

ONLINE HOME AUTOMATION CONTROL SYSTEM

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List of Symbols & Abbreviations

Table 1: List of Symbols & Abbreviations

Symbols & Abbreviations	Meaning
UI	User Interface
API	Application programming Interface
GPIO	General Purpose Input Output
IDE	Integrated Development Environment
IoT	Internet of Things
LED	Light Emitting Diode
REST	Representational State Transfer
SDLC	Software Development Life Cycle
SQL	Structured Query Language
Raspberry Pi	low cost, credit-card sized computer[1].
Linear solenoid	type of electromagnetic actuator that converts an electrical signal into a magnetic field producing a linear motion[2].



Keywords

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Raspberry Pi	low cost, credit-card sized computer[1].
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Abstract

The aim for this project is to control light buttons, air conditioners, television or other home appliance regardless of the person's location. The methodology is simple: an android app will send controlling requests to a web server. Raspberry Pi will be getting all the new requests from the server, processing it accordingly and controlling the hardware components connected to it. Such a system will allow someone in the United States to turn the lights in their house in Saudi Arabia on. However, an active connection to the internet must be present all the time.

CHAPTER NO. 1

INTRODUCTION



1 Introduction

1.1 Problem statement & Significance

With the recent very rapid progress in technology and automation, there has become a need for remote control of almost all possible aspects of living. Especially the house appliances that surround us, because of how easy they make the modern humans life and how much they allow him to focus on his main work instead of doing these remotely controlled tasks himself.

Some examples we have already encountered and used in our daily lives include using apps to control a cleaning robot or adjust the heating in the house or switch the house lights on or off. For the latter, there have been many applications that can do that. However, they all work in a small set of devices and sensors. It is necessary for such applications to exist, as a service like this would be important for many people. An example is working moms who are outside the house and want to switch the lights on at a certain time to wake their children up. Another example is pet owners who need to have UV lights switched on for their pets at certain times of the day but can't do so immediately and so on.

However, the main challenge in creating a device to solve this problem is where the idea of IoT (Internet of Things) comes in; learning how to control this device through the Internet from afar, rather than being controlled by infrared rays locally as is the case with most similar applications.

1.2 Proposed Solution

The created app should enable the user, by clicking on the appropriate buttons, to control a physical apparatus that needs to be pushed to work, such as lights buttons. This will be done by designing and creating an Android application, then using a small laptop, called Raspberry Pi, to control a small piece that will



be pushed forward (on command) to switch the light on or off, the API is a web application hosted on a server.

1.2.1 Aims

At the end of this project, we intend to achieve the following aims:

- Learn how to design a mobile application using previously learned and new knowledge
- Learn how to invoke a web API and use it in our application
- Learn Python programming language to control Raspberry Pi
- Learn Flask web micro-framework

1.2.2 Goals

At the end of this project, we expect to deliver:

- An Android application with a user friendly, simple, clear interface with buttons to control a LED and linear solenoid.
- A physical apparatus composed of the Raspberry Pi connected to and controlling the piece.
- A web application following REST architecture, managing user requests and Raspberry Pi's responses.

1.3 Project Domain & Limitation

1.3.1 Domain

Although the application will be available for all kinds of users to use, we expect that the ones who would make the most use of it would be employees who have long working hours and would need to be able to remotely control appliances in their homes, especially lights.

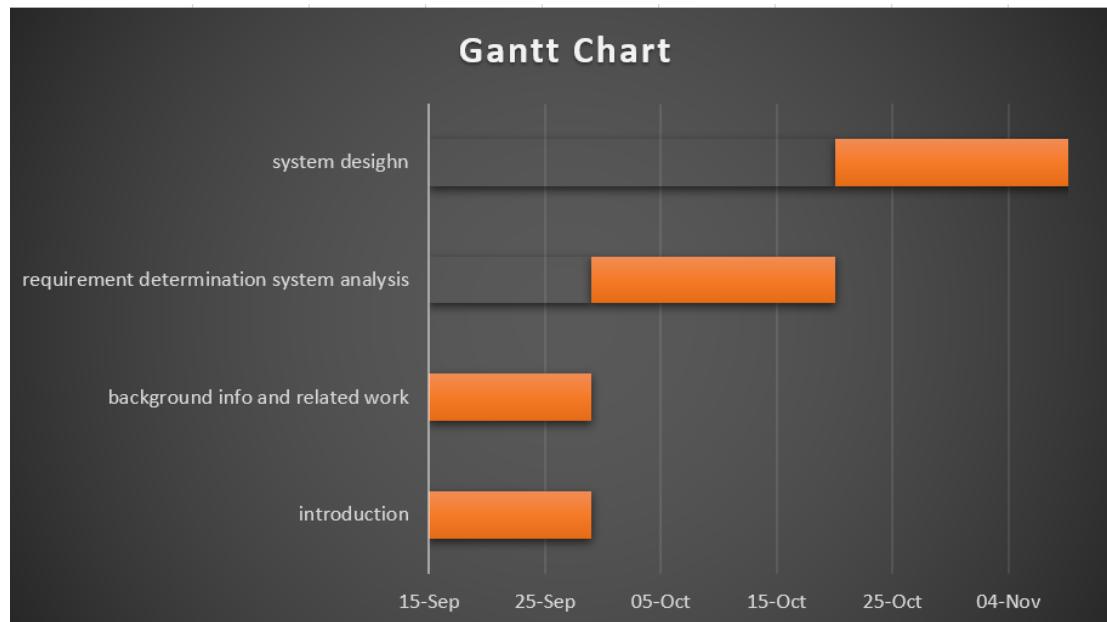
The critical piece in all of this application would be the linear solenoid actuator i.e. the small electrically controlled piece that would be placed very close to the light switch and would, on command, spring forward to press on the switch to turn it on or off.

1.3.2 Limitation

The main limitation of the application is that it will be able to control only a limited type of home appliance. Mainly things than could be pushed to work. A much more advanced application would be able to control most of the other appliances, such as controlling an Air conditioner if the owner is outside, or a timer controlled coffee maker.

1.4 Gantt Chart

Figure 1.1: Gantt Chart



CHAPTER NO. 2

BACKGROUND INFORMATION &

RELATED WORK



2 Background Information & Related Work

2.1 Background Information

2.1.1 IoT

The internet of things (IoT) constitutes one of the most important technological development in the last decade. The IoT term was coined by Kevin in 1999[3]. IoT means a world-wide network of interconnected objects uniquely addressable, based on standard communication protocols[4]. In a somewhat simplified manner, we can describe IoT is the ability to connect as many things by the internet without direct human intervention by using technologies such as cloud computing, Radio Frequency Identification (RFID), wireless communication, sensors, Internet protocol, ultra-low-power processors and others[5].

2.1.1.1 IoT Architecture

IoT Architecture includes three layers Perception layer, Network layer, and Application layer each of them has its own functionality.

- **Perception layer:** is responsible to perceive and identifying objects or things in the environment.
- **Network layer:** is responsible for receiving and transmitting data between layers.
- **Application layer:** is the interface for all previous Layers used to process and transported data to provide services to the users[6].

2.1.1.2 IoT Applications

The Applications of the IoT are diversified and can be classified into three main categories industry, environment, and society.

- **Industry:** The importance of the industry domain can be seen in transportation, aviation, and automotive (e.g. Tesla automobile).



- **Environment:** The society Domain focused on telecommunication, smart building, home, and medical technology (e.g.connected door locks, Closed-loop (automated) insulin delivery).
- **Society:** The environment Domain focused on recycling, disaster alerting, environmental monitoring (e.g.Forest Fire Detection, Air Pollution)[7].

2.1.2 Hardware

- **Raspberry Pi:** a small general purpose computer. All hardware components will be connected to it. An active connection to the internet is needed for it to fetch data from the server[1].
- **Ubuntu Web Server:** hosts the web application. Digital Ocean servers[8] were chosen for this project.
- **LED:** since the hardware components controlled depends heavily on the user needs, this project main aim will be controlling a small LED. LED stands for light-emitting diode[9]. Basically a small light source.
- **Linear Solenoid:** once the LED works, linear solenoid will be installed for demonstrating the idea[2]. It is a small component that generates a linear motion. It will be used to press in anything, such as lights, TV remote, and coffee machine.

2.1.3 Programming Languages & Frameworks

- **Python:** raspberry pi can be controlled by either c++ or python. Python was chosen because a REST API can be made using it fast.
 - **GPIO:** a library for controlling any hardware component connected to the GPIO pins[10].
 - **Flask:** a lightweight framework to build web applications.
- **Java:** mobile application are made in a native way with either swift or java.



- **Android:** a framework for making android apps.
- **Retrofit:** type-safe HTTP client for Android and Java[11]. It will be used to send and receive commands and status from the web server.
- **PostgreSQL:** an open-source RDBMS[12]. It will be installed on the server.

