

Harmony Controller instructions, for version 3.3 and up

Major changes with version 3.3

Version 3.0 makes use of WebSockets to communicate with your Hub on the Local LAN. No Internet access is required. By default, the plug-in will keep the WebSocket connection open at all times allowing for fast updates on the Hub status. When the activity is changed via the Harmony remote or phone app, the plug-in will now pick up on the change quickly.

The details needed to configure the Activities, Devices and Commands are stored in variables making those pages appear instantly and reducing the times the configuration needs to be pulled from the Hub.

The new ChangeChannel command makes it possible to change the channel simple for devices supporting it (e.g. TV, Radio, Sonos).

It is now also possible to use the Activity and Device names as defined on your Hub instead of the numeric IDs to start an activity or send a command.

V3.3 supports the Hub Automation interface that is used to control Philips Hue attached lights for example.

There are several other smaller enhancements and fixes.

Install from the App Market

This plug in is available on the MiOS App market as **Harmony Hub Control**. Use the standard Vera Install Apps to install.

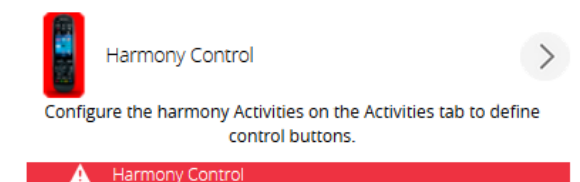
In case you have multiple Hubs you have to install multiple instances of this plug-in. Simply go to My Apps. Choose the Harmony and click Create another, and put the IP address of the second Hub in the IP address as explained below.

Install on openLuup

As of version 2.7 this plugin also work on openLuup. To install do not copy the files from your Vera, but install from the ALTUI App Store. To create a second instance of the plugin, you must create the device manually.

You can also download them from GitHub <https://github.com/reneboer/vera-Harmony-Hub> for a manual install.

The device will show with a red icon when first installed, but not yet configured:



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Configure the Harmony Hub Control Plug-in

First complete the settings page. Do not use the Advanced tab to enter any data, always use the Settings tab.

Enter the Harmony Hub IP address. You should configure your LAN router to always assign that same IP address to your Harmony Hub.

When `Ok acknowledge interval` is set, the icon will show with a green background after a command is completed for that number of seconds.

After you have defined activities, you can configure one of those as a Default Activity that will be selected when `SetTarget = 1`.

Set `Enable HTTP Request Handler` to Yes to query the harmony hub via the Vera.

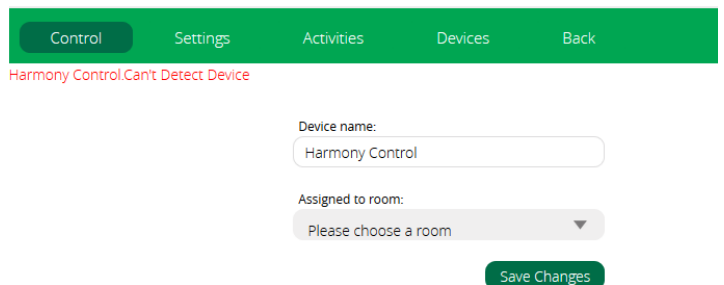
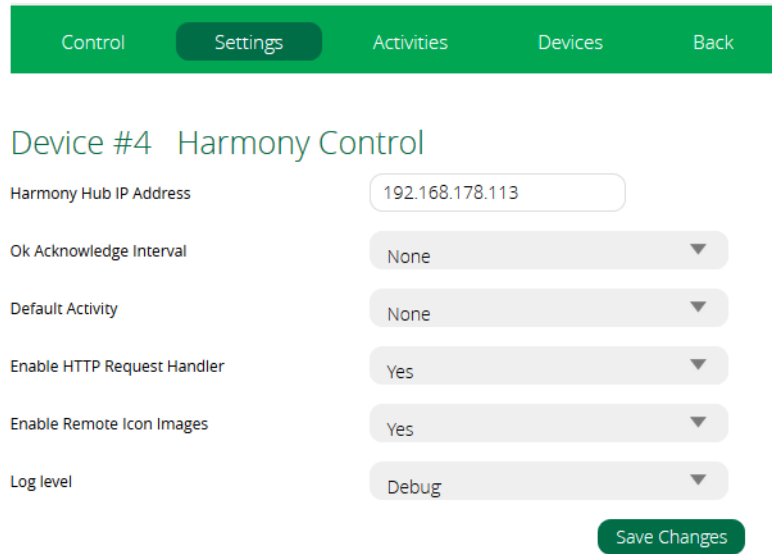
This is especially useful to find device commands or control via a web browser or so. See the last page for examples.

