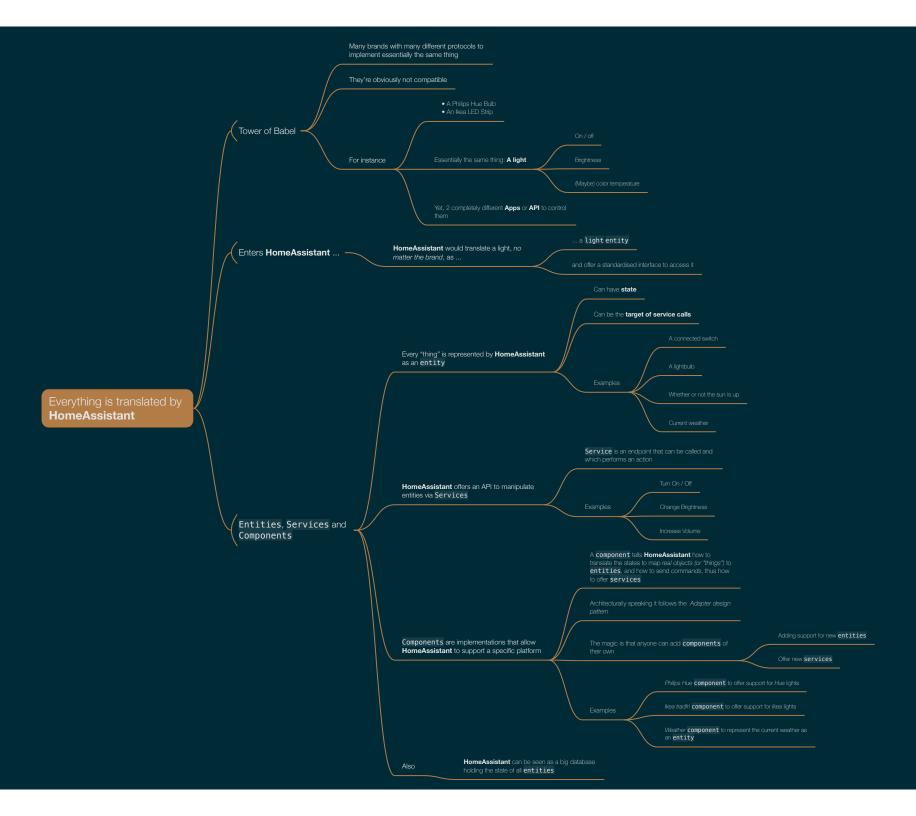
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HomeAssistant can be seen as a big database Also holding the state of all **entities**



Questions about HomeAssistant so far?



Home Assistant & Appdaemon

Architecture

Drawing on Board

Everything is translated by **HomeAssistant**

Everything is orchestrated by **Appdaemon**

Appdaemon is conceptually simpler -

Mostly because it now deals with a unified interface

The beauty of good design, thank you

HomeAssistant 😍

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Every automation is represented by an **Appdaemon App**

Appdaemon uses the **HomeAssistant** *API* to orchestrate actions on the different **entities**

It can listen to the *state* of **entities**, run at specific times and listen to **events** send by **HomeAssistant**

It then can trigger actions on **entities** by calling **HomeAssistant** services

Every automation is represented by an **Appdaemon** App

An App is a Python class registered with Appdaemon as an App

Every App has 2 phases

Examples

Initialization

Every App has 2 phases

Run

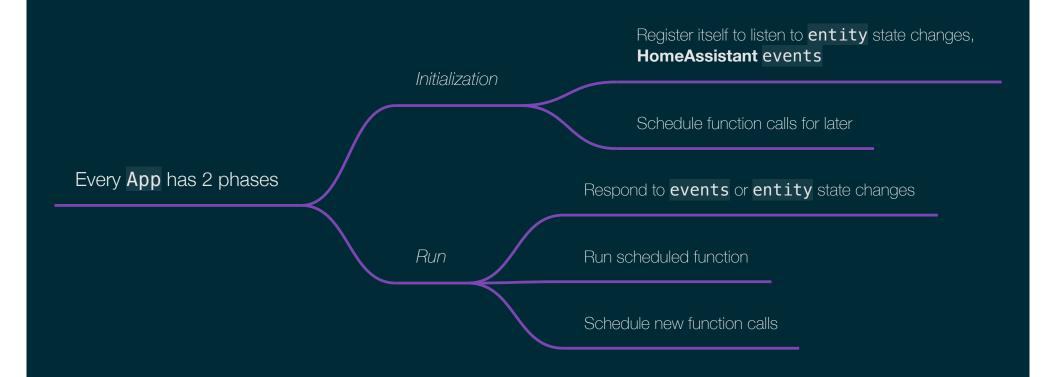
Register itself to listen to entity state changes,
HomeAssistant events

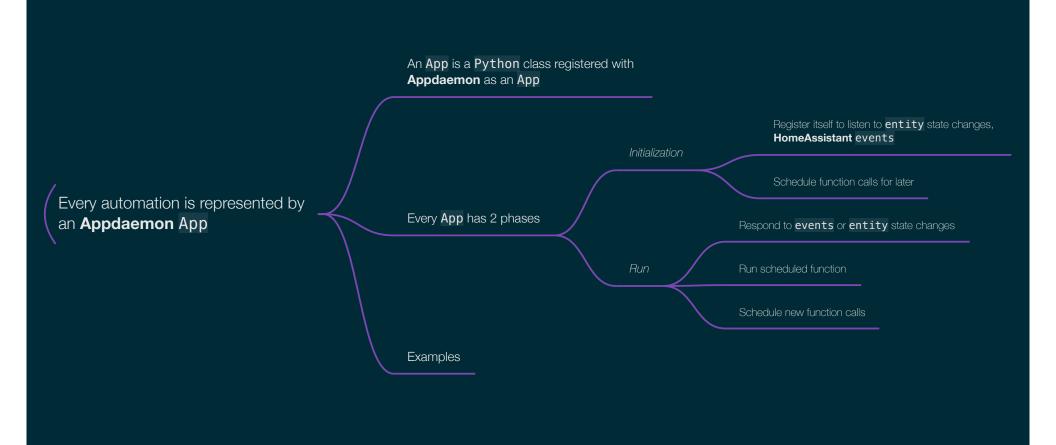
Initialization

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Schedule function calls for later

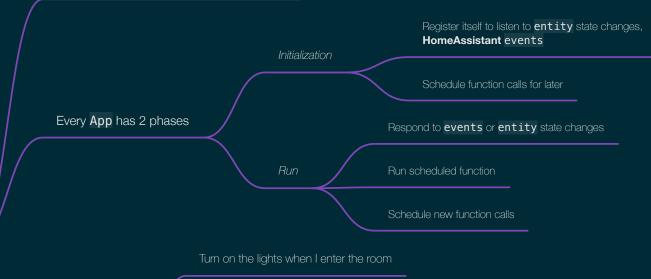
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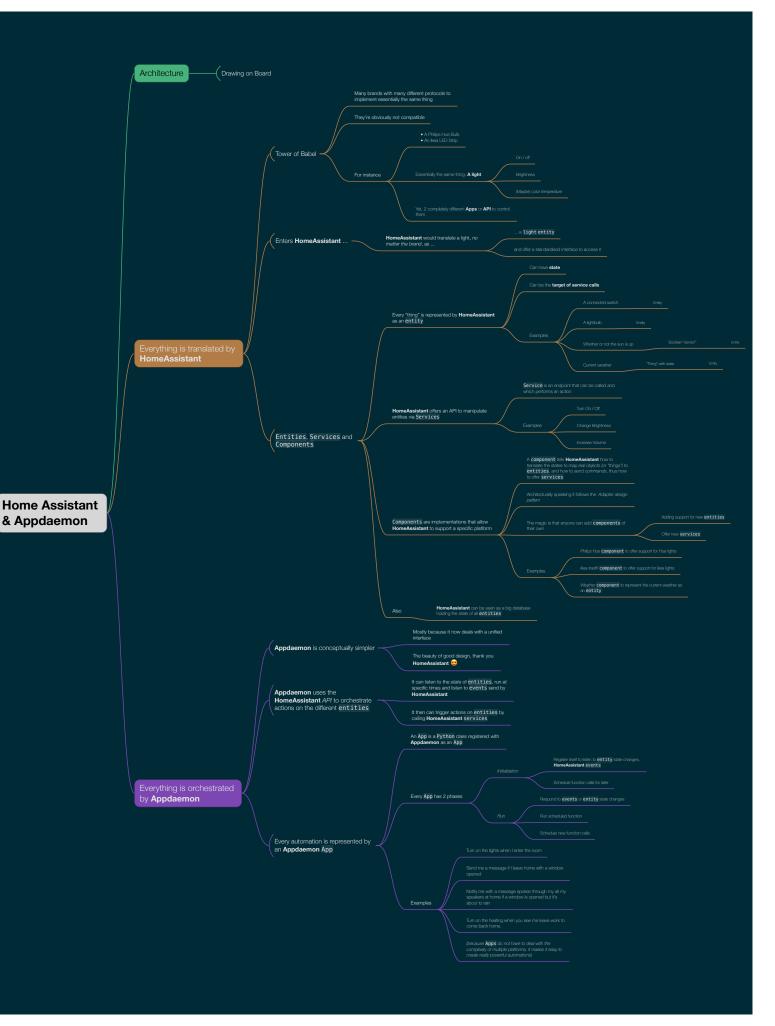
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Send me a message if I leave home with a window opened

Notify me with a message spoken through my all my speakers at home if a window is opened but it's about to rain

Turn on the heating when you see me leave work to come back home.

(because Apps do not have to deal with the complexity of multiple platforms, it makes it easy to create really powerful automations)



Step 1 - Initial Run

Step 2 - Connect switch

Step 3 - Network Architecture

Step 4 - Configure the MQTT Broker

Step 5 - Integrate w/ Home Assistant

Step 6 - Make some **REST** Api calls

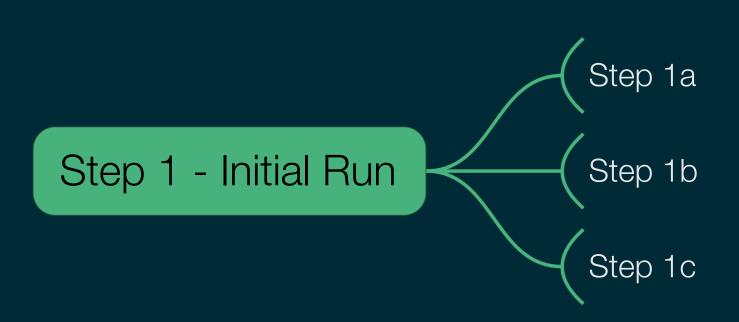
Step 7 - Setup **Appdaemon**

Step 8 - Basic LogText
Automation

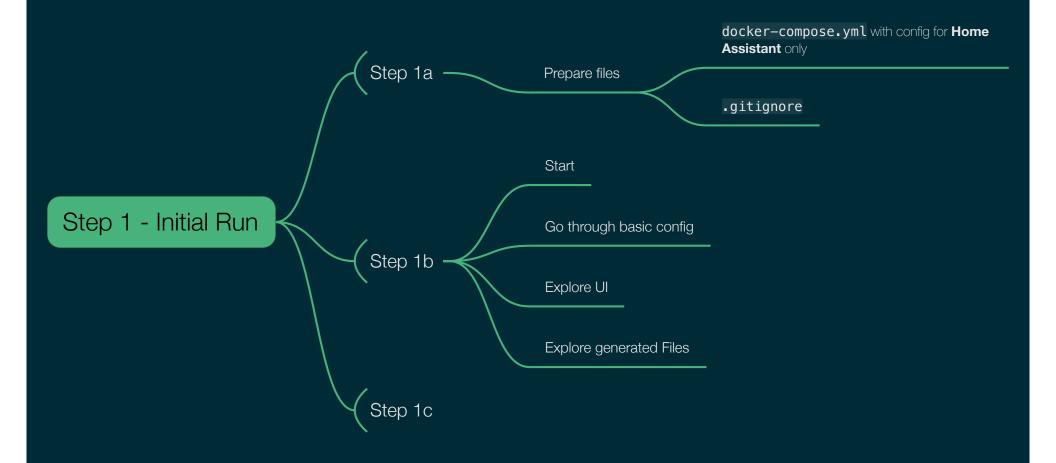
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Step 10 - A Complete Reallife setup