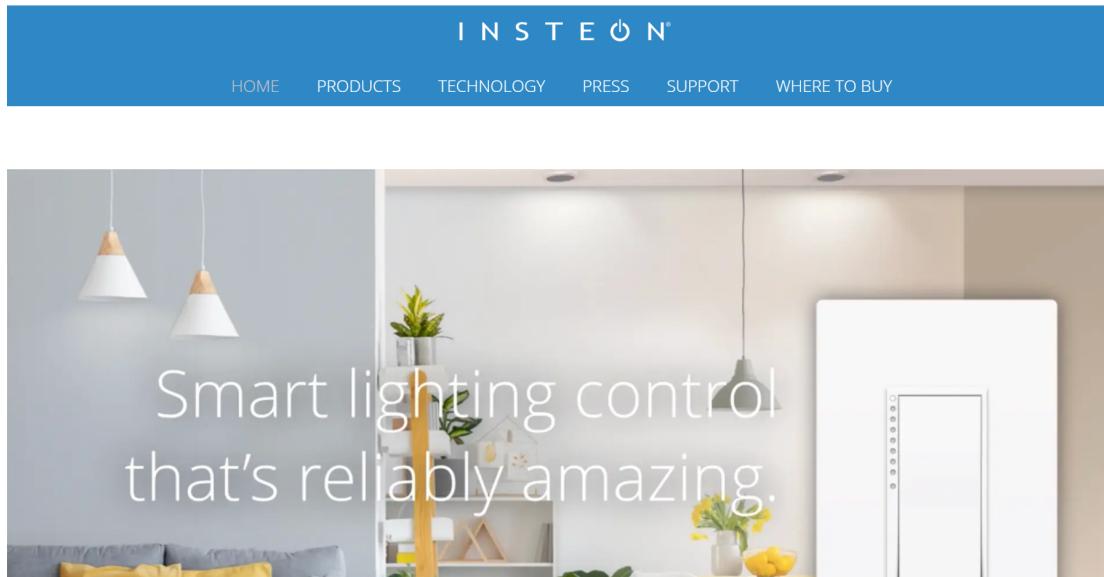
2.1.4 SDLC Model

Incremental model will be used in this project. This model is a process of software development where requirements are broken down into multiple standalone modules of software development cycle. Incremental development is done in steps from analysis design, implementation, testing / verification, maintenance[13]. The reason this model was chosen is the pieces will be installed, tested and connected to the system gradually. First a LED, then a linear solenoid and so on.

2.2 Related Work

2.2.1 Insteon - Insteon Hub

Figure 2.1: Related Work: Insteon



Insteon Hub is a simple and straightforward system that connects you to your home from any smartphone or tablet, anywhere in the world. Control Insteon light bulbs, wall switches, outlets, and thermostats at home or remotely and receive instant email or push notification alerts from motion, door and window, water leak, and smoke sensors while you're away[14].

- **Advantage:**

1. Control Multiple Devices Simultaneously with a Basic Scene.
2. Create Schedules to Turn Your Lights On and Off at Specific Times.
3. Automatically Turn Lights On and Off with Sensors.
4. Monitor Your Home with Email or Push Notification Alerts.

- **Disadvantage:**

1. Hub setup takes a couple of minutes and a few moments per light switch, sensor.



2. Its need to connect it to power and your home's internet router so if the internet die all devices need to start over again.
3. fixed the hub take more cost than its original price.
4. There is no database save/restore. You have to recreate all the devices, scenes, schedules if its replaced.

2.2.2 Wink - Wink Hub 2

Figure 2.2: Related Work: Wink



Wink Hub 2 is the world's first smart home hub created for the mainstream consumer. With industry-leading smart home protocol support, enhanced connectivity features, and a sleek design, Wink Hub 2 brings hundreds of products from best-in-class brands together for a simple, intuitive experience[15].

- **Advantage:**

1. Support Different platforms such as iOS or Android.
2. Once you've created an account, Wink has the ability to recognize the products within Wink Bright, guide you through a few simple steps, and then you're ready to go.
3. Wink works with Cortana Microsoft's voice assistant and Amazon Alexa.
4. One important feature in Wink is that it can see what you're spending even before the bill arrives.

- **Disadvantage:**

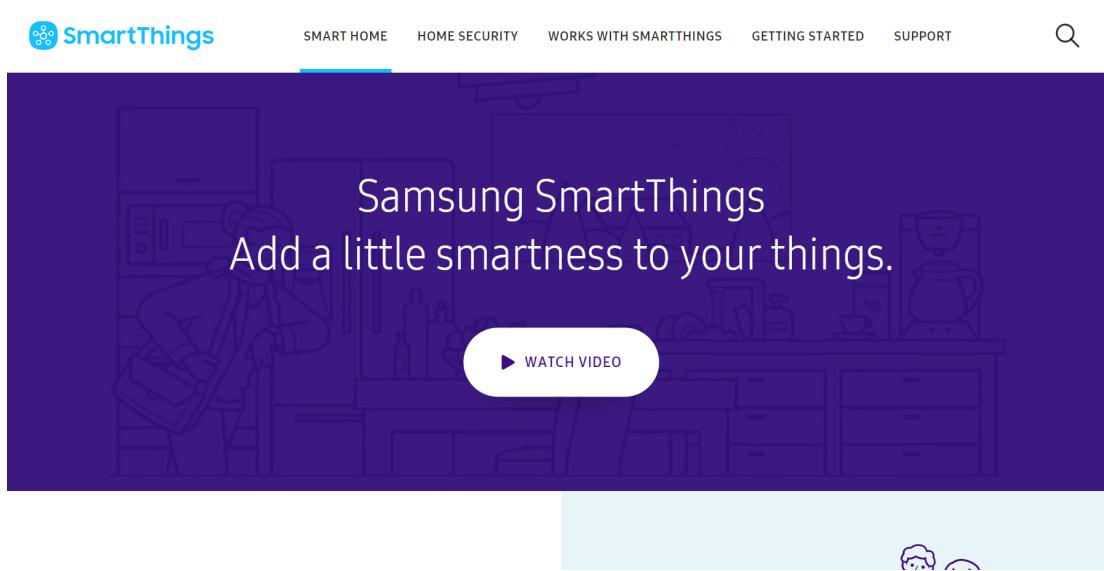
1. One major problem with the Wink 2 hub is that the device sometimes loses connectivity and must be reset in order for it to connect again.



2. Wink app doesn't always let you access other devices' full features.
3. High price.
4. Takes 14 days to arrive.

2.2.3 Samsung Smart Things Hub

Figure 2.3: Related Work: Samsung



Smart things hub Connect wirelessly with a wide range of smart devices and make them work together[16].

- **Advantage:**

1. Monitor and control connected devices in your home using a single SmartThings app for iPhone or Android.
2. Manage connected devices in your home with SmartThings Routines for Good Morning, Goodbye, Good Night, and more.
3. Receive alerts from connected devices when theres unexpected activity in your home.

- **Disadvantage:**

1. Some compatible components may not work as efficiently or smoothly as you want them to, which may be inconvenient.
2. Some users report it stops working at times.
3. Difficult to upgrade from older hub.
4. In US Only.

2.3 Proposed & Similar System Comparison

Table 2.1: Proposed & Similar System Comparison

	Raspberry Pi	Insteon	Wink hub 2	Samsung (smart things)
design				
Works With Wi-Fi	yes	yes	yes	yes
Price	25\$, parts are very cheap	80\$, expensive parts	99\$, very expensive parts	70\$, expensive parts
Installation & Configuration Difficulty	hard to install but doesn't takes time to reinstall and configure	easy to install and hardly takes any time setting up even if you change your home	easy to install and hardly takes any time setting up even if you change your home	easy to install and hardly takes any time setting up even if you change your home

Better quality can be found at Appendix A



Although similar systems already exist, our system has its own special advantages. The biggest being **hardware freedom**. In other systems, there exists a main hub receiving user command from the mobile app. So far, the ideas and implementation is identical. The previous systems require the consumer to buy additional parts for it to work, such as special LED lights that needs installation or a small component controlling air conditioners. Those parts are usually limited in numbers, usage and can get very expensive fast. On the other hand, our system works with any hardware component as long as connecting it to the electrical circuit is possible.

CHAPTER NO. 3

SYSTEM ANALYSIS



3 System Analysis

3.1 Requirement Specification

3.1.1 Overview

The application we mean to create consists of three main systems: the android application which will be the user interface, the Raspberry Pi, which is the small computer where all the hardware pieces will be connected to, and the web server which will host the REST web application and be the connection between the android application and the Raspberry Pi.

The user of the system will have to have the android app installed on his mobile phone. When the app is first opened, the first activity (page in android app) displays the hardwares that are connected to the Raspberry Pi. It gets this list of hardwares from the webserver by using the GET method. When the user clicks on any of the hardware that is there, a new activity opens. In it is mentioned the name of the hardware, the status (e.g. whether it is on or off), the commands and the scheduling configuration. All of this information is obtained from the server.

Next to the commands title, there will be a small button that when clicked on will open a third activity, which gives the option of adding a new command. The command can be instantaneous (for example, switching an LED light immediately) or it can be scheduled for a later date or time. For the instantaneous command, the POST method will be used, and for scheduling the commands, the user will have the option to choose the date and time he wishes the commands to be undertaken in. Whatever the outcome of this process is, a popup message will appear to the user either confirming the success of the command the user issued, or denying it while explaining the reason for that failure.

