HABApp Documentation

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CHAPTER

ONE

INSTALLATION & USAGE

1.1 Virtual environment

1.1.1 Installation

Hint

With openhabian the complete installation can be performed through the openhabian-config tool (option 2B). HABApp will be installed into `/opt/habapp`, so it is the same as the installation described here.

Hint

On Windows use the `python` command instead of `python3`

1. Navigate to the folder where the virtual environment shall be created (e.g.):

```
cd /opt
```

2. Create virtual environment (this will create a new folder "habapp"):

```
python3 -m venv habapp
```

3. Go into folder of virtual environment:

```
cd habapp
```

4. Activate the virtual environment

   Linux:

```
source bin/activate
```

   Windows:

```
Scripts\activate
```

5. Upgrade pip and setuptools:

```
python3 -m pip install --upgrade pip setuptools
```

6. Install HABApp:

```
python3 -m pip install habapp
```

7. Run HABAp:

```
habapp --config PATH_TO_CONFIGURATION_FOLDER
```

A good configuration folder for HABApp would be your openHAB configuration folder (e.g. `/opt/openhab/conf/habapp` or `/etc/openhab/habapp`) because this is where your other configuration folders are located (e.g. the items and sitemaps folder). Just make sure to manually create the folder `habapp` before the start.

Hint

After the installation take a look how to configure HABApp. A default configuration will be created on the first start.

1.1.2 Upgrade to the latest version

1. Stop HABApp
2. Activate the virtual environment

   Navigate to the folder where HABApp is installed:

   ```
   cd /opt/habapp
   ```

   Activate the virtual environment

   Linux:

   ```
   source bin/activate
   ```

   Windows:

   ```
   Scripts\activate
   ```

3. Run the following command in your activated virtual environment:

   ```
   python3 -m pip install --upgrade habapp
   ```

4. Start HABApp
5. Observe the logs for errors in case there were changes

1.1.3 Installation of a certain version

Installing a certain version of HABApp requires the same steps used for installation or upgrading HABApp. However the final `python3 -m pip install` command is now different and contains the version number:

```
python3 -m pip install HABApp==23.12.0
```

The complete list of available versions can be found on pypi.

1.1.4 Autostart after reboot

Check where habapp is installed:

```
which habapp
```

To automatically start HABApp from the virtual environment after a reboot call:

```
nano /etc/systemd/system/habapp.service
```

and copy paste the following contents. If the user which is running openHAB is not "openhab" replace accordingly. If your installation is not done in "/opt/habapp/bin" replace accordingly as well:

```
[Unit]
Description=HABApp
Documentation=https://habapp.readthedocs.io
After=network-online.target

[Service]
Type=simple
User=openhab
Group=openhab
Restart=on-failure
RestartSec=10min
UMask=002
ExecStart=/opt/habapp/bin/habapp -c PATH_TO_CONFIGURATION_FOLDER

[Install]
WantedBy=multi-user.target
```

Press Ctrl + x to save.

Now execute the following commands to enable autostart:

```
sudo systemctl --system daemon-reload
sudo systemctl enable habapp.service
```

It is now possible to start, stop, restart and check the status of HABApp with:

```
sudo systemctl start habapp.service
sudo systemctl stop habapp.service
sudo systemctl restart habapp.service
sudo systemctl status habapp.service
```

1.1.5 Error message while installing ujson

Under windows the installation of ujson may throw the following error but the download link is not working. Several working alternatives can be found here.

```
Running setup.py install for ujson ... error
  ERROR: Complete output from command 'C:\Users\User\Desktop\HABApp\habapp\Scripts\
↪python.exe' -u -c 'import setuptools, tokenize;__file__='"'"'C:\\Users\\User\\AppData\\
↪Local\\Temp\\pip-install-4y0tobjp\\ujson\\setup.py'"'"';f=getattr(tokenize, '"'"'open'"
↪'"', open)(__file__);code=f.read().replace('"'"'\r\n'"'"', '"'"'\n'"'"');f.close();
↪exec(compile(code, __file__, '"'"'exec'"'"'))' install --record 'C:\Users\User\AppData\
```

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```
↪Local\Temp\pip-record-6t2yo712\install-record.txt' --single-version-externally-managed␣
↪--compile --install-headers 'C:\Users\User\Desktop\HABapp\habapp\include\site\python3.
↪7\ujson':
  ERROR: Warning: 'classifiers' should be a list, got type 'filter'
  running install
  running build
  running build_ext
  building 'ujson' extension
  error: Microsoft Visual C++ 14.0 is required. Get it with "Microsoft Visual C++ Build␣
↪Tools": https://visualstudio.microsoft.com/downloads/
  ----------------------------------------
```

1.1.6 Error message while installing ruamel.yaml

```
_ruamel_yaml.c:4:10: fatal error: Python.h: No such file or directory
```

Run the follwing command to fix it:

```
sudo apt install python3-dev
```

1.2 Docker

1.2.1 Image installation

Installation through docker is available:

```
docker pull spacemanspiff2007/habapp:latest
```

The image supports the following environment variables.

Variable	Description
`TZ`	Timezone used for the container (e.g. `Europe/Berlin`).
`USER_ID`	User id at which HABApp will run (Optional, default: `9001`)
`GROUP_ID`	Group id at which HABApp will run (Optional, default: `USER_ID`)
`HABAPP_HOME`	Directory in which the config resides (in subdirectory "config") default: `habapp`)

1.2.2 Running image from command line

```
docker run --rm -it --name habapp \
    -v ${PWD}/habapp_config:/habapp/config \
    -e TZ=Europe/Berlin \
    -e USER_ID=9001 \
    -e GROUP_ID=9001 \
    spacemanspiff2007/habapp:latest
```

Parameters explained

Parameter	Description
`--rm`	Remove container when stopped
`-it`	Run in interactive mode (Optional) -> You can stop HABApp by pressing STRG+C and see stdout
`--name habapp`	Give the container an unique name to interact with it
`-e TZ=Europe/Berlin`	Set environment variable with timezone
`-e USER_ID=9001`	Set environment variable with wser id at which HABApp will run (Optional, default: 9001)
`-e GROUP_ID=9001`	Set environment variable with group id at which HABApp will run (Optional, default: USER_ID)
`spacemanspiff2007/habapp:latest`	Name of the image that will be run

1.2.3 Updating image from command line

```
docker stop habapp

docker pull spacemanspiff2007/habapp:latest
```

1.2.4 Updating image on Synology

To update your HABApp docker within Synology NAS, you just have to do the following:

On the Synology NAS just select “Download” with tag “latest” to download the new image. It will overwrite the old one on the NAS. Then stop the container. After selecting “Action” -> “Clear” on the HABapp container, the container is there, but without any content. After starting the container again, everything should immediately work again.

1.2.5 Additional python libraries

If you want to use some additional python libraries you can do this by writing your own Dockerfile using this image as base image. The HABApp image is based on the python-slim image so you can install packages by using apt and pip.

Example Dockerfile installing scipy, pandas and numpy libraries:

```
FROM spacemanspiff2007/habapp:latest as buildimage

RUN set -eux; \
# Install required build dependencies (Optional)
    apt-get update; \
    DEBIAN_FRONTEND=noninteractive apt-get install --no-install-recommends -y \
        build-essential; \
# Prepare python packages
    pip3 wheel \
        --wheel-dir=/root/wheels \
        # Replace 'scipy pandas numpy' with your libraries
        scipy pandas numpy

FROM spacemanspiff2007/habapp:latest

COPY --from=buildimage /root/wheels /root/wheels

RUN set -eux; \
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```
# Install required runtime dependencies (Optional)
    apt-get update; \
    DEBIAN_FRONTEND=noninteractive apt-get install --no-install-recommends -y \
        bash; \
    apt-get clean; \
    rm -rf /var/lib/apt/lists/*; \
# Install python packages and cleanup
    pip3 install \
        --no-index \
        --find-links=/root/wheels \
        # Replace 'scipy pandas numpy' with your libraries
        scipy pandas numpy; \
    rm -rf /root/wheels
```

Build image

```
docker build -t my_habapp_extended:latest .
```

Start image (same as with provided image but the image name is different).

```
docker run --rm -it --name habapp \
    -v ${PWD}/habapp_config:/habapp/config \
    -e TZ=Europe/Berlin \
    -e USER_ID=9001 \
    -e GROUP_ID=9001 \
    my_habapp_extended:latest
```

1.3 Upgrading to a newer version of HABApp

It is recommended to upgrade the installation on another machine. Configure your production instance in the configuration and set the `listen_only` switch(es) in the configuration to `True`. Observe the logs for any errors. This way if there were any breaking changes rules can easily be fixed before problems occur on the running installation.

1.4 Command line arguments

Listing 1: Execute habapp with "-h" to view possible command line arguments

```
habapp -h
```

```
usage: -c [-h] [-c CONFIG] [-wos WAIT_OS_UPTIME] [-b] [-di]

Start HABApp

options:
  -h, --help            show this help message and exit
  -c, --config CONFIG   Path to configuration folder (where the config.yml is
                        located)
  -wos, --wait_os_uptime WAIT_OS_UPTIME
                        Waits for the specified os uptime before starting
```

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```
                        HABApp
  -b, --benchmark       Do a Benchmark based on the current config
  -di, --debug-info     Print debug information
```

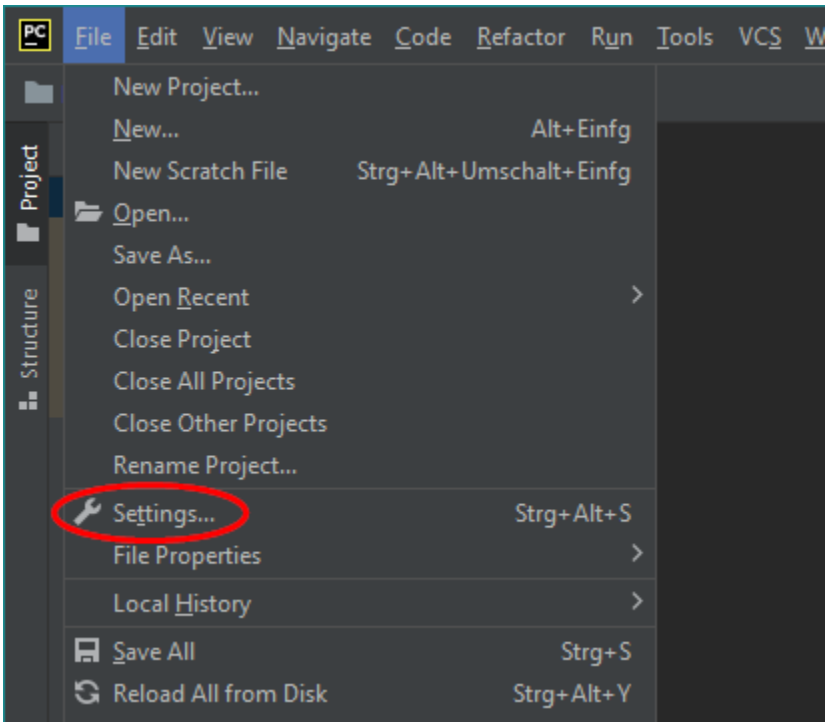
1.5 Usage with PyCharm

It's recommended to use PyCharm as an IDE for writing rules. The IDE can provide auto complete and static checks which will help write error free rules and vastly speed up development.

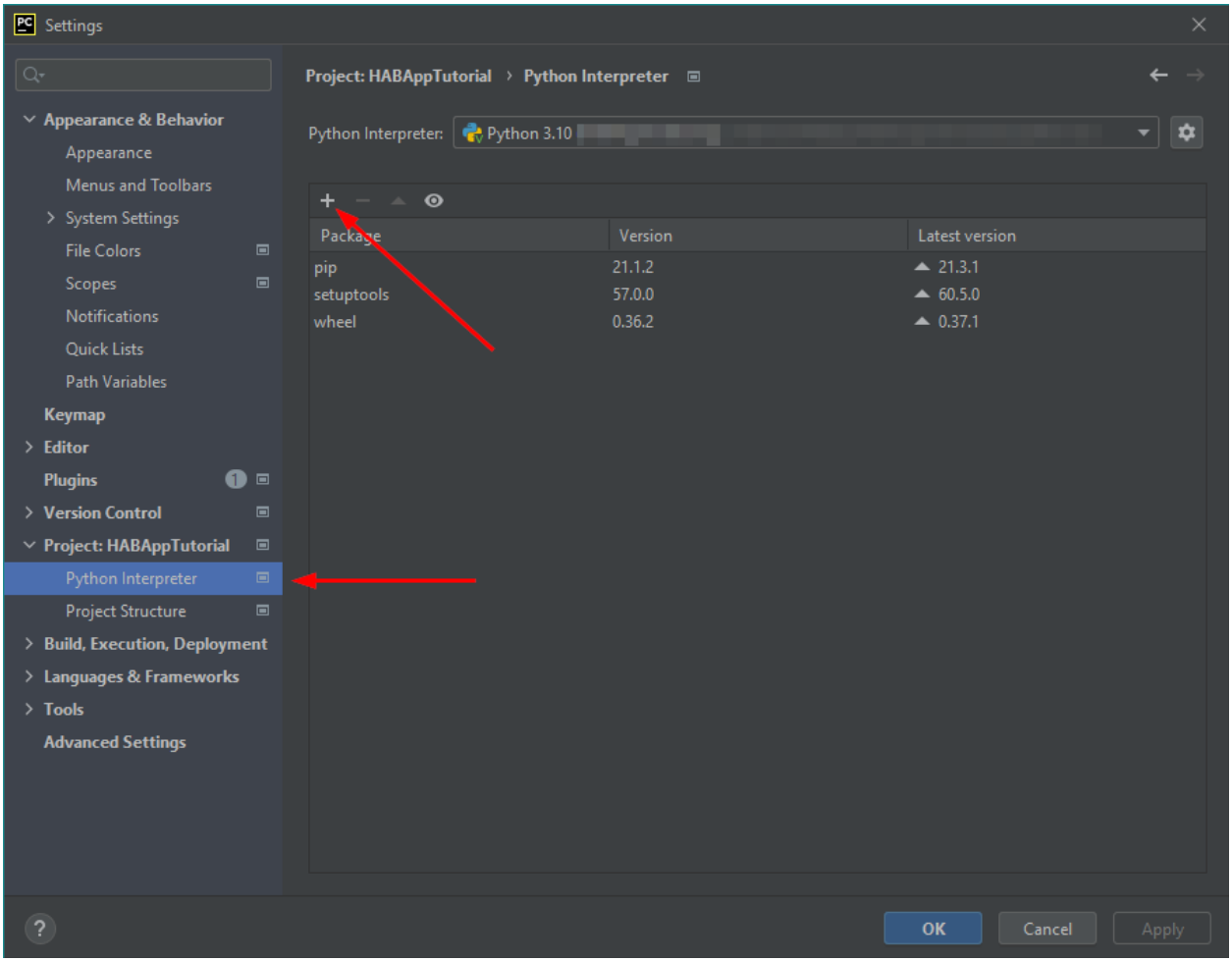
1.5.1 Type hints and checks

To enable type hints and checks HABApp needs to be installed in the python environment that is currently used by PyCharm. Ensure that the HABApp version for PyCharm matches the HABApp version that is currently deployed and running the rules. It is recommended to create a new virtual environment when creating a new project for HABApp.

Go to `Settings` and view the current python environment settings.

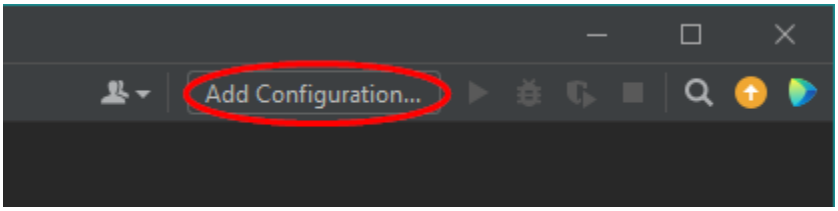


Install the HABApp package through the + symbol. Once the installation was successful PyCharm will provide checks and hints.

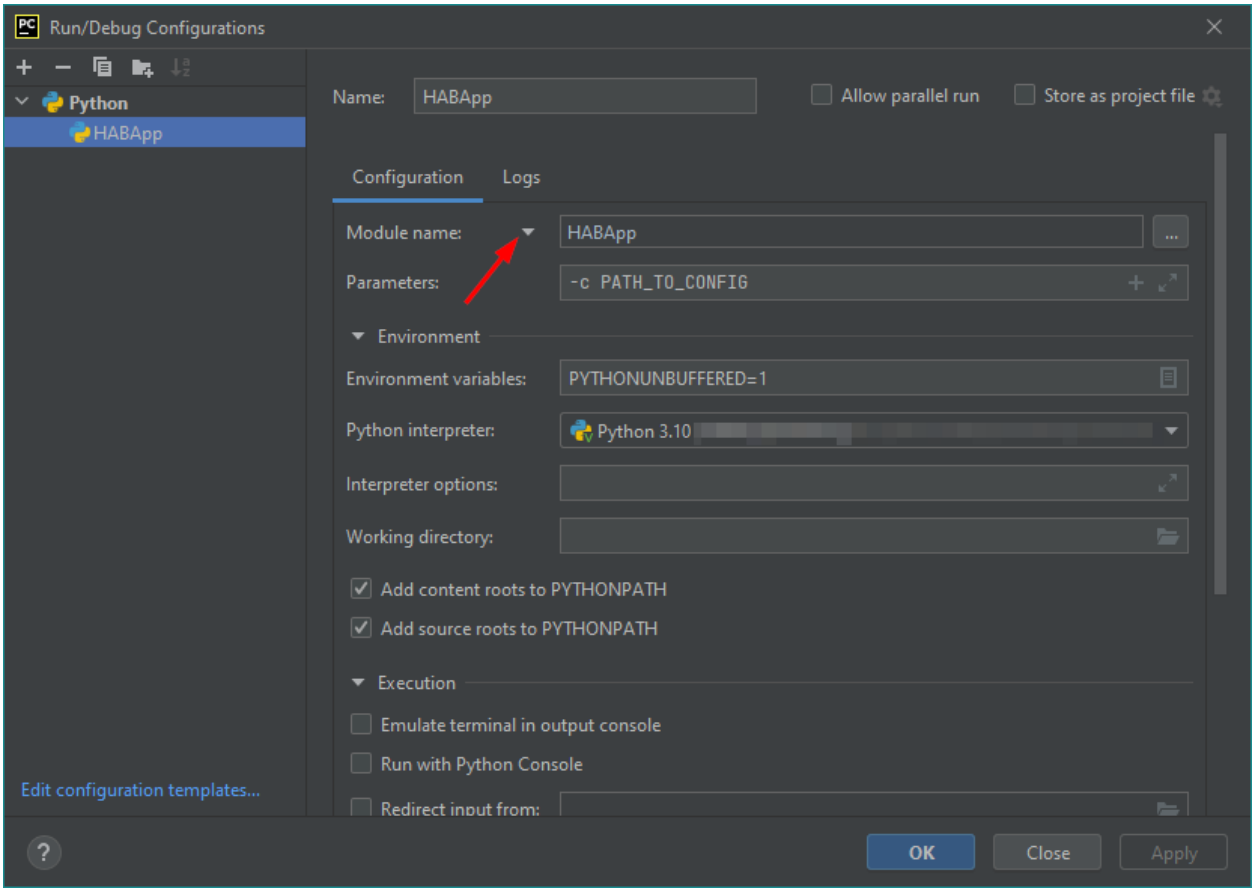


1.5.2 Start HABApp from PyCharm

It is possible to start HABApp directly from pycharm e.g. to debug things. Open the run configurations.



Switch to `Module name` execution with the small dropdown arrow. It's still necessary to supply a configuration file which can be done in the `Parameters` line.



After a click on "OK" HABApp can be run/debugged directly from pycharm.
It's even possible to create breakpoints in rules and inspect all objects.

1.6 Install a development version of HABApp

To try out new features or test some functionality it's possible to install a branch directly from github. Installation works only in a virtual environment.

New features are typically first available in the `Develop` branch.

1. Navigate to the folder where the virtual environment was created:

   ```
   cd /opt/habapp
   ```

2. Activate the virtual environment

   Linux:

   ```
   source bin/activate
   ```

   Windows:

   ```
   Scripts\activate
   ```

3. Remove existing HABApp installation:

```
python3 -m pip uninstall habapp
```

4. Install HABApp from the github branch (here `Develop`):

```
python3 -m pip install git+https://github.com/spacemanspiff2007/HABApp.git@Develop
```

5. Run HABApp as usual (e.g. through `systemctl`) or manually with:

```
habapp --config PATH_TO_CONFIGURATION_FOLDER
```

CHAPTER

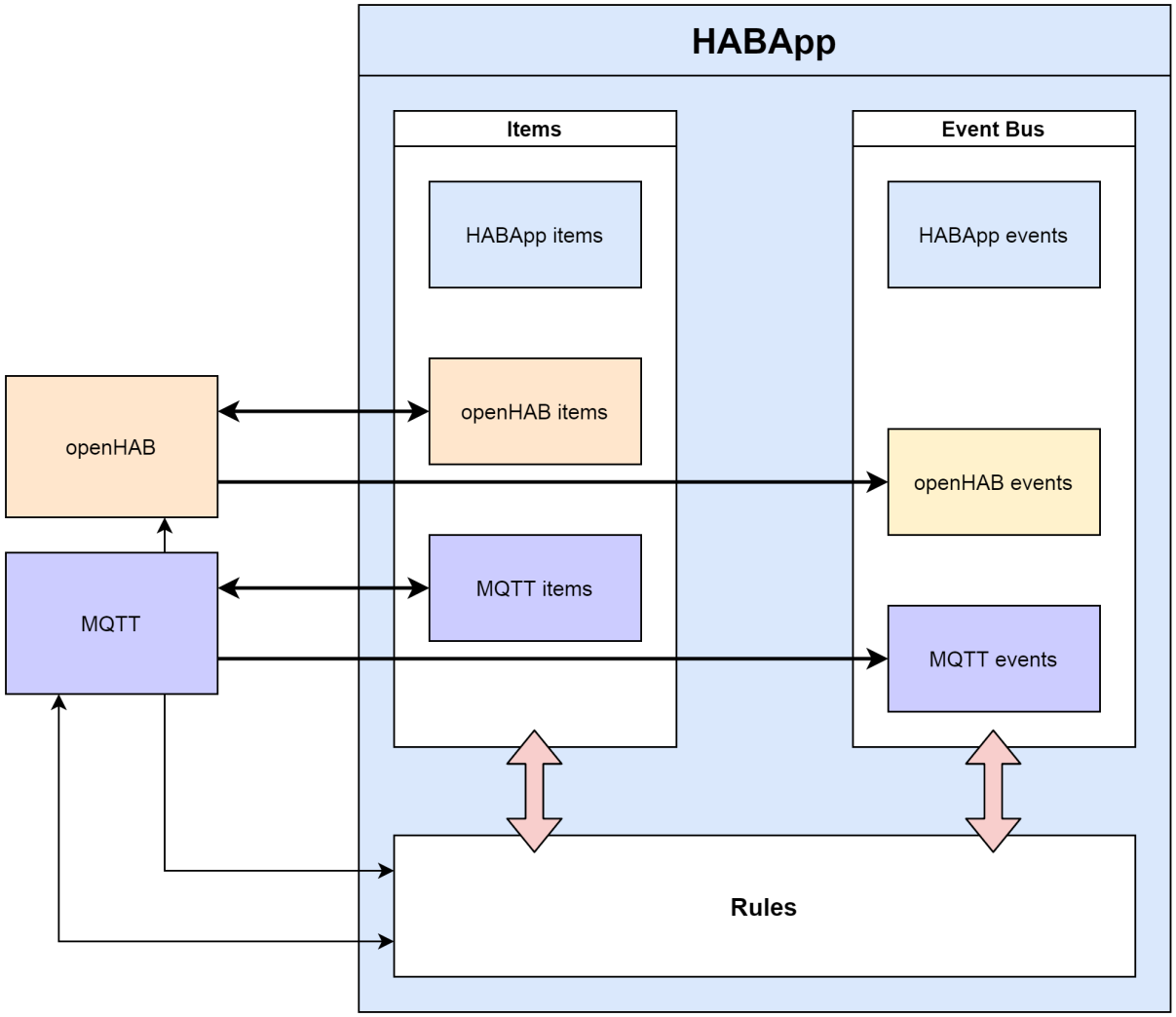
TWO

ABOUT HABAPP

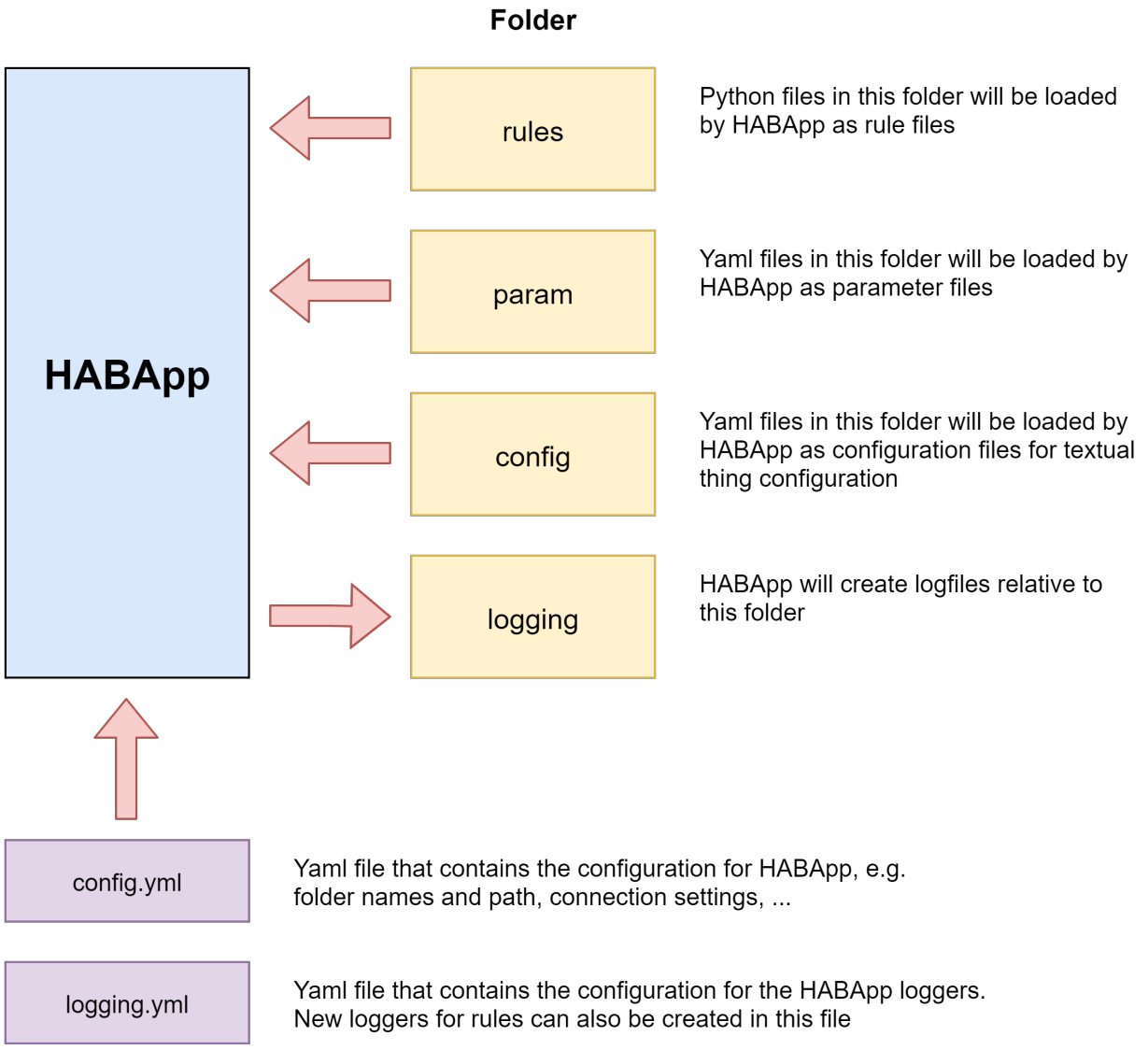
2.1 About

HABApp is a Python rule engine for home automation. It has local items, an event bus and can integrate external systems, e.g. openHAB and MQTT. Rules can listen to events from the event bus. These events are generated by HABApp or by the external systems. Additionally there is a scheduler available that makes time based triggering very easy.

2.2 HABApp architecture



2.3 HABApp folder structure



2.4 Integration with openHAB

HABApp connects to the openHAB event stream and automatically updates the local openHAB items when an item in openHAB changes. These item values are cached, so accessing and working with items in rules is very fast. The events from openHAB are also mirrored to the internal event bus which means that triggering on these events is also possible.

When HABApp connects to openHAB for the first time it will load all items/things from the openHAB instance and create local items. The name of the local openHAB items is equal to the name in openHAB.

Posting updates, sending commands or any other openHAB interface call will issue a corresponding REST-API call to change openHAB.

2.5 Integration with MQTT

HABApp subscribes to the defined mqtt topics. For every MQTT message with the `retain` flag HABApp will automatically create an *MqttItem* so these values can be accessed later. The name of the created item is the the mqtt topic. All other messages will **not** automatically create an item but still create an event on the event bus.

MqttItems created by rules will automatically be updated with the latest value once a message is received. These item values are cached, so accessing and working with items in rules is very fast.

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THREE

CONFIGURATION

3.1 Description

Configuration is done through `config.yml` The parent folder of the file can be specified with `-c PATH` or `--config PATH`. If nothing is specified the file `config.yml` is searched in the subdirectory `HABApp` in

- the current working directory
- the venv directory
- the user home

If the config does not yet exist in the folder a blank configuration will be created

3.2 Example

```yaml
directories:
    logging: log    # If the filename for the logfile in logging.yml is not absolute it␣
↪will be placed in this directory
    rules: rules    # All *.py files in this folder (and subfolders) will be loaded.␣
↪Load order will be alphabetical by path.
    params: params  # Optional, this is the folder where the parameter files will be␣
↪created and loaded from
    config: config  # Folder from which configuration files for openHAB will be loaded
    lib: lib        # Custom modules, libraries and files can be placed there.
                    # (!) Attention (!):
                    # Don't create rule instances in files inside the lib folder! It will␣
↪lead to strange behaviour.


# Specify the location where your HABApp instance is running
location:
    # The coordinates are used to calculate the Sunrise/Sunset etc
    latitude: 0.0
    longitude: 0.0
    elevation: 0.0
    # The country and optional subdivision is used to calculate the holidays
    country: DE       # ISO 3166-1 Alpha-2 country code - here Germany
    subdivision: BE   # ISO 3166-2 Subdivision code or alias - here Berlin


openhab:
```

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```
    ping:
        enabled: true        # If enabled the configured item will show how long it␣
↪takes to send an update from HABApp
                             # and get the updated value back in milliseconds
        item: 'HABApp_Ping'  # Name of the NumberItem that will show the ping
        interval: 10         # Seconds between two pings

    connection:
        url: http://localhost:8080
        user: ''
        password: ''

    general:
        listen_only: False  # If True  HABApp will not change any value on the openHAB␣
↪instance.
                            # Useful for testing rules from another machine.
        wait_for_openhab: True   # If True HABApp will wait for items from the openHAB␣
↪instance
                                 # before loading any rules on startup


mqtt:
    connection:
        identifier: HABApp
        host: ''
        port: 8883
        user: ''
        password: ''
        tls:
          enabled: false   # Enable TLS for the connection
          insecure: false  # Validate server hostname in server certificate
          ca cert: ''      # Path to a CA certificate that will be treated as trusted
                           # (e.g. when using a self signed certificate)

    subscribe:          # Changes to Subscribe get picked up without restarting HABApp
        qos: 0          # Default QoS for subscribing
        topics:
        - '#'               # Subscribe to this topic, qos is default QoS
        - ['my/topic', 1]   # Subscribe to this topic with explicit QoS

    publish:
        qos: 0          # Default QoS when publishing values
        retain: false   # Default retain flag when publishing values

    general:
        listen_only: False # If True  HABApp will not publish any value to the broker.
                           # Useful for testing rules from another machine.
```

It's possible to use environment variables and files (e.g. docker secrets) in the configuration. See the easyconfig documentation for the exact syntax and examples.

3.3 Configuration Reference

All possible configuration options are described here. Not all entries are created by default in the config file and one should take extra care when changing those entries.

settings ApplicationConfig

Structure that contains the complete configuration

field directories: *DirectoriesConfig* [Optional]

field habapp: *HABAppConfig* [Optional]

field location: *LocationConfig* [Optional]

field mqtt: *MqttConfig* [Optional]

field openhab: *OpenhabConfig* [Optional]

3.3.1 Directories

settings DirectoriesConfig

Configuration of directories that are used

field config: Path | None = 'config'

Folder from which configuration files (e.g. for textual thing configuration) will be loaded

field lib: Path | None = 'lib'

Folder where additional libraries can be placed

field logging: Path = 'log'

Folder where the logs will be written to

field params: Path | None = 'params'

Folder from which the parameter files will be loaded

field rules: Path = 'rules'

Folder from which the rule files will be loaded

3.3.2 Location

settings LocationConfig

location where the instance is running. Is used to calculate Sunrise/Sunset and holidays.

field country: str = ''

ISO 3166-1 Alpha-2 country code

field elevation: float = 0.0

field latitude: float = 0.0

field longitude: float = 0.0

field subdivision: str = ''

The subdivision (e.g. state or province) as a ISO 3166-2 code or its alias

3.3.3 MQTT

settings MqttConfig

MQTT configuration

field connection: *Connection* **[Optional]**

field general: *General* **[Optional]**

field publish: *Publish* **[Optional]**

field subscribe: *Subscribe* **[Optional]**

Connection

settings Connection

field host: str **= ''**

Connect to this host. Empty string ("") disables the connection.

field identifier: str **= 'HABApp-aRYlWljIqVvqS'**

Identifier that is used to uniquely identify this client on the mqtt broker.

field password: str **= ''**

field port: int **= 1883**

field tls: *TLSSettings* **[Optional]**

field user: str **= ''**

TLS

settings TLSSettings

field ca cert: Path **= ''**

Path to a CA certificate that will be treated as trusted

field enabled: bool **= True**

Enable TLS for the connection

field insecure: bool **= False**

Validate server hostname in server certificate

Subscribe

settings Subscribe

field qos: Literal[0, 1, 2] **= 0**

Default QoS for subscribing

field topics: tuple[str | tuple[str, Literal[0, 1, 2]], ...] **= ('#', 'topic/with/default/qos', ('topic/with/qos', 1))**

get_topic_qos()

Return type

Generator[tuple[str, Literal[0, 1, 2]], None, None]

Publish

settings Publish

field qos: `Literal[0, 1, 2] = 0`

Default QoS when publishing values

field retain: `bool = False`

Default retain flag when publishing values

General

settings General

field listen_only: `bool = False`

If True HABApp does not publish any value to the broker

3.3.4 Openhab

settings OpenhabConfig

field connection: *Connection* [Optional]

field general: *General* [Optional]

field ping: *Ping* [Optional]

Connection

settings Connection

field password: `str = ''`

field url: `str = 'http://localhost:8080'`

Connect to this url. Empty string ("") disables the connection.

field user: `str = ''`

field verify_ssl: `bool = True`

Check certificates when using https

field websocket: *Websocket* [Optional]

Options for the websocket connection which is usedto connect to the openHAB event bus.

settings Websocket

field event filter: *WebsocketEventFilter* [Optional]

Configuration of server side event filters which will be applied to the websocket connection.

field maximum message size: `ByteSize = '4Mib'`

Maximum message size for a websocket message. Increase only if you get error messages or disconnects e.g. if you use large images.

field ping interval: `int | float = 7`

Interval for ping messages in seconds

Constraints

- **gt** = 0

settings WebsocketEventFilter

field type: EventTypeFilterEnum = EventTypeFilterEnum.AUTO

Configure the event type filter. "OFF" to allow all events, "AUTO" to allow the recommended events or "CONFIG" to use the event types from the "types allowed" field.

field types_allowed: tuple[str, ...] = ()

List of event types that will be allowed

Ping

settings Ping

field enabled: bool = True

If enabled the configured item will show how long it takes to send an update from HABApp and get the updated value back from openHAB in milliseconds

field interval: int | float = 10

Seconds between two pings

Constraints

- **ge** = 0.1

field item: str = 'HABApp_Ping'

Name of the Numberitem

General

settings General

field listen_only: bool = False

If True HABApp does not change anything on the openHAB instance.

field min_start_level: int = 70

Minimum openHAB start level to load items and listen to events

Constraints

- **ge** = 0
- **le** = 100

field min_uptime: int = 60

Minimum openHAB uptime in seconds to load items and listen to events

Constraints

- **ge** = 0
- **le** = 7200

field wait_for_openhab: bool = True

If True HABApp will wait for a successful openHAB connection before loading any rules on startup

3.3.5 HABApp

settings HABAppConfig

HABApp internal configuration. Only change values if you know what you are doing!

field debug: *DebugConfig* [Optional]

field logging: *LoggingConfig* [Optional]

field thread pool: *ThreadPoolConfig* [Optional]

ThreadPool

settings ThreadPoolConfig

field enabled: bool = True

When the thread pool is disabled HABApp will become an asyncio application. Use only if you have experience developing asyncio applications! If the thread pool is disabled using blocking calls in functions can and will break HABApp

field threads: Annotated[int] = 10

Amount of threads to use for the executor

Constraints

- **ge** = 1
- **le** = 32

Logging

settings LoggingConfig

field flush every: float = 0.5

Wait time in seconds before the buffer gets flushed again when it was empty

Constraints

- **ge** = 0.1

field use buffer: bool = True

Automatically inject a buffer for the event log

Debug

settings DebugConfig

Debugging options for HABApp

field periodic traceback: *PeriodicTracebackDumpConfig* [Optional]

field traceback on shutdown signal: bool = False

Dump the traceback of all currently running threads into a file when receiving a shutdown signal. Not available on Windows!

field watch event loop: *WatchEventLoopConfig* [Optional]

settings PeriodicTracebackDumpConfig

Periodically dump the traceback of all currently running threads into a file

field delay: timedelta = 'PT30M'

Initial delay before the first traceback dump

Constraints

- **gt** = 0:00:00

`field enabled: bool = False`

Enable or disable functionality

`field interval: timedelta = 'PT1H'`

Interval to dump the traceback

Constraints

- **gt** = 0:00:00

`settings WatchEventLoopConfig`

Watch the asyncio event loop. If the loop is blocked dump the traceback of all running threads and shut down HABApp

`field enabled: bool = False`

Enable or disable functionality

`field reset every: timedelta = 'PT1M'`

Reset interval for the timeout

Constraints

- **gt** = 0:00:00

`field timeout: timedelta = 'PT2M30S'`

Timeout after which HABApp will shut down

Constraints

- **gt** = 0:00:00

CHAPTER

FOUR

GETTING STARTED

It is really recommended to use a python IDE, for example PyCharm. The IDE can provide auto complete and static checks which will help you write error free rules and vastly speed up your development.

First start HABApp and keep it running. It will automatically load and update all rules which are created or changed in the configured `rules` directory. Loading and unloading of rules can be observed in the HABApp logfile.

It is recommended to use HABApp from the console for these examples so the print output can be observed.

4.1 First rule

Rules are written as classes that inherit from *HABApp.Rule*. Once the class gets instantiated the will run as rules in the HABApp rule engine. So lets write a small rule which prints something.

