

Lesson 10

Android Intents

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Android Intents Applications App1 Activity-1 (MainActivity) results intents Activity-2 Activity-n Activities call each other using Intents. An intent may include basic and extra data elements. The called activity may return a result to the caller.

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Applications, Activities and Intents

- An Android application could include any number of activities.
- The app's Manifest designates one of the activities as the first one that should be shown to the user when the application is launched (android.intent.action.MAIN).
- Usually, each activity is assocaited to a single screen.
- An activity uses the setContentView(...) method to show a given UI.
- Activities are independent of each other; however they usually cooperate exchanging data and actions.
- Activities interact with each other in an asynchronous mode.
- Passing control and data from one activity to another is accomplished by asking the current activity to execute an intent.

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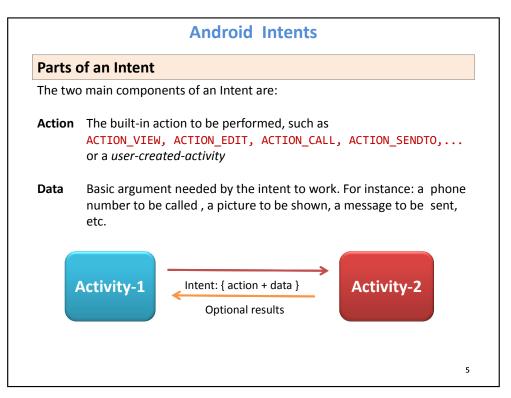
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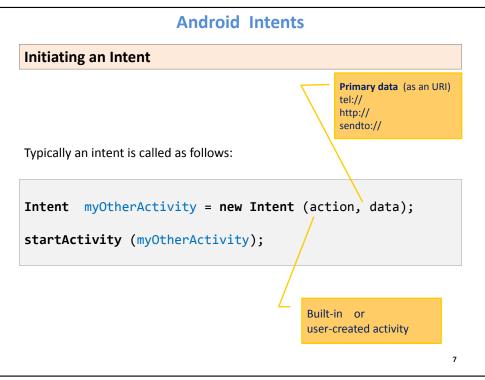
Invoking Intents for Execution

Intents are roughly equivalent to a procedure call in Java (however the caller does not wait for the subroutine to complete).

Intents are invoked using the following options

startActivity (intent)	launches an activity
sendBroadcast (intent)	sends an intent to any interested BroadcastReceivers
<pre>startService(intent) or bindService(intent,)</pre>	communicates with a background service.





Parts of an Intent

Data Data is supplied as an **URI**, i.e. a string whose prefix indicates the composition of the data item. For instance:

tel://,
http://,
mailto://,
file://,
content://,
geo:,
audio/,
media/,
vnd.android.cursor.dir

are common URIs used by Android (For a detailed list of all Intents see http://www.openintents.org/intentsregistry/)

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Examples of action/data pairs:

ACTION_DIAL *tel://5551234* or *tel:5551234*

Display the phone dialer with the given number filled in.

ACTION_VIEW http://www.google.com

Show Google page in a browser view.

ACTION_EDIT content://contacts/people/2

Edit information about the contact person whose identifier

is "2".

ACTION_VIEW content://contacts/people/2

Used to start an activity to display contact person whose

identifier is "2".

ACTION_VIEW content://contacts/ people/

Display a list of people, which the user can browse hrough. Selecting a particular person to view would result in a new

intent

Common Built-in Android Actions

List of common actions that Intents can use for launching built-in activities [usually through startActivity(Intent)]

ACTION MAIN ACTION ANSWER ACTION VIEW ACTION INSERT ACTION ATTACH DATA **ACTION DELETE** ACTION_EDIT **ACTION RUN ACTION PICK ACTION SYNC**

ACTION CHOOSER ACTION PICK ACTIVITY

ACTION GET CONTENT ACTION_SEARCH

ACTION DIAL ACTION_WEB_SEARCH ACTION_CALL **ACTION FACTORY TEST**

ACTION SEND ACTION_SENDTO

See Appendix A for a detailed list of selected built-in actions.

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Example 1B: ACTION CALL

Placing an immediate phone call

```
String myData = "tel:555-1234";
Intent myActivity2 = new Intent(
                       Intent. ACTION CALL,
                      Uri.parse(myData));
```

startActivity(myActivity2);

Needs Permission:

<uses-permission android:name="android.permission.CALL PHONE" />



Android Intents Example 1A: ACTION DIAL **ACTION DIAL** Display the phone dialer with the given number filled in. String myPhoneNumberUri = "tel:555-1234"; Intent myActivity2 = new Intent(Intent.ACTION_DIAL, Uri.parse(myPhoneNumberUri)); startActivity(myActivity2); 5551234 3 555-1234 Images captured

Intents - Secondary Attributes

from emulator and device respectively

In addition to the primary action/data attributes, there are secondary attributes that you can also include with an intent, such as: Category, Components, Type, and Extras.

Type

Set an explicit **MIME** data type contacts/people images/pictures images/video audio/mp3

MIME - Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions

Extras

This is a **Bundle** of any additional information. Typical methods include: bundle.putInt(key, value) bundle.getInt(key)

Category

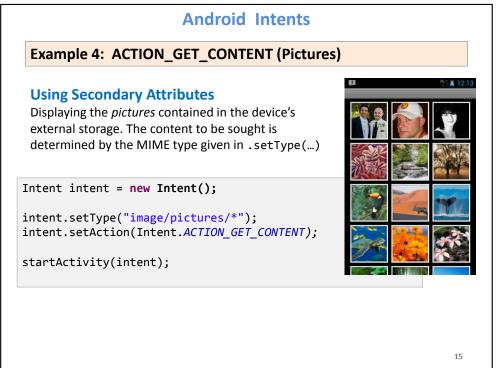
additional information about the action

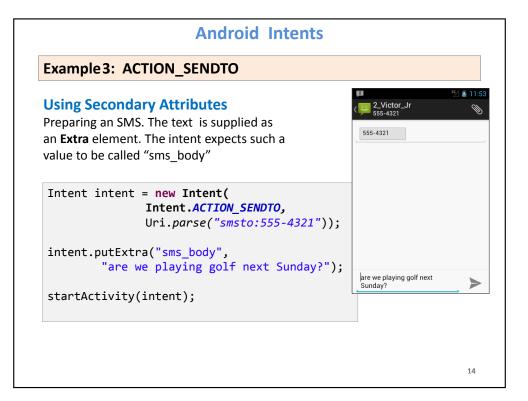


Component

Explicit name of a component class to use for the intent (eg. "MyMethod2")









Example 6: ACTION_EDIT (Contacts)

Select a particular person (ID 2) from the contact list for editing purposes.

Later in this lesson we will learn how to obtain the ID of stored contacts (music tracks, pictures, etc).

