

## Insteon Hub Commands

I used House Link to set up devices on the Hub.

House Link uses port 9761

You can log on to your hub using web browser

<http://192.168.1.30:25105/network.htm>

25105 default port for Iphone application you can change this

IP address of the Hub 192.168.1.30

Port Address 25105

test Device Address 21A9A8

If you enter the following into your web browser you can the device on and off

On

http://192.168.1.30:25105/3?026221A9A80F11FF=I=3-

## On Status Reply

[illegible]

Off

<http://192.168.1.30:25105/3?026221A9A80F13FF=I=3->

## Off Status Reply

[illegible]

## Read the Buffer

http://192.168.1.30:25105/buffstatus.xml

Request 21A9A8 Device Status

http://192.168.1.30:25105/3?026221A9A80F19FF=I=3-

## Looking At the On command

[http://192.168.1.30:25105/3?026221A2A90F11FF=I=3-Brake Down of Fields](http://192.168.1.30:25105/3?026221A2A90F11FF=I=3-Brake+Down+of+Fields)

026221A2A90F11FF=I=3-

21A2A9 Address

## 0262 Direct Command Flag

## OF SD Flag Standard Command

11 Command (11=ON)



## Hub Configuration

The Hub configurations are "hidden" from the default homepage; however, they are the same paths as used for the SmartLinc.

<http://192.168.1.30:25105/network.htm>

## System Configuration

**/network.htm** is the main resource for viewing the network configuration. It provides you with the IP and Insteon network info. It also allows you to configure the system clock. *Why isn't there NTP support?*

**/config.htm** is used to configure your IP address settings. This is where DHCP is enabled/disabled.

**/sun.htm** allows for the configuration of your location and daylight savings time settings. In addition, it is used to set sunrise and sunset times.

**/a.htm** is the authentication resource. It allows you to set the user name and password.

**/1?L=USER=1=PASS** updates the user name, USER, and the password, PASS.

## Room Configuration

**/rooms.htm** configures the room names. The visible check box is not used for the Hub. On the SmartLinc, it is used to control what rooms are visible on the homepage.

**/rRN.htm** displays the scenes configured for the room. The room number, RN, can be 01 to 16.

**/scenes.htm?1=RN=F** configures the scene names and visibility within a room.

**/setup.htm?RN=SN=F** is used to configure the scenes' features. Valid scene numbers, SN, are 1 to 16. This allows you to configure basic scheduling and enable notification for a device. As you'll see later, true scene/group control is done via the PLM.

**/2?S215=Hall\_Lights=2=t=00:00=ff=00:00=ff=f=f=f=f=f=f=f=f=t=AABBCC01=t=f22** Creates a new scene. Here's each option:

S#=name=2=show(t/f)=TimeStart=AM(t/f)PM(t/f)=TimeEnd=AM(t/f)PM(t/f)=Mon(t/f)=Tue(t/f)=Wen(t/f)=Thu(t/f)=Fri(t/f)=Sat(t/f)=Sun(t/f)=CntlUp(t/f)=CntlOn(t/f)=CntlOff(t/f)=CntlDown(t/f)=StatusDeviceID=ReportStatus(t/f)=DimCntrlInc(t/f)StartTimeType(1/2/3,Sunset/Minute/Sunrise)TimeEndType(1/2/3,Sunset/Minute/Sunrise)

## PLM Control

The PLM controls are the heart of the Hub. All Insteon device configurations are done with the PLM. The main PLM HTTP controls are detailed below.

**/0?08=I=0** stops linking on the PLM. This can also be done with the generic PLM command resource.

**/0?09GN=I=0** starts linking for a group number, GN. The group number can be 00 to FF.

**/0?0AGN=I=0** starts unlinking for a group number, GN. The group number can be 00 to FF.

**/Linkstatus.xml** provides the current linking status. This can also be parsed from the buffer.

**/3?PLM\_CMD=I=3** is the generic PLM command. This sends whatever command (PLM\_CMD) is provided to the PLM for execution. This is the most powerful of all the Hub resources.

**/sx.xml?ID=SD\_CMD** is the synchronous standard Insteon command. This resource can be used to send a simple standard command (SD\_CMD) to the Insteon device ID (ID). It will wait for the device to respond and provide the device's response in the HTTP response. *This resource is unique to the Hub.*

**/buffstatus.xml** retrieves the current PLM buffer. This is another difference between the Hub and the SmartLinc. The Hub's buffer is padded with zeros when empty. The XML format of the response is below.

**/1?XB=M=1** clears the PLM buffer. The buffer will look like the examples above.

Name	Command 1	Command 2
ON	11	Turn device on, ramping up 00 through FF (see Common Brightness Levels for values)
FAST ON	12	Turn device on immediately (no ramp)
OFF	13	Turn device off, ramping down
FAST OFF	14	Turn device off immediately (no ramp)
BRIGHT	15	00
DIM STATUS	16 19	0 Get the current status of the device (returns level)
BEEP	30	01

### Levels

Similar to the commands above, we have a few levels we can send with our commands to change the brightness level. Unfortunately, we cannot send the level as a simple numeric integer, they are represented as hexadecimal values from 0 to 255. Here are some common levels I use:

Level Chars	Percentage
00	0 %
40	25 %
7F	50 %
BF	75 %
FF	100.00%

Hex	Dec	Percentage
00	0	0.00%
40	64	25.00%
FF	255	100.00%

You can specify any value from 0-100% by inserting the appropriate hexadecimal value

This URL will get you all the device ids on room 1 in XML format  
<http://X.X.X.X:25105/b.xml?01=1=F>

This URL will get you all the device ids on room 1 in XML format  
<http://X.X.X.X:25105/b.xml?01=1=F>

You may change the time directly from the HTML page on:  
<http://X.X.X.X:25105/network.htm>

You may change network settings directly on:  
<http://X.X.X.X:25105/config.htm>

Device names and scene configuration are stored only on the cloud.