```
import HABApp

# Rules are classes that inherit from HABApp.Rule
class MyFirstRule(HABApp.Rule):
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()

        # Use run.at to schedule things directly after instantiation,
        # don't do blocking things in __init__
        self.run.soon(self.say_something)

    def say_something(self):
        print('That was easy!')

# Rules
MyFirstRule()
```

```
That was easy!
```

4.2 A more generic rule

It is also possible to instantiate the rules with parameters. This often comes in handy if there is some logic that shall be applied to different items.

```
import HABApp

class MyFirstRule(HABApp.Rule):
```

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```
    def __init__(self, my_parameter):
        super().__init__()
        self.param = my_parameter

        self.run.soon(self.say_something)

    def say_something(self):
        print(f'Param {self.param}')

# This is normal python code, so you can create Rule instances as you like
for i in range(2):
    MyFirstRule(i)
for t in ['Text 1', 'Text 2']:
    MyFirstRule(t)
```

```
Param 0
Param 1
Param Text 1
Param Text 2
```

4.3 Interacting with items

HABApp uses an internal item registry to store both openHAB items and locally created items (only visible within HABApp). Upon start-up HABApp retrieves a list of openHAB items and adds them to the internal registry. Rules and HABApp derived libraries may add additional local items which can be used to share states across rules and/or files.

4.3.1 Access

An item is created and added to the item registry through the corresponding class factory method

```
from HABApp.core.items import Item

# This will create an item in the local (HABApp) item registry
item = Item.get_create_item("an-item-name", "a value")
```

4.3.2 Values

Posting values from the item will automatically create the events on the event bus. This example will create an item in HABApp (locally) and post some updates to it. To access items from openHAB use the correct openHAB item type (see *the openHAB item description*).

```
import HABApp
from HABApp.core.items import Item

class MyFirstRule(HABApp.Rule):
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()
        # Get the item or create it if it does not exist
        self.my_item = Item.get_create_item('Item_Name')

        self.run.soon(self.say_something)
```

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```
    def say_something(self):
        # Post updates to the item through the internal event bus
        self.my_item.post_value('Test')
        self.my_item.post_value('Change')

        # The item value can be used in comparisons through this shortcut ...
        if self.my_item == 'Change':
            print('Item value is "Change"')
        # ... which is the same as this:
        if self.my_item.value == 'Change':
            print('Item.value is "Change"')


MyFirstRule()
```

```
[         HABApp]    DEBUG | Added event listener for AppendListener(HABApp.Warnings)
[         HABApp]    DEBUG | Added event listener for AppendListener(HABApp.Errors)
[   HABApp.Items]    DEBUG | Added Item_Name (Item)
[HABApp.EventBus]     INFO |            Item_Name: <ValueUpdateEvent name: Item_Name,␣
↪value: Test>
[HABApp.EventBus]     INFO |            Item_Name: <ValueChangeEvent name: Item_Name,␣
↪value: Test, old_value: None>
[HABApp.EventBus]     INFO |            Item_Name: <ValueUpdateEvent name: Item_Name,␣
↪value: Change>
[HABApp.EventBus]     INFO |            Item_Name: <ValueChangeEvent name: Item_Name,␣
↪value: Change, old_value: Test>
Item value is "Change"
Item.value is "Change"
```

4.3.3 Timestamps

All items have two additional timestamps set which can be used to simplify rule logic.

- The time when the item was last updated
- The time when the item was last changed.

It's possible to compare these values directly with deltas without having to do calculations withs timestamps. The deltas for *InstantView* can be specified as `TimeDelta`, `timedelta`, `int` or an ISO timedelta `str`.

```
import HABApp
from HABApp.core.items import Item
from HABApp.rule.scheduler import minutes, seconds, InstantView

class TimestampRule(HABApp.Rule):
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()
        # This item was created by another rule, that's why "get_item" is used
        self.my_item = Item.get_item('Item_Name')

        # There are also functions available which support both building the delta␣
↪directly and using an object
```

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```
        if self.my_item.last_change.newer_than(minutes=2, seconds=30):
            print('Item was changed in the last 2min 30s')
        if self.my_item.last_change.older_than(seconds(30)):
            print('Item was changed before 30s')

        # if you want to do calculations you can also get a delta
        delta_to_now = self.my_item.last_change.delta_now()

        # Instead of dealing with timestamps you can also have the same convenience
        # for arbitrary timestamps by using the InstantView object
        timestamp = InstantView.now()
        assert timestamp.newer_than(minutes=1)
        delta_to_now = timestamp.delta_now()

        # moving forward / backwards in time
        in_one_minute = timestamp.add(minutes=1)
        in_one_minute = timestamp + seconds(60)
        in_one_minute = timestamp + 60
        in_one_minute = timestamp + 'PT60S'
        assert in_one_minute.newer_than(timestamp)


TimestampRule()
```

```
Item was changed in the last 2min 30s
Item was changed before 30s
```

4.4 Watch items for events

It is possible to watch items for changes or updates. The `listen_event` function takes an instance of `EventFilter` which describes the kind of event that will be passed to the callback.

```
import HABApp
from HABApp.core.items import Item
from HABApp.core.events import ValueUpdateEventFilter, ValueChangeEventFilter,␣
↪ValueChangeEvent, ValueUpdateEvent

class MyFirstRule(HABApp.Rule):
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()
        # Get the item or create it if it does not exist
        self.my_item = Item.get_create_item('Item_Name')

        # Run this function whenever the item receives an ValueUpdateEvent
        self.listen_event(self.my_item, self.item_updated, ValueUpdateEventFilter())

        # If you already have an item you can use the more convenient method of the item
        # This is the recommended way to use the event listener
        self.my_item.listen_event(self.item_updated, ValueUpdateEventFilter())

        # Run this function whenever the item receives an ValueChangeEvent
```

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```
        self.my_item.listen_event(self.item_changed, ValueChangeEventFilter())

    # the function has 1 argument which is the event
    def item_updated(self, event: ValueUpdateEvent):
        print(f'{event.name} updated value: "{event.value}"')
        print(f'Last update of {self.my_item.name}: {self.my_item.last_update}')

    def item_changed(self, event: ValueChangeEvent):
        print(f'{event.name} changed from "{event.old_value}" to "{event.value}"')
        print(f'Last change of {self.my_item.name}: {self.my_item.last_change}')


MyFirstRule()
```

```
Item_Name updated value: "Changed value"
Last update of Item_Name: InstantView(2025-12-08T11:57:35.893816654+00:00)
Item_Name updated value: "Changed value"
Last update of Item_Name: InstantView(2025-12-08T11:57:35.893816654+00:00)
Item_Name changed from "Some value" to "Changed value"
Last change of Item_Name: InstantView(2025-12-08T11:57:35.893816654+00:00)
```

4.5 Trigger an event when an item is constant

```
import HABApp
from HABApp.core.items import Item
from HABApp.core.events import ItemNoChangeEvent

class MyFirstRule(HABApp.Rule):
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()
        # Get the item or create it if it does not exist
        self.my_item = Item.get_create_item('Item_Name')

        # This will create an event if the item is 10 secs constant
        watcher = self.my_item.watch_change(10)

        # this will automatically listen to the correct event
        watcher.listen_event(self.item_constant)

        # To listen to all ItemNoChangeEvent/ItemNoUpdateEvent independent of the␣
↪timeout time use
        # self.listen_event(self.my_item, self.item_constant, watcher.EVENT)

    def item_constant(self, event: ItemNoChangeEvent):
        print(f'{event}')

MyFirstRule()
```

```
<ItemNoChangeEvent name: Item_Name, seconds: 10>
```

4.6 Convenience functions

HABApp provides some convenience functions which make the rule creation easier and reduce boiler plate code.

4.6.1 post_value_if

`post_value_if` will post a value to the item depending on its current state. There are various comparisons available (see *documentation*) Something similar is available for openHAB items (`oh_post_update_if`)

```
import HABApp
from HABApp.core.items import Item

class MyFirstRule(HABApp.Rule):
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()
        # Get the item or create it if it does not exist
        self.my_item = Item.get_create_item('Item_Name')

        self.run.soon(self.say_something)

    def say_something(self):

        # This construct
        if self.my_item != 'overwrite value':
           self.my_item.post_value('Test')

        # ... is equivalent to
        self.my_item.post_value_if('Test', not_equal='overwrite value')


        # This construct
        if self.my_item == 'overwrite value':
           self.my_item.post_value('Test')

        # ... is equivalent to
        self.my_item.post_value_if('Test', equal='overwrite value')

MyFirstRule()
```

CHAPTER

FIVE

LOGGING

5.1 Configuration

Configuration of logging is done through the `logging.yml`. During the first start a default configuration will be created. It is recommended to extend the default configuration.

The complete description of the file format can be found here, but the format should be pretty straight forward.

Hint

It is highly recommended to use an absolute path as a file name, at least for the `HABApp.log`
That way even if the HABApp configuration is invalid HABApp can still log the errors that have occurred.
e.g.: `/HABApp/logs/habapp.log` or `c:\HABApp\logs\habapp.log`

5.2 Provided loggers

The `HABApp.config.logging` module provides additional loggers which can be used

class MidnightRotatingFileHandler(**args*, ***kwargs*)

A rotating file handler that checks once after midnight if the configured size has been exceeded and then rotates the file

class CompressedMidnightRotatingFileHandler(**args*, ***kwargs*)

Same as `MidnightRotatingFileHandler` but rotates the file to a gzipped archive (`.gz`)

5.3 Example

5.3.1 Usage

The logging library is the standard python library and an extensive description can be found in the official documentation.

```
import logging

import HABApp


log = logging.getLogger('MyRule')
```

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```
class MyLoggingRule(HABApp.Rule):

    def __init__(self) -> None:
        super().__init__()

        # different levels are available
        log.debug('Debug Message')
        log.info('Info Message')
        log.warning('Warning Message')
        log.error('Error Message')


MyLoggingRule()
```

To make the logging output work properly an output file and an output format has to be configured for the logger. The logging library supports a logging hierarchy so the configuration for the logger `MyRule` will also work logger `MyRule.SubLogger` and `MyRule.SubLogger.SubSubLogger`.

The output of our logger from the example shall be in a separate file so we add a new output file to the file configuration under `handlers` in the `logging.yml`.

```
handlers:
  ...

  MyRuleHandler: # <-- This is the name of the handler
    class: HABApp.config.logging.MidnightRotatingFileHandler
    filename: 'c:\HABApp\Logs\MyRule.log'
    maxBytes: 10_000_000
    backupCount: 3

    formatter: HABApp_format  # use this format
    level: DEBUG
```

The output file is now available for logging but the configuration for the logger is still missing. It has to be added under `loggers` and reference the handler we created

```
loggers:
  ...

  MyRule:              # <-- Name of the logger
    level: DEBUG       # <-- minimum Logging level, e.g. use INFO if you don't want the␣
↪output of log.debug()
    handlers:
      - MyRuleHandler  # This logger uses the MyRuleHandler
    propagate: False
```

Now the logger works as expected and writes all output to the new file.

5.3.2 Full Example configuration

```yaml
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# Configuration of the available output formats
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
formatters:
  HABApp_format:
    format: '[%(asctime)s] [%(name)25s] %(levelname)8s | %(message)s'

# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# Configuration of the available file handlers (output files)
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
handlers:
  HABApp_default:
    class: HABApp.config.logging.MidnightRotatingFileHandler
    filename: 'HABApp.log'
    maxBytes: 10_000_000
    backupCount: 3

    formatter: HABApp_format  # use the specified formatter (see above)
    level: DEBUG

  MyRuleHandler:
    class: HABApp.config.logging.MidnightRotatingFileHandler
    filename: 'c:\HABApp\Logs\MyRule.log'    # absolute filename is recommended
    maxBytes: 10_000_000
    backupCount: 3

    formatter: HABApp_format  # use the specified formatter (see above)
    level: DEBUG


# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
# Configuration of all available loggers and their configuration
# ------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
loggers:
  HABApp:
    level: DEBUG
    handlers:
      - HABApp_default  # This logger does log with the default handler
    propagate: False

  MyRule:   # <-- Name of the logger
    level: DEBUG
    handlers:
      - MyRuleHandler  # This logger uses the MyRuleHandler
    propagate: False
```

5.4 Custom log levels

It is possible to add custom log levels or rename existing levels. This is possible via the optional `levels` entry in the logging configuration file.

```
levels:
  WARNING: WARN  # Changes WARNING to WARN
  5: TRACE       # Adds a new loglevel "TRACE" with value 5

formatters:
  HABApp_format:
...
```

5.5 Logging to stdout

The following handler writes to stdout

```
handlers:
  StdOutHandler:
    class: logging.StreamHandler
    stream: ext://sys.stdout

    formatter: HABApp_format
    level: DEBUG
```

5.6 Add custom filters to loggers

It's possible to filter out certain parts of log files with a filter. The recommendation is to create the filter *during startup*.

This example ignores all messages for the `HABApp.EventBus` logger that contain `MyIgnoredString`.

```
import logging

# False to skip, True to log record
def filter(record: logging.LogRecord) -> bool:
    return 'MyIgnoredString' not in record.msg


logging.getLogger('HABApp.EventBus').addFilter(filter)
```

Note

Regular expressions for a filter should be compiled outside of the filter function with `re.compile` for performance reasons.
A simple subtext search however will always have way better performance.

CHAPTER

SIX

RULE

6.1 Interacting with items

Items are like variables. They have a name and a value (which can be anything). Items from openHAB use the item name from openHAB and get created when HABApp successfully connects to openHAB or when the openHAB configuration changes. Items from MQTT use the topic as item name and get created as soon as a message gets processed.

Some item types provide convenience functions, so it is advised to always set the correct item type.

The preferred way to get and create items is through the class factories *get_item* and *get_create_item* since this ensures the proper item class and provides type hints when using an IDE!

Listing 1: Example:

```
from HABApp.core.items import Item
my_item = Item.get_create_item('MyItem', initial_value=5)   # This will create the item␣
↪if it does not exist
my_item = Item.get_item('MyItem')                           # This will raise an␣
↪exception if the item is not found
print(my_item)
```

If an item value gets set there will be a `ValueUpdateEvent` on the event bus. If it changes there will be additionally a `ValueChangeEvent`, too.

It is possible to check the item value by comparing it

```
from HABApp.core.items import Item
my_item = Item.get_item('MyItem')

# this works
if my_item == 5:
    pass    # do something

# and is the same as this
if my_item.value == 5:
    pass    # do something
```

An overview over the item types can be found on *the HABApp item section*, *the openHAB item section* and the *the mqtt item section*

6.2 Interacting with events

It is possible to listen to events through the *listen_event()* function. The passed function will be called as soon as an event occurs and the event will pe passed as an argument into the function.

There is the possibility to reduce the function calls to a certain event type with an additional event filter (typically `ValueUpdateEventFilter` or `ValueChangeEventFilter`).

An overview over the events can be found on *the HABApp event section*, *the openHAB event section* and the *the MQTT event section*

Listing 2: Example

```
from HABApp import Rule
from HABApp.core.events import ValueChangeEvent, ValueUpdateEvent,␣
↪ValueChangeEventFilter, ValueUpdateEventFilter
from HABApp.core.items import Item

class MyRule(Rule):
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()
        self.listen_event('MyOpenhabItem', self.on_change, ValueChangeEventFilter())  #␣
↪trigger only on ValueChangeEvent
        self.listen_event('My/MQTT/Topic', self.on_update, ValueUpdateEventFilter())  #␣
↪trigger only on ValueUpdateEvent

        # If you already have an item you can and should use the more convenient method␣
↪of the item
        # to listen to the item events
        my_item = Item.get_item('MyItem')
        my_item.listen_event(self.on_change, ValueUpdateEventFilter())

    def on_change(self, event: ValueChangeEvent):
        assert isinstance(event, ValueChangeEvent), type(event)

    def on_update(self, event: ValueUpdateEvent):
        assert isinstance(event, ValueUpdateEvent), type(event)

MyRule()
```

Additionally there is the possibility to filter not only on the event type but on the event values, too. This can be achieved by passing the value to the event filter. There are convenience Filters (e.g. *ValueUpdateEventFilter* and *ValueChangeEventFilter*) for the most used event types that provide type hints.

6.2.1 NoEventFilter

class NoEventFilter

Triggers on all events

6.2.2 EventFilter

class EventFilter(*event_class*, ***kwargs*)

Triggers on event types and optionally on their values, too

6.2.3 ValueUpdateEventFilter

class ValueUpdateEventFilter(*value=<Missing>*)

6.2.4 ValueChangeEventFilter

class ValueChangeEventFilter(*value=<Missing>*, *old_value=<Missing>*)

6.2.5 ValueCommandEventFilter

class ValueCommandEventFilter(*value=<Missing>*)

6.2.6 AndFilterGroup

class AndFilterGroup(**args*)

All child filters have to match

6.2.7 OrFilterGroup

class OrFilterGroup(**args*)

Only one child filter has to match

6.2.8 Example

Listing 3: Example

```
from HABApp import Rule
from HABApp.core.events import EventFilter, ValueUpdateEventFilter, ValueUpdateEvent,␣
↪OrFilterGroup
from HABApp.core.items import Item

class MyRule(Rule):
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()
        my_item = Item.get_item('MyItem')

        # This will only call the callback for ValueUpdateEvents
        my_item.listen_event(self.on_val_my_value, ValueUpdateEventFilter())

        # This will only call the callback for ValueUpdateEvents where the value==my_
↪value
        my_item.listen_event(self.on_val_my_value, ValueUpdateEventFilter(value='my_value
↪'))

        # This is the same as above but with the generic filter
        my_item.listen_event(self.on_val_my_value, EventFilter(ValueUpdateEvent, value=
↪'my_value'))

        # trigger if the value is 1 or 2 by using both filters with or
        my_item.listen_event(
            self.value_1_or_2,
            OrFilterGroup(
```

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```
                ValueUpdateEventFilter(value=1), ValueUpdateEventFilter(value=2)
            )
        )

    def on_val_my_value(self, event: ValueUpdateEvent):
        assert isinstance(event, ValueUpdateEvent), type(event)

    def value_1_or_2(self, event: ValueUpdateEvent):
        assert isinstance(event, ValueUpdateEvent), type(event)

MyRule()
```

6.3 Scheduler

With the scheduler it is easy to call functions in the future or periodically. Do not use `time.sleep` but rather `self.run.once`. Another very useful function is `self.run.countdown` as it can simplify many rules!

Function	Description
soon()	Run the callback as soon as possible (typically in the next second).
once()	Run the callback at a specified time.
countdown()	Run a function after a time has run down
at()	Run the callback when a trigger fires.

6.3.1 Scheduler

class HABAppJobBuilder(*context*)

countdown(*secs*, *callback*, **args*, *job_id=None*, ***kwargs*)

Create a job that count town a certain time and then execute.

Parameters

- **secs** (timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | str) – countdown time in seconds
- **callback** (Callable[[ParamSpec(HINT_CB_P, bound= None)], Any]) – Function which will be called
- **args** (ParamSpecArgs) – Positional arguments that will be passed to the function
- **job_id** (Hashable | None)
- **kwargs** (ParamSpecKwargs) – Keyword arguments that will be passed to the function

Return type
CountdownJobControl

Returns
Created job

once(*instant*, *callback*, **args*, *job_id=None*, ***kwargs*)

Create a job that runs once.

Parameters

- **instant** (datetime | None | str | time | Time | timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | SystemDateTime | Instant) – countdown time in seconds

- **callback** (Callable[[ParamSpec(HINT_CB_P, bound= None)], Any]) – Function which will be called
- **args** (ParamSpecArgs) – Positional arguments that will be passed to the function
- **job_id** (Hashable | None)
- **kwargs** (ParamSpecKwargs) – Keyword arguments that will be passed to the function

Return type
OneTimeJobControl

Returns
Created job

at(*trigger*, *callback*, **args*, *job_id=None*, ***kwargs*)

Create a job that will run when a provided trigger occurs.

Parameters

- **trigger** (*TriggerObject*)
- **callback** (Callable[[ParamSpec(HINT_CB_P, bound= None)], Any]) – Function which will be called
- **args** (ParamSpecArgs) – Positional arguments that will be passed to the function
- **job_id** (Hashable | None)
- **kwargs** (ParamSpecKwargs) – Keyword arguments that will be passed to the function

Return type
DateTimeJobControl

Returns
Created job

soon(*callback*, **args*, *job_id=None*, ***kwargs*)

Run the callback as soon as possible.

Parameters

- **callback** (Callable[[ParamSpec(HINT_CB_P, bound= None)], Any]) – Function which will be called
- **args** (ParamSpecArgs) – Positional arguments that will be passed to the function
- **kwargs** (ParamSpecKwargs) – Keyword arguments that will be passed to the function

Return type
OneTimeJobControl

6.3.2 Example

```
from HABApp import Rule
from HABApp.rule.scheduler import filter, trigger

class MyTriggerRule(Rule):
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()

        # Run the function every day at 12
```

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```
        self.run.at(self.run.trigger.time('12:00:00'), self.dummy_func)

        # ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
        # The trigger and filter factories are available as a property on self.run,
        # however they can also be used separately when imported
        # This is exactly the same as above
        self.run.at(trigger.time('12:00:00'), self.dummy_func)


        # ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
        # It's possible to trigger on sun position
        # ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

        # Run the function at sunrise
        self.run.at(self.run.trigger.sunrise(), self.dummy_func)


        # ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
        # Filters can be used to restrict the trigger
        # ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

        # Run the function every workday at 12
        self.run.at(
            self.run.trigger.time('12:00:00').only_on(self.run.filter.weekdays('Mo-Fr')),
            self.dummy_func
        )


        # ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
        # Triggers offer operations which can shift the trigger time
        # ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

        # Run the function one hour after sunrise
        self.run.at(self.run.trigger.sunrise().offset(3600), self.dummy_func)

        # Run the function one hour after sunrise, but but earliest at 8
        self.run.at(self.run.trigger.sunrise().offset(3600).earliest('08:00:00'), self.
↪dummy_func)


        # ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
        # Triggers can be grouped together
        # ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

        # Run the function every workday at 12, but on the weekends at 8
        self.run.at(
            self.run.trigger.group(
                self.run.trigger.time('12:00:00').only_on(self.run.filter.weekdays('Mo-Fr
↪')),
                self.run.trigger.time('08:00:00').only_on(self.run.filter.weekdays('Sa,So
↪')),
            ),
```

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```
            self.dummy_func
        )


        # ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
        # Filters can be grouped together
        # ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

        # Run the function at the first Sunday of every month at 12
        self.run.at(
            self.run.trigger.time('12:00:00').only_on(
                self.run.filter.all(
                    self.run.filter.weekdays('So'),
                    self.run.filter.days('1-7')
                )
            ),
            self.dummy_func
        )


    def dummy_func(self):
        pass

MyTriggerRule()
```

6.3.3 Reoccuring Jobs

Reoccuring jobs are created with *at()*. The point in time when the job is executed is described by Triggers. These triggers can be combined and/or restricted with filters.

class TriggerBuilder

static dawn()

Triggers at dawn.

Return type
TriggerObject

static sunrise()

Triggers at sunrise.

Return type
TriggerObject

static noon()

Triggers at noon.

Return type
TriggerObject

static sunset()

Triggers at sunset.

Return type
TriggerObject

static dusk()

Triggers at dusk.

Return type
TriggerObject

static sun_elevation(*elevation*, *direction*)

Triggers at a specific sun elevation

Parameters

- **elevation** (float) – Sun elevation in degrees
- **direction** (Literal['rising', 'setting']) – rising or falling

Return type
TriggerObject

static sun_azimuth(*azimuth*)

Triggers at a specific sun azimuth

Parameters
azimuth (float) – Sun azimuth in degrees

Return type
TriggerObject

static group(**builders*)

Group multiple triggers together. The triggers will be checked and the trigger that runs next will be used

Parameters
builders (*TriggerObject*) – Triggers that should be grouped together

Return type
TriggerObject

static interval(*start*, *interval*)

Triggers at a fixed interval from a given start time.

Parameters

- **start** (datetime | None | str | time | Time | timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | SystemDateTime | Instant) – When this trigger will run for the first time. Note: It's not possible to specify a start time greater than the interval time. Since the producer is stateless it will automatically select the next appropriate run time. Example: start 90 minutes, interval 60 minutes -> first run will be in 30 minutes. This makes it easy to ensure that the job will always run at a certain time by specifying the start time isntead of a delta and the interval. E.g. start 00:15:00 and interval 1 hour
- **interval** (timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | str) – The interval how this trigger will be repeated

Return type
TriggerObject

static time(*time*, ** (Keyword-only parameters separator (PEP 3102))*, *clock_forward=None*, *clock_backward=None*)

Triggers at a specific time of day. When the time of day is during a daylight saving time transition it has to be explicitly specified how the transition should be handled.

Parameters

- **time** (time | Time | str) – The time of day the trigger should fire
- **clock_forward** (Union[SkippedTimeBehavior, Literal['skip', 'earlier', 'later', 'after'], None]) – How to handle the transition when the clock moves forward
- **clock_backward** (Union[RepeatedTimeBehavior, Literal['skip', 'earlier', 'later', 'twice'], None]) – How to handle the transition when the clock moves backward

Return type
TriggerObject

class **TriggerObject**(*producer*)

offset(*offset*)

Offset the time returned by the trigger

Parameters
offset (timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | str) – The offset (positive or negative)

Return type
Self

earliest(*earliest*, ***, *clock_forward=None*, *clock_backward=None*)

Set the earliest time of day the trigger can fire. If the trigger would fire before the earliest time, the earliest time will be used instead.

Parameters

- **earliest** (time | Time | str) – The time of day before the trigger can not fire
- **clock_forward** (Union[SkippedTimeBehavior, Literal['skip', 'earlier', 'later', 'after'], None]) – How to handle the transition when the clock moves forward
- **clock_backward** (Union[RepeatedTimeBehavior, Literal['skip', 'earlier', 'later', 'twice'], None]) – How to handle the transition when the clock moves backward

Return type
Self

latest(*latest*, ***, *clock_forward=None*, *clock_backward=None*)

Set the latest time of day the trigger can fire. If the trigger would fire after the latest time, the latest time will be used instead.

Parameters

- **latest** (time | Time | str) – The time of day before the trigger can not fire
- **clock_forward** (Union[SkippedTimeBehavior, Literal['skip', 'earlier', 'later', 'after'], None]) – How to handle the transition when the clock moves forward
- **clock_backward** (Union[RepeatedTimeBehavior, Literal['skip', 'earlier', 'later', 'twice'], None]) – How to handle the transition when the clock moves backward

Return type
Self

jitter(*low*, *high=None*)

Add jitter to the time returned by the trigger.

Parameters

- **low** (timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | str) – The lower bound of the jitter
- **high** (timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | str | None) – The upper bound of the jitter. If not specified the jitter will be 0 .. low

Return type
Self

only_on(*filter*)

Add a filter to the trigger which can be used to allow or disallow certain times.

Parameters
filter (FilterObject) – The filter to apply to the trigger

Return type
Self

only_at(*filter*)

Add a filter to the trigger which can be used to allow or disallow certain times.

Parameters
filter (FilterObject) – The filter to apply to the trigger

Return type
Self

class FilterBuilder

static any(**filters*)

Passes an instant as soon as any of the filters passes it

Return type
FilterObject

static all(**filters*)

Passes an instant only when all the filters pass it

Return type
FilterObject

static not_(*filter*)

Invert a filter

Return type
FilterObject

static time(*lower=None*, *upper=None*)

Restrict the trigger instant to a time range

Return type
FilterObject

static weekdays(**weekdays*)

Let only certain weekdays pass through

Parameters
weekdays (int | str | Iterable[int | str]) – days of week as str, int, or str range ('Mon-Fri', 'Sun-Mon', 'Mo-Mi', 'Fr-So')

Return type
FilterObject

static days(**days*)

Let only certain days of the month pass through

Parameters
days (int | str | Iterable[int | str]) – days of the month as str, int, or str range ('1-7', '1-5,10-15', '1,5,7')

Return type
FilterObject

static months(**months*)

Let only certain months pass through

Parameters
months (int | str | Iterable[int | str]) – Month as str, int, or str range ('Jan-Jun', '1-3,10-12', 'Oct-Feb', 'Jan, March')

Return type
FilterObject

static holidays(*holidays=None*)

Let only holidays pass through

Parameters
holidays (HolidayBase | None) – Optional holiday object to use. If not provided the default holiday object will be used Userful if you want to use holidays from e.g. another country or another subdivision

Return type
FilterObject

static work_days(*holidays=None*)

Let only working days pass through

Parameters
holidays (HolidayBase | None) – Optional holiday object to use. If not provided the default holiday object will be used Userful if you want to use holidays from e.g. another country or another subdivision

Return type
FilterObject

static not_work_days(*holidays=None*)

Let only days pass through that are not working days

Parameters
holidays (HolidayBase | None) – Optional holiday object to use. If not provided the default holiday object will be used Userful if you want to use holidays from e.g. another country or another subdivision

Return type
FilterObject

6.3.4 Job Control

class OneTimeJobControl()

cancel()

Cancel the job

Return type
Self

property id: Hashable

Get the job's id

property last_run_datetime: datetime | None

Get the last run time as a naive datetime object (without timezone set) or None if yet run

property next_run_datetime: datetime | None

Get the next run time as a naive datetime object (without timezone set) or None if not scheduled

property status: JobStatusEnum

Get the status of the job

to_item(*item*)

Sends the next execution (date)time to an item. Sends None if the job is not scheduled. Every time the scheduler updates to a new (date)time the item will also receive the updated time.

Parameters
item (str | *BaseValueItem* | None) – item name or item, None to disable

Return type
None

class CountdownJobControl()

set_countdown(*secs*)

Set the countdown time

Return type
Self

stop()

Stop the countdown

Return type
Self

reset()

Start the countdown again

Return type
Self

cancel()

Cancel the job

Return type
Self

property id: Hashable

Get the job's id

property last_run_datetime: datetime | None

Get the last run time as a naive datetime object (without timezone set) or None if yet run

property next_run_datetime: datetime | None

Get the next run time as a naive datetime object (without timezone set) or None if not scheduled

property status: JobStatusEnum

Get the status of the job

to_item(*item*)

Sends the next execution (date)time to an item. Sends None if the job is not scheduled. Every time the scheduler updates to a new (date)time the item will also receive the updated time.

Parameters
item (str | *BaseValueItem* | None) – item name or item, None to disable

Return type
None

class DateTimeJobControl()

pause()

Stop executing this job

Return type
Self

resume()

Resume executing this job

Return type
Self

cancel()

Cancel the job

Return type
Self

property id: Hashable

Get the job's id

property last_run_datetime: datetime | None

Get the last run time as a naive datetime object (without timezone set) or None if yet run

property next_run_datetime: datetime | None

Get the next run time as a naive datetime object (without timezone set) or None if not scheduled

property status: JobStatusEnum

Get the status of the job

to_item(*item*)

Sends the next execution (date)time to an item. Sends None if the job is not scheduled. Every time the scheduler updates to a new (date)time the item will also receive the updated time.

Parameters
item (str | *BaseValueItem* | None) – item name or item, None to disable

Return type
None

6.3.5 Other scheduler related functions

Other scheduler related functions are available under `HABApp.rule.scheduler`.

Function	Description
get_sun_position()	Get azimuth and elevation of the sun.
is_holiday()	Check if a date is a holiday.
add_holiday()	Add a custom holiday
pop_holiday()	Remove a holiday
get_holiday_name()	Get the name of a holiday
get_holidays_by_name()	Search holidays by name

get_sun_position(*instant*)

Return the sun position (azimuth and elevation) at a given instant.

Parameters
instant (datetime | None | str | time | Time | timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | SystemDateTime | Instant) – Instant to get the sun position at or None for now

Return type
tuple[float, float]

Returns
Azimuth and elevation of the sun at the specified instant

is_holiday(*date*)

Check if a given date is a holiday.

Parameters
date (date | datetime | str | None | Date | SystemDateTime | Instant) – Date to check or None for today

Return type
bool

Returns
True if the date is a holiday, False otherwise

add_holiday(*date*, *name=None*)

Add a new holiday. If the date is already a holiday the names will be joined together with a semicolon as separator.

Parameters

- **date** (date | datetime | str | None | Date | SystemDateTime | Instant) – Date for the new holiday.
- **name** (str | None) – Name of the Holiday, if not provided it will be set to "Holiday"

Return type
None

pop_holiday(*date*, *default=None*)

Delete a holiday and return the name of the deleted holiday

Parameters

- **date** – Date to delete or None for today
- **default** – Default value to return if the date is not a holiday

Returns
Name of the deleted holiday or the default value

get_holiday_name(*date*, *default=None*)

Get the holiday name of a given date if the date is a holiday else return the given default.

Parameters

- **date** – Date
- **default** – Default value to return if the date is not a holiday

Return type
str

get_holidays_by_name(*name*, *, *lookup='icontains'*)

Return a list of all holiday dates matching the provided holiday name. The match will be made case insensitively and partial matches will be included by default

Parameters

- **name** (str) – The holiday's name to try to match.
- **lookup** (Literal['contains', 'exact', 'startswith', 'icontains', 'iexact', 'istartswith']) –

  The holiday name lookup type:
  contains - case sensitive contains match; exact - case sensitive exact match; startswith - case sensitive starts with match; icontains - case insensitive contains match; iexact - case insensitive exact match; istartswith - case insensitive starts with match;

Return type
list[date]

Returns
A list of all holiday dates matching the provided holiday name.

6.4 Other tools and scripts

HABApp provides convenience functions to run other tools and scripts. The working directory for the new process is by default the folder of the HABApp configuration file.

6.4.1 Running tools

External tools can be run with the *execute_subprocess()* function. Once the process has finished the callback will be called with the captured output of the process. Example:

```
import HABApp

class MyExecutionRule(HABApp.Rule):

    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()

        self.execute_subprocess( self.func_when_finished, 'path_to_program', 'arg1_for_
↪program')

    def func_when_finished(self, process_output: str):
        print(process_output)

MyExecutionRule()
```

6.4.2 Running python scripts or modules

Python scripts can be run with the *execute_python()* function. The working directory for a script is by default the folder of the script. Once the script or module has finished the callback will be called with the captured output of the module/script. Example:

```
import HABApp

class MyExecutionRule(HABApp.Rule):

    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()

        self.execute_python( self.func_when_finished, '/path/to/python/script.py', 'arg1_
↪for_script')

    def func_when_finished(self, module_output: str):
        print(module_output)

MyExecutionRule()
```

6.4.3 FinishedProcessInfo

It's possible to get the raw process output instead of just the captured string. See *execute_subprocess()* or *execute_python()* on how to enable it.

class FinishedProcessInfo(*returncode*, *stdout*, *stderr*)

Information about the finished process.

Variables

- **returncode** (*int*) – Return code of the process
- **stdout** (*Optional[str]*) – Standard output of the process or None
- **stderr** (*Optional[str]*) – Error output of the process or None

6.5 How to properly use rules from other rule files

This example shows how to properly get a rule during runtime and execute one of its function. With the proper import and type hint this method provides syntax checks and auto complete.

Rule instances can be accessed by their name (typically the class name). In the `HABApp.log` you can see the name when the rule is loaded. If you want to assign a custom name, you can change the rule name easily by assigning it to `self.rule_name` in `__init__`.

Important

Always look up rule every time, never assign to a class member! The rule might get reloaded and then the class member will still point to the old unloaded instance.

rule_a.py:

```
import HABApp
```

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```
class ClassA(HABApp.Rule):
    ...

    def function_a(self):
      ...

ClassA()
```

rule_b.py:

```
import HABApp
import typing

if typing.TYPE_CHECKING:            # This is only here to allow
    from .rule_a import ClassA      # type hints for the IDE

class ClassB(HABApp.Rule):
    ...

    def function_b(self):

        r = self.get_rule('ClassA')  # type: ClassA
        # The comment "# type: ClassA" will signal the IDE that the value returned from␣
↪the
        # function is an instance of ClassA and thus provide checks and auto complete.

        # this calls the function on the instance
        r.function_a()
```

6.6 All available functions

class Rule

Variables

- **async_http** – *Async http connections*
- **mqtt** – *MQTT interaction*
- **openhab** – *openhab interaction*
- **oh** – short alias for *openhab*

on_rule_loaded()

Override this to method to implement logic that will be called when the rule and the file has been successfully loaded. Can be sync or async.