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Example 8: ACTION_VIEW (Maps - landmark)

Geo Mapping an Address / Place

Provide a *GeoCode* expression holding a street address (or place, such as 'golden gate ca')



Phone-only, unsynced co...

MOBILE

HOME

2 Victor Jr

555-4321

Add new

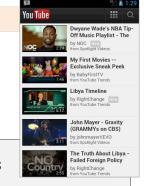
Add organization

abc@yahoo.com

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Example 7: ACTION_VIEW (Web page)

Viewing a web page. The user provides a valid URL pointing to the page.



```
String myUriString = "http://www.youtube.com";
```

Try later with URI:

"http://www.youtube.com/results?search query=ping pong"

Caution. Must add to the Manifest a request for permission to use the Internet:
<uses-permission android:name="android.permission.INTERNET" />

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Example 9: ACTION_VIEW (Maps - Coordinates)

Geo Mapping Coordinates (latitude, longitude)

Provide a GeoCode holding latitude and longitude (also an addittional zoom '&z=xx' with xx in range 1..23)

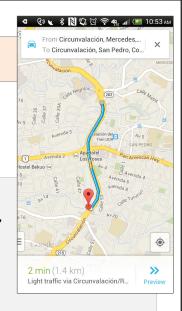


Example 10: ACTION VIEW (Maps - Directions)

Getting driving directions

User provides GeoCodes (latitude, Longitude) for the starting and ending locations

```
Intent intent = new Intent(
       android.content.Intent.ACTION VIEW,
       Uri.parse(
         "http://maps.google.com/maps?"
       + "saddr=9.938083,-84.054430&"
       + "daddr=9.926392,-84.055964"));
startActivity(intent);
```



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Example 12: ACTION_MUSIC_PLAYER

Launching the Music Player

Reference: http://developer.android.com/guide/appendix/g-app-intents.html



```
Intent myActivity2 = new Intent(
                         "android.intent.action.MUSIC_PLAYER");
startActivity(myActivity2);
```

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Example 10: ACTION_VIEW (Maps - StreetView)

GeoCode Uri structure:

google.streetview:cbll=latitude,longitude &cbp=1,yaw,,pitch,zoom&mz=mapZoom

Reference: http://developer.android.com/guide/appendix/g-app-intents.html

```
String geoCode = "google.streetview:"
              + "cbl1=41.5020952,-81.6789717&"
              + "cbp=1,270,,45,1&mz=7";
Intent intent = new Intent(Intent.ACTION VIEW,
                          Uri.parse(geoCode));
startActivity(intent);
```

Modify the Manifest adding the following requests:

```
<uses-permission android:name="android.permission.ACCESS COARSE LOCATION" />
<uses-permission android:name="android.permission.INTERNET" />
```

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Example 13: ACTION_VIEW (Music)

Playing a song stored in the SD card

Reference: http://developer.android.com/guide/appendix/g-app-intents.html

```
Intent myActivity2 = new Intent(
                            Intent.ACTION VIEW);
Uri data = Uri.parse("file://"
               + Environment
                  .getExternalStorageDirectory()
               .getAbsoLutePath()
              + "/Music/Amarcord.mp3");
myActivity2.setDataAndType(data, "audio/mp3";);
startActivity(myActivity2);
```

Add to Manifest:

<uses-permission android:name="android.permission.READ EXTERNAL STORAGE"/>



15. ACTION_VIEW (play a song [mp3]) . ACTION_VIEW (Settings Languag



Inter-Process Communication.

- A typical Java program runs in a single thread. There, the program calls its
 methods using a synchronous stop-and-go protocol. Parameters are
 supplied to a called function, the caller passes control to the sub-routine,
 and waits for the function to complete. When it finally ends, the caller
 grabs any returned values, and proceeds with the rest of its work.
- Android apps may include several independent but usually cooperative activities. Each activity works in its own thread with one of them designated as the Main.
- Android uses The startActivity(Intent) method to initiate an
 activity, which will become active and (perhaps) visible; however the
 caller continues to execute in its own thread.
- The next examples illustrate the basic inter-process communication
 mechanism used in Android for apps that consists of several collaborative
 activities. We will see how the calls are made, how input data is supplied
 to the called activity, and how results are returned to the caller.

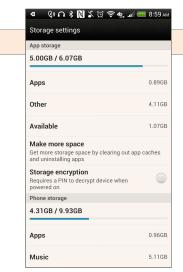
Example 15: Device Settings

System Settings

Almost all configurable features of an Android device can be accessed through built-in actions. For example ,an intent using

android.provider.Settings.XXX

where **XXX** is as in Appendix A, invokes an app where the corresponding set of parameters defining XXX-settings could be adjusted. For a list of selected built-in actions see Appendix A.



Reference: http://developer.android.com/reference/android/provider/Settings.html

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Starting Activities and Getting Results

 In order for a parent activity to trigger the execution of a child activity, and eventually get results back we use the method

```
startActivityForResult ( Intent, requestCodeID )
```

Where *requestCodelD* is an arbitrary value you choose to identify the caller (similar to a 'nickname').

• The results returned by the child-activity (if any) could be asynchronously picked up by a listener method defined in the parent activity

```
onActivityResult ( requestCodeID, resultCode, Intent )
```

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Starting Activities and Getting Results

- When the called activity is ready to finish, it could return an optional resultCode to the caller to summarize the success of its execution setResult(resultCode)
- Standard resultCodes include

```
Activity.RESULT_CANCELED (something bad happened), Activity.RESULT_OK (a happy ending), or any custom values.
```

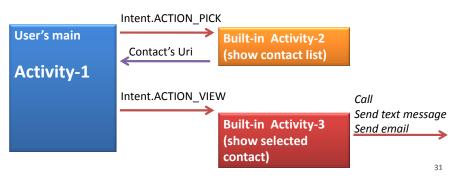
 The brief resultCode as well as any additional extra data can be collected back on the parent's using

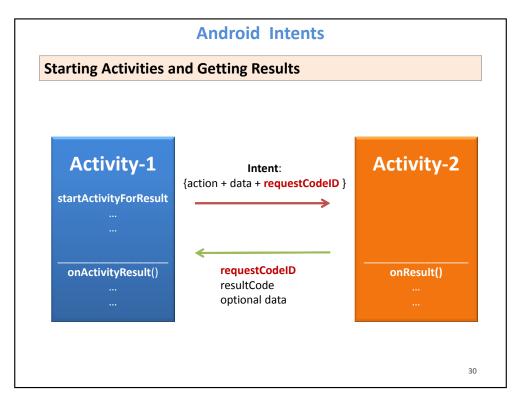
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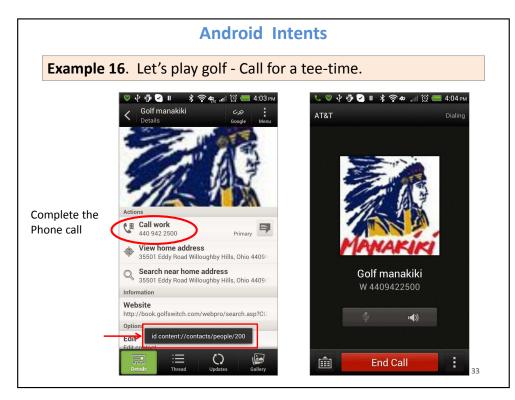
Example 16. Let's play golf - Call for a tee-time.

