WHEN KEVIN'S FAMILY LEFT FOR VACATION, THEY FORGOT ONE MINOR DETAIL: KEVIN.

BUT DON'T MORRY... HE OOK HE CLEARS. HE KICKS SOLE BUTT.

HOME ALONE

Smart Home Alone!

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Outline

- Home Automation
- Currently Available Devices
- Home Assistant vs. OpenHAB
- Home Assistant Setup
- Custom Devices

Home Automation

- Software systems to control your home
- Add switchable lights wherever you want!
- Add switches wherever you want!
- Remote control!
- Simple scripts
- Sensors
- Voice control

Currently Available "Things"

- Outlets / Relays
- Bulbs •
- Dimmer bulbs / Dimmer outlets
- RGB LED • Controllers
- Wall switches ٠
- Power meters •
- Home security ۰ cameras
- PIR presence • detection
- Router Integration
- Traditional HA bridges

- Air quality sensors De/humidifiers
- Zoom/Teams "onair"
- Curtains/Shades
- Window/Door switches
- CO2/CO/CH4/Smok• e detectors
- Light level sensors
- Indoor/Outdoor • temperature
- Indoor/Outdoor • humidity
- Rain gauges
- Water level sensors Chromecasts
- Bluetooth bridges Aroma diffusers

- Portable fans
- Portable electric heaters
- IR remotes/receivers
- Water kettles
- Pet •
 - feeders/fountains
- Irrigation controllers
- Thermostats
- Water valves
- Voice Assistants

- Home solar
- Stock/crypto tickers•
- 2D Printers
- 3D Printers
- Internet weather
- Space weather
- Bus data (GTFS)
- Fitness trackers
- Cell phone sensors (orientation, battery, etc.)
- Home theater systems/TVs
- Cars

- Backup generators
- Pool water quality sensors
 - SMS/Chat ٠
 - Internet earthquake data
- **RSSI** Sensors
- Custom MQTT devices
- Custom HTTP • devices
- Custom ESP devices

- - IPMI systems

ESPHome and Tasmota

- Firmware for ESP32/ESP8266 devices
- Connects the world to Wi-Fi
- Setup is easy
- ESP32-based devices can have screens

ESPHome and Tasmota

ESPHome

- Web-based
- All configuration done after installation

Tasmota

- MQTT based
- All configuration done after installation (recent change)

Installing Tasmota/ESPHome

- No mains power while you do this
- Serial flashing
- Sonoff devices are best
 - S31 shown during class



https://tasmota.github.io/docs/Getting-Started/#hardware-preparation

Custom devices

- NodeMCU recommended
- 3.3V I/O
- USB firmware upload, then no code!



Vowstar on Wikipedia

Home Assistant vs. OpenHAB

Home Assistant

- Python
- Leans on HTTP
- ESPHome integration is better

OpenHAB

• Java

• Leans on MQTT

Communication Backbones

HTTP

- Common web protocol
- Newer in HA space
- Simpler for users
- Everyone is a server
- More complex protocol
- Very nice if everything is HA/ESPHome

MQTT

- Invented for smart meters
- Traditional option in HA space
- Easy bridges to older networks
- Must run a MQTT server (broker)
- Simpler implementation
- Easier to migrate from old custom stuff
- Birth and last will messages

Install Docker

- https://docs.docker.com/engine/install/ubuntu/
- Also install docker-compose
 - sudo apt install docker-compose

Install HA

- https://www.homeassistant.io/installation/
- Note: Docker image name is different on x86 and RPi ARM

version: '3'
services:
 homeassistant:
 container_name: homeassistant
 image: "ghcr.io/home-assistant/home-assistant:stable"
 volumes:
 - /PATH_TO_YOUR_CONFIG:/config
 - /etc/localtime:/etc/localtime:ro
 restart: unless-stopped
 privileged: true
 network_mode: host

Firewall

- sudo ufw allow ssh
- sudo ufw allow 8123
- sudo ufw enable

Adding Data

curl -X POST -H "Authorization: Bearer ABCDEFGH" \
 -H "Content-Type: application/json" \
 -d '{"state": "25", "attributes": {"unit_of_measurement": "°C"}}' \
 http://localhost:8123/api/states/sensor.kitchen_temperature

https://developers.home-assistant.io/docs/api/rest/

Requesting Data

curl -X GET -H "Authorization: Bearer ABCDEFGH" \
 -H "Content-Type: application/json" \
 http://localhost:8123/api/states/sensor.kitchen_temperature