

# Android Building Blocks: Intents and BroadcastReceiver

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# Agenda

- What is an Intent?
- What is a BroadcastReceiver?
- Demonstration and source code
- Questions?



# What is a Intent?

Intents are asynchronous messages which allow the application to request functionality from other services or activities.

An application can call directly a service or activity (explicit intent) or ask the Android system for registered services and applications for an intent (implicit intents). Intents are a powerful concept as they allow to create loosely coupled applications.



# What is a BroadcastReceiver?

A BroadcastReceiver can receive system messages and implicit intents and can be used to react to changed conditions in the system.

An application can register as a broadcast receiver for certain events and can be started if such an event occurs...**"Android Event Handling"**



# Demonstrations and Source Code

- Let's see some Android in action!



# Questions?



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