Tutorial





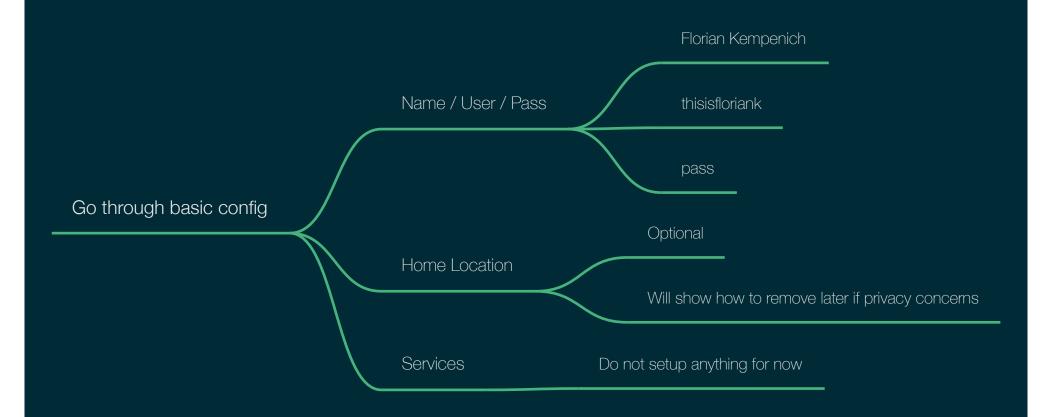


Run dcreload

Start

Open http://localhost:8123

Go through basic config



Explore UI

Save Login

Explore UI

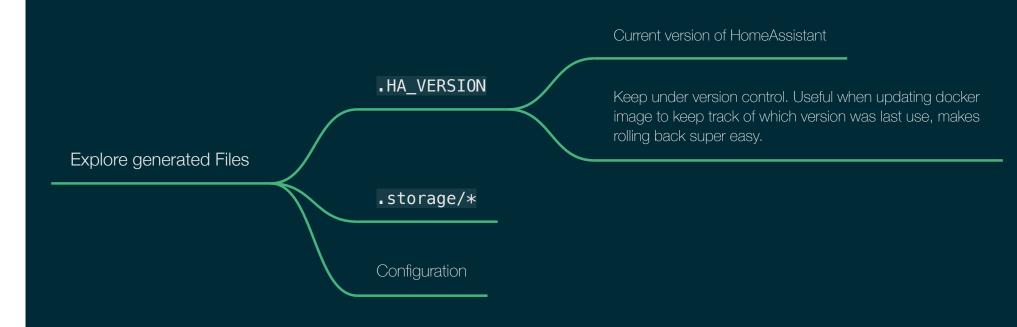
Main UI

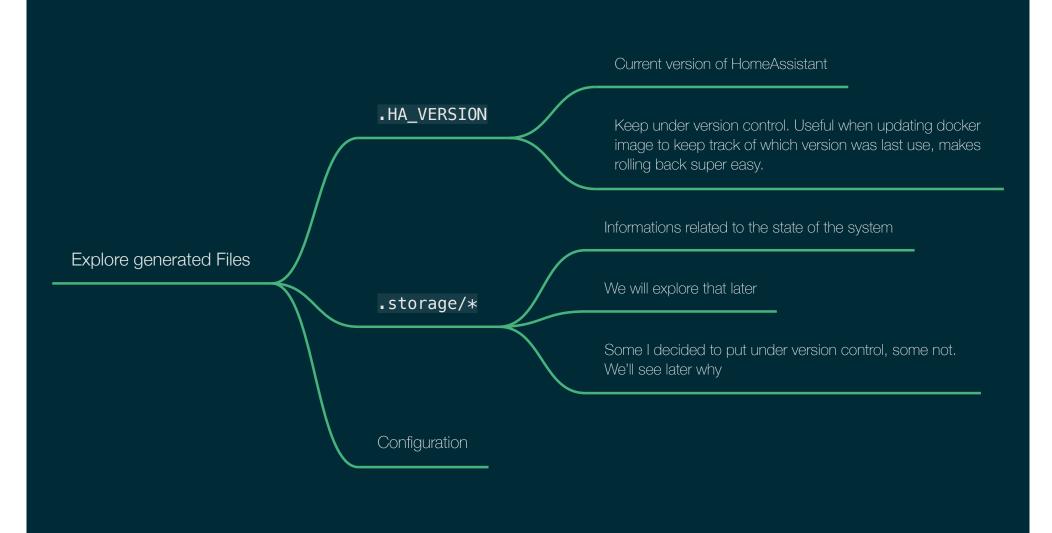
Explore generated Files

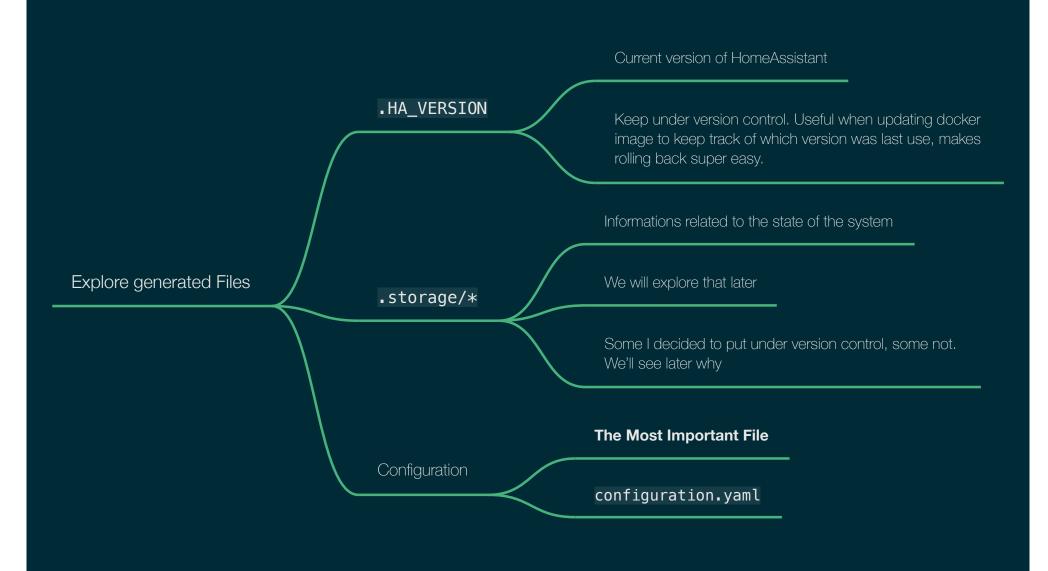
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Storage/*

Configuration







configuration.yaml

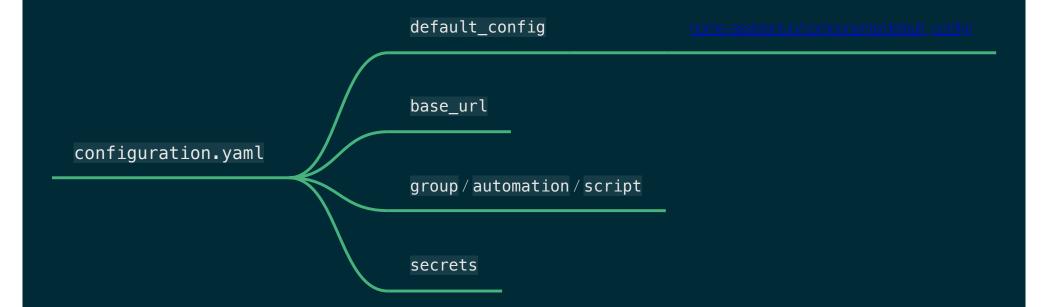
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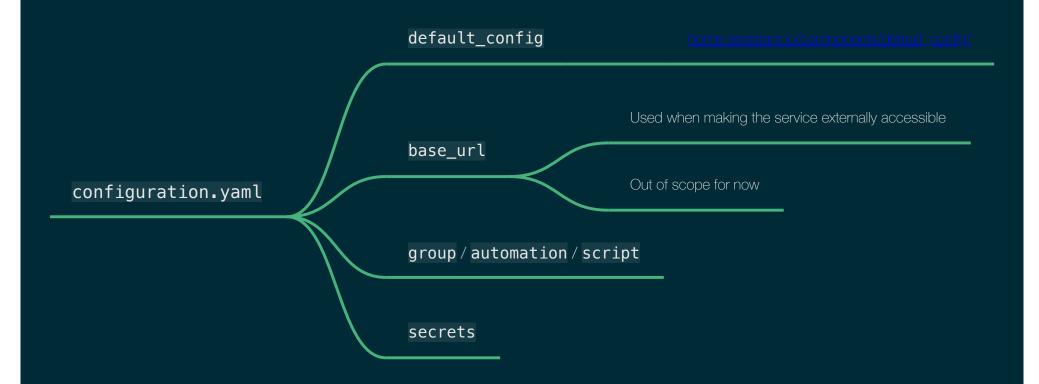
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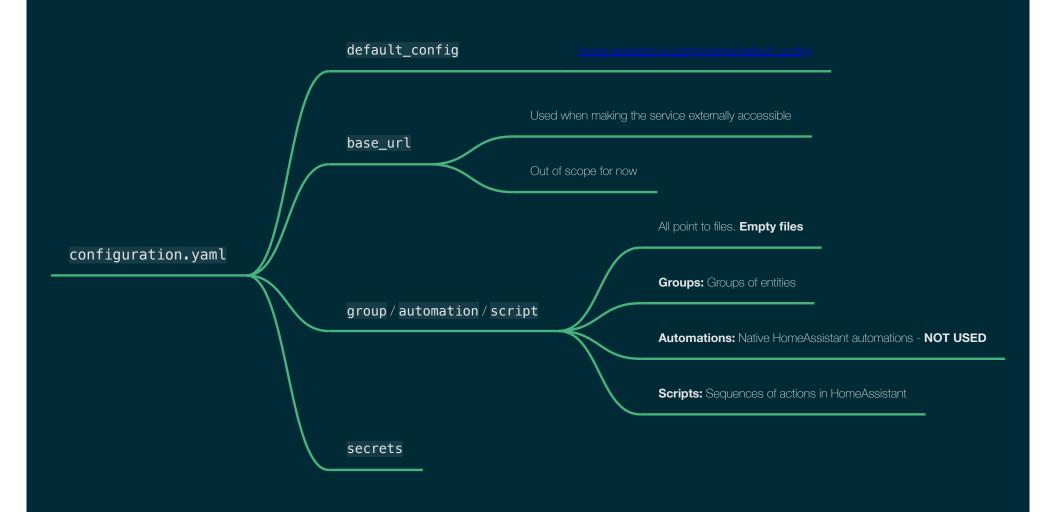
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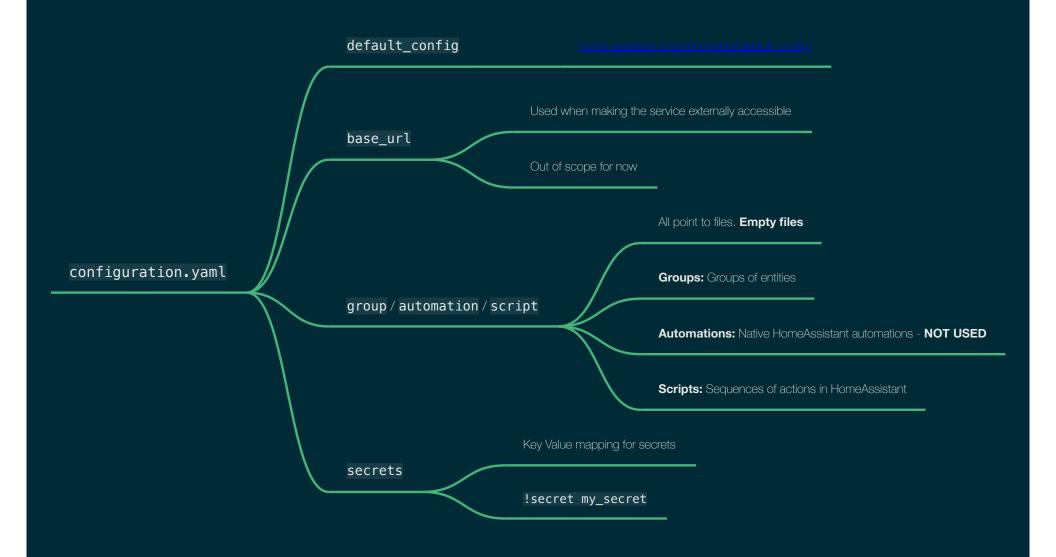
group/automation/script

