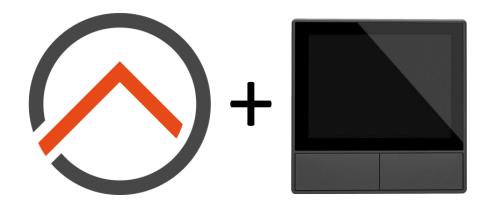
OpenHAB3 & NSPanel



Installation and configuration guide

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1. Overview

This documentation describes the installation steps for how to flash a Sonoff NSPanel with Tasmota firmware and then to connect it to a OpenHAB3 system. The setup also assumes you would like to get weather information on the start panel.

I've read (and reread) all the posts on this topic on the OpenHAB forum and my finding is that most people – just like me – get stuck on 1. Get NSPanel to "talk" to OpenHAB and 2. Configuring the panels (screens) in NSPanel. For quick answer on 1, check picture in chapter 6.

Components used for the setup:

- A Windows PC to do the work on
- Raspberry Pi (minimum 3, recommended 4)
- A USB Serial Adapter
- Some cables to connect the USB serial adapter to the circuit board of the NSPanel.
- Sonoff NSPanel EU
- OpenHABian (v1.7.2), components needed:
 - o Binding: MQTT Binding
 - o Binding: OpenWeatherMap Binding
 - o Add-on: **JSONpath Transformation**
 - Add-on: RegEx Transformation
 - Automation: Groovy Scripting
- Mosquitto MQTT broker (included in OpenHABian)
- Openweathermap cloud service

Disclaimer

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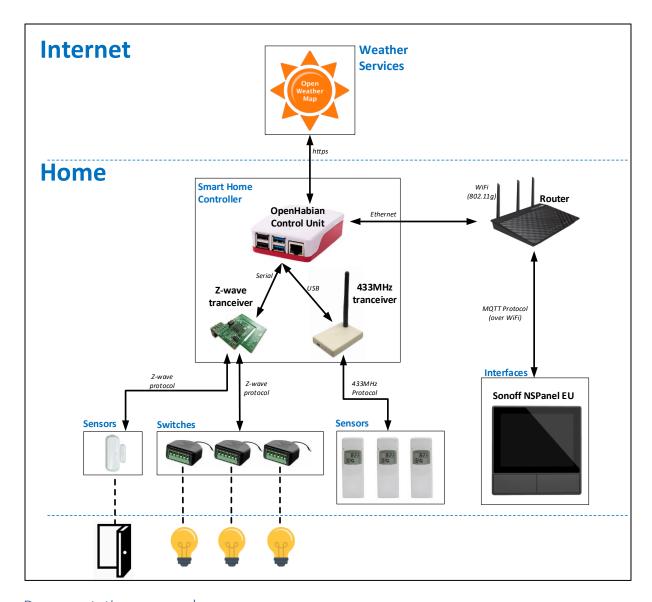
Acknowledgements

- m-home (Mike) For his initiative and appreciated efforts to bring NSPanel to OpenHAB
- <u>Blakadder</u> For creating a <u>Tasmota firmware for NSPanel</u>
- <u>Lewis Barclay</u> Especially <u>this</u> video which is the source for my flashing documentation (I actually suggest you use this for the flashing part and use my documentation only as a reference).

Hardware and Protocols

The picture below shows a typical openhabian setup with a control unit connected to underlying hardware (switches, sensors, interfaces) and external services (openweathermap). The documentation will focus on the NSPanel setup and assume you have a running openhabian system (OpenHAB 3) and your other hardware is already configured and available in openhabian.

I also assume you are accustomed to OpenHAB and its concepts such as items, things, channels, etc.



Documentation approach

The key aim in this documentation is to answer the question "what should I do" with a spice of "how does it work" whenever there is some understanding needed hampering the first question.

I'm also assuming that you want to display weather information on the panel.

This guide is covering the following steps:

- Install and configure openweathermap
- Install and configure Mosquitto MQTT broker
- Flashing Sonoff NSPanel with Tasmota
- Post configuration of Tasmota on NSPanel
- Base setup of NSPanel-to-OpenHAB communication (make NSPanel "talk" to OpenHAB)
- Configure the start panel
- Custom panel configuration The fun part where you design the layout and connect the control of your devices to NSPanel.

Each step is described in a separate chapter. Each chapter starts with links to sources and other relevant information.

2. Install and configure OpenWeatherMap

If you do not want weather information on the start panel or use another service, just skip this step.

OpenWeatherMap is a cloud service providing weather forecasts based on your location. There is an OpenWeatherMap binding that calls the OpenWeatherMap API making the setup and use in OpenHAB very straight forward.

Links and references

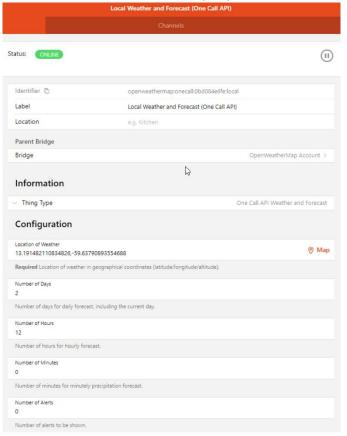
• Link to OpenWeatherMap service: https://openweathermap.org

Installation and configuration

Very intuitive steps but describing this anyhow for completeness.

- Get API key from OpenWeatherMap
 - o Browse to https://openweathermap.org and create an account
 - Select: API keys
 - Select: Generate
 - o API Key: y2)uc2a7cae3d54037563f30r2e0637cp (example; you will get another key)
 - o This key will be entered in the OpenWeatherMap account item next step.
- Configure Your OpenHAB
 - o Install: OpenWeatherMap binding
 - Select: Settings
 - Select: Things and press "+"
 - o Select: OpenWeatherMap Binding
 - Select: OpenWeatherMap Account (this is just to store your API key)
 - o Enter your API key: y2)uc2a7cae3d54037563f30r2e0637cp
 - Select: Save (top right)
 - o It takes a while hour(s) for your API key being registered and provisioned to be usable, so the status of this thing will be red until this has happened so no alarm.
 - Next step is to create the Local Weather and Forecas (One Call API) thing which will be the one you actually will be using
 - Select: Things and press "+"
 - Select: OpenWeatherMap Binding
 - Select: Local Weather and Forecast (One Call API)
 - As Bridge; Select: OpenWeatherMap Account
 - As Location of Weather; Enter: <your coordinates>
 - As Number of Days; Enter: **2** (2=today and tomorrow. You can of course change this but as the NSPanel has only one small piece of the primary display for weather forecasts. I was primarily interested in tomorrow's weather. So this reduces the number of channels in the created item to what

I'm interested in - will be a lot anyway...).



- Select: Save (top right)
- Also this thing will also have a status of red until your API key is provisioned, so don't worry...
- This concludes the preparations.

3. Install and configure Mosquitto MQTT Broker

MQTT overview

MQTT is a standard messaging protocol for the Internet of Things (IoT). It is designed as an extremely lightweight publish/subscribe messaging transport that is ideal for connecting remote devices with a small code footprint and minimal network bandwidth.

