

CONTROL TUYA DEVICES VIA OH₃ WITHOUT FLASHING

This article describes the steps to control Tuya devices via Openhab3 without flashing the device. My consideration was that TASMOTA was not compatible with the firmware of my device, but I wanted to control anyhow via OH UI and OH App.

Version	User	When	Description
1.0	Becksen	17.04.2021	Initial tutorial

ACTIONS ON TUYA CLOUD

1. Create TUYA developer account

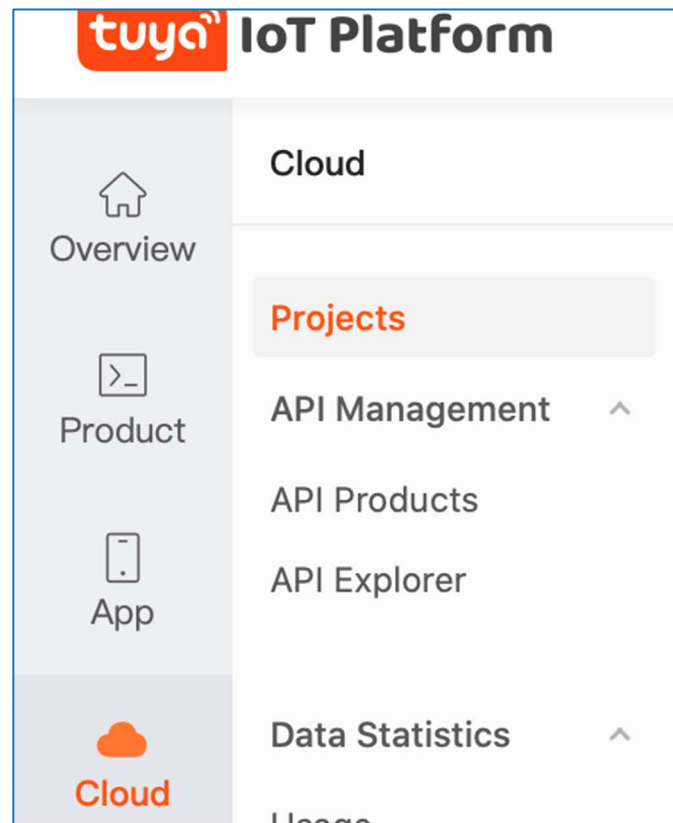
In order to use the TUYA API it is required to create a developer account on TUYA lot Platform:

<https://iot.tuya.com>

I didn't succeed in creating a European developer account because of GDPR reasons. It was required to proof own identity but there was no way of completing it. So I took a US account and it worked.

2. Create a project

After successfully logged on to lot Platform create a project. On the left pane select **Cloud** and then **Project**.



Enter

- Project Name
- Project Type
- Description
- Industry

I have not tested if industry has any impact on the project and the smart devices. I've selected Smart Home which made most sense for me.

Edit ✕

* Project Name:

* Project Type:

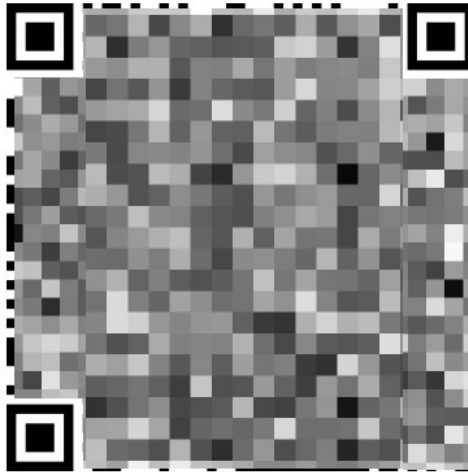
* Description:

* Industry:

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Finally, you'll get a project overview like this. Details shown will become important later.