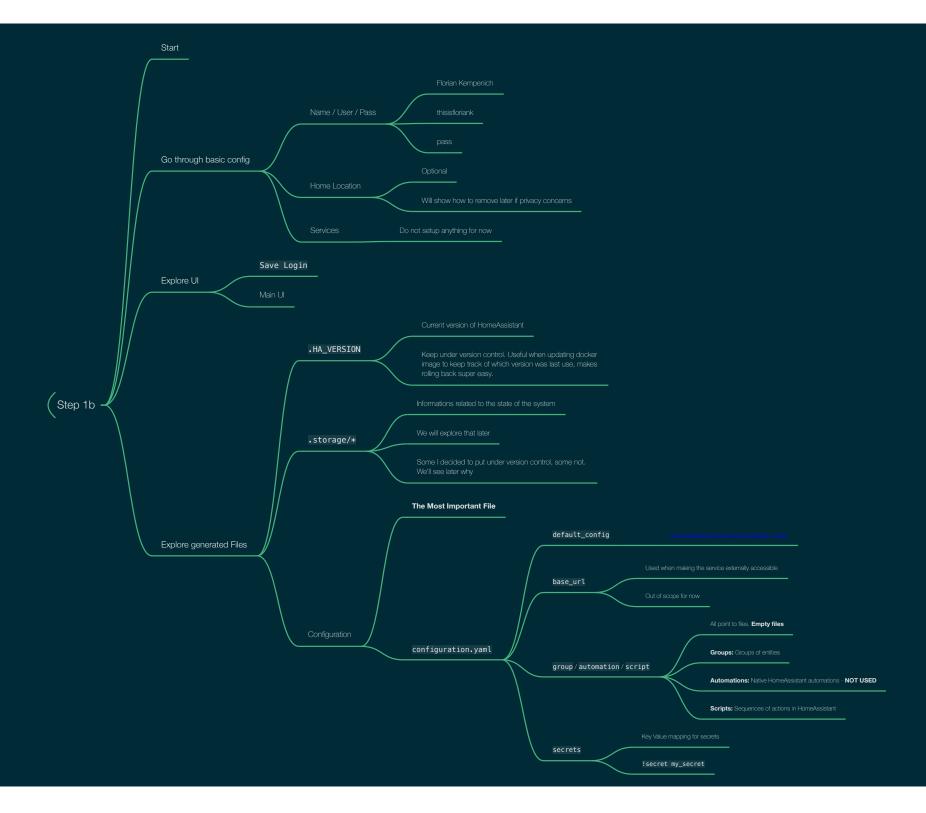
secrets







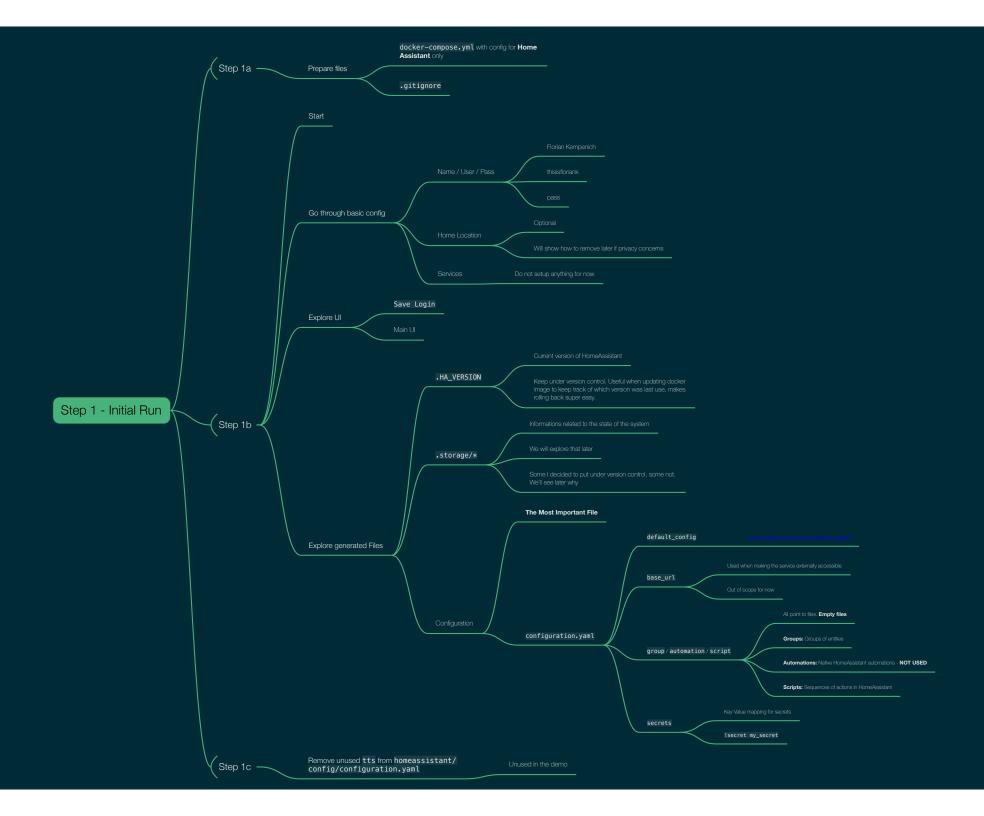




Step 1c

Remove unused tts from homeassistant/config/configuration.yaml

Unused in the demo



Step 2 - Connect switch

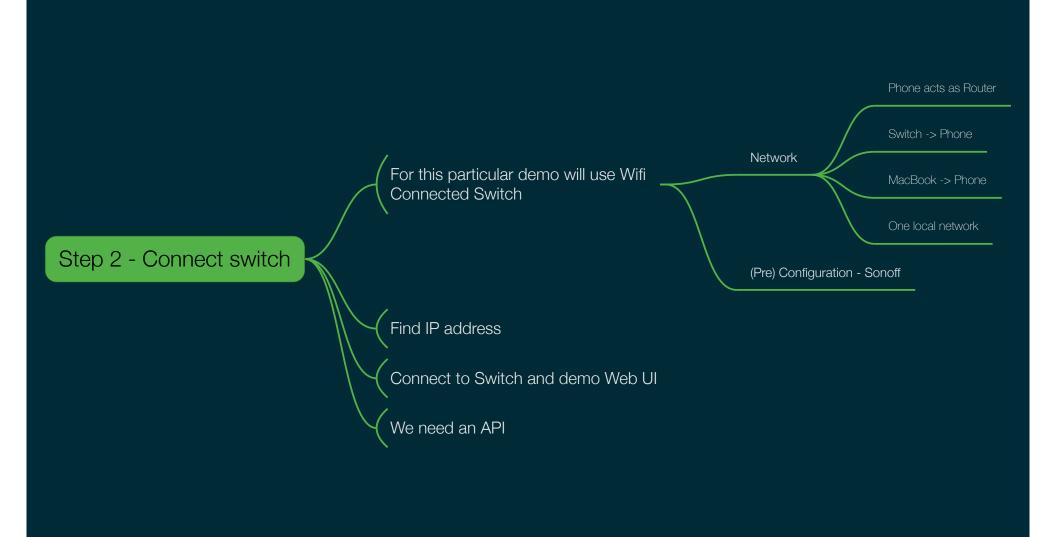
Step 2 - Connect switch

For this particular demo will use Wifi Connected Switch

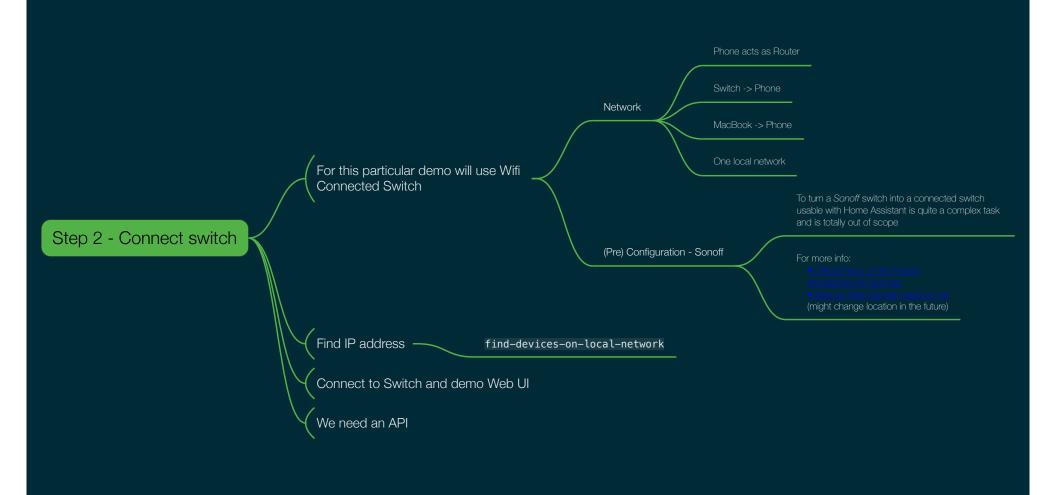
Find IP address

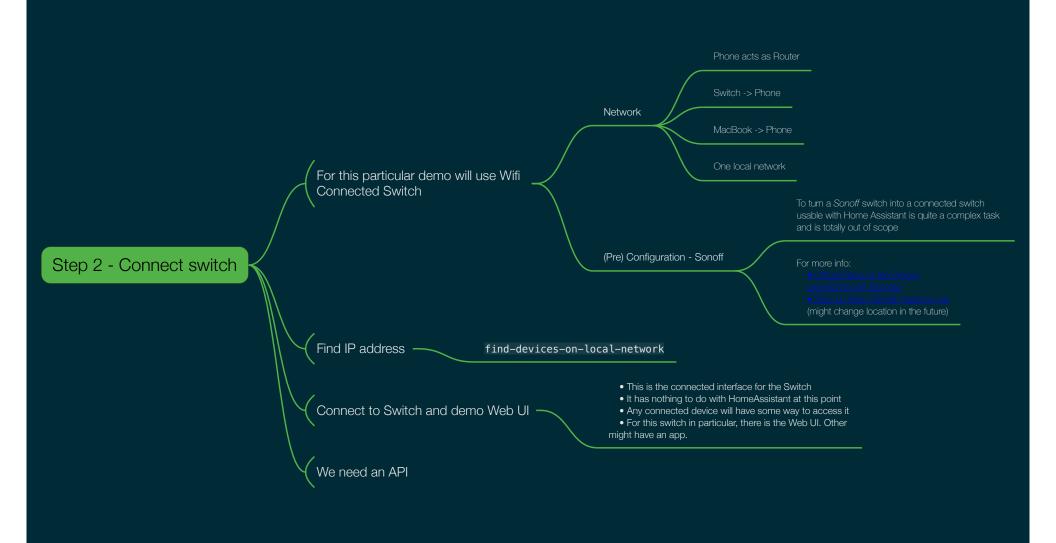
Connect to Switch and demo Web UI

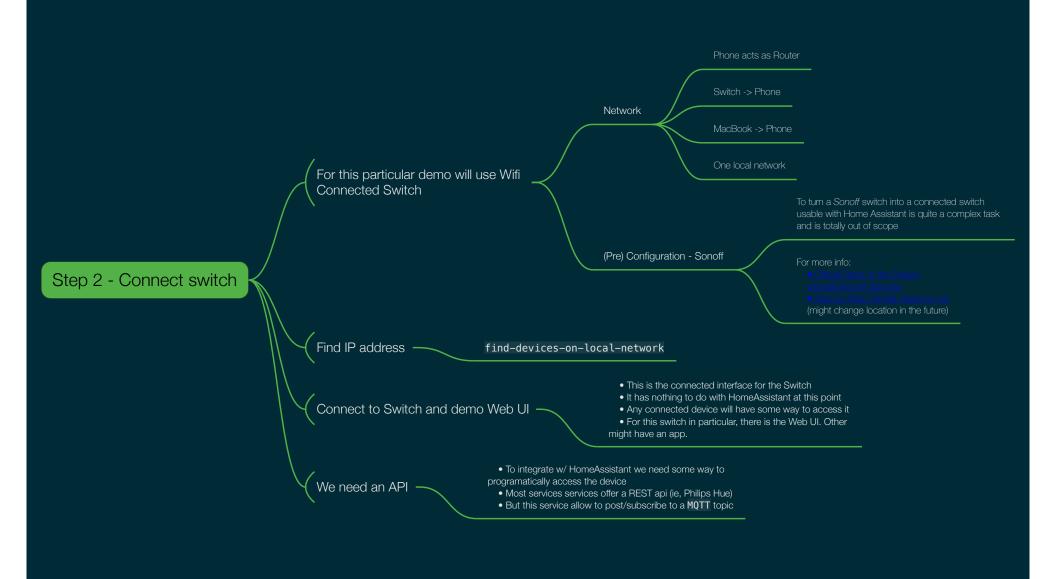
We need an API









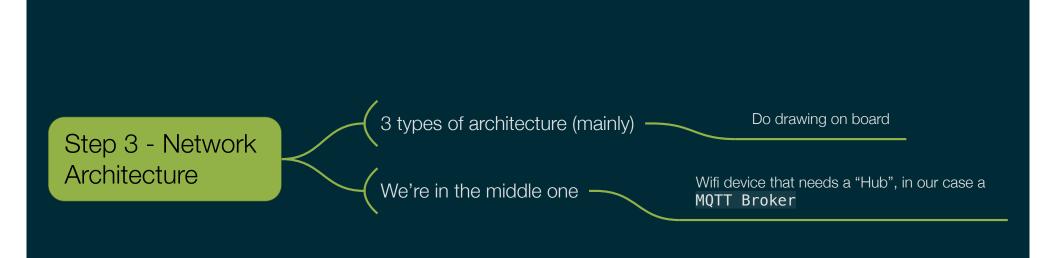


Step 3 - Network Architecture

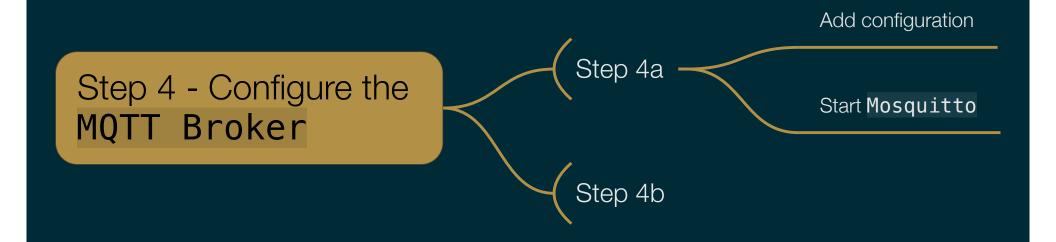
Step 3 - Network Architecture 3 types of architecture (mainly)

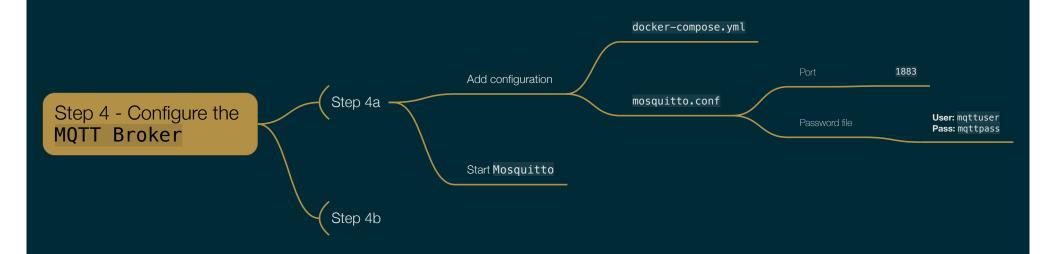
Do drawing on board

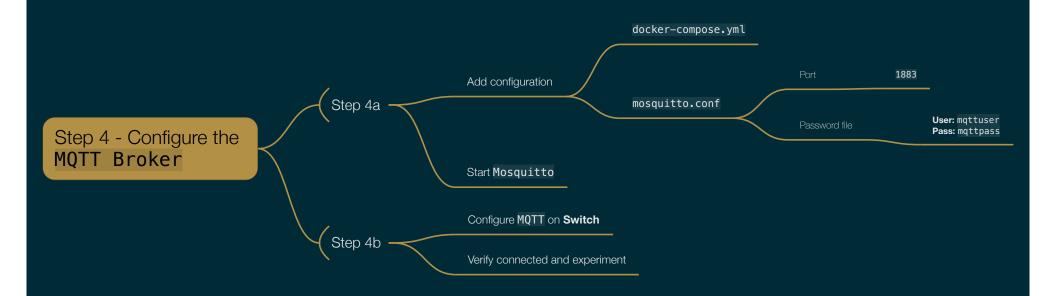
We're in the middle one

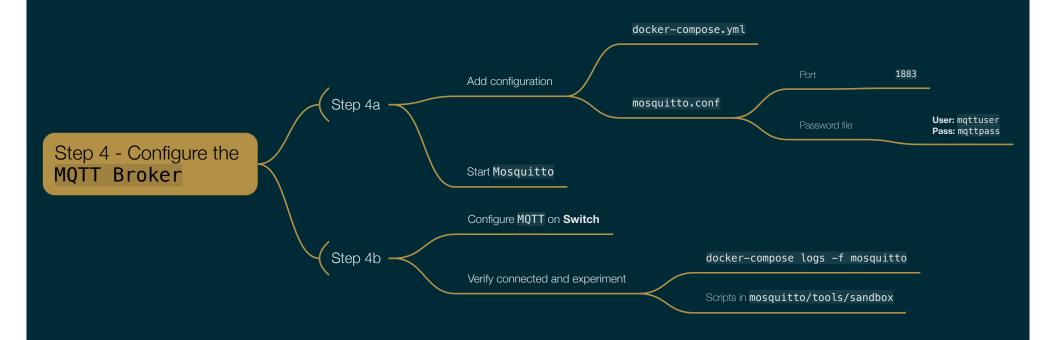


Step 4 - Configure the MQTT Broker

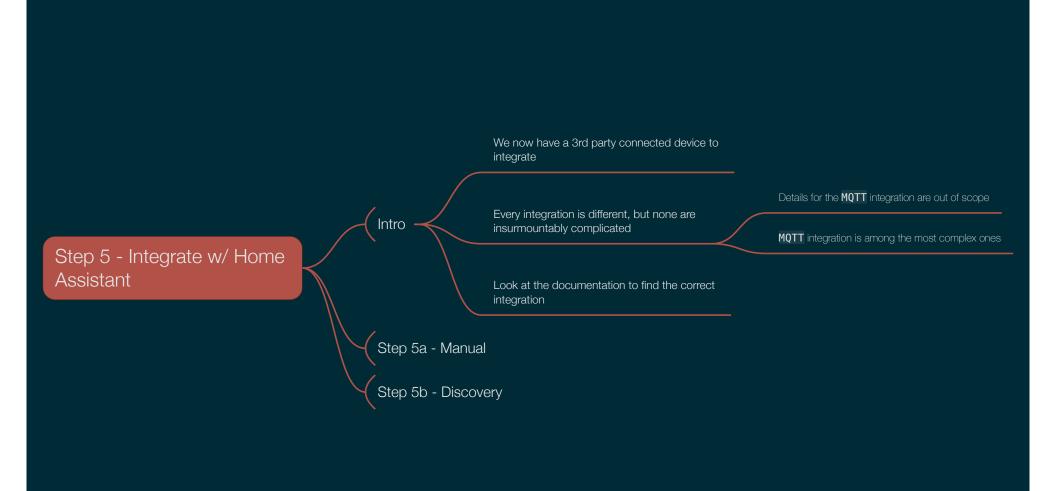








Step 5 - Integrate w/ Home Assistant



Step 5a - Manual

Using manual MQTT binding to explain quickly how it works under the hood

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We tell HomeAssistant how to access the MQTT Broker