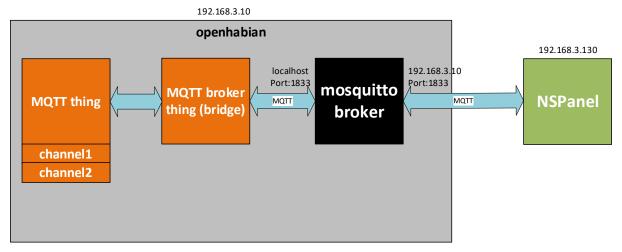
Links and references

• General MQTT overview https://www.instructables.com/MQTT-on-Openhab-3-Tutorial/

Installation and configuration

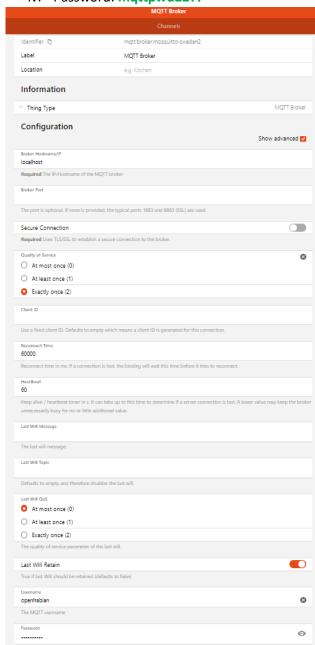
This chapter will only cover the basic MQTT setup. The actual integration of OpenHAB with NSPanel is described in chapter 6.

The picture below shows a generic MQTT setup for OpenHAB. The NSPanel device will communicate with the **Mosquitto broker** which in turn communicates with the thing **MQTT broker thing** (bride) which in turn is tied to your actual **NSPanel MQTT thing**. (IP' are of course mine, you will have others..). Once configured, the **MQTT broker thing** and **Mosquito broker** do not need to be touched anymore and will support most of your MQTT use cases \bigcirc .



- 1. Install Mosquitto This is a "MQTT broker" coming with the openhabian image, steps are:
 - a. Log on your openhab with putty (or any other ssh client)
 - b. Run command: sudo openhabian-config
 - c. Select: 20 Optional Components
 - d. Select: 23 Mosquitto
 - e. Username will be **openhabian** (**Note!** remember this, username and password needs to be entered in both the **NSPanel device** and the **MQTT broker thing** bridge)
 - f. Enter the password: mqttpwd22??
 - g. The Mosquitto broker will now start and listen for traffic on port 1883
- 2. Base configuration of the MQTT broker thing (bridge)
 - a. Log on as admin in the OpenHAB web interface. First we need to install some required components:
 - i. Select: **Settings** in the menu
 - ii. Select: **addons** and install "JSONpath Transformation" (This is needed to do JSON transformations in a Channel definition)
 - iii. Select: **addons** and install "RegEx Transformation" (This is needed to do regex-selections on a JSON response in a Channel definition)

- iv. Select: bindings and install "MQTT Binding"
- b. Select: **Things** and press "+"
- c. Select: **MQTT Broker** (this is just a bridge between your MQTT things and the Mosquitto broker)
- d. Select: Add manuallye. Select: MQTT Brooker
- f. Enter:
 - i. Broker Hostname/IP: localhostii. Quality of Service: Exactly Once
 - iii. Username: openhabian
 iv. Password: mqttpwd22??



- 3. Finally configure extended logging for the mosquitto broker. You will need this to see the JSON's sent from the NSPanel. This is done by creating a configuration file for the Mosquitto broker, steps are:
 - a. Log on your openhab with putty (or any other ssh client)

- b. Run the command: sudo echo "log_type all" >>/etc/mosquitto/conf.d/local.conf
- c. Run the command: sudo service mosquitto reload
- d. The mosquitto service now reloads the configuration files and starts extended logging. This really helps in later steps when you need to see what is happening between openhab and NSPanel. Once all configuration is done and everything works, delete the file again and reissue the "reload" command above.

4. Flashing Sonoff NSPanel with Tasmota

This step is effectively replacing the stock firmware that came with NSPanel and thus voiding your warranty, so you do this on your own risk.

Links and references

- Tasmoto windows binary for flashing ESP firmware: <u>Releases · Jason2866/ESP_Flasher · GitHub</u>
- Tasmota firmware for NSPanel: https://github.com/tasmota/install/raw/main/firmware/unofficial/tasmota32-nspanel.bin
- Tasmoto NSPanel Documentation: <u>Sonoff NSPanel Touch Display Switch (E32-MSW-NX)</u>
 <u>Configuration for Tasmota (blakadder.com)</u>
- Server/location hosting latest nxpanel.tft definition: Index of /nxpanel (proto.systems)
- Location of "nxpanel.be", the panel definition file adapted for OpenHAB: <u>ns-flash/berry at</u> <u>master · peepshow-21/ns-flash · GitHub</u>

Preparations

Preparations consist of downloading and installing flashing tools and flash images

Download Python

Download latest version of Python from here: <u>Download Python | Python.org</u>

• Tick the checkbox for "Add Python to PATH" before install

Install esptool

The **esptool.py** is a python script that can check if you have connection with the controller in NSPanel through the serial USB adapter. You can also use the script to make a backup of the existing firmware.

To install esptool do the following:

- On your PC, Start a cmd window (console window)
- Enter: pip install esptool

Detailed instructions available here: How to Install Esptool on Windows 10 - CyberBlogSpot

Download Flashing Script (ESP-Flasher)

ESP-Flasher is a flashing tool that writes a flash image to a device using a USB serial adapter.

- Download ESPflasher from here: <u>GitHub Jason2866/ESP_Flasher: Tasmota Flasher for ESP8266 and ESP32</u>
- The actual binary for windows is called "ESP-Flasher-Windows-x64.exe" and available here: Releases · Jason2866/ESP Flasher · GitHub

Downloading new firmware for NSPanel

Firmware from Blackadder for NSPanel (firmware file is called "tasmota32-nspanel.bin")

- Go to this link: https://github.com/blakadder/nspanel
- Download **tasmota32-nspanel.bin** by downloading the entire Code file as zip and then copy this file from the zip into a folder on your PC.

Ready to flash?

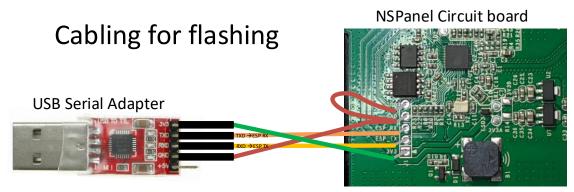
You should now have the following *files* to flash new firmware and do initial Tasmota config:

- ESP-Flasher-Windows-x64.exe
- Tasmota32-nspanel.bin

Flash Sonoff NSPanel firmware

This step describes preparations and flashing of NSPanel firmware to Tasmota.