When `Enable Remote Icon Images` is Yes the Icon images will be pulled from a remote web server (github) rather than from you Vera. Benefits are that you will also see the Icons when accessing your Vera remotely. Drawback you need an internet connection, even with local use.

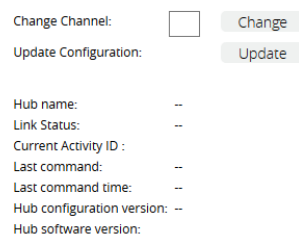
You can set your own preferred log level when you need to debug some odd behavior or just want to see how things flow in more detail.

When saving the settings, the Vera will do a LUUP reload to make sure all settings are properly stored and processed.

On the Control tab you should now see the message it is time to map the activities to buttons.



Configure the harmony Activities on the Activities tab to define control buttons.



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Set up the Harmony Activities

After saving the settings you can start to configure the activities that you want as buttons on the Vera UI.

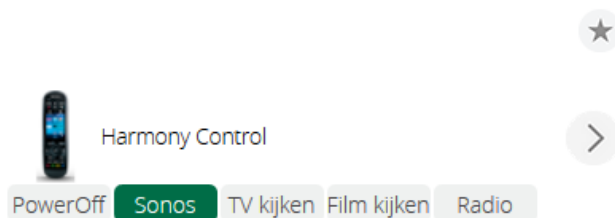
Open the Activities Tab. You can specify up to 25 buttons as you selected in your settings. The buttons will map to one of the activities you configured on your Hub.

You can enter your own description in the Label input. If you leave it blank it will use the description from your Hub as shown in the dropdown.

Once you selected the activities and specified the labels for the buttons, click Save Changes.

After a few seconds you will see the message; Changes to the buttons made. Your Vera will reload, so wait a minute and refresh your browser page!

The plug-in will look something like below.



Control Settings Activities Devices Back

Device #4 Harmony Control

Activity mappings

Select activities you want to be able to control and click Save Changes.
The labels should fit a button, normally 7 or 8 characters max.
A reload command may be performed automatically.

Button 1 Activity ID	PowerOff	Label	PowerOff
Button 2 Activity ID	Sonos	Label	Sonos
Button 3 Activity ID	TV kijken	Label	TV kijken
Button 4 Activity ID	Film kijken	Label	Film kijken
Button 5 Activity ID	Radio	Label	Radio
Button 6 Activity ID	None	Label	
Button 7 Activity ID	None	Label	
Button 8 Activity ID		Label	

Save Changes

The control panel will look like this. Also showing the defined buttons.

From the control panel you can send a ChangeChannel command. Enter the desired channel number in the input and click the Change button.

There could be a situation the plug-in may not have the latest Hub configuration, click Update if in doubt.

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Device name:

Assigned to room:

Save Changes

PowerOff Sonos TV Kijken Film Kijken Radio

Change Channel: Change

Update Configuration: Update

Hub name: Woonkamer
Link Status: Ok
Current Activity ID : 24594065
Last command: GetConfig
Last command time: 15:48:08 Tue, 22 Jan 2019
Hub configuration version: 187
Hub software version: 4.15.206

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Setup Harmony Devices

Select the Devices Tab to see the device details from your Harmony Hub.

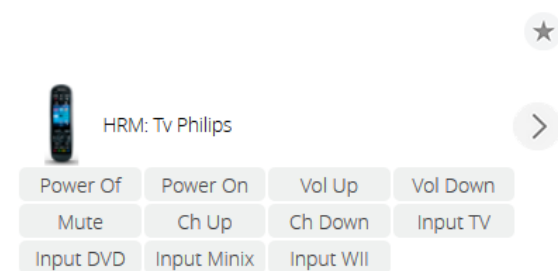
In the dropdown you can select one, several, or all your Harmony devices. For each selected device, a child device will be created. To select multiple devices use Ctrl-click. Remember to hold the Ctrl-key if you want to add a device later.

When you have configured a Philips Hue bridge on your Harmony, any configured lamps will show in the second drop down. Select the lamps you want to control. The lamps will have a matching Light device created.