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Turn on/off

Show the 2-way binding

Step 5b - Discovery

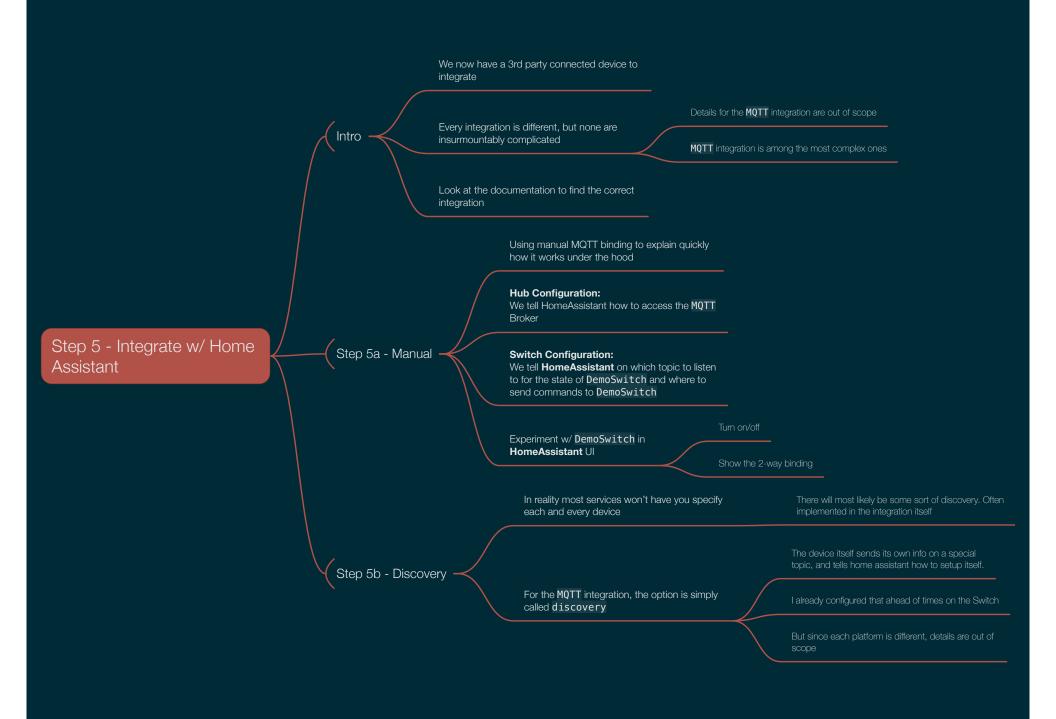
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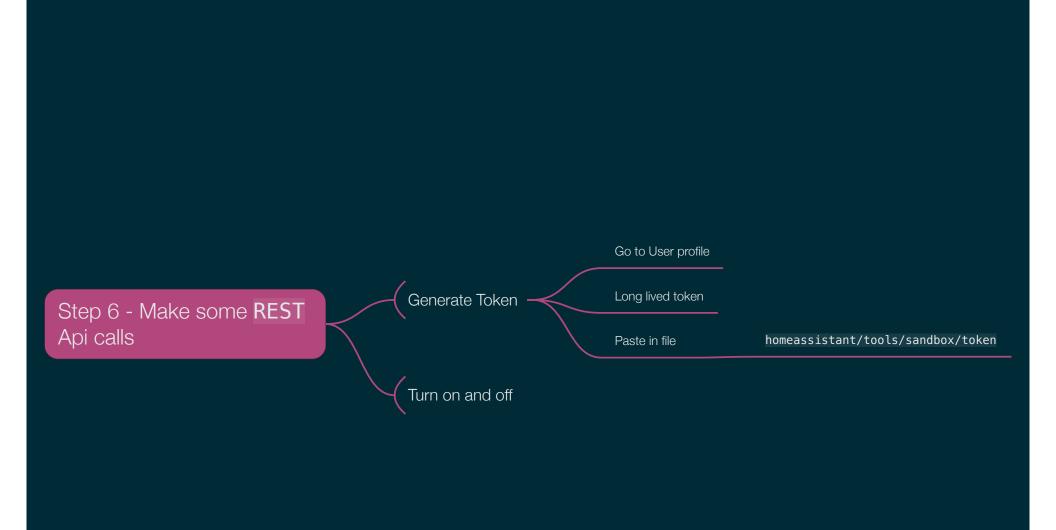
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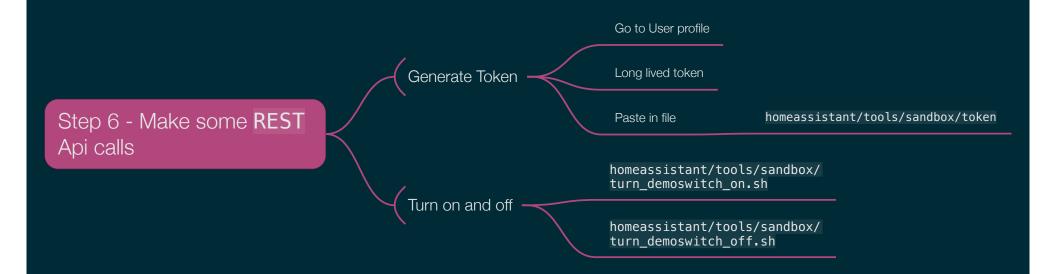


Step 6 - Make some REST Api calls

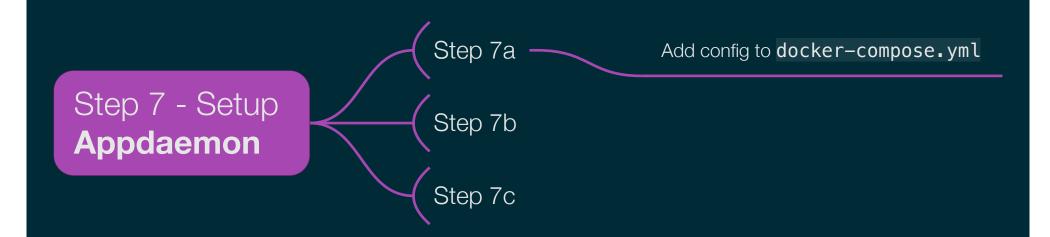
Step 6 - Make some **REST** Api calls Generate Token