Return type
None

on_rule_removed()

Override this method to implement logic that will be called when the rule has been unloaded. Can be sync or async.

Return type
None

post_event(*name*, *event*)

Post an event to the event bus

Parameters

- **name** (BaseItem | str) – name or item to post event to
- **event** (Any) – Event class to be used (must be class instance)

Return type
None

Returns

listen_event(*name*, *callback*, *event_filter=None*)

Register an event listener

Parameters

- **name** (BaseItem | str) – item or name to listen to
- **callback** (Callable[[Any], Any]) – callback that accepts one parameter which will contain the event
- **event_filter** (EventFilterBase | None) – Event filter. This is typically *ValueUpdateEventFilter* or *ValueChangeEventFilter* which will also trigger on changes/update from openhab or mqtt. Additionally it can be an instance of *EventFilter* which additionally filters on the values of the event. It is also possible to group filters logically with, e.g. *AndFilterGroup* and *OrFilterGroup*

Return type
EventBusListener

execute_subprocess(*callback*, *program*, **args*, *additional_python_path=None*, *capture_output=True*, *raw_info=False*, ***kwargs*)

Run another program

Parameters

- **callback** – Function that will be called when the process has finished. First parameter takes a str when raw_info is False (default) else an instance of *FinishedProcessInfo*
- **program** (str | Path) – python module (path to file) or python package
- **args** (str | Path) – arguments passed to the module or to package
- **raw_info** (bool) – False: Return only the textual process output. In case of failure (return code != 0) a log entry and an error event will be created. This is the default and should be fine for almost all use cases.

  True: The callback will always be called with an instance of *FinishedProcessInfo*.
- **capture_output** (bool) – Capture program output, set to False to only capture the return code
- **additional_python_path** (Iterable[str | Path] | None) – additional folders which will be added to the env variable PYTHONPATH
- **kwargs** – Additional kwargs that will be passed to asyncio.create_subprocess_exec

Returns

execute_python(*callback*, *module_or_package*, **args*, *additional_python_path=None*, *capture_output=True*, *raw_info=False*, ***kwargs*)

Run a python module or package as a new process. The python environment that is used to run HABApp will be to run the module or package.

Parameters

- **callback** – Function that will be called when the process has finished. First parameter takes a `str` when `raw_info` is `False` (default) else an instance of *FinishedProcessInfo*
- **module_or_package** (`str` | `Path`) – python module (path to file) or python package (just the name)
- **args** (`str` | `Path`) – arguments passed to the module or to package
- **raw_info** (`bool`) – `False`: Return only the textual process output. In case of failure (return code != 0) a log entry and an error event will be created. This is the default and should be fine for almost all use cases.

  `True`: The callback will always be called with an instance of *FinishedProcessInfo*.
- **capture_output** (`bool`) – Capture program output, set to `False` to only capture the return code
- **additional_python_path** (`Iterable`[`str` | `Path`] | `None`) – additional folders which will be added to the env variable `PYTHONPATH`
- **kwargs** – Additional kwargs that will be passed to `asyncio.create_subprocess_exec`

Returns

static get_items(*type=None*, *name=None*, *tags=None*, *groups=None*, *metadata=None*, *metadata_value=None*)

Search the HABApp item registry and return the found items.

Parameters

- **type** (`tuple`[`type`[`TypeVar`(`ITEM_TYPE`, bound= `BaseItem`)], `...`] | `type`[`TypeVar`(`ITEM_TYPE`, bound= `BaseItem`)] | `None`) – item has to be an instance of this class
- **name** (`str` | `Pattern`[`str`] | `None`) – str (will be compiled) or regex that is used to search the Name
- **tags** (`str` | `Iterable`[`str`] | `None`) – item must have these tags (will return only instances of OpenhabItem)
- **groups** (`str` | `Iterable`[`str`] | `None`) – item must be a member of these groups (will return only instances of OpenhabItem)
- **metadata** (`str` | `Pattern`[`str`] | `None`) – str (will be compiled) or regex that is used to search the metadata (e.g. 'homekit')
- **metadata_value** (`str` | `Pattern`[`str`] | `None`) – str (will be compiled) or regex that is used to search the metadata value (e.g. 'TargetTemperature')

Return type

`list`[`TypeVar`(`ITEM_TYPE`, bound= `BaseItem`)] | `list`[`BaseItem`]

Returns

Items that match all the passed criteria

CHAPTER

SEVEN

PARAMETERS

7.1 Parameters

Parameters are values which can easily be changed without having to reload the rules. Values will be picked up during runtime as soon as they get edited in the corresponding file. If the file doesn't exist yet it will automatically be generated in the configured `param` folder. Parameters are perfect for boundaries (e.g. if value is below param switch something on). Currently there are is *Parameter* and *DictParameter* available.

```
from HABApp import Rule, Parameter
from HABApp.core.events import ValueChangeEventFilter

class MyRuleWithParameters(Rule):
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()

        # construct parameter once, default_value can be anything
        self.min_value = Parameter( 'param_file_testrule', 'min_value', default_value=10)

        # deeper structuring is possible through specifying multiple keys
        self.min_value_nested = Parameter(
            'param_file_testrule',
            'Rule A', 'subkey1', 'subkey2',
            default_value=['a', 'b', 'c'] # defaults can also be dicts or lists
        )

        self.listen_event('test_item', self.on_change_event, ValueChangeEventFilter())

    def on_change_event(self, event):

        # the parameter can be used like a normal variable, comparison works as expected
        if self.min_value < event.value:
            pass

        # The current value can be accessed through the value-property, but don't cache␣
↪it!
        current_value = self.min_value.value


MyRuleWithParameters()
```

Created file:

```
min_value: 10
Rule A:
    subkey1:
        subkey2:
            - a
            - b
            - c
```

Changes in the file will be automatically picked up through *Parameter*.

7.2 Create rules from Parameters

Parameteres are not bound to rule instance and thus work everywhere in the rule file. It is possible to dynamically create rules from the contents of the parameter file.

It's even possible to automatically reload rules if the parameter file has changed: Just add the "reloads on" entry to the file.

Listing 1: my_param.yml

```
key1:
  v: 10
key2:
  v: 12
```

Listing 2: rule

```
import HABApp

class MyRule(HABApp.Rule):
    def __init__(self, k, v):
        super().__init__()

        print(f'{k}: {v}')


cfg = HABApp.DictParameter('my_param')    # this will get the file content
for k, v in cfg.items():
    MyRule(k, v)
```

```
key1: {'v': 10}
key2: {'v': 12}
```

7.3 Parameter classes

class Parameter(*filename*, **keys*, *default_value='ToDo'*)

property value: Any

Return the current value. This will do the lookup so make sure to not cache this value, otherwise the parameter might not work as expected.

class DictParameter(*filename*, **keys*, *default_value='ToDo'*)

Implements a dict interface

property value: dict

Return the current value. This will do the lookup so make sure to not cache this value, otherwise the parameter might not work as expected.

CHAPTER

EIGHT

HABAPP

This page describes the HABApp internals

8.1 Datatypes

HABApp provides some datatypes that simplify e.g. the color handling.

8.1.1 RGB

Datatype for RGB (red, green, blue) color handling. RGB types can be sent directly to openHAB and will be converted accordingly. Additionally there are wider RGB types (e.g. `RGB16`, `RGB32`) available.

```
from HABApp.core.types import RGB

col = RGB(5, 15, 255)
print(col)

print(col.red)   # red value
print(col.r)     # short name for red value
print(col[0])    # access of red value through numeric index

new_col = col.replace(red=22)
print(new_col)
print(new_col.to_hsb())
```

```
RGB(5, 15, 255)
5
5
5
RGB(22, 15, 255)
HSB(241.75, 94.12, 100.00)
```

class **RGB**(*r*, *g*, *b*)

classmethod **from_hsb**(*obj*)

Return new Object from a HSB object for a hsb tuple

Parameters

obj (*HSB* | `tuple`[`float`, `float`, `float`]) – HSB object or tuple with HSB values

Return type

`Self`

Returns
new RGB object

replace(*r=None*, *g=None*, *b=None*, *red=None*, *green=None*, *blue=None*)
Create a new object with (optionally) replaced values.

Parameters

- **r** (int | None) – new red value
- **red** (int | None) – new red value
- **g** (int | None) – new green value
- **green** (int | None) – new green value
- **b** (int | None) – new blue value
- **blue** (int | None) – new blue value

Return type
Self

to_hsb()
Create a new HSB object from this object

Return type
HSB

Returns
New HSB object

property b: int
blue value

property blue: int
blue value

property g: int
green value

property green: int
green value

property r: int
red value

property red: int
red value

8.1.2 HSB

Datatype for HSB (hue, saturation, brightness) color handling. HSB types can be sent directly to openHAB and will be converted accordingly.

```
from HABApp.core.types import HSB

col = HSB(200, 25, 75)
print(col)

print(col.hue)   # hue value
```

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```
print(col.h)     # short name for hue value
print(col[0])    # access of hue value through numeric index

new_col = col.replace(hue=22)
print(new_col)
print(new_col.to_rgb())
```

```
HSB(200.00, 25.00, 75.00)
200
200
200
HSB(22.00, 25.00, 75.00)
RGB(191, 161, 143)
```

class HSB(*hue*, *saturation*, *brightness*)

classmethod from_rgb(*obj*)

Create an HSB object from an RGB object or an RGB tuple

Parameters
obj (*RGB* | tuple[int, int, int]) – HSB object or RGB tuple

Return type
Self

Returns
New HSB object

replace(*h=None*, *s=None*, *b=None*, *hue=None*, *saturation=None*, *brightness=None*)

Create a new object with (optionally) replaced values.

Parameters

- **h** (float | None) – New hue value
- **hue** (float | None) – New hue value
- **s** (float | None) – New saturation value
- **saturation** (float | None) – New saturation value
- **b** (float | None) – New brightness value
- **brightness** (float | None) – New brightness value

Return type
Self

to_rgb()

Create an RGB object from this object

Return type
RGB

Returns
New RGB object

property b: float

brightness value

property brightness: float
brightness value

property h: float
hue value

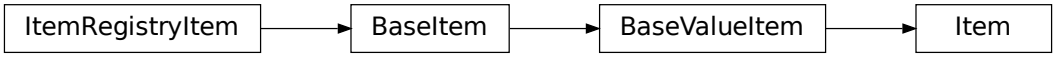
property hue: float
hue value

property s: float
saturation value

property saturation: float
saturation value

8.2 Items

8.2.1 Item



class Item()
Simple item, used to store values in HABApp

classmethod get_create_item(*name*, *initial_value=None*, *last_value=None*)
Creates a new item in HABApp and returns it or returns the already existing one with the given name

Parameters
- **name** (str) – item name
- **initial_value** (Any) – state the item will have if it gets created
- **last_value** (Any) – last value the item will have if it gets created

Return type
Item

Returns
The item

classmethod get_item(*name*)
Returns an already existing item. If it does not exist or has a different item type an exception will occur.

Parameters
name (str) – Name of the item

Return type
Self

command_value(*value*)

Send a ValueCommandEvent for the item to the HABApp event bus. A ValueCommandEvent is typically used to indicate that the item should change the value. E.g. a command "ON" to a dimmer might result in a brightness value of 100%.

Parameters
value (Any) – the commanded value

Return type
None

get_value(*default_value=None*)

Return the value of the item. This is a helper function that returns a default in case the item value is None.

Parameters
default_value – Return this value if the item value is None

Return type
Any

Returns
value of the item

listen_event(*callback*, *event_filter=None*)

Register an event listener which listens to all event that the item receives

Parameters

- **callback** (Callable[[Any], Any]) – callback that accepts one parameter which will contain the event
- **event_filter** (EventFilterBase | None) – Event filter. This is typically *ValueUpdateEventFilter* or *ValueChangeEventFilter* which will also trigger on changes/update from openhab or mqtt. Additionally, it can be an instance of *EventFilter* which additionally filters on the values of the event. It is also possible to group filters logically with, e.g. *AndFilterGroup* and *OrFilterGroup*

Return type
EventBusListener

post_value(*new_value*)

Set a new value and post appropriate events on the HABApp event bus (ValueUpdateEvent, ValueChangeEvent)

Parameters
new_value (Any) – new value of the item

Return type
bool

Returns
True if state has changed

post_value_if(*new_value*, *, *equal=<Missing>*, *eq=<Missing>*, *not_equal=<Missing>*, *ne=<Missing>*, *lower_than=<Missing>*, *lt=<Missing>*, *lower_equal=<Missing>*, *le=<Missing>*, *greater_than=<Missing>*, *gt=<Missing>*, *greater_equal=<Missing>*, *ge=<Missing>*, *is_=<Missing>*, *is_not=<Missing>*)

Post a value depending on the current state of the item. If one of the comparisons is true the new state will be posted.

Parameters

- **new_value** – new value to post
- **equal** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **eq** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **not_equal** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **ne** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **lower_than** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lt** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lower_equal** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **le** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **greater_than** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **gt** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **greater_equal** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **ge** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **is** – item state has to be the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)
- **is_not** – item state has to be not the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)

Return type
bool

Returns
True if the new value was posted else *False*

set_value(*new_value*)

Set a new value without creating events on the event bus

Parameters
new_value (Any) – new value of the item

Return type
bool

Returns
True if state has changed

watch_change(*secs*)

Generate an event if the item does not change for a certain period of time. Has to be called from inside a rule function.

Parameters
secs (timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | str) – secs after which the event will occur, max 1 decimal digit for floats

Return type
ItemNoChangeWatch

Returns
The watch obj which can be used to cancel the watch

watch_update(*secs*)

Generate an event if the item does not receive and update for a certain period of time. Has to be called from inside a rule function.

Parameters
secs (timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | str) – secs after which the event will occur, max 1 decimal digit for floats

Return type
ItemNoUpdateWatch

Returns
The watch obj which can be used to cancel the watch

property last_change: *InstantView*

Returns
Timestamp of the last time when the item has been changed (read only)

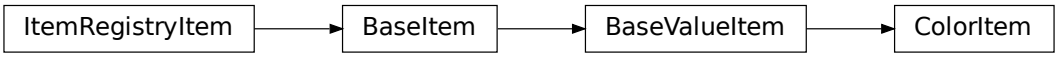
property last_update: *InstantView*

Returns
Timestamp of the last time when the item has been updated (read only)

property name: str

Returns
Name of the item (read only)

8.2.2 ColorItem



class ColorItem()
Item for dealing with color related values

classmethod get_create_item(*name*, *initial_value=None*, *last_value=None*)
Creates a new item in HABApp and returns it or returns the already existing one with the given name

Parameters
- **name** (str) – item name
- **initial_value** (*RGB* | *HSB* | tuple[float, float, float] | None) – value the item will have if it gets created
- **last_value** (*RGB* | *HSB* | tuple[float, float, float] | None) – last value the item will have if it gets created

Return type
Self

Returns
item

classmethod get_item(*name*)

Returns an already existing item. If it does not exist or has a different item type an exception will occur.

Parameters
name (str) – Name of the item

Return type
Self

command_value(*value*)

Send a ValueCommandEvent for the item to the HABApp event bus. A ValueCommandEvent is typically used to indicate that the item should change the value. E.g. a command "ON" to a dimmer might result in a brightness value of 100%.

Parameters
value (Any) – the commanded value

Return type
None

get_rgb()

Return a rgb equivalent of the color

Return type
RGB

Returns
rgb tuple

get_value(*default_value=None*)

Return the value of the item. This is a helper function that returns a default in case the item value is None.

Parameters
default_value – Return this value if the item value is None

Return type
Any

Returns
value of the item

is_off()

Return true if item is off

Return type
bool

is_on()

Return true if item is on

Return type
bool

listen_event(*callback*, *event_filter=None*)

Register an event listener which listens to all event that the item receives

Parameters

- **callback** (Callable[[Any], Any]) – callback that accepts one parameter which will contain the event

- **event_filter** (EventFilterBase | None) – Event filter. This is typically *ValueUpdateEventFilter* or *ValueChangeEventFilter* which will also trigger on changes/update from openhab or mqtt. Additionally, it can be an instance of *EventFilter* which additionally filters on the values of the event. It is also possible to group filters logically with, e.g. *AndFilterGroup* and *OrFilterGroup*

Return type
EventBusListener

post_value(*new_value*)

Set a new value and post appropriate events on the HABApp event bus (ValueUpdateEvent, ValueChangeEvent)

Parameters
new_value (Any) – new value of the item

Return type
bool

Returns
True if state has changed

post_value_if(*new_value*, *, *equal=<Missing>*, *eq=<Missing>*, *not_equal=<Missing>*, *ne=<Missing>*, *lower_than=<Missing>*, *lt=<Missing>*, *lower_equal=<Missing>*, *le=<Missing>*, *greater_than=<Missing>*, *gt=<Missing>*, *greater_equal=<Missing>*, *ge=<Missing>*, *is_=<Missing>*, *is_not=<Missing>*)

Post a value depending on the current state of the item. If one of the comparisons is true the new state will be posted.

Parameters

- **new_value** – new value to post
- **equal** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **eq** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **not_equal** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **ne** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **lower_than** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lt** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lower_equal** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **le** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **greater_than** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **gt** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **greater_equal** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **ge** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **is** – item state has to be the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)
- **is_not** – item state has to be not the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)

Return type
bool

Returns
True if the new value was posted else *False*

`set_value`(*new_value*)

Set a new color value without creating events on the event bus

Parameters
new_value (*RGB* | *HSB* | tuple[float, float, float]) – new value of the item

Return type
bool

Returns
True if state has changed

`watch_change`(*secs*)

Generate an event if the item does not change for a certain period of time. Has to be called from inside a rule function.

Parameters
secs (timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | str) – secs after which the event will occur, max 1 decimal digit for floats

Return type
ItemNoChangeWatch

Returns
The watch obj which can be used to cancel the watch

`watch_update`(*secs*)

Generate an event if the item does not receive and update for a certain period of time. Has to be called from inside a rule function.

Parameters
secs (timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | str) – secs after which the event will occur, max 1 decimal digit for floats

Return type
ItemNoUpdateWatch

Returns
The watch obj which can be used to cancel the watch

`property last_change: InstantView`

Returns
Timestamp of the last time when the item has been changed (read only)

`property last_update: InstantView`

Returns
Timestamp of the last time when the item has been updated (read only)

`property name: str`

Returns
Name of the item (read only)

8.2.3 AggregationItem

The aggregation item is an item which takes the values of another item in a time period as an input. It then allows to process these values and generate an aggregated output based on it. The item makes implementing time logic like "Has it been dark for the last hour?" or "Was there frost during the last six hours?" really easy. And since it is just like a normal item triggering on changes etc. is possible, too.

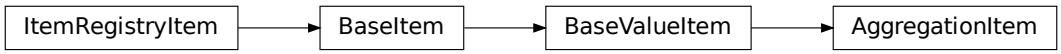
```
from HABApp.core.items import AggregationItem
my_agg = AggregationItem.get_create_item('MyAggregationItem')

# Connect the source item with the aggregation item
my_agg.aggregation_source('MyInputItem')

# Aggregate all changes in the last two hours
my_agg.aggregation_period(2 * 3600)

# Use max as an aggregation function
my_agg.aggregation_func(max)
```

The value of `my_agg` in the example will now always be the maximum of `MyInputItem` in the last two hours. It will automatically update and always reflect the latest changes of `MyInputItem`.



class AggregationItem()

classmethod get_create_item(*name*)

Creates a new AggregationItem in HABApp and returns it or returns the already existing item with the given name

Parameters
name (str) – item name

Return type
AggregationItem

Returns
item

classmethod get_item(*name*)

Returns an already existing item. If it does not exist or has a different item type an exception will occur.

Parameters
name (str) – Name of the item

Return type
Self

aggregation_func(*func*)

Set the function which will be used to aggregate all values. E.g. `min` or `max`

Parameters
func (Callable[[Iterable], Any]) – The function which takes an iterator an returns an aggregated value. Important: the function must be **non blocking**!

Return type
AggregationItem

aggregation_period(*period*)

Set the period in which the items will be aggregated

Parameters
period (float | int | timedelta) – period in seconds

Return type
AggregationItem

aggregation_source(*source*, *only_changes=False*)

Set the source item which changes will be aggregated

Parameters

- **source** (*BaseValueItem* | str) – name or Item obj
- **only_changes** (bool) – if true only value changes instead of value updates will be added

Return type
AggregationItem

command_value(*value*)

Send a ValueCommandEvent for the item to the HABApp event bus. A ValueCommandEvent is typically used to indicate that the item should change the value. E.g. a command "ON" to a dimmer might result in a brightness value of 100%.

Parameters
value (Any) – the commanded value

Return type
None

get_value(*default_value=None*)

Return the value of the item. This is a helper function that returns a default in case the item value is None.

Parameters
default_value – Return this value if the item value is None

Return type
Any

Returns
value of the item

listen_event(*callback*, *event_filter=None*)

Register an event listener which listens to all event that the item receives

Parameters

- **callback** (Callable[[Any], Any]) – callback that accepts one parameter which will contain the event
- **event_filter** (EventFilterBase | None) – Event filter. This is typically *ValueUpdateEventFilter* or *ValueChangeEventFilter* which will also trigger on changes/update from openhab or mqtt. Additionally, it can be an instance of *EventFilter*

which additionally filters on the values of the event. It is also possible to group filters logically with, e.g. *AndFilterGroup* and *OrFilterGroup*

Return type
EventBusListener

post_value(*new_value*)

Set a new value and post appropriate events on the HABApp event bus (ValueUpdateEvent, ValueChangeEvent)

Parameters
new_value (Any) – new value of the item

Return type
bool

Returns
True if state has changed

post_value_if(*new_value*, *, *equal=<Missing>*, *eq=<Missing>*, *not_equal=<Missing>*, *ne=<Missing>*, *lower_than=<Missing>*, *lt=<Missing>*, *lower_equal=<Missing>*, *le=<Missing>*, *greater_than=<Missing>*, *gt=<Missing>*, *greater_equal=<Missing>*, *ge=<Missing>*, *is_=<Missing>*, *is_not=<Missing>*)

Post a value depending on the current state of the item. If one of the comparisons is true the new state will be posted.

Parameters

- **new_value** – new value to post
- **equal** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **eq** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **not_equal** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **ne** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **lower_than** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lt** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lower_equal** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **le** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **greater_than** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **gt** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **greater_equal** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **ge** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **is** – item state has to be the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)
- **is_not** – item state has to be not the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)

Return type
bool

Returns
True if the new value was posted else *False*

set_value(*new_value*)

Set a new value without creating events on the event bus

Parameters
new_value (Any) – new value of the item

Return type
bool

Returns
True if state has changed

watch_change(*secs*)

Generate an event if the item does not change for a certain period of time. Has to be called from inside a rule function.

Parameters
secs (timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | str) – secs after which the event will occur, max 1 decimal digit for floats

Return type
ItemNoChangeWatch

Returns
The watch obj which can be used to cancel the watch

watch_update(*secs*)

Generate an event if the item does not receive and update for a certain period of time. Has to be called from inside a rule function.

Parameters
secs (timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | str) – secs after which the event will occur, max 1 decimal digit for floats

Return type
ItemNoUpdateWatch

Returns
The watch obj which can be used to cancel the watch

property last_change: *InstantView*

Returns
Timestamp of the last time when the item has been changed (read only)

property last_update: *InstantView*

Returns
Timestamp of the last time when the item has been updated (read only)

property name: str

Returns
Name of the item (read only)

8.2.4 BaseValueItem

Base class for items with values. All items that have a value must inherit from *BaseValueItem* May not be instantiated directly.

class BaseValueItem()

Simple item

Variables

- **name** (*str*) – Name of the item (read only)
- **value** – Value of the item, can be anything (read only)
- **last_change** (*datetime*) – Timestamp of the last time when the item has changed the value (read only)
- **last_update** (*datetime*) – Timestamp of the last time when the item has updated the value (read only)

classmethod get_item(*name*)

Returns an already existing item. If it does not exist or has a different item type an exception will occur.

Parameters
name (*str*) – Name of the item

Return type
Self

command_value(*value*)

Send a ValueCommandEvent for the item to the HABApp event bus. A ValueCommandEvent is typically used to indicate that the item should change the value. E.g. a command "ON" to a dimmer might result in a brightness value of 100%.

Parameters
value (*Any*) – the commanded value

Return type
None

get_value(*default_value=None*)

Return the value of the item. This is a helper function that returns a default in case the item value is None.

Parameters
default_value – Return this value if the item value is None

Return type
Any

Returns
value of the item

listen_event(*callback*, *event_filter=None*)

Register an event listener which listens to all event that the item receives

Parameters

- **callback** (Callable[[Any], Any]) – callback that accepts one parameter which will contain the event
- **event_filter** (EventFilterBase | None) – Event filter. This is typically *ValueUpdateEventFilter* or *ValueChangeEventFilter* which will also trigger on changes/update from openhab or mqtt. Additionally, it can be an instance of *EventFilter* which additionally filters on the values of the event. It is also possible to group filters logically with, e.g. *AndFilterGroup* and *OrFilterGroup*

Return type
EventBusListener

post_value(*new_value*)

Set a new value and post appropriate events on the HABApp event bus (ValueUpdateEvent, ValueChangeEvent)

Parameters
new_value (Any) – new value of the item

Return type
bool

Returns
True if state has changed

post_value_if(*new_value*, *, *equal=<Missing>*, *eq=<Missing>*, *not_equal=<Missing>*, *ne=<Missing>*, *lower_than=<Missing>*, *lt=<Missing>*, *lower_equal=<Missing>*, *le=<Missing>*, *greater_than=<Missing>*, *gt=<Missing>*, *greater_equal=<Missing>*, *ge=<Missing>*, *is_=<Missing>*, *is_not=<Missing>*)

Post a value depending on the current state of the item. If one of the comparisons is true the new state will be posted.

Parameters

- **new_value** – new value to post
- **equal** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **eq** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **not_equal** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **ne** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **lower_than** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lt** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lower_equal** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **le** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **greater_than** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **gt** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **greater_equal** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **ge** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **is** – item state has to be the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)
- **is_not** – item state has to be not the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)

Return type
bool

Returns
True if the new value was posted else *False*

`set_value`(*new_value*)

Set a new value without creating events on the event bus

Parameters
new_value (Any) – new value of the item

Return type
bool

Returns
True if state has changed

`watch_change`(*secs*)

Generate an event if the item does not change for a certain period of time. Has to be called from inside a rule function.

Parameters
secs (timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | str) – secs after which the event will occur, max 1 decimal digit for floats

Return type
ItemNoChangeWatch

Returns
The watch obj which can be used to cancel the watch

`watch_update`(*secs*)

Generate an event if the item does not receive and update for a certain period of time. Has to be called from inside a rule function.

Parameters
secs (timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | str) – secs after which the event will occur, max 1 decimal digit for floats

Return type
ItemNoUpdateWatch

Returns
The watch obj which can be used to cancel the watch

`property last_change: InstantView`

Returns
Timestamp of the last time when the item has been changed (read only)

`property last_update: InstantView`

Returns
Timestamp of the last time when the item has been updated (read only)

`property name: str`

Returns
Name of the item (read only)

8.3 Events

8.3.1 ValueUpdateEvent

This event gets emitted every time a value of an item receives an update

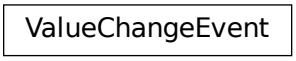
class ValueUpdateEvent(*name*, *value*)

Variables

- **name** (*str*)
- **value** (*Any*)

8.3.2 ValueChangeEvent

This event gets emitted every time a value of an item changes



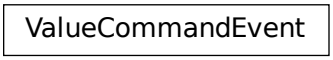
class ValueChangeEvent(*name*, *value*, *old_value*)

Variables

- **name** (*str*)
- **value** (*Any*)
- **old_value** (*Any*)

8.3.3 ValueCommandEvent

This event indicates that the item should change to a new value.



class ValueCommandEvent(*name*, *value*)

Variables

- **name** (*str*)
- **value** (*Any*)

8.3.4 ItemNoUpdateEvent

This event gets emitted when an item is watched for updates and no update has been made in a certain amount of time.

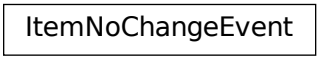
class ItemNoUpdateEvent(*name*, *seconds*)

Variables

- **name** (*str*)
- **seconds** (*int | float*)

8.3.5 ItemNoChangeEvent

This event gets emitted when an item is watched for changes and no change has been made in a certain amount of time.



class ItemNoChangeEvent(*name*, *seconds*)

Variables

- **name** (*str*)
- **seconds** (*int | float*)

CHAPTER

NINE

OPENHAB

9.1 Additional configuration

For optimal performance it is recommended to use Basic Auth. It can be enabled through GUI or through textual configuration.

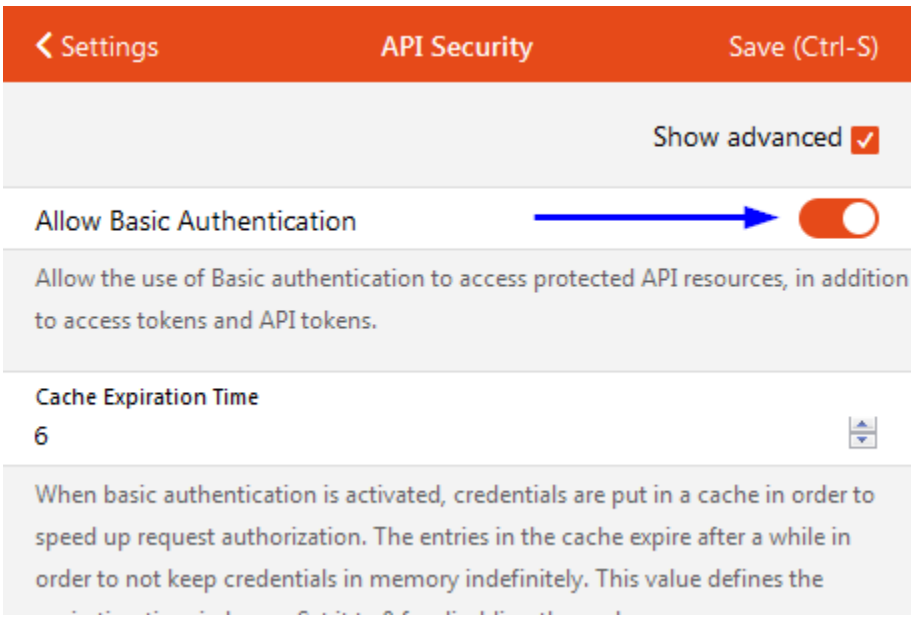
9.1.1 Textual configuration

The settings are in the `runtime.cfg`. Remove the # before the entry to activate it.