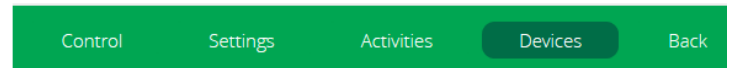
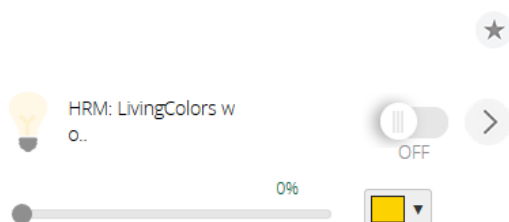
When `Create child devices embedded` is yes, the child devices will show in the same room as the main Harmony Hub Control device. When you change the room of a child device, the child device will get recreated again in the same room as the parent, and you will lose its button definitions! This will also happen when changing the `Create child devices embedded` setting.

After clicking Save Changes, your Vera will reload several times. This is normal behavior when adding or removing child devices.

For each child device you can configure Buttons just as for the main device. Each Button is mapped to a command of the Harmony Device the child device is created for.



You can specify how many seconds the button should be held down. Click is just that, and a `Press` in seconds simulates holding the button for that number of seconds. The max is five seconds. This is normally more than sufficient for Volume Up or Down. Test the duration setting after changing it as it is difficult to estimate the exact effect.



Device #4 Harmony Control

Device selection

Select device(s) and/or Lamp(s) you want to be able to control and click Save Changes. For each selected a child device will be created. A reload command may be performed automatically.

Devices to Control

- Woonkamer
- Mediaspeler Minix
- Licht Timeguard
- Licht Universal Devices

Lamps to Control

- LivingColors woonkamer
- Hue color woonkamer

Create child devices embedded

No

Save Changes



Device #46 HRM: Tv Philips

Device Command mappings

Select commands you want to be able to control and click Save Changes. The labels should fit a button, normally 7 or 8 characters max. A reload command may be performed automatically.

Button 1 Command	Power On	Label	Aan	Press	Click
Button 2 Command	Power Off	Label	Uit	Press	Click
Button 3 Command	Mute	Label	Mute	Press	Click
Button 4 Command	Volume Down	Label	Zachter	Press	10 Sec
Button 5 Command	Volume Up	Label	Harder	Press	5 Sec
Button 6 Command	InputHdmi1	Label	TV	Press	Click
Button 7 Command	InputHdmi2	Label	DVD	Press	Click
Button 8 Command	InputHdmi3	Label	Apple TV	Press	Click

This is an example of a Lamp device. The standard Vera light control definitions are used. This means you can even control them via the Vera mobile apps.

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Configure Scenes Triggers and Notifications

Last option you have is to configure notifications or use the Harmony Hub Control devices to trigger scenes.

The triggers available are:

Harmony Activity is changed to: This will fire when the activity is completely started

Harmony is starting activity: This will fire when an activity is starting, but not yet done.

The Hub status is changing: When the hub has been turned off, after the PowerOff command, or activity ID = -1. When an Activity is starting on device, an activity is being started. When an Activity is active on device, all steps to start an activity have completed. Whenever the device is turning off, the PowerOff command is turning off all devices.

For the main harmony Hub Control device, the trigger will occur when the selected activity is turned on. Either via clicking the Buttons, a Scene, a `luup.call_action` command or when you start the activity via your remote or mobile App.

A device is turned on or off: Whenever the Hub is turned on (activity is not PowerOff). Whenever the device is turned off (activity is PowerOff)

Notifications or triggers for the child devices will only happen via clicking the Buttons, a Scene, or a `luup.call_action` command.

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Add notification for:

Harmony is starting Activity

Select activity :

Sonos

Notify:

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Notification name:

Add

Add Scene

Help for scene creation

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Back

Whenever Harmony Control...

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Harmony Activity is changed to

Select activity : Radio

Harmony is starting Activity

The Hub status is changing

A device is turned on or off

Validate

ControlSettingsBack

Add notification for:

Device Command activated

Select command :

Vol Up

Notify:

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Notification name:

Add

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LUUP.Call_action commands

In LUA you can use the following `luup.call_action` commands in scenes LUUP code or your own plug ins:

`GetCurrentActivityID`, `StartActivity`, `PowerOff`, `IssueDeviceCommand`, `SendDeviceCommand`, `ChangeChannel`, `SetHubPolling`, `FindActivityByID`, `FindActivityByName`, `FindDeviceByID`, `FindDeviceByID`, `ForceUpdateConfiguration`, `SetTarget`.

When starting an activity or sending a command any set notifications or Scene trigger will fire. Most commands are clear by the examples below.

`SetHubPolling` (`newPollingFlag`: "0" or "1") determines is the WebSocket is kept open (1) or re-opened and closed for each command (0). With the latter the plug-in will not get instant updates and notification messages from the Hub and should only be used if you plan to turn off the power to the Hub. Calling `SetHubPolling` with 1 after restoring power will re-enable the instant updates. If `SetHubPolling` is 1 and the connection to the Hub is lost, the plug-in will try to restore the connection after five minutes.