Under the commands tab, there will be a configuration section where all the scheduled commands will appear, along with their dates and times and options



to edit them or delete them. The edit option will be done by the PUT method and the deleted option by the DELETE method. All the methods work on the data in the servers database i.e. they either add a new command (POST), edit a scheduled command (PUT), or delete an existing command (DELETE).

For the Raspberry Pi, the sequence it works according to is timed. Every 5 minutes, it puts the hardware status to the server so that it can show on the users application hardware list. Also, every 30 seconds, it checks the server for any new commands posted by the user from the android application. If there are any new ones that have to be, it updates its own local database (a local queue) according to the priorities and scheduled dates and times of the commands. This local database is organized according to the time the command was issued (i.e. the instantaneous commands are put at the front of this queue because of their precedence and the scheduled ones are put in the command order) and contains the command ID, which hardware this command was issued for, when this command was issued, and whether the command was successfully done or not, all gotten from the server by the GET method except the successfully done column, which the Raspberry edits according to the hardware.

Whatever the result of the command was, the Raspberry posts the response of the command to the server. The android application gets this response from the server every 5 or 10 minutes, depending on the users choice. The response is displayed as a push notification in the users mobile phone. Depending on this response, the status and configuration information in the app will be updated to reflect the success or failure of the command response. Finally, it is important to note that any new hardware or configuration added to or connected to the Raspberry will have its information posted to the server by the Raspberry computer, where the user can view it then as soon as he opens his application to the first activity. When the response is successfully done and read by the user, the webserver deletes it from the database to save space. The webserver also deletes



instantaneous commands once the user is notified the execution result.

3.1.1.1 Input

The user command issued using the Android client is the main input. Each command consists of the following:

- chosen hardware.
- configuration wanted.
- optional scheduling information.

The **hardware** is the physical component connected to raspberry pi. Each hardware has a set of possible states that it can be in. Those states are called **configuration**. The **schedule** indicates the time of day and days of week the user might want the command to run at.

3.1.1.2 Output

- a response

The raspberry pi issues a **response** indicating whether the command has been successfully done with an optional message. This response is saved in the web-server, which in turn is read by the android client periodically.



3.2 Requirement Analysis

3.2.1 Software Requirements

- **Languages**

- Java
- Python
- SQL

- **Frameworks & libraries**

- Android
- Retrofit
- GPIO
- Flask
- SQLAlchemy

- **IDE**

- Android studio
- Pycharm

- **Databases**

- Postgresql
- Sqlite

- **Web Server**

- Nginx
- uWsgi



3.2.2 Hardware Requirements

- **Raspberry Pi**

- Raspberry Pi 3 B+.
- a minimum of 2 GB of RAM.
- a minimum of 10 GB space in SD card.
- a monitor, a keyboard and a mouse, alternatively SSH connection could be established.
- internet connection, either via Wi-Fi or Ethernet cable.
- breadboard, cables, and resistors for circuit.
- RGB LED, solenoid, or any other hardware components satisfying user needs.

- **Web Server**

- Ubuntu 16.04+ web server, we chose digital ocean's.
- Minimum of 1GB of RAM.
- Minimum of 10GB of available space.

- **Android mobile phone**

3.2.3 Functional Requirements

3.2.3.1 Admin's Functionalities:

- 3.2.3.1.1. Admin shall be able to add new hardware to the system.
- 3.2.3.1.2. Admin shall be able to add new configuration to the system.
- 3.2.3.2.1. Android client should get system hardware list from webserver.
- 3.2.3.2.2. Android client should get scheduled commands from webserver.
- 3.2.3.2.3. Android client shall be able to submit a new command, might be scheduled, to webserver.
- 3.2.3.2.4. Android client shall be able to delete a scheduled command from webserver.
- 3.2.3.2.5. Android client shall be able to edit a scheduled command from webserver.
- 3.2.3.2.6. Android client shall get responses from webserver automatically.

3.2.3.3 Raspberry pi's Functionalities:

- 3.2.3.3.1. Raspberry pi should get command list each 30 seconds.
- 3.2.3.3.2. Raspberry pi shall be able to update local queue.
- 3.2.3.3.3. Raspberry pi shall execute commands saved in queue.
- 3.2.3.3.4. Raspberry pi shall be able to submit a command response to server.

3.2.3.4 Web application's Functionalities:

- 3.2.3.4.1. Web application should delete executed commands.
- 3.2.3.4.2. Web application should delete read responses.

3.2.4 Non-Functional Requirements

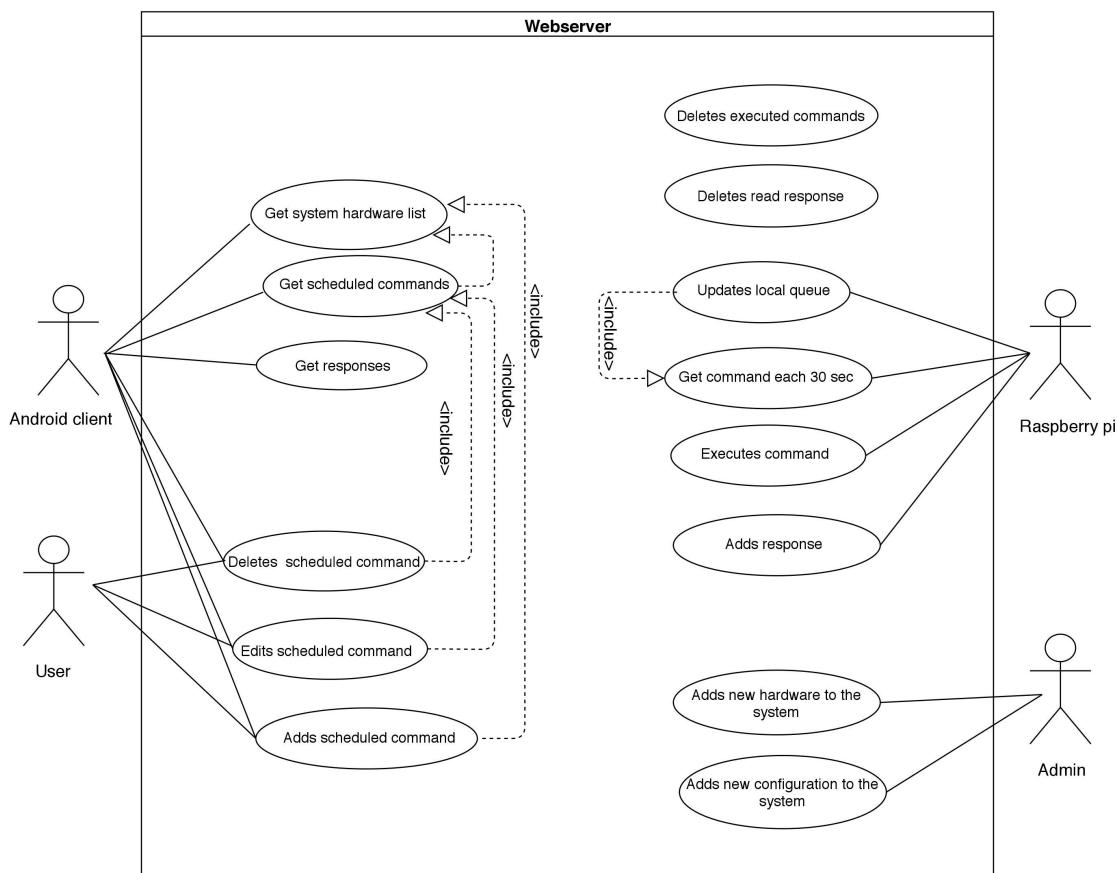
Table 3.1: Non-functional requirements

Requirement	Description
Availability	The system shall not be shut down for maintenance for more than 1 minute.
Usability	The user shall be able to learn the most important 5 functions of application in 2 hours.
Verifiability	When a new version of the main system is released, it shall be possible to upgrade to it from any previous version.
Performance	Any interface between a user and the automated system shall have a maximum response time of three seconds.
Flexibility	Application shall be made of multiple languages. So, user shall be able to nominate their preferred language when entering their personal information.

3.2.5 Structured Diagrams

3.2.5.1 Use Case Diagram

Figure 3.1: Use case diagram



3.2.5.2 Use Case Scenarios

Android app gets hardware list

Goal: to get all hardware in the system from webserver.

Actors: Android app, Web server.

Precondition: user opens android app.

Primary Scenario:

1. android app calls the webserver endpoint `/hardware`
2. webserver fetches data from database using `hardware.index()`
3. webserver responds to request with an array of hardwares in the response's body
4. Android display this array to user in UI.

Variant:

- *. user might exist android app.
- 1.android app might fail to connect to the internet

Android app gets command list

Goal: to get all commands in the system related to selected hardware.

Actors: Android app, Web server.

Precondition: android app gets hardware list

Primary Scenario:

1. user selects hardware from UI.
2. android app calls the webserver endpoint `/hardware/{hardwareId}/command`, where *hardwareId* is the id of the hardware the user selected.
3. webserver fetches data from database using `command.indexByHardwareId({hardwareId})`
4. webserver responds to request with an array of commands in the response's body

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Variant:

- *. user might exist android app.
- 2.android app might fail to connect to the internet

Raspberry pi executes commands

Goal: to execute commands saved in the local queue on a timely fashion.