Turn on and off

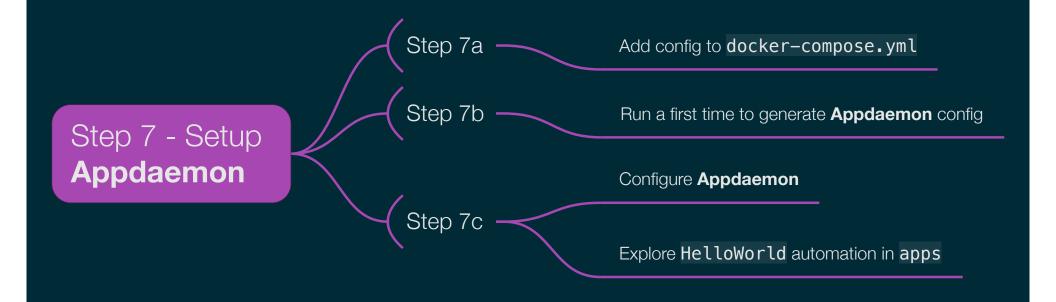




Step 7 - Setup Appdaemon







Configure Appdaemon

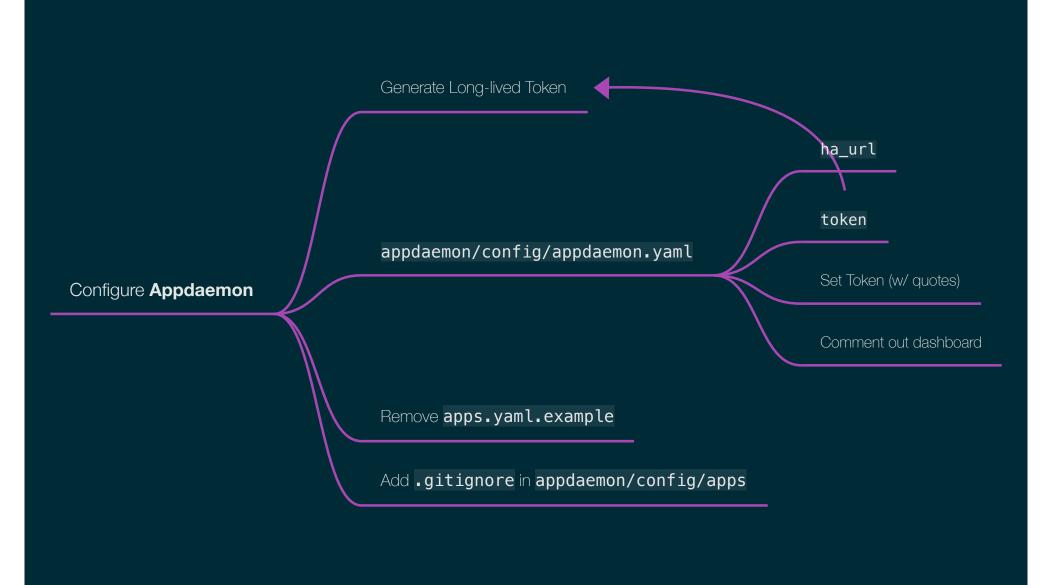
Generate Long-lived Token

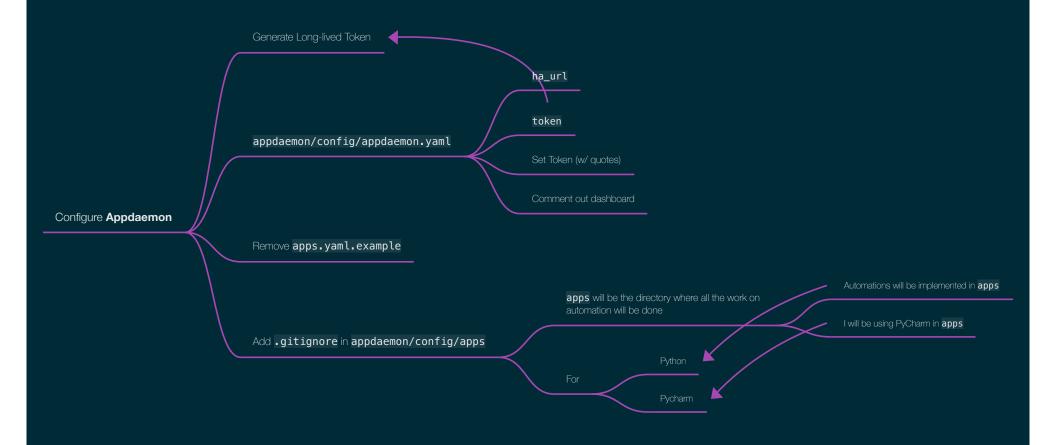
appdaemon/config/appdaemon.yaml

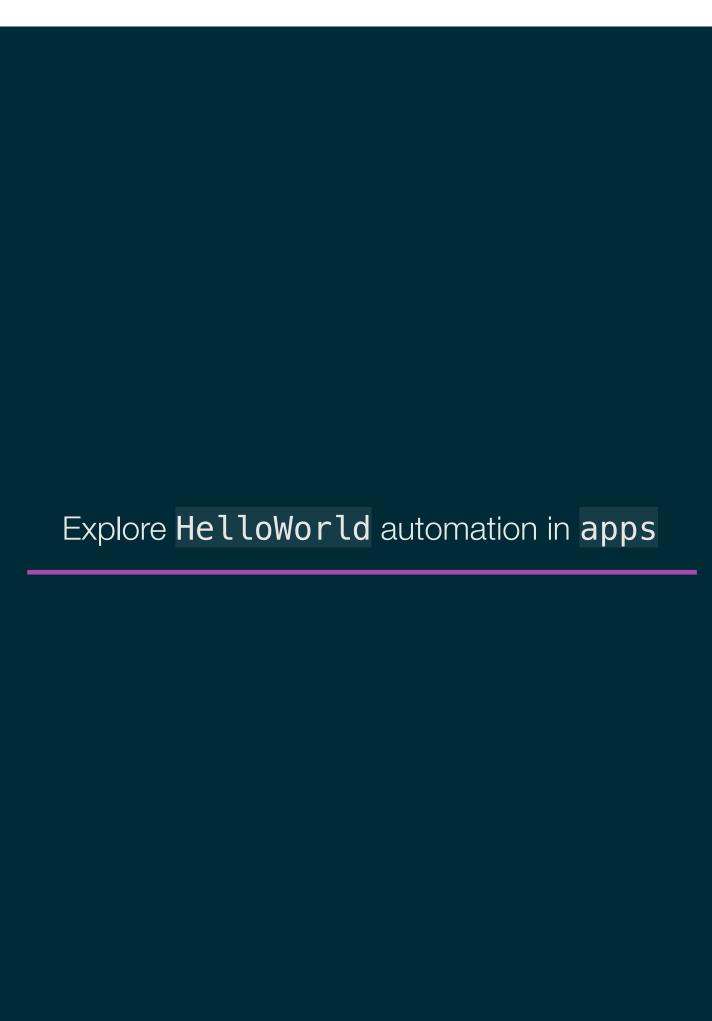
Configure **Appdaemon**

Remove apps.yaml.example

Add .gitignore in appdaemon/config/apps



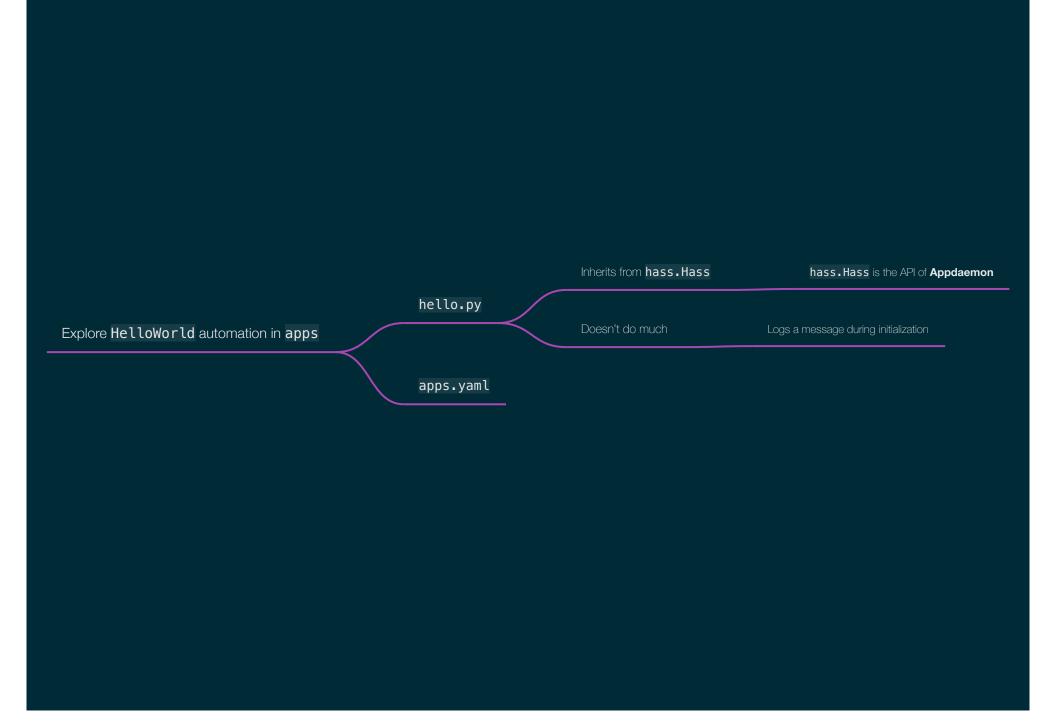


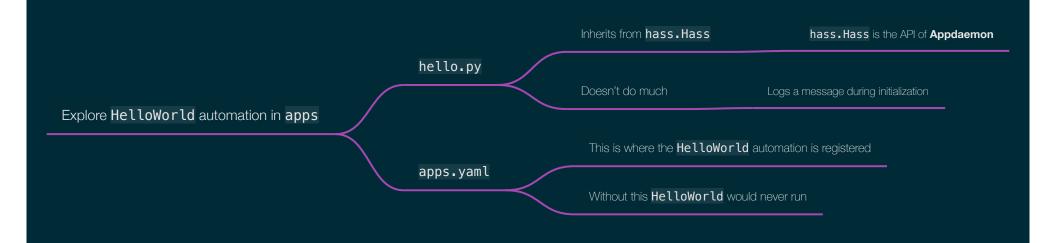


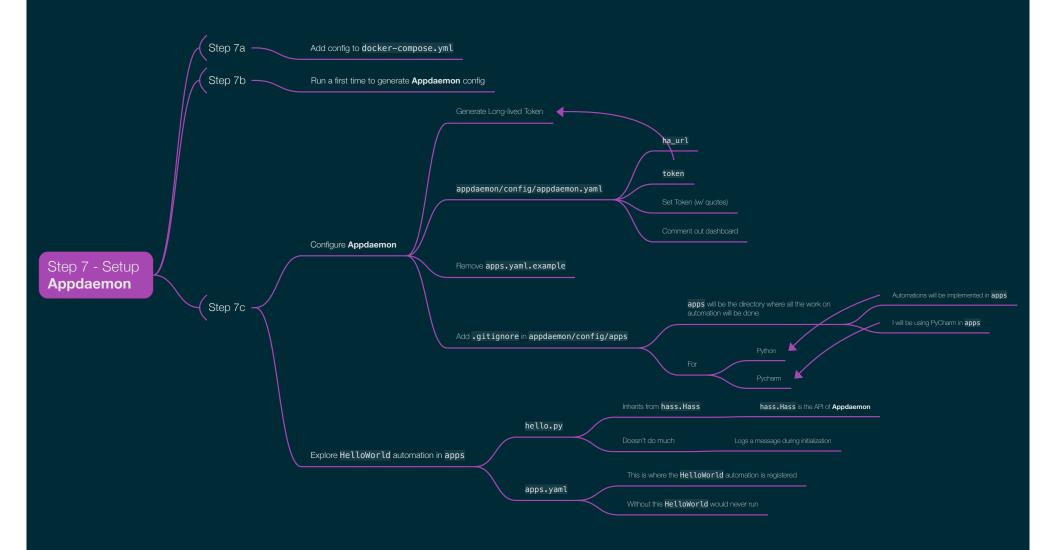
hello.py

Explore HelloWorld automation in apps

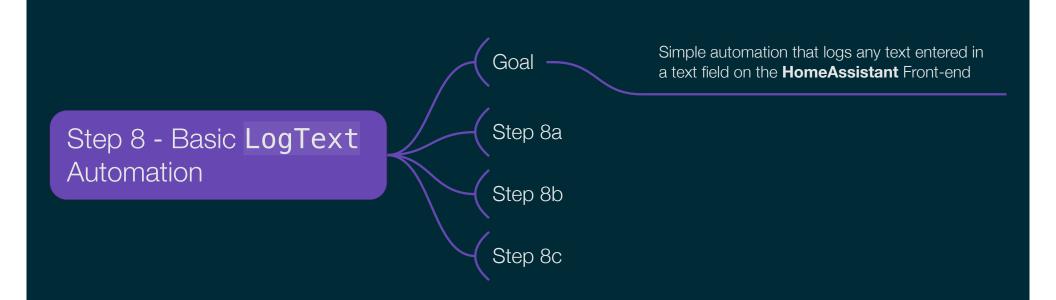
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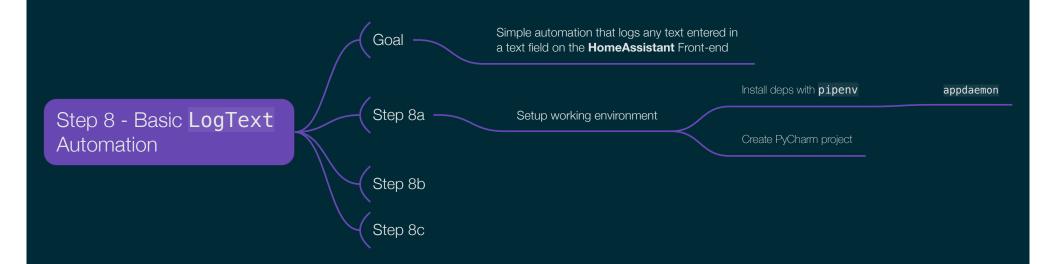


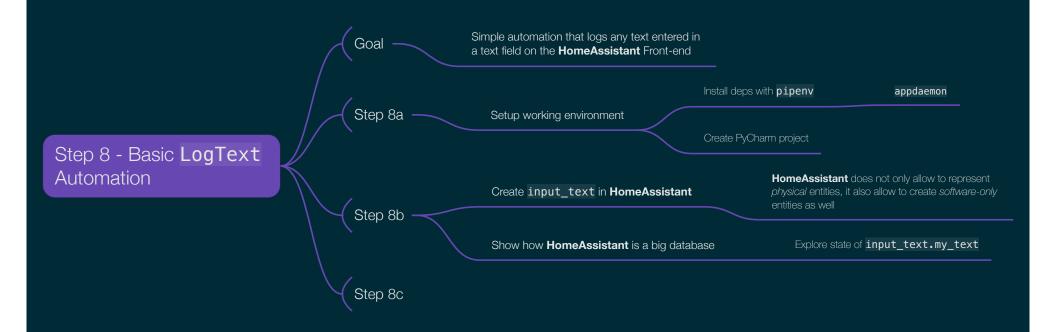


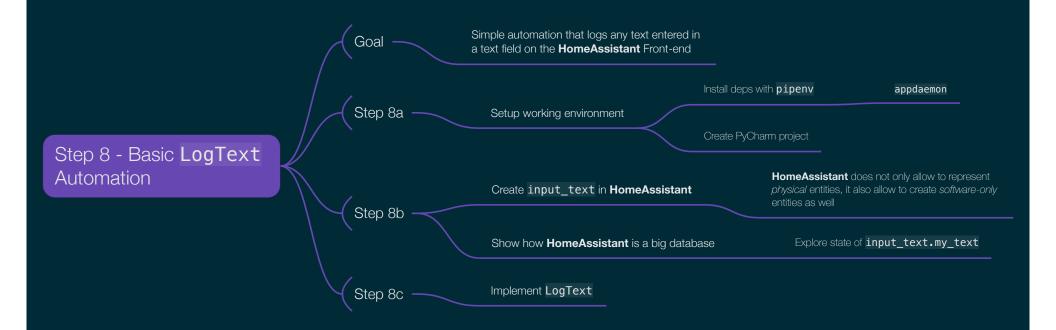


Step 8 - Basic LogText Automation









Implement LogText

listen_state

<u>appdaemon.readthedocs.io/en/latest/</u>
AD_API_REFERENCE.html#listen-state

Implement LogText

Receives a *callback* that will be executed whenever the state of the watched **HomeAssistant entity** changes

listen_state

appdaemon.readthedocs.io/en/latest/ AD API REFERENCE.html#listen-state

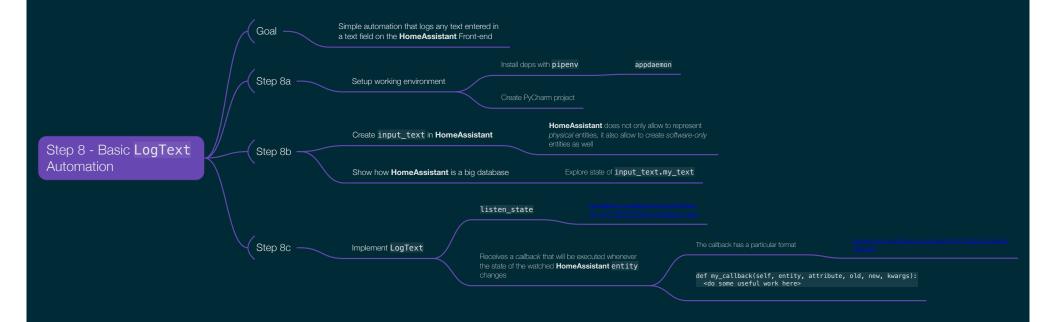
Implement LogText

Receives a *callback* that will be executed whenever the state of the watched **HomeAssistant entity** changes

The callback has a particular formation

appdaemon.readthedocs.io/en/latest/APPGUIDE.html#statcallbacks

def my_callback(self, entity, attribute, old, new, kwargs):
 <do some useful work here>

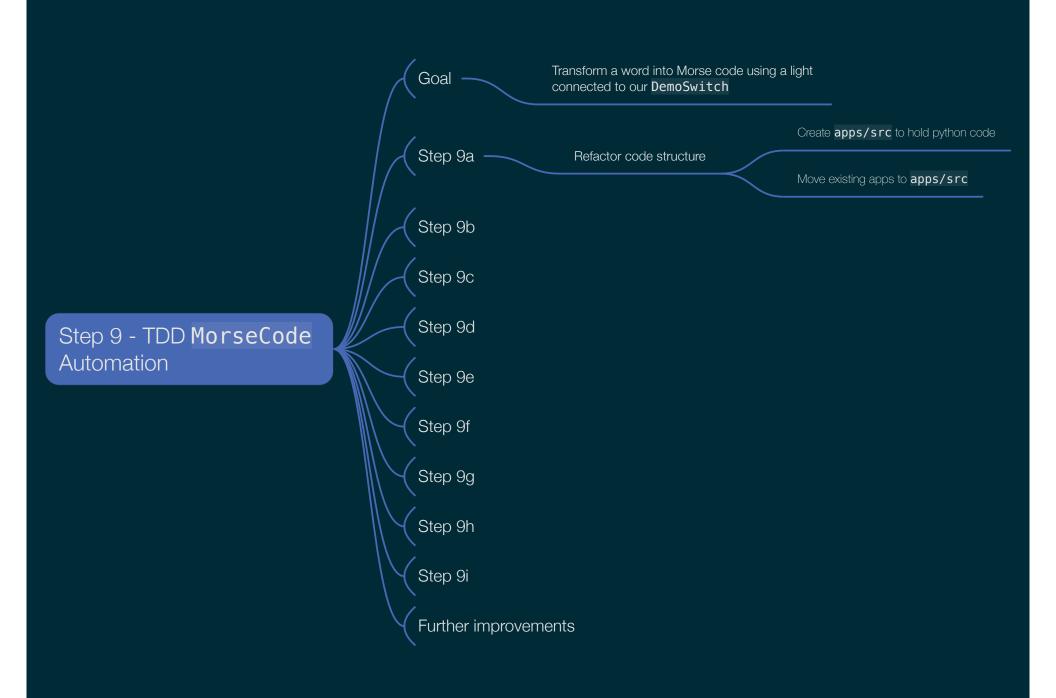


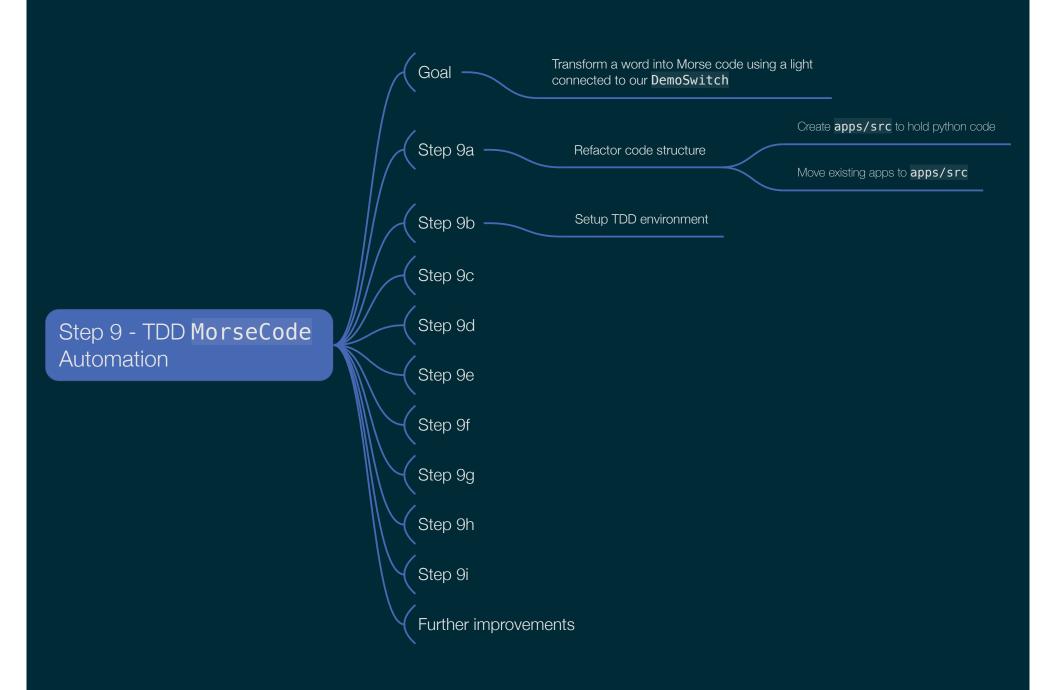
Step 9 - TDD MorseCode Automation

Transform a word into Morse code using a light Goal connected to our DemoSwitch Step 9a Step 9b Step 9c Step 9d Step 9e Step 9f Step 9g Step 9h Step 9i Further improvements