```
################ REST API ##################
org.openhab.restauth:allowBasicAuth=true
```

9.1.2 GUI

It can be enabled through the gui in `settings` -> `API Security` -> `Allow Basic Authentication`.



9.1.3 OpenHAB user

In case an additional openHAB user or token is created for HABApp it has to have admin rights.

9.2 openHAB item types

9.2.1 Description and example

Items that are created from openHAB inherit all from `OpenhabItem` and provide convenience functions which simplify many things.

Example:

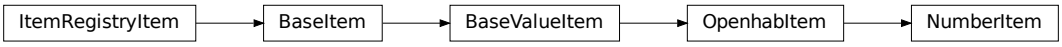
```
from HABApp.openhab.items import ContactItem, SwitchItem

my_contact = ContactItem.get_item('MyContact')
if my_contact.is_open():
    print('Contact is open!')

my_switch = SwitchItem.get_item('MySwitch')
if my_switch.is_on():
    my_switch.off()
```

```
Contact is open!
```

9.2.2 NumberItem



class NumberItem()

NumberItem which accepts and converts the data types from OpenHAB

Variables

- **name** (*str*) – Item name
- **value** (*int | float*) – Current item value (or state in openHAB wording)
- **last_value** (*int | float*) – Last item value (or state in openHAB wording)
- **dimension** (*str | None*) – Dimension if it's a UoM item
- **label** (*str | None*) – Item label or None if not configured
- **tags** (*frozenset[str]*) – Item tags
- **groups** (*frozenset[str]*) – The groups the item is in
- **metadata** (*Mapping[str, MetaData]*) – Item metadata

classmethod get_item(*name*)

Returns an already existing item. If it does not exist or has a different item type an exception will occur.

Parameters
name (str) – Name of the item

Return type
Self

command_value(*value*)

Send a command to the openHAB item, the same as oh_send_command

Parameters
value (Any) – value to be sent

Return type
None

get_persistence_data(*persistence=None*, *start_time=None*, *end_time=None*)

Query historical data from the OpenHAB persistence service

Parameters

- **persistence** (str | None) – name of the persistence service (e.g. rrd4j, mapdb). If not set default will be used
- **start_time** (datetime | None) – return only items which are newer than this
- **end_time** (datetime | None) – return only items which are older than this

get_value(*default_value=None*)

Return the value of the item. This is a helper function that returns a default in case the item value is None.

Parameters
default_value – Return this value if the item value is None

Return type
Any

Returns
value of the item

listen_event(*callback*, *event_filter=None*)

Register an event listener which listens to all event that the item receives

Parameters

- **callback** (Callable[[Any], Any]) – callback that accepts one parameter which will contain the event
- **event_filter** (EventFilterBase | None) – Event filter. This is typically *ValueUpdateEventFilter* or *ValueChangeEventFilter* which will also trigger on changes/update from openhab or mqtt. Additionally, it can be an instance of *EventFilter* which additionally filters on the values of the event. It is also possible to group filters logically with, e.g. *AndFilterGroup* and *OrFilterGroup*

Return type
EventBusListener

oh_post_update(*value=<Missing>*)

Post an update to the openHAB item

Parameters
value (Any) – (optional) value to be posted. If not specified the current item value will be used.

Return type
None

oh_post_update_if(*new_value*, *, *equal=<Missing>*, *eq=<Missing>*, *not_equal=<Missing>*, *ne=<Missing>*, *lower_than=<Missing>*, *lt=<Missing>*, *lower_equal=<Missing>*, *le=<Missing>*, *greater_than=<Missing>*, *gt=<Missing>*, *greater_equal=<Missing>*, *ge=<Missing>*, *is_=<Missing>*, *is_not=<Missing>*)

Post a value depending on the current state of the item. If one of the comparisons is true the new state will be posted.

Parameters

- **new_value** – new value to post
- **equal** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **eq** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **not_equal** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **ne** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **lower_than** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lt** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lower_equal** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **le** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **greater_than** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **gt** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **greater_equal** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **ge** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **is** – item state has to be the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)
- **is_not** – item state has to be not the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)

Return type
bool

Returns
True if the new value was posted else *False*

oh_send_command(*value=<Missing>*)

Send a command to the openHAB item

Parameters
value (Any) – (optional) value to be sent. If not specified the current item value will be used.

Return type
None

post_value(*new_value*)

Set a new value and post appropriate events on the HABApp event bus (ValueUpdateEvent, ValueChangeEvent)

Parameters
new_value (Any) – new value of the item

Return type
bool

Returns
True if state has changed

post_value_if(*new_value*, *, *equal=<Missing>*, *eq=<Missing>*, *not_equal=<Missing>*, *ne=<Missing>*, *lower_than=<Missing>*, *lt=<Missing>*, *lower_equal=<Missing>*, *le=<Missing>*, *greater_than=<Missing>*, *gt=<Missing>*, *greater_equal=<Missing>*, *ge=<Missing>*, *is_=<Missing>*, *is_not=<Missing>*)

Post a value depending on the current state of the item. If one of the comparisons is true the new state will be posted.

Parameters

- **new_value** – new value to post
- **equal** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **eq** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **not_equal** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **ne** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **lower_than** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lt** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lower_equal** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **le** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **greater_than** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **gt** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **greater_equal** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **ge** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **is** – item state has to be the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)
- **is_not** – item state has to be not the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)

Return type
bool

Returns
True if the new value was posted else *False*

set_value(*new_value*)

Set a new value without creating events on the event bus

Parameters
new_value (float | None) – new value of the item

Return type
bool

Returns
True if state has changed

watch_change(*secs*)

Generate an event if the item does not change for a certain period of time. Has to be called from inside a rule function.

Parameters
secs (timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | str) – secs after which the event will occur, max 1 decimal digit for floats

Return type
ItemNoChangeWatch

Returns
The watch obj which can be used to cancel the watch

watch_update(*secs*)

Generate an event if the item does not receive and update for a certain period of time. Has to be called from inside a rule function.

Parameters
secs (timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | str) – secs after which the event will occur, max 1 decimal digit for floats

Return type
ItemNoUpdateWatch

Returns
The watch obj which can be used to cancel the watch

property last_change: *InstantView*

Returns
Timestamp of the last time when the item has been changed (read only)

property last_update: *InstantView*

Returns
Timestamp of the last time when the item has been updated (read only)

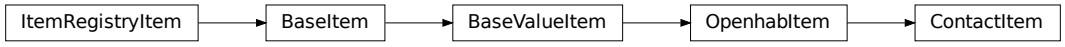
property name: str

Returns
Name of the item (read only)

property unit: str | None

Return the item unit if it is a "Unit of Measurement" item else None

9.2.3 ContactItem



class ContactItem()

Variables

- **name** (*str*) – Item name
- **value** (*Literal['OPEN', 'CLOSED']*) – Current item value (or state in openHAB wording)
- **last_value** (*Literal['OPEN', 'CLOSED']*) – Last item value (or state in openHAB wording)
- **label** (*str | None*) – Item label or None if not configured
- **tags** (*frozenset[str]*) – Item tags
- **groups** (*frozenset[str]*) – The groups the item is in
- **metadata** (*Mapping[str, MetaData]*) – Item metadata

classmethod get_item(*name*)

Returns an already existing item. If it does not exist or has a different item type an exception will occur.

Parameters
name (str) – Name of the item

Return type
Self

closed()

Post an update to the item with the closed value

Return type
None

command_value(*value*)

Send a command to the openHAB item, the same as oh_send_command

Parameters
value (Any) – value to be sent

Return type
None

get_persistence_data(*persistence=None*, *start_time=None*, *end_time=None*)

Query historical data from the OpenHAB persistence service

Parameters

- **persistence** (str | None) – name of the persistence service (e.g. rrd4j, mapdb). If not set default will be used
- **start_time** (datetime | None) – return only items which are newer than this
- **end_time** (datetime | None) – return only items which are older than this

get_value(*default_value=None*)

Return the value of the item. This is a helper function that returns a default in case the item value is None.

Parameters
default_value – Return this value if the item value is None

Return type
Any

Returns
value of the item

is_closed()

Test value against closed value

Return type
bool

is_open()

Test value against open value

Return type
bool

listen_event(*callback*, *event_filter=None*)

Register an event listener which listens to all event that the item receives

Parameters

- **callback** (Callable[[Any], Any]) – callback that accepts one parameter which will contain the event
- **event_filter** (EventFilterBase | None) – Event filter. This is typically *ValueUpdateEventFilter* or *ValueChangeEventFilter* which will also trigger on changes/update from openhab or mqtt. Additionally, it can be an instance of *EventFilter* which additionally filters on the values of the event. It is also possible to group filters logically with, e.g. *AndFilterGroup* and *OrFilterGroup*

Return type
EventBusListener

oh_post_update(*value=<Missing>*)

Post an update to the openHAB item

Parameters
value (Any) – (optional) value to be posted. If not specified the current item value will be used.

Return type
None

oh_post_update_if(*new_value*, *, *equal=<Missing>*, *eq=<Missing>*, *not_equal=<Missing>*, *ne=<Missing>*, *lower_than=<Missing>*, *lt=<Missing>*, *lower_equal=<Missing>*, *le=<Missing>*, *greater_than=<Missing>*, *gt=<Missing>*, *greater_equal=<Missing>*, *ge=<Missing>*, *is_=<Missing>*, *is_not=<Missing>*)

Post a value depending on the current state of the item. If one of the comparisons is true the new state will be posted.

Parameters

- **new_value** – new value to post
- **equal** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **eq** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **not_equal** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **ne** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **lower_than** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lt** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lower_equal** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value

- **le** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **greater_than** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **gt** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **greater_equal** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **ge** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **is** – item state has to be the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)
- **is_not** – item state has to be not the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)

Return type
bool

Returns
True if the new value was posted else *False*

oh_send_command(*value=<Missing>*)

Send a command to the openHAB item

Parameters
value (Any) – (optional) value to be sent. If not specified the current item value will be used.

Return type
None

open()

Post an update to the item with the open value

Return type
None

post_value(*new_value*)

Set a new value and post appropriate events on the HABApp event bus (ValueUpdateEvent, ValueChangeEvent)

Parameters
new_value (Any) – new value of the item

Return type
bool

Returns
True if state has changed

post_value_if(*new_value*, *, *equal=<Missing>*, *eq=<Missing>*, *not_equal=<Missing>*, *ne=<Missing>*, *lower_than=<Missing>*, *lt=<Missing>*, *lower_equal=<Missing>*, *le=<Missing>*, *greater_than=<Missing>*, *gt=<Missing>*, *greater_equal=<Missing>*, *ge=<Missing>*, *is_=<Missing>*, *is_not=<Missing>*)

Post a value depending on the current state of the item. If one of the comparisons is true the new state will be posted.

Parameters

- **new_value** – new value to post
- **equal** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **eq** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **not_equal** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value

- **ne** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **lower_than** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lt** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lower_equal** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **le** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **greater_than** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **gt** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **greater_equal** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **ge** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **is** – item state has to be the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)
- **is_not** – item state has to be not the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)

Return type
bool

Returns
True if the new value was posted else *False*

set_value(*new_value*)

Set a new value without creating events on the event bus

Parameters
new_value – new value of the item

Return type
bool

Returns
True if state has changed

watch_change(*secs*)

Generate an event if the item does not change for a certain period of time. Has to be called from inside a rule function.

Parameters
secs (timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | str) – secs after which the event will occur, max 1 decimal digit for floats

Return type
ItemNoChangeWatch

Returns
The watch obj which can be used to cancel the watch

watch_update(*secs*)

Generate an event if the item does not receive and update for a certain period of time. Has to be called from inside a rule function.

Parameters
secs (timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | str) – secs after which the event will occur, max 1 decimal digit for floats

Return type
ItemNoUpdateWatch

Returns
The watch obj which can be used to cancel the watch

property last_change: *InstantView*

Returns
Timestamp of the last time when the item has been changed (read only)

property last_update: *InstantView*

Returns
Timestamp of the last time when the item has been updated (read only)

property name: str

Returns
Name of the item (read only)

9.2.4 SwitchItem

class SwitchItem()
SwitchItem which accepts and converts the data types from OpenHAB

Variables
- **name** (*str*) – Item name
- **value** (*Literal['ON', 'OFF']*) – Current item value (or state in openHAB wording)
- **last_value** (*Literal['ON', 'OFF']*) – Last item value (or state in openHAB wording)
- **label** (*str | None*) – Item label or None if not configured
- **tags** (*frozenset[str]*) – Item tags
- **groups** (*frozenset[str]*) – The groups the item is in
- **metadata** (*Mapping[str, MetaData]*) – Item metadata

classmethod get_item(*name*)
Returns an already existing item. If it does not exist or has a different item type an exception will occur.

Parameters
name (*str*) – Name of the item

Return type
Self

command_value(*value*)

Send a command to the openHAB item, the same as oh_send_command

Parameters
value (Any) – value to be sent

Return type
None

get_persistence_data(*persistence=None*, *start_time=None*, *end_time=None*)

Query historical data from the OpenHAB persistence service

Parameters

- **persistence** (str | None) – name of the persistence service (e.g. rrd4j, mapdb). If not set default will be used
- **start_time** (datetime | None) – return only items which are newer than this
- **end_time** (datetime | None) – return only items which are older than this

get_value(*default_value=None*)

Return the value of the item. This is a helper function that returns a default in case the item value is None.

Parameters
default_value – Return this value if the item value is None

Return type
Any

Returns
value of the item

is_off()

Test value against off-value

Return type
bool

is_on()

Test value against on-value

Return type
bool

listen_event(*callback*, *event_filter=None*)

Register an event listener which listens to all event that the item receives

Parameters

- **callback** (Callable[[Any], Any]) – callback that accepts one parameter which will contain the event
- **event_filter** (EventFilterBase | None) – Event filter. This is typically *ValueUpdateEventFilter* or *ValueChangeEventFilter* which will also trigger on changes/update from openhab or mqtt. Additionally, it can be an instance of *EventFilter* which additionally filters on the values of the event. It is also possible to group filters logically with, e.g. *AndFilterGroup* and *OrFilterGroup*

Return type
EventBusListener

off()

Command item off

Return type
None

oh_post_update(*value=<Missing>*)

Post an update to the openHAB item

Parameters
value (Any) – (optional) value to be posted. If not specified the current item value will be used.

Return type
None

oh_post_update_if(*new_value*, *, *equal=<Missing>*, *eq=<Missing>*, *not_equal=<Missing>*, *ne=<Missing>*, *lower_than=<Missing>*, *lt=<Missing>*, *lower_equal=<Missing>*, *le=<Missing>*, *greater_than=<Missing>*, *gt=<Missing>*, *greater_equal=<Missing>*, *ge=<Missing>*, *is_=<Missing>*, *is_not=<Missing>*)

Post a value depending on the current state of the item. If one of the comparisons is true the new state will be posted.

Parameters

- **new_value** – new value to post
- **equal** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **eq** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **not_equal** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **ne** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **lower_than** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lt** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lower_equal** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **le** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **greater_than** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **gt** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **greater_equal** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **ge** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **is** – item state has to be the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)
- **is_not** – item state has to be not the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)

Return type
bool

Returns
True if the new value was posted else *False*

oh_send_command(*value=<Missing>*)

Send a command to the openHAB item

Parameters
value (Any) – (optional) value to be sent. If not specified the current item value will be used.

Return type
None

on()

Command item on

Return type
None

post_value(*new_value*)

Set a new value and post appropriate events on the HABApp event bus (ValueUpdateEvent, ValueChangeEvent)

Parameters
new_value (Any) – new value of the item

Return type
bool

Returns
True if state has changed

post_value_if(*new_value*, *, *equal=<Missing>*, *eq=<Missing>*, *not_equal=<Missing>*, *ne=<Missing>*, *lower_than=<Missing>*, *lt=<Missing>*, *lower_equal=<Missing>*, *le=<Missing>*, *greater_than=<Missing>*, *gt=<Missing>*, *greater_equal=<Missing>*, *ge=<Missing>*, *is_=<Missing>*, *is_not=<Missing>*)

Post a value depending on the current state of the item. If one of the comparisons is true the new state will be posted.

Parameters

- **new_value** – new value to post
- **equal** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **eq** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **not_equal** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **ne** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **lower_than** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lt** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lower_equal** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **le** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **greater_than** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **gt** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **greater_equal** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **ge** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **is** – item state has to be the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)
- **is_not** – item state has to be not the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)

Return type
bool

Returns
True if the new value was posted else *False*

`set_value`(*new_value*)

Set a new value without creating events on the event bus

Parameters
new_value (`str` | `None`) – new value of the item

Return type
`bool`

Returns
True if state has changed

`toggle`()

Toggle the switch. Turns the switch on when off or off when currently on.

`watch_change`(*secs*)

Generate an event if the item does not change for a certain period of time. Has to be called from inside a rule function.

Parameters
secs (`timedelta` | `TimeDelta` | `int` | `float` | `str`) – secs after which the event will occur, max 1 decimal digit for floats

Return type
ItemNoChangeWatch

Returns
The watch obj which can be used to cancel the watch

`watch_update`(*secs*)

Generate an event if the item does not receive and update for a certain period of time. Has to be called from inside a rule function.

Parameters
secs (`timedelta` | `TimeDelta` | `int` | `float` | `str`) – secs after which the event will occur, max 1 decimal digit for floats

Return type
ItemNoUpdateWatch

Returns
The watch obj which can be used to cancel the watch

`property last_change: InstantView`

Returns
Timestamp of the last time when the item has been changed (read only)

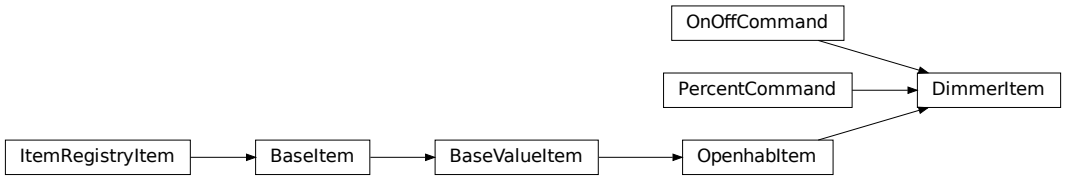
`property last_update: InstantView`

Returns
Timestamp of the last time when the item has been updated (read only)

`property name: str`

Returns
Name of the item (read only)

9.2.5 DimmerItem



class DimmerItem()

DimmerItem which accepts and converts the data types from OpenHAB

Variables

- **name** (*str*) – Item name
- **value** (*int | float*) – Current item value (or state in openHAB wording)
- **last_value** (*int | float*) – Last item value (or state in openHAB wording)
- **label** (*str | None*) – Item label or None if not configured
- **tags** (*frozenset[str]*) – Item tags
- **groups** (*frozenset[str]*) – The groups the item is in
- **metadata** (*Mapping[str, MetaData]*) – Item metadata

classmethod get_item(*name*)

Returns an already existing item. If it does not exist or has a different item type an exception will occur.

Parameters
name (str) – Name of the item

Return type
Self

command_value(*value*)

Send a command to the openHAB item, the same as oh_send_command

Parameters
value (Any) – value to be sent

Return type
None

get_persistence_data(*persistence=None*, *start_time=None*, *end_time=None*)

Query historical data from the OpenHAB persistence service

Parameters

- **persistence** (str | None) – name of the persistence service (e.g. rrd4j, mapdb). If not set default will be used
- **start_time** (datetime | None) – return only items which are newer than this
- **end_time** (datetime | None) – return only items which are older than this

get_value(*default_value=None*)

Return the value of the item. This is a helper function that returns a default in case the item value is None.

Parameters
default_value – Return this value if the item value is None

Return type
Any

Returns
value of the item

is_off()

Test value against off-value

Return type
bool

is_on()

Test value against on-value

Return type
bool

listen_event(*callback*, *event_filter=None*)

Register an event listener which listens to all event that the item receives

Parameters

- **callback** (Callable[[Any], Any]) – callback that accepts one parameter which will contain the event
- **event_filter** (EventFilterBase | None) – Event filter. This is typically *ValueUpdateEventFilter* or *ValueChangeEventFilter* which will also trigger on changes/update from openhab or mqtt. Additionally, it can be an instance of *EventFilter* which additionally filters on the values of the event. It is also possible to group filters logically with, e.g. *AndFilterGroup* and *OrFilterGroup*

Return type
EventBusListener

off()

Command item off

Return type
None

oh_post_update(*value=<Missing>*)

Post an update to the openHAB item

Parameters
value (Any) – (optional) value to be posted. If not specified the current item value will be used.

Return type
None

oh_post_update_if(*new_value*, ***, *equal=<Missing>*, *eq=<Missing>*, *not_equal=<Missing>*, *ne=<Missing>*, *lower_than=<Missing>*, *lt=<Missing>*, *lower_equal=<Missing>*, *le=<Missing>*, *greater_than=<Missing>*, *gt=<Missing>*, *greater_equal=<Missing>*, *ge=<Missing>*, *is_=<Missing>*, *is_not=<Missing>*)

Post a value depending on the current state of the item. If one of the comparisons is true the new state will be posted.

Parameters

- **new_value** – new value to post
- **equal** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **eq** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **not_equal** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **ne** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **lower_than** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lt** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lower_equal** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **le** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **greater_than** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **gt** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **greater_equal** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **ge** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **is** – item state has to be the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)
- **is_not** – item state has to be not the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)

Return type
bool

Returns
True if the new value was posted else *False*

oh_send_command(*value=<Missing>*)

Send a command to the openHAB item

Parameters
value (Any) – (optional) value to be sent. If not specified the current item value will be used.

Return type
None

on()

Command item on

Return type
None

percent(*value*)

Command to value (in percent)

Return type
None

post_value(*new_value*)

Set a new value and post appropriate events on the HABApp event bus (`ValueUpdateEvent`, `ValueChangeEvent`)

Parameters
new_value (`Any`) – new value of the item

Return type
`bool`

Returns
True if state has changed

post_value_if(*new_value*, *, *equal=<Missing>*, *eq=<Missing>*, *not_equal=<Missing>*, *ne=<Missing>*, *lower_than=<Missing>*, *lt=<Missing>*, *lower_equal=<Missing>*, *le=<Missing>*, *greater_than=<Missing>*, *gt=<Missing>*, *greater_equal=<Missing>*, *ge=<Missing>*, *is_=<Missing>*, *is_not=<Missing>*)

Post a value depending on the current state of the item. If one of the comparisons is true the new state will be posted.

Parameters

- **new_value** – new value to post
- **equal** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **eq** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **not_equal** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **ne** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **lower_than** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lt** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lower_equal** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **le** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **greater_than** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **gt** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **greater_equal** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **ge** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **is** – item state has to be the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)
- **is_not** – item state has to be not the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)

Return type
`bool`

Returns
True if the new value was posted else *False*

set_value(*new_value*)

Set a new value without creating events on the event bus

Parameters
new_value (`float | None`) – new value of the item

Return type
`bool`

Returns
True if state has changed

`watch_change`(*secs*)

Generate an event if the item does not change for a certain period of time. Has to be called from inside a rule function.

Parameters
secs (`timedelta` | `TimeDelta` | `int` | `float` | `str`) – secs after which the event will occur, max 1 decimal digit for floats

Return type
ItemNoChangeWatch

Returns
The watch obj which can be used to cancel the watch

`watch_update`(*secs*)

Generate an event if the item does not receive and update for a certain period of time. Has to be called from inside a rule function.

Parameters
secs (`timedelta` | `TimeDelta` | `int` | `float` | `str`) – secs after which the event will occur, max 1 decimal digit for floats

Return type
ItemNoUpdateWatch

Returns
The watch obj which can be used to cancel the watch

`property last_change:` *InstantView*

Returns
Timestamp of the last time when the item has been changed (read only)

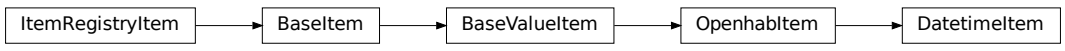
`property last_update:` *InstantView*

Returns
Timestamp of the last time when the item has been updated (read only)

`property name:` `str`

Returns
Name of the item (read only)

9.2.6 DatetimeItem



`class DatetimeItem()`

DateTimeItem which accepts and converts the data types from OpenHAB

Variables

- **name** (*str*) – Item name
- **value** (*datetime*) – Current item value (or state in openHAB wording)
- **last_value** (*datetime*) – Last item value (or state in openHAB wording)
- **label** (*str | None*) – Item label or None if not configured
- **tags** (*frozenset[str]*) – Item tags
- **groups** (*frozenset[str]*) – The groups the item is in
- **metadata** (*Mapping[str, MetaData]*) – Item metadata

classmethod get_item(*name*)

Returns an already existing item. If it does not exist or has a different item type an exception will occur.

Parameters
name (str) – Name of the item

Return type
Self

command_value(*value*)

Send a command to the openHAB item, the same as oh_send_command

Parameters
value (Any) – value to be sent

Return type
None

get_persistence_data(*persistence=None*, *start_time=None*, *end_time=None*)

Query historical data from the OpenHAB persistence service

Parameters

- **persistence** (str | None) – name of the persistence service (e.g. rrd4j, mapdb). If not set default will be used
- **start_time** (datetime | None) – return only items which are newer than this
- **end_time** (datetime | None) – return only items which are older than this

get_value(*default_value=None*)

Return the value of the item. This is a helper function that returns a default in case the item value is None.

Parameters
default_value – Return this value if the item value is None

Return type
Any

Returns
value of the item

listen_event(*callback*, *event_filter=None*)

Register an event listener which listens to all event that the item receives

Parameters

- **callback** (Callable[[Any], Any]) – callback that accepts one parameter which will contain the event

- **event_filter** (EventFilterBase | None) – Event filter. This is typically *ValueUpdateEventFilter* or *ValueChangeEventFilter* which will also trigger on changes/update from openhab or mqtt. Additionally, it can be an instance of *EventFilter* which additionally filters on the values of the event. It is also possible to group filters logically with, e.g. *AndFilterGroup* and *OrFilterGroup*

Return type
EventBusListener

oh_post_update(*value=<Missing>*)

Post an update to the openHAB item

Parameters
value (Any) – (optional) value to be posted. If not specified the current item value will be used.

Return type
None

oh_post_update_if(*new_value*, *, *equal=<Missing>*, *eq=<Missing>*, *not_equal=<Missing>*, *ne=<Missing>*, *lower_than=<Missing>*, *lt=<Missing>*, *lower_equal=<Missing>*, *le=<Missing>*, *greater_than=<Missing>*, *gt=<Missing>*, *greater_equal=<Missing>*, *ge=<Missing>*, *is_=<Missing>*, *is_not=<Missing>*)

Post a value depending on the current state of the item. If one of the comparisons is true the new state will be posted.

Parameters

- **new_value** – new value to post
- **equal** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **eq** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **not_equal** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **ne** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **lower_than** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lt** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lower_equal** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **le** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **greater_than** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **gt** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **greater_equal** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **ge** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **is** – item state has to be the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)
- **is_not** – item state has to be not the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)

Return type
bool

Returns
True if the new value was posted else *False*

oh_send_command(*value=<Missing>*)

Send a command to the openHAB item

Parameters
value (Any) – (optional) value to be sent. If not specified the current item value will be used.

Return type
None

post_value(*new_value*)

Set a new value and post appropriate events on the HABApp event bus (ValueUpdateEvent, ValueChangeEvent)

Parameters
new_value (Any) – new value of the item

Return type
bool

Returns
True if state has changed

post_value_if(*new_value*, *, *equal=<Missing>*, *eq=<Missing>*, *not_equal=<Missing>*, *ne=<Missing>*, *lower_than=<Missing>*, *lt=<Missing>*, *lower_equal=<Missing>*, *le=<Missing>*, *greater_than=<Missing>*, *gt=<Missing>*, *greater_equal=<Missing>*, *ge=<Missing>*, *is_=<Missing>*, *is_not=<Missing>*)

Post a value depending on the current state of the item. If one of the comparisons is true the new state will be posted.

Parameters

- **new_value** – new value to post
- **equal** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **eq** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **not_equal** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **ne** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **lower_than** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lt** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lower_equal** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **le** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **greater_than** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **gt** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **greater_equal** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **ge** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **is** – item state has to be the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)
- **is_not** – item state has to be not the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)

Return type
bool

Returns
True if the new value was posted else *False*

set_value(*new_value*)

Set a new value without creating events on the event bus

Parameters
new_value (Any) – new value of the item

Return type
bool

Returns
True if state has changed

watch_change(*secs*)

Generate an event if the item does not change for a certain period of time. Has to be called from inside a rule function.

Parameters
secs (timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | str) – secs after which the event will occur, max 1 decimal digit for floats

Return type
ItemNoChangeWatch

Returns
The watch obj which can be used to cancel the watch

watch_update(*secs*)

Generate an event if the item does not receive and update for a certain period of time. Has to be called from inside a rule function.

Parameters
secs (timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | str) – secs after which the event will occur, max 1 decimal digit for floats

Return type
ItemNoUpdateWatch

Returns
The watch obj which can be used to cancel the watch

property last_change: *InstantView*

Returns
Timestamp of the last time when the item has been changed (read only)

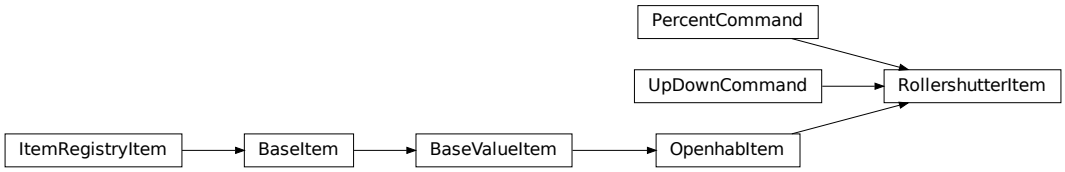
property last_update: *InstantView*

Returns
Timestamp of the last time when the item has been updated (read only)

property name: str

Returns
Name of the item (read only)

9.2.7 RollershutterItem



class RollershutterItem()

RollershutterItem which accepts and converts the data types from OpenHAB

Variables

- **name** (*str*) – Item name
- **value** (*int | float*) – Current item value (or state in openHAB wording)
- **last_value** (*int | float*) – Last item value (or state in openHAB wording)
- **label** (*str | None*) – Item label or None if not configured
- **tags** (*frozenset[str]*) – Item tags
- **groups** (*frozenset[str]*) – The groups the item is in
- **metadata** (*Mapping[str, MetaData]*) – Item metadata

classmethod get_item(*name*)

Returns an already existing item. If it does not exist or has a different item type an exception will occur.

Parameters
name (str) – Name of the item

Return type
Self

command_value(*value*)

Send a command to the openHAB item, the same as oh_send_command

Parameters
value (Any) – value to be sent

Return type
None

down()

Command down

Return type
None

get_persistence_data(*persistence=None*, *start_time=None*, *end_time=None*)

Query historical data from the OpenHAB persistence service

Parameters

- **persistence** (str | None) – name of the persistence service (e.g. rrd4j, mapdb). If not set default will be used
- **start_time** (datetime | None) – return only items which are newer than this
- **end_time** (datetime | None) – return only items which are older than this

get_value(*default_value=None*)

Return the value of the item. This is a helper function that returns a default in case the item value is None.

Parameters
default_value – Return this value if the item value is None

Return type
Any

Returns
value of the item

is_down()

Test value against off-value

Return type
bool

is_up()

Test value against on-value

Return type
bool

listen_event(*callback*, *event_filter=None*)

Register an event listener which listens to all event that the item receives

Parameters

- **callback** (Callable[[Any], Any]) – callback that accepts one parameter which will contain the event
- **event_filter** (EventFilterBase | None) – Event filter. This is typically *ValueUpdateEventFilter* or *ValueChangeEventFilter* which will also trigger on changes/update from openhab or mqtt. Additionally, it can be an instance of *EventFilter* which additionally filters on the values of the event. It is also possible to group filters logically with, e.g. *AndFilterGroup* and *OrFilterGroup*

Return type
EventBusListener

oh_post_update(*value=<Missing>*)

Post an update to the openHAB item

Parameters
value (Any) – (optional) value to be posted. If not specified the current item value will be used.

Return type
None

oh_post_update_if(*new_value*, ***, *equal=<Missing>*, *eq=<Missing>*, *not_equal=<Missing>*, *ne=<Missing>*, *lower_than=<Missing>*, *lt=<Missing>*, *lower_equal=<Missing>*, *le=<Missing>*, *greater_than=<Missing>*, *gt=<Missing>*, *greater_equal=<Missing>*, *ge=<Missing>*, *is_=<Missing>*, *is_not=<Missing>*)

Post a value depending on the current state of the item. If one of the comparisons is true the new state will be posted.

Parameters

- **new_value** – new value to post
- **equal** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **eq** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **not_equal** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **ne** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **lower_than** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lt** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lower_equal** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **le** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **greater_than** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **gt** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **greater_equal** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **ge** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **is** – item state has to be the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)
- **is_not** – item state has to be not the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)

Return type
bool

Returns
True if the new value was posted else *False*

oh_send_command(*value=<Missing>*)

Send a command to the openHAB item

Parameters
value (Any) – (optional) value to be sent. If not specified the current item value will be used.

Return type
None

percent(*value*)

Command to value (in percent)

Return type
None

post_value(*new_value*)

Set a new value and post appropriate events on the HABApp event bus (ValueUpdateEvent, ValueChangeEvent)

Parameters
new_value (Any) – new value of the item

Return type
bool

Returns
True if state has changed

post_value_if(*new_value*, ***, *equal=<Missing>*, *eq=<Missing>*, *not_equal=<Missing>*, *ne=<Missing>*, *lower_than=<Missing>*, *lt=<Missing>*, *lower_equal=<Missing>*, *le=<Missing>*, *greater_than=<Missing>*, *gt=<Missing>*, *greater_equal=<Missing>*, *ge=<Missing>*, *is_=<Missing>*, *is_not=<Missing>*)

Post a value depending on the current state of the item. If one of the comparisons is true the new state will be posted.

Parameters

- **new_value** – new value to post
- **equal** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **eq** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **not_equal** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **ne** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **lower_than** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lt** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lower_equal** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **le** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **greater_than** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **gt** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **greater_equal** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **ge** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **is** – item state has to be the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)
- **is_not** – item state has to be not the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)

Return type
bool

Returns
True if the new value was posted else *False*

set_value(*new_value*)

Set a new value without creating events on the event bus

Parameters
new_value – new value of the item

Return type
bool

Returns
True if state has changed

up()

Command up

Return type
None

watch_change(*secs*)

Generate an event if the item does not change for a certain period of time. Has to be called from inside a rule function.

Parameters
secs (timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | str) – secs after which the event will occur, max 1 decimal digit for floats

Return type
ItemNoChangeWatch

Returns
The watch obj which can be used to cancel the watch

watch_update(*secs*)

Generate an event if the item does not receive and update for a certain period of time. Has to be called from inside a rule function.

Parameters
secs (timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | str) – secs after which the event will occur, max 1 decimal digit for floats

Return type
ItemNoUpdateWatch

Returns
The watch obj which can be used to cancel the watch

property last_change: *InstantView*

Returns
Timestamp of the last time when the item has been changed (read only)

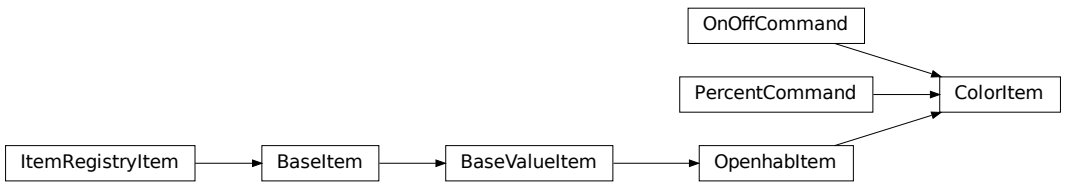
property last_update: *InstantView*

Returns
Timestamp of the last time when the item has been updated (read only)

property name: str

Returns
Name of the item (read only)

9.2.8 ColorItem



class ColorItem()

ColorItem which accepts and converts the data types from OpenHAB

Variables

- **name** (*str*) – Item name
- **value** (HSB) – Current item value (or state in openHAB wording)
- **last_value** (HSB) – Last item value (or state in openHAB wording)
- **label** (*str | None*) – Item label or None if not configured
- **tags** (*frozenset[str]*) – Item tags
- **groups** (*frozenset[str]*) – The groups the item is in
- **metadata** (*Mapping[str, MetaData]*) – Item metadata

classmethod get_item(*name*)

Returns an already existing item. If it does not exist or has a different item type an exception will occur.

Parameters
name (str) – Name of the item

Return type
Self

command_value(*value*)

Send a command to the openHAB item, the same as oh_send_command

Parameters
value (Any) – value to be sent

Return type
None

get_persistence_data(*persistence=None*, *start_time=None*, *end_time=None*)

Query historical data from the OpenHAB persistence service

Parameters

- **persistence** (str | None) – name of the persistence service (e.g. rrd4j, mapdb). If not set default will be used
- **start_time** (datetime | None) – return only items which are newer than this
- **end_time** (datetime | None) – return only items which are older than this

get_rgb()

Return a rgb equivalent of the color

Return type
RGB

Returns
rgb tuple

get_value(*default_value=None*)

Return the value of the item. This is a helper function that returns a default in case the item value is None.

Parameters
default_value – Return this value if the item value is None

Return type
Any

Returns
value of the item

`is_off()`

Return true if item is off

Return type
bool

`is_on()`

Return true if item is on

Return type
bool

`listen_event(callback, event_filter=None)`

Register an event listener which listens to all event that the item receives

Parameters

- **callback** (Callable[[Any], Any]) – callback that accepts one parameter which will contain the event
- **event_filter** (EventFilterBase | None) – Event filter. This is typically *ValueUpdateEventFilter* or *ValueChangeEventFilter* which will also trigger on changes/update from openhab or mqtt. Additionally, it can be an instance of *EventFilter* which additionally filters on the values of the event. It is also possible to group filters logically with, e.g. *AndFilterGroup* and *OrFilterGroup*

Return type
EventBusListener

`off()`

Command item off

Return type
None

`oh_post_update(value=<Missing>)`

Post an update to the openHAB item

Parameters
value (Any) – (optional) value to be posted. If not specified the current item value will be used.

Return type
None

`oh_post_update_if(new_value, *, equal=<Missing>, eq=<Missing>, not_equal=<Missing>, ne=<Missing>, lower_than=<Missing>, lt=<Missing>, lower_equal=<Missing>, le=<Missing>, greater_than=<Missing>, gt=<Missing>, greater_equal=<Missing>, ge=<Missing>, is_=<Missing>, is_not=<Missing>)`

Post a value depending on the current state of the item. If one of the comparisons is true the new state will be posted.

Parameters

- **new_value** – new value to post

- **equal** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **eq** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **not_equal** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **ne** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **lower_than** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lt** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lower_equal** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **le** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **greater_than** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **gt** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **greater_equal** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **ge** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **is** – item state has to be the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)
- **is_not** – item state has to be not the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)

Return type
bool

Returns
True if the new value was posted else *False*

oh_send_command(*value=<Missing>*)

Send a command to the openHAB item

Parameters
value (Any) – (optional) value to be sent. If not specified the current item value will be used.

Return type
None

on()

Command item on

Return type
None

percent(*value*)

Command to value (in percent)

Return type
None

post_value(*new_value*)

Set a new value and post appropriate events on the HABApp event bus (ValueUpdateEvent, ValueChangeEvent)

Parameters
new_value (Any) – new value of the item

Return type
bool

Returns
True if state has changed

post_value_if(*new_value*, *, *equal=<Missing>*, *eq=<Missing>*, *not_equal=<Missing>*, *ne=<Missing>*, *lower_than=<Missing>*, *lt=<Missing>*, *lower_equal=<Missing>*, *le=<Missing>*, *greater_than=<Missing>*, *gt=<Missing>*, *greater_equal=<Missing>*, *ge=<Missing>*, *is_=<Missing>*, *is_not=<Missing>*)

Post a value depending on the current state of the item. If one of the comparisons is true the new state will be posted.

Parameters

- **new_value** – new value to post
- **equal** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **eq** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **not_equal** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **ne** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **lower_than** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lt** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lower_equal** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **le** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **greater_than** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **gt** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **greater_equal** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **ge** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **is** – item state has to be the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)
- **is_not** – item state has to be not the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)

Return type
bool

Returns
True if the new value was posted else *False*

set_value(*new_value*)

Set a new color value without creating events on the event bus

Parameters
new_value (*RGB* | *HSB* | tuple[float, float, float]) – new value of the item

Return type
bool

Returns
True if state has changed

watch_change(*secs*)

Generate an event if the item does not change for a certain period of time. Has to be called from inside a rule function.

Parameters
secs (timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | str) – secs after which the event will occur, max 1 decimal digit for floats

Return type
ItemNoChangeWatch

Returns
The watch obj which can be used to cancel the watch

watch_update(*secs*)

Generate an event if the item does not receive and update for a certain period of time. Has to be called from inside a rule function.

Parameters
secs (timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | str) – secs after which the event will occur, max 1 decimal digit for floats

Return type
ItemNoUpdateWatch

Returns
The watch obj which can be used to cancel the watch

property brightness: float

Brightness part of the value

property hsb: *HSB*

HSB value

property hue: float

Hue part of the value

property last_change: *InstantView*

Returns
Timestamp of the last time when the item has been changed (read only)

property last_update: *InstantView*

Returns
Timestamp of the last time when the item has been updated (read only)

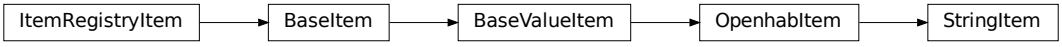
property name: str

Returns
Name of the item (read only)

property saturation: float

Saturation part of the value

9.2.9 StringItem



class StringItem()

StringItem which accepts and converts the data types from OpenHAB

Variables

- **name** (*str*) – Item name
- **value** (*str*) – Current item value (or state in openHAB wording)
- **last_value** (*str*) – Last item value (or state in openHAB wording)
- **label** (*str | None*) – Item label or None if not configured
- **tags** (*frozenset[str]*) – Item tags
- **groups** (*frozenset[str]*) – The groups the item is in
- **metadata** (*Mapping[str, MetaData]*) – Item metadata

classmethod get_item(*name*)

Returns an already existing item. If it does not exist or has a different item type an exception will occur.

Parameters
name (str) – Name of the item

Return type
Self

command_value(*value*)

Send a command to the openHAB item, the same as oh_send_command

Parameters
value (Any) – value to be sent

Return type
None

get_persistence_data(*persistence=None*, *start_time=None*, *end_time=None*)

Query historical data from the OpenHAB persistence service

Parameters

- **persistence** (str | None) – name of the persistence service (e.g. rrd4j, mapdb). If not set default will be used
- **start_time** (datetime | None) – return only items which are newer than this
- **end_time** (datetime | None) – return only items which are older than this

get_value(*default_value=None*)

Return the value of the item. This is a helper function that returns a default in case the item value is None.

Parameters
default_value – Return this value if the item value is None

Return type
Any

Returns
value of the item

listen_event(*callback*, *event_filter=None*)

Register an event listener which listens to all event that the item receives

Parameters

