

2.1.1.3 HACS Installation

HACS is a custom integration that lets you manage and discover custom elements for Home Assistant from the UI. You can also publish your own custom elements, create shortcuts to repositories or issue trackers, and contribute to **HACS**.

Many integrations are not included in the official HA repositories but need to be integrated via community integrations. The piece that makes this possible is called HACS a.k.a Home Assistant Community Software. Hence, before we start deploying any integrations it is smart to deploy HACS on your HA instance already.

Now, there are three different installation methods depending on how you installed HA on your machine.

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