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Free Android CalDav Calendar Sync with Owncloud

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After a long, long, time, the solution to syncing my Owncloud calendar to Android was bloody easy. The reason why I couldn't get it done is because it seems that google (no surprise) blocks these kind of tools from their app place. They like to have things like your daily schedule and whereabouts nicely available for exploiting. If you don't like that, until the Ubuntu phone calendar synch is up and running and a calendar is paramount, this solution worked awesome for me. If you don't have an owncloud set up in your own house and the calendar set up, I have some post on this site about that but my friend reported that it's overly and unnecessarily complicated. Check it out and compare it against others and do your best. The second assumption is that you can manually download and install a .apk file on your phone. I'm pretty sure that all android phones can do this if you go into the security settings and force it to allow non-play apps to install. I'm running Cyanogen mod on a rooted phone so it definitely works...

Assumptions:

1. owncloud + calendar is up and running (or some other network-sharable calendar)
2. you can download/install .apk files on your android mobile

How to:

1. On your mobile, Go to this link <https://f-droid.org/repository/browse/?fdid=org.gege.caldavsyncadapter>
2. Make sure your mobile security settings are set to allow 'install any .apk file' or the next step might not work
3. Click and download the 'download apk' link which will start download.
4. Click the download complete notification and it should start install
5. in phone settings under 'accounts' click 'add account' and chose calDav Sync adapter
6. Enter your calendar credentials (ie. from owncloud) and make it do its thing
7. Done

In my case I had to reboot my phone once to make it do a full and perfect sync but hopefully that won't happen to you. It was some kind of 'time out error'. After rebooting all was good.

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