- **callback** (Callable[[Any], Any]) – callback that accepts one parameter which will contain the event
- **event_filter** (EventFilterBase | None) – Event filter. This is typically *ValueUpdateEventFilter* or *ValueChangeEventFilter* which will also trigger on changes/update from openhab or mqtt. Additionally, it can be an instance of *EventFilter* which additionally filters on the values of the event. It is also possible to group filters logically with, e.g. *AndFilterGroup* and *OrFilterGroup*

Return type
EventBusListener

oh_post_update(*value=<Missing>*)

Post an update to the openHAB item

Parameters
value (Any) – (optional) value to be posted. If not specified the current item value will be used.

Return type
None

oh_post_update_if(*new_value*, *, *equal=<Missing>*, *eq=<Missing>*, *not_equal=<Missing>*, *ne=<Missing>*, *lower_than=<Missing>*, *lt=<Missing>*, *lower_equal=<Missing>*, *le=<Missing>*, *greater_than=<Missing>*, *gt=<Missing>*, *greater_equal=<Missing>*, *ge=<Missing>*, *is_=<Missing>*, *is_not=<Missing>*)

Post a value depending on the current state of the item. If one of the comparisons is true the new state will be posted.

Parameters

- **new_value** – new value to post
- **equal** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **eq** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **not_equal** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **ne** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **lower_than** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lt** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lower_equal** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **le** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **greater_than** – item state has to be greater than the passed value

- **gt** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **greater_equal** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **ge** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **is** – item state has to be the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)
- **is_not** – item state has to be not the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)

Return type
bool

Returns
True if the new value was posted else *False*

oh_send_command(*value=<Missing>*)

Send a command to the openHAB item

Parameters
value (Any) – (optional) value to be sent. If not specified the current item value will be used.

Return type
None

post_value(*new_value*)

Set a new value and post appropriate events on the HABApp event bus (ValueUpdateEvent, ValueChangeEvent)

Parameters
new_value (Any) – new value of the item

Return type
bool

Returns
True if state has changed

post_value_if(*new_value*, *, *equal=<Missing>*, *eq=<Missing>*, *not_equal=<Missing>*, *ne=<Missing>*, *lower_than=<Missing>*, *lt=<Missing>*, *lower_equal=<Missing>*, *le=<Missing>*, *greater_than=<Missing>*, *gt=<Missing>*, *greater_equal=<Missing>*, *ge=<Missing>*, *is_=<Missing>*, *is_not=<Missing>*)

Post a value depending on the current state of the item. If one of the comparisons is true the new state will be posted.

Parameters

- **new_value** – new value to post
- **equal** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **eq** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **not_equal** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **ne** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **lower_than** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lt** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lower_equal** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **le** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **greater_than** – item state has to be greater than the passed value

- **gt** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **greater_equal** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **ge** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **is** – item state has to be the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)
- **is_not** – item state has to be not the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)

Return type
bool

Returns
True if the new value was posted else *False*

set_value(*new_value*)

Set a new value without creating events on the event bus

Parameters
new_value (Any) – new value of the item

Return type
bool

Returns
True if state has changed

watch_change(*secs*)

Generate an event if the item does not change for a certain period of time. Has to be called from inside a rule function.

Parameters
secs (timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | str) – secs after which the event will occur, max 1 decimal digit for floats

Return type
ItemNoChangeWatch

Returns
The watch obj which can be used to cancel the watch

watch_update(*secs*)

Generate an event if the item does not receive and update for a certain period of time. Has to be called from inside a rule function.

Parameters
secs (timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | str) – secs after which the event will occur, max 1 decimal digit for floats

Return type
ItemNoUpdateWatch

Returns
The watch obj which can be used to cancel the watch

property last_change: *InstantView*

Returns
Timestamp of the last time when the item has been changed (read only)

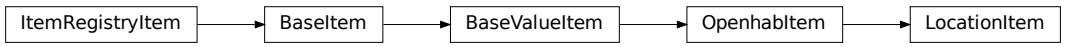
property last_update: *InstantView*

Returns
Timestamp of the last time when the item has been updated (read only)

property name: str

Returns
Name of the item (read only)

9.2.10 LocationItem



class LocationItem()

LocationItem which accepts and converts the data types from OpenHAB

Variables

- **name** (*str*) – Item name
- **value** (*Point*) – Current item value (or state in openHAB wording)
- **last_value** (*Point*) – Last item value (or state in openHAB wording)
- **label** (*str | None*) – Item label or None if not configured
- **tags** (*frozenset[str]*) – Item tags
- **groups** (*frozenset[str]*) – The groups the item is in
- **metadata** (*Mapping[str, MetaData]*) – Item metadata

classmethod get_item(*name*)

Returns an already existing item. If it does not exist or has a different item type an exception will occur.

Parameters
name (str) – Name of the item

Return type
Self

command_value(*value*)

Send a command to the openHAB item, the same as oh_send_command

Parameters
value (Any) – value to be sent

Return type
None

get_persistence_data(*persistence=None*, *start_time=None*, *end_time=None*)

Query historical data from the OpenHAB persistence service

Parameters

- **persistence** (str | None) – name of the persistence service (e.g. rrd4j, mapdb). If not set default will be used
- **start_time** (datetime | None) – return only items which are newer than this
- **end_time** (datetime | None) – return only items which are older than this

get_value(*default_value=None*)

Return the value of the item. This is a helper function that returns a default in case the item value is None.

Parameters
default_value – Return this value if the item value is None

Return type
Any

Returns
value of the item

listen_event(*callback*, *event_filter=None*)

Register an event listener which listens to all event that the item receives

Parameters

- **callback** (Callable[[Any], Any]) – callback that accepts one parameter which will contain the event
- **event_filter** (EventFilterBase | None) – Event filter. This is typically *ValueUpdateEventFilter* or *ValueChangeEventFilter* which will also trigger on changes/update from openhab or mqtt. Additionally, it can be an instance of *EventFilter* which additionally filters on the values of the event. It is also possible to group filters logically with, e.g. *AndFilterGroup* and *OrFilterGroup*

Return type
EventBusListener

oh_post_update(*value=<Missing>*)

Post an update to the openHAB item

Parameters
value (Any) – (optional) value to be posted. If not specified the current item value will be used.

Return type
None

oh_post_update_if(*new_value*, *, *equal=<Missing>*, *eq=<Missing>*, *not_equal=<Missing>*, *ne=<Missing>*, *lower_than=<Missing>*, *lt=<Missing>*, *lower_equal=<Missing>*, *le=<Missing>*, *greater_than=<Missing>*, *gt=<Missing>*, *greater_equal=<Missing>*, *ge=<Missing>*, *is_=<Missing>*, *is_not=<Missing>*)

Post a value depending on the current state of the item. If one of the comparisons is true the new state will be posted.

Parameters

- **new_value** – new value to post
- **equal** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **eq** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **not_equal** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value

- **ne** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **lower_than** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lt** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lower_equal** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **le** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **greater_than** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **gt** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **greater_equal** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **ge** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **is** – item state has to be the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)
- **is_not** – item state has to be not the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)

Return type
bool

Returns
True if the new value was posted else *False*

oh_send_command(*value=<Missing>*)

Send a command to the openHAB item

Parameters
value (Any) – (optional) value to be sent. If not specified the current item value will be used.

Return type
None

post_value(*new_value*)

Set a new value and post appropriate events on the HABApp event bus (ValueUpdateEvent, ValueChangeEvent)

Parameters
new_value (Any) – new value of the item

Return type
bool

Returns
True if state has changed

post_value_if(*new_value*, *, *equal=<Missing>*, *eq=<Missing>*, *not_equal=<Missing>*, *ne=<Missing>*, *lower_than=<Missing>*, *lt=<Missing>*, *lower_equal=<Missing>*, *le=<Missing>*, *greater_than=<Missing>*, *gt=<Missing>*, *greater_equal=<Missing>*, *ge=<Missing>*, *is_=<Missing>*, *is_not=<Missing>*)

Post a value depending on the current state of the item. If one of the comparisons is true the new state will be posted.

Parameters

- **new_value** – new value to post
- **equal** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **eq** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **not_equal** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value

- **ne** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **lower_than** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lt** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lower_equal** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **le** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **greater_than** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **gt** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **greater_equal** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **ge** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **is** – item state has to be the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)
- **is_not** – item state has to be not the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)

Return type
bool

Returns
True if the new value was posted else *False*

set_value(*new_value*)

Set a new value without creating events on the event bus

Parameters
new_value – new value of the item

Return type
bool

Returns
True if state has changed

watch_change(*secs*)

Generate an event if the item does not change for a certain period of time. Has to be called from inside a rule function.

Parameters
secs (timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | str) – secs after which the event will occur, max 1 decimal digit for floats

Return type
ItemNoChangeWatch

Returns
The watch obj which can be used to cancel the watch

watch_update(*secs*)

Generate an event if the item does not receive and update for a certain period of time. Has to be called from inside a rule function.

Parameters
secs (timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | str) – secs after which the event will occur, max 1 decimal digit for floats

Return type
ItemNoUpdateWatch

Returns
The watch obj which can be used to cancel the watch

property last_change: *InstantView*

Returns
Timestamp of the last time when the item has been changed (read only)

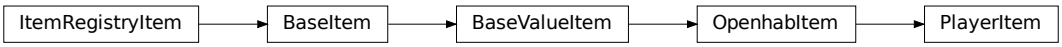
property last_update: *InstantView*

Returns
Timestamp of the last time when the item has been updated (read only)

property name: str

Returns
Name of the item (read only)

9.2.11 PlayerItem



class PlayerItem()

PlayerItem which accepts and converts the data types from OpenHAB

Variables

- **name** (*str*) – Item name
- **value** (*str*) – Current item value (or state in openHAB wording)
- **last_value** (*str*) – Last item value (or state in openHAB wording)
- **label** (*str | None*) – Item label or None if not configured
- **tags** (*frozenset[str]*) – Item tags
- **groups** (*frozenset[str]*) – The groups the item is in
- **metadata** (*Mapping[str, MetaData]*) – Item metadata

classmethod get_item(*name*)

Returns an already existing item. If it does not exist or has a different item type an exception will occur.

Parameters
name (str) – Name of the item

Return type
Self

command_value(*value*)

Send a command to the openHAB item, the same as oh_send_command

Parameters
value (Any) – value to be sent

Return type
None

get_persistence_data(*persistence=None*, *start_time=None*, *end_time=None*)

Query historical data from the OpenHAB persistence service

Parameters

- **persistence** (str | None) – name of the persistence service (e.g. rrd4j, mapdb). If not set default will be used
- **start_time** (datetime | None) – return only items which are newer than this
- **end_time** (datetime | None) – return only items which are older than this

get_value(*default_value=None*)

Return the value of the item. This is a helper function that returns a default in case the item value is None.

Parameters
default_value – Return this value if the item value is None

Return type
Any

Returns
value of the item

listen_event(*callback*, *event_filter=None*)

Register an event listener which listens to all event that the item receives

Parameters

- **callback** (Callable[[Any], Any]) – callback that accepts one parameter which will contain the event
- **event_filter** (EventFilterBase | None) – Event filter. This is typically *ValueUpdateEventFilter* or *ValueChangeEventFilter* which will also trigger on changes/update from openhab or mqtt. Additionally, it can be an instance of *EventFilter* which additionally filters on the values of the event. It is also possible to group filters logically with, e.g. *AndFilterGroup* and *OrFilterGroup*

Return type
EventBusListener

oh_post_update(*value=<Missing>*)

Post an update to the openHAB item

Parameters
value (Any) – (optional) value to be posted. If not specified the current item value will be used.

Return type
None

oh_post_update_if(*new_value*, ***, *equal=<Missing>*, *eq=<Missing>*, *not_equal=<Missing>*, *ne=<Missing>*, *lower_than=<Missing>*, *lt=<Missing>*, *lower_equal=<Missing>*, *le=<Missing>*, *greater_than=<Missing>*, *gt=<Missing>*, *greater_equal=<Missing>*, *ge=<Missing>*, *is_=<Missing>*, *is_not=<Missing>*)

Post a value depending on the current state of the item. If one of the comparisons is true the new state will be posted.

Parameters

- **new_value** – new value to post
- **equal** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **eq** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **not_equal** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **ne** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **lower_than** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lt** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lower_equal** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **le** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **greater_than** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **gt** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **greater_equal** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **ge** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **is** – item state has to be the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)
- **is_not** – item state has to be not the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)

Return type
bool

Returns
True if the new value was posted else *False*

oh_send_command(*value=<Missing>*)

Send a command to the openHAB item

Parameters
value (Any) – (optional) value to be sent. If not specified the current item value will be used.

Return type
None

post_value(*new_value*)

Set a new value and post appropriate events on the HABApp event bus (ValueUpdateEvent, ValueChangeEvent)

Parameters
new_value (Any) – new value of the item

Return type
bool

Returns
True if state has changed

post_value_if(*new_value*, *, *equal=<Missing>*, *eq=<Missing>*, *not_equal=<Missing>*, *ne=<Missing>*, *lower_than=<Missing>*, *lt=<Missing>*, *lower_equal=<Missing>*, *le=<Missing>*, *greater_than=<Missing>*, *gt=<Missing>*, *greater_equal=<Missing>*, *ge=<Missing>*, *is_=<Missing>*, *is_not=<Missing>*)

Post a value depending on the current state of the item. If one of the comparisons is true the new state will be posted.

Parameters

- **new_value** – new value to post
- **equal** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **eq** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **not_equal** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **ne** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **lower_than** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lt** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lower_equal** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **le** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **greater_than** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **gt** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **greater_equal** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **ge** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **is** – item state has to be the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)
- **is_not** – item state has to be not the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)

Return type
bool

Returns
True if the new value was posted else *False*

set_value(*new_value*)

Set a new value without creating events on the event bus

Parameters
new_value (Any) – new value of the item

Return type
bool

Returns
True if state has changed

watch_change(*secs*)

Generate an event if the item does not change for a certain period of time. Has to be called from inside a rule function.

Parameters
secs (timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | str) – secs after which the event will occur, max 1 decimal digit for floats

Return type
ItemNoChangeWatch

Returns
The watch obj which can be used to cancel the watch

watch_update(*secs*)

Generate an event if the item does not receive and update for a certain period of time. Has to be called from inside a rule function.

Parameters
secs (timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | str) – secs after which the event will occur, max 1 decimal digit for floats

Return type
ItemNoUpdateWatch

Returns
The watch obj which can be used to cancel the watch

property last_change: *InstantView*

Returns
Timestamp of the last time when the item has been changed (read only)

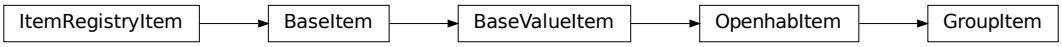
property last_update: *InstantView*

Returns
Timestamp of the last time when the item has been updated (read only)

property name: str

Returns
Name of the item (read only)

9.2.12 GroupItem



class GroupItem()
GroupItem which accepts and converts the data types from OpenHAB

Variables
- **name** (*str*) – Item name
- **value** (*Any*) – Current item value (or state in openHAB wording)
- **last_value** (*Any*) – Last item value (or state in openHAB wording)
- **label** (*str | None*) – Item label or None if not configured
- **tags** (*frozenset[str]*) – Item tags
- **groups** (*frozenset[str]*) – The groups the item is in
- **metadata** (*Mapping[str, MetaData]*) – Item metadata

classmethod get_item(*name*)
Returns an already existing item. If it does not exist or has a different item type an exception will occur.

Parameters
name (str) – Name of the item

Return type
Self

command_value(*value*)

Send a command to the openHAB item, the same as oh_send_command

Parameters
value (Any) – value to be sent

Return type
None

get_persistence_data(*persistence=None*, *start_time=None*, *end_time=None*)

Query historical data from the OpenHAB persistence service

Parameters

- **persistence** (str | None) – name of the persistence service (e.g. rrd4j, mapdb). If not set default will be used
- **start_time** (datetime | None) – return only items which are newer than this
- **end_time** (datetime | None) – return only items which are older than this

get_value(*default_value=None*)

Return the value of the item. This is a helper function that returns a default in case the item value is None.

Parameters
default_value – Return this value if the item value is None

Return type
Any

Returns
value of the item

listen_event(*callback*, *event_filter=None*)

Register an event listener which listens to all event that the item receives

Parameters

- **callback** (Callable[[Any], Any]) – callback that accepts one parameter which will contain the event
- **event_filter** (EventFilterBase | None) – Event filter. This is typically *ValueUpdateEventFilter* or *ValueChangeEventFilter* which will also trigger on changes/update from openhab or mqtt. Additionally, it can be an instance of *EventFilter* which additionally filters on the values of the event. It is also possible to group filters logically with, e.g. *AndFilterGroup* and *OrFilterGroup*

Return type
EventBusListener

oh_post_update(*value=<Missing>*)

Post an update to the openHAB item

Parameters
value (Any) – (optional) value to be posted. If not specified the current item value will be used.

Return type
None

oh_post_update_if(*new_value*, *, *equal=<Missing>*, *eq=<Missing>*, *not_equal=<Missing>*, *ne=<Missing>*, *lower_than=<Missing>*, *lt=<Missing>*, *lower_equal=<Missing>*, *le=<Missing>*, *greater_than=<Missing>*, *gt=<Missing>*, *greater_equal=<Missing>*, *ge=<Missing>*, *is_=<Missing>*, *is_not=<Missing>*)

Post a value depending on the current state of the item. If one of the comparisons is true the new state will be posted.

Parameters

- **new_value** – new value to post
- **equal** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **eq** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **not_equal** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **ne** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **lower_than** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lt** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lower_equal** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **le** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **greater_than** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **gt** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **greater_equal** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **ge** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **is** – item state has to be the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)
- **is_not** – item state has to be not the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)

Return type
bool

Returns
True if the new value was posted else *False*

oh_send_command(*value=<Missing>*)

Send a command to the openHAB item

Parameters
value (Any) – (optional) value to be sent. If not specified the current item value will be used.

Return type
None

post_value(*new_value*)

Set a new value and post appropriate events on the HABApp event bus (ValueUpdateEvent, ValueChangeEvent)

Parameters
new_value (Any) – new value of the item

Return type
bool

Returns
True if state has changed

post_value_if(*new_value*, ***, *equal=<Missing>*, *eq=<Missing>*, *not_equal=<Missing>*, *ne=<Missing>*, *lower_than=<Missing>*, *lt=<Missing>*, *lower_equal=<Missing>*, *le=<Missing>*, *greater_than=<Missing>*, *gt=<Missing>*, *greater_equal=<Missing>*, *ge=<Missing>*, *is_=<Missing>*, *is_not=<Missing>*)

Post a value depending on the current state of the item. If one of the comparisons is true the new state will be posted.

Parameters

- **new_value** – new value to post
- **equal** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **eq** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **not_equal** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **ne** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **lower_than** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lt** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lower_equal** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **le** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **greater_than** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **gt** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **greater_equal** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **ge** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **is** – item state has to be the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)
- **is_not** – item state has to be not the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)

Return type
bool

Returns
True if the new value was posted else *False*

set_value(*new_value*)

Set a new value without creating events on the event bus

Parameters
new_value (Any) – new value of the item

Return type
bool

Returns
True if state has changed

watch_change(*secs*)

Generate an event if the item does not change for a certain period of time. Has to be called from inside a rule function.

Parameters
secs (timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | str) – secs after which the event will occur, max 1 decimal digit for floats

Return type
ItemNoChangeWatch

Returns
The watch obj which can be used to cancel the watch

`watch_update`(*secs*)

Generate an event if the item does not receive and update for a certain period of time. Has to be called from inside a rule function.

Parameters
secs (`timedelta` | `TimeDelta` | `int` | `float` | `str`) – secs after which the event will occur, max 1 decimal digit for floats

Return type
ItemNoUpdateWatch

Returns
The watch obj which can be used to cancel the watch

`property last_change: InstantView`

Returns
Timestamp of the last time when the item has been changed (read only)

`property last_update: InstantView`

Returns
Timestamp of the last time when the item has been updated (read only)

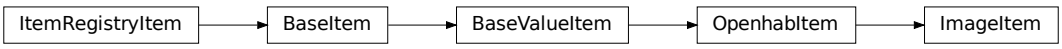
`property members: tuple[OpenhabItem, ...]`

Resolves and then returns all group members

`property name: str`

Returns
Name of the item (read only)

9.2.13 ImageItem



`class ImageItem()`

ImageItem which accepts and converts the data types from OpenHAB

Variables

- **name** (*str*) – Item name
- **value** (*RawType*) – Current item value (or state in openHAB wording)
- **last_value** (*RawType*) – Last item value (or state in openHAB wording)
- **label** (*str | None*) – Item label or `None` if not configured

- **tags** (*frozenset[str]*) – Item tags
- **groups** (*frozenset[str]*) – The groups the item is in
- **metadata** (*Mapping[str, MetaData]*) – Item metadata

classmethod get_item(*name*)

Returns an already existing item. If it does not exist or has a different item type an exception will occur.

Parameters
name (str) – Name of the item

Return type
Self

command_value(*value*)

Send a command to the openHAB item, the same as oh_send_command

Parameters
value (Any) – value to be sent

Return type
None

get_persistence_data(*persistence=None*, *start_time=None*, *end_time=None*)

Query historical data from the OpenHAB persistence service

Parameters

- **persistence** (str | None) – name of the persistence service (e.g. rrd4j, mapdb). If not set default will be used
- **start_time** (datetime | None) – return only items which are newer than this
- **end_time** (datetime | None) – return only items which are older than this

get_value(*default_value=None*)

Return the value of the item. This is a helper function that returns a default in case the item value is None.

Parameters
default_value – Return this value if the item value is None

Return type
Any

Returns
value of the item

listen_event(*callback*, *event_filter=None*)

Register an event listener which listens to all event that the item receives

Parameters

- **callback** (Callable[[Any], Any]) – callback that accepts one parameter which will contain the event
- **event_filter** (EventFilterBase | None) – Event filter. This is typically *ValueUpdateEventFilter* or *ValueChangeEventFilter* which will also trigger on changes/update from openhab or mqtt. Additionally, it can be an instance of *EventFilter* which additionally filters on the values of the event. It is also possible to group filters logically with, e.g. *AndFilterGroup* and *OrFilterGroup*

Return type
EventBusListener

oh_post_update(*value=<Missing>*, *image_type=None*)

Post an update to an openHAB image with new image data. Image type is automatically detected, in rare cases when this does not work it can be set manually.

Parameters

- **value** (bytes | None) – image data
- **image_type** (str | None) – (optional) what kind of image, jpeg or png

Return type
None

oh_post_update_if(*new_value*, *, *equal=<Missing>*, *eq=<Missing>*, *not_equal=<Missing>*, *ne=<Missing>*, *lower_than=<Missing>*, *lt=<Missing>*, *lower_equal=<Missing>*, *le=<Missing>*, *greater_than=<Missing>*, *gt=<Missing>*, *greater_equal=<Missing>*, *ge=<Missing>*, *is_=<Missing>*, *is_not=<Missing>*)

Post a value depending on the current state of the item. If one of the comparisons is true the new state will be posted.

Parameters

- **new_value** – new value to post
- **equal** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **eq** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **not_equal** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **ne** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **lower_than** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lt** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lower_equal** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **le** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **greater_than** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **gt** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **greater_equal** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **ge** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **is** – item state has to be the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)
- **is_not** – item state has to be not the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)

Return type
bool

Returns
True if the new value was posted else *False*

oh_send_command(*value=<Missing>*, *image_type=None*)

Send a command to an openHAB image with new image data. Image type is automatically detected, in rare cases when this does not work it can be set manually.

Parameters

- **value** (bytes | None) – image data
- **image_type** (str | None) – (optional) what kind of image, jpeg or png

Return type
None

post_value(*new_value*)

Set a new value and post appropriate events on the HABApp event bus (ValueUpdateEvent, ValueChangeEvent)

Parameters
new_value (Any) – new value of the item

Return type
bool

Returns
True if state has changed

post_value_if(*new_value*, *, *equal=<Missing>*, *eq=<Missing>*, *not_equal=<Missing>*, *ne=<Missing>*, *lower_than=<Missing>*, *lt=<Missing>*, *lower_equal=<Missing>*, *le=<Missing>*, *greater_than=<Missing>*, *gt=<Missing>*, *greater_equal=<Missing>*, *ge=<Missing>*, *is_=<Missing>*, *is_not=<Missing>*)

Post a value depending on the current state of the item. If one of the comparisons is true the new state will be posted.

Parameters

- **new_value** – new value to post
- **equal** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **eq** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **not_equal** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **ne** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **lower_than** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lt** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lower_equal** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **le** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **greater_than** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **gt** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **greater_equal** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **ge** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **is** – item state has to be the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)
- **is_not** – item state has to be not the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)

Return type
bool

Returns
True if the new value was posted else *False*

set_value(*new_value*)

Set a new value without creating events on the event bus

Parameters
new_value (RawType | tuple[str, bytes] | None) – new value of the item

Return type
bool

Returns
True if state has changed

watch_change(*secs*)

Generate an event if the item does not change for a certain period of time. Has to be called from inside a rule function.

Parameters
secs (timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | str) – secs after which the event will occur, max 1 decimal digit for floats

Return type
ItemNoChangeWatch

Returns
The watch obj which can be used to cancel the watch

watch_update(*secs*)

Generate an event if the item does not receive and update for a certain period of time. Has to be called from inside a rule function.

Parameters
secs (timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | str) – secs after which the event will occur, max 1 decimal digit for floats

Return type
ItemNoUpdateWatch

Returns
The watch obj which can be used to cancel the watch

property image_bytes: bytes

Image bytes

property image_type: str

Image type (e.g. jpg or png)

property last_change: *InstantView*

Returns
Timestamp of the last time when the item has been changed (read only)

property last_update: *InstantView*

Returns
Timestamp of the last time when the item has been updated (read only)

property name: str

Returns
Name of the item (read only)

9.2.14 CallItem

class CallItem()

CallItem which accepts and converts the data types from OpenHAB

Variables

- **name** (*str*) – Item name
- **value** (*StringList*) – Current item value (or state in openHAB wording)
- **last_value** (*StringList*) – Last item value (or state in openHAB wording)
- **label** (*str | None*) – Item label or None if not configured
- **tags** (*frozenset[str]*) – Item tags
- **groups** (*frozenset[str]*) – The groups the item is in
- **metadata** (*Mapping[str, MetaData]*) – Item metadata

classmethod get_item(*name*)

Returns an already existing item. If it does not exist or has a different item type an exception will occur.

Parameters
name (str) – Name of the item

Return type
Self

command_value(*value*)

Send a command to the openHAB item, the same as oh_send_command

Parameters
value (Any) – value to be sent

Return type
None

get_persistence_data(*persistence=None*, *start_time=None*, *end_time=None*)

Query historical data from the OpenHAB persistence service

Parameters

- **persistence** (str | None) – name of the persistence service (e.g. rrd4j, mapdb). If not set default will be used
- **start_time** (datetime | None) – return only items which are newer than this
- **end_time** (datetime | None) – return only items which are older than this

get_value(*default_value=None*)

Return the value of the item. This is a helper function that returns a default in case the item value is None.

Parameters
default_value – Return this value if the item value is None

Return type
Any

Returns
value of the item

listen_event(*callback*, *event_filter=None*)

Register an event listener which listens to all event that the item receives

Parameters

- **callback** (Callable[[Any], Any]) – callback that accepts one parameter which will contain the event
- **event_filter** (EventFilterBase | None) – Event filter. This is typically *ValueUpdateEventFilter* or *ValueChangeEventFilter* which will also trigger on changes/update from openhab or mqtt. Additionally, it can be an instance of *EventFilter* which additionally filters on the values of the event. It is also possible to group filters logically with, e.g. *AndFilterGroup* and *OrFilterGroup*

Return type
EventBusListener

oh_post_update(*value=<Missing>*)

Post an update to the openHAB item

Parameters
value (tuple[str, ...] | list[str] | StringList | None | _MissingType) – (optional) value to be posted. If not specified the current item value will be used.

Return type
None

oh_post_update_if(*new_value*, *, *equal=<Missing>*, *eq=<Missing>*, *not_equal=<Missing>*, *ne=<Missing>*, *lower_than=<Missing>*, *lt=<Missing>*, *lower_equal=<Missing>*, *le=<Missing>*, *greater_than=<Missing>*, *gt=<Missing>*, *greater_equal=<Missing>*, *ge=<Missing>*, *is_=<Missing>*, *is_not=<Missing>*)

Post a value depending on the current state of the item. If one of the comparisons is true the new state will be posted.

Parameters

- **new_value** – new value to post
- **equal** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **eq** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **not_equal** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **ne** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **lower_than** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lt** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lower_equal** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **le** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **greater_than** – item state has to be greater than the passed value

- **gt** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **greater_equal** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **ge** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **is** – item state has to be the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)
- **is_not** – item state has to be not the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)

Return type
bool

Returns
True if the new value was posted else *False*

oh_send_command(*value=<Missing>*)

Send a command to the openHAB item

Parameters
value (Any) – (optional) value to be sent. If not specified the current item value will be used.

Return type
None

post_value(*new_value*)

Set a new value and post appropriate events on the HABApp event bus (ValueUpdateEvent, ValueChangeEvent)

Parameters
new_value (Any) – new value of the item

Return type
bool

Returns
True if state has changed

post_value_if(*new_value*, *, *equal=<Missing>*, *eq=<Missing>*, *not_equal=<Missing>*, *ne=<Missing>*, *lower_than=<Missing>*, *lt=<Missing>*, *lower_equal=<Missing>*, *le=<Missing>*, *greater_than=<Missing>*, *gt=<Missing>*, *greater_equal=<Missing>*, *ge=<Missing>*, *is_=<Missing>*, *is_not=<Missing>*)

Post a value depending on the current state of the item. If one of the comparisons is true the new state will be posted.

Parameters

- **new_value** – new value to post
- **equal** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **eq** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **not_equal** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **ne** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **lower_than** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lt** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lower_equal** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **le** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **greater_than** – item state has to be greater than the passed value

- **gt** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **greater_equal** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **ge** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **is** – item state has to be the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)
- **is_not** – item state has to be not the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)

Return type
bool

Returns
True if the new value was posted else *False*

set_value(*new_value*)

Set a new value without creating events on the event bus

Parameters
new_value (tuple[str, ...] | list[str] | StringList | None) – new value of the item

Return type
bool

Returns
True if state has changed

watch_change(*secs*)

Generate an event if the item does not change for a certain period of time. Has to be called from inside a rule function.

Parameters
secs (timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | str) – secs after which the event will occur, max 1 decimal digit for floats

Return type
ItemNoChangeWatch

Returns
The watch obj which can be used to cancel the watch

watch_update(*secs*)

Generate an event if the item does not receive and update for a certain period of time. Has to be called from inside a rule function.

Parameters
secs (timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | str) – secs after which the event will occur, max 1 decimal digit for floats

Return type
ItemNoUpdateWatch

Returns
The watch obj which can be used to cancel the watch

property last_change: *InstantView*

Returns
Timestamp of the last time when the item has been changed (read only)

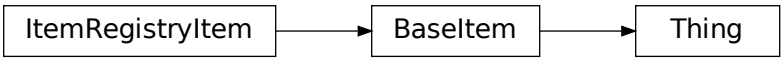
property last_update: *InstantView*

Returns
Timestamp of the last time when the item has been updated (read only)

property name: *str*

Returns
Name of the item (read only)

9.2.15 Thing



class Thing(*name*)

Base class for Things

Variables

- **status** (*ThingStatusEnum*) – Status of the thing (e.g. OFFLINE, ONLINE, ...)
- **status_detail** (*ThingStatusDetailEnum*) – Additional detail for the status
- **status_description** (*str*) – Additional description for the status
- **label** (*str*) – Thing label
- **location** (*str*) – Thing location
- **configuration** (*Mapping[str, Any]*) – Thing configuration
- **properties** (*Mapping[str, Any]*) – Thing properties

classmethod get_item(*name*)

Returns an already existing item. If it does not exist or has a different item type an exception will occur.

Parameters
name (str) – Name of the item

Return type
Self

listen_event(*callback*, *event_filter=None*)

Register an event listener which listens to all event that the item receives

Parameters

- **callback** (Callable[[Any], Any]) – callback that accepts one parameter which will contain the event
- **event_filter** (EventFilterBase | None) – Event filter. This is typically *ValueUpdateEventFilter* or *ValueChangeEventFilter* which will also trigger on changes/update from openhab or mqtt. Additionally, it can be an instance of *EventFilter* which additionally filters on the values of the event. It is also possible to group filters logically with, e.g. *AndFilterGroup* and *OrFilterGroup*

Return type
EventBusListener

`set_enabled`(*enable=True*)

Enable/disable the thing

Parameters
enable (bool) – True to enable, False to disable the thing

Returns

`watch_change`(*secs*)

Generate an event if the item does not change for a certain period of time. Has to be called from inside a rule function.

Parameters
secs (timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | str) – secs after which the event will occur, max 1 decimal digit for floats

Return type
ItemNoChangeWatch

Returns
The watch obj which can be used to cancel the watch

`watch_update`(*secs*)

Generate an event if the item does not receive and update for a certain period of time. Has to be called from inside a rule function.

Parameters
secs (timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | str) – secs after which the event will occur, max 1 decimal digit for floats

Return type
ItemNoUpdateWatch

Returns
The watch obj which can be used to cancel the watch

`property last_change:` *InstantView*

Returns
Timestamp of the last time when the item has been changed (read only)

`property last_update:` *InstantView*

Returns
Timestamp of the last time when the item has been updated (read only)

`property name:` str

Returns
Name of the item (read only)

9.3 Interaction with a openHAB

All interaction with the openHAB is done through the `self.oh` or `self.openhab` object in the rule or through an `OpenhabItem`.

9.3.1 Function parameters

create_item(*item_type*, *name*, *label=None*, *category=None*, *tags=None*, *groups=None*, *group_type=None*, *group_function=None*, *group_function_params=None*)

Creates a new item in the openHAB item registry or updates an existing one

Parameters

- **item_type** (str) – item type
- **name** (str) – item name
- **label** (str | None) – item label
- **category** (str | None) – item category
- **tags** (list[str] | None) – item tags
- **groups** (list[str] | None) – in which groups is the item
- **group_type** (str | None) – what kind of group is it
- **group_function** (str | None) – group state aggregation function
- **group_function_params** (list[str] | None) – params for group state aggregation

Return type
bool

Returns
True if item was created/updated

create_link(*item*, *channel*, *configuration=None*)

creates a link between an item and a (things) channel

Parameters

- **item** (str | ItemRegistryItem) – name of the item or item
- **channel** (str) – uid of the (things) channel (usually something like AAAA:BBBBB:CCCCC:DDDD:0#SOME_NAME)
- **configuration** (dict[str, Any] | None) – optional configuration for the channel

Return type
bool

Returns
True on successful creation, otherwise False

get_item(*item*)

Return the complete openHAB item definition

Parameters
item (str | ItemRegistryItem) – name of the item or item

Return type
ItemResp | None

Returns
openHAB item

get_link(*item*, *channel*)

returns the link between an item and a (things) channel

Parameters

- **item** (str | ItemRegistryItem) – name of the item or item
- **channel** (str) – uid of the (things) channel (usually something like AAAA:BBBBB:CCCCC:DDDD:0#SOME_NAME)

Return type
ItemChannelLinkResp

get_persistence_data(*item*, *persistence*, *start_time*, *end_time*)

Query historical data from the openHAB persistence service

Parameters

- **item** (str | ItemRegistryItem) – name of the persistent item
- **persistence** (str | None) – name of the persistence service (e.g. rrd4j, mapdb). If not set default will be used
- **start_time** (datetime | None) – return only items which are newer than this
- **end_time** (datetime | None) – return only items which are older than this

Return type
OpenhabPersistenceData

Returns
last stored data from persistency service

get_persistence_services()

Return all available persistence services

get_thing(*thing*)

Return the complete openHAB thing definition

Parameters
thing (str | ItemRegistryItem) – name of the thing or the item

Returns
openHAB thing

item_exists(*item*)

Check if an item exists in the openHAB item registry

Parameters
item (str | ItemRegistryItem) – name of the item or item

Returns
True if item was found

remove_item(*item*)

Removes an item from the openHAB item registry

Parameters
item (str | ItemRegistryItem) – name

Returns
True if item was found and removed

remove_link(*item*, *channel*)

removes a link between a (things) channel and an item

Parameters

- **item** (str | ItemRegistryItem) – name of the item or item

- **channel** (str) – uid of the (things) channel (usually something like AAAA:BBBBB:CCCCC:DDDD:0#SOME_NAME)

Return type
bool

Returns
True on successful removal, otherwise False

remove_metadata(*item*, *namespace*)

Remove metadata from an item

Parameters

- **item** (str | ItemRegistryItem) – name of the item or item
- **namespace** (str) – namespace

Returns
True if metadata was successfully removed

set_metadata(*item*, *namespace*, *value*, *config*)

Add/set metadata to an item

Parameters

- **item** (str | ItemRegistryItem) – name of the item or item
- **namespace** (str) – namespace, e.g. stateDescription
- **value** (str) – value
- **config** (dict) – configuration e.g. {"options": "A,B,C"}

Returns
True if metadata was successfully created/updated

set_persistence_data(*item*, *persistence*, *time*, *state*)

Set a measurement for a item in the persistence serivce

Parameters

- **item_name** – name of the persistent item
- **persistence** (str | None) – name of the persistence service (e.g. rrd4j, mapdb). If not set default will be used
- **time** (datetime) – time of measurement
- **state** (Any) – state which will be set

Returns
True if data was stored in persistency service

set_thing_enabled(*thing*, *enabled=True*)

Enable/disable a thing

Parameters

- **thing** (str | ItemRegistryItem) – name of the thing or the thing object
- **enabled** (bool) – True to enable thing, False to disable thing

post_update(*item*, *state*, *, *transport='websocket'*)

Post an update to the item

Parameters

- **item** (str | ItemRegistryItem) – item name or item
- **state** (Any) – new item state
- **transport** (Literal['http', 'websocket']) – transport to use. Websocket is much faster but stricter concerning which types are accepted

Return type
None

send_command(*item*, *command*, *, *transport='websocket'*)

Send the specified command to the item

Parameters

- **item** (str | ItemRegistryItem) – item name or item
- **command** (Any) – command
- **transport** (Literal['http', 'websocket']) – transport to use. Websocket is much faster but stricter concerning which types are accepted

Return type
None

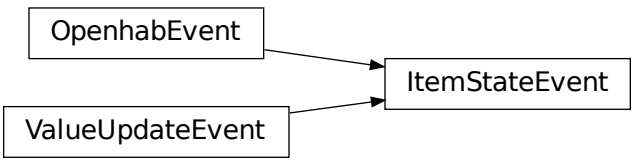
9.4 openHAB event types

openHAB produces various events that are mapped to the internal event bus. On the openHAB page there is an explanation for the various events.

9.4.1 Item events

ItemStateEvent

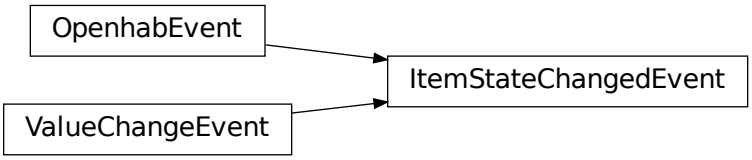
Since this event inherits from *ValueUpdateEvent* you can listen to *ValueUpdateEvent* and it will also trigger for *ItemStateEvent*.



class ItemStateEvent(*name*, *value*)

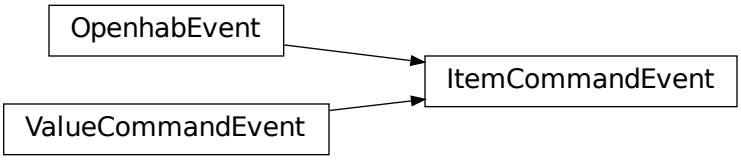
ItemStateChangedEvent

Since this event inherits from *ValueChangeEvent* you can listen to *ValueChangeEvent* and it will also trigger for *ItemStateChangedEvent*.



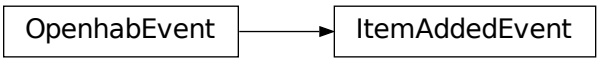
class ItemStateChangedEvent(*name*, *value*, *old_value*)

ItemCommandEvent



class ItemCommandEvent(*name*, *value*)

ItemAddedEvent



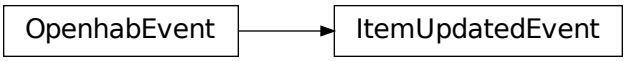
class ItemAddedEvent(*name*, *type*, *label*, *tags*, *group_names*)

Variables

- **name** (*str*)
- **type** (*str*)
- **label** (*str | None*)
- **tags** (*frozenset[str]*)

- **groups** (*frozenset[str]*)

ItemUpdatedEvent

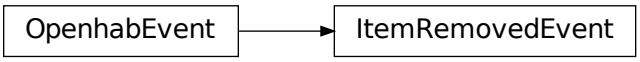


class ItemUpdatedEvent(*name*, *type*, *label*, *tags*, *group_names*)

Variables

- **name** (*str*)
- **type** (*str*)
- **label** (*str | None*)
- **tags** (*frozenset[str]*)
- **groups** (*frozenset[str]*)

ItemRemovedEvent

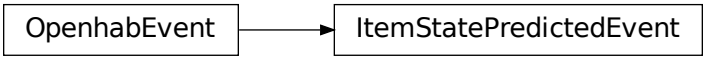


class ItemRemovedEvent(*name*, *type*, *label*, *tags*, *groups*)

Variables

- **name** (*str*)
- **type** (*str*)
- **label** (*str | None*)
- **tags** (*frozenset[str]*)
- **groups** (*frozenset[str]*)

ItemStatePredictedEvent

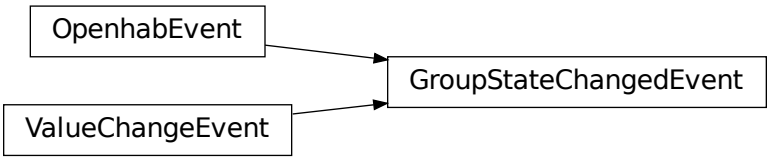


class **ItemStatePredictedEvent**(*name*, *value*, *is_confirmation*)

Variables

- **name** (*str*)
- **value** (*Any*)
- **is_confirmation** (*bool*)

GroupStateChangedEvent



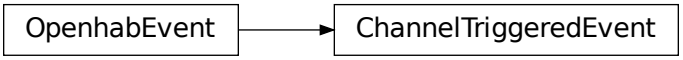
class **GroupStateChangedEvent**(*name*, *item*, *value*, *old_value*)

Variables

- **name** (*str*)
- **item** (*str*)
- **value** (*Any*)
- **old_value** (*Any*)

9.4.2 Channel events

ChannelTriggeredEvent



class **ChannelTriggeredEvent**(*name=''*, *event=''*, *channel=''*)

Variables

- **name** (*str*)
- **event** (*str*)
- **channel** (*str*)

9.4.3 Thing events

ThingAddedEvent

class **ThingAddedEvent**(*name*, *thing_type*, *label*, *location*, *channels*, *configuration*, *properties*)

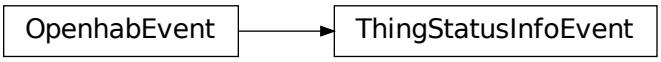
ThingUpdatedEvent

class **ThingUpdatedEvent**(*name*, *thing_type*, *label*, *location*, *channels*, *configuration*, *properties*)

ThingRemovedEvent

class **ThingRemovedEvent**(*name*, *thing_type*, *label*, *location*, *channels*, *configuration*, *properties*)

ThingStatusInfoEvent

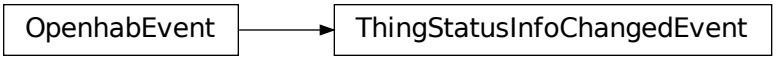


class **ThingStatusInfoEvent**(*name=''*, *status=ThingStatusEnum.UNINITIALIZED*, *detail=ThingStatusDetailEnum.NONE*, *description=''*)

Variables

- **name** (*str*)
- **status** (*ThingStatusEnum*)
- **detail** (*ThingStatusDetailEnum*)
- **description** (*str*)

ThingStatusInfoChangedEvent



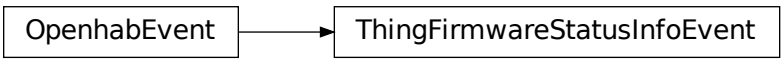
class **ThingStatusInfoChangedEvent**(*name=''*, *status=ThingStatusEnum.UNINITIALIZED*, *detail=ThingStatusDetailEnum.NONE*, *description=''*, *old_status=ThingStatusEnum.UNINITIALIZED*, *old_detail=ThingStatusDetailEnum.NONE*, *old_description=''*)

Variables

- **name** (*str*)

- **status** (*ThingStatusEnum*)
- **detail** (*ThingStatusDetailEnum*)
- **description** (*str*)
- **old_status** (*ThingStatusEnum*)
- **old_detail** (*ThingStatusDetailEnum*)
- **old_description** (*str*)

ThingFirmwareStatusInfoEvent



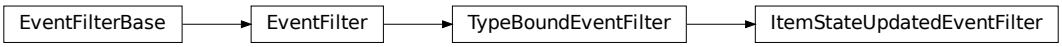
class ThingFirmwareStatusInfoEvent(*name=''*, *status=''*)

Variables

- **name** (*str*)
- **status** (*str*)

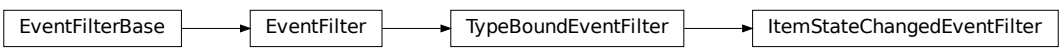
9.4.4 Event filters

ItemStateUpdatedEventFilter



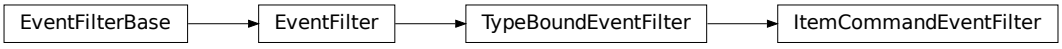
class ItemStateUpdatedEventFilter(*value=<Missing>*)

ItemStateChangedEventFilter



class ItemStateChangedEventFilter(*value=<Missing>*, *old_value=<Missing>*)

ItemCommandEventFilter



class ItemCommandEventFilter(*value=<Missing>*)

9.5 Transformations

From openHAB 4 on it's possible to use the existing transformations in HABApp. Transformations are loaded every time when HABApp connects to openHAB. OpenHAB does not issue an event when the transformations change so in order for HABApp to pick up the changes either HABApp or openHAB has to be restarted. Available transformations are logged on connect.

9.5.1 map

The map transformation is returned as a dict. If the map transformation is defined with a default the default is used accordingly.

Example:

```
from HABApp.openhab import transformations

TEST_MAP = transformations.map['test.map']  # load the transformation, can be used␣
↪anywhere
print(TEST_MAP['test_key'])                 # It's a normal dict with keys as str and␣
↪values as str

# if all keys or values are numbers they are automatically casted to an int
NUMBERS = transformations.map['numbers.map']
print(NUMBERS[1])   # Note that the key is an int
```

```
test_value
test number meaning
```

9.6 Textual thing configuration

9.6.1 Description

HABApp offers a special mechanism to textually define thing configuration parameters and linked items for things which have been added through the gui. This combines the best of both worlds: auto discovery, easy and fast sharing of parameters and items across things.

Configuration is done in the `thing_your_name.yml` file in the `config` folder (see *Configuration*). Every file that starts with `thing_` has the `.yml` ending will be loaded.

The Parameters and items will be checked/set when HABApp connects to openHAB or whenever the corresponding file gets changed.

9.6.2 Principle of operation

All existing things from openHAB can be filtered by different criteria. For each one of these remaining things it is then possible to

- Set thing parameters
- Create items with values taken from the thing fields
- Apply filters to the channels of the thing
  For each matching channel it is possible to create and link items with values taken from the thing and the matching channel values

There is also a test mode which prints out all required information and does not make any changes.

A valid `.items` file will automatically be created next to the `.yml` file containing all created items. It can be used to get a quick overview what items (would) have been created or copied into the items folder.

9.6.3 File Structure

Configuration is done through a .yml file.

Example

The following example will show how to set the Z-Wave Parameters 4, 5, 6 and 8 for a `Philio PST02A` Z-Wave sensor and how to automatically link items to it.

> **Tip**
>
> Integer values can be specified either as integer (`20`) or hex (`0x14`)

The entries `thing config`, `create items` and `channels` are optional and can be combined as desired.

```
# Test mode: will not do anything but instead print out information
test: True

# Define filters which will reduce the number of things,
# all defined filters have to match for further processing
filter:
  thing_type: zwave:philio_pst02a_00_000

# Set this configuration every matching thing. HABApp will automatically only
# change the values which are not already correct.
# Here it is the z-wave parameters which are responsible for the device behaviour
thing config:
  4: 99     # Light Threshold
  5: 8      # Operation Mode
  6: 4      # MultiSensor Function Switch
  7: 20     # Customer Function

# Create items for every matching thing
create items:
 - type: Number
   name: '{thing_label, :(.+)$}_MyNumber'          # Use the label from the thing as an␣
↪input for the name,
   label: '{thing_label, :(.+)$} MyNumber [%d]'    # the regex will take everything from␣
```

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```
↪the ':' on until the end
   icon: battery

channels:
  # reduce the channels of the thing with these filters
  # and link items to it
  - filter:
      channel_type: zwave:alarm_motion
    link items:
      - type: Number
        name: '{thing_label, :(.+)$}_Movement'           # Use the label from the thing␣
↪as an input for the name,
        label: '{thing_label, :(.+)$} Movement [%d %%]'  # the regex will take␣
↪everything from the ':' on until the end
        icon: battery
        groups: ['group1', 'group2']
        tags: ['tag1']

  - filter:
      channel_type: zwave:sensor_temperature
    link items:
      - type: Number
        name: '{thing_label, :(.+)$}_Temperature'
        label: '{thing_label, :(.+)$} Temperature [%d %%]'
        icon: battery
```

Multiple filters and filter definitions in one file

It is possible to add multiple thing processors into one file. To achieve this the root entry is now a list.

Filters can also be lists e.g. if the have to be applied multiple times to the same filed.

```
- test: True
  filter:
    thing_type: zwave:philio_pst02a_00_000
  ...

- test: True
  # multiple filters on the same field, all have to match
  filter:
  - thing_type: zwave:fibaro.+
  - thing_type: zwave:fibaro_fgrgbw_00_000
  ...
```

9.6.4 Thing configuration

With the `thing config` block it is possible to set a configuration for each matching thing. If the parameters are already correct, they will not be set again.

Warning

The value of the configuration parameters will not be checked and will be written as specified. It is recommended to use HABmin or PaperUI to generate the initial configuration and use this mechanism to spread it to things of the same type.

Example

```
thing config:
  4: 99     # Light Threshold
  5: 8      # Operation Mode
  6: 4      # MultiSensor Function Switch
  7: 20     # Customer Function
```

References to other parameters

It is possible to use references to mathematically build parameters from other parameters. Typically this would be fade duration and refresh interval. References to other parameter values can be created with `$`. Example:

```
thing config:
  5: 8
  6: '$5 / 2'       # Use value from parameter 5 and divide it by two.
  7: 'int($5 / 2)'  # it is possible to use normal python data conversions
```

9.6.5 Item configuration

Items can be configured under `create items -> []` and `channels -> [] -> link items -> []`.

Structure

Mandatory values are `type` and `name`, all other values are optional.

```
type: Number
name: my_name
label: my_label
icon: my_icon
groups: ['group1', 'group2']
tags: ['tag1', 'tag1']
```

Metadata

It is possible to add metadata to the created items through the optional `metadata` entry in the item config.

There are two forms how metadata can be set. The implicit form for simple key-value pairs (e.g. `autoupdate`) or the explicit form where the entries are under `value` and `config` (e.g. `alexa`)

```
- type: Number
  name: '{thing_label, :(.+)$}_Temperature'
  label: '{thing_label, :(.+)$} Temperature [%d %%]'
  icon: battery
  metadata:
    autoupdate: 'false'
    homekit: 'TemperatureSensor'
    alexa:
      'value': 'Fan'
```

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```
    'config':
      'type': 'oscillating'
      'speedSteps': 3
```

The config is equivalent to the following item configuration:

```
Number MyLabel_Temperature  "MyLabel Temperature [%d %%]" { autoupdate="false", homekit=
↪"TemperatureSensor", alexa="Fan" [ type="oscillating", speedSteps=3 ] }
```

9.6.6 Fields

Filtering things/channels

The filter value can be applied to any available field from the Thing/Channel. The filter value is a regex that has to fully match the value.

Syntax:

```
filter:
  FIELD_NAME: REGULAR_EXPRESSION
```

e.g.

```
filter:
  thing_uid: zwave:device:controller:node35
```

If multiple filters are specified all have to match to select the Thing or Channel.

```
# Multiple filters on different columns
filter:
  thing_type: zwave:fibaro.+
  thing_uid: zwave:device:controller:node35

# Multiple filters on the same columns (rarely needed)
filter:
- thing_type: zwave:fibaro.+
- thing_type: zwave:fibaro_fgrgbw_00_000
```

Field values as inputs

Filed values are available for item configuration and can be applied to all fields in the item configuration except for `type` and `metadata`.

Syntax

Macros that select field values are framed with `{}` so the containing string has to be put in annotation marks. There are three modes of operation with wildcards:

1. Just insert the value from the field:
   `{field}`
2. Insert a part of the value from the field. A regular expression is used to extract the part and therefore has to contain a capturing group.
   `{field, regex(with_group)}`

3. Do a regex replace on the value from the field and use the result
   `{field, regex, replace}`

Available fields

> **Tip**
>
> Test mode will show a table with all available fields and their value

The following fields are available for things:

- `thing_uid`
- `thing_type`
- `thing_location`
- `thing_label`
- `bridge_uid`

Additional available fields for channels:

- `channel_uid`
- `channel_type`
- `channel_label`
- `channel_kind`

9.6.7 Example

Log output

This will show the output for the example from *File Structure*

```
Loading /config/thing_philio.yml!
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
↪-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
↪---+
|                                                                                           ␣
↪Thing overview                                                                                ␣
↪        |
+---------------------------------+---------------------------+----------------+--------
↪---------------------------------+---------------------------------------------------+-------
↪---+
|           thing_uid             |         thing_type        | thing_location |       ␣
↪    thing_label                  |                  bridge_uid                   |␣
↪editable |
+---------------------------------+---------------------------+----------------+--------
↪---------------------------------+---------------------------------------------------+-------
↪---+
| zwave:device:controller:node32  | zwave:fibaro_fgrgbw_00_000 | Room1          | Fibaro␣
↪RGBW (Node 32): Room1 RGBW      | zwave:serial_zstick:controller               | True ␣
↪    |
| zwave:device:controller:node7   | zwave:fibaro_fgrgbw_00_000 | Room2          | Fibaro␣
↪RGBW (Node 07): Room2 RGBW      | zwave:serial_zstick:controller               | True ␣
```

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```
↪    |
| zwave:device:controller:node23  | zwave:fibaro_fgrgbw_00_000 | Room3          | Fibaro␣
↪RGBW (Node 23): Room3 RGBW      | zwave:serial_zstick:controller               | True ␣
↪    |
| zwave:device:controller:node35  | zwave:philio_pst02a_00_000 | Room1          | Philio␣
↪PST02A (Node 35): Room1 Door    | zwave:serial_zstick:controller               | True ␣
↪    |
| zwave:device:controller:node15  | zwave:philio_pst02a_00_000 | Room2          | Philio␣
↪PST02A (Node 15): Room2 Window  | zwave:serial_zstick:controller               | True ␣
↪    |
| zwave:device:controller:node17  | zwave:philio_pst02a_00_000 | Room3          | Philio␣
↪PST02A (Node 17): Room3 Window  | zwave:serial_zstick:controller               | True ␣
↪    |
| zwave:device:controller:node3   | zwave:philio_pst02a_00_000 | Room1          | Philio␣
↪PST02A (Node 03): Room1 Window  | zwave:serial_zstick:controller               | True ␣
↪    |
| zwave:device:controller:node5   | zwave:philio_pst02a_00_000 | Room4          | Philio␣
↪PST02A (Node 05): FrontDoor     | zwave:serial_zstick:controller               | True ␣
↪    |
| zwave:serial_zstick:controller  | zwave:serial_zstick        |                | ZWave␣
↪Controller                      |                                              |␣
↪False    |
+---------------------------------+----------------------------+----------------+-------
↪---------------------------------+------------------------------------------------+-------
↪---+
thing_type "zwave:philio_pst02a_00_000" matches for zwave:device:controller:node35!
thing_type "zwave:philio_pst02a_00_000" matches for zwave:device:controller:node15!
thing_type "zwave:philio_pst02a_00_000" matches for zwave:device:controller:node17!
thing_type "zwave:philio_pst02a_00_000" matches for zwave:device:controller:node3!
thing_type "zwave:philio_pst02a_00_000" matches for zwave:device:controller:node5!
+-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
↪-----------------------------------+
|                                                  Current configuration              ␣
↪                                  |
+------------------------+-------------------+-------------------+-------------------+--
↪----------------+-------------------+
|        Parameter       | controller:node35 | controller:node15 | controller:node17 |␣
↪controller:node3 | controller:node5 |
+------------------------+-------------------+-------------------+-------------------+--
↪----------------+-------------------+
| 2                      | -1                | -1                | -1                | -
↪1               | -1                |
| 3                      | 80                | 80                | 80                |␣
↪80               | 80                |
| 4                      | 99                | 99                | 99                |␣
↪99               | 99                |
| 5                      | 0                 | 8                 | 8                 |␣
↪8                | 8                 |
| 6                      | 4                 | 0                 | 0                 |␣
↪0                | 0                 |
| 7                      | 22                | 20                | 20                |␣
↪20               | 20                |
```

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```
| 8                        | 3                 | 3                 | 3                 |␣
↪3                | 3                 |
| 9                        | 4                 | 0                 | 4                 |␣
↪4                | 4                 |
| 10                       | 12                | 12                | 12                |␣
↪12                | 12                |
| 11                       | 12                | 12                | 12                |␣
↪12                | 12                |
| 12                       | 12                | 12                | 2                 |␣
↪12                | 4                 |
| 13                       | 12                | 12                | 2                 |␣
↪12                | 4                 |
| 20                       | 30                | 30                | 30                |␣
↪30                | 30                |
| 21                       | 1                 | 0                 | 0                 |␣
↪0                 | 0                 |
| 22                       | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 |␣
↪0                 | 0                 |
| Group1                   | ['controller']    | ['controller']    | ['controller']    | [
↪'controller']   | ['controller']   |
| Group2                   | []                | []                | []                |␣
↪[]                | []                |
| binding_cmdrepollperiod | 1500              | 1500              | 1500              |␣
↪1500              | 1500              |
| binding_pollperiod       | 86400             | 86400             | 86400             |␣
↪86400             | 86400             |
| wakeup_interval          | 86400             | 86400             | 86400             |␣
↪86400             | 86400             |
+--------------------------+-------------------+-------------------+-------------------+--
↪----------------+------------------+
Would set {5: 8, 7: 20} for zwave:device:controller:node35
Would set {6: 4} for zwave:device:controller:node15
Would set {6: 4} for zwave:device:controller:node17
Would set {6: 4} for zwave:device:controller:node3
Would set {6: 4} for zwave:device:controller:node5
+-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
↪------------------------------+
|                                        Channels for zwave:philio_pst02a_00_000         ␣
↪                              |
+-------------------------------------------------+--------------------------+---------
↪---------------+--------------+
|                    channel_uid                  |       channel_type       |    ␣
↪channel_label      | channel_kind |
+-------------------------------------------------+--------------------------+---------
↪---------------+--------------+
| zwave:device:controller:node35:sensor_door       | zwave:sensor_door        | Door/
↪Window Sensor     | STATE        |
| zwave:device:controller:node35:alarm_motion      | zwave:alarm_motion       | Motion␣
↪Sensor          | STATE        |
| zwave:device:controller:node35:alarm_tamper      | zwave:alarm_tamper       | Tamper␣
↪Alarm           | STATE        |
| zwave:device:controller:node35:sensor_luminance  | zwave:sensor_luminance   | Sensor␣
```

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```
↪(luminance)     | STATE        |
| zwave:device:controller:node35:sensor_temperature | zwave:sensor_temperature | Sensor␣
↪(temperature)   | STATE        |
| zwave:device:controller:node35:alarm_access       | zwave:alarm_access       | Alarm␣
↪(Access Control) | STATE        |
| zwave:device:controller:node35:alarm_burglar      | zwave:alarm_burglar      | Alarm␣
↪(Burglar)        | STATE        |
| zwave:device:controller:node35:battery-level      | system:battery-level     |␣
↪Batterieladung         | STATE        |
+---------------------------------------------------+--------------------------+---------
↪---------------+--------------+
channel_type "zwave:alarm_motion" matches for zwave:device:controller:node35:alarm_
↪motion!
channel_type "zwave:sensor_temperature" matches for␣
↪zwave:device:controller:node35:sensor_temperature!

channel_type "zwave:alarm_motion" matches for zwave:device:controller:node15:alarm_
↪motion!
channel_type "zwave:sensor_temperature" matches for␣
↪zwave:device:controller:node15:sensor_temperature!

channel_type "zwave:alarm_motion" matches for zwave:device:controller:node17:alarm_
↪motion!
channel_type "zwave:sensor_temperature" matches for␣
↪zwave:device:controller:node17:sensor_temperature!

channel_type "zwave:alarm_motion" matches for zwave:device:controller:node3:alarm_motion!
channel_type "zwave:sensor_temperature" matches for zwave:device:controller:node3:sensor_
↪temperature!

channel_type "zwave:alarm_motion" matches for zwave:device:controller:node5:alarm_motion!
channel_type "zwave:sensor_temperature" matches for zwave:device:controller:node5:sensor_
↪temperature!

Would create Item(type='Number', name='Room1_Door_MyNumber', label='Room1 Door MyNumber [
↪%d]', icon='battery', groups=[], tags=[], link=None)
Would create Item(type='Number', name='Room1_Door_Movement', label='Room1 Door Movement [
↪%d %%]', icon='battery', groups=['group1', 'group2'], tags=['tag1'], link=
↪'zwave:device:controller:node35:alarm_motion')
Would create Item(type='Number', name='Room1_Door_Temperature', label='Room1 Door␣
↪Temperature [%d %%]', icon='battery', groups=[], tags=[], link=
↪'zwave:device:controller:node35:sensor_temperature')
Would create Item(type='Number', name='Room2_Window_MyNumber', label='Room2 Window␣
↪MyNumber [%d]', icon='battery', groups=[], tags=[], link=None)
Would create Item(type='Number', name='Room2_Window_Movement', label='Room2 Window␣
↪Movement [%d %%]', icon='battery', groups=['group1', 'group2'], tags=['tag1'], link=
↪'zwave:device:controller:node15:alarm_motion')
Would create Item(type='Number', name='Room2_Window_Temperature', label='Room2 Window␣
↪Temperature [%d %%]', icon='battery', groups=[], tags=[], link=
↪'zwave:device:controller:node15:sensor_temperature')
Would create Item(type='Number', name='Room3_Window_MyNumber', label='Room3 Window␣
↪MyNumber [%d]', icon='battery', groups=[], tags=[], link=None)
```

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```
Would create Item(type='Number', name='Room3_Window_Movement', label='Room3 Window␣
↪Movement [%d %%]', icon='battery', groups=['group1', 'group2'], tags=['tag1'], link=
↪'zwave:device:controller:node17:alarm_motion')
Would create Item(type='Number', name='Room3_Window_Temperature', label='Room3 Window␣
↪Temperature [%d %%]', icon='battery', groups=[], tags=[], link=
↪'zwave:device:controller:node17:sensor_temperature')
Would create Item(type='Number', name='Room1_Window_MyNumber', label='Room1 Window␣
↪MyNumber [%d]', icon='battery', groups=[], tags=[], link=None)
Would create Item(type='Number', name='Room1_Window_Movement', label='Room1 Window␣
↪Movement [%d %%]', icon='battery', groups=['group1', 'group2'], tags=['tag1'], link=
↪'zwave:device:controller:node3:alarm_motion')
Would create Item(type='Number', name='Room1_Window_Temperature', label='Room1 Window␣
↪Temperature [%d %%]', icon='battery', groups=[], tags=[], link=
↪'zwave:device:controller:node3:sensor_temperature')
Would create Item(type='Number', name='FrontDoor_MyNumber', label='FrontDoor MyNumber [
↪%d]', icon='battery', groups=[], tags=[], link=None)
Would create Item(type='Number', name='FrontDoor_Movement', label='FrontDoor Movement [
↪%d %%]', icon='battery', groups=['group1', 'group2'], tags=['tag1'], link=
↪'zwave:device:controller:node5:alarm_motion')
Would create Item(type='Number', name='FrontDoor_Temperature', label='FrontDoor␣
↪Temperature [%d %%]', icon='battery', groups=[], tags=[], link=
↪'zwave:device:controller:node5:sensor_temperature')
```

Created items file

```
Number   Room1_Door_MyNumber          "Room1 Door MyNumber [%d]"             <battery>
Number   Room1_Door_Movement          "Room1 Door Movement [%d %%]"          <battery>   ␣
↪(group1, group2)     [tag1]   {channel = "zwave:device:controller:node35:alarm_motion"}
Number   Room1_Door_Temperature       "Room1 Door Temperature [%d %%]"       <battery>   ␣
↪                                {channel = "zwave:device:controller:node35:sensor_
↪temperature"}
Number   Room2_Window_MyNumber        "Room2 Window MyNumber [%d]"           <battery>
Number   Room2_Window_Movement        "Room2 Window Movement [%d %%]"        <battery>   ␣
↪(group1, group2)     [tag1]   {channel = "zwave:device:controller:node15:alarm_motion"}
Number   Room2_Window_Temperature     "Room2 Window Temperature [%d %%]"     <battery>   ␣
↪                                {channel = "zwave:device:controller:node15:sensor_
↪temperature"}
Number   Room3_Window_MyNumber        "Room3 Window MyNumber [%d]"           <battery>
Number   Room3_Window_Movement        "Room3 Window Movement [%d %%]"        <battery>   ␣
↪(group1, group2)     [tag1]   {channel = "zwave:device:controller:node17:alarm_motion"}
Number   Room3_Window_Temperature     "Room3 Window Temperature [%d %%]"     <battery>   ␣
↪                                {channel = "zwave:device:controller:node17:sensor_
↪temperature"}
Number   Room1_Window_MyNumber        "Room1 Window MyNumber [%d]"           <battery>
Number   Room1_Window_Movement        "Room1 Window Movement [%d %%]"        <battery>   ␣
↪(group1, group2)     [tag1]   {channel = "zwave:device:controller:node3:alarm_motion"}
Number   Room1_Window_Temperature     "Room1 Window Temperature [%d %%]"     <battery>   ␣
↪                                {channel = "zwave:device:controller:node3:sensor_
↪temperature"}
Number   FrontDoor_MyNumber           "FrontDoor MyNumber [%d]"              <battery>
Number   FrontDoor_Movement           "FrontDoor Movement [%d %%]"           <battery>   ␣
```

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```
↪(group1, group2)     [tag1]   {channel = "zwave:device:controller:node5:alarm_motion"}
Number   FrontDoor_Temperature       "FrontDoor Temperature [%d %%]"        <battery>   ␣
↪                                 {channel = "zwave:device:controller:node5:sensor_
↪temperature"}
```

9.7 Example openHAB rules

9.7.1 Example 1

```python
import HABApp
from HABApp.core.events import ValueChangeEvent, ValueUpdateEvent
from HABApp.openhab.events import ItemCommandEvent, ItemStateChangedEvent, ItemStateEvent
from HABApp.openhab.items import ContactItem, DatetimeItem, SwitchItem


class MyOpenhabRule(HABApp.Rule):

    def __init__(self) -> None:
        super().__init__()

        # get items
        test_contact = ContactItem.get_item('TestContact')
        test_date_time = DatetimeItem.get_item('TestDateTime')
        test_switch = SwitchItem.get_item('TestSwitch')

        # Trigger on item updates
        test_contact.listen_event(self.item_state_update, ItemStateEvent)
        test_date_time.listen_event(self.item_state_update, ValueUpdateEvent)

        # Trigger on item changes
        test_contact.listen_event(self.item_state_change, ItemStateChangedEvent)
        test_date_time.listen_event(self.item_state_change, ValueChangeEvent)

        # Trigger on item commands
        test_switch.listen_event(self.item_command, ItemCommandEvent)

    def item_state_update(self, event) -> None:
        assert isinstance(event, ValueUpdateEvent)
        print(f'{event}')

    def item_state_change(self, event) -> None:
        assert isinstance(event, ValueChangeEvent)
        print(f'{event}')

        # interaction is available through self.openhab or self.oh
        self.openhab.send_command('TestItemCommand', 'ON')

        # example for interaction with openhab item type
        switch_item = SwitchItem.get_item('TestSwitch')
        if switch_item.is_on():
            switch_item.off()
```

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```
    def item_command(self, event) -> None:
        assert isinstance(event, ItemCommandEvent)
        print( f'{event}')

        # interaction is available through self.openhab or self.oh
        self.oh.post_update('ReceivedCommand', str(event))


MyOpenhabRule()
```

9.7.2 Check status of things

This rule prints the status of all `Things` and shows how to subscribe to events of the `Thing` status

```
from HABApp import Rule
from HABApp.core.events import EventFilter
from HABApp.openhab.events import ThingStatusInfoChangedEvent
from HABApp.openhab.items import Thing


class CheckAllThings(Rule):
    def __init__(self) -> None:
        super().__init__()

        for thing in self.get_items(Thing):
            thing.listen_event(self.thing_status_changed,␣
↪EventFilter(ThingStatusInfoChangedEvent))
            print(f'{thing.name}: {thing.status}')

    def thing_status_changed(self, event: ThingStatusInfoChangedEvent) -> None:
        print(f'{event.name} changed from {event.old_status} to {event.status}')


CheckAllThings()
```

9.7.3 Check status if thing is constant

Sometimes `Things` recover automatically from small outages. This rule only triggers when the `Thing` is constant for 60 seconds.