Connect your USB serial adapter to NSPanel (NOTE! Make sure you to connect 3.3V and NOT 5V. The serial adapter below has two pins, one for 3.3V and one for 5V. Other serial adapters might have a jumper to set 3.3V)

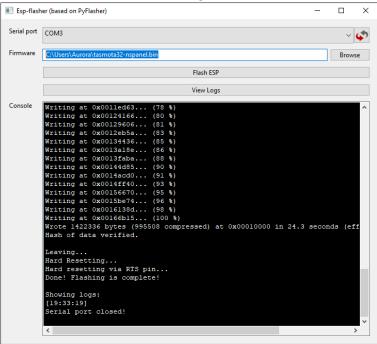


- 2. On your PC: Open a command window (cmd)
- 3. Check connection with serial port on chip
 - a. Type: esptool.py flash_id
 - b. You should get a response as shown in the screen shot below.
- 4. Make a backup of current firmware:
 - a. Type: esptool.py read_flash 0x0 0x400000 nspanel.bin
- 5. When done, it looks something like this:

```
C:\Users\Aurora>esptool.py flash_id
esptool.py v3.2
Found 1 serial ports
Serial port COMS
Connecting.
Detecting chip type... Unsupported detection protocol, switching and trying again...
Detecting chip type... ESP32
Chip is ESP32_OBMO_V3 (revision 3)
Features: Wifi. B. fl. Dual Core, 240MHz, VRef calibration in efuse, Coding Scheme None
MAC: 441793374:d7:fc
Stub is already running. No upload is necessary.
Namufacturer: Se
Device: 4016
Detected flash size: 4M8
Hard resetting via RTS pin...
C:\Users\Aurora>esptool.py read_flash 0x0 0x400000 nspanel.bin
esptool.py v3.2
Found 1 serial ports
Serial port COMS
Serial
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- 6. Flash now firmware with ESP-Flasher
 - a. Type: ESP-Flasher-Windows-x64.exe
 - b. Select: COM-port in the dropdown (should be only one = USB Serial adapter
 - c. Select: Browse
 - d. Go to the location of the firmware
 - e. Select: the new firmware (tasmota32-nspanel.bin)
 - f. Select: Flash ESP

7. When done, it will look something like:



One critical thing done \triangle , next step is now to connect the NSPanel to your WiFi and do base configuration.

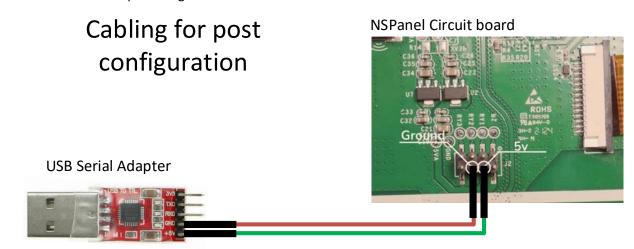
5. Post configuration of Tasmota on NSPanel

Post configuration of Tasmota on NSPanel after flashing to make it ready for integration with OpenHAB.

Post configuration steps after flashing.

Steps are:

- 1. Unplug the 3.3V power (disconnect USB from serial adapter)
- 2. On NSPanel: Plug 5V + GND on two bottom middle pins:
- 3. On USB Serial Adapter: Plug 5V + GND



- 4. Power your USB serial adapter by plugging it in on your PC
- 5. A WiFi hotspot should now appear called e.g., "Tasmota7DD7FC-6140" (or something similar)
- 6. Connect to the WiFi hotspot (used iPhone for this, didn't detect it on my PC..)



7. Put in WiFi SSID and password for you home WiFi and press "Save":



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and then this is shown:

8. The NSPanel will now connect to your WiFi



- 9. Browse to the IP that is displayed (192.168.3.121):
- 10. Do some initial configuration:
 - a. Select: Configuration
 - b. Select: Configure Other
 - c. Replace Template string with:

{"NAME":"NSPanel","GPIO":[0,0,0,0,3872,0,0,0,0,0,32,0,0,0,0,225,0,48 0,224,1,0,0,0,33,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,4736,0],"FLAG":0,"BASE":1,"CMND ":"ADCParam 2,11200,10000,3950 | Sleep 0 | BuzzerPWM 1"}

- d. Select: "Save" (Tasmota now reboots)
- e. The screen should now come alive!
- 2. One final change
 - a. Select: Configuration
 - b. Select: Configure Module



- c. Select: ESP32-DevKit (0):
- d. Select: "Save" (Tasmota now reboots)

At this stage you now have a running NSPanel that is ready to be integrated to OpenHAB ©.

If you used the instruction from the Tasmota, this is also the cut-off point where you use Mikes "nxpanel.be" file instead of installing the "nspanel.be" file described in the Tasmota instruction.

6. Base setup of NSPanel-to-OpenHAB communication

This final step describes how the panel interface is adopted to work with OpenHAB. This is where the work from Mike comes into play. He has created a new "visual layout" of the panel (screen) which also supports several different panel types. The big advantage is that you with this change will be able to better adapt and extend the NSPanel to your home automation needs. I do not really understand how this actually "works", just appreciate that it does and fits my purpose.

After the steps in this chapter, you will have:

- A new panel layout installed (Mikes)
- Base communication between NSPanel and OpenHAB setup established
- Customized the primary panel with on your OpenHAB items (temperature and weather)

Links and references

- Server/location hosting latest nxpanel.tft definition: Index of /nxpanel (proto.systems)
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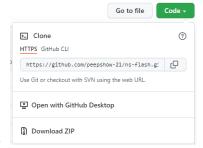
Preparations

Again, some preparations

Download an OpenHAB adopted "nxpanel.be"

Steps are:

• Download nxpanel.be from here: GitHub - peepshow-21/ns-flash



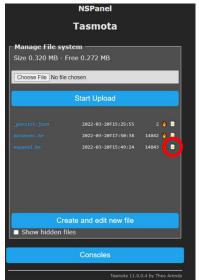
- Select: Code
- Select: Download ZIP
- You will down download a file called "ns-flash-master.zip"
- Extract the file "ns-flash-master.zip\ns-flash-master\berry\nxpanel.be" from this zip and put it in a directory. (there might be other ways to do this, but this is what I did...)

You are now ready to replace the panel definition file.

Installation and configuration

Next step is to install the new interface of NSPanel. Instead of using the "nspanel.be" file according to the Tasmota installation instruction, use the "nxpanel.be" file (see "Download an OpenHAB adopted "nxpanel.be").

- 1. Browse to the IP-address of your NSPanel
- 2. The Tasmota web interface is now shown
- 3. Select: Consoles
- 4. Select: Manage File System
- 5. Select: Choose File
- 6. Browse to where you stored the file and Select: **nxpanel.be**



7. Select: **edit-icon** for nxpanel.be



8. Rename the file to: autoexec.be

9. Select: Save

10. Select: Consoles

11. Select: Main menu

12. Select: Restart

13. Select: Consoles

14. Select: Console

15. Type: InstallNxPanel

a. NSPanel now starts flashing the "nxpanel-latest.tft" downloaded from this site: Index of



<u>/nxpanel (proto.systems)</u>, screen looks like this:



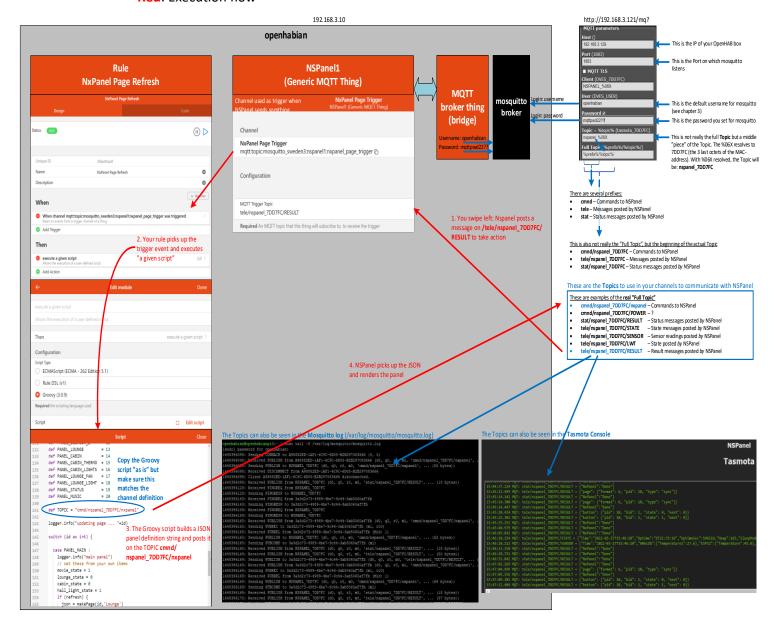
- b. After restart, the panel now looks like this:
- c. This is a good place to be! It's now time to connect the NSPanel to OpenHAB.

Connecting NSPanel with OpenHAB

To facilitate the understanding how this is all connected see picture below. Details of how to configure this will follow in the next sections. Legend:

Blue: Configuration stuff

Red: Execution flow



Enable logging!

Before you begin configuring the connection, I suggest you prepare logging so you can monitor what's happening. Three logs of interest are:

- The normal OpenHAB log (frontail) available here: <a href="http://<your-openhab-IP>:9001">http://<your-openhab-IP>:9001
- The **mosquitto broker log** will full logging enabled (see end of section "Installation and configuration" in Chapter 3). To look at the log:
 - Log on your openhab with putty (or any other ssh client)
 - Run the command: sudo tail -f /var/log/mosquitto/mosquitto.log
- The NSPanel Console log available here: http://<your-NSPanel-IP/cs?
 - Select: ConsolesSelect: Console
 - o Enter command: weblog 4
 - o This turns on extended logging (to reset to normal, enter command: weblog 2)

Configure MQTT in NSPanel

This is where we configure the MQTT settings to start talking to the mosquito broker in OpenHAB.

- 1. Browse to the IP-address of your NSPanel
- 2. The Tasmota web interface is now shown
- 3. Select: Configuration
- 4. Select: Configure MQTT
- 5. Enter Host: <IP of your OpenHAB>
- 6. Enter Client: NSPANEL_%06X (don't actually think this is used somewhere)
- 7. Enter User: **openhabian** (the default user for Mosquitto)
- 8. Tick the box to the left of Password
- 9. Enter Password: mqttpwd22?? (Must match the one you entered when installing Mosquitto)
- 10. Enter the Topic: nspanel_%06X (you can use anything, just make sure this matches everywhere)



- 11. When done the screen looks something like this:
- 12. Select: Save
- 13. After reboot, entries should now start to show in /var/log/mosquitto/mosquitto.log
- 14. This is good. Your NSPanel has successfully logged into your mosquito broker. But nothing will happen as no one is listening in OpenHAB yet...

Configuring MQTT in OpenHAB

This is where we configure the MQTT settings in OpenHAB to be able to 1. Send commands to NSPanel and 2. To listen what NSPanel is posting to us. We will also create a rule that uses the template Groovy script from Mike just to get us started on getting our custom panels in place to confirm communication back and forth is working.

In short, we will configure:

- A Generic MQTT thing representing our NSPanel
- Two **channels** for the above thing, one for receiving messages and one for sending commands to the NSPanel.
- One rule that triggers on received messages from NSPanel and sends commands back

Steps are:

- Log on as admin in the OpenHAB web interface.
- Select: Settings
- To create the MQTT Thing for NSPanel
 - Select: Things and press "+"
 - Select: MQTT Binding
 - Select: Generic MQTT Thing
 - o Enter a Label: NSPanel1 (Generic MQTT Thing)
 - o Select Bridge: MQTT Broker
 - Select: Save (top right corner)
- To create a trigger channel for the above thing:
 - On the Things Menue, Select: NSPanel1 (Generic MQTT Thing)
 - Select: Channels (top middle)
 - o Select: Add Channel
 - As Channel Identifier; Enter: nxpanel_page_trigger
 - As Label; Enter: NXPanel Page Trigger
 - Select: Trigger
 - o Tick: Show Advanced
 - As MQTT Command Topic; Enter: tele/nspanel_7DD7FC/RESULT
 - As QoS; Enter: Exactly Once
 - Select: **Done** (top right)
 - After creation, the channel should look something like this:

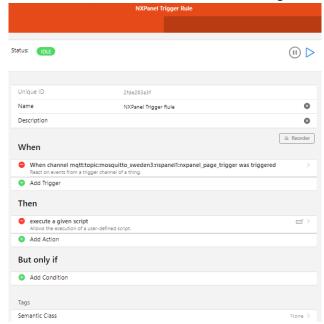


- o Select: Save (top right) to update the NXPanel1 thing with the new channel
- Only the rule left to configure
 - Select: Settings
 - Select: Rules and press "+"

- o As Name Enter: **NXPanel Trigger Rule**
- Select: Add TriggerSelect: Thing Event
- o Select: NSPanel1 (Generic MQTT Thing)
- Select: A trigger channel fired
- Select: **Done** (top right)
- o Select: Add Action
- o Select: Run Script
- o Select: **Groovy** (remember to have installed the Groovy Automation)

Cut and Paste Mikes default Grovy script, you can either pick it from section "Mikes Groovy script" in the

- Appendix or from the <u>community post</u>
- o Important #1! After adding the script code: Go to line 141 (the one that says def TOPIC = "cmnd/nxpanel/nxpanel") and replace the Topic with "cmnd/nspanel_7DD7FC/nxpanel". If you don't, the script will post the response on the wrong Topic.
- Important #2! After adding the script code: Go to line 48 (the one that says def mqtt = actions.get("mqtt", "mqtt:broker:mqtt_broker")" and replace the last part of the id with the <name you gave your MQTT brooker>. (In my example this part is "mosquitte-sweden2", see chapter 3). Will not work without this change.
- Select: Save (Ctrl-S) (top right corner).
- After creation, the rule should look something like this:



Done! Swipe left on Your NSPanel and Mikes test panel should now be displayed, the first



panel looks like this:

If this does not work:

- 1. Check in your logs that the "topics" are all correctly matched in all places (you will most probably have another topic compared with the one I put in as example as this is based on the MAC address on my NSPanel).
- 2. Check if you get the following message in the OpenHAB (frontail) log when you swipe left: "Demo page rules called". This means that the rule is triggered through the channel **NXPanel Trigger** which in turn means that the read topic is correct. If the demo page is not displayed this means

that the response the script posts does not succeed. Check that the topic in the script matches the one in the channel definition of **NXPanel Command**.

How it works

This is about what is sent between OpenHaB and NSPanel and assumes you now have a working connection.

When you swipe left, the NSPanel posts the JSON in blue to OpenHAB.

