

Ubiquitous Computing - Lab 4: Smart Home

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1. Installation

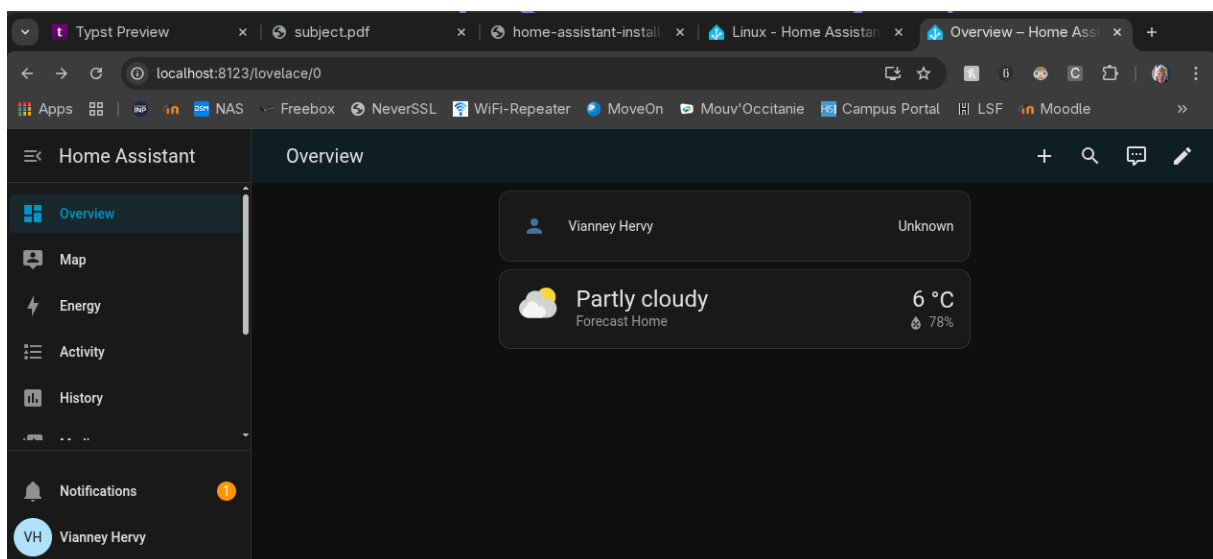
My laptop runs on Linux and other lectures have taught me Docker. This is why I chose the second provided option. I wrote and ran the following script:

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#!/usr/bin/env bash

docker rm -f homeassistant 2>/dev/null || true


















docker run -d \
  --name homeassistant \
  --privileged \
  --restart=unless-stopped \
  -e TZ=Europe/Paris \
  -v "$(pwd)/config":/config \
  -v /run/dbus:/run/dbus:ro \
  --network=host \
  ghcr.io/home-assistant/home-assistant:stable
```

I had no issue starting the container or accessing the dashboard at the expected address <http://localhost:8123>.



2. Adding a first Service/Device

This part was also pretty straight forward given the detailed instructions and the online documentation. The following result was immediately achieved:

Home		
	Air quality day 0	Good
	Air quality day 1	Good
	Air quality day 2	Good
	Air quality day 3	Good
	Air quality day 4	Good
	Cloud ceiling	2,713 m
	Condition day 0	Partly sunny and colder
	Condition day 1	Some clouds, then sunshine
	Condition day 2	Clouds and sun
	Condition day 3	Mostly cloudy
	Condition d...	A bit of snow and rain at times in the morning; otherwise, a blend of sun and clouds
	Condition night 0	Partly cloudy
	Condition night 1	Clear to partly cloudy
	Condition night 2	Partly cloudy
	Condition nigh...	Partly to mostly cloudy with a rain or snow shower in spots late
	Condition night 4	Cloudy
	Hours of sun day 0	5.4 h

I however noted that the AccuWeather website changed its structure and that the “My Apps” tab does not exist anymore but the API key can be found in the “Subscriptions & Keys” tab¹ instead.

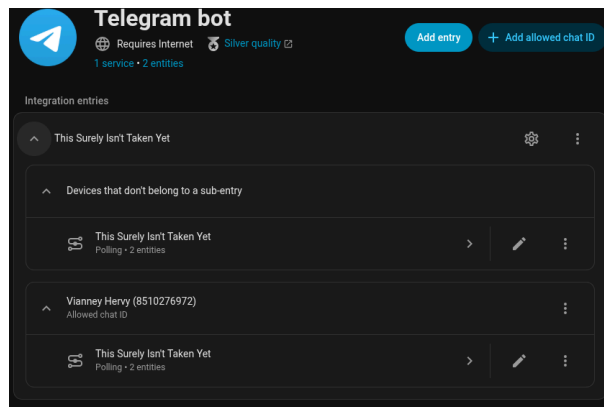
3. First automations

After trying numerous unavailable usernames, I created a Telegram bot called *@ThisSurelyIsntTakenYetBot*² and connected it to the Home Assistance instance using the provided API key. Following a YouTube tutorial³, I then added my user chat ID to later use my account as target for automations.

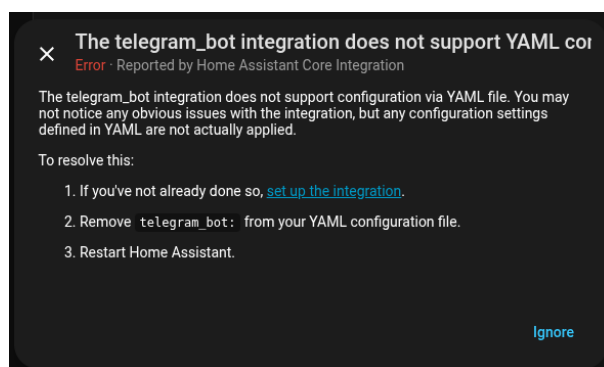
¹<https://developer.accuweather.com/subscriptions>

²<https://t.me/ThisSurelyIsntTakenYetBot>

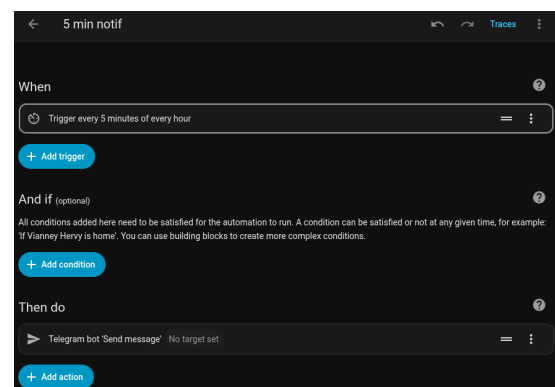
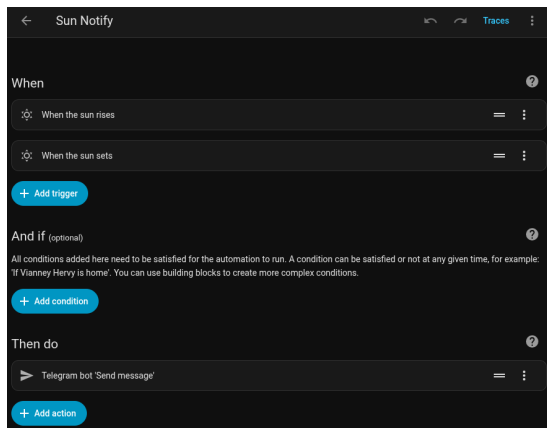
³<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5gcdUMCxYAk>



Here again, the subject wasn't up to date. The telegram_bot integration does not support YAML configuration anymore. Everything has been moved to the graphical interface.



Following the instructions, I created the two described automations with the desired triggers and actions. The periodic trigger was tricky to configure since I had to guess that the expected value would be /5 to obtain a trigger every 5 minutes.



For more details, here is the generated yaml corresponding to the two configured automations:

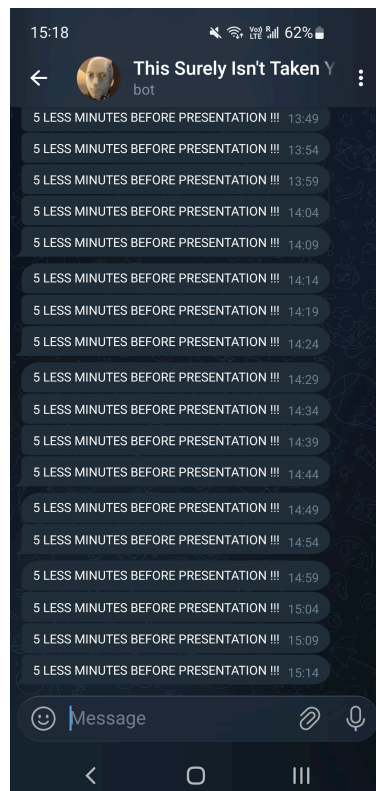
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- id: '1768911732071'
  alias: Sun Notify
  description: ''
  triggers:
    - trigger: sun
      event: sunrise
      offset: 0
    - trigger: sun
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    event: sunset
    offset: 0
conditions: []
actions:
- action: telegram_bot.send_message
  metadata: {}
  data:
    config_entry_id: 01KFDN5AGHZN5BPAM4Z3SF5CJ3
    message: Hello
    target:
      - '8510276972'
mode: single
- id: '1768912021568'
  alias: 5 min notif
  description: ''
  triggers:
  - trigger: time_pattern
    minutes: /5
conditions: []
actions:
- action: telegram_bot.send_message
  metadata: {}
  data:
    config_entry_id: 01KFDN5AGHZN5BPAM4Z3SF5CJ3
    message: 5 LESS MINUTES BEFORE PRESENTATION !!!
    target:
      - '8510276972'
mode: single

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I didn't wait long enough to see the messages sent by the Sun Notif automation, but here is a screenshot of the periodic automation.



4. Smart Home Planning