Step 9 - TDD MorseCode

Automation





Setup TDD environment

appdaemontestframework

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Install **pytest**

Setup TDD structure

appdaemontestframework

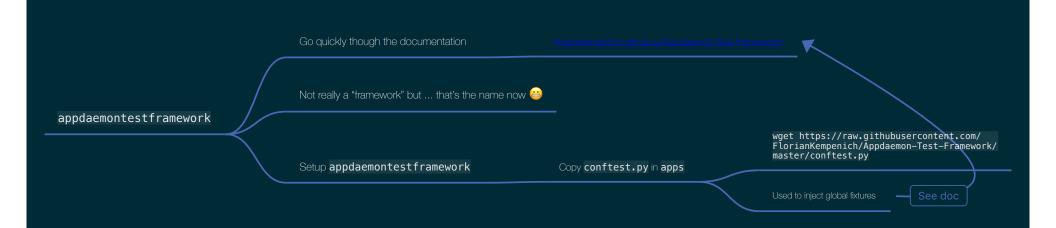
Go quickly though the documentation

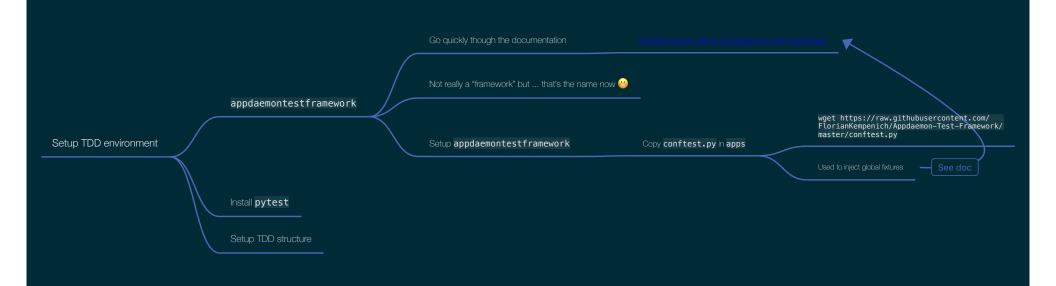
floriankempenich.github.io/Appdaemon-Test-Framework/

appdaemontestframework

Not really a "framework" but ... that's the name now 📛

Setup appdaemontestframework





Setup TDD structure

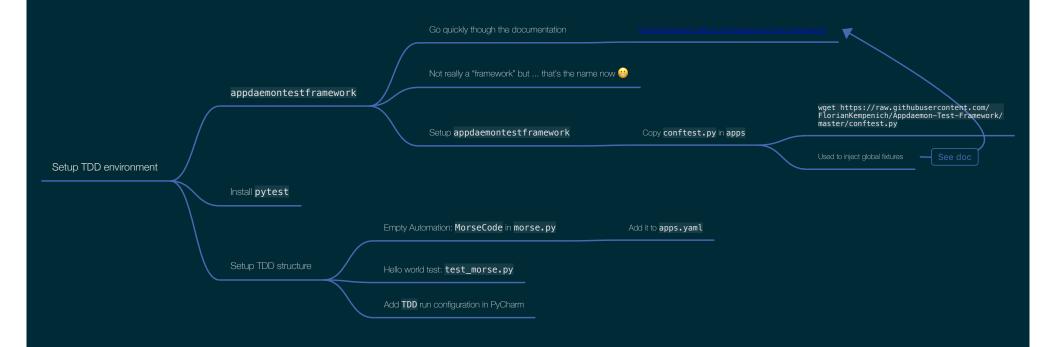
Empty Automation: MorseCode in morse.py

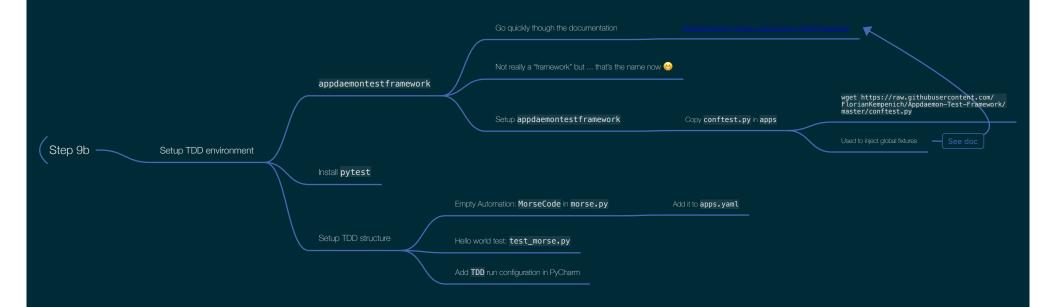
Add it to apps.yaml

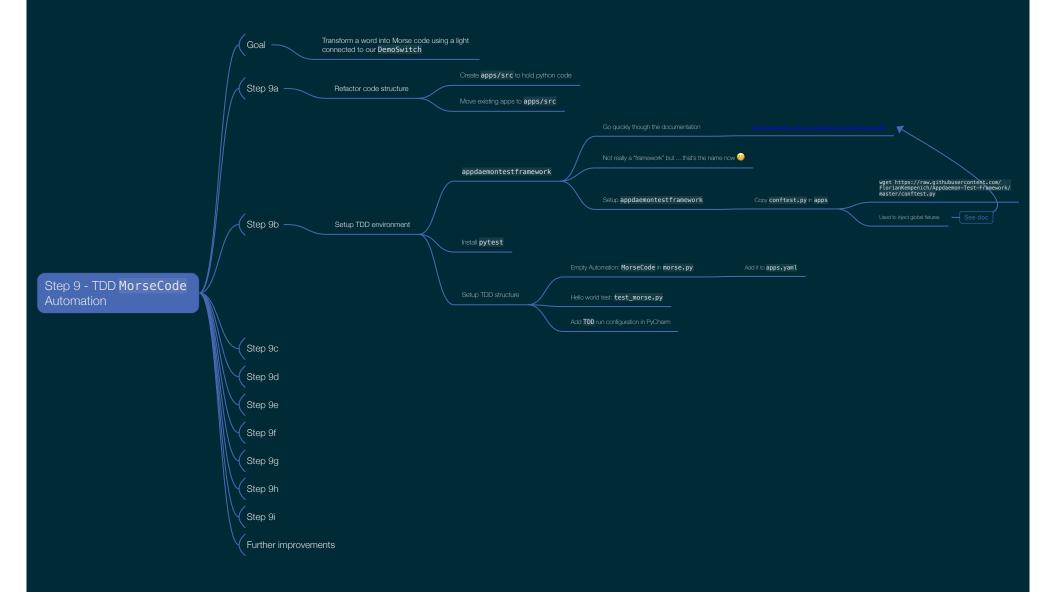
Setup TDD structure

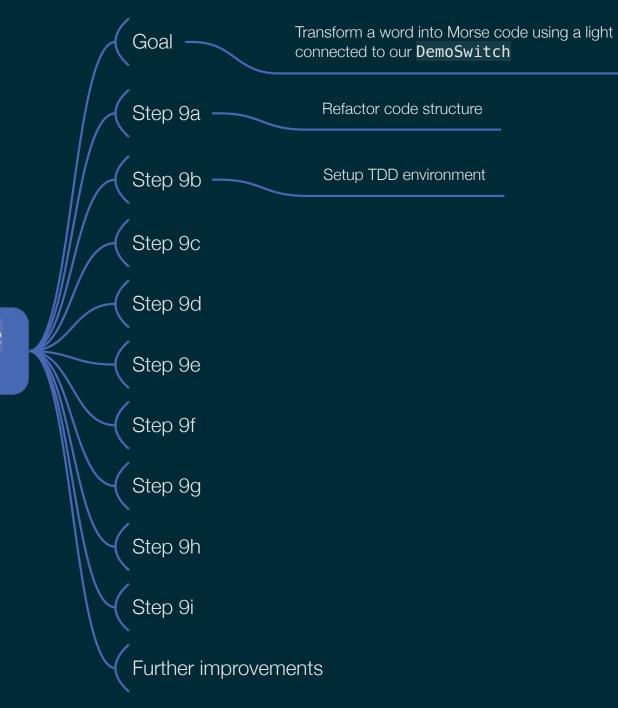
Hello world test: test_morse.py

Add **TDD** run configuration in PyCharm

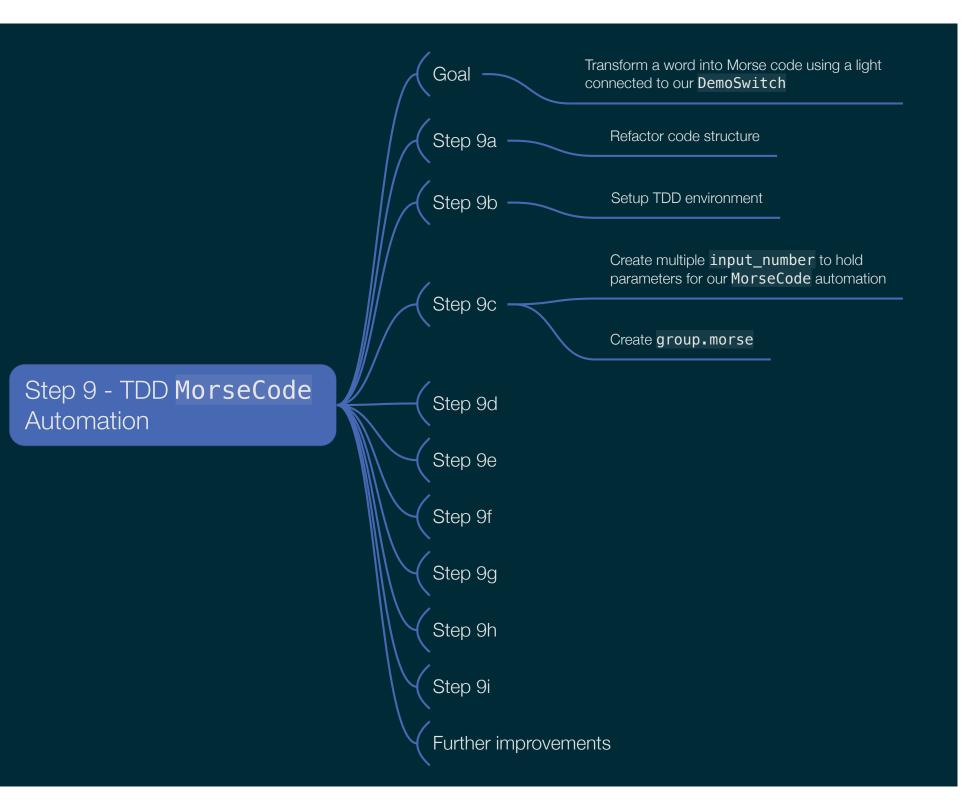








Step 9 - TDD **MorseCode** Automation



Create multiple input_number to hold parameters for our MorseCode automation

Step 9c

Create group.morse

input_number.morse_short

input_number.morse_long

input_number.morse_interval_symbols

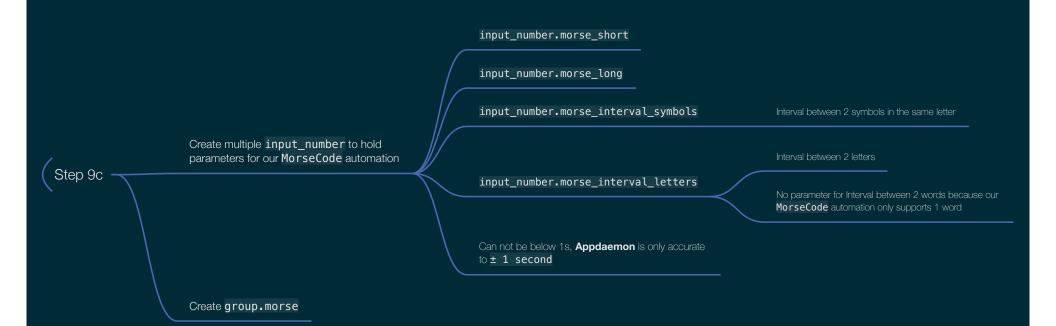
Step 9c

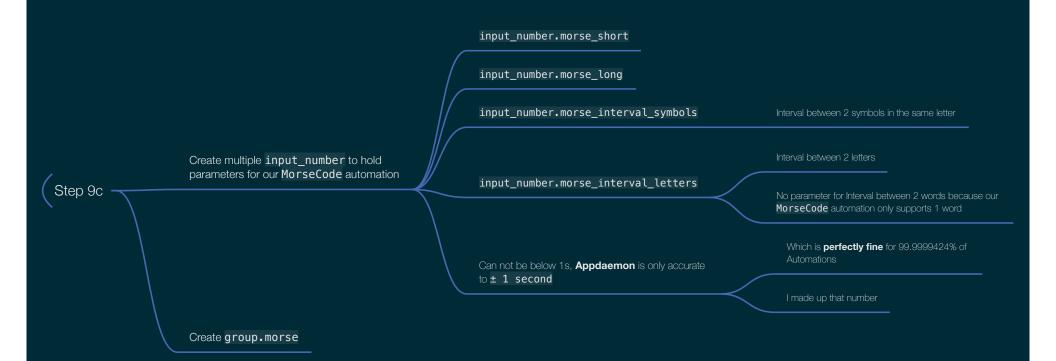
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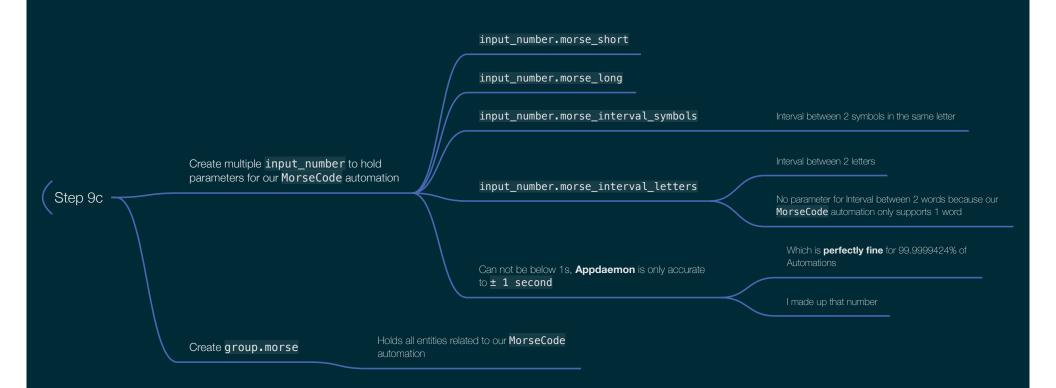
input_number.morse_interval_letters