```
2022-03-27 21:02:48.967 [INFO ] [openhab.event.ChannelTriggeredEvent ] - mqtt:topic:mosquitto_sweden3:nspanel1:nxpanel_page_trigger triggered {"page": {"format": 6, "pid": 10, "type": "sync"}}
2022-03-27 21:02:48.974 [INFO ] [org.openhab.core.automation.nspanel ] - Demo page rules called 2022-03-27 21:02:48.978 [INFO ] [org.openhab.core.automation.nspanel ] - updating page ... 10 2022-03-27 21:02:48.981 [INFO ] [org.openhab.core.automation.nspanel ] - main panel 2022-03-27 21:02:48.988 [INFO ] [org.openhab.core.automation.nspanel ] - rule done
```

The rule you created is triggered and the action for the rule is to run the Groovy script.

The piece: "pid": 10 (pid = Panel ID) tells the script to render the panel with ID 10. This panel



looks like this:

The script posts the following JSON in response to NSPanel which renders the panel:

```
{"refresh":{"pid":10, "name":"Lounge", 6buttons:[{"bid":1,"label":"Movie", "type":1, "state":1, "ic on":1}, {"bid":2, "label":"Lounge", "type":1, "state":0, "icon":1}, {"bid":3, "label":"Hall", "type":2, "icon":6}, {"bid":4, "label":"Bedroom", "type":10, "next":11, "state":5, "icon":5}, {"bid":5, "label":"Temp", "type":10, "next":15, "state":9, "icon":9}, {"bid":6, "label":"Light", "type":3, "next":18, "state":1, "icon":2}, {"bid":7, "label":"Dimmer", "type":4, "next":16, "state":0, "icon":3}, {"bid":8, "label":"Status", "type":10, "next":19, "state":15, "icon":16}]}}
```

Or the same in formatted, a bit more readable form:

```
"refresh":{
    "pid":10,
    "name":"Lounge",
    "6buttons":[
    {
        "bid":1,
        "state":1,
        "icon":1
    },
    {
        "bid":2,
        "label":"Lounge",
        "type":1,
        "state":0,
        "icon":1
```

```
},
          {
              "bid":3,
"label":"Hall",
              "type":2,
              "icon":6
          },
          {
              "bid":4,
"label":"Bedroom",
"type":10,
"next":11,
              "state":5,
"icon":5
          },
              "bid":5,
"label":"Temp",
"type":10,
"next":15,
              "state":9,
"icon":9
          },
          {
              "bid":6,
"label":"Light",
              "type":3,
"next":18,
              "state":1,
"icon":2
          },
              "bid":7,
"label":"Dimmer",
              "type":4,
              "next":16,
              "state":0,
              "icon":3
          },
              "bid":8,
"label":"Status",
              "type":10,
              "next":19,
              "state":15,
"icon":16
         }
   ]
}
```

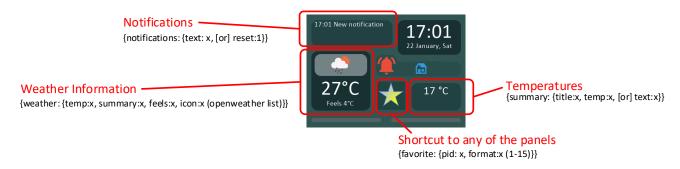
7. Configuring the start panel

The start panel is shown after reboot and is basically only used to display some key information elements, e.g., Weather forecast, temperatures, and notifications. The start panel also has a shortcut to one of the underlying panels.

Configuration and installation

Gotten this far, the first thing you typically will start out with is to update the information on the start panel.

The picture below shows the different areas and the corresponding JSON that updates the information in these areas.



If you want to give it a try, do the following:

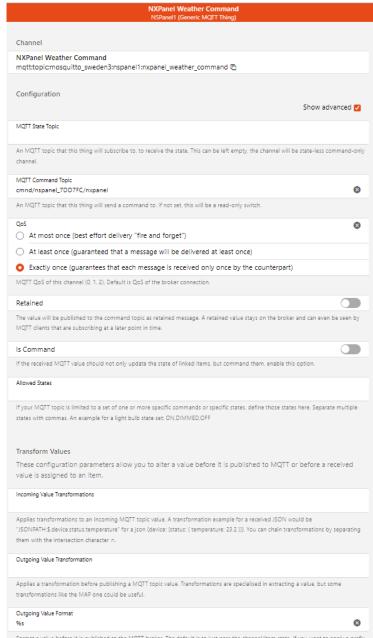
- Log on your openhab with putty (or any other ssh client)
- Run the command: mosquitto_pub -u openhabian -P mqttpwd22?? -t cmnd/nspanel_7DD7FC/nxpanel -m '{"summary": {"title":"Out 32°C", "text":"In 29°C"}} '

NXPanel Thing definition

You should already have a working NXPanel Thing with one trigger channel. To make the first panel work, we now need to create four more Channels.

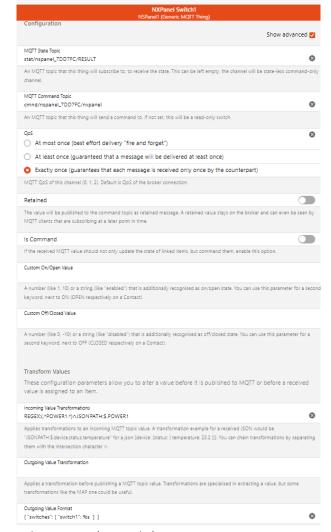
- On the Things Menue, Select: NSPanel1 (Generic MQTT Thing)
 - Select: Channels (top middle)
 - Select: Add Channel
 - As Channel Identifier; Enter: nxpanel_weather_command
 - As Label; Enter: NXPanel Weather Command
 - Select: Text Value
 - o Tick: Show Advanced
 - As MQTT Command Topic; Enter: cmnd/nspanel 7DD7FC/nxpanel
 - As QoS; Enter: Exactly Once
 - Select: Done (top right)

After creation, the channel should look like this:



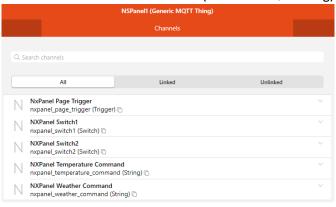
- We continue to create channels for NSPanel1 (Generic MQTT Thing):
- Select: Channels (top middle)
- Select: Add Channel
- As Channel Identifier; Enter: nxpanel_temperature_command
- As Label; Enter: NXPanel Temperature Command
- Select: Text Value
- Tick: Show Advanced
- o As MQTT Command Topic; Enter: cmnd/nspanel_7DD7FC/nxpanel
- As QoS; Enter: Exactly Once
- Select: Done (top right)
- This channel is basically the same and just used to send information to NSPanel. The
 reason for having two is that we now can link two different items to each of the
 channels. The Items will retain the last value sent to NSPanel if this needs to be sent
 again, e.g., after NSPanel losing power.

- Next is to create a channel for left button on NSPanel
 - Select: Channels (top middle)
 - Select: Add Channel
 - As Channel Identifier; Enter: nxpanel_switch1
 - As Label; Enter: NXPanel Switch1
 - Select: On/Off Switch
 - Tick: Show Advanced
 - As MQTT State Topic; Enter: stat/nspanel_7DD7FC/RESULT
 - o As MQTT Command Topic; Enter: cmnd/nspanel_7DD7FC/nxpanel
 - o As QoS; Enter: Exactly Once
 - As Incoming Value Transformations, Enter: REGEX:(.*POWER1.*)∩JSONPATH:\$.POWER1
 - As Outgoing Value Format, Enter: { "switches": { "switch1": %s } }
 - The channel should now looks something like this:



- Select: **Done** (top right)
- Next is to create a channel for right button on NSPanel
 - Select: Channels (top middle)
 - Select: Add Channel
 - As Channel Identifier; Enter: nxpanel_switch2
 - As Label; Enter: NXPanel Switch2
 - o Select: On/Off Switch

- Tick: Show Advanced
- As MQTT State Topic; Enter: stat/nspanel 7DD7FC/RESULT
- As MQTT Command Topic; Enter: cmnd/nspanel_7DD7FC/nxpanel
- As QoS; Enter: Exactly Once
- As Incoming Value Transformations, Enter: REGEX:(.*POWER2.*)∩JSONPATH:\$.POWER2
- As Outgoing Value Format, Enter: { "switches": { "switch2": %s } }
- Finally, select: Save (top right) to update the NXPanel1 thing with the four new channels
 - You should now have a NSPanel1 (General MQTT Thing) with channels as this:



NXPanel Item definitions

Next step is to add the Items we want to link to the channels so that we can get automatic updates of weather forecast, temperature(s) and manage the status of the two physical switches on the NSPanel. You will need the following **Items**:

- Current_Outdoor_Temp
- Current_Indoor_Temp
- Forecast_Temp_1day
- Forecast_Feels_1day
- Forecast WeatherIcon 1day
- nxpanel_weather_command Rule"
- nxpanel_temperature_command
 Temperature Rule"

- → From your outdoor thermometer
- → From your indoor thermometer
- → From OpenWeatherMap
- → From OpenWeatherMap
- → From OpenWeatherMap
- → Holds JSON string generated by "NXPanel Weather
- → Holds JSON string generated by "NXPanel

Classic item-file config for the above would look something like this.

Note! I kept the channel definitions for my items so you can match this with the definition of the Channels for the **NSPanel1** (**Generic MQTT thing**) in the previous section – Your channels will be different.