Actors: Raspberry Pi.

Precondition: raspberry pi got the commands from webserver, updated local database.

Primary Scenario:

1. raspberry pi fetches first processed command saved in local queue.
2. raspberry pi calls the function `EexecuteCommand()` and pass it the command as a parameter.
3. raspberry pi look for the pin connecting the hardware and apply the desired configuration to it.

Variant:

- 1.a local queue might be empty, no action is taken.
- 2.a a hardware error might happen, such as disconnected cable.

Raspberry pi submits a command response to server

Goal: to submit the result of the command execution to the server by saving it as a response row.

Actors: Raspberry Pi, webserver.

Precondition: raspberry pi executed commands.

Primary Scenario:

1. raspberry pi determines whether the execution was successful.

2. raspberry pi includes a message if any.
3. raspberry pi requests the webserver endpoint `/response` with the method *POST*, needed parameter are added to the request body.
4. webserver receives request, a new row to the database response table is added and ready for the android client to read.

Variant:

- *. internet might disconnect.

3.2.5.3 Flowchart Diagram

The flowchart for the system has three parallel processes: the raspberry pi process, the android app, and the android app back work.

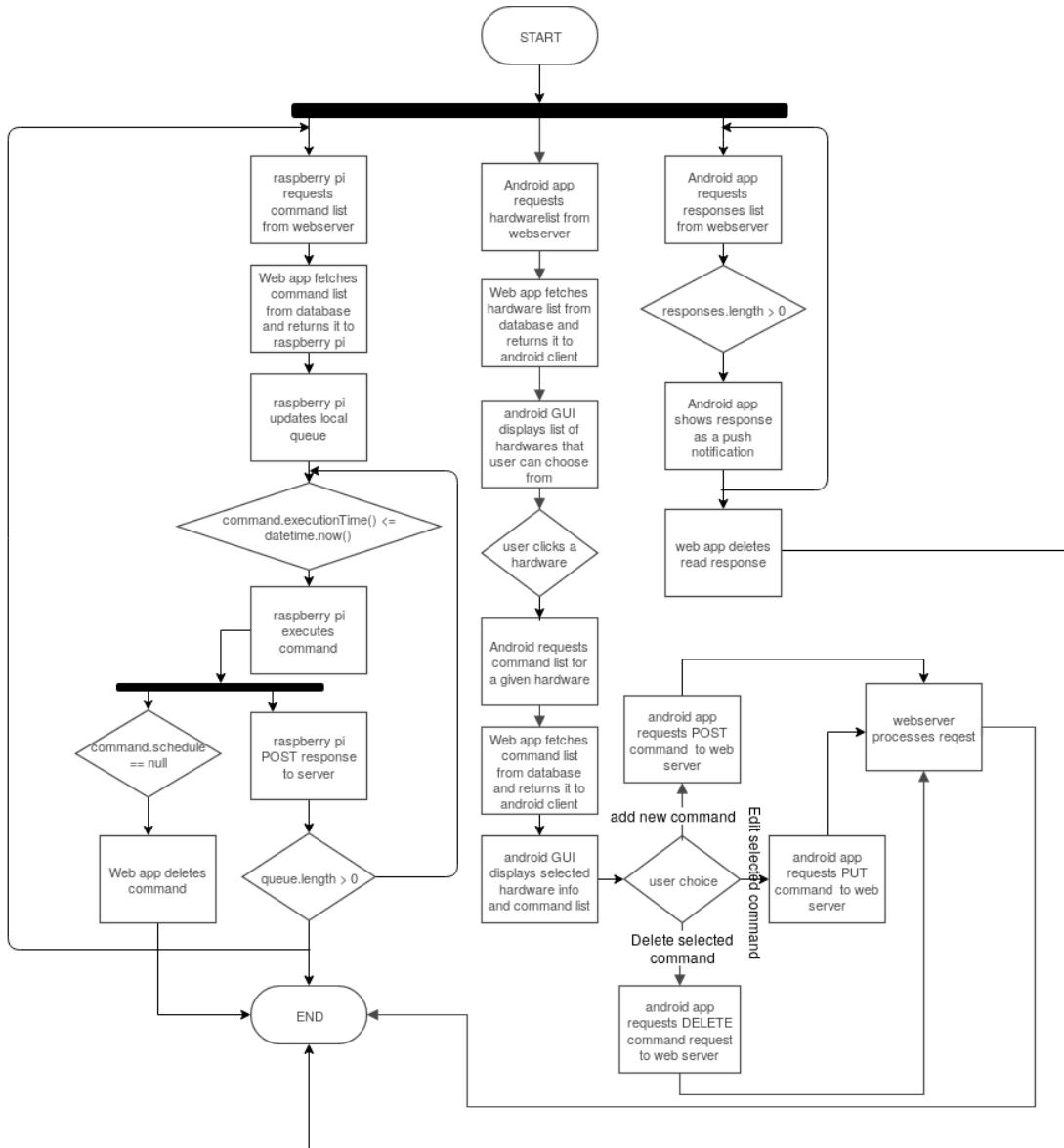
- **Raspberry pi:** Every 30 seconds, raspberry first requests command list from the server, the web application then fetches the list from the database and returns it. Raspberry pi updates the local queue with them. It then checks the first command in the queue, if it was due it gets executed and post the response to the server. After execution, it checks the first in queue again.
- **Android app:** when android app is first opened, it requests hardware list from the webserver. After the web app fetches the hardware list from the database, it returns it to the android app, which displays the hardwares to the user. If the user clickes in a hardware, a new activity is opened containing the hardware information and the command list for that hardware. The user then can do 3 things:
 1. Edit a certain command: android request PUT to the command chosen from the server.
 2. Delete a certain command: android request DELETE to the command chosen from the server.
 3. Add a new command: android shows a new activity prompting the user for the command information, then it requests POST command to the server.

Regardless of the choice, the web app then process the request.

- **Android app back work:** each 5 or 10 minutes, android requests the responses from the webserver. When there is a response to be read, it shows it to the user as a push notification.

- **Web app:** when a command has no schedule and it was executed, the web app immediately deletes it from the database. Web app also deletes any read response.

Figure 3.2: Flow chart for the system



3.2.5.4 Entity Relationship Diagram

In our system, there are two databases: the *system database* stored in the web server, and *the queue*, a local database for the raspberry pi. To make understanding the databases' easier, we represented it using entity relationship diagram. It is a graphical representation that demonstrates the relationship between concept, people, places, objects or events inside a system. The main components are the entities, relationship and cardinality. Entities are concepts or object that need their data stored. Cardinality defines that relationship in terms of numbers[17].

- **System database:** This database is the main database. It will be stored in the web server and gets accessed by the android client and the raspberry pi. There are 5 main entities:

1. **Hardware:** it will store information related to the physical components to raspberry pi. Such as LED lights, linear solenoid or an infrared controller.
2. **Configuration:** hardwares can have different states. For example, a LED light could be on or off. An RGB LED can be ON on a certain color, or off. Configurations save the possible states a hardware can be in.
3. **Command:** users can change raspberry pi's hardwares to be in a certain configuration. These commands are stored here. The users requests could either be instant, or scheduled.
4. **Schedule:** since commands can be scheduled, those data should be saved here. The user can choose the days and time a command fires.
5. **Response:** when raspberry pi finish executing a command, it issues a response.

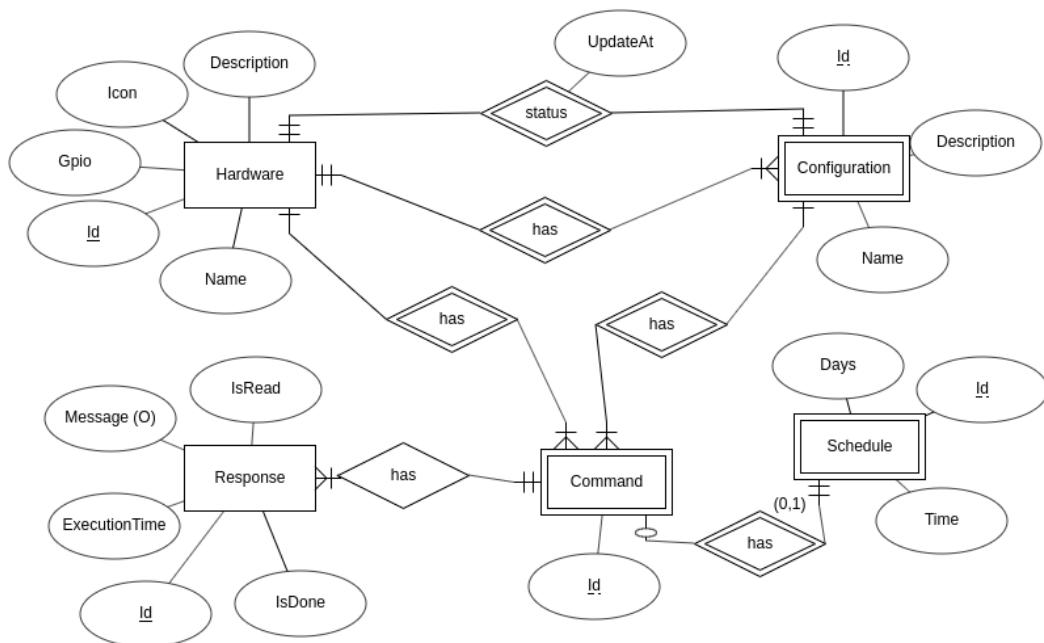
- **Local Queue:** This database is stored locally in raspberry pi. After raspberry gets user commands from server, it process them and order them based

on their execution time.