Can not be below 1s, Appdaemon is only accurate to ± 1 second

Create group.morse



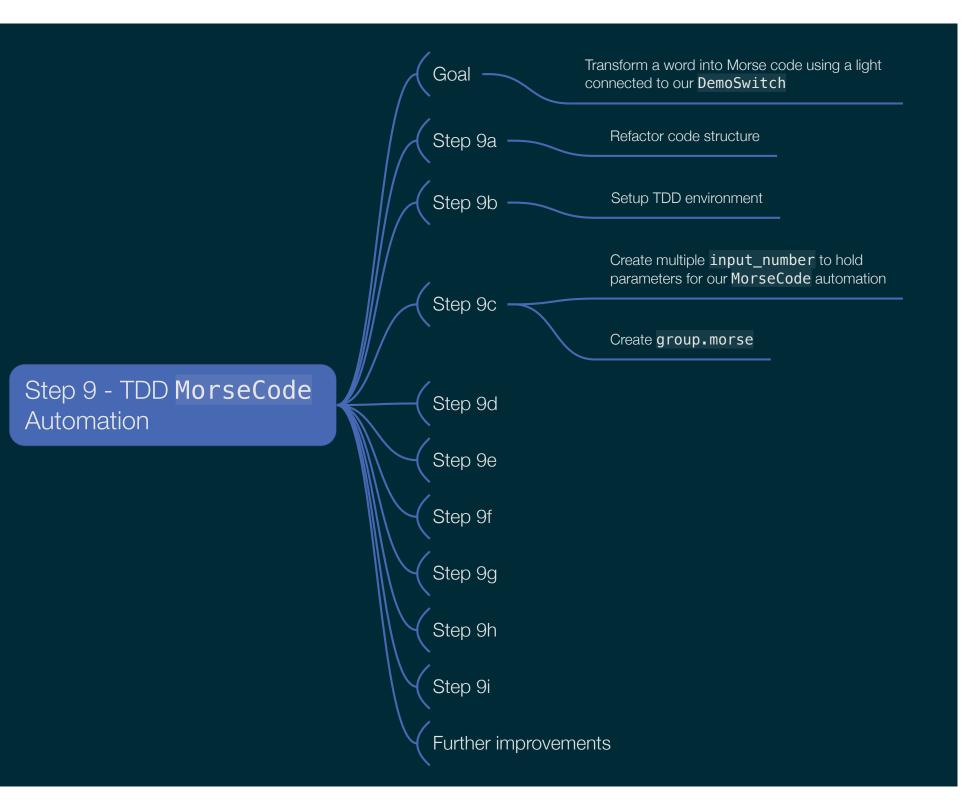


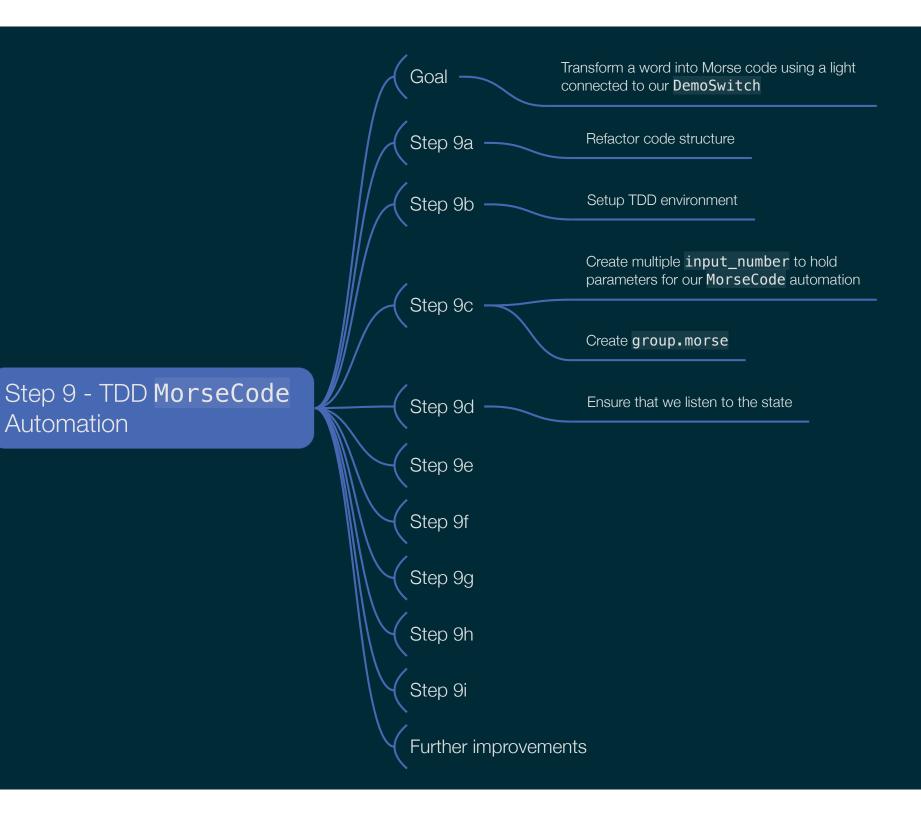


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Step 9c

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Automation

Ensure that we listen to the state

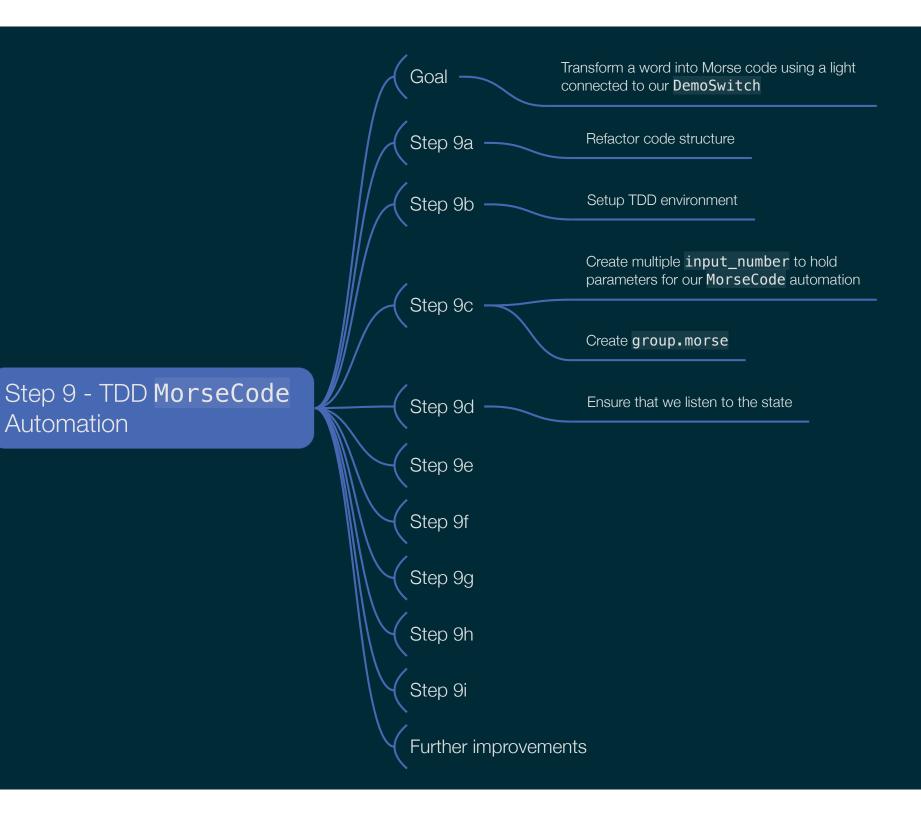
Explain @automation_fixture and assert_that(...).listen_to...

tep 9d — Ensure that we listen to the state

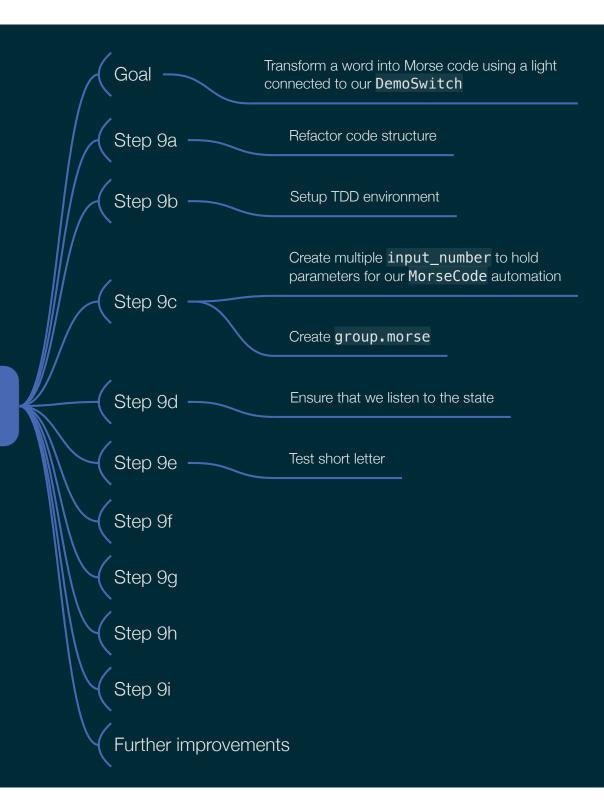
```
assert_that(morse_code)\
    .listens_to.state('input_text.morse')\
    .with_callback(morse_code.on_new_text)
```

From that point on we can call morse_code.on_new_text in our tests. We know it is correctly registered as a listener.