```
from HABApp import Rule
from HABApp.core.events import ItemNoChangeEvent
from HABApp.openhab.items import Thing


class CheckThing(Rule):
    def __init__(self, name: str):
        super().__init__()

        self.thing = Thing.get_item(name)
        watcher = self.thing.watch_change(60)
```

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```
        watcher.listen_event(self.thing_no_change)

    def thing_no_change(self, event: ItemNoChangeEvent):
        print(f'Thing {event.name} constant for {event.seconds}')
        print(f'Status: {self.thing.status}')


CheckThing('my:thing:uid')
```

```
Thing test_watch constant for 60
Status: ONLINE
```

CHAPTER

TEN

MQTT

10.1 Interaction with the MQTT broker

Interaction with the MQTT broker is done through the `self.mqtt` object in the rule or through the *MqttItem*. When receiving a topic for the first time a new *MqttItem* will automatically be created.

10.2 Rule Interface

class mqtt

publish(*topic: str*, *payload: typing.Any*[, *qos: int = None*, *retain: bool = None*]) → int

Publish a value under a certain topic.

Parameters

- **topic** – MQTT topic
- **payload** – MQTT Payload
- **qos** (*int*) – QoS, can be 0, 1 or 2. If not specified value from configuration file will be used.
- **retain** (*bool*) – retain message. If not specified value from configuration file will be used.

Returns
0 if successful

subscribe(*self*, *topic: str*[, *qos: int = None*]) → int

Subscribe to a MQTT topic. Please note that subscriptions made this way are volatile, and will only remain until the next disconnect. For persistent subscriptions use the corresponding entry in the configuration file. By default HABApp listens to all topics so the topics can be used in listen_event.

Parameters

- **topic** – MQTT topic to subscribe to
- **qos** – QoS, can be 0, 1 or 2. If not specified value from configuration file will be used.

Returns
0 if successful

unsubscribe(*self*, *topic: str*) → int

Unsubscribe from a MQTT topic

Parameters
topic – MQTT topic

Returns
0 if successful

10.3 Mqtt item types

Mqtt items have an additional publish method which make interaction with the mqtt broker easier.

```
from HABApp.mqtt.items import MqttItem
from HABApp.core.events import ValueChangeEvent

# Messages with a retain flag will automatically create a corresponding item in HABApp.
# All other items have to be created manually
my_mqtt_item = MqttItem.get_create_item('test/topic')

# easy to publish values
my_mqtt_item.publish('new_value')

# comparing the item to get the state works, too
if my_mqtt_item == 'test':
    pass # do something
```

10.3.1 MqttItem

class MqttItem()

A simple item that represents a topic and a value

classmethod get_create_item(*name*, *initial_value=None*, *last_value=None*)

Creates a new item in HABApp and returns it or returns the already existing one with the given name

Parameters

- **name** (str) – item name
- **initial_value** (Any) – state the item will have if it gets created
- **last_value** (Any) – last value the item will have if it gets created

Return type
MqttItem

Returns
item

classmethod get_item(*name*)

Returns an already existing item. If it does not exist or has a different item type an exception will occur.

Parameters
name (str) – Name of the item

Return type
Self

command_value(*value*)

Send a command to the topic, the same as publish

Parameters
value (Any) – value to be sent

Return type
None

get_value(*default_value=None*)

Return the value of the item. This is a helper function that returns a default in case the item value is None.

Parameters
default_value – Return this value if the item value is None

Return type
Any

Returns
value of the item

listen_event(*callback*, *event_filter=None*)

Register an event listener which listens to all event that the item receives

Parameters

- **callback** (Callable[[Any], Any]) – callback that accepts one parameter which will contain the event
- **event_filter** (EventFilterBase | None) – Event filter. This is typically *ValueUpdateEventFilter* or *ValueChangeEventFilter* which will also trigger on changes/update from openhab or mqtt. Additionally, it can be an instance of *EventFilter* which additionally filters on the values of the event. It is also possible to group filters logically with, e.g. *AndFilterGroup* and *OrFilterGroup*

Return type
EventBusListener

post_value(*new_value*)

Set a new value and post appropriate events on the HABApp event bus (ValueUpdateEvent, ValueChangeEvent)

Parameters
new_value (Any) – new value of the item

Return type
bool

Returns
True if state has changed

post_value_if(*new_value*, *, *equal=<Missing>*, *eq=<Missing>*, *not_equal=<Missing>*, *ne=<Missing>*, *lower_than=<Missing>*, *lt=<Missing>*, *lower_equal=<Missing>*, *le=<Missing>*, *greater_than=<Missing>*, *gt=<Missing>*, *greater_equal=<Missing>*, *ge=<Missing>*, *is_=<Missing>*, *is_not=<Missing>*)

Post a value depending on the current state of the item. If one of the comparisons is true the new state will be posted.

Parameters

- **new_value** – new value to post
- **equal** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **eq** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **not_equal** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **ne** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **lower_than** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lt** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lower_equal** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **le** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **greater_than** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **gt** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **greater_equal** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **ge** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **is** – item state has to be the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)
- **is_not** – item state has to be not the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)

Return type
bool

Returns
True if the new value was posted else *False*

publish(*payload*, *qos=None*, *retain=None*)

Publish the payload under the topic from the item.

Parameters

- **payload** – MQTT Payload
- **qos** (int | None) – QoS, can be 0, 1 or 2. If not specified value from configuration file will be used.
- **retain** (bool | None) – retain message. If not specified value from configuration file will be used.

set_value(*new_value*)

Set a new value without creating events on the event bus

Parameters
new_value (Any) – new value of the item

Return type
bool

Returns
True if state has changed

watch_change(*secs*)

Generate an event if the item does not change for a certain period of time. Has to be called from inside a rule function.

Parameters
secs (timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | str) – secs after which the event will occur, max 1 decimal digit for floats

Return type
ItemNoChangeWatch

Returns
The watch obj which can be used to cancel the watch

watch_update(*secs*)

Generate an event if the item does not receive and update for a certain period of time. Has to be called from inside a rule function.

Parameters
secs (timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | str) – secs after which the event will occur, max 1 decimal digit for floats

Return type
ItemNoUpdateWatch

Returns
The watch obj which can be used to cancel the watch

property last_change: *InstantView*

Returns
Timestamp of the last time when the item has been changed (read only)

property last_update: *InstantView*

Returns
Timestamp of the last time when the item has been updated (read only)

property name: str

Returns
Name of the item (read only)

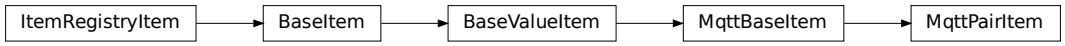
10.3.2 MqttPairItem

An item that consolidates a topic that reports states from a device and a topic that is used to write to a device. It is created on the topic that reports the state from the device.

```
from HABApp.mqtt.items import MqttPairItem

# MqttPairItem works out of the box with zigbee2mqtt
mqtt = MqttPairItem.get_create_item("zigbee2mqtt/my_bulb/brightness")
mqtt.publish("255")  # <-- will use the write topic

# equivalent to
mqtt = MqttPairItem.get_create_item("zigbee2mqtt/my_bulb/brightness", write_topic=
↪"zigbee2mqtt/my_bulb/set/brightness")
```



class MqttPairItem()

An item that represents both a topic that is used to read and a corresponding topic that is used to write values

classmethod get_create_item(*name*, *write_topic=None*, *initial_value=None*, *last_value=None*)

Creates a new item in HABApp and returns it or returns the already existing one with the given name. HABApp tries to automatically derive the write topic from the item name. In cases where this does not work it can be specified manually.

Parameters

- **name** (str) – item name (topic that reports the state)
- **write_topic** (str | None) – topic that is used to write values or None (default) to build it automatically
- **initial_value** (Any) – state the item will have if it gets created

Return type
MqttPairItem

Returns
item

classmethod get_item(*name*)

Returns an already existing item. If it does not exist or has a different item type an exception will occur.

Parameters
name (str) – Name of the item

Return type
Self

command_value(*value*)

Send a ValueCommandEvent for the item to the HABApp event bus. A ValueCommandEvent is typically used to indicate that the item should change the value. E.g. a command "ON" to a dimmer might result in a brightness value of 100%.

Parameters
value (Any) – the commanded value

Return type
None

get_value(*default_value=None*)

Return the value of the item. This is a helper function that returns a default in case the item value is None.

Parameters
default_value – Return this value if the item value is None

Return type
Any

Returns
value of the item

listen_event(*callback*, *event_filter=None*)

Register an event listener which listens to all event that the item receives

Parameters

- **callback** (Callable[[Any], Any]) – callback that accepts one parameter which will contain the event
- **event_filter** (EventFilterBase | None) – Event filter. This is typically *ValueUpdateEventFilter* or *ValueChangeEventFilter* which will also trigger on changes/update from openhab or mqtt. Additionally, it can be an instance of *EventFilter* which additionally filters on the values of the event. It is also possible to group filters logically with, e.g. *AndFilterGroup* and *OrFilterGroup*

Return type
EventBusListener

post_value(*new_value*)

Set a new value and post appropriate events on the HABApp event bus (ValueUpdateEvent, ValueChangeEvent)

Parameters
new_value (Any) – new value of the item

Return type
bool

Returns
True if state has changed

post_value_if(*new_value*, ***, *equal=<Missing>*, *eq=<Missing>*, *not_equal=<Missing>*, *ne=<Missing>*, *lower_than=<Missing>*, *lt=<Missing>*, *lower_equal=<Missing>*, *le=<Missing>*, *greater_than=<Missing>*, *gt=<Missing>*, *greater_equal=<Missing>*, *ge=<Missing>*, *is_=<Missing>*, *is_not=<Missing>*)

Post a value depending on the current state of the item. If one of the comparisons is true the new state will be posted.

Parameters

- **new_value** – new value to post
- **equal** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **eq** – item state has to be equal to the passed value
- **not_equal** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **ne** – item state has to be not equal to the passed value
- **lower_than** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lt** – item state has to be lower than the passed value
- **lower_equal** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **le** – item state has to be lower equal the passed value
- **greater_than** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **gt** – item state has to be greater than the passed value
- **greater_equal** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value

- **ge** – item state has to be greater equal the passed value
- **is** – item state has to be the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)
- **is_not** – item state has to be not the same object as the passt value (e.g. None)

Return type
bool

Returns
True if the new value was posted else *False*

publish(*payload*, *qos=None*, *retain=None*)

Publish the payload under the write topic from the item.

Parameters

- **payload** – MQTT Payload
- **qos** (int | None) – QoS, can be 0, 1 or 2. If not specified value from configuration file will be used.
- **retain** (bool | None) – retain message. If not specified value from configuration file will be used.

Returns
0 if successful

set_value(*new_value*)

Set a new value without creating events on the event bus

Parameters
new_value (Any) – new value of the item

Return type
bool

Returns
True if state has changed

watch_change(*secs*)

Generate an event if the item does not change for a certain period of time. Has to be called from inside a rule function.

Parameters
secs (timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | str) – secs after which the event will occur, max 1 decimal digit for floats

Return type
ItemNoChangeWatch

Returns
The watch obj which can be used to cancel the watch

watch_update(*secs*)

Generate an event if the item does not receive and update for a certain period of time. Has to be called from inside a rule function.

Parameters
secs (timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | str) – secs after which the event will occur, max 1 decimal digit for floats

Return type
ItemNoUpdateWatch

Returns
The watch obj which can be used to cancel the watch

property last_change: *InstantView*

Returns
Timestamp of the last time when the item has been changed (read only)

property last_update: *InstantView*

Returns
Timestamp of the last time when the item has been updated (read only)

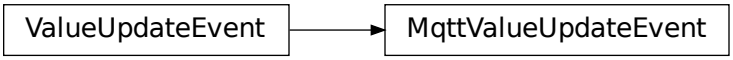
property name: str

Returns
Name of the item (read only)

10.4 Mqtt event types

10.4.1 MqttValueUpdateEvent

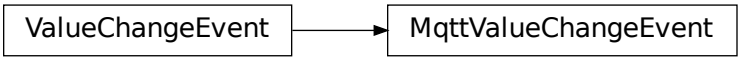
Since this event inherits from *ValueUpdateEvent* you can listen to *ValueUpdateEvent* and it will also trigger for *MqttValueUpdateEvent*.



class MqttValueUpdateEvent(*name*, *value*)

10.4.2 MqttValueChangeEvent

Since this event inherits from *ValueChangeEvent* you can listen to *ValueChangeEvent* and it will also trigger for *MqttValueChangeEvent*.



class MqttValueChangeEvent(*name*, *value*, *old_value*)

10.5 Mqtt util

10.5.1 MqttPublishOptions

class MqttPublishOptions(*topic*, *qos=None*, *retain=None*)

Allows to store the topic, qos and retain settings for a topic. These values can then be used to publish

publish(*payload*)

Publish a payload

Parameters
payload (Any) – MQTT Payload

Return type
None

replace(*topic=None*, *qos=None*, *retain=None*)

Replace the topic, qos and retain with the given values and return a new object.

Parameters

- **topic** (str | None) – New topic (if provided)
- **qos** (int | None) – New qos (if provided)
- **retain** (bool | None) – New retain (if provided)

Return type
Self

Returns
New object

property qos: int | None

QOS

property retain: bool | None

Retain

property topic: str

The topic

```
from HABApp.mqtt.util import MqttPublishOptions

topic = MqttPublishOptions('my/output/only/topic')
topic.publish('new_value')

topic_qos = MqttPublishOptions('my/output/only/topic', qos=2)
topic_qos.publish('new_value')

# create new through replace command wich will use qos=2 and retain=True
topic_qos_retain = topic_qos.replace(retain=True)
topic_qos_retain.publish('new_value')
```

10.6 Example MQTT rule

```
import datetime
import random

import HABApp
from HABApp.core.events import ValueUpdateEvent, ValueUpdateEventFilter
from HABApp.mqtt.items import MqttItem


class ExampleMqttTestRule(HABApp.Rule):
    def __init__(self) -> None:
        super().__init__()

        self.run.every(
            start_time=datetime.timedelta(seconds=10),
            interval=datetime.timedelta(seconds=20),
            callback=self.publish_rand_value
        )

        self.my_mqtt_item = MqttItem.get_create_item('test/test')

        self.listen_event('test/test', self.topic_updated, ValueUpdateEventFilter())

    def publish_rand_value(self) -> None:
        print('test mqtt_publish')
        self.my_mqtt_item.publish(str(random.randint(0, 1000)))

    def topic_updated(self, event) -> None:
        assert isinstance(event, ValueUpdateEvent), type(event)
        print( f'mqtt topic "test/test" updated to {event.value}')


ExampleMqttTestRule()
```

CHAPTER

ELEVEN

ADVANCED USAGE

11.1 HABApp Topics

There are several internal topics which can be used to react to HABApp changes from within rules. An example would be dynamically reloading files or an own notifier in case there are errors (e.g. Pushover).

Topic	Description	Events
HABApp.F	The corresponding events trigger a load/unload of the file specified in the event	*RequestFileLoadEvent* and *RequestFileUnloadEvent*
HABApp.I	All infos in functions and rules of HABApp create an according event	`str`
HABApp.W	All warnings in functions (e.g. caught exceptions) and rules of HABApp create an according event	*HABAppException* or `str`
HABApp.E	All errors in functions and rules of HABApp create an according event. Use this topic to create an own notifier in case of errors (e.g. Pushover).	*HABAppException* or `str`

class RequestFileLoadEvent(*name*)

Request (re-) loading of the specified file

Variables
filename (*str*) – relative filename

class RequestFileUnloadEvent(*name*)

Request unloading of the specified file

Variables
filename (*str*) – relative filename

class HABAppException(*func_name*, *exception*, *traceback*)

Contains information about an Exception that has occurred in HABApp

Variables

- **func_name** (*str*) – name of the function where the error occurred
- **traceback** (*str*) – traceback
- **exception** (*Exception*) – Exception

to_str()

Create a readable str with all information

Return type
str

11.2 File properties

For every HABApp file it is possible to specify some properties. The properties are specified as a comment (prefixed with #) somewhere at the beginning of the file and are in the yml format. They keyword `HABApp` can be arbitrarily intended.

> **Hint**
>
> File names are not absolute but relative with a folder specific prefix. It's best to use the file name from the *RequestFileLoadEvent* from the HABApp event bus.

Configuration format

```
HABApp:
  depends on:
   - filename
  reloads on:
   - filename
```

Property	Description
depends on	The file will only get loaded when **all** of the files specified as dependencies have been successfully loaded
reloads on	The file will get automatically reloaded when **one of** the files specified will be reloaded

Example

```
# Some other stuff
#
# HABApp:
#   depends on:
#    - rules/rule_file.py
#   reloads on:
#    - params/param_file.yml

import HABApp
...
```

11.3 Running Python code on startup

It's possible to run arbitrary code during the startup of HABApp. This can be achieved by creating a module/package called `HABAppUser`. HABApp will try to import it before loading the configuration and thus execute the code. The module/package must be importable so it has to be in one of the `PATH`/`PYTHONPATH` folders or in the current working directory.

11.4 Invoking openHAB actions

The openHAB REST interface does not expose actions, and thus there is no way to trigger them from HABApp. Even if it is not possible to create an openHAB item that directly triggers the action, there is a way to work around it with additional items within openHAB. An additional openHAB (note not HABapp) rule listens to changes on those items

and invokes the appropriate openHAB actions. On the HABApp side these actions are indirectly executed by setting the values for those items.

Below is an example how to invoke the openHAB Audio and Voice actions.

First, define a couple of items to accept values from HABApp, and place them in /etc/openhab2/items/habapp-bridge.items:

```
String AudioVoiceSinkName

String TextToSpeechMessage
String AudioFileLocation
String AudioStreamUrl
```

Second, create the JSR223 script to invoke the actions upon changes in the values of the items above.

```
from core import osgi
from core.jsr223 import scope
from core.rules import rule
from core.triggers import when
from org.eclipse.smarthome.model.script.actions import Audio
from org.eclipse.smarthome.model.script.actions import Voice

SINK_ITEM_NAME = 'AudioVoiceSinkName'

@rule("Play voice TTS message")
@when("Item TextToSpeechMessage changed")
def onTextToSpeechMessageChanged(event):
    ttl = scope.items[event.itemName].toString()
    if ttl is not None and ttl != '':
        Voice.say(ttl, None, scope.items[SINK_ITEM_NAME].toString())

        # reset the item to wait for the next message.
        scope.events.sendCommand(event.itemName, '')

@rule("Play audio stream URL")
@when("Item AudioStreamUrl changed")
def onAudioStreamURLChanged(event):
    stream_url = scope.items[event.itemName].toString()
    if stream_url is not None and stream_url != '':
        Audio.playStream(scope.items[SINK_ITEM_NAME].toString(), stream_url)

        # reset the item to wait for the next message.
        scope.events.sendCommand(event.itemName, '')

@rule("Play local audio file")
@when("Item AudioFileLocation changed")
def onAudioFileLocationChanged(event):
    file_location = scope.items[event.itemName].toString()
    if file_location is not None and file_location != '':
        Audio.playSound(scope.items[SINK_ITEM_NAME].toString(), file_location)

        # reset the item to wait for the next message.
        scope.events.sendCommand(event.itemName, '')
```

Finally, define the HABApp functions to indirectly invoke the actions:

```
def play_local_audio_file(sink_name: str, file_location: str):
    """ Plays a local audio file on the given audio sink. """
    HABApp.openhab.interface_sync.send_command(ACTION_AUDIO_SINK_ITEM_NAME, sink_name)
    HABApp.openhab.interface_sync.send_command(ACTION_AUDIO_LOCAL_FILE_LOCATION_ITEM_
↪NAME, file_location)


def play_stream_url(sink_name: str, url: str):
    """ Plays a stream URL on the given audio sink. """
    HABApp.openhab.interface_sync.send_command(ACTION_AUDIO_SINK_ITEM_NAME, sink_name)
    HABApp.openhab.interface_sync.send_command(ACTION_AUDIO_STREAM_URL_ITEM_NAME, url)


def play_text_to_speech_message(sink_name: str, tts: str):
    """ Plays a text to speech message on the given audio sink. """
    HABApp.openhab.interface_sync.send_command(ACTION_AUDIO_SINK_ITEM_NAME, sink_name)
    HABApp.openhab.interface_sync.send_command(ACTION_TEXT_TO_SPEECH_MESSAGE_ITEM_NAME,␣
↪tts)
```

11.5 Mocking openHAB items and events for tests

It is possible to create mock items in HABApp which do not exist in openHAB to create unit tests for rules and libraries. Ensure that this mechanism is only used for testing because since the items will not exist in openHAB they will not get updated which can lead to hard to track down errors.

Examples:

Add an openHAB mock item to the item registry

```
import HABApp
from HABApp.openhab.items import SwitchItem

item = SwitchItem('my_switch', 'ON')
HABApp.core.Items.add_item(item)
```

Remove the mock item from the registry:

```
HABApp.core.Items.pop_item('my_switch')
```

Note that there are some item methods that encapsulate communication with openhab (e.g.: `SwitchItem.on()`, `SwitchItem.off()`, and `DimmerItem.percentage()`) These currently do not work with the mock items. The state has to be changed like any internal item.

```
import HABApp
from HABApp.openhab.items import SwitchItem

item = SwitchItem('my_switch', 'ON')
HABApp.core.Items.add_item(item)

item.set_value('ON')    # without bus event
item.post_value('OFF')  # with bus event
```

CHAPTER

TWELVE

ASYNCIO

Warning

Please make sure you know what you are doing when using async functions!
If you have no asyncio experience please do not use this! The use of blocking calls in async functions will prevent HABApp from working properly!

12.1 async http

Async http calls are available through the `self.async_http` object in rule instances.

12.1.1 Functions

delete(*url*, *params=None*, ***kwargs*)

http delete request

Parameters

- **url** (str) – Request URL
- **params** (Mapping[str, str] | None) – Mapping, iterable of tuple of key/value pairs (e.g. dict) to be sent as parameters in the query string of the new request. Params example
- **kwargs** (Any) – See aiohttp request for further possible kwargs

Return type
_BaseRequestContextManager[ClientResponse]

Returns
awaitable

get(*url*, *params=None*, ***kwargs*)

http get request

Parameters

- **url** (str) – Request URL
- **params** (Mapping[str, str] | None) – Mapping, iterable of tuple of key/value pairs (e.g. dict) to be sent as parameters in the query string of the new request. Params example
- **kwargs** (Any) – See aiohttp request for further possible kwargs

Return type
_BaseRequestContextManager[ClientResponse]

Returns
awaitable

`get_client_session()`
Return the aiohttp client session object for use in aiohttp libraries

Return type
`ClientSession`

Returns
session object

`post(url, params=None, data=None, json=None, **kwargs)`
http post request

Parameters

- **url** (str) – Request URL
- **params** (Mapping[str, str] | None) – Mapping, iterable of tuple of key/value pairs (e.g. dict) to be sent as parameters in the query string of the new request. Params example
- **data** (Any) – Dictionary, bytes, or file-like object to send in the body of the request (optional)
- **json** (Any) – Any json compatible python object, json and data parameters could not be used at the same time. (optional)
- **kwargs** (Any) – See aiohttp request for further possible kwargs

Return type
`_BaseRequestContextManager[ClientResponse]`

Returns
awaitable

`put(url, params=None, data=None, json=None, **kwargs)`
http put request

Parameters

- **url** (str) – Request URL
- **params** (Mapping[str, str] | None) – Mapping, iterable of tuple of key/value pairs (e.g. dict) to be sent as parameters in the query string of the new request. Params example
- **data** (Any) – Dictionary, bytes, or file-like object to send in the body of the request (optional)
- **json** (Any) – Any json compatible python object, json and data parameters could not be used at the same time. (optional)
- **kwargs** (Any) – See aiohttp request for further possible kwargs

Return type
`_BaseRequestContextManager[ClientResponse]`

Returns
awaitable

12.1.2 Examples

```
import asyncio

import HABApp
```

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```
class AsyncRule(HABApp.Rule):

    def __init__(self) -> None:
        super().__init__()

        self.run.soon(self.async_func)

    async def async_func(self) -> None:
        await asyncio.sleep(2)
        async with self.async_http.get('http://httpbin.org/get') as resp:
            print(resp)
            print(await resp.text())


AsyncRule()
```

CHAPTER

THIRTEEN

UTIL - HELPERS AND UTILITIES

The util package contains useful classes which make rule creation easier.

13.1 Functions

13.1.1 min

This function is very useful together with the all possible functions of *ValueMode* for the *MultiModeItem*. For example it can be used to automatically disable or calculate the new value of the *ValueMode* It behaves like the standard python function except that it will ignore `None` values which are sometimes set as the item state.

```
from HABApp.util.functions import min

print(min(1, 2, None))
```

min(**args*, *default=None*)

Behaves like the built-in min function but ignores any `None` values. e.g. `min([1, None, 2]) == 1`. If the iterable is empty `default` will be returned.

Parameters

- **args** – Single iterable or 1..n arguments
- **default** – Value that will be returned if the iterable is empty

Returns

min value

13.1.2 max

This function is very useful together with the all possible functions of *ValueMode* for the *MultiModeItem*. For example it can be used to automatically disable or calculate the new value of the *ValueMode* It behaves like the standard python function except that it will ignore `None` values which are sometimes set as the item state.

```
from HABApp.util.functions import max

print(max(1, 2, None))
```

max(**args*, *default=None*)

Behaves like the built-in max function but ignores any `None` values. e.g. `max([1, None, 2]) == 2`. If the iterable is empty `default` will be returned.

Parameters

- **args** – Single iterable or 1..n arguments

- **default** – Value that will be returned if the iterable is empty

Returns
max value

13.2 Rate limiter

A simple rate limiter implementation which can be used in rules. The limiter is not rule bound so the same limiter can be used in multiples files. It also works as expected across rule reloads.

13.2.1 Defining limits

Limits can either be explicitly added or through a textual description. If the limit does already exist it will not be added again. It's possible to explicitly create the limits or through some small textual description with the following syntax:

```
[count] [per|in|/] [count (optional)] [s|sec|second|m|min|minute|hour|h|day|month|year]␣
↪[s (optional)]
```

Whitespaces are ignored and can be added as desired

Examples:

- `5 per minute`
- `20 in 15 mins`
- `300 / hour`

13.2.2 Fixed window elastic expiry algorithm

This algorithm implements a fixed window with elastic expiry. That means if the limit is hit the interval time will be increased by the expiry time.

For example `3 per minute`:

- First hit comes `00:00:00`. Two more hits at `00:00:59`. All three pass, intervall goes from `00:00:00` - `00:01:00`. Another hit comes at `00:01:01` an passes. The intervall now goes from `00:01:01` - `00:02:01`.
- First hit comes `00:00:00`. Two more hits at `00:00:30`. All three pass. Another hit comes at `00:00:45`, which gets rejected and the intervall now goes from `00:00:00` - `00:01:45`. A rejected hit makes the interval time longer by expiry time. If another hit comes at `00:01:30` it will also get rejected and the intervall now goes from `00:00:00` - `00:02:30`.

13.2.3 Leaky bucket algorithm

The leaky bucket algorithm is based on the analogy of a bucket that leaks at a constant rate. As long as the bucket is not full the hits will pass. If the bucket overflows the hits will get rejected. Since the bucket leaks at a constant rate it will gradually get empty again thus allowing hits to pass again.

13.2.4 Example

```
from HABApp.util import RateLimiter

# Create or get existing, name is case insensitive
limiter = RateLimiter('MyRateLimiterName')

# define limits, duplicate limits of the same algorithm will only be added once
```

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```
# These lines all define the same limit so it'll result in only one limiter added
limiter.add_limit(5, 60)   # add limits explicitly
limiter.parse_limits('5 per minute').parse_limits('5 in 60s', '5/60seconds')  # add␣
↪limits through text

# add additional limit with leaky bucket algorithm
limiter.add_limit(10, 100, algorithm='leaky_bucket')

# add additional limit with fixed window elastic expiry algorithm
limiter.add_limit(10, 100, algorithm='fixed_window_elastic_expiry')

# Test the limit without increasing the hits
for _ in range(100):
    assert limiter.test_allow()

# the limiter will allow 5 calls ...
for _ in range(5):
    assert limiter.allow()

# and reject the 6th
assert not limiter.allow()

# It's possible to get statistics about the limiter and the corresponding windows
print(limiter.info())

# There is a counter that keeps track of the total skips that can be reset
print('Counter:')
print(limiter.total_skips)
limiter.reset()     # Can be reset
print(limiter.total_skips)
```

```
LimiterInfo(skips=1, total_skips=1, limits=[LeakyBucketLimitInfo(hits=5, skips=1,␣
↪limit=5, time_remaining=11.999851348999073), LeakyBucketLimitInfo(hits=5, skips=0,␣
↪limit=10, time_remaining=9.999881199000081), FixedWindowElasticExpiryLimitInfo(hits=5,␣
↪skips=0, limit=10, time_remaining=99.99998620000406)])
Counter:
1
0
```

13.2.5 Recommendation

Limiting external requests to an external API works well with the leaky bucket algorithm (maybe with some initial hits). For limiting notifications the best results can be achieved by combining both algorithms. Fixed window elastic expiry will notify but block until an issue is resolved, that's why it's more suited for small intervals. Leaky bucket will allow hits even while the issue persists, that's why it's more suited for larger intervals.

```
from HABApp.util import RateLimiter

limiter = RateLimiter('MyNotifications')
limiter.parse_limits('5 in 1 minute', algorithm='fixed_window_elastic_expiry')
limiter.parse_limits("20 in 1 hour", algorithm='leaky_bucket')
```

13.2.6 Documentation

RateLimiter(*name*)

Create a new rate limiter or return an already existing one with a given name.

Parameters
name (str) – case-insensitive name of limiter

Return type
Limiter

Returns
Rate limiter object

class Limiter(*name*)

property total_skips: int

A counter to track skips which can be manually reset

add_limit(*allowed*, *interval*, *, *initial_hits=0*, *algorithm='leaky_bucket'*)

Add a new rate limit

Parameters

- **allowed** (int) – How many hits are allowed
- **interval** (int) – Interval in seconds
- **initial_hits** (int) – How many hits the limit already has when it gets initially created
- **algorithm** (Literal['leaky_bucket', 'fixed_window_elastic_expiry']) – Which algorithm should this limit use

Return type
Limiter

parse_limits(**text*, *initial_hits=0*, *algorithm='leaky_bucket'*)

Add one or more limits in textual form, e.g. `5 in 60s`, `10 per hour` or `10/15 mins`. If the limit does already exist it will not be added again.

Parameters

- **text** (str) – textual description of limit
- **initial_hits** (int) – How many hits the limit already has when it gets initially created
- **algorithm** (Literal['leaky_bucket', 'fixed_window_elastic_expiry']) – Which algorithm should these limits use

Return type
Limiter

allow()

Test the limit(s).

Return type
bool

Returns
`True` if allowed, `False` if forbidden

test_allow()

Test the limit(s) without hitting it. Calling this will not increase the hit counter.

