

Ubiquitous Computing - Lab 4: Smart Home

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1. Installation

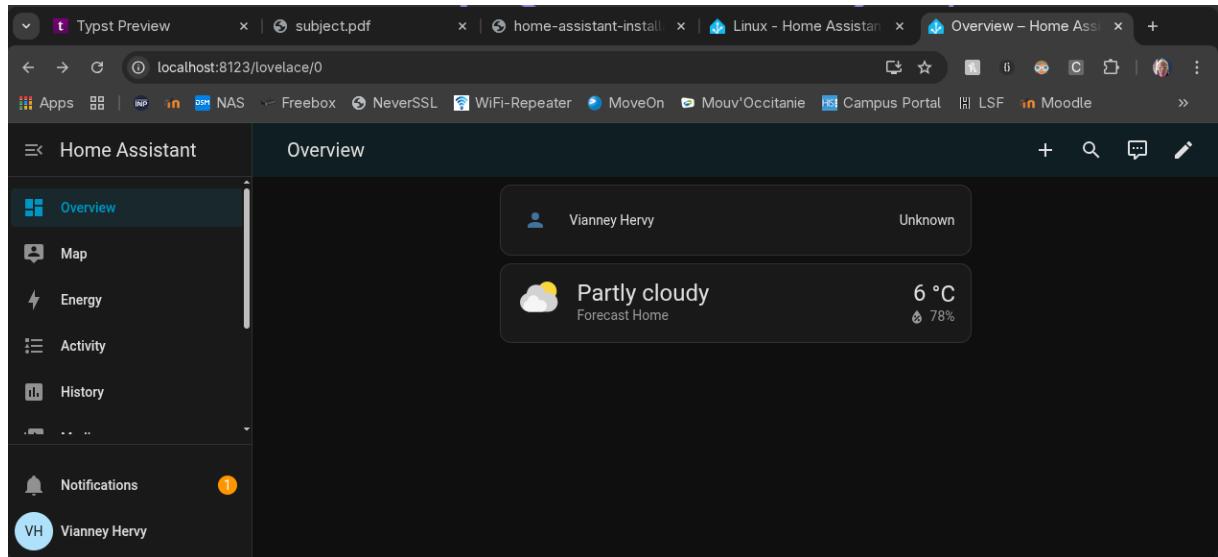
My laptop runs on Linux and other lectures have taught me Docker. This is why I chose the second provided option. I wrote and ran the following script:

```
#!/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.

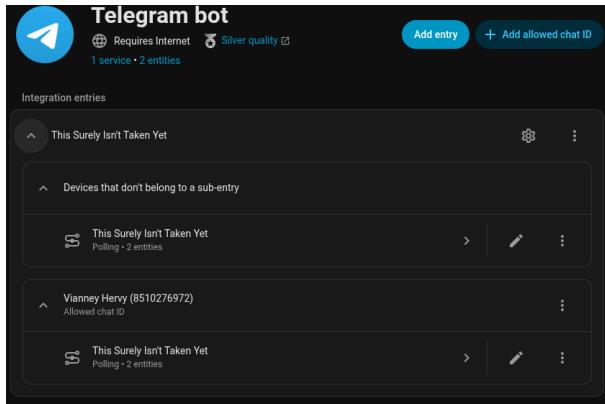
3. First automations

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.

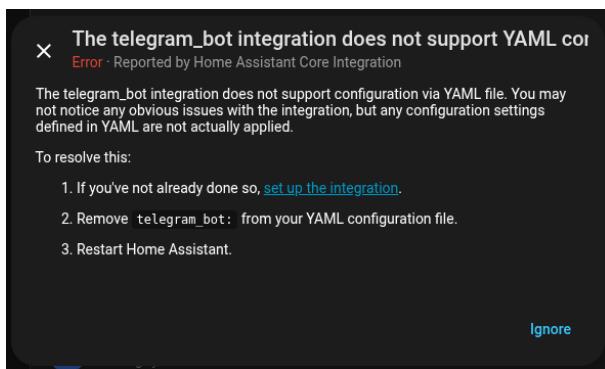
¹<https://developer.accuweather.com/subscriptions>

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:

```
- 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: Helloww
  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

```

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