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QUICK START GUIDE AMAZON ALEXA

YOUR SMART HOME COLLECTION SKILL

ABOUT THE "SMART HOME COLLECTION" SKILL

Your SHC Shades just got smarter. Amazon Alexa works with the SHC app to take control of your shades with your voice. All you need is a SHC Hub that's already setup, then you can add the Smart Home Collection Skill to your Amazon Alexa.
This allows you to control individual or groups of shades with precision.

GETTING STARTED

Before connecting Alexa to your SHC Hub, please ensure the SHC Hub and Shades are working.

In order to control your Shades with your voice you will need the following:

- SHC Hub already setup and working
- SHC App and account
- Working Shades with your SHC App
- Alexa App and account

CONTROLLING YOUR AUTOMATE SHADES THROUGH AMAZON ALEXA

To create a seamless experience to handsfree voice activation, consider the natural way you and your family would call a shade on your Amazon Alexa. You may want to consider changing the name from Shade 1 to Living room Shade in your SHC App. Also consider if the shade will be controlled individually or in a group and name it accordingly in the SHC App.

ALEXA - SHADE ON/OFF

Alexa currently treats shades as if they were switches, so Alexa will respond to turn on or turn off Living room shade.

Example commands;

- To lower an individual shade, simply say, "Alexa, turn on Bedroom Shade"
- To raise an individual shade, simply say, "Alexa, turn off Bedroom Shade"

SCENE CONTROL

Scene Control is different to Group Control; a scene can be multiple shades set to different positions. If you plan to trigger scenes through Alexa, consider the most meaningful, easy to remember scene names.
For instance, a scene named "Good Morning" is easy to remember and accurately describes the experience one might look for in that scene. Then remember to configure that scene in your SHC App.

To activate a scene created in the SHC App, simply say, "Alexa, turn on Good Morning"

Note: Scenes can only be created in the SHC App, not in Alexa App.

GROUP CONTROL

Another method of operating window shades through Alexa is through groups. These groups are often individual rooms, multiple room groupings, or a whole home. Please be aware that the rooms you have programmed into your SHC App will not automatically show up in your Amazon Alexa App.
You will be required to recreate the groupings in your Amazon Alexa App. Once that group has been created in Amazon Alexa, triggering it to operate, is as simple as asking Alexa to turn on that group.

To lower a group of shades configured in the Alexa App, simply say "Alexa, turn on Living Room"

PERCENTAGE CONTROL

An individual window shade or group can be sent to any percentage of openness. The percentage will be based on the programmed limits on the motor.
A shade that is completely raised to its upper limit is at 100%, while a shade that is completely lowered to its lower limit is at 0%.

- To move an individual shade only a little down, simply say "Alexa, set Bedroom Shade to 22%"

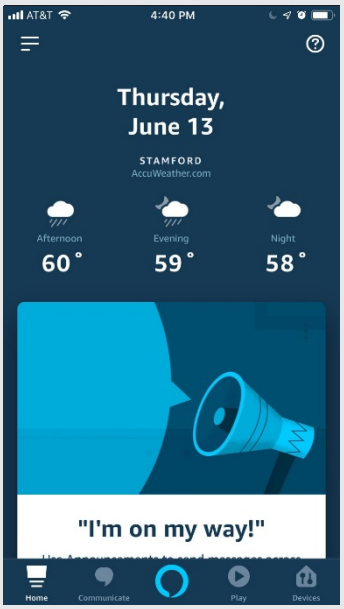
TIPS

- Alexa responds to names created in the SHC App. Consider using "one" when numbering shades instead of "1". Avoid using all special characters like % and numbers.
- If you have changed the name of your shade or scene in your SHC App, please ensure you force close the SHC App, then reopen the SHC App. Only then can you rediscover the devices and scenes in your Alexa App.

ENABLING YOUR Smart Home Collection SKILL

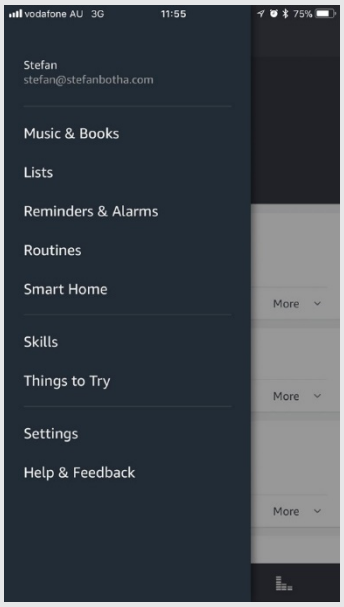
First ensure your Alexa account is setup and working. To test this, ask Alexa the time; if Alexa responds; this will confirm Alexa is working. Also test the SHC App and ensure the SHC hub and Shades are working.