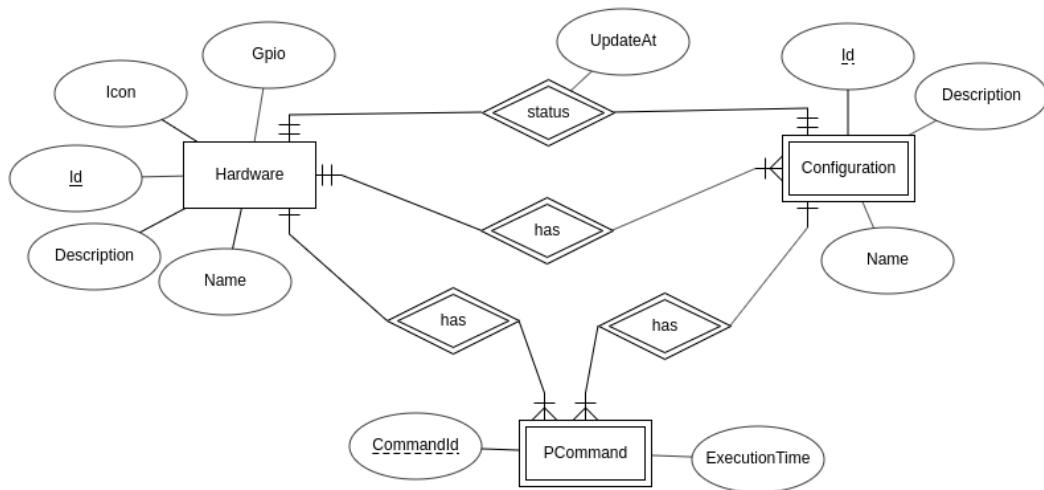
1. **Hardware:** similar to the server's hardware list, this entity stores the hardware connected. The system database gets data related to hardware from this entity
2. **Configuration:** this table stores the possible configuration. When the table is edited, the server database is updated.
3. **PCommand:** only the commands to be executed are stored here, once a command is executed, it gets deleted from the queue. This entity contains processed commands. i.e each queue stores the exact date and time a command will be executed instead of the schedule information.

Figure 3.3 shows the Entity-relationship diagram.

Figure 3.3: Entity-relationship diagrams



(a) System database



(b) Local queue

3.2.6 Object-Oriented Diagrams

3.2.6.1 Sequence Diagrams

Figure 3.4: Raspberry pi executes commands

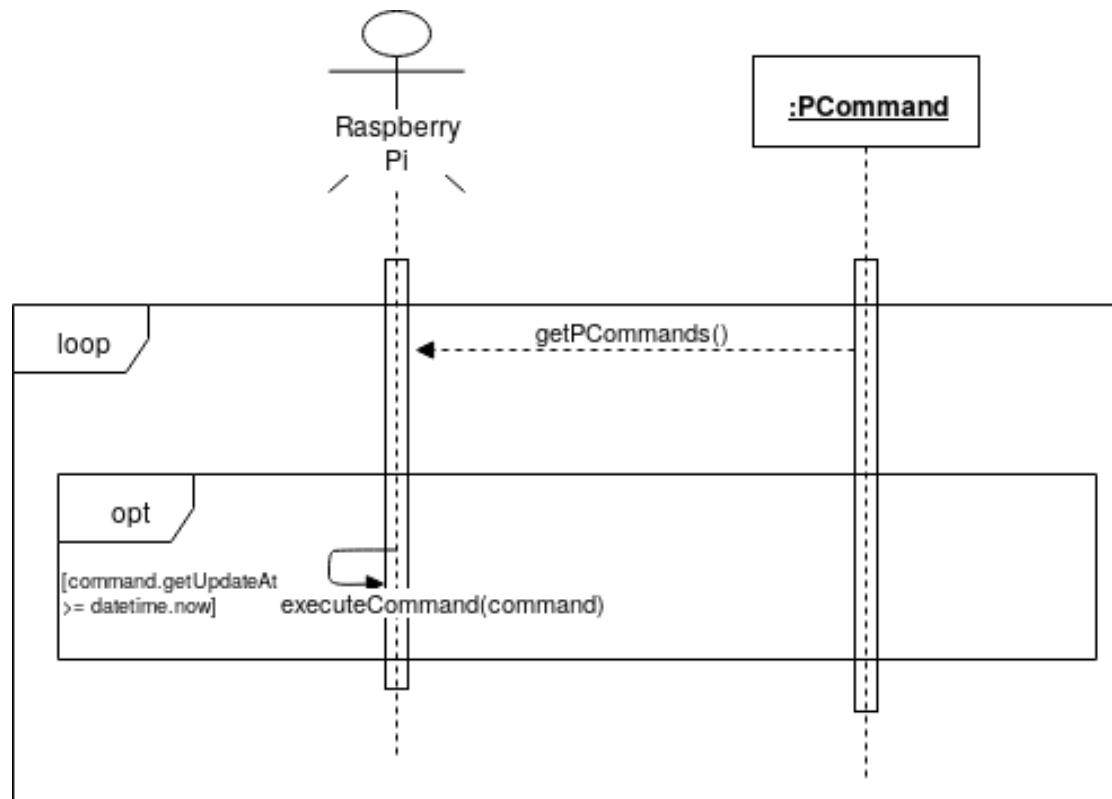
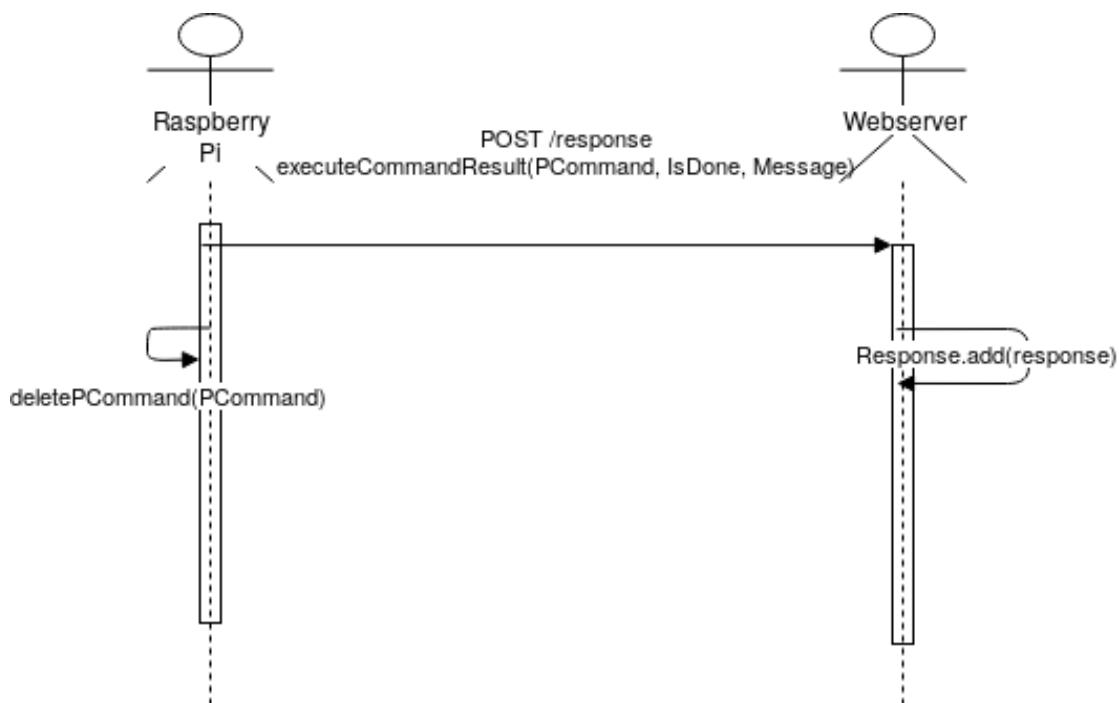


Figure 3.5: Raspberry pi submits a command response to server





3.2.6.2 Class Diagram

Figure 3.6 shows the class diagram for the web application, and *figure 3.7* shows the class diagram for raspberry pi. The classes are essentially wrappers for the databases tables, except for the class **RaspberryPi**, where the functions for controlling the hardwares are.

The classes which represent database's tables inherit from a **BaseEntity** generic class. This generic class has the entity's id and **updateAt** property, which determines when the entity was created/last updated. This generic class is important as it has the methods needed to communicate with the web server. An example is `hardware.edit(1)` , which corresponds to the REST API **PUT /hardware/1** .

