

## What is an Intent?

As we already know, Android has many components in which Activity is one of the components.

An Intent is a messaging object we can use to request an action(for example: open ProfileActivity) from another app component (Activity is a component). It means that we can open an activity from another activity using the Intent.

We can create an object of Intent like below:

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Intent intent = new Intent(currentActivity, activityToOpen);  
startActivity(intent)
```

Here, Intent object helps us in opening another activity.

Action in this case: Open an Activity.

Intent can do more than this, for example, passing data from one activity to another activity. We will see this in the next section.

So, it can **perform an action** and **pass data**.