

## <action>

### SYNTAX:

```
<action android:name="string" />
```

### CONTAINED IN:

[<intent-filter>](#)

### DESCRIPTION:

Adds an action to an intent filter. An [<intent-filter>](#) element must contain one or more `<action>` elements. If it doesn't contain any, no Intent objects will get through the filter. See [Intents and Intent Filters](#) for details on intent filters and the role of action specifications within a filter.

### ATTRIBUTES:

#### `android:name`

The name of the action. Some standard actions are defined in the [Intent](#) class as `ACTION_`*string* constants. To assign one of these actions to this attribute, prepend `"android.intent.action."` to the *string* that follows `ACTION_`. For example, for `ACTION_MAIN`, use `"android.intent.action.MAIN"` and for `ACTION_WEB_SEARCH`, use `"android.intent.action.WEB_SEARCH"`.

For actions you define, it's best to use the package name as a prefix to ensure uniqueness. For example, a `TRANSMOGRIFY` action might be specified as follows:

```
<action android:name="com.example.project.TRANSMOGRIFY" />
```

### INTRODUCED IN:

API Level 1

### SEE ALSO:

[<intent-filter>](#)

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