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## Real caller ID coming to cell phones

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As you have certainly noticed, caller ID on cell phones leaves a lot to be desired, limited to number only unless the caller is in your contact list. That is all over now, thanks to a new cellular app from PhoneTell.

We have probably all lamented the lack of incoming information about cell phone calls. How the heck do you know whether or not to answer a call if all there is on your screen is a number you have never seen before. It could be an important call, or it could be just a huge waste of time, and there has been no way to know.

PhoneTell, though, changes all that. They rely on an internal list of 200 million contacts, including information from the white and yellow pages, according to a [CNET article](#). And they have other sources, including Yelp, OpenTable, and Zagat, plus services that you are a part of, such as Gmail, LinkedIn, and Salesforce. It looks like the wait for real cellular caller ID is almost over. An Android version is available now, to be followed by an iPhone app in a month or so.

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