

# Setup Guide - Vera & Alexa Skill

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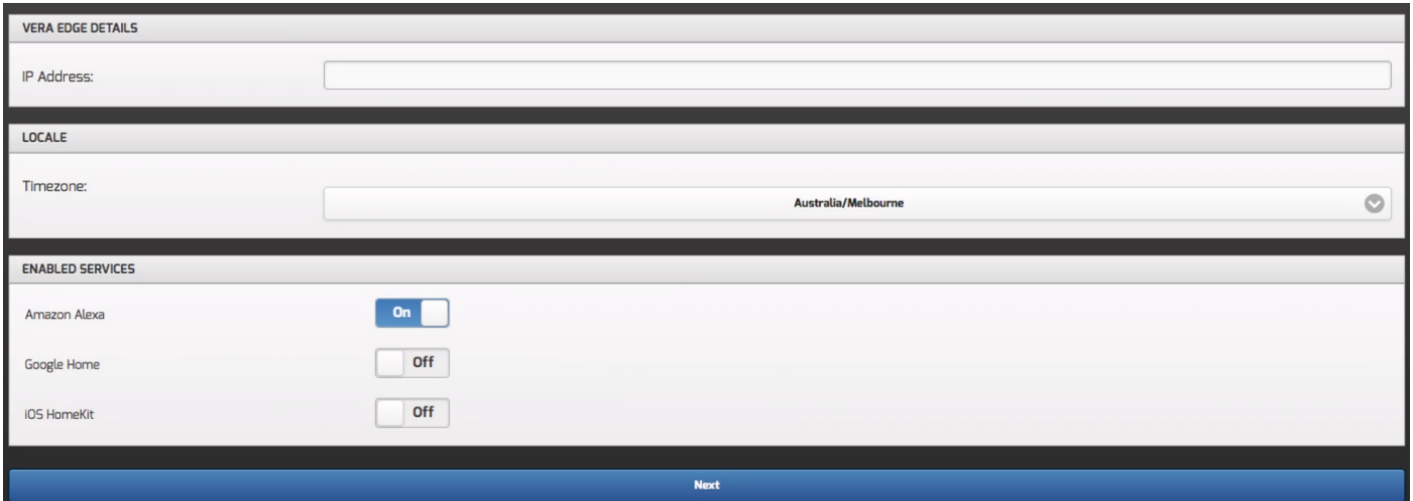
First of all connect the automationbridge to your home network using the supplied network cable. Then connect the power supply.

The automationbridge will then automatically start up, please wait for 2-3 minutes for this to happen, then using a web-browser go to <http://mybridge.skaro.com.au> (<http://mybridge.skaro.com.au>)

You will then be prompted to register your device, this will then send you a verification email to complete the setup process, click the link in the email to finalise the setup and then you will be directed to the home page of the automationbridge.

You will then be prompted to select your home automation platform, click the image for the Vera.