STEP 1



From the home page in the Alexa App select the main menu in the top right corner.

STEP 2



Select the "Skill & Games" option from the main menu.

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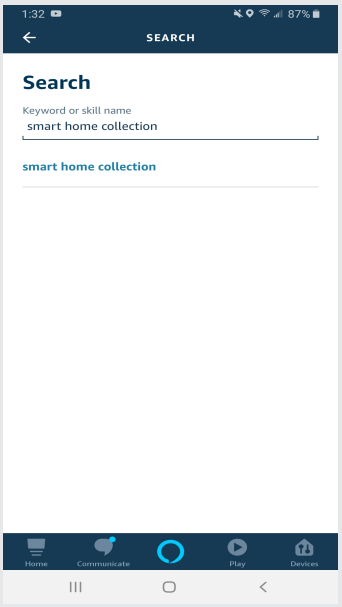

Search 'Smart Home Collection" in the Skill search bar at the top of the screen.

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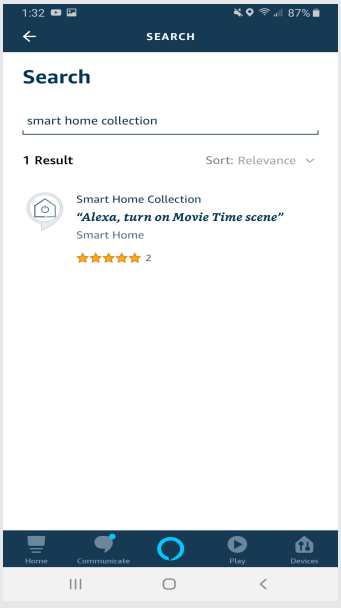

'Smart Home Collection' skill will appear in the results menu. Select it.

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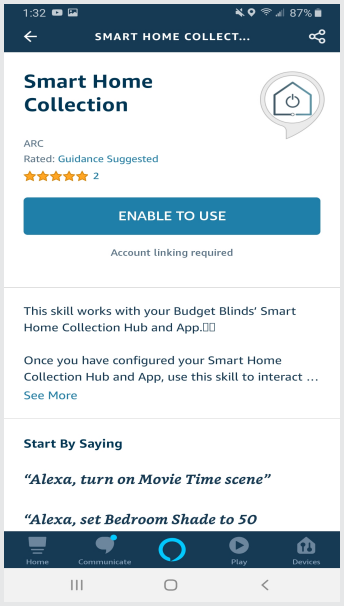

Select 'ENABLE' on the SHC Skill page.

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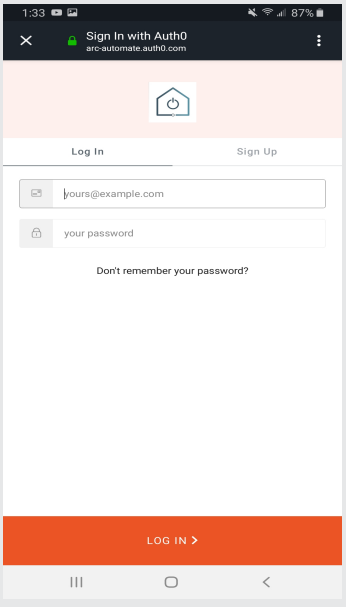

In order to activate the skill, you must login with your SHC app credentials

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DISCOVERING DEVICES AND

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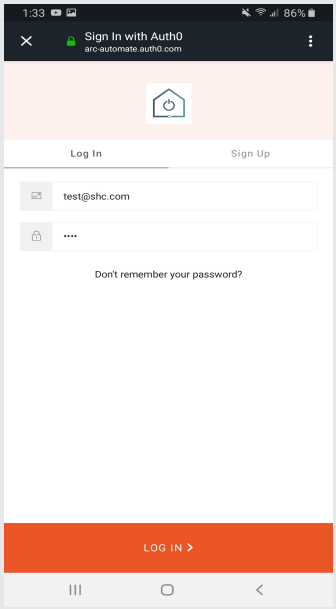

Enter the e-mail and password of your SHC app and select 'LOG IN'

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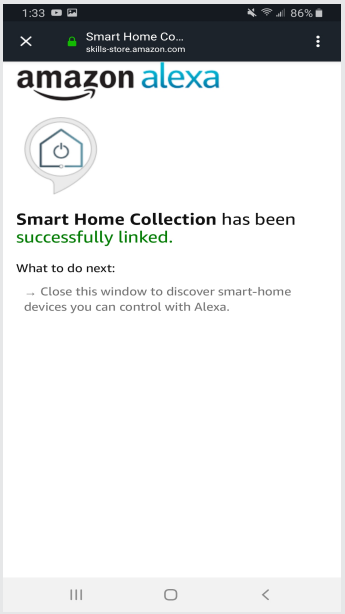

Once your account is linked, this page will appear, select 'DONE' or the 'X' in the corner

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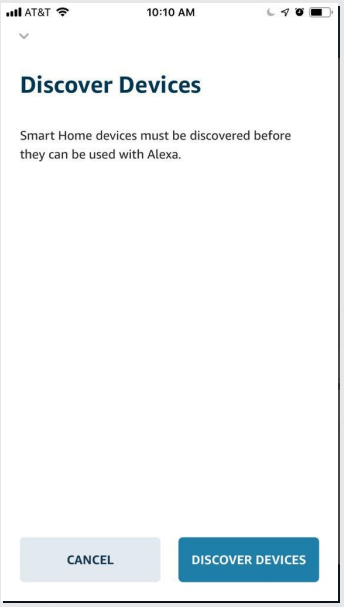

You will now be prompted to discover your shades. Click "Discover Devices".

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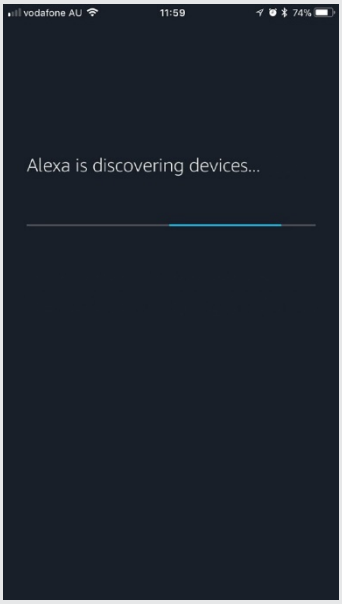

Your Alexa device will search for the shades associated to your SHC App.

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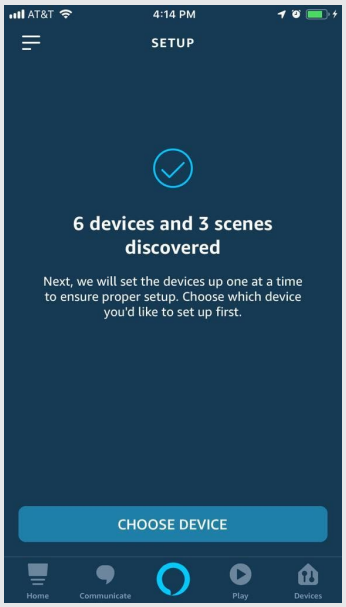

After the Alexa App discover All the devices, click in "Devices" on the bottom of the Alexa App.

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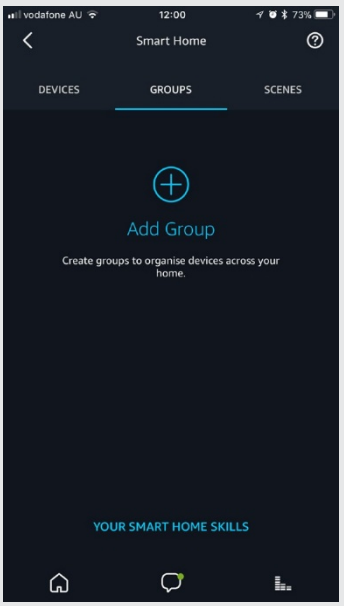

Click on 'All devices' tab and all individual shades will now appear

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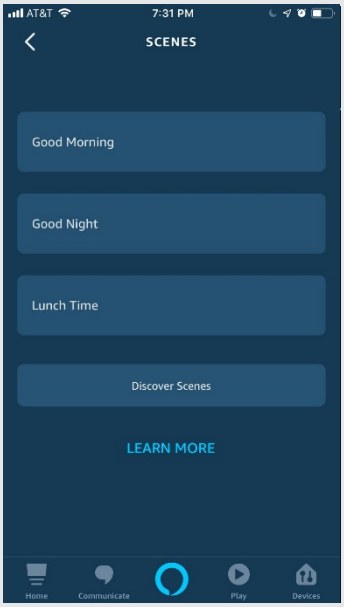
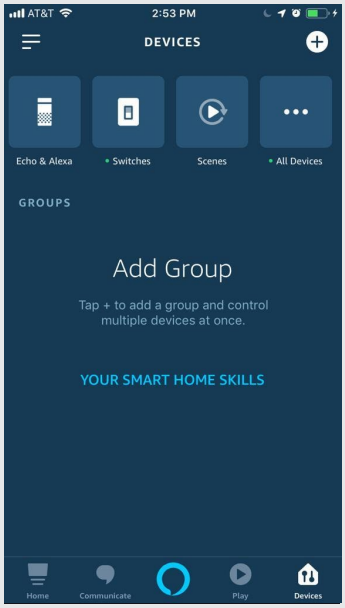


Click on 'Devices' and 'Scenes' and the pre-configured scenes from the SHC app will now appear.

CREATE GROUPS



In the left corner, tap select the + button to add a new group.

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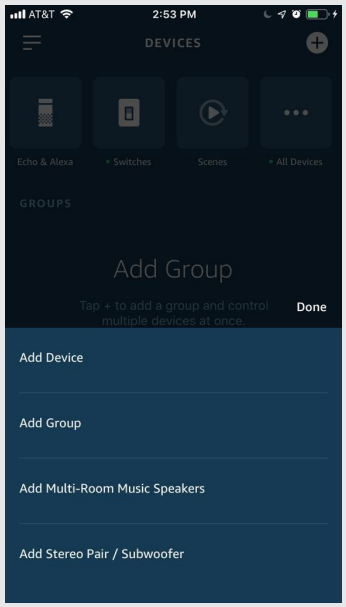

Select the "Add group" in the list to create a new group.

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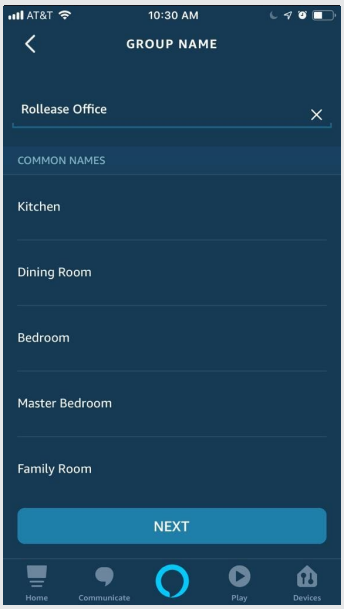

Name the group; Select from a predefined list or create a custom group name.

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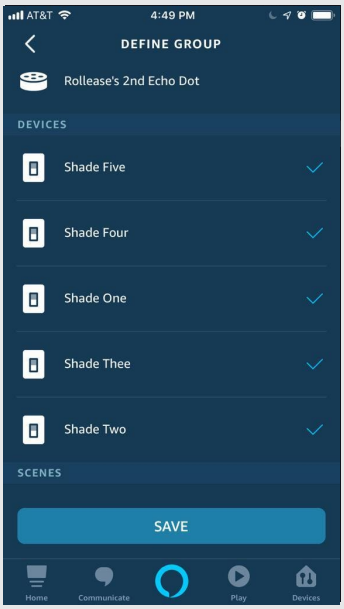

Select the devices "Shades" that should be included in that group.

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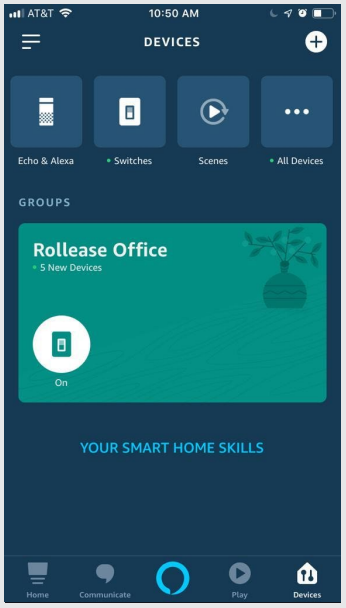

On the home page of the Alexa App, should be shown the group(s) created with the devices "Shades.