Figure 3.6: Class diagram for the web application

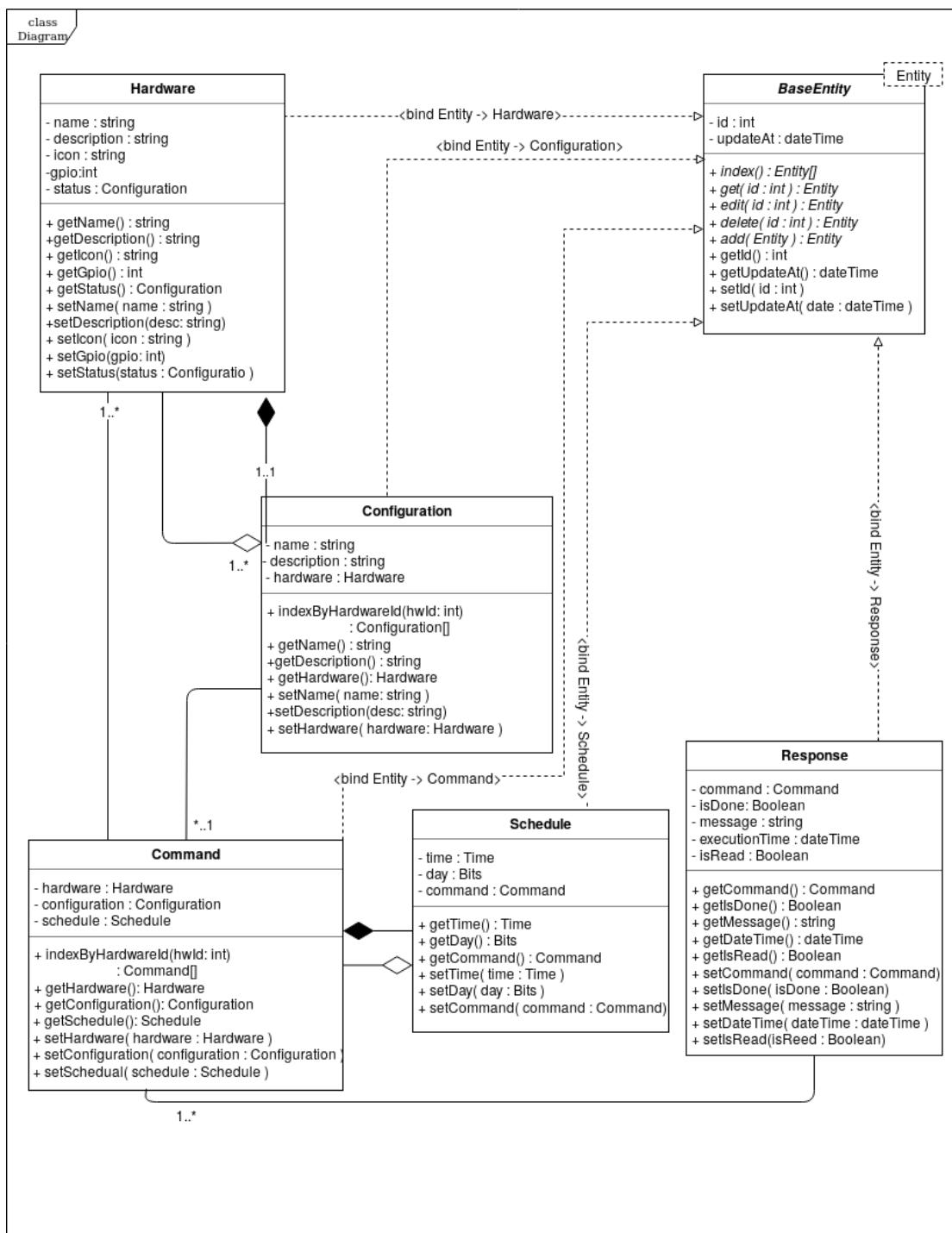
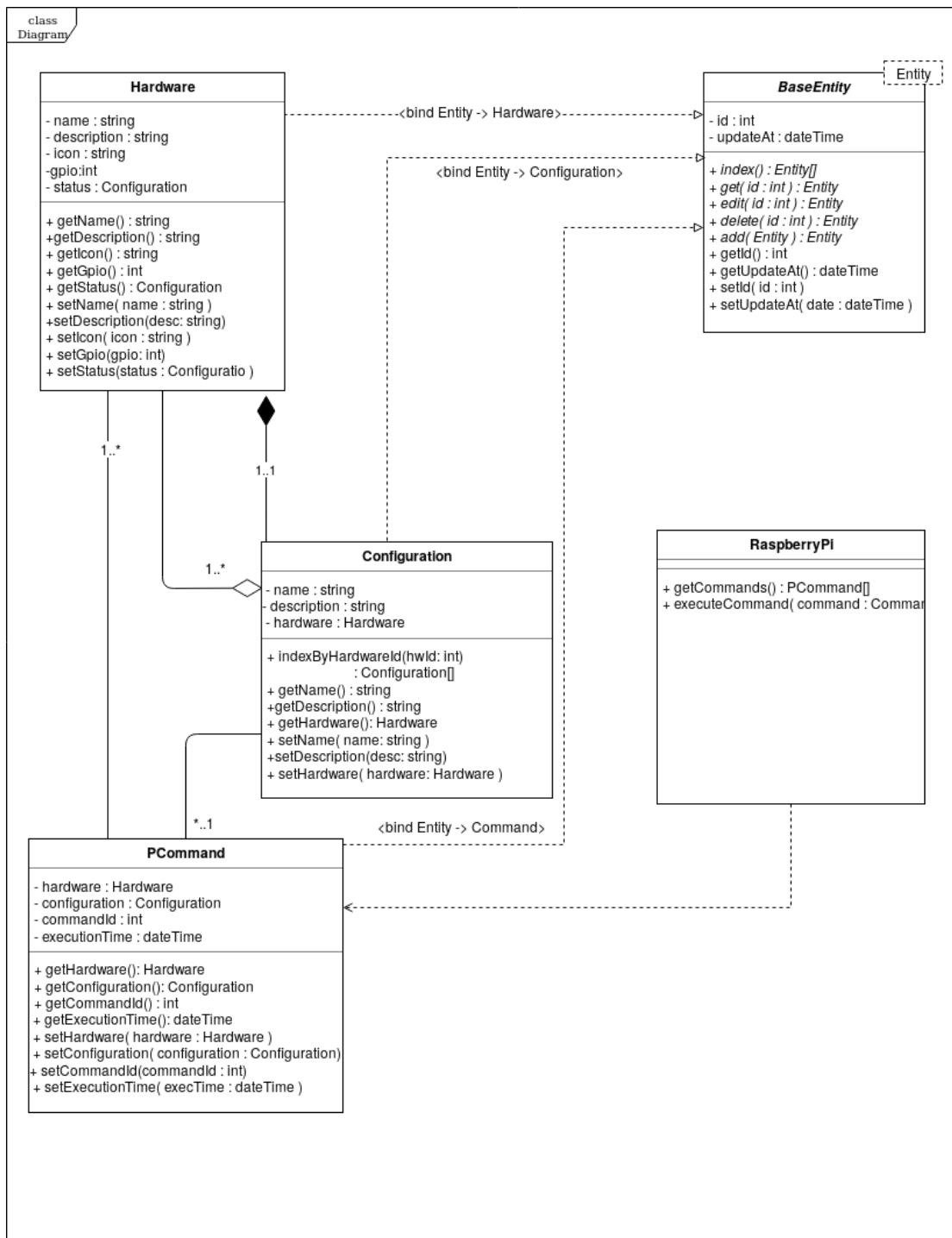


Figure 3.7: Class diagram for the raspberry pi



3.2.6.3 UML representation of the REST API Diagram

Correct calls to the web application via the REST API is the building block of our project. Thus, talking about the structure is essential. The API has 5 entities representing the database's tables. For each entity, client can use 2 methods with the entity url -e.g. `/hardware` -:

- **GET**: this method corresponds to the SQL's `SELECT * from ...;`.
- **POST**: a body of type JSON is required. It holds the object attributes.

