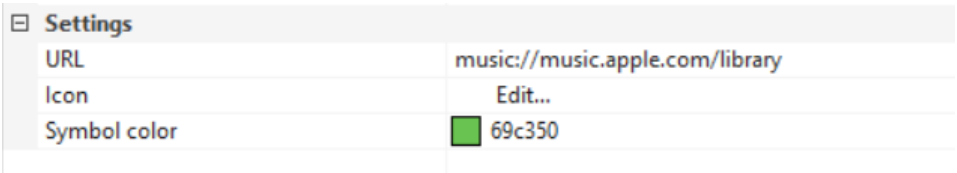
How to use the App function block in Config

The App block can be used to start a specific app on the user's device.
For example, you can start Apple Music directly from the Audio Player block via Linked Function Block

iOS

iOS uses URL schemes. These are similar to a URL that you would type into your browser, but instead of http, you use the app's scheme
Example: *music://* opens the Apple Music App on an iOS device

You can also use deep links to navigate to a specific location in your app:



Important

Since iOS 9.0 Apple limits this feature to system apps (e.g. Music App). Third party apps are no longer supported. The only exceptions are Apps directly linked to the Loxone App like Spotify and Soundsuit.

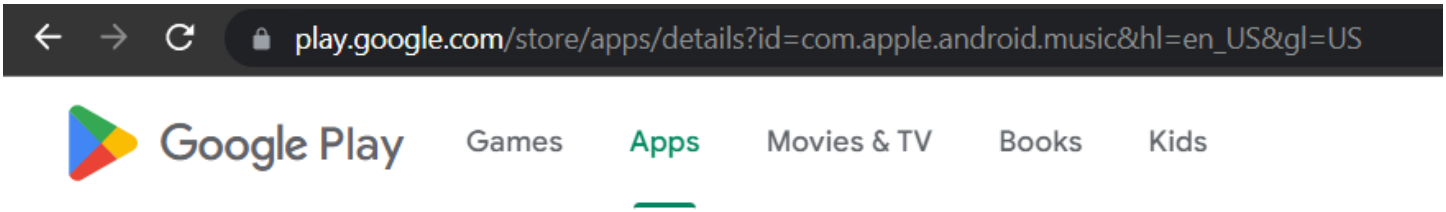
Workaround for iOS apps that do not support URL schemes:

create a Shortcut in iOS that opens the app that you want to open, then call that shortcut with our App block using **shortcuts://run-shortcut?name=[name of shortcut]** (without square brackets)

Android

You can start an app by using the following App URL:
market://launch?id={APP_ID}

To find the App ID, use a browser to search for the app in the Play Store and take note of the package name after the *id*= part of the URL.
Example for Apple Music in the Google Play Store:



The App ID for Apple Music is *com.apple.android.music*
Use this ID to start the App on your Android device:

Settings	
URL	market://launch?id=com.apple.android.music
Icon	Edit...
Symbol color	69c350

If implemented and correctly set up in the OS settings, the app will also start when using an http link.
Example: https://www.netflix.com/title/70300800 will start the Netflix app if it is installed.

Settings	
URL	https://www.netflix.com/title/70300800
Icon	Edit...
Symbol color	69c350

Windows

In Windows, you can simply use the filepath of the application that you want to start.
Example:

Settings	
URL	C:\Program Files\iTunes\iTunes.exe
Icon	Edit...
Symbol color	69c350