```
// NXPanel - Command Items (to send JSON commands to NXPanel)
String nxpanel_weather_command {channel="mqtt:topic:mosquitto_sweden3:nspanel1:nxpanel_weather_command"}
String nxpanel_temperature_command {channel="mqtt:topic:mosquitto_sweden3:nspanel1:nxpanel_temperature_command"}

// Your thermometer Items
Number:Temperature Current_Outdoor_Temp {channel="<your channel to Outdoor thermometer>"}
Number:Temperature Current Indoor Temp {channel="<your channel to Outdoor thermometer>"}
```

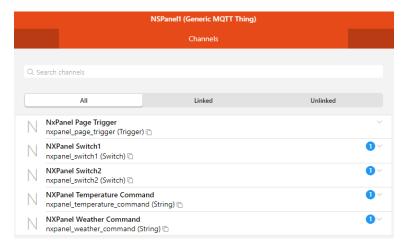
```
// Weather Forcast Items from OpenWeatherMap
Number:Temperature Forecast_Temp_1day {channel="openweathermap:onecall:0bd084e6fe:local:forecastTomorrow#day-
temperature"}
Number:Temperature Forecast_Feels_1day {channel="openweathermap:onecall:0bd084e6fe:local:forecastTomorrow#apparent-
day"}
String Forecast_WeatherIcon_1day {channel="openweathermap:onecall:0bd084e6fe:local:forecastTomorrow#icon-id"}

// NXPanel - Buttons
Switch nxpanel_sw1 "NXPanel - Switch {channel="mqtt:topic:mosquitto_sweden3:nspanel1:nxpanel_switch1"}
Switch nxpanel_sw2 "NXPanel - Switch {channel="mqtt:topic:mosquitto_sweden3:nspanel1:nxpanel_switch2"}
```

Note! Make sure the channels match the channels in your setup

Validate that Items are linked

After creating these items, make sure they are correctly linked to your channels. The NXPanel1 thing should now look like this – Note the blue dots representing the linked items.



Configure rules that update primary panel

Final thing to configure to get the first page & buttons working are the rules that trigger the updates if temperature or weather forecast changes.

Push Weather information to NSPanel

- First rule is to push the weather information whenever this gets updates from OpenWeatherMap. Steps are:
 - o Select: **Settings**
 - Select: Rules and press "+"
 - o As Name Enter: NXPanel Weather Rule
- Three triggers to be added, first is:
 - Select: Add Trigger
 - Select: Item Event
 - Select: Forecast_WeatherIcon_1day (tick "show non-semantic" if you do not use semantic models)
 - Tick: changed
 - Select: Done (top right)
- Second trigger is:
 - o Select: Add Trigger

Select: Item Event

Select: Forecast_Feels_1day

o Tick: changed

Select: Done (top right)

Third trigger is:

Select: Add TriggerSelect: Item Event

Select: Forecast_Temp_1day

o Tick: changed

Select: Done (top right)

• Finally, add what happens if any of the above triggers fire:

Select: Add Action
 Select: Run Script
 Select: Groovy
 Select: Edit

O Cut and Paste this:

```
import org.slf4j.LoggerFactory
def logger = LoggerFactory.getLogger("org.openhab.core.automation.nspanel")

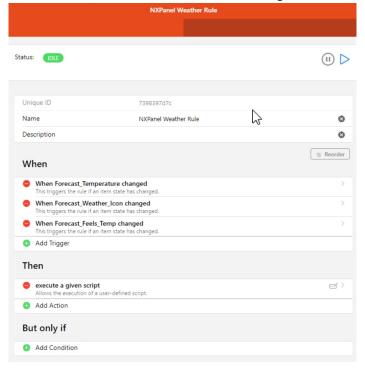
def weather = ir.getItem("Forecast_WeatherIcon_lday").state.toString()
def forecastTemp = ir.getItem("Forecast_Temperature_lday ").state.intValue()
def forecastFeelsTemp = ir.getItem("Forecast_Feels_lday ").state.intValue()

def json = String.format(
   "{ \"weather\": { \"temp\": %d, \"icon\": \"%s\", \"feels\": %d } }",
   forecastTemp, weather, forecastFeelsTemp)

events.sendCommand("nxpanel_weather_command",json)

logger.info("nxpanel_weather_command: "+json)
```

- Select: Save (Ctrl-S) (top right corner).
- After creation, the rule should look something like this:



Push Temperature(s) to NSPanel

- Second rule is to push the temperature updates. You can actually just send one temperature value, check the JSON string syntax in section "Start Panel on NSPanel" in the Appendix), but I liked to have both in- and outdoor temps on the panel.
 - Select: Settings
 - Select: Rules and press "+"
 - o As Name Enter: NXPanel Temperature Rule
- Two triggers to be added for this, first is:
 - o Select: Add Trigger
 - Select: Item Event
 - Select: Current_Outdoor_Temp (tick "show non-semantic" if you do not use semantic models)
 - Tick: changed
 - Select: Done (top right)
- Second trigger is:
 - Select: Add Trigger
 - Select: Item Event
 - Select: Current_Outdoor_Temp
 - Tick: changed
 - Select: Done (top right)
- Now add what happens if any of the above triggers fire:
 - o Select: Add Action
 - o Select: Run Script
 - Select: Groovy
 - Select: Edit
 - O Cut and Paste this:

```
import org.slf4j.LoggerFactory
def logger = LoggerFactory.getLogger("org.openhab.core.automation.nspanel")

def Current_Outdoor_Temp = ir.getItem("Current_Outdoor_Temp").state.intValue()
def Current_Indoor_Temp = ir.getItem("Current_Indoor_Temp").state.intValue()

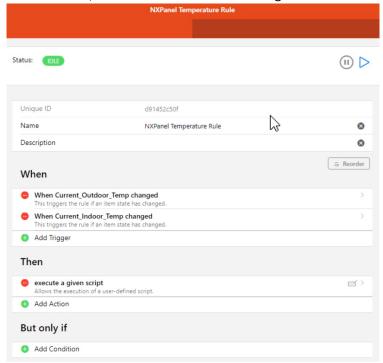
def json = String.format(
    "{ \"summary\": { \"title\": \"Ute %d°C\", \"text\": \"Inne %d°C\" } }",
    Current_Outdoor_Temp, Current_Indoor_Temp)

events.sendCommand("nxpanel_temperature_command",json)

logger.info("nxpanel_temperature_command: "+json)
```

o Select: Save (Ctrl-S) (top right corner).

After creation, the rule should look something like this:



At this stage you have your first panel working!

8. Custom panel configuration

To be continued – Haven't figured this out myself yet, so you need to be patient.

9. Appendix

Start Panel on NSPanel

Json templates

- {start: {pid: x, format:x (1-15)}}
- {favorite: {pid: x, format:x (1-15)}}
- {dim: {low:n, normal:n}}
- {notifications: {text: x, [or] reset:1}}
- {weather: {temp:x, summary:x, feels:x, icon:x (openweather list)}}
- {clock: {date:x, hour:x, min:x, month:x, weekday:x}} // called by tasmotoa
- {switches: {switch1:x, switch2: x}} // called by tasmotoa
- {summary: {title:x, temp:x, [or] text:x}}
- {warnings: [{id:x (1-4), type:x (0-7), state:x (1-3)]},...]}}

Examples

Command in openhabian:

Set brightness levels

mosquitto_pub -u openhabian -P mqttpwd22?? -t cmnd/nspanel_7DD7FC/nxpanel -m '{"dim": {"low":10, "normal":80}}'

Set temperatures:

mosquitto_pub -u openhabian -P mqttpwd22?? -t cmnd/nspanel_7DD7FC/nxpanel -m '{"summary": {"title":"Our 32°C", "text":"In 25°C"}}

Tasmota Console Commands

UK Timezones

TimeZone 99

TimeDST 0,0,3,1,1,60

TimeSTD 0,0,10,1,2,0

CET Timezone

TimeZone 99

TimeDST 0,0,3,1,1,60

TimeSTD 0,0,10,1,2,0

weblog 2 - Normal logging

weblog 4 - Extended logging

restart 1 - Restarts the panel

Mikes Groovy script

import org.slf4j.LoggerFactory

```
def PAGE HOME
def PAGE_2_BUTTON def PAGE_3_BUTTON
def PAGE 4 BUTTON
def PAGE_6_BUTTON
                      = 5
def PAGE_8_BUTTON
                       = 7
def PAGE DIMMER
def PAGE DIMMER COLOR = 8
def PAGE_THERMOSTAT
                       = 9
def PAGE ALERT 1
                       = 11
def PAGE ALERT 2
def PAGE ALARM
                       = 12
def PAGE MEDIA
                       = 13
def PAGE PLAYLIST
                       = 15
def PAGE_STATUS
                        = 0
def BUTTON_UNUSED
def BUTTON_TOGGLE def BUTTON_PUSH
                        = 1
                        = 2
def BUTTON DIMMER
def BUTTON_DIMMER_COLOR = 4
def BUTTON PAGE
def ICON BLANK
                       = 0
def ICON BULB
                        = 1
def ICON_BULB = 1
def ICON_DIMMER = 2
                      = 3
def ICON DIMMER COLOR
def ICON_VACUUM = 4
def ICON BED
                       = 5
def ICON HOUSE
                       = 7
def ICON SOFA
def ICON BELL
                       = 8
def ICON HEAT
                        = 9
                       = 10
def ICON CURTAINS
                       = 11
def ICON MUSIC
                       = 12
def ICON BINARY
                       = 13
def ICON FAN
                       = 14
def ICON SWITCH
def ICON TALK
                       = 15
def ICON INFO
                       = 16
def NONE
                        = 0
def logger = LoggerFactory.getLogger("org.openhab.core.automation.nspanel")
def mqtt = actions.get("mqtt","mqtt:broker:mqtt broker")
def str = event.getEvent()
logger.info("Demo page rules called")
if (str.indexOf('{"page":')!=0) {
 return
* Utility functions - start
def makeButton(bid,label,type,icon=null,state=null,next=null) {
 var str = ""<<((bid==1)?"":",")</pre>
 str<<'{"bid":'<<bid<<',"label":"'<<label<<'","type":'<<type
 if (next!=null) {
   str<<',"next":'<<next
 if (state!=null) {
   str<<',"state":'<<state
  if (icon!=null) {
   str<<',"icon":'<<icon
```