CUSTOM VOICE COMMANDS:

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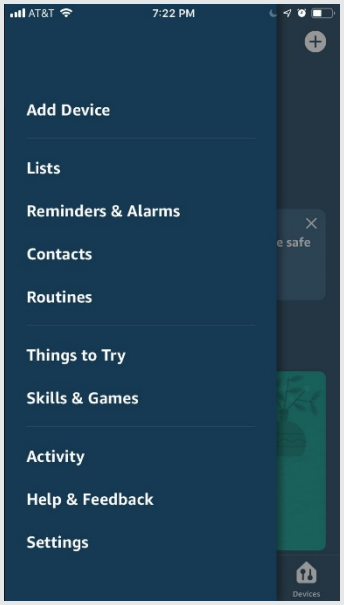

From the main menu select "Routines" option.

If you want to use custom commands like open close raise or lower, the Alexa App can create routines. Routines are sequences of actions; example A routine can be triggered by a custom command and the action can be for a group or single shade to move.

Example Commands that work well: Alexa, raise all the shades/blinds, Alexa lower bedroom shade. We suggest trialing a few commands that sound natural that Alexa will accept. Note not all commands will work.

Prior to setup ensure you have groups setup that you would like to control.

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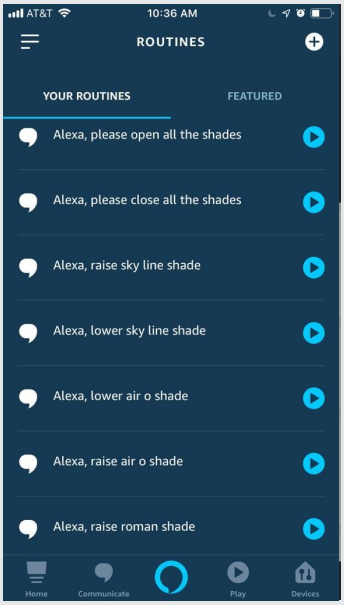

Select the + button in the top right corner.

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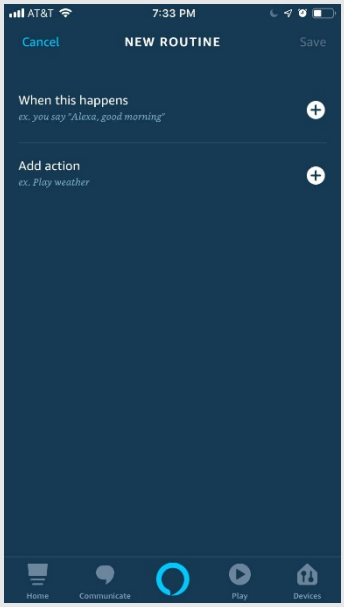

Select the "when this happens" + button.

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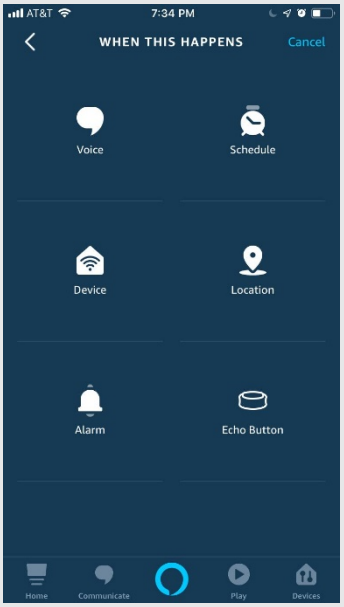

Select the "Voice" control option.

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Enter the phrase of the custom command and press next to move to select the "Add action" button.

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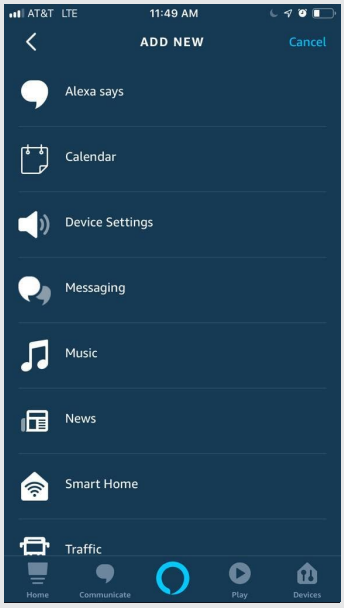

Select "Smart Home" icon.

