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Spoofing your Android_ID

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With the (hopefully) eminent release of the cupcake update for the android os – this is *supposed* to be fixed with the addition of Settings.Secure; though I guess we won't know until it gets released?

Anyway — basically you can modify system values in a specific database, so any program that calls Settings.System.Android_ID can be given any id of your choosing.

Just load up adb and navigate to the sqlite database:
/data/data/com.android.providers.settings/databases/settings.db

Run the query;
*select * from system;*
You'll see plenty of information which can then be changed;

Running the following;
update system set value='dead00beef' where name='android_id';
Would give you an ultra-slick android_id of dead00beef' 😀

Note that this will NOT change the android id used by google products since they use one that is linked to your gmail account that the phone is associated with…

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what is this ID used for?

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The android_ID is often used to identify the device to applications.

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Found this link from http://code.google.com/p/android-market-api/wiki/HowToSearchApps

I didn't edit the sqlite file, but when I use "dead000beef" as my AndroidId anyway, I get valid response from the server. If I use my own Android_ID, the server rejects me. Any idea why? The Market app works fine so maybe it's not using my ID.