**There are 2 types of Insteon Commands Standard and Extended all of the above are standard.**

Thermostats use extended commands.

To send Set Heat Set point 71

username:[password@192.168.1.100](#):25105/3?0262XXYYZZ1F6D8E00000000000000000000000005=I=3

02 62 - send an Insteon message

XX YY ZZ - the address of the thermostat of course

1F The difference is the number of retransmissions allowed,

1F indicate this will be an extended message.

6D - the command to adjust the set point.

8E - the temperature (71 \* 2 = 142, converted to hex = 8E)

00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 - extended data bytes D1-D13,

05 - checksum, you'll have to change this if you change the command or the temperature, but it will stay the same if you only change the flags byte

This will only work if the thermostat is already linked as a responder to the hub.

The formula for the checksum is

Checksum = ((Not(sum of cmd1..d13)) + 1) and 255

Since everything else is in hexadecimal we can be consistent and replace that decimal 255 with hexadecimal FF.

that calculation:

$$=((\text{Not}(6D + 8E + 00 + 00 + 00 + 00 + 00 + 00 + 00 + 00 + 00 + 00 + 00 + 00 + 00)) + 1) \text{ and } FF$$

$$=((\text{Not}(FB)) + 1) \text{ and } FF$$

Not(FB) means reverse all the bits in FB. In binary, FB = 11111011. So, Not(FB) = 00000100, which = 4.

$$=((4) + 1) \text{ and } FF$$

$$=(5) \text{ and } FF$$

"and FF" basically just means you are only looking at the first 8 binary bits. It's really only relevant if the value is > FF. If you have more than two hexadecimal digits, just drop all but the last two. E.g. if the total was 3FB you would drop the 3 and just keep the FB. (The fact that you can do it this way is one of the nice things about working in hexadecimal. It doesn't work so easily in decimal.) 5 is less than FF, so it's unchanged. So:

= 5

I was able to use OpenRemote to controll devices attached to the Hub

The image shows two side-by-side screenshots of the 'Edit command' dialog box in OpenRemote. Both dialogs have a 'Name' field, a 'Protocol' dropdown set to 'HTTP', and a section titled 'HTTP attributes' containing fields for 'URL', 'HTTP Method' (set to 'GET'), 'Content-Type', 'Workload', 'Username', 'Password', 'XPath Expression', 'RegularExpression', 'Polling interval', and 'JSONPath Expression'. At the bottom of each dialog are 'Submit' and 'Reset' buttons.

**Left Dialog: 'On Office Light'**

- Name: On Office Light
- Protocol: HTTP
- URL: .30:25105/3?026221A2A90F11FF=I=3
- HTTP Method: GET
- Content-Type: (empty)
- Workload: (empty)
- Username: (empty)
- Password: (empty)
- XPath Expression: (empty)
- RegularExpression: (empty)
- Polling interval: (empty)
- JSONPath Expression: (empty)

**Right Dialog: 'Request Status Office Light'**

- Name: Request Status Office Light
- Protocol: HTTP
- URL: .168.1.30:25105/sx.xml?21A2A9=1900
- HTTP Method: GET
- Content-Type: (empty)
- Workload: (empty)
- Username: (empty)
- Password: (empty)
- XPath Expression: (empty)
- RegularExpression: (?<=\\b21A2A92500)\\w+\\b
- Polling interval: 1s
- JSONPath Expression: (empty)

On Command as above <http://192.168.1.30:25105/3?026221A9A80F11FF=I=3>

Request Status <http://192.168.1.30:25105/sx.xml?21A9A8=1900>

Regex to extract On and Off `(?<=\\b21A9A82500)\\w+\\b`

21A9A8 will need to be change to the address of each device having this in the Regex makes it possible to confirm the response is from the correct address

I used a custom Sensor and input under custom status

Name On Value On

Name Off Value Off

I also was tested sending change set point on thermostat by 2 degrees

<http://192.168.1.30:25105/3?02622044A01F6804000000000000000000000000094=I=3>

As the value returned are in Hex 8E (71 \* 2 = 142, converted to hex = 8E)

You would have to convert this using a custom rule.

All of the above information is freely available on the Web and listed below are sites which I found a great help.

I believe making a custom protocol in OpenRemote would be the way forward.

<http://www.leftovercode.info/>

<http://www.leftovercode.info/smartlinc.php>

[http://www.leftovercode.info/smartlinc\\_x10.html](http://www.leftovercode.info/smartlinc_x10.html)

<http://www.insteon.com/sdk/files/dm/docs/>

<http://www.insteon.com/houselinc-insteon-custom-commands.html>

<http://efundies.com/guides/>

<http://fredricksensoftware.us/Insteon/Device%20Controller/index.htm>

<http://www.madrepopite.com/insteon/commands.htm>

<http://blog.automategreen.com/post/under-the-insteon-hub-hood>

[http://www.smarthome.com/forum/topic.asp?TOPIC\\_ID=11063&whichpage=2](http://www.smarthome.com/forum/topic.asp?TOPIC_ID=11063&whichpage=2)

<http://www.richstevenson.com/2014/01/06/insteon-direct-commands/>

For Regex I found this link very good

<http://www.codeproject.com/Articles/9099/The-30-Minute-Regex-Tutorial>

The expresso program is great for working out the correct regex to use in Openremote