Ensure that we listen to the state



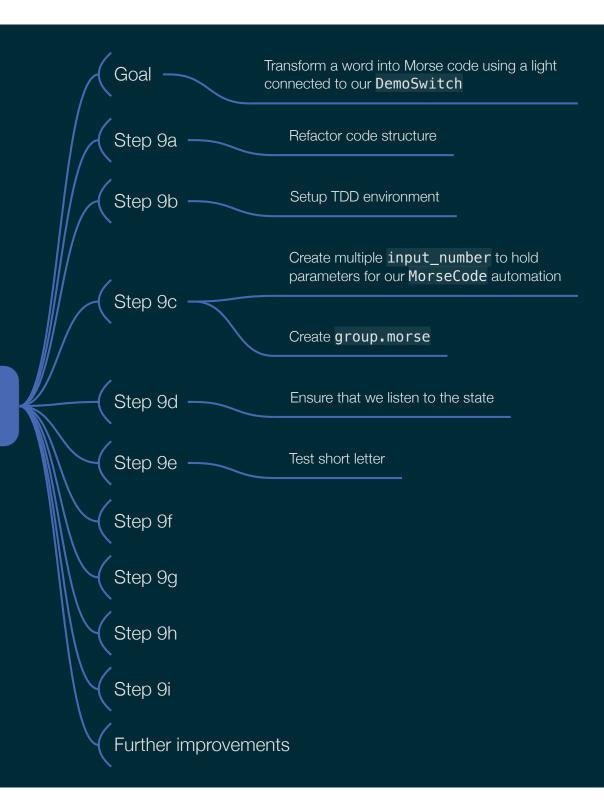
Automation

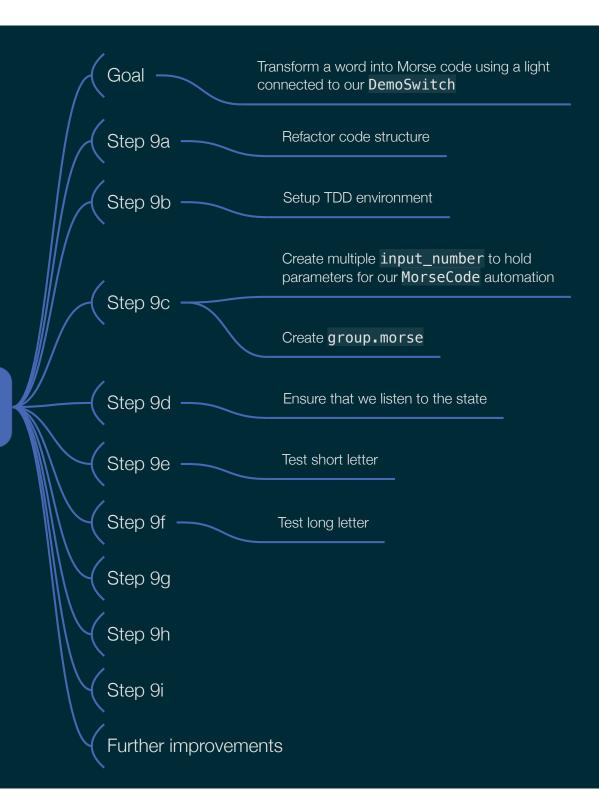


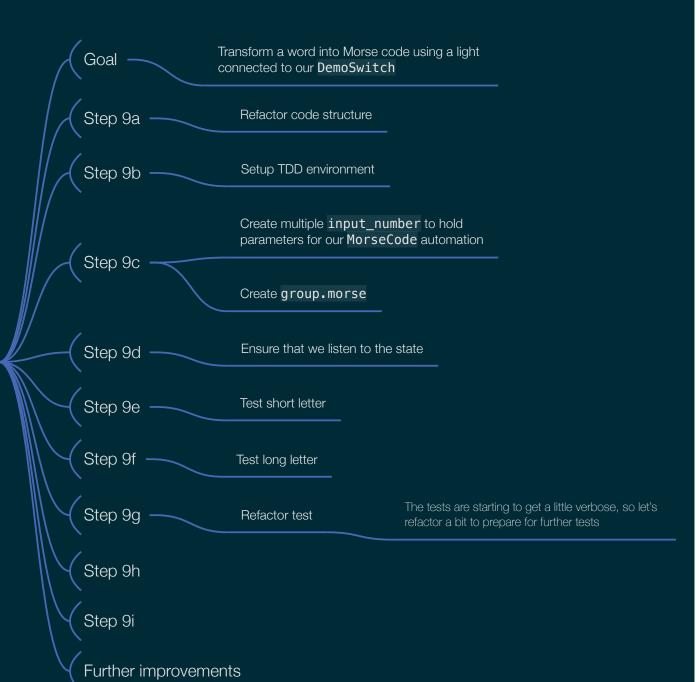
Step 9e

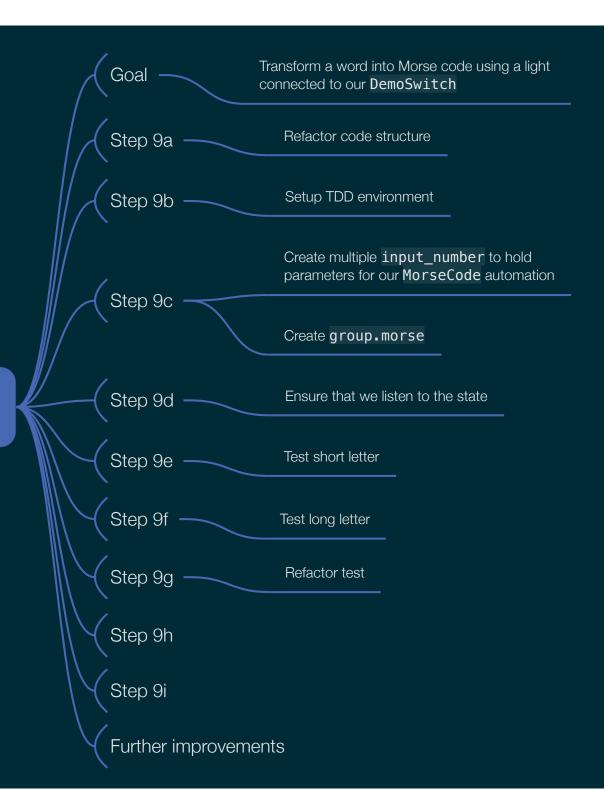
Test short letter

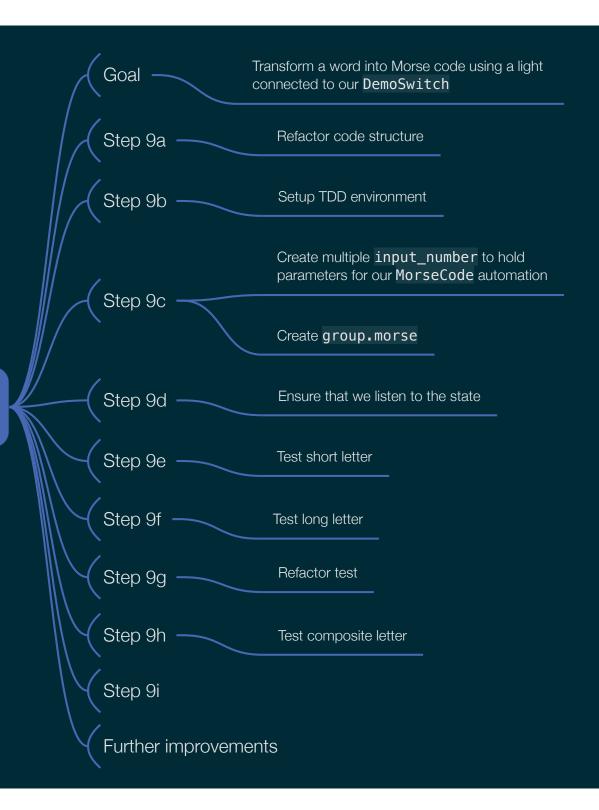
Step 9e -Test short letter Explain **pytest** fixtures

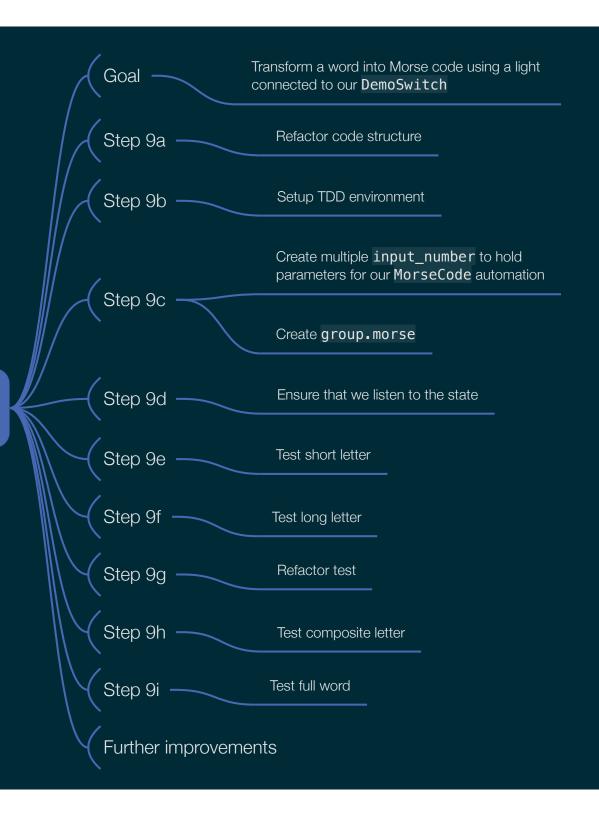




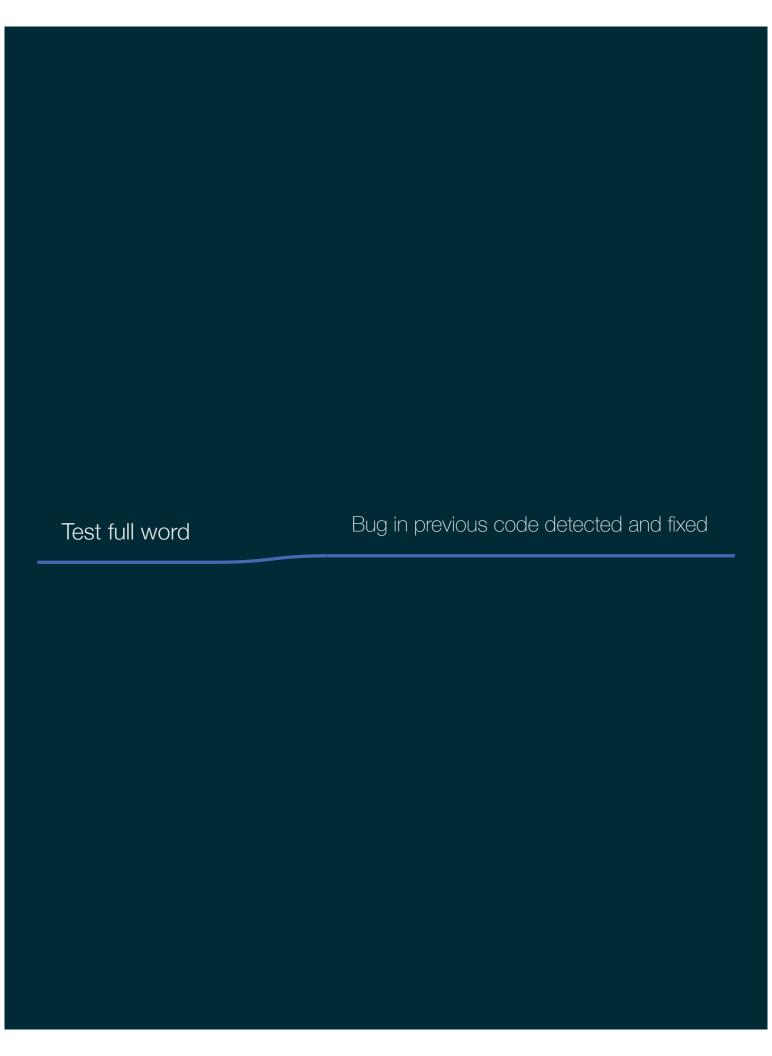








Test full word



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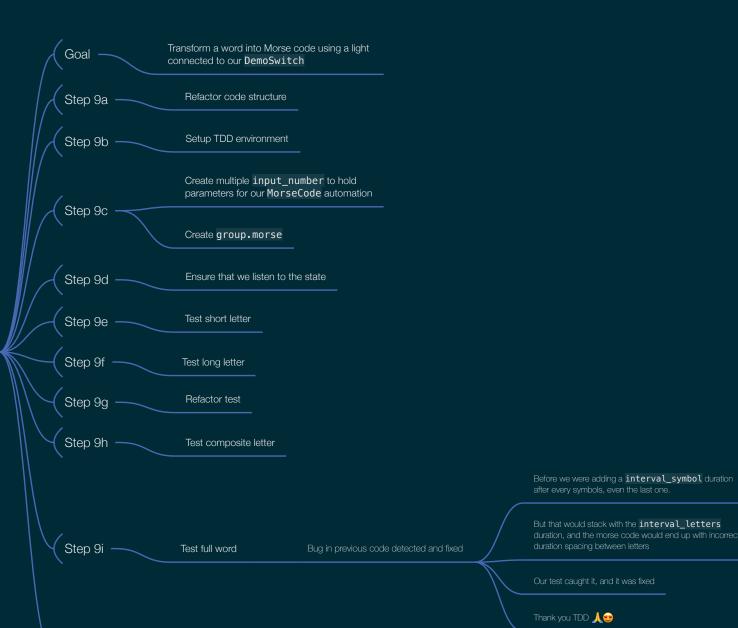
Bug in previous code detected and fixed

Before we were adding a interval_symbol duration after every symbols, even the last one.

But that would stack with the interval_letters duration spacing between letters

Our test caught it, and it was fixed

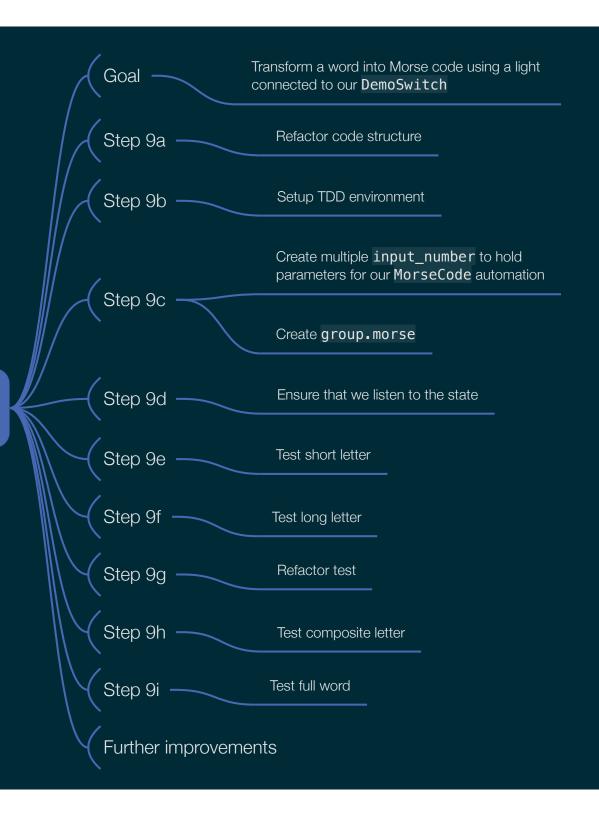
Thank you TDD 🙏 🥴

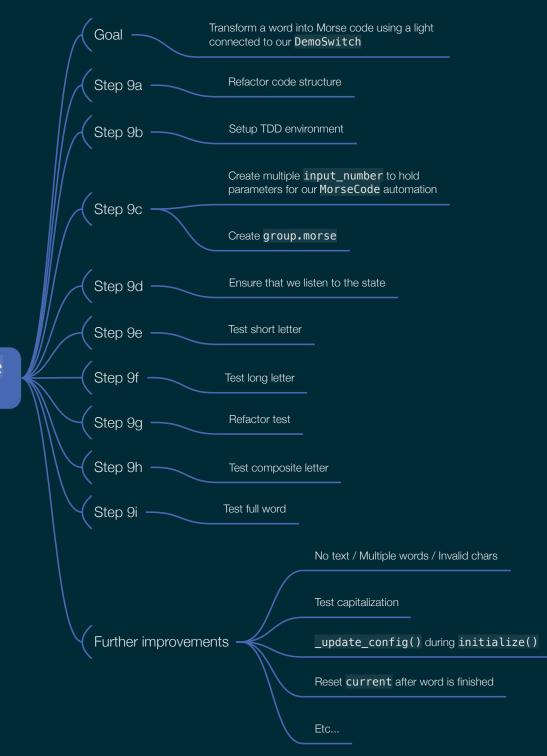


Further improvements

Step 9 - TDD MorseCode

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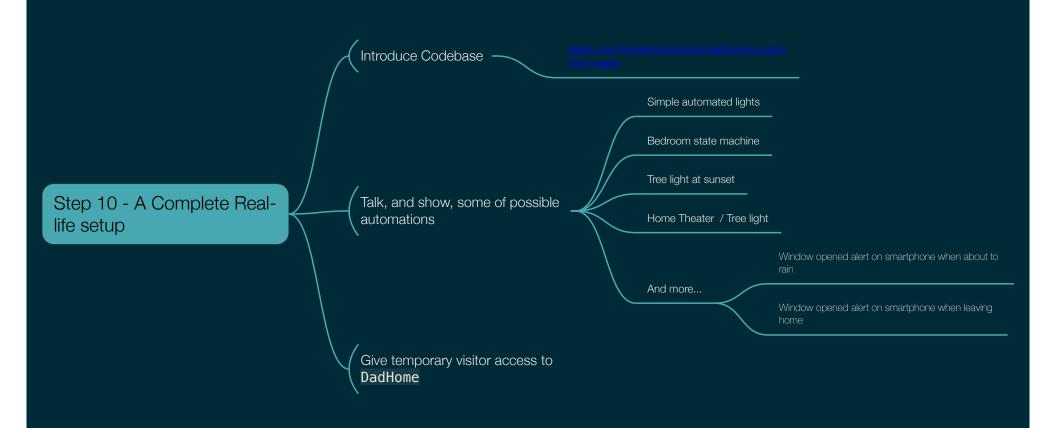


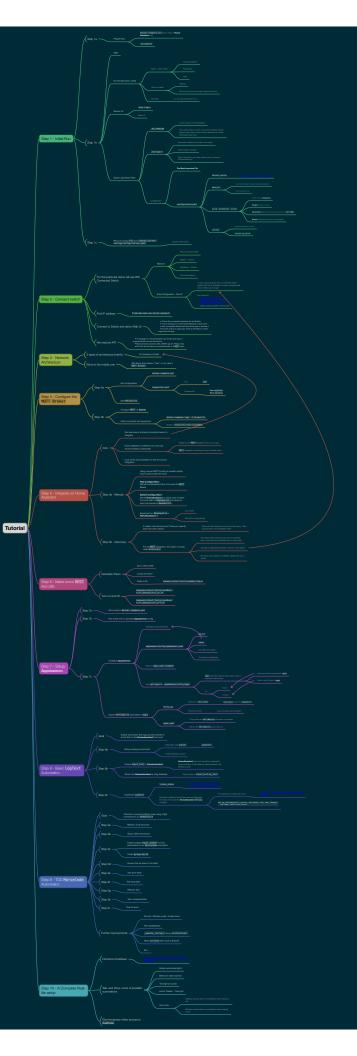
Step 10 - A Complete Reallife setup Step 10 - A Complete Reallife setup Introduce Codebase —

gitlab.com/FlorianKempenich/dadhome-public tree/master

Talk, and show, some of possible automations

Give temporary visitor access to **DadHome**





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