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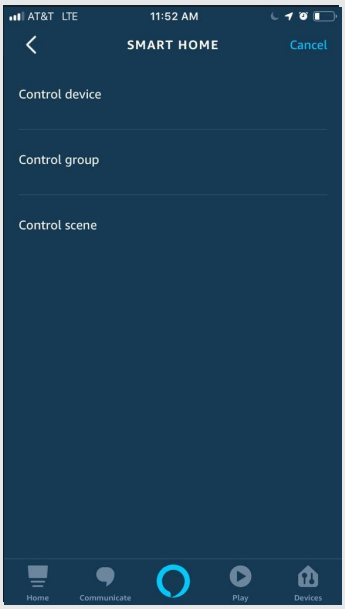

Select the device, group or scene that you want to control.

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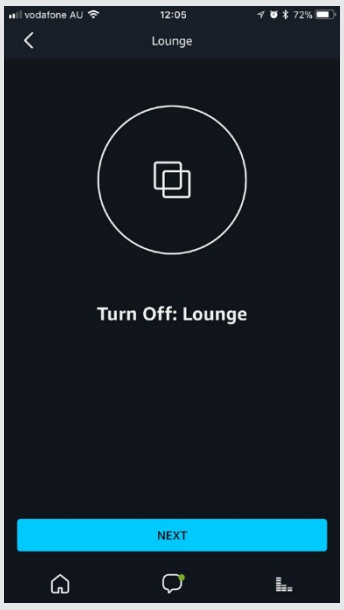

See the list of the preconfigured groups and select the group accordingly.

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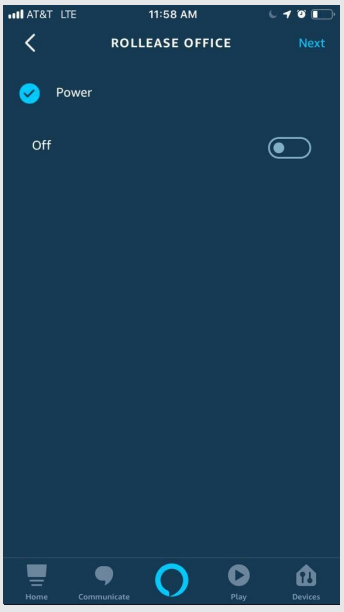

If your command is to lower the shade, select the "off" option. Select next.

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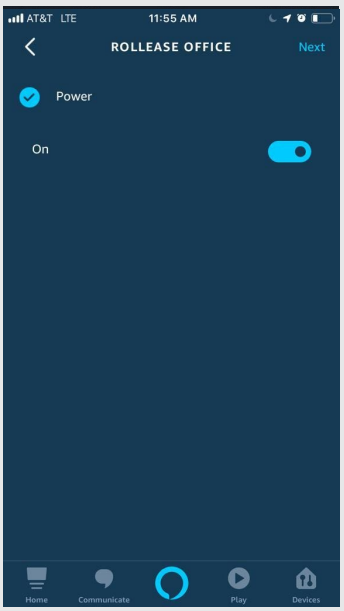

If your command is to raise the shades, select the "on" option. Select next.

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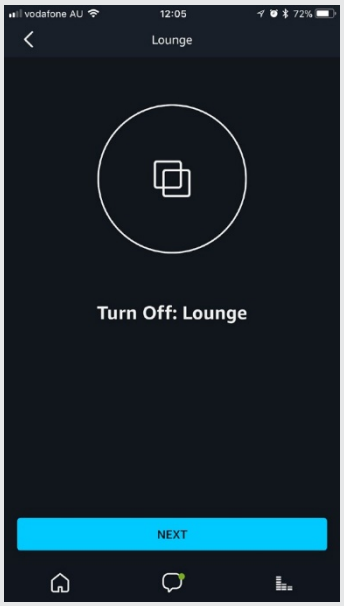

Select the "Save" button in the top right corner to save the new routine.

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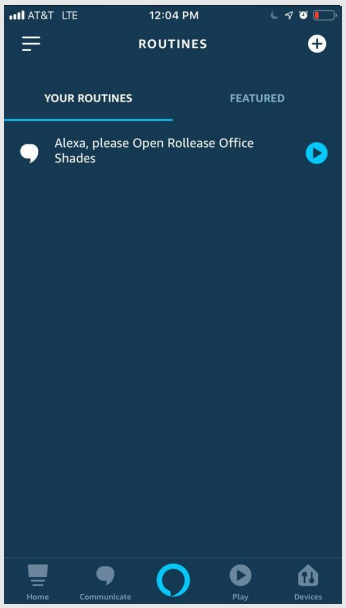

See the list of the custom commands that was created.