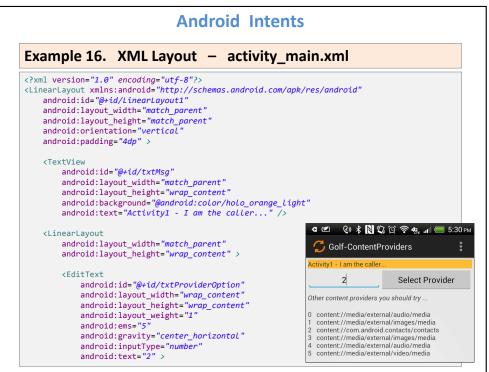
- 1. Show all our contacts and pick a particular golf course using the *Intent.ACTION_PICK* on the URI: android.provider.ContactsContract.Contacts.*CONTENT_URI*
- 2. Use the returned URI identifying the place we want to call for a tee-time reservation.
- 3. 'Nicely' show the selected contact's entry allowing calling, texting, emailing actions (use Intent.ACTION_VIEW).

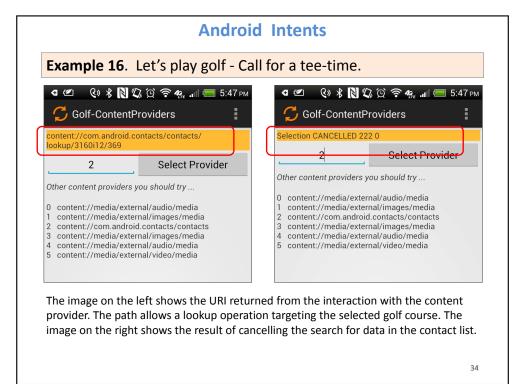


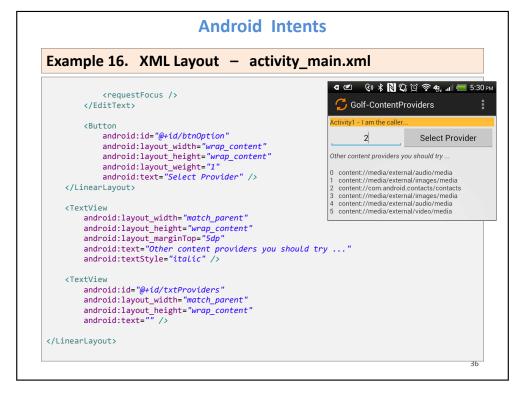












Example 16. MainActivity.java

```
public class MainActivity extends Activity {
 TextView txtMsg;
 EditText txtProvider;
 EditText txtExample;
 Button btnCallActivity2;
 Uri[] uriProvider = {
     Uri.parse("content://media/external/audio/media"),
     Uri.parse("content://media/external/images/media"),
     android.provider.ContactsContract.Contacts.CONTENT_URI,
     android.provider.MediaStore.Images.Media.EXTERNAL CONTENT URI,
     android.provider.MediaStore.Audio.Media.EXTERNAL CONTENT URI,
     android.provider.MediaStore.Video.Media.EXTERNAL CONTENT URI
 };
 @SuppressLint("NewApi")
 @Override
 public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
   super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
   setContentView(R.layout.main);
```