```
str<<'}'
 return str
def makePage(pid,name) {
 var str = new StringBuilder('{"refresh":')
  str<<'{"pid":'<<pid<<',"name":"'<<name<<'",'
 return str
def makeEmptySync(pid) {
 var str = new StringBuilder('{"sync":')
  str<<'{"pid":'<<pid<<'}}'
  return str
def makeEmptyRefresh(pid) {
  var str = new StringBuilder('{"refresh":')
  str<<'{"pid":'<<pid<<'}}'
 return str
}
def makeSyncButtonStart(pid,bid,state) {
 var str = new StringBuilder('{"sync":')
  str<<'{"pid":'<<pid
  str<<',buttons:[{"bid":'<<bid<<',"state":'<<state<<'}'
 return str
}
def addSyncButton(bid, state) {
 var str = ',{"bid":'<<bid<<',"state":'<<state<<'}'</pre>
  return str
}
* Utility functions - end
 \mbox{\scriptsize \star} Get data from the page message
 * (would be good to use JsonSluper here but currently can't access)
var i = str.indexOf("\"pid\"")
var i2 = str.indexOf(",",i+7)
var id = str.substring(i+7,i2)
i = str.indexOf("\"format\"")
i2 = str.indexOf(",",i+10)
var format = str.substring(i+10,i2)
// check if a full refresh or just a status update
var refresh = str.indexOf("refresh")>0
var json
                        = 10
def PANEL_MAIN
def PANEL BEDROOM 1
                        = 11
def PANEL BEDROOM 2
                        = 12
def PANEL LOUNGE
                        = 13
def PANEL_CABIN = 14
def PANEL_CABIN_THERMO = 15
def PANEL CABIN LIGHTS = 16
def PANEL LOUNGE FAN
                        = 17
def PANEL_LOUNGE_LIGHT = 18
def PANEL STATUS
                         = 19
def PANEL MUSIC
                         = 20
def TOPIC = "cmnd/nspanel/nxpanel"
logger.info("updating page ... "+id)
```

```
switch (id as int) {
 case PANEL MAIN :
   logger.info("main panel")
    \ensuremath{//} set these from your own items
   movie state = 1
   lounge_state = 0
   cabin state = 0
   hall light state = 1
    if (refresh) {
      json = makePage(id, 'Lounge')
      json<<format<<'buttons:['</pre>
      json<<makeButton(1, "Movie", BUTTON TOGGLE, ICON BULB, movie state)</pre>
      json<<makeButton(2,"Lounge",BUTTON TOGGLE,ICON BULB,lounge state)
      json<<makeButton(3,"Hall",BUTTON_PUSH,ICON_HOUSE)</pre>
      json<<makeButton(4, "Bedroom", BUTTON PAGE, ICON BED, PAGE 6 BUTTON, PANEL BEDROOM 1)
      json<<makeButton(5,"Temp",BUTTON_PAGE,ICON_HEAT,PAGE_THERMOSTAT,PANEL_CABIN_THERMO)
json<<makeButton(6,"Light",BUTTON DIMMER,ICON DIMMER,hall light state,PANEL LOUNGE LIGHT)
json<<makeButton(7,"Dimmer",BUTTON DIMMER COLOR,ICON DIMMER COLOR,cabin state,PANEL CABIN LIGH
      json<<makeButton(8,"Status",BUTTON PAGE,ICON INFO,PAGE STATUS,PANEL STATUS)
      json<<"]}}"
    } else {
      json = makeSyncButtonStart(id,1,movie state)
      json<<addSyncButton(2,lounge state)</pre>
      json<<"]}}"
   mqtt.publishMQTT(TOPIC, json.toString())
   break
  case PANEL BEDROOM 1 :
    // set these from your own items
    fan state = 1
    if (refresh) {
      json = makePage(id, 'Bedroom 1')
      json<<format<<'buttons:['</pre>
      json<<makeButton(1,"A",BUTTON PUSH,ICON HOUSE)</pre>
      json<<makeButton(2,"Fan",BUTTON DIMMER, ICON FAN, fan state, PANEL LOUNGE FAN)
     json<<makeButton(3,"C",BUTTON PUSH,ICON SOFA)</pre>
      json<<makeButton(4, "Music", BUTTON PAGE, ICON MUSIC, PAGE MEDIA, PANEL MUSIC)
      json<<makeButton(5,"D",BUTTON PUSH,ICON TALK)
      json<<makeButton(6,"Alarm", BUTTON PAGE, ICON BELL, PAGE ALARM, NONE)
     json<<"]}}"
    } else {
      json = makeEmptySync(id)
   mqtt.publishMQTT(TOPIC, json.toString())
   break
 case PANEL BEDROOM 2 :
   json = makeEmptySync(id)
   mqtt.publishMQTT(TOPIC, json.toString())
   break
 case PANEL LOUNGE :
   json = makeEmptySync(id)
   mqtt.publishMQTT(TOPIC, json.toString())
 case PANEL CABIN :
   json = makePage(id, 'Cabin')
    json<<"}}"
   mqtt.publishMQTT(TOPIC, json.toString())
   break
 case PANEL CABIN THERMO :
   // set these from your own items
    var heater = 1
   var aut.o = 0
   var temp = 15
   var set = 21
    json = makePage(id, 'Cabin')
    json<<format<<',"therm":{'</pre>
    json<<'"set":'<<set<<',"temp":'<<temp<<'',"heat":'<<heater<<',"state":'<<auto<<'"'
```

```
json<<"}}"
    mqtt.publishMQTT(TOPIC, json.toString())
    break
  case PANEL CABIN LIGHTS :
    json = makePage(id, 'Cabin Lights')
    json<<'"power":'<<ON<<',"hsbcolor":'<<'"10,100,50"'
    json<<"}}"
   mqtt.publishMQTT(TOPIC, json.toString())
    break
  case PANEL LOUNGE FAN :
    // set these from your own items
    fan state = ON
    fan setting = 3
    json = makePage(id, 'Lounge Fan')
json<<'"power":'<<fan state<<',"min":'<<1<<',"max":'<<4<<',"icon":'<<ICON FAN<<',"dimmer":'<<f
an_setting
    json<<"}}"
    mqtt.publishMQTT(TOPIC, json.toString())
   break
  case PANEL LOUNGE LIGHT :
    json = makePage(id, 'Lounge Light')
    json<<'"power":'<<ON<<',"dimmer":'<<30
   json<<"}}"
   mqtt.publishMQTT(TOPIC, json.toString())
    break
  case PANEL STATUS :
    json = makePage(id, 'System Status')
    json<<'"status":['
    json<<'{"id":'<<1<<',"text":'<<'"Gate":'<<',"value":'<<'"Open"'<<',"color":'<<2<<'}'
    ison<<','
    json<<'{"id":'<<2<<',"text":'<<'"Window":'<<',"value":'<<',"Shut"'<<',"color":'<<3<<'}'
    json<<','
    json<<'{"id":'<<5<<',"text":'<<'"Room Temp":'<<',"value":'<<',"20°C"'<<'}'
    json<<']}}'
    mqtt.publishMQTT(TOPIC, json.toString())
   break
  case PANEL MUSIC :
    json = makePage(id, 'Sonos Player')
    // set these from your own items
    json<<'"artist":'<<'"New Order"'<<',"album":'<<'"Movement"'<<',"track":'<<'"Power
Play"'<<',"volume":'<<70
    json<<"}}"
    mqtt.publishMQTT(TOPIC, json.toString())
    break
  default :
    logger.info("unknown page!")
    break
}
logger.info("rule done")
```