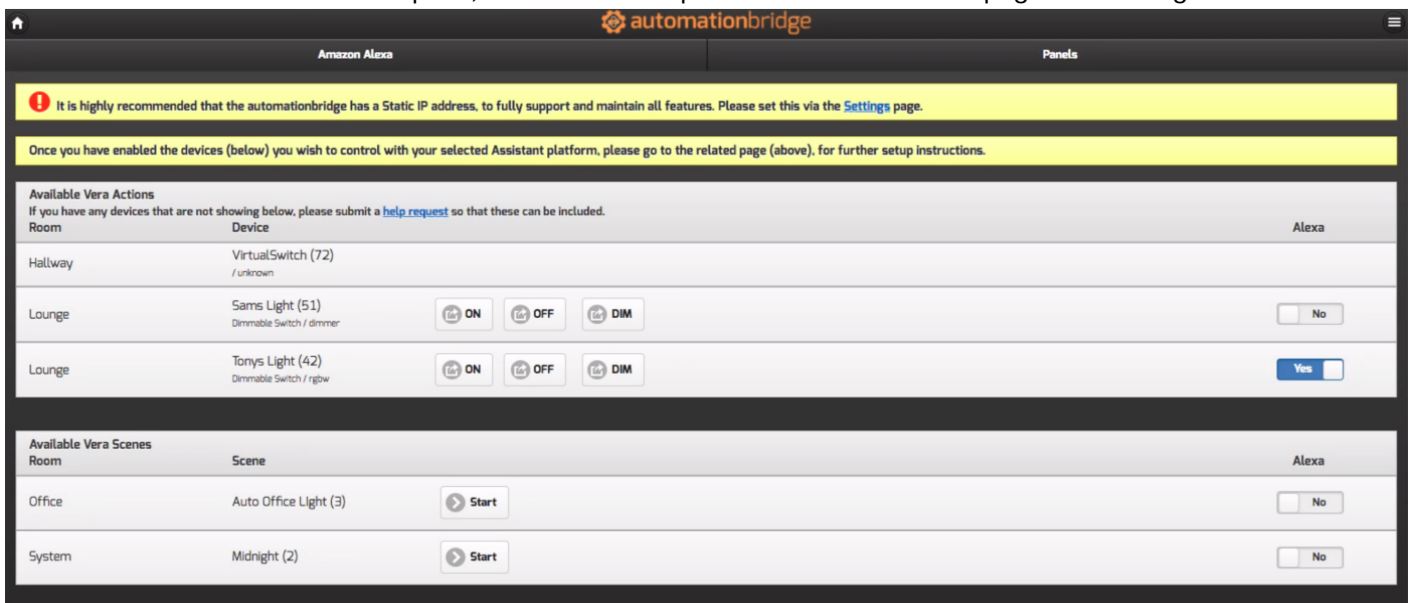
Next, enter the details for your Vera, select your time zone, and enable the required services.



The screenshot shows the 'VERA EDGE DETAILS' configuration page. It has three main sections: 'IP Address' with an empty text input field; 'LOCALE' with a 'Timezone' dropdown menu currently set to 'Australia/Melbourne'; and 'ENABLED SERVICES' with three toggle switches: 'Amazon Alexa' (On), 'Google Home' (Off), and 'IOS HomeKit' (Off). A blue 'Next' button is located at the bottom of the page.

Upon completing the page, and clicking Next, it will make sure that it can connect to your Vera, and if successful, will prompt you to reboot the device

Please wait until the reboot is complete, You will then be presented with the home page of the bridge.



The screenshot shows the home page of the automationbridge. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'Amazon Alexa' and 'Panels'. Below the navigation is a yellow warning banner: 'It is highly recommended that the automationbridge has a Static IP address, to fully support and maintain all features. Please set this via the Settings page.' Another yellow banner below it says: 'Once you have enabled the devices (below) you wish to control with your selected Assistant platform, please go to the related page (above), for further setup instructions.' The main content is divided into two sections: 'Available Vera Actions' and 'Available Vera Scenes'. The 'Available Vera Actions' section lists devices in a table with columns for Room, Device, and Alexa status. The 'Available Vera Scenes' section lists scenes in a table with columns for Room, Scene, and Alexa status.

Room	Device	ON	OFF	DIM	Alexa
Hallway	VirtualSwitch (72) / unknown				
Lounge	Sams Light (51) Dimmable Switch / dimmer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Lounge	Tonys Light (42) Dimmable Switch / rgbw	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes

Room	Scene	Start	Alexa
Office	Auto Office Light (3)	<input type="button" value="Start"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> No
System	Midnight (2)	<input type="button" value="Start"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> No