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```
protected void onActivityResult(int requestCode, int resultCode, Intent data) {
       super.onActivityResult(requestCode, resultCode, data);
        // use requestCode to find out who is talking to us
        switch (requestCode) {
        case (222): {
          // 222 is our friendly contact-picker activity
          if (resultCode == Activity.RESULT OK) {
\hookrightarrow
            String returnedData = data.getDataString();
            Toast.makeText(getApplication(), "id " + returnedData, 1).show();
            // it will return an URI that looks like:
            // content://contacts/people/n
            // where n is the selected contact's ID
            txtMsg.setText(returnedData.toString());
             // show a 'nice' screen with the selected contact
             Toast.makeText( getApplication(), "Nice UI for\n"
                            + returnedData, 1).show();
```

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Example 16. Screenshots

Showing Pictures and Video - For this example we selected: ACTION_PICK & content://media/external/images/media followed by

ACTION VIEW & content://media/external/images/media/media7





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Example 16. MainActivity.java

Comments

- The app offers a list of content providers to choose from (Contacts can be reached from: android.provider.ContactsContract.Contacts.CONTENT_URI)
- 2. An intent object is assembled combining **ACTION_PICK** with the chosen URI.
- 3. The caller app identifies itself with the requestCode **222**, starts the intent and waits for ACTION PICK to send results back to it.
- The app's listener onActivityResult verifies that a resultCode was sent back to itself (222). Then it checks that ACTION_PICK satisfactorily completed its work and returned an Activity.RESULT_OK completion code.
- 5. The URI string coming back from ACTION_PICK can be obtained from the returned intent with data.getDataString().
- 6. The previous result URI that can be passed to other actions, such as ACTION_VIEW. This will complete the user's request.

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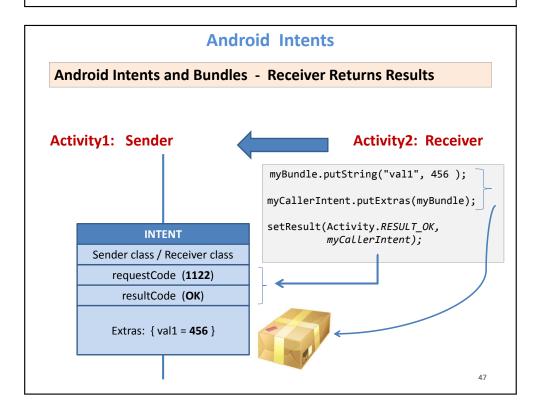
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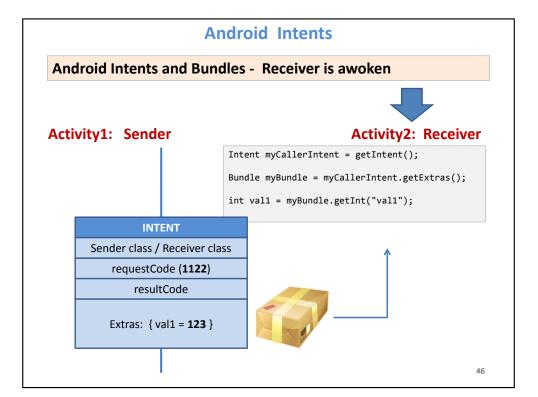
Using BUNDLES to Pass Data

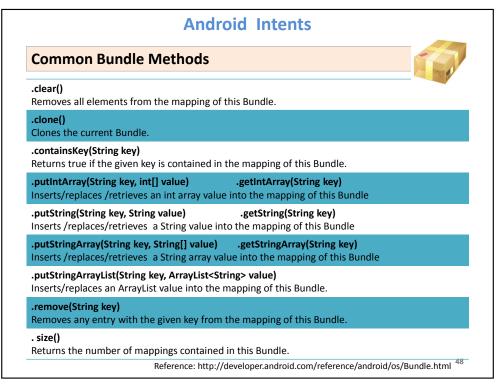
- A Bundle is an Android data-exchange mechanism used for efficient interprocess communications on either in-process or cross-process calls.
- A Bundle is conceptually similar to a Java HashMap. It associates a string key to a parcelable (exchangeable) data element. Data could be either primitive data types or object-references. Bundles are functionally equivalent to a collection of <name, value> pairs.
- There is a set of putXXX and getXXX methods to store and retrieve (single and array) values of primitive data types from/to the bundles. For example

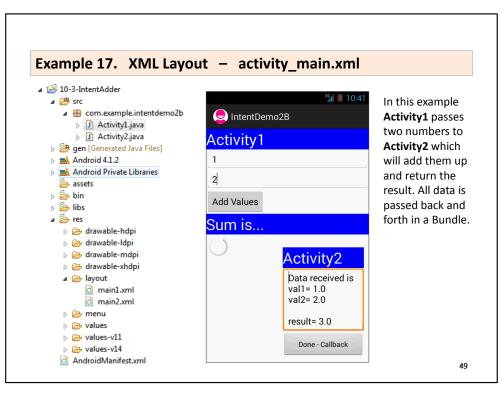
```
Bundle myBundle = new Bundle();
myBundle.putDouble ("var1", 3.1415);
...
Double v1 = myBundle.getDouble("var1");
```

Android Intents Android Intents and Bundles - Calling a Receiver A single Bundle could contain an unlimited number of <key, value> items. They offer an elegant solution to Android IPC exchanges; observe it is sufficient to attach a single extra bundle to an intent for two interacting activities to move any amount of data. **Activity1: Sender Activity2: Receiver** Intent myIntentA1A2 = new Intent (Activity1.this, Activity2.class); Bundle myBundle1 = new Bundle(); myBundle1.putInt ("val1", 123); INTENT myIntentA1A2.putExtras(myBundle1); Sender class / Receiver class requestCode (1122) startActivityForResult(myIntentA1A2, 1122); resultCode Extras: { val1 = **123** }

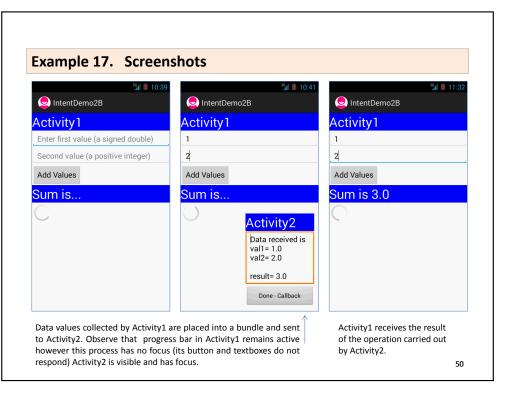














Example 17. XML Layout - main2.xml (Activity2)

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<LinearLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"</pre>
                                                                                  Activity2
   android:layout_width="wrap_content"
                                                                                  Data received is
   android:layout height="wrap content"
                                                                                  val1= 1 0
   android:layout gravity="right|bottom"
                                                                                  val2= 2.0
   android:layout_margin="10dp"
                                                                                  result= 3.0
android:background="@android:color/transparent"
   android:orientation="vertical" >
        android:layout width="match parent"
       android:layout_height="wrap_content"
       android:background="#ff0000ff"
       android:text="Activity2"
       android:textColor="#fffffff"
       android:textSize="30sp" />
    <FditText
       android:id="@+id/etDataReceived"
        android:layout width="match parent"
        android:layout height="wrap content"
        android:text="Data reveived..." />
       android:id="@+id/btnDone"
       android:layout width="match parent"
        android:layout height="wrap content"
       android:text="Done - Callback" />
</LinearLayout>
```

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Example 17. Acivity1.java

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```
public void onClick(View v) {
       // get values from the UI
       Double v1 = Double.parseDouble(txtValue1.getText().toString());
       Double v2 = Double.parseDouble(txtValue2.getText().toString());
       // create intent to call Activity2
       Intent myIntentA1A2 = new Intent (Activity1.this,
                               Activity2.class);
       // create a Bundle (MAP) container to ship data
       Bundle myDataBundle = new Bundle();
       // add <key,value> data items to the container
       myDataBundle.putDouble("val1", v1);
       myDataBundle.putDouble("val2", v2);
       // attach the container to the intent
       myIntentA1A2.putExtras(myDataBundle);
       // call Activity2, tell your local listener to wait a
       // response sent to a listener known as 101
       startActivityForResult(myIntentA1A2, 101);
 });
}//onCreate
```

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Example 17. Acivity1.java

```
package com.example.intentdemo2b;
// Multi-Activity Application
// Activity1: collects two data items from the user's UI, places
// them into a Bundle, and calls Activity2
// Activity2: accepts two data items, adds them, returns result
public class Activity1 extends Activity {
    EditText txtValue1;
    EditText txtValue2:
   TextView txtResult;
   Button btnAdd;
   @Override
    public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
       super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
       setContentView(R.layout.main1);
       txtValue1 = (EditText)findViewById(R.id.EditText01);
       txtValue2 = (EditText)findViewById(R.id.EditText02);
       txtResult = (TextView) findViewById(R.id.txtResult);
       btnAdd = (Button) findViewById(R.id.btnAdd);
       btnAdd.setOnClickListener(new OnClickListener() {
```

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```
// local listener receives callbacks from other activities
@Override
protected void onActivityResult(int requestCode, int resultCode, Intent data)
{
    super.onActivityResult(requestCode, resultCode, data);

    try {
        if ((requestCode == 101 ) && (resultCode == Activity.RESULT_OK)){
            Bundle myResultBundle = data.getExtras();
            Double myResult = myResultBundle.getDouble("vresult");
            txtResult.setText("Sum is " + myResult);
        }
        catch (Exception e) {
            txtResult.setText("Problems - " + requestCode + " " + resultCode);
        }
    }//onActivityResult
}//Activity1
```

Example 17. Acivity2.java

```
public class Activity2 extends Activity implements OnClickListener{
  EditText dataReceived;
  Button btnDone;
  @Override
  protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
     super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
     setContentView(R.layout.main2);
     dataReceived = (EditText) findViewById(R.id.etDataReceived);
     btnDone = (Button) findViewById(R.id.btnDone);
     btnDone.setOnClickListener(this);
     // pick call made to Activity2 via Intent
     Intent myLocalIntent = getIntent();
     // look into the bundle sent to Activity2 for data items
     Bundle myBundle = myLocalIntent.getExtras();
     Double v1 = myBundle.getDouble("val1");
     Double v2 = myBundle.getDouble("val2");
     // operate on the input data
     Double vResult = v1 + v2;
```

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Example 17. Manifest

```
<manifest xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"</pre>
   package="com.example.intentdemo2b"
   android:versionCode="1"
   android:versionName="1.0" >
       android:minSdkVersion="14"
       android:targetSdkVersion="18" />
   <application</pre>
       android:icon="@drawable/ic launcher"
       android:label="@string/app name'
       android:theme="@style/AppTheme" >
       <activity
            android:name=".Activity1"
            android:label="@string/title activity intent demo2 b" >
                <action android:name="android.intent.action.MAIN" />
                <category android:name="android.intent.category.LAUNCHER" />
            </intent-filter>
       </activity>
          android:name=".Activity2"
          android:theme="@android:style/Theme.TransLucent.NoTitleBar"
       </activity>
   </application>
</manifest>
```

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Example 17. Acivity2.java

cont 1.

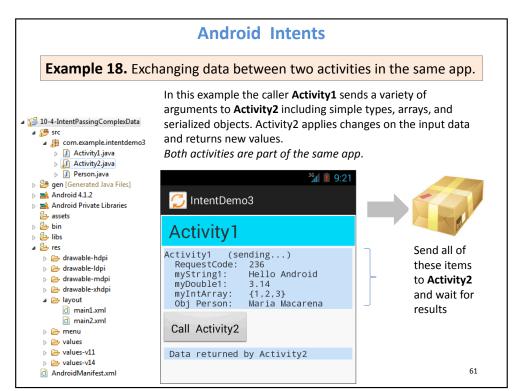
```
// for illustration purposes. show data received & result
   dataReceived.setText("Data received is \n"
        + "val1= " + v1 + "\nval2= " + v2
        + "\n\nresult= " + vResult);
   // add to the bundle the computed result
  myBundle.putDouble("vresult", vResult);
   // attach updated bumble to invoking intent
   myLocalIntent.putExtras(myBundle);
   // return sending an OK signal to calling activity
  setResult(Activity.RESULT_OK, myLocalIntent);
   // experiment: remove comment
  // finish();
}//onCreate
@Override
public void onClick(View v) {
      // close current screen - terminate Activity2
     finish();
```

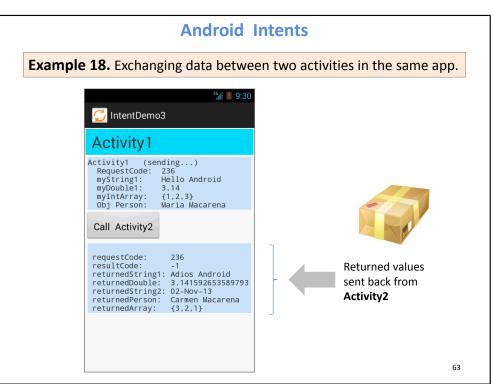
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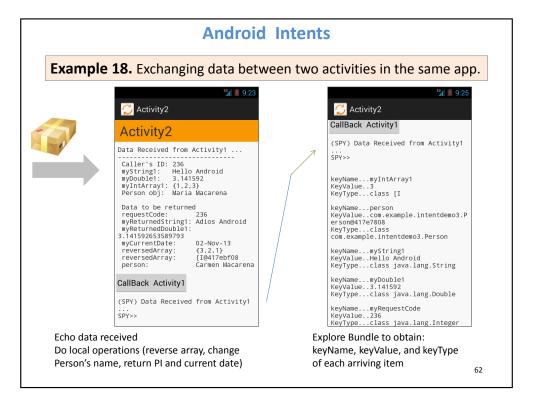
Example 17.

Comments

- 1. The continuous rotation of this circular progress bar will visibly indicate the working state of Activity1.
- 2. Activity2 has a small layout and a transparent background. When displayed it will be partially super-imposed on top of Activity1's screen.
- Activity1 prepares an Intent to invoke Activity2. The statement myIntentA1A2.putExtras(myDataBundle) attaches the bundle to the intent.
- 4. startActivityForResult(...) passes the intent and its id 101 to Activity2.
- The listener in Activity1 waits for the result wrapped into an extra bundle.When it arrives it is extracted and displayed to the user.
- Activity2 issues .getIntent() to grab the incoming intent and the extra bundle it carries. The two numeric variables are combined to produce a result (vResult).
- 7. Activity2 issues .putDouble(...) to store the result into the outgoing bundle.
- 8. Activity2 releases the outgoing bundle together with a RESULT_OK flag.
- 9. The manifest defines both activities and applies a *translucent*, *NoTitleBar* theme to Activity2.









Example 18. XML Layout - main1.xml (Activity1)

```
android:id="@+id/btnCallActivity2"
            android:layout width="wrap content"
            android:lavout height="wrap content"
            android:background="@android:drawable/btn_default"
            android:padding="15dp"
                                                                    Activity1
            android:text="Call Activity2" />
                                                                   Data to be sent to SubActivity:
                                                                    Call Activity2
            android:id="@+id/txtReturnedValues"
                                                                    Data returned by Activity2
            android:layout width="match parent"
            android:layout height="wrap content"
            android:lavout margin="4dip"
            android:background="#330077ff"
            android:text=" Data returned by Activity2"
            android:typeface="monospace" />
   </LinearLayout>
</ScrollView>
```

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Example 18. XML Layout – main2.xml (Activity2)

```
<Button
                                                                       Activity2
             android:id="@+id/btnCallActivity1"
                                                                       Data Received from Activity1 .
             android:layout width="wrap content"
                                                                      CallBack Activity1
             android:layout height="wrap content"
                                                                       (SPY) Data Received from Activity
             android:padding="6sp"
             android:text="CallBack Activity1" />
         <TextView
             android:id="@+id/spyBox"
             android:layout width="match parent"
             android:layout height="wrap content"
             android:layout margin="7dip"
             android:text="(SPY) Data Received from Activity1 ..."
             android:typeface="monospace" />
    </LinearLayout>
</ScrollView>
```

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Example 18. XML Layout - main2.xml (Activity2)

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<ScrollView xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"</pre>
    android:layout width="match parent"
    android:layout_height="match_parent" >
    <LinearLayout</pre>
        android:layout_width="match_parent"
                                                               Activity2
        android:layout_height="match_parent"
                                                               Data Received from Activity1 ...
        android:background="#ffffffff
                                                               CallBack Activity1
        android:orientation="vertical" >
                                                               (SPY) Data Received from Activity1
            android:layout width="match parent"
            android:layout height="wrap content"
            android:background="#ffff9900"
            android:padding="4sp'
            android:text=" Activity2"
            android:textSize="30sp" />
        <TextView
            android:id="@+id/txtIncomingData"
            android:layout width="match parent"
            android:layout height="wrap content"
            android:layout margin="7dip'
            android:text="Data Received from Activity1 ..."
            android:typeface="monospace" />
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```

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Example 18. Activity1.java (This is the Caller)

```
public class Activity1 extends Activity {
                                                                         C IntentDemo3
  TextView txtTop:
  TextView txtReturnedValues;
                                                                          Activity1
  Button btnCallActivity2;
  // arbitrary interprocess communication ID (just a nickname!)
  private final int IPC_ID = (int) (10001 * Math.random());
  @Override
                                                                         Data returned by Activity2
  public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
      super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
         setContentView(R.layout.main1);
        txtTop = (TextView) findViewById(R.id.txtTop);
        txtReturnedValues = (TextView) findViewById(R.id.txtReturnedValues);
         btnCallActivity2 = (Button) findViewById(R.id.btnCallActivity2);
        btnCallActivity2.setOnClickListener(new Clicker1());
        // for demonstration purposes- show in top textBox
        txtTop.setText("Activity1 (sending...) '
              + "\n RequestCode: " + IPC ID
              + "\n myString1:
                                   Hello Android"
              + "\n myDouble1:
                                   3.14 "
              + "\n myIntArray: {1,2,3} "
               + "\n Person:
                                   Maria Macarena");
     } catch (Exception e) {
         Toast.makeText(qetBaseContext(), e.getMessage(), Toast.LENGTH LONG).show();
  }// onCreate
```

Android Intents Example 18. Activity1.java cont 1. private class Clicker1 implements OnClickListener { public void onClick(View v) { try {

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```
// create an Intent to talk to Activity2
         Intent myIntentA1A2 = new Intent(Activity1.this, Activity2.class);
         // prepare a Bundle and add the data pieces to be sent
         Bundle myData = new Bundle();
         myData.putInt("myRequestCode", IPC_ID);
                                                                           Activity1
         myData.putString("myString1", "Hello Android");
                                                                                  Hello Android
3.14
(1,2,3)
Maria Macarena
         myData.putDouble("myDouble1", 3.141592);
         int [] myLittleArray = { 1, 2, 3 };
         myData.putIntArray("myIntArray1", myLittleArray);
                                                                          Call Activity2
                                                                          Data returned by Activity2
         // creating an object and passing it into the bundle
         Person p1 = new Person("Maria", "Macarena");
         myData.putSerializable("person", p1);
         // bind the Bundle and the Intent that talks to Activity2
         myIntentA1A2.putExtras(myData);
         // call Activity2 and wait for results
         startActivityForResult(myIntentA1A2, IPC_ID);
      } catch (Exception e) {
         Toast.makeText(getBaseContext(), e.getMessage(), Toast.LENGTH LONG).show();
   }// onClick
}// Clicker1
```

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Example 18. Activity1.java cont 3.

```
// display in the bottom label
        txtReturnedValues.setText(
            "\n requestCode:
                                   + requestCode
                                  " + resultCode
          + "\n resultCode:
          + "\n returnedString1: " + myReturnedString1
          + "\n returnedDouble: " + Double.toString(myReturnedDouble1)
         + "\n returnedString2: " + myReturnedDate
+ "\n returnedPerson: " + myReturnedPerson.getFullName()
          + "\n returnedArray:
          + Activity1.myConvertArray2String(myReturnedReversedArray));
        // user pressed the BACK button
        txtTop.setText("Selection CANCELLED!");
   }
  } catch (Exception e) {
    Toast.makeText(getBaseContext(), e.getMessage(), Toast.LENGTH_LONG)
        .show();
  }// try
}// onActivityResult
```

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Example 18. Activity1.java cont 2.

```
@Override
     protected void onActivityResult(int requestCode, int resultCode, Intent data) {
       super.onActivityResult(requestCode, resultCode, data);
                                                                         C IntentDemo3
        // check that these results are for me
         if (IPC ID == requestCode) {
                                                                          Activity1
          // Activity2 is over - see what happened
          if (resultCode == Activity.RESULT OK) {
                                                                         Call Activity2
             // good - we have some data sent back from Activity2
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             Bundle myReturnedData = data.getExtras();
             String myReturnedString1 = myReturnedData
                                        .getString("myReturnedString1");
             Double myReturnedDouble1 = myReturnedData
                                        .getDouble("myReturnedDouble1");
             String myReturnedDate = myReturnedData
                                      .getString("myCurrentDate");
             Person myReturnedPerson = (Person) myReturnedData
                                       .getSerializable("person");
             int[] myReturnedReversedArray = myReturnedData
                                        .getIntArray("myReversedArray");
```

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Example 18. Activity1.java cont 4.

```
static String myConvertArray2String(int[] intArray ) {
   if ( intArray == null)
        return "NULL";

   String array2Str = "{" + Integer.toString( intArray[0] );

   for (int i=1; i<intArray.length; i++) {
        array2Str = array2Str + "," + Integer.toString( intArray[i] );
   }
   return array2Str + "}";
}

}// AndroIntent1</pre>
```

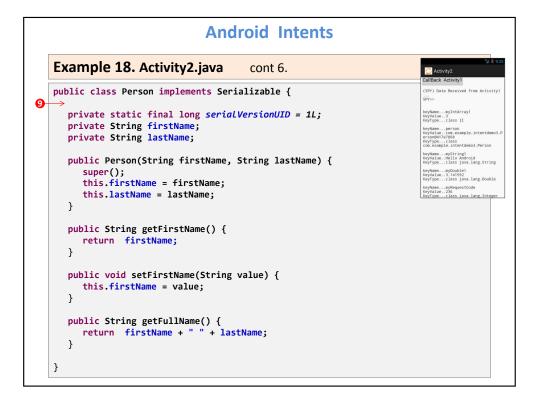
Android Intents Activity2 Activity2 Example 18. Activity2.java (This is the Receiver) Data Received from Activity1 ... Caller's ID: 236 public class Activity2 extends Activity { TextView txtIncomingData; TextView spyBox; Data to be returned Button btnCallActivity1; requestCode: 236 myReturnedString1: Adios Android myReturnedDouble1: 3.141592653589793 myCurrentDate: reversedArray: reversedArray: person: public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) { {3,2,1} [I@417ebf08 Carmen Macarena super.onCreate(savedInstanceState); setContentView(R.layout.main2); //bind UI variables to Java code txtIncomingData = (TextView)findViewById(R.id.txtIncomingData); spyBox = (TextView)findViewById(R.id.spyBox); btnCallActivity1 = (Button)findViewById(R.id.btnCallActivity1); btnCallActivity1.setOnClickListener(new Clicker1()); // create a local Intent handler - we have been called! Intent myCallerIntentHandler = getIntent(); // grab the data package with all the pieces sent to us Bundle myBundle = myCallerIntentHandler.getExtras(); // extract the individual data parts from the bundle // observe you know the individual keyNames int paramInt = myBundle.getInt("myRequestCode"); String paramString = myBundle.getString("myString1"); double paramDouble = myBundle.getDouble("myDouble1"); int[] paramArray = myBundle.getIntArray("myIntArray1"); Person paramPerson = (Person) myBundle.getSerializable("person"); String personName = paramPerson.getFullName();



Android Intents Example 18. Activity2.java cont 1. //for debugging purposes - show arriving data txtIncomingData.append("\n-----+ "\n Caller's ID: " + paramInt + "\n myString1: " + paramString + "\n myDouble1: " + Double.toString(paramDouble) + "\n myIntArray1: " + Activity1.myConvertArray2String(paramArray) + "\n Person obj: " + paramPerson.getFullName() // next method assumes you do not know the data-items keyNames String spyData = extractDataFromBundle(myBundle); spyBox.append(spyData); // do here something with the extracted data. For example, // reverse the values stored in the incoming integer array //int[] intReversedArray = myIntReverseArray(paramArray); int[] intReversedArray = myIntReverseArray(paramArray); String strReversedArray = Activity1.myConvertArray2String(intReversedArray); myBundle.putIntArray("myReversedArray", intReversedArray); // change the person's firstName paramPerson.setFirstName("Carmen"); myBundle.putSerializable("person", paramPerson);

```
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Example 18. Activity2.java
                               cont 3.
 private class Clicker1 implements OnClickListener {
   public void onClick(View v) {
    //clear Activity2 screen so Activity1 could be seen
    finish();
  }//onClick
 }//Clicker1
 private int[] myIntReverseArray( int[] theArray ) {
  int n = theArray.length;
   int[] reversedArray = new int[n];
      for (int i=0; i< theArray.length; i++ ) {</pre>
       reversedArray[i] = theArray[n -i -1];
      return reversedArray;
 }
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```

Android Intents Example 18. Activity2.java cont 4. private String extractDataFromBundle(Bundle myBundle) { // What if I don't know the key names? // what types are in the bundle?. This fragment shows // how to use bundle methods to extract its data. // SOME ANDROID TYPES INCLUDE: $\Theta \longrightarrow$ // class [I (array integers) // class [J (array long) // class [D (array doubles) // class [F (array floats) // class java.lang.xxx (where xxx= Integer, Double, ...) // Remember, the Bundle is a set of <keyName, keyValue> pairs String spy = "\nSPY>>\n"; Set<String> myKeyNames = myBundle.keySet(); //get all keyNames for (String keyName : myKeyNames){ Serializable keyValue = myBundle.getSerializable(keyName); String keyType = keyValue.getClass().toString(); if (keyType.equals("class java.lang.Integer")){ keyValue = Integer.parseInt(keyValue.toString());



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```
Example 18. Activity2.java
                                             cont 5.
          else if (keyType.equals("class java.lang.Double")){
                                                                                     keyName...myIntArray1
KeyValue..3
KeyType...class [I
            keyValue = Double.parseDouble(keyValue.toString());
                                                                                     eyName...person
(eyValue..com.example.intentdemo3.F
rrson@417e7808
(eyType..class
com.example.intentdemo3.Person
          else if (keyType.equals("class java.lang.Float")){
            keyValue = Float.parseFloat(keyValue.toString());
          else if (keyType.equals("class [I")){
            int[] arrint = myBundle.getIntArray(keyName);
            int n = arrint.length:
            keyValue = arrint[n-1]; // show only the last!
          else {
             keyValue = (String)keyValue.toString();
          spy += "\n\nkeyName..." + keyName
               + " \nKeyValue.." + keyValue
                  " \nKeyType..." + keyType ;
         return spy;
 }//extractDataFromBundle
}//Activity2
```

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```
Example 18. Manifest
<manifest xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"</pre>
    package="com.example.intentdemo3"
    android:versionCode="1"
   android:versionName="1.0" >
    cuses-sdk
        android:minSdkVersion="14"
        android:targetSdkVersion="17" />
   <application</pre>
        android:icon="@drawable/ic launcher"
        android:label="@string/app name'
        android:theme="@style/AppTheme" >
        <activity
            android:name=".Activity1"
            android:label="Activity1" >
            <intent-filter>
                <action android:name="android.intent.action.MAIN" />
                <category android:name="android.intent.category.LAUNCHER" />
            </intent-filter>
        </activity>
       <activity
            android:name=".Activity2"
            android:label="Activity2" >
        </activity>
    </application>
</manifest>
```

Example 18.

Comments

- 1. Various data items are inserted into an outgoing bundle, including simple types, an array, and a serialized object.
- 2. Activity1 invokes Activity2 and waits for its results.
- 3. The listener in Activity1 issues the statement data.getExtras() to get the returning bundle. Data items are extracted and displayed.
- 4. Activity2 uses **getIntent()** to capture the incoming intent request.
- 5. The arriving bundle is picked up and its data items are extracted. Observe the use of .getSerializable(...) to grab the object argument.
- 6. After operating on the input data, Activity2 packs all the outgoing extra items in a bundle and attaches it to the original intent.
- 7. Activity2 finishes with a **RESULT_OK t**ermination code.
- 8. The method **extractDataFromBundle** is used to get all the <key,value> pairs packed in a bundle.
- 9. This fragment defines a simple **Person** class, with is private data members, constructor, accessors, and custom method.

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Appendix A. Built-In Intent Actions

A complete list of built-in, broadcast, service actions, categories, and features for a particular SDK can be found in the folders:

.../android-sdk/platforms/platform-YYY/data/

android.app.action.

ACTION_PASSWORD_CHANGED
ACTION_PASSWORD_EXPIRING
ACTION_PASSWORD_FAILED
ACTION_PASSWORD_SUCCEEDED
ADD_DEVICE_ADMIN
DEVICE_ADMIN_DISABLE_REQUESTED
DEVICE_ADMIN_DISABLED
DEVICE_ADMIN_ENABLED
DEVICE_ADMIN_ENABLED
START ENCRYPTION

android.bluetooth.a2dp.profile.action.

CONNECTION_STATE_CHANGED
PLAYING STATE CHANGED

android.bluetooth.adapter.action.

CONNECTION_STATE_CHANGED DISCOVERY_FINISHED DISCOVERY_STARTED LOCAL_NAME_CHANGED REQUEST_DISCOVERABLE REQUEST_ENABLE SCAN_MODE_CHANGED STATE_CHANGED

android.bluetooth.device.action.

ACL_CONNECTED
ACL_DISCONNECT_REQUESTED
ACL_DISCONNECTED
BOND_STATE_CHANGED
CLASS_CHANGED
FOUND
NAME_CHANGED
UJUID

android.bluetooth.devicepicker.action.

DEVICE_SELECTED LAUNCH

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android.bluetooth.headset.

action.VENDOR_SPECIFIC_HEADSET_EVENT profile.action.AUDIO_STATE_CHANGED profile.action.CONNECTION_STATE_CHANGED

android.hardware.action.

NEW_PICTURE NEW_VIDEO

input.action.QUERY KEYBOARD LAYOUTS

android.intent.action.

ACTION_POWER_CONNECTED
ACTION_POWER_DISCONNECTED
ACTION_SHUTDOWN
AIRPLANE_MODE
ALL_APPS
ANSWER
APP_ERROR
ASSIST

ATTACH_DATA
BATTERY_CHANGED
BATTERY_LOW
BATTERY_OKAY
BOOT_COMPLETED
BUG_REPORT
CALL
CALL_BUTTON
CAMERA_BUTTON
CHOOSER
CONFIGURATION_CHANGED
CREATE_LIVE_FOLDER
CREATE_SHORTCUT
DATE_CHANGED
DELETE

DREAMING_STARTED DREAMING_STOPPED EDIT

DEVICE STORAGE LOW

DEVICE STORAGE OK

DOCK EVENT

Appendix A. Built-In Intent Actions cont. 2

android.intent.action.

EVENT_REMINDER
EXTERNAL_APPLICATIONS_AVAILABLE
EXTERNAL_APPLICATIONS_UNAVAILABLE
FETCH_VOICEMAIL

GET_CONTENT
GTALK_CONNECTED
GTALK_DISCONNECTED
HEADSET PLUG

INPUT_METHOD_CHANGED

INSERT

INSERT_OR_EDIT INSTALL_PACKAGE LOCALE CHANGED

MAIN

MANAGE_NETWORK_USAGE MANAGE_PACKAGE_STORAGE MEDIA_BAD_REMOVAL MEDIA_BUTTON MEDIA_CHECKING MEDIA_EJECT MEDIA_MOUNTED MEDIA_NOFS MEDIA_REMOVED

MEDIA_SCANNER_FINISHED MEDIA_SCANNER_SCAN_FILE MEDIA_SCANNER_STARTED

MEDIA_SEARCH
MEDIA_SHARED
MEDIA_UNMOUNTABLE
MEDIA_UNMOUNTED
MUSIC_PLAYER

MY_PACKAGE_REPLACED
NEW_OUTGOING_CALL
NEW_VOICEMAIL

PACKAGE_ADDED
PACKAGE_CHANGED
PACKAGE_DATA_CLEARED
PACKAGE_FIRST_LAUNCH
PACKAGE_FULLY_REMOVED

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Appendix A. Built-In Intent Actions cont. 3

android.intent.action.

PACKAGE_INSTALL

PACKAGE_NEEDS_VERIFICATION

PACKAGE_REMOVED PACKAGE_REPLACED PACKAGE_RESTARTED PACKAGE_VERIFIED

PASTE
PHONE_STATE
PICK
PICK ACTIVITY

POWER_USAGE_SUMMARY

PROVIDER_CHANGED PROXY CHANGE

REBOOT

RESPOND_VIA_MESSAGE RINGTONE PICKER

RUN SCREEN_OFF SCREEN_ON SEARCH SEARCH LONG PRESS

SEND

SEND_MULTIPLE SENDTO SET_ALARM SET_WALLPAPER

SYNC

SYSTEM_TUTORIAL

TIME_SET

TIME_TICK

TIMEZONE_CHANGED UID_REMOVED UNINSTALL_PACKAGE USER PRESENT

VIEW

VOICE_COMMAND WALLPAPER CHANGED

WEB SEARCH

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Appendix A. Built-In Intent Actions cont. 4

android.media.

action.CLOSE_AUDIO_EFFECT_CONTROL_SESSION
action.DISPLAY_AUDIO_EFFECT_CONTROL_PANEL
action.OPEN_AUDIO_EFFECT_CONTROL_SESSION
ACTION_SCO_AUDIO_STATE_UPDATED
AUDIO_BECOMING_NOISY
RINGER_MODE_CHANGED
SCO_AUDIO_STATE_CHANGED
VIBRATE_SETTING_CHANGED

android.net.

conn.BACKGROUND_DATA_SETTING_CHANGED conn.CONNECTIVITY_CHANGE nsd.STATE_CHANGED wifi.action.REQUEST_SCAN_ALWAYS_AVAILABLE wifi.NETWORK_IDS_CHANGED wifi.p2p.CONNECTION_STATE_CHANGE wifi.p2p.DISCOVERY_STATE_CHANGE wifi.p2p.PEERS_CHANGED wifi.p2p.STATE_CHANGED

wifi.p2p.this_device_changed wifi.pick_wifi_network wifi.rssi_changed wifi.scan_results wifi.state_change wifi.supplicant.connection_change wifi.supplicant.state_change wifi.wifi_state_changed

android.nfc.action.

ADAPTER_STATE_CHANGED NDEF_DISCOVERED TAG_DISCOVERED TECH_DISCOVERED

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Appendix A. Built-In Intent Actions cont. 5

android.settings.

ACCESSIBILITY_SETTINGS

ADD_ACCOUNT_SETTINGS

AIRPLANE_MODE_SETTINGS

APPLICATION_DETAILS_SETTINGS

APPLICATION_DETAILS_SETTINGS

APPLICATION_SETTINGS

BLUETOOTH_SETTINGS

DATA_ROAMING_SETTINGS

DATE_SETTINGS

DEVICE_INFO_SETTINGS

DEVICE_INFO_SETTINGS

DISPLAY_SETTINGS

DISPLAY_SETTINGS

INPUT_METHOD_SUBTYPE_SETTINGS

INPUT_METHOD_SETTINGS
INPUT_METHOD_SUBTYPE_SETTING
INTERNAL_STORAGE_SETTINGS
LOCALE_SETTINGS
LOCATION_SOURCE_SETTINGS

MANAGE_ALL_APPLICATIONS_SETTINGS
MANAGE_APPLICATIONS_SETTINGS

MEMORY_CARD_SETTINGS
NETWORK_OPERATOR_SETTINGS
NFC_SETTINGS
NFCSHARING_SETTINGS
PRIVACY_SETTINGS
QUICK_LAUNCH_SETTINGS
SECURITY_SETTINGS
SOUND_SETTINGS
SYNC_SETTINGS

USER_DICTIONARY_SETTINGS WIFI_IP_SETTINGS WIFI_SETTINGS WIRELESS SETTINGS

android.speech.tts.

engine.CHECK_TTS_DATA
engine.GET_SAMPLE_TEXT
engine.INSTALL_TTS_DATA
engine.TTS_DATA_INSTALLED
TTS_QUEUE_PROCESSING_COMPLETED