Please scan the QR code with Tuya Smart App to authorize

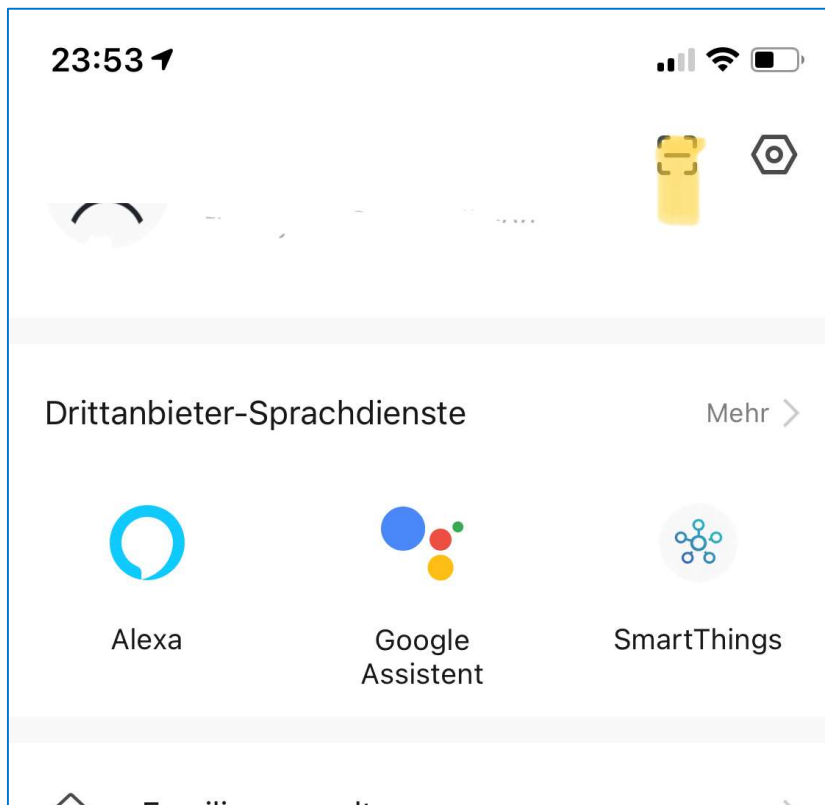


Tuya Smart App - Me - Scan

Scan the QR code with the app you have linked your device to.

It is not necessarily the Tuya Smart App as mentioned above. Smart Life app is also possible which worked fine for me.

In the Smart Life app go to your profile and select the icon in the top right to scan the QR code.



I believe there was one approval step required to provide access to the devices via the IoT Platform.

4. Activate API Products

For using the API successfully some “API products” need to be activated. At the beginning I’ve activated all. Navigate in the TUYA IoT Platform to **Cloud / API Products**. Select the particular API Product and subscribe.

Reviewing the Docs I believe that those are required for our use case:

- Smart Home Devices Management
- Authorization

Let me know in case you experience different 😊

Once subscribed grant the authorization to your created project. This has to be repeated for each API.

Smart Home Devices Management

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Overview API List **Authorized Projects (1)**

When a project is authorized to use this API, you can use the API by the Client ID and Client Secret.

Project Name
TB41

Figure 1 Smart Home Devices API Product

Authorization

Developers can manage the authorization tokens under the pro

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Figure 2 Authorization API Product

ACTIONS ON OH3

5. Create dummy item

Create dummy switch item:

Edit Item

Name	LichtApartmentDummy
Label	Licht Apartment ✕
Type	Switch >
Category	lightbulb ✕
Semantic Class	Equipment >
Group Membership	
Parent Group(s)	Apartment (gApartment) >
Non-Semantic Tags	
Add tag	

6. Create Widget

Create a widget from Model and use the created dummy item.

←
Edit Toggle Card
Done

Show advanced

Card

Parameters of the card

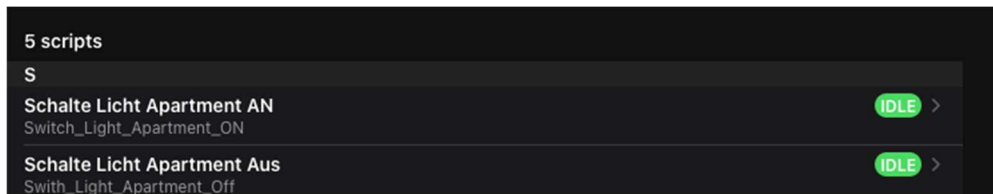
Title	Licht Apartment ✕
Title of the card	
Footer text	Tuya Device ✕
Footer of the card	

Toggle

Item	Licht Apartment (LichtApartmentDummy) >
Item to control	

7. Create Scripts

Create two scripts. One for switching light on and one for switching it off.



Code is posted in the OH community post: