Online Blinds via Jalousier

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Customers wanting automated venetian blinds might be interested in the Jalousier, a small device allowing connection of one's window shades to the so-called internet of things.

Unlike other window automation systems the Jalousier simply clips on existing blinds-- sparing users from hassles involving beaded string. It is also portable, so one can take it to friends' houses or hotel rooms for a spot of automation, and an included CordBox takes care of dangling cords.

Built-in light and temperature sensors allow the device to automatically react to environmental changes, while wifi and ZigBee connectivity takes care of integration with home automation systems (including Almond+, SmartThings, WigWag, NinjaSphere and IFTTT) and control via a smartphone app.

The makers say users will be able to sync blinds with alarm clocks via the app, and even set reminders to check outside events such as a full moon or first snowfall.

It all sounds interesting, if with a catch-- Jalousier is currently looking for finding/preorders on Indiegogo, with 23 days left to reach a $140000 goal.

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