Return type
bool

Returns
True if allowed, False if forbidden

info()

Get some info about the limiter and the defined windows

Return type
LimiterInfo

reset()

Reset the skip counter

Return type
Limiter

class LimiterInfo(*skips*, *total_skips*, *limits*)

skips: int

How many entries were skipped in the active interval(s)

total_skips: int

How many entries were skipped in total

limits: list[*FixedWindowElasticExpiryLimitInfo* | *LeakyBucketLimitInfo*]

Info for every limit

class FixedWindowElasticExpiryLimitInfo(*hits*, *skips*, *limit*, *time_remaining*)

time_remaining: float

Time remaining until this window will reset

hits: int

Hits

skips: int

Skips

limit: int

Boundary

class LeakyBucketLimitInfo(*hits*, *skips*, *limit*, *time_remaining*)

time_remaining: float

Time remaining until the next drop

hits: int

Hits

skips: int

Skips

limit: int

Boundary

13.3 Cyclic Counter Values

There are classes provided to produce and to track cyclic counter values

13.3.1 Ring Counter

Counter which can increase / decrease and will wrap around when reaching the maximum / minimum value.

```
from HABApp.util import RingCounter

# Ring counter that allows 11 values (0..10)
RingCounter(10)
# Same as
RingCounter(0, 10)

c = RingCounter(2, 5, initial_value=2)
for _ in range(4):
    c.increase()    # increase by 1
    print(c.value)  # get the value through the property
for _ in range(4):
    c += 1          # increase by 1
    print(int(c))   # casting to int returns the current value

# Compare works out of the box
print(f'== 2: {c == 2}')
print(f'>= 2: {c >= 2}')
```

```
3
4
5
2
3
4
5
2
== 2: True
>= 2: True
```

13.3.2 Ring Counter Tracker

Tracke which tracks a ring counter value and only allows increasing / decreasing values

```
from HABApp.util import RingCounterTracker

# Tracker that allows 101 values (0..100) with a 10 value ignore region
RingCounterTracker(100)
# Same as
c = RingCounterTracker(0, 100)

assert c.allow(50)          # First value is always allowed
assert not c.allow(50)      # Same value again is not allowed since it's not increasing
assert not c.allow(41)      # Value in the ignore region is not allowed
assert c.test_allow(40)     # Value out of the ignore region is allowed
```

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```
assert c.allow(100)
assert c.allow(5)           # Value is allowed since it wraps around and is increasing
assert not c.allow(100)     # Ignore interval wraps properly around, too
assert not c.allow(97)
assert c.allow(96)          # Highest value out of the ignore interval is allowed again

# Compare works out of the box
print(f'== 5: {c == 5}')
print(f'>= 5: {c >= 5}')

# Last accepted value
print(f'Last value: {c.value:d}')
```

```
== 5: False
>= 5: True
Last value: 96
```

13.3.3 Documentation

class RingCounter(*min_value=None*, *max_value=None*, ***, *initial_value=None*)

A ring counter is a counter that wraps around when it reaches its maximum value.

property size: int

Return the size (how man values it can count) of the ring counter.

property value: int

Current value of the ring counter.

increase(*value=1*)

Increase the value of the ring counter by the given value.

Parameters
value (int) – How much to increase the value by.

Return type
Self

decrease(*value=1*)

Decrease the value of the ring counter by the given value.

Parameters
value (int) – How much to decrease the value by.

Return type
Self

class RingCounterTracker(*min_value=None*, *max_value=None*, ***, *ignore=10*, *direction='increasing'*)

Class that tracks a ring counter value and only allows increasing or decreasing values.

property value: int

Get the last value of the ring counter.

allow(*value*, ***, *strict=True*, *set_value=True*)

Return if a value is allowed and set it as the current value if it was allowed.

Parameters

- **value** (int) – Value to be checked
- **strict** (bool) – Check if the value is within min/max and of correct type
- **set_value** (bool) – Set the new value as the current value if it was allowed

Return type
bool

Returns
True if the value was allowed, False if not

`test_allow`(*value*)

Test if a value will be allowed without setting it as the current value.

Parameters
value (int) – value to test

Return type
bool

Returns
True if the value would be allowed, False if not

13.4 Expiring Cache

A small cache with an expiry time. Expired items can be explicitly flushed. If an item is expired the corresponding value is not returned.

13.4.1 Example

```
cache = ExpiringCache(30)                # This is the same as
cache = ExpiringCache[str, str](30)      # this, however this writing provides a type␣
↪hint:
                                         # [str, str] means str as key and str as value

cache.flush()   # expired entries will be flushed

# access like a normal dict
cache['key'] = 'value'
a = cache['key']
a = cache.get('key')

# 30 secs later the entry is expired
# or it can be manually set to expired
cache.set_expired('key')

assert cache.is_expired('key')  # 'key' is expired
assert cache.in_cache('key')    # but it's still in the cache

# returns None because it's expired
assert cache.get('key') is None
try:
    cache['key']    # <-- will raise key error because it's expired
except KeyError:
```

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```
    pass

# convenience which respects expiry
assert 'key' not in cache

# default is both used when item is expired or not in cache
assert cache.get('key', 'default') == 'default'
assert cache.get('???', 'default') == 'default'
```

13.4.2 Documentation

class ExpiringCache(*expiry_time*)

clear()

Clear the cache

Return type
Self

set_expiry_time(*expiry_time*)

Set the expiry time for cache entries.

Parameters
expiry_time (float | TimeDelta) – expire duration

Return type
Self

flush()

Flush all expired entries out of the cache

Return type
Self

reset(*key*)

Reset the expiry time of a cache entry (if available)

Parameters
key (TypeVar(K)) – key of entry

Return type
Self

set_expired(*key*)

Set a cache entry expired (if available)

Parameters
key (TypeVar(K)) – key of entry

Return type
Self

is_expired(*key*)

Check if a cache entry is expired

Parameters
key (TypeVar(K)) – key of entry

Return type
bool

`in_cache`(*key*)

Check if a cache entry is in the cache

Parameters
key (TypeVar(K)) – key of entry

Return type
bool

`set`(*key*, *value*)

Set a value in the cache

Parameters

- **key** (TypeVar(K)) – key
- **value** (TypeVar(V)) – value

Return type
Self

`get`(*key*, *default=None*)

Get a value from the cache, or return the default value if not found or expired

Parameters

- **key** (TypeVar(K)) – key
- **default** (Optional[TypeVar(V)]) – default

Return type
Optional[TypeVar(V)]

`pop`(*key*, *default=<Missing>*)

Get a value from the cache, or return the default value if not found or expired

Parameters

- **key** (TypeVar(K)) – key
- **default** (Union[TypeVar(V), None, Literal[<Missing>]]) – optional default

Return type
Optional[TypeVar(V)]

Returns

`keys`(*mode='not_expired'*)

Get all keys in the cache that are not expired

Parameters
mode (Literal['all', 'expired', 'not_expired']) – `not_expired` - only keys of items which are not expired, `expired` - only expired items, `all` - all items

Return type
Generator[TypeVar(K), None, None]

`values`(*mode='not_expired'*)

Get all values in the cache that are not expired

Parameters
mode (Literal['all', 'expired', 'not_expired']) – not_expired - only values of items which are not expired, expired - only expired items, all - all items

Return type
Generator[TypeVar(V), None, None]

items(*mode='not_expired'*)

Get all items in the cache that are not expired

Parameters
mode (Literal['all', 'expired', 'not_expired']) – not_expired - only items which are not expired, expired - only expired items, all - all items

Return type
Generator[tuple[TypeVar(K), TypeVar(V)], None, None]

13.5 Statistics

13.5.1 Example

```
s = Statistics(max_samples=4)
for i in range(1,4):
    s.add_value(i)
    print(s)
```

```
<Statistics sum: 1.0, min: 1.00, max: 1.00, mean: 1.00, median: 1.00>
<Statistics sum: 3.0, min: 1.00, max: 2.00, mean: 1.50, median: 1.50>
<Statistics sum: 6.0, min: 1.00, max: 3.00, mean: 2.00, median: 2.00>
```

13.5.2 Documentation

class Statistics(*max_age=None*, *max_samples=None*)

Calculate mathematical statistics of numerical values.

Variables

- **sum** – sum of all values
- **min** – minimum of all values
- **max** – maximum of all values
- **mean** – mean of all values
- **median** – median of all values
- **last_value** – last added value
- **last_change** – timestamp the last time a value was added

update()

update values without adding a new value

Return type
None

add_value(*value*)

Add a new value and recalculate statistical values

Parameters
value – new value

Return type
None

13.6 Fade

Fade is a helper class which allows to easily fade a value up or down.

13.6.1 Example

This example shows how to fade a Dimmer from 0 to 100 in 30 secs

```
from HABApp import Rule
from HABApp.openhab.items import DimmerItem
from HABApp.util import Fade

class FadeExample(Rule):
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()
        self.dimmer = DimmerItem.get_item('Dimmer1')
        self.fade = Fade(callback=self.fade_value)  # self.dimmer.percent would also be␣
↪a good callback in this example

        # Setup the fade and schedule its execution
        # Fade from 0 to 100 in 30s
        self.fade.setup(0, 100, 30).schedule_fade()

    def fade_value(self, value):
        self.dimmer.percent(value)

FadeExample()
```

This example shows how to fade three values together (e.g. for an RGB strip)

```
from HABApp import Rule
from HABApp.openhab.items import DimmerItem
from HABApp.util import Fade

class Fade3Example(Rule):
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()
        self.fade1 = Fade(callback=self.fade_value)
        self.fade2 = Fade()
        self.fade3 = Fade()

        # Setup the fades and schedule the execution of one fade where the value gets␣
↪updated every sec
        self.fade3.setup(0, 100, 30)
        self.fade2.setup(0, 50, 30)
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```
        self.fade1.setup(0, 25, 30, min_step_duration=1).schedule_fade()

    def fade_value(self, value):
        value1 = value
        value2 = self.fade2.get_value()
        value3 = self.fade3.get_value()

Fade3Example()
```

13.6.2 Documentation

class Fade(*callback=None*, *min_value=0*, *max_value=100*)

Helper to easily fade values up/down

Variables

- **min_value** – minimum valid value for the fade value
- **max_value** – maximum valid value for the fade value
- **callback** – Function with one argument that will be automatically called with the new values when the scheduled fade runs

setup(*start_value*, *stop_value*, *duration*, *min_step_duration=0.2*, *now=None*)

Calculates everything that is needed to fade a value

Parameters

- **start_value** (Union[int, float]) – Start value
- **stop_value** (Union[int, float]) – Stop value
- **duration** (int | float | timedelta) – How long shall the fade take
- **min_step_duration** (float) – minimum step duration (min 0.2 secs)
- **now** (float | None) – time.time() timestamp to sync multiple fades together

Return type
Fade

get_value(*now=None*)

Returns the current value. If the fade is finished it will always return the stop value.

Parameters
now (float | None) – time.time() timestamp for which the value shall be returned. Can be used to sync multiple fades together. Not required.

Return type
float

Returns
current value

property is_finished: bool

True if the fade is finished

schedule_fade()

Automatically run the fade with the Scheduler. The callback can be used to set the current fade value e.g. on an item. Calling this on a running fade will restart the fade

Return type
Fade

`stop_fade()`
Stop the scheduled fade. This can be called multiple times without error

13.7 EventListenerGroup

EventListenerGroup is a helper class which allows to subscribe to multiple items at once. All subscriptions can be canceled together, too. This is useful if e.g. something has to be done once after a sensor reports a value.

13.7.1 Example

This is a rule which will turn on the lights once (!) in a room on the first movement in the morning. The lights will only turn on after 4 and before 8 and two movement sensors are used to pick up movement.

```
from datetime import time

from HABApp import Rule
from HABApp.core.events import ValueChangeEventFilter
from HABApp.openhab.items import SwitchItem, NumberItem
from HABApp.util import EventListenerGroup


class EventListenerGroupExample(Rule):
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()
        self.lights = SwitchItem.get_item('RoomLights')
        self.sensor_move_1 = NumberItem.get_item('MovementSensor1')
        self.sensor_move_2 = NumberItem.get_item('MovementSensor2')

        # use a list of items which will be subscribed with the same callback and event
        self.listeners = EventListenerGroup().add_listener(
            [self.sensor_move_1, self.sensor_move_2], self.sensor_changed,␣
↪ValueChangeEventFilter())

        self.run.at(self.run.trigger.time('04:00:00'), self.listen_sensors)
        self.run.at(self.run.trigger.time('08:00:00'), self.sensors_cancel)

    def listen_sensors(self):
        self.listeners.listen()

    def sensors_cancel(self):
        self.listeners.cancel()

    def sensor_changed(self, event):
        self.listeners.cancel()
        self.lights.on()

EventListenerGroupExample()
```

13.7.2 Documentation

class EventListenerGroup

Helper to create/cancel multiple event listeners simultaneously

property active: bool

Returns
True if the listeners are currently active

listen()

Create all event listeners. If the event listeners are already active this will do nothing.

Return type
None

cancel()

Cancel the active event listeners. If the event listeners are not active this will do nothing.

Return type
None

activate_listener(*name*)

Resume a previously deactivated listener creator in the group.

Parameters
name (str) – item name or alias of the listener

Return type
bool

Returns
True if it was activated, False if it was already active

deactivate_listener(*name*, *cancel_if_active=True*)

Exempt the listener creator from further listener/cancel calls

Parameters

- **name** (str) – item name or alias of the listener
- **cancel_if_active** (bool) – Cancel the listener if it is active

Return type
bool

Returns
True if it was deactivated, False if it was already deactivated

add_listener(*item*, *callback*, *event_filter*, *alias=None*)

Add an event listener to the group

Parameters

- **item** (BaseItem | Iterable[BaseItem]) – Single or multiple items
- **callback** (Callable[[Any], Any]) – Callback for the item(s)
- **event_filter** (EventFilterBase) – Event filter for the item(s)
- **alias** (str | None) – Alias if an item with the same name does already exist (e.g. if different callbacks shall be created for the same item)

Return type
EventListenerGroup

Returns
self

`add_no_update_watcher`(*item*, *callback*, *seconds*, *alias=None*)

Add an no update watcher to the group. On `listen` this will create a no update watcher and the corresponding event listener that will trigger the callback

Parameters

- **item** (BaseItem | Iterable[BaseItem]) – Single or multiple items
- **callback** (Callable[[Any], Any]) – Callback for the item(s)
- **seconds** (timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | str) – No update time for the no update watcher
- **alias** (str | None) – Alias if an item with the same name does already exist (e.g. if different callbacks shall be created for the same item)

Return type
EventListenerGroup

Returns
self

`add_no_change_watcher`(*item*, *callback*, *seconds*, *alias=None*)

Add a no change watcher to the group. On `listen` this will create a no change watcher and the corresponding event listener that will trigger the callback

Parameters

- **item** (BaseItem | Iterable[BaseItem]) – Single or multiple items
- **callback** (Callable[[Any], Any]) – Callback for the item(s)
- **seconds** (timedelta | TimeDelta | int | float | str) – No update time for the no change watcher
- **alias** (str | None) – Alias if an item with the same name does already exist (e.g. if different callbacks shall be created for the same item)

Return type
EventListenerGroup

Returns
self

13.8 MultiModeItem

Prioritizer item which automatically switches between values with different priorities. Very useful when different states or modes overlap, e.g. automatic and manual mode. etc.

13.8.1 Basic Example

```
import HABApp
from HABApp.core.events import ValueUpdateEventFilter
from HABApp.util.multimode import MultiModeItem, ValueMode

class MyMultiModeItemTestRule(HABApp.Rule):
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()

        # create a new MultiModeItem
        item = MultiModeItem.get_create_item('MultiModeTestItem')
        item.listen_event(self.item_update, ValueUpdateEventFilter())

        # create two different modes which we will use and add them to the item
        auto = ValueMode('Automatic', initial_value=5)
        manu = ValueMode('Manual', initial_value=0)
        # Add the auto mode with priority 0 and the manual mode with priority 10
        item.add_mode(0, auto).add_mode(10, manu)

        # This shows how to enable/disable a mode and how to get a mode from the item
        print('disable/enable the higher priority mode')
        item.get_mode('manual').set_enabled(False)  # disable mode
        item.get_mode('manual').set_value(11)       # setting a value will enable it␣
↪again

        # This shows that changes of the lower priority is only shown when
        # the mode with the higher priority gets disabled
        print('')
        print('Set value of lower priority')
        auto.set_value(55)
        print('Disable higher priority')
        manu.set_enabled(False)

    def item_update(self, event):
        print(f'State: {event.value}')

MyMultiModeItemTestRule()
```

```
disable/enable the higher priority mode
State: 5
State: 11

Set value of lower priority
State: 11
Disable higher priority
State: 55
```

13.8.2 Advanced Example

```
import logging
import HABApp
from HABApp.core.events import ValueUpdateEventFilter
```

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```
from HABApp.util.multimode import MultiModeItem, ValueMode

class MyMultiModeItemTestRule(HABApp.Rule):
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()

        # create a new MultiModeItem
        item = MultiModeItem.get_create_item('MultiModeTestItem')
        item.listen_event(self.item_update, ValueUpdateEventFilter())

        # helper to print the heading so we have a nice output
        def print_heading(_heading):
            print('')
            print('-' * 80)
            print(_heading)
            print('-' * 80)
            for p, m in item.all_modes():
                print(f'Prio {p:2d}: {m}')
            print('')


        log = logging.getLogger('AdvancedMultiMode')

        # create modes and add them
        auto = ValueMode('Automatic', initial_value=5, logger=log)
        manu = ValueMode('Manual', initial_value=10, logger=log)
        item.add_mode(0, auto).add_mode(10, manu)


        # it is possible to automatically disable a mode
        # this will disable the manual mode if the automatic mode
        # sets a value greater equal manual mode
        print_heading('Automatically disable mode')

        # A custom function can also disable the mode:
        manu.auto_disable_func = lambda low, own: low >= own

        auto.set_value(11) # <-- manual now gets disabled because
        auto.set_value(4)  #     the lower priority value is >= itself


        # It is possible to use functions to calculate the new value for a mode.
        # E.g. shutter control and the manual mode moves the shades. If it's dark the␣
↪automatic
        # mode closes the shutter again. This could be achieved by automatically␣
↪disabling the
        # manual mode or if the state should be remembered then the max function should␣
↪be used

        # create a move and use the max function for output calculation
        manu = ValueMode('Manual', initial_value=5, logger=log, calc_value_func=max)
        item.add_mode(10, manu)    # overwrite the earlier added mode
```

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```
        print_heading('Use of functions')

        auto.set_value(7)   # manu uses max, so the value from auto is used
        auto.set_value(3)

    def item_update(self, event):
        print(f'Item value: {event.value}')

MyMultiModeItemTestRule()
```

```
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
Automatically disable mode
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
Prio  0: <ValueMode Automatic enabled: True, value: 5>
Prio 10: <ValueMode Manual enabled: True, value: 10>

[AdvancedMultiMode]     INFO | [x] Automatic: 11
[AdvancedMultiMode]     INFO | [ ] Manual (function)
Item value: 11
[AdvancedMultiMode]     INFO | [x] Automatic: 4
Item value: 4

--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
Use of functions
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
Prio  0: <ValueMode Automatic enabled: True, value: 4>
Prio 10: <ValueMode Manual enabled: True, value: 5>

[AdvancedMultiMode]     INFO | [x] Automatic: 7
Item value: 7
[AdvancedMultiMode]     INFO | [x] Automatic: 3
Item value: 5
```

13.8.3 Example SwitchItemValueMode

The SwitchItemMode is same as ValueMode but enabled/disabled of the mode is controlled by a openHAB *SwitchItem*. This is very useful if the mode shall be deactivated from the openHAB sitemaps.

```
import HABApp
from HABApp.openhab.items import SwitchItem
from HABApp.util.multimode import MultiModeItem, SwitchItemValueMode, ValueMode

class MyMultiModeItemTestRule(HABApp.Rule):
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()

        # create a new MultiModeItem
        item = MultiModeItem.get_create_item('MultiModeTestItem')

        # this switch allows to enable/disable the mode
        switch = SwitchItem.get_item('Automatic_Enabled')
```

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```
        print(f'Switch is {switch}')

        # this is how the switch gets linked to the mode
        # if the switch is on, the mode is on, too
        mode = SwitchItemValueMode('Automatic', switch)
        print(mode)

        # Use invert_switch if the desired behaviour is
        # if the switch is off, the mode is on
        mode = SwitchItemValueMode('AutomaticOff', switch, invert_switch=True)
        print(mode)

        # This shows how the SwitchItemValueMode can be used to disable any logic except␣
↪for the manual mode.
        # Now everything can be enabled/disabled from the openHAB sitemap
        item.add_mode(100, mode)
        item.add_mode(101, ValueMode('Manual'))

MyMultiModeItemTestRule()
```

```
Switch is ON
<SwitchItemValueMode Automatic enabled: True, value: None>
<SwitchItemValueMode AutomaticOff enabled: False, value: None>
```

13.8.4 Documentation

MultiModeItem

class MultiModeItem()

Prioritizer *Item*

classmethod get_create_item(*name*, *initial_value=None*, *default_value=<Missing>*)

Creates a new item in HABApp and returns it or returns the already existing one with the given name

Parameters

- **name** (str) – item name
- **initial_value** (Any) – state the item will have if it gets created
- **default_value** (Any) – Default value that will be sent if no mode is active

Return type
MultiModeItem

Returns
The created or existing item

remove_mode(*name*)

Remove mode if it exists

Parameters
name (str) – name of the mode (case-insensitive)

Return type
bool

Returns
True if something was removed, False if nothing was found

`add_mode`(*priority*, *mode*)

Add a new mode to the item, if it already exists it will be overwritten

Parameters

- **priority** (int) – priority of the mode
- **mode** (BaseMode) – instance of the MultiMode class

Return type
MultiModeItem

`all_modes`()

Returns a sorted list containing tuples with the priority and the mode

Return type
list[tuple[int, BaseMode]]

Returns
List with priorities and modes

`get_mode`(*name*)

Returns a created mode

Parameters
name (str) – name of the mode (case insensitive)

Return type
BaseMode

Returns
The requested MultiModeValue

`calculate_value`()

Recalculate the value. If the new value is not MISSING the calculated value will be set as the item state and the corresponding events will be generated.

Return type
Any

Returns
new value

ValueMode

`class ValueMode`(*name*, *initial_value=None*, *enabled=None*, *enable_on_value=True*, *logger=None*, *auto_disable_after=None*, *auto_disable_func=None*, *calc_value_func=None*)

Variables

- **last_update** (*datetime*) – Timestamp of the last update/enable of this value
- **auto_disable_after** (*Optional[timedelta]*) – Automatically disable this mode after a given timedelta on the next recalculation
- **auto_disable_func** (*Optional[Callable[[Any, Any], bool]]*) – Function which can be used to disable this mode. Any function that accepts two Arguments can be used. First arg is value with lower priority, second argument is own value. Return True to disable this mode.

- **calc_value_func** (*Optional[Callable[[Any, Any], Any]]*) – Function to calculate the new value (e.g. `min` or `max`). Any function that accepts two Arguments can be used. First arg is value with lower priority, second argument is own value.

property value

Returns the current value

property enabled: bool

Returns if the value is enabled

set_value(*value*, *only_on_change=False*)

Set new value and recalculate overall value. If `enable_on_value` is set, setting a value will also enable the mode.

Parameters

- **value** – new value
- **only_on_change** (`bool`) – will set/enable the mode only if value differs or the mode is disabled

Return type
`bool`

Returns
False if the value was not set, True otherwise

set_enabled(*value*, *only_on_change=False*)

Enable or disable this value and recalculate overall value

Parameters

- **value** (`bool`) – True/False
- **only_on_change** (`bool`) – enable only on change

Return type
`bool`

Returns
True if the value was set else False

cancel()

Remove the mode from the parent `MultiModeItem` and stop processing it

Return type
`None`

SwitchItemValueMode

class SwitchItemValueMode(*name*, *switch_item*, *invert_switch=False*, *initial_value=None*, *logger=None*, *auto_disable_after=None*, *auto_disable_func=None*, *calc_value_func=None*)

SwitchItemMode, same as ValueMode but enabled/disabled of the mode is controlled by a OpenHAB *SwitchItem*

Variables

- **last_update** (*datetime*) – Timestamp of the last update/enable of this value
- **auto_disable_after** (*Optional[timedelta]*) – Automatically disable this mode after a given timedelta on the next recalculation

- **auto_disable_func** (*Optional[Callable[[Any, Any], bool]]*) – Function which can be used to disable this mode. Any function that accepts two Arguments can be used. First arg is value with lower priority, second argument is own value. Return `True` to disable this mode.
- **calc_value_func** (*Optional[Callable[[Any, Any], Any]]*) – Function to calculate the new value (e.g. `min` or `max`). Any function that accepts two Arguments can be used. First arg is value with lower priority, second argument is own value.

`cancel()`

Remove the mode from the parent `MultiModeItem` and stop processing it

Return type
`None`

`property enabled: bool`

Returns if the value is enabled

`set_value(value, only_on_change=False)`

Set new value and recalculate overall value. If `enable_on_value` is set, setting a value will also enable the mode.

Parameters

- **value** – new value
- **only_on_change** (`bool`) – will set/enable the mode only if value differs or the mode is disabled

Return type
`bool`

Returns
False if the value was not set, True otherwise

`property value`

Returns the current value

CHAPTER

FOURTEEN

ADDITIONAL RULE EXAMPLES

14.1 Using the scheduler

```
from datetime import datetime, time, timedelta

from HABApp import Rule


class MyRule(Rule):

    def __init__(self) -> None:
        super().__init__()

        self.run.on_day_of_week(time=time(14, 34, 20), weekdays=['Mo'], callback=self.
↪run_mondays)

        self.run.every(timedelta(seconds=5), 3, self.run_every_3s, 'arg 1', asdf='kwarg 1
↪')

        self.run.on_workdays(time(15, 00), self.run_workdays)
        self.run.on_weekends(time(15, 00), self.run_weekends)

    def run_every_3s(self, arg, asdf = None) -> None:
        print(f'run_ever_3s: {datetime.now().replace(microsecond=0)} : {arg}, {asdf}')

    def run_mondays(self) -> None:
        print('Today is monday!')

    def run_workdays(self) -> None:
        print('Today is a workday!')

    def run_weekends(self) -> None:
        print('Finally weekend!')


MyRule()
```

14.2 Mirror openHAB events to a MQTT Broker

```
import HABApp
from HABApp.openhab.events import ItemStateEvent, ItemStateUpdatedEventFilter
from HABApp.openhab.items import OpenhabItem


class ExampleOpenhabToMQTTRule(HABApp.Rule):
    """This Rule mirrors all updates from OpenHAB to MQTT"""

    def __init__(self) -> None:
        super().__init__()

        for item in self.get_items(OpenhabItem):
            item.listen_event(self.process_update, ItemStateUpdatedEventFilter())

    def process_update(self, event) -> None:
        assert isinstance(event, ItemStateEvent)

        print(f'/openhab/{event.name} <- {event.value}')
        self.mqtt.publish(f'/openhab/{event.name}', str(event.value))


ExampleOpenhabToMQTTRule()
```

14.3 Trigger an event when an item is constant

Get an even when the item is constant for 5 and for 10 seconds.

```
import HABApp
from HABApp.core.items import Item
from HABApp.core.events import ItemNoChangeEvent, EventFilter

class MyRule(HABApp.Rule):
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()

        my_item = Item.get_item('test_watch')

        # Create an event when the item doesn't change for 5 secs and
        # create a watcher for ItemNoChangeEvent with 5s const time
        my_item.watch_change(5).listen_event(self.item_constant_5s)

        # Just create an event when the item doesn't change for 10 secs
        my_item.watch_change(10)

        # Listen to all ItemNoChangeEvents for the item
        my_item.listen_event(self.item_constant, EventFilter(ItemNoChangeEvent))

        # Set the item to a value to generate the ItemNoChangeEvent events
        my_item.set_value('my_value')
```

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```
    def item_constant_5s(self, event):
        print(f'Item 5s const: {event}')

    def item_constant(self, event):
        print(f'Item const: {event}')

MyRule()
```

```
Item const: <ItemNoChangeEvent name: test_watch, seconds: 5>
Item const: <ItemNoChangeEvent name: test_watch, seconds: 10>
```

14.4 Turn something off after movement

Turn a device off 30 seconds after one of the movement sensors in a room signals movement.

```
import HABApp
from HABApp.core.items import Item
from HABApp.core.events import ValueUpdateEvent, ValueUpdateEventFilter

class MyCountdownRule(HABApp.Rule):
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()

        self.countdown = self.run.countdown(30, self.switch_off)
        self.device = Item.get_item('my_device')

        self.movement1 = Item.get_item('movement_sensor1')
        self.movement1.listen_event(self.movement, ValueUpdateEventFilter())

        self.movement2 = Item.get_item('movement_sensor2')
        self.movement2.listen_event(self.movement, ValueUpdateEventFilter())

    def movement(self, event: ValueUpdateEvent):
        if self.device != 'ON':
            self.device.post_value('ON')

        self.countdown.reset()

    def switch_off(self):
        self.device.post_value('OFF')

MyCountdownRule()
```

14.5 Process Errors in Rules

This example shows how to create a rule with a function which will be called when **any** rule throws an error. The rule function then can push the error message to an openHAB item, use a notification service to send the error message to the mobile device or send an email with the error message. See *Advanced Usage* for more information about the available internal topics. It also uses the built in *rate limiter* to limit the amount of notifications.

```
import HABApp
from HABApp.core.events.habapp_events import HABAppException
from HABApp.core.events import EventFilter
from HABApp.util import RateLimiter


# Set up rate limiter to limit the amount of notifications
LIMITER = RateLimiter('MyNotifications')
LIMITER.parse_limits('5 in 1 minute', algorithm='fixed_window_elastic_expiry')
LIMITER.parse_limits("20 in 1 hour", algorithm='leaky_bucket')


class NotifyOnError(HABApp.Rule):
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()

        # Listen to all errors
        self.listen_event('HABApp.Errors', self.on_error, EventFilter(HABAppException))

    def on_error(self, error_event: HABAppException):
        msg = error_event.to_str() if isinstance(error_event, HABAppException) else␣
↪error_event

        # use limiter
        if not LIMITER.allow():
            return None

        # Replace this part with your notification logic
        print('Error in rules:')
        print(msg)

NotifyOnError()


# this is a faulty rule as an example. Do not create this part!
class FaultyRule(HABApp.Rule):
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()
        self.run.soon(self.faulty_function)

    def faulty_function(self):
        1 / 0
FaultyRule()
```

```
Error in rules:
Exception in TestRule.FaultyRule.faulty_function: division by zero
File "<string>", line 43 in faulty_function
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------

--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "/home/docs/checkouts/readthedocs.org/user_builds/habapp/checkouts/latest/src/
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```
↪HABApp/core/internals/wrapped_function/wrapped_thread.py", line 105, in run
    ret = self.func_obj(*self.func_args, **self.func_kwargs)
  File "<string>", line 43, in faulty_function
    1 / 0
    ~~^~~
ZeroDivisionError: division by zero
```

CHAPTER

FIFTEEN

TIPS & TRICKS

15.1 yml files

15.1.1 Entry sharing

If the values should be reused yml features anchors with & which then can be referenced with *. This allows to reuse the defined structures:

```
my_key_value_pairs:  &my_kv  # <-- this creates the anchor node with the name my_kv
  4: 99      # Light Threshold
  5: 8       # Operation Mode
  7: 20      # Customer Function

value_1: *my_kv  # <-- '*my_kv' references the anchor node my_kv
value_2: *my_kv

value_3:
  <<: *my_kv    # <-- '<<: *my_kv' references and inserts the content (!) of the anchor␣
↪node my_kv
  4: 80         #                  and then overwrites parameter 4
```

15.2 openHAB

15.2.1 autoupdate

If external devices are capable of reporting their state (e.g. Z-Wave) it is always advised to use disable `autoupdate` for these items. This prevents openHAB from guessing the item state based on the command and forces it to use the actual reported value. If in doubt if the device supports reporting their state it can be easily tested: Set `autoupdate` to off, then watch the item state after sending a command to it. If the state changes `autoupdate` can remain off.

In the `*.items` file `autoupdate` can be disabled by adding the following statement in the metadata field.

```
Number      MyItem    { channel = "zwave:my_zwave_link", autoupdate="false" }
```

It's also possible with textual thing configuration to add it as *metadata*.

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SIXTEEN

TROUBLESHOOTING

16.1 Warnings

16.1.1 Starting of <FUNC_NAME> took too long.

This warning appears in the HABApp log, e.g.:

```
Starting of MyRule.my_func took too long: 0.08s. Maybe there are not enough threads?
```

It means that the duration from when the event was received to the start of the execution of the function took longer than expected.

This can be the case if suddenly many events are received at once. Another reason for this warning might be that currently running function calls take too long to finish and thus no free workers are available. This can either be the case for complex calculations, but most of the time it's blocking function calls or a `time.sleep` call.

If these warnings pile up in the log it's an indicator that the worker is congested. Make sure there is no use of long sleeps and instead the scheduler is used.

If this warning only appears now and then it can be ignored.

16.1.2 Execution of <FUNC_NAME> took too long

This warning appears in the HABApp log, e.g.:

```
Execution of MyRule.my_long_func took too long: 15.25s
```

It means that the function took very long to execute. By default HABApp has 10 threads and each function call will happen in one of those threads. Normally this is not a problem because functions finish rather quicly and the used thread is free for the next function call. When functions take very long to execute and multiple of these functions run parallel it's possible that all threads are blocked. HABApp will then appear to "hang" and can not process new events.

If the function uses `time.sleep` it can be split up and the scheduler can be used instead.

Long running scripts (>10s) which do not interact with openHAB can be run as a separate process with *execute_python()*. The script can e.g. print the result as a json which HABApp can read and load again into the proper data structures.

If this warning only appears now and then it can be ignored.

16.1.3 Item <ITEM_NAME> is a UoM item but "unit" is not found in item metadata

Starting from OH4 it's possible to use an internal normalisation unit and scale for UoM items. To use this normalisation one has to set the `unit` metadata on the item.:

```
Number:Temperature  My_Temp     { unit="°C" }
```

It's strongly recommend to explicitly set this normalisation value. Only when used it'll prevent graphs and persisted values from changing the unit and scale which would result in broken graphs or broken persisted data.

16.2 Errors

16.2.1 ValueError: Line is too long

The underlying libraries of HABApp use a buffer to process each request and event from openHAB. If the openHAB items contain images this buffer might be not enough and a `ValueError: Line is too long` error will appear in the logs. See *the openHAB connection options* on how to increase the buffer. The maximum image size that can be used without error is ~40% of the buffer size. This only applies to HABApp versions < 25 which use the SSE event handler.

16.2.2 Thread usage detected but no thread marker "@in_thread" was used!

This error appears when interaction with HABApp internals occur from a thread. Typically using own threads is not necessary and is **strongly** discouraged. Most of the time the scheduler and/or some rework of the logic can be used instead. For very long running scripts a subprocess can be used (see *subprocess*).

If the thread is created by a 3rd party library (and thus no rework is possible) HABApp provides a `in_thread` decorator to mark the function accordingly. Additional benefit is proper tracebacks in case of Exception.

```
from HABApp.rule import Rule, in_thread

class MyRule(Rule):
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()
        # start library thread after startup
        self.run.soon(self.startup)

    def startup(self):
        # There are to ways to mark a function as a thread function:
        # 1. Use a wrapper in the function definition
        library_function(self.runs_from_a_thread)
        # 2. Wrap function when passing to the 3rd party library
        library_function(in_thread(self.runs_also_from_a_thread))

    @in_thread   # <-- this is the important part
    def runs_from_a_thread(self):
        pass

    def runs_also_from_a_thread(self):
        pass


MyRule()
```

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CLASS REFERENCE

Reference for returned classes from some functions. These are not intended to be created by the user.

17.1 Watches

17.1.1 ItemNoUpdateWatch

class ItemNoUpdateWatch(*name*, *secs*)

EVENT

alias of *ItemNoUpdateEvent*

cancel()

Cancel the item watch

Return type
None

listen_event(*callback*)

Listen to (only) the event that is emitted by this watcher

17.1.2 ItemNoChangeWatch

class ItemNoChangeWatch(*name*, *secs*)

EVENT

alias of *ItemNoChangeEvent*

cancel()

Cancel the item watch

Return type
None

listen_event(*callback*)

Listen to (only) the event that is emitted by this watcher

17.2 InstantView

class InstantView(*instant*)

classmethod now()

Create a new instance with the current time

Return type
InstantView

add(*, *hours=0*, *minutes=0*, *seconds=0*, *milliseconds=0*, *microseconds=0*, *nanoseconds=0*)

Add time delta

Return type
Self

Returns
New instance

delta_now(*now=None*)

Return the delta between now and the instant. The delta will be positive, e.g. if the InstantView is from 5 seconds ago this will return a timedelta with 5 seconds.

Parameters
now (*InstantView* | Instant | None) – optional instant to compare to instead of now, must be newer than the instant of the instant view

Return type
TimeDelta

newer_than(*obj=None*, ***kwargs*)

Check if the instant is newer than the given value

older_than(*obj=None*, ***kwargs*)

Check if the instant is older than the given value

py_datetime()

Return the datetime of the instant

Return type
datetime

py_timedelta(*now=None*)

Return the timedelta between the instant and now

Parameters
now (*InstantView* | Instant | None) – optional instant to compare to

Return type
timedelta

subtract(*, *hours=0*, *minutes=0*, *seconds=0*, *milliseconds=0*, *microseconds=0*, *nanoseconds=0*)

Subtract time delta from current instant

Return type
Self

Returns
New instance

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