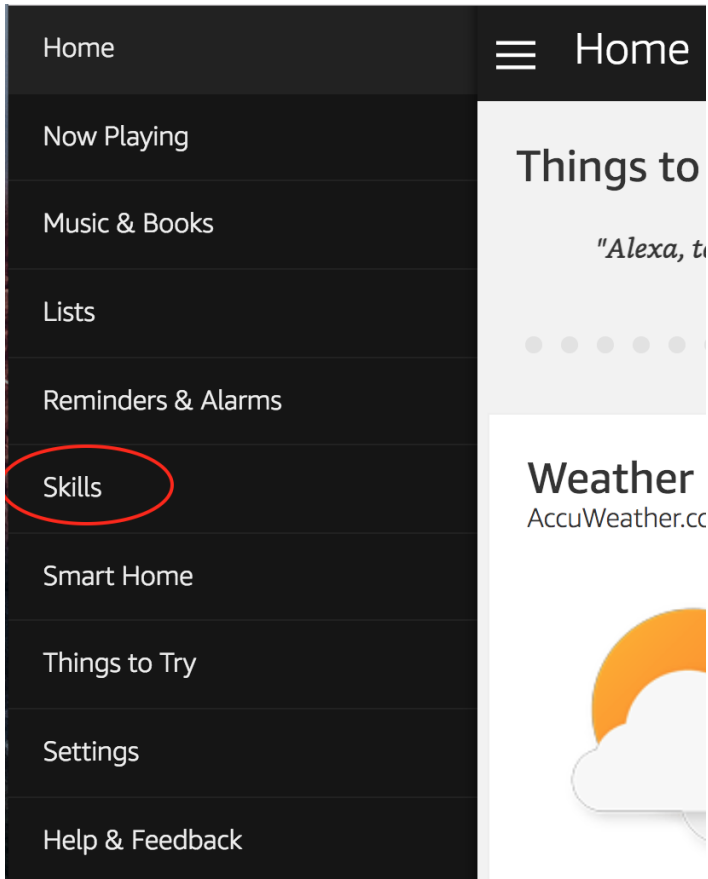
It is highly recommended that you set a static IP address on the bridge, this can be actioned from the Settings page, change the IP Mode dropdown to STATIC and ensure that the correct network settings are entered.

Click the Update IP Settings button and then let the bridge restart.

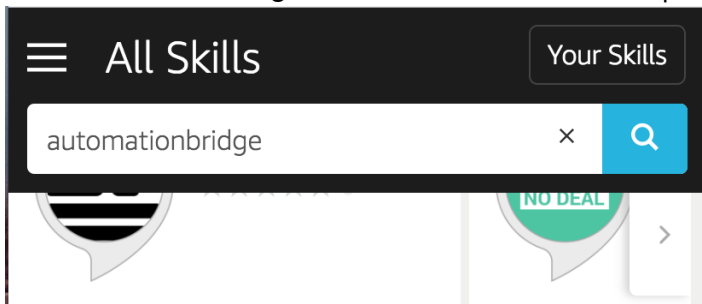
Once the bridge has restarted, you can then enable the required devices from the home page by clicking the slider to enable as needed.

You now need to link the automationbridge to your Alexa account, to do this open the Alexa app on your phone/tablet, or via the Alexa website (alexa.amazon.com). The skill is currently available in the following languages : English (AU), English (UK), English (US)

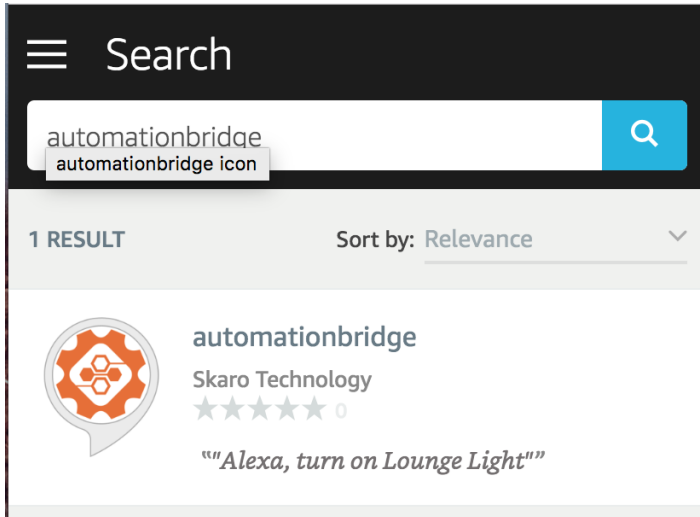
Select the Skills link,



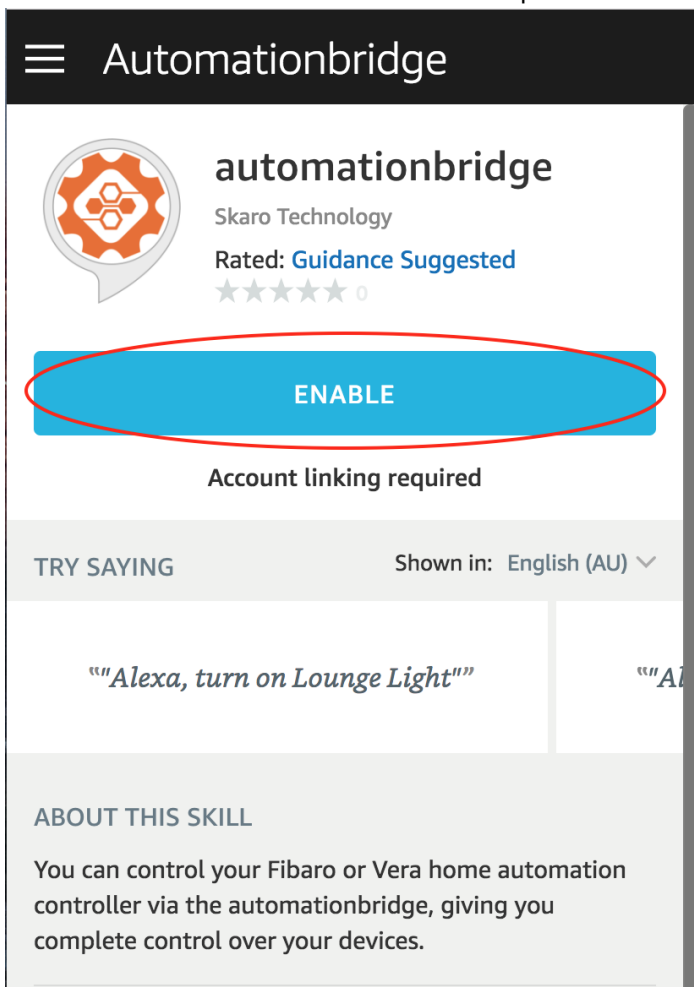
Enter **automationbridge** into the search field and then press the search icon to the right,



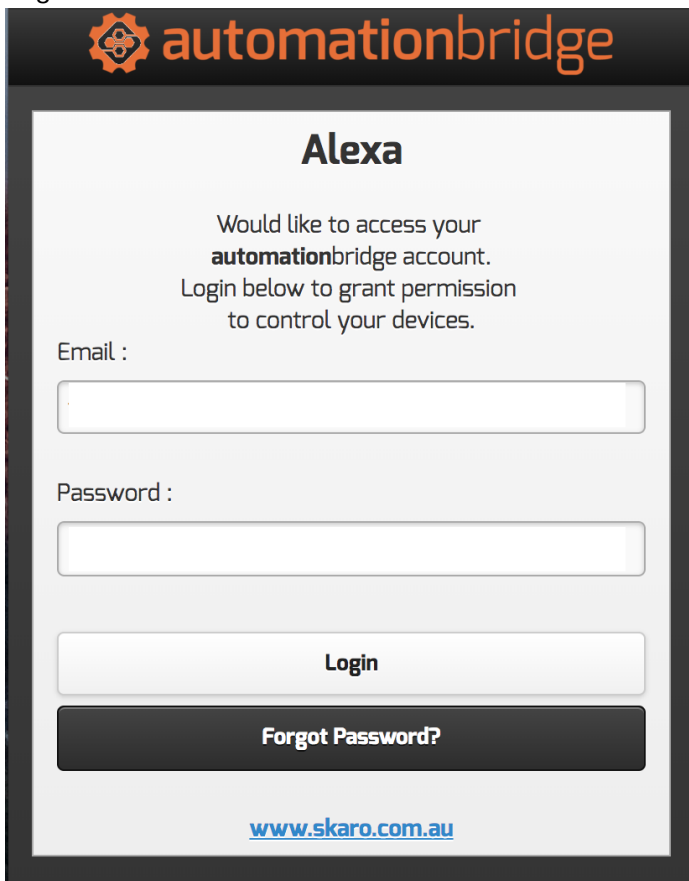
Select the automationbridge in the search results,