Some `luup.call_action` examples:

Get the current activity ID;

```
rc, rs, jb, rarg = luup.call_action("urn:rboer-com:serviceId:Harmony1",
    "GetCurrentActivityID", {}, 28)
if (rc==0) then curActID = rarg.currentActivityID end
```

Start activity with ID 10439301;

```
rc, rs, jb, rarg = luup.call_action("urn:rboer-com:serviceId:Harmony1",
    "StartActivity", {newActivityID=10439301}, 28)
```

Start activity with name Watch TV;

```
rc, rs, jb, rarg = luup.call_action("urn:rboer-com:serviceId:Harmony1",
    "StartActivity", {newActivityID="Watch TV"}, 28)
```

Send Mute command to device 21447853;

```
rc, rs, jb, rarg = luup.call_action("urn:rboer-com:serviceId:Harmony1",
    "IssueDeviceCommand", {DeviceID=21447853, Command="Mute"}, 28)
```

Send Mute command to device Radio;

```
rc, rs, jb, rarg = luup.call_action("urn:rboer-com:serviceId:Harmony1",
    "IssueDeviceCommand", {DeviceID="Radio", Command="Mute"}, 28)
```

or Send a VolumeUp command with holding the button for five seconds to child device. #30 in this example;

```
rc, rs, jb, rarg = luup.call_action("urn:rboer-com:serviceId:HarmonyDevice1",
    "SendDeviceCommand", {Command="VolumeUp", Duration="5"}, 30)
```

Turn on the default activity;

```
rc, rs, jb, rarg = luup.call_action("urn:upnp-org:serviceId:SwitchPower1", "SetTarget",
    {newTargetValue=1}, 28)
```

Turn all activities off;

```
rc, rs, jb, rarg = luup.call_action("urn:upnp-org:serviceId:SwitchPower1", "SetTarget",
    {newTargetValue=0}, 28)
```

Find activity ID with name Watch TV;

```
rc, rs, jb, rarg = luup.call_action("urn:rboer-com:serviceId:Harmony1",
    "FindActivityByName", {ActivityID="Watch TV"}, 28)
```

Turn off polling;

```
rc, rs, jb, rarg = luup.call_action("urn:rboer-com:serviceId:Harmony1", "
    SetHubPolling", {newPollingFlag="0"}, 28)
```

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HTTP Request Commands

When the option Enable HTTP Request handler is set to Yes in the plug-in settings you can issue HTTP commands to your Vera as a proxy to control your Hub.

Use the http commands `get_config`, `list_activities`, `list_devices`, `list_lamps`, `list_device_commands`, `update_config`, `get_current_activity_id`, `power_off`, `start_activity`, `change_channel`, `find_activity_by_name`, `find_activity_by_id`, `find_device_by_name`, `find_device_by_id`, as described next to find out all arguments you can use with these functions.

When starting an activity or sending a command any set notifications or Scene trigger will fire.

Replace 192.168.1.1 with your Vera IP address and 66 your main plug-in ID:

To List all activities;

```
http://192.168.1.1/port_3480/data_request?id=lr_Harmony66&cmd=list_activities
```

To List all devices as a JSON string;

```
http://192.168.1.1/port_3480/data_request?id=lr_Harmony66&cmd=list_devices
```

To List all device commands for device 21133494;

```
http://192.168.1.1/port_3480/data_request?id=lr_Harmony66&cmd=list_device_commands&cmdp1=21133494
```

To start the activity controlled by Button 1;

```
http://192.168.1.1/port_3480/data_request?id=lr_Harmony66&cmd=start_activity&cmdp1=1
```

To start the activity 10439329;

```
http://192.168.1.1/port_3480/data_request?id=lr_Harmony66&cmd=start_activity&cmdp1=10439329
```

To start the activity Watch TV;

```
http://192.168.1.1/port_3480/data_request?id=lr_Harmony66&cmd=start_activity&cmdp1="Watch TV"
```

To turn the Hub off;

```
http://192.168.1.1/port_3480/data_request?id=lr_Harmony66&cmd=power_off
```

To get the current Activity ID;

```
http://192.168.1.1/port_3480/data_request?id=lr_Harmony66&cmd=get_current_activity_id
```

To issue a device command for device holding button for five seconds;

```
http://192.168.1.1/port_3480/data_request?id=lr_Harmony66&cmd=issue_device_command&cmdP1=21447853&cmdP2=VolumeUp&cmdP3=5
```