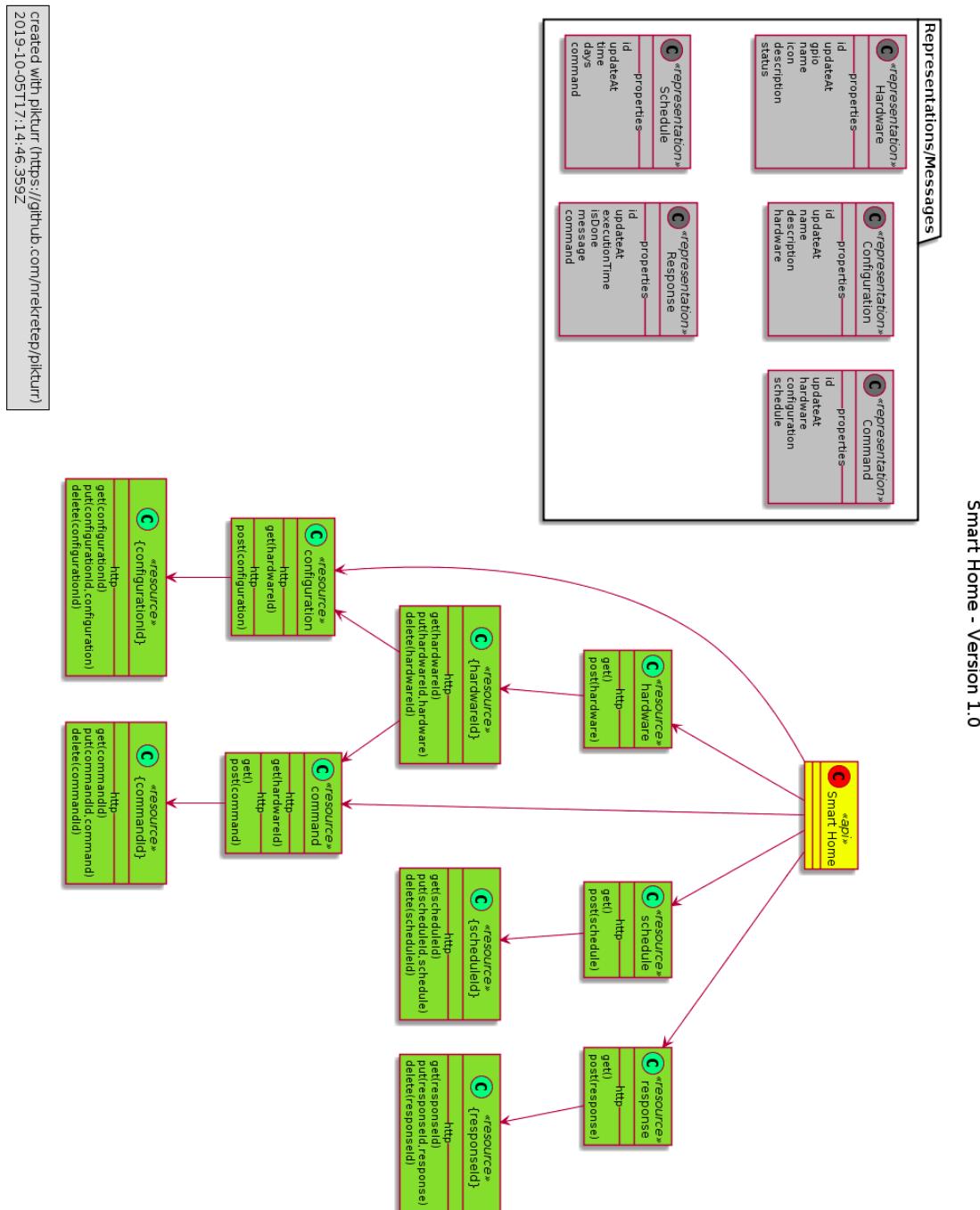
This method corresponds to the SQL's `INSERT INTO`.

Also, client can use 3 methods with the entity url + id -e.g. `/hardware/6` -:

- **GET**: this method corresponds to the SQL's `SELECT * from ... WHERE id = ...;`.
- **PUT**: a body of type JSON is required. It holds the object attributes. This method corresponds to the SQL's `UPDATE ... WHERE id = ..;`.
- **DELETE**: this method corresponds to the SQL's `DELETE FROM ... WHERE id = ..;`.

For full documentation see Appendix *B*

Figure 3.8: REST API



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APPENDICES



4 Appendices

A Figures

A.1 Similar systems hub design

Figure A.1: Similar systems: hub design



(a) Insteon



(b) Wink



(c) Samsung



(d) Raspberry Pi



B REST API Documentation

Smart Home

Overview

This is the documentation for smart home web rest api by [reem alghamdi](#)

Version information

Version : 1.0

Contact information

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License information

License : MIT

License URL : <https://opensource.org/licenses/MIT>

Terms of service : null

URI scheme

Host : gp.reem-codes.com

BasePath : /api

Schemes : HTTPS, HTTP

Tags

- Command : What user wants raspberry to do. It is a mapping between the time, the hardware and the configuration
- Configuration : All the possible configuration and status for a given hardware. eg: on, off, red, extended ...
- Hardware : Everything about the sensors and actuators connected to raspberry pi
- Response : What the raspberry wants the user to know. It is a mapping between the time of execution, the command triggered and whether the action was done or not
- Schedule : scheduling information for command if any. Specifys the days and time of day the user would like a command to be triggered

Paths



Add a new command

POST /command

Parameters

Type	Name	Description	Schema
Body	command <i>optional</i>	The command to create.	command

command

Name	Description	Schema
configurationId <i>required</i>	the id of the configuration to apply to the hardware Example : 3	integer
hardwareId <i>required</i>	the id of the hardware this command targets Example : 1	integer
scheduleId <i>optional</i>	the id of the schedule if any Example : 453	integer

Responses

HTTP Code	Description	Schema
201	Created	Command
405	Invalid input	No Content

Consumes

- [application/json](#)

Produces

- [application/json](#)

Tags

- Command

get all commands

GET /command

Responses

HTTP Code	Description	Schema
200	return an array of command objects	< Command > array

Produces

- application/json

Tags

- Command

get a command by id

GET /command/{commandId}

Parameters

Type	Name	Schema
Path	commandId <i>required</i>	integer

Responses

HTTP Code	Description	Schema
200	get the command	Command
404	Not found	No Content

Produces

- application/json



Tags

- Command

edit an existing command given its id

PUT /command/{commandId}

Parameters

Type	Name	Description	Schema
Path	commandId <i>required</i>		integer
Body	command <i>optional</i>	The command to edit.	command

command

Name	Description	Schema
configurationId <i>required</i>	the id of the configuration to apply to the hardware Example : 3	integer
hardwareId <i>required</i>	the id of the hardware this command targets Example : 1	integer
scheduleId <i>optional</i>	the id of the schedule if any Example : 453	integer

Responses

HTTP Code	Description	Schema
200	Edited	Command
404	Not found	No Content
405	Invalid input	No Content



Consumes

- application/json

Produces

- application/json

Tags

- Command

delete a command by id

```
DELETE /command/{commandId}
```

Parameters

Type	Name	Schema
Path	commandId <i>required</i>	integer

Responses

HTTP Code	Description	Schema
204	deleted	No Content
404	Not found	No Content

Tags

- Command

Add a new configuration to a hardware

```
POST /configuration
```

Parameters



Type	Name	Description	Schema
Body	configuration <i>optional</i>	The configuration to create.	configuration

configuration

Name	Description	Schema
description <i>optional</i>	information about the configuration Example : "EXTEND means that it will become longer by 3cm"	string
hardwareId <i>required</i>	the hardware this configuration belongs to Example : "ON belongs to the hardwareID 1, which is RED LED"	integer
name <i>required</i>	the configuration name Example : "ON"	string

Responses

HTTP Code	Description	Schema
201	Created	Configuration
405	Invalid input	No Content

Consumes

- application/json

Produces

- application/json

Tags

- Configuration

get a configuration by id

```
GET /configuration/{configurationId}
```

Parameters

Type	Name	Schema
Path	configurationId <i>required</i>	integer

Responses

HTTP Code	Description	Schema
200	get the configuration	Configuration
404	Not found	No Content

Produces

- application/json

Tags

- Configuration

edit an existing configuration given its id

```
PUT /configuration/{configurationId}
```

Parameters

Type	Name	Description	Schema
Path	configurationId <i>required</i>		integer
Body	configuration <i>optional</i>	The configuration to edit.	configuration

configuration

Name	Description	Schema
description <i>optional</i>	information about the configuration Example : "EXTEND means that it will become longer by 3cm"	string

Name	Description	Schema
hardwareId <i>optional</i>	the hardware this configuration belongs to Example : "ON belongs to the hardwareID 1, which is RED LED"	integer
name <i>optional</i>	the configuration name Example : "ON"	string

Responses

HTTP Code	Description	Schema
200	Edited	Configuration
404	Not found	No Content
405	Invalid input	No Content

Consumes

- application/json

Produces

- application/json

Tags

- Configuration

delete a configuration by id

```
DELETE /configuration/{configurationId}
```

Parameters

Type	Name	Schema
Path	configurationId <i>required</i>	integer

Responses

HTTP Code	Description	Schema
204	deleted	No Content
404	Not found	No Content

Tags

- Configuration

Add a new Hardware to the system

POST /hardware

Parameters

Type	Name	Description	Schema
Body	hardware <i>optional</i>	The hardware to create.	hardware

hardware

Name	Description	Schema
description <i>optional</i>	additional info regarding the hardware Example : "LED is a small electrical component that can emit light"	string
gpio <i>required</i>	the gpio pin the hardware is installed at Example : 11	integer
icon <i>optional</i>	URL image to desired icon in client Example " https://image.flaticon.com/icons/png/512/32/32750.png "	: string
name <i>required</i>	the hardware name Example : "RGB LED"	string

Responses

HTTP Code	Description	Schema
201	Created	Hardware
405	Invalid input	No Content

Consumes

- application/json

Produces

- application/json

Tags

- Hardware

get all hardwares connected to raspberry pi

```
GET /hardware
```

Responses

HTTP Code	Description	Schema
200	return an array of hardware objects	< Hardware > array

Produces

- application/json

Tags

- Hardware

get a hardware by id

```
GET /hardware/{hardwareId}
```

Parameters

Type	Name	Schema
Path	hardwareId <i>required</i>	integer

Responses

HTTP Code	Description	Schema
200	get the hardware	Hardware
404	Not found	No Content

Produces

- application/json

Tags

- Hardware

edit an existing hardware given its id

```
PUT /hardware/{hardwareId}
```

Parameters

Type	Name	Description	Schema
Path	hardwareId <i>required</i>		integer
Body	hardware <i>optional</i>	The hardware to edit.	hardware

hardware

Name	Description	Schema
description <i>optional</i>	additional info regarding the hardware <i>Example : "LED is a small electrical component that can emit light"</i>	string

Name	Description	Schema
gpio <i>required</i>	the gpio pin the hardware is installed at Example : 11	integer
icon <i>optional</i>	URL image to desired icon in client Example " https://image.flaticon.com/icons/png/512/32/32750.png "	: string
name <i>required</i>	the hardware name Example : "RGB LED"	string

Responses

HTTP Code	Description	Schema
200	Edited	Hardware
404	Not found	No Content
405	Invalid input	No Content

Consumes

- application/json

Produces

- application/json

Tags

- Hardware

delete a hardware by id

```
DELETE /hardware/{hardwareId}
```

Parameters

Type	Name	Schema
Path	hardwareId <i>required</i>	integer

Responses

HTTP Code	Description	Schema
204	deleted	No Content
404	Not found	No Content

Tags

- Hardware

get all commands given a hardwareID

```
GET /hardware/{hardwareId}/command
```

Parameters

Type	Name	Schema
Path	hardwareId required	integer

Responses

HTTP Code	Description	Schema
200	return an array of command objects	< Command > array

Produces

- application/json

Tags

- Command
- Hardware

get all configuration for a given hardware

```
GET /hardware/{hardwareId}/configuration
```

Parameters

Type	Name	Schema
Path	hardwareId <i>required</i>	integer

Responses

HTTP Code	Description	Schema
200	return an array of configuration objects	< Configuration > array

Produces

- application/json

Tags

- Configuration
- Hardware

Add a new response

POST /response

Parameters

Type	Name	Description	Schema
Body	response <i>optional</i>	The response to create.	response

response

Name	Description	Schema
commandId <i>required</i>	the command id the response is for Example : 23	integer
executionTime <i>optional</i>	the actual time raspberry pi executed the command	string (date-time)

Name	Description	Schema
isDone <i>required</i>	whether the command has been successfully done or not Example : true	boolean
message <i>optional</i>	optional message regarding the action Example : "the command 243 was successfully executed!"	string

Responses

HTTP Code	Description	Schema
201	Created	Response
405	Invalid input	No Content

Consumes

- application/json

Produces

- application/json

Tags

- Response

get all responses

GET /response

Responses

HTTP Code	Description	Schema
200	return an array of response objects	< Response > array

Produces

- application/json

Tags

- Response

get a response by id

```
GET /response/{responseId}
```

Parameters

Type	Name	Schema
Path	responseId <i>required</i>	integer

Responses

HTTP Code	Description	Schema
200	get the response	Response
404	Not found	No Content

Produces

- [application/json](#)

Tags

- Response

edit an existing response given its id

```
PUT /response/{responseId}
```

Parameters

Type	Name	Description	Schema
Path	responseId <i>required</i>		integer

Type	Name	Description	Schema
Body	response <i>optional</i>	The response to edit.	response

response

Name	Description	Schema
commandId <i>optional</i>	the command id the response is for Example : 23	integer
executionTime <i>optional</i>	the actual time raspberry pi executed the command	string (date-time)
isDone <i>optional</i>	whether the command has been successfully done or not Example : false	boolean
message <i>optional</i>	optional message regarding the action Example : "the command 243 was successfully executed!"	string

Responses

HTTP Code	Description	Schema
200	Edited	Response
404	Not found	No Content
405	Invalid input	No Content

Consumes

- application/json

Produces

- application/json

Tags

- Response

delete a response by id

```
DELETE /response/{responseId}
```

Parameters

Type	Name	Schema
Path	responseId <i>required</i>	integer

Responses

HTTP Code	Description	Schema
204	deleted	No Content
404	Not found	No Content

Tags

- Response

Add a new schedule

```
POST /schedule
```

Parameters

Type	Name	Description	Schema
Body	schedule <i>optional</i>	The schedule to create.	schedule

schedule

Name	Description	Schema
commandId <i>required</i>	the command id this schedule belongs to Example : 231	integer

Name	Description	Schema
days <i>optional</i>	value between 0 and 127, representing 7 bits each bit correspond to a day in the order: sun mon tues web thurs fri sat Minimum value : 0 Maximum value : 127 Example : 120	integer (int64)
time <i>optional</i>	the time of day the command shall be executed Example : "13:50"	string (time)

Responses

HTTP Code	Description	Schema
201	Created	Schedule
405	Invalid input	No Content

Consumes

- application/json

Produces

- application/json

Tags

- Schedule

get all schedules

```
GET /schedule
```

Responses

HTTP Code	Description	Schema
200	return an array of schedule objects	< Schedule > array



Produces

- application/json

Tags

- Schedule

get a schedule by id

```
GET /schedule/{scheduleId}
```

Parameters

Type	Name	Schema
Path	scheduleId <i>required</i>	integer

Responses

HTTP Code	Description	Schema
200	get the schedule	Schedule
404	Not found	No Content

Produces

- application/json

Tags

- Schedule

edit an existing schedule given its id

```
PUT /schedule/{scheduleId}
```

Parameters

Type	Name	Description	Schema
Path	scheduleId <i>required</i>		integer
Body	schedule <i>optional</i>	The schedule to edit.	schedule

schedule

Name	Description	Schema
commandId <i>required</i>	the command id this schedule belongs to Example : 231	integer
days <i>optional</i>	value between 0 and 127, representing 7 bits each bit correspond to a day in the order: sun mon tues web thurs fri sat Minimum value : 0 Maximum value : 127 Example : 120	integer (int64)
time <i>optional</i>	the time of day the command shall be executed Example : "13:50"	string (time)

Responses

HTTP Code	Description	Schema
200	Edited	Schedule
404	Not found	No Content
405	Invalid input	No Content

Consumes

- [application/json](#)

Produces

- [application/json](#)

Tags

- Schedule

delete a schedule by id

```
DELETE /schedule/{scheduleId}
```

Parameters

Type	Name	Schema
Path	scheduleId <i>required</i>	integer

Responses

HTTP Code	Description	Schema
204	deleted	No Content
404	Not found	No Content

Tags

- Schedule

Definitions

Command

Name	Description	Schema
configuration <i>required</i>	the configuration desired for the hardware	Configuration
hardware <i>required</i>	the hardware this command is issued for	Hardware
id <i>required</i>	the identifier for the command in the database Example : 456	integer (int64)
schedule <i>optional</i>	the schedule for this command. If none this command is immediate	Schedule

Name	Description	Schema
updateAt <i>optional</i>	time of creation/last updating	string (date-time)

Configuration

Name	Description	Schema
description <i>optional</i>	information about the configuration Example : "EXTEND means that it will become longer by 3cm"	string
hardware <i>required</i>	the hardware this configuration belongs to	Hardware
id <i>required</i>	the identifier for the configuration in the database Example : 3	integer (int64)
name <i>required</i>	name of the configuration Example : "ON"	string
updateAt <i>optional</i>	time of creation/last updating	string (date-time)

Hardware

Name	Description	Schema
description <i>optional</i>	additional info regarding the hardware Example : "LED is a small electrical component that can emit light"	string
gpio <i>required</i>	the gpio pin the hardware is installed at Example : 11	integer
icon <i>optional</i>	URL image to desired icon in client Example : " https://image.flaticon.com/icons/png/512/32/32750.png "	string
id <i>required</i>	the identifier for the configuration in the database Example : 1	integer (int64)
name <i>required</i>	the hardware name Example : "RGB LED"	string

Name	Description	Schema
status <i>optional</i>	the current configuration for the hardware	Configuration
updateAt <i>optional</i>	time of creation/last updating	string (date-time)

Response

Name	Description	Schema
command <i>required</i>	the command executed resulting in this response	Command
executionTime <i>optional</i>	the actual time raspberry pi executed the command	string (date-time)
id <i>required</i>	the identifier for the response in the database Example : 865	integer (int64)
isDone <i>required</i>	whether the command has been successfully done or not Example : false	boolean
message <i>optional</i>	optional message regarding the action Example : "electrical error: hardware is not connected to the circuit"	string
updateAt <i>optional</i>	time of creation/last updating	string (date-time)

Schedule

Name	Description	Schema
command <i>required</i>	the command where this scheduling info is for	Command
days <i>optional</i>	value between 0 and 127, representing 7 bits each bit correspond to a day in the order: sun mon tues web thurs fri sat Minimum value : 0 Maximum value : 127 Example : 120	integer (int64)

Name	Description	Schema
id <i>required</i>	the identifier for the schedule in the database Example : 75	integer (int64)
time <i>optional</i>	the time of day the command shall be executed Example : "13:50"	string (time)
updateAt <i>optional</i>	time of creation/last updating	string (date-time)