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Now, smart plugs can be used for lots of different features in your house. They basically allow you to remotely control all your appliances and lights in your house. If you want to know more about which ones to buy and how to use them on your open source Home Assistant instance then check out Home Assistant Book ;)

However, one of the important things a smart plug can also be used for is to reboot your computers or servers remotely when they crash. Yes, this can sometimes happen that you have no clue what went wrong and suddenly all went black ;) This has happened to me as well when I was in the USA and my server suddenly froze down. Luckily I had my dad to restart the server, but if not then I would not be able to solve the problem. Regardless, what the underlying problem is it is smart to have a smart plug for your server. In this way you can always remotely restart your server in the case of a crash that lots of times can be solved by simply rebooting the machine.

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