Press the button Enable button to start the process of linking your account,

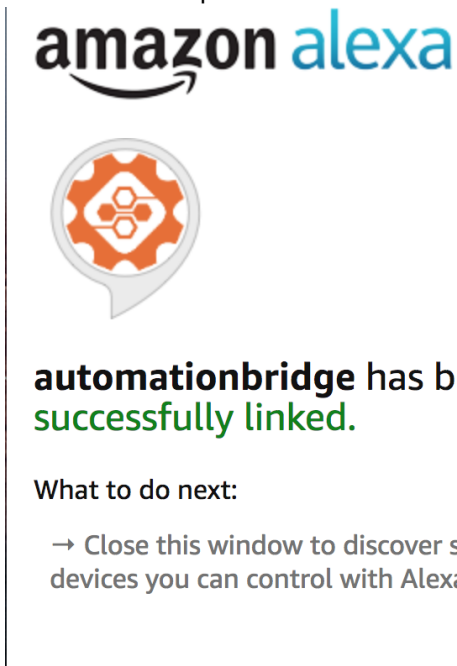


Enter your email address and password, the same one that was used when registering the bridge, then press the Login button.

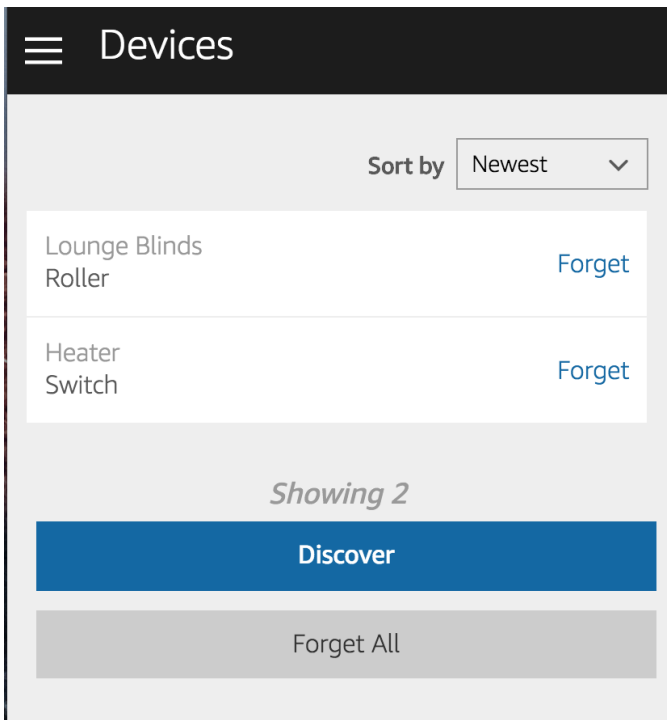
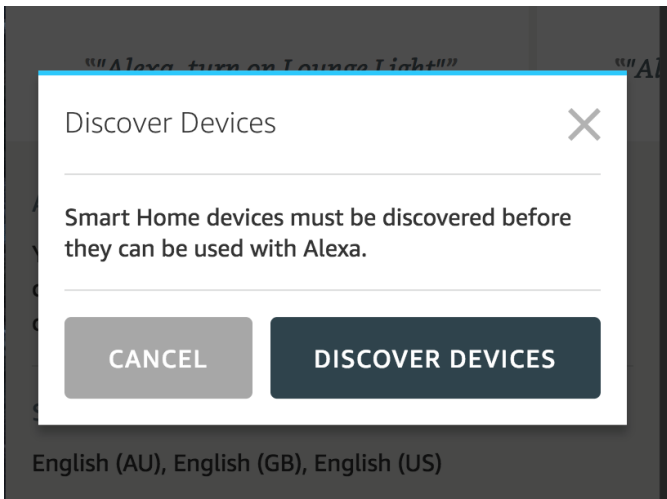


The image shows a login form for the Automationbridge account. At the top, there is the Automationbridge logo (a gear with a cross) and the text "automationbridge". Below this, the word "Alexa" is centered. The text reads: "Would like to access your automationbridge account. Login below to grant permission to control your devices." There are two input fields: "Email :" and "Password :". Below the password field is a "Login" button and a "Forgot Password?" button. At the bottom, the URL "www.skaro.com.au" is displayed.

You will then be presented with a new window, that will confirm successful linking,



Now you can perform the discovery of the devices you have enabled on your bridge.



If you enable or disable devices in the bridge, after the initial account linking, just return to the Alexa App, navigate to Smart Home, Devices, press the button 'Forget All' and then the 'Discover' button.

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