


Android Components 2  
Android Smartphone Programming

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Content Providers

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- Mostly used to share data between applications<sup>[2]</sup>.
- Many predefined Content Providers available, for example to access phone contacts.
- Provide mechanisms to define data security.
- Access of data through content URI.
  - Example: `people.CONTENT_URI` to access the phone contacts.

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## Content Providers

Example: Usage of a Content Provider  
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```
1 String[] proj = new String[] {People._ID,  
    People.NAME, People.NUMBER};  
2 try {  
3     Cursor c = managedQuery(People.CONTENT_URI,  
        proj, null, null, null);  
4     if (c == null) return;  
5     int name = c.getColumnIndexOrThrow(People.  
        NAME);  
6     if (!c.moveToFirst()) return;  
7     String nameString = c.getString(name);  
8     ...  
9 }
```



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## Calendar

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- To access the built-in calendar the Android manifest has to be extended:

```
1 <uses-permission android:name="android.  
    permission.READ_CALENDAR">  
2 </uses-permission>
```

- Data can be accessed through a Content Provider and a Cursor.
- The Content Provider for the calendar has the following URI:

```
1 content://calendar/calendars
```



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## Calendar Provider

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- *CalendarContract.Calendars*:  
Calendar specific informations.
- *CalendarContract.Events*:  
Event specific informations. Connected by CALENDAR\_ID.
- *CalendarContract.Instances*:  
Start and end time for each occurrence. Connected by EVENT\_ID.
- *CalendarContract.Attendees*:  
Event attendee information. Connected by EVENT\_ID.
- *CalendarContract.Reminders*:  
Notification data. Connected by EVENT\_ID.



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