

CyberTracker XlsForm Reference Manual

Overview

CyberTracker is a universal data collection application which runs on mobile devices. One of the supported formats is [XlsForm](#).

XlsForm has an [extension mechanism](#) which allows users to activate CyberTracker behavior without affecting the semantics of the form.

This reference manual describes the CyberTracker extensions. Note that XlsForms are simply Excel files and the extensions are columns in the worksheets.

There are three kinds of customization:

- Views, e.g. grid styles for single and multi-select lists
- Behaviors, e.g. GPS track logs and save targets
- Developer code, e.g. a new widget

Backend

CyberTracker supports [ODK Central](#), [KoBoToolbox](#) and [Survey123](#).

The CyberTracker extensions do not affect the semantics of the form and are transparent to backends. It is possible to use the same form to collect data across platforms (web, ODKCollect, etc) with a single form. In this scenario, CyberTracker would be chosen as a way to meet the needs of specific field workers.

Limitations

While CyberTracker supports most of the commonly used XlsForm features, it is not as mature as the existing data collection tools like ODK Collect, Kobo Collect and Survey123. Users should prefer to use those tools for mission critical projects.

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Initial setup

The following columns on the `settings` sheet are needed to begin using the CyberTracker extensions.

namespace (required)

The `ct` namespace tells other XlsForm tools to ignore columns starting with `bind::ct:`.

title	version	namespaces
My Form	2022101001	ct="http://cybertracker.org/xforms"
	survey	choices settings

version (recommended)

The version field is used to track form versions over time. While not strictly required, it is a best practice to keep this field up to date. The [XlsForm specification](#) recommends the convention of 'yyyymmddrr'. For example, 2022021501 is the 1st revision from Feb 15th, 2022.

Settings

immersive

Setting this to `yes` causes the UI to use the wizard exclusively, i.e. there is no **Home** page. Default is `no`.

title	bind::ct:immersive
My Form	yes
<input type="button" value="◀"/> <input type="button" value="▶"/> survey choices settings <input type="radio"/>	

In the table below, the user context is always within a sighting and each page typically holds one question. Pressing the **options** button (highlighted in the first image) navigates to a new page which shows the current sighting on one tab and all sightings on the other. The user can edit previous sightings, but when editing is complete, the wizard will revert to the original sighting.

The screenshots illustrate the immersive mode of the wizard. The first screenshot shows a list of sighting options for a specific question. The second screenshot shows a list of questions for a specific sighting. The third screenshot shows a list of saved sightings. The 'options' button in the first screenshot and the 'Submit' button in the third screenshot are highlighted with red boxes.

wizardMode

If the `immersive` column is missing or set to `no`, then the UI reverts to *non-immersive* mode. In this case, there is a **Home** page which shows all sightings. The user returns to this page after saving a sighting.

title	bind::ct:wizardMode
My Form	yes

If `wizardMode` is set to `no`, then all questions show on a single page. This mode is recommended when wanting to show all sighting data at once and is the most conventional.

The first screenshot shows the 'Reference manual' page with three sightings: Buffalo, Lion, and Leopard. The second screenshot shows the 'Question 1' page with ten questions numbered 1 to 10. The third screenshot shows the 'Settings' page with various form configuration options.

If `wizardMode` is set to `yes`, then each question will appear on its own page with **Back** and **Next** toolbar buttons to navigate between questions. The user will still return to the **Home** page between sightings. `wizardMode` appears on the **Settings** page as **Page mode**.

The first screenshot shows the 'Reference manual' page with the same three sightings as before. The second screenshot shows the 'Question 1' page with the same ten questions. The third screenshot shows the 'Settings' page, where the 'Page mode' option is explicitly turned on.

summary

The summary attribute specifies which fields to use as the summary of a sighting on the **Home** page. For example:

type	name	label
text	f_initial_text	Initial note
select_one animal	f_animal	Animal
select_multiple behavior	f_behavior	Behavior
text	f_final_text	Final note

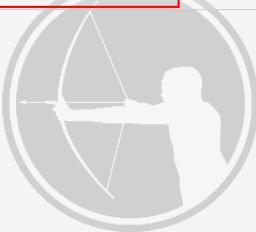
◀ ▶ | survey | choices | **settings** | ○

The following setting will ensure that the summary only uses the `f_animal` and `f_behavior` questions.

title	bind::ct:summary
My Form	<code>f_animal f_behavior</code>
◀ ▶ survey choices settings ○	

← Summary setting ⚙

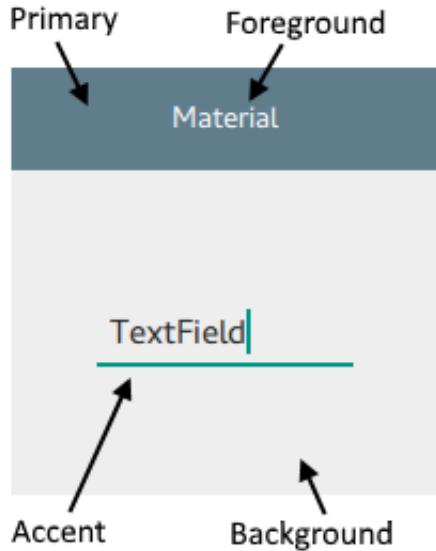
Rhino, Sleeping Wed 2022/12/21 18:42:41	✓
Elephant, Eating, Walking Wed 2022/12/21 18:43:07	✓
Buffalo, Jumping Wed 2022/12/21 18:43:23	✓



Submit Map New

colors

The colors attribute specifies the color scheme used on the form. It follows the [Material Design](#) system:



title	bind::ct:colors.primary	bind::ct:colors.accent
My Form	#6200EE	green

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The following color fields are supported:

- primary & primaryDark
- accent & accentDark
- foreground & foregroundDark
- background & backgroundDark

Colors suffixed with 'dark' will be used when dark mode is activated. If dark colors are not provided, then 'primary' and 'accent' colors will be used, but 'foreground' and 'background' colors will be ignored.

Colors can also be provided as a JSON object:

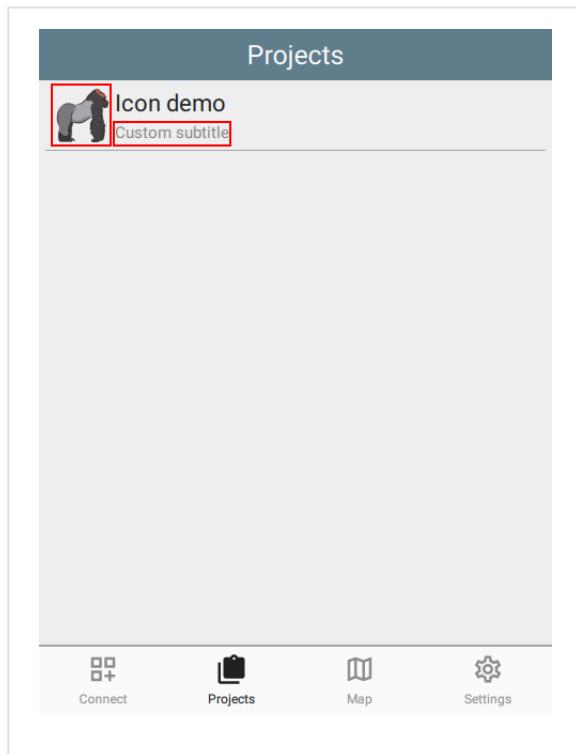
title	bind::ct:colors
My Form	{ "primary": "#6200EE", "accent": "green" }

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icon, iconDark and subtitle

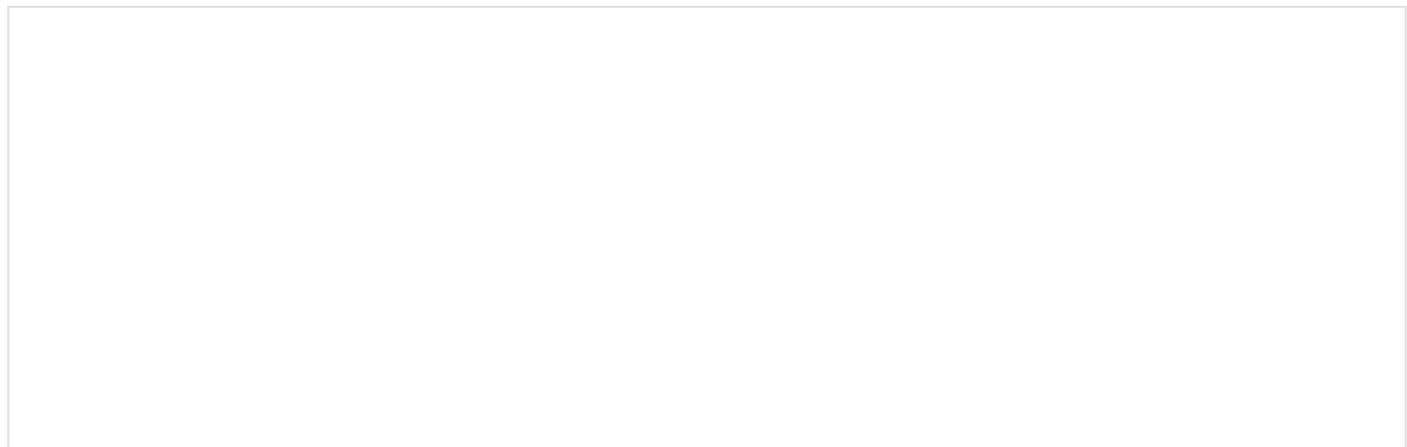
The `icon` attribute specifies the icon used to display the project. `iconDark` is optional and will be used when dark mode is enabled.

The `subtitle` attribute specifies the text just below the form name.



title	bind::ct:icon	bind::ct:subtitle
My Form	gorilla.png	Custom subtitle
<input type="button"/> <input type="button"/> survey choices settings <input type="radio"/>		

The icon image should be added to the form as an attached media file. In KoboToolbox, this is done under the form settings option:



The screenshot shows the KoboToolbox web application. In the top left, there's a navigation bar with icons for back, forward, home, and search, along with the URL <https://kf.kobotoolbox.org/#/forms>. The main header says "KoboToolbox" and "Icon demo". On the right, it shows "0 submissions". Below the header, there's a sidebar with a "NEW" button and three categories: "Deployed" (18), "Draft" (3), and "Archived" (0). The main content area has tabs for "SUMMARY", "FORM", "DATA", and "SETTINGS" (which is selected and highlighted with a red box). Under "SETTINGS", there's a section for "Media" (also highlighted with a red box). A message says "You must redeploy this form to see media changes." Below that is a "Attach files" section with a dashed box for dragging files and a link to "click here to browse". Further down, there's a "Paste URL here" input field and an "ADD" button. At the bottom, there's a section for "Attached files" with a file named "gorilla.png" (also highlighted with a red box) and a delete icon.

offlineMapUrl

The `offlineMapUrl` attribute specifies a url to a downloadable zip file containing map layers. Offline maps can be added manually using the mobile app, but this provides a way to specify them with the form. The map will be downloaded, installed and updated as part of the form.

title	bind::ct:offlineMapUrl
My Form	https://cybertrackerwiki.org/assets/xlsform/offlinemap.zip
◀ ▶	survey choices settings ○

See the section on [Offline maps](#) for more information.

esriLocationServiceUrl

When using Survey123, CyberTracker supports uploading locations and tracks to a hosted feature service. In this case, the feature service is specified in the

bind::ct:esriLocationServiceUrl column:

title	bind::ct:esriLocationServiceUrl
My Form	https://services6.arcgis.com/.../FeatureServer
<input type="button" value="◀"/> <input type="button" value="▶"/> survey choices settings <input type="radio"/>	

The feature service should be created using the CyberTracker Desktop Simulator (see [Download page](#)). There is an option off the **Tools** menu called **Create ArcGIS location service**. This tool will automatically create and configure a hosted service which is compatible with CyberTracker:

Create ArcGIS location service X

Create an ArcGIS Online hosted feature service which will receive location track data from Survey123 projects.

User name
demo.cybertracker

Password
••••••••

Service name
Location service demo

Service description
The service description

Click 'START' to create service

START

After clicking **Start**, the tool will display the following:

Success - service created

Create a column named 'bind::ct:esriLocationServiceUrl' in the 'settings' sheet of the XlsForm and set it to the content below. Republish and install or update the form in CyberTracker.

title	namespaces	bind::ct:esriLocationServiceUrl
My Form	ct="http://cybertracker.org/xforms"	https://services6.arcgis.com/...
survey choices settings		

<https://services6.arcgis.com/> /arcgis/rest/services/
Location_service_demo/FeatureServer

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The feature service contains three layers: **Tracks** (point layer), **Last Known Locations** (point layer) and **Track Lines** (Polyline layer).

If this service is not specified, then tracks are placed in a `file` type question of the sighting. See [Tracks](#).

sendLocationInterval

If using Survey123, CyberTracker can send the current location at regular intervals - separately from tracks. The value is in seconds and is user configurable via the form Settings menu on the device. This specifies the default value.

`bind::ct:esriLocationServiceUrl` must be configured.

title	bind::ct:sendLocationInterval
My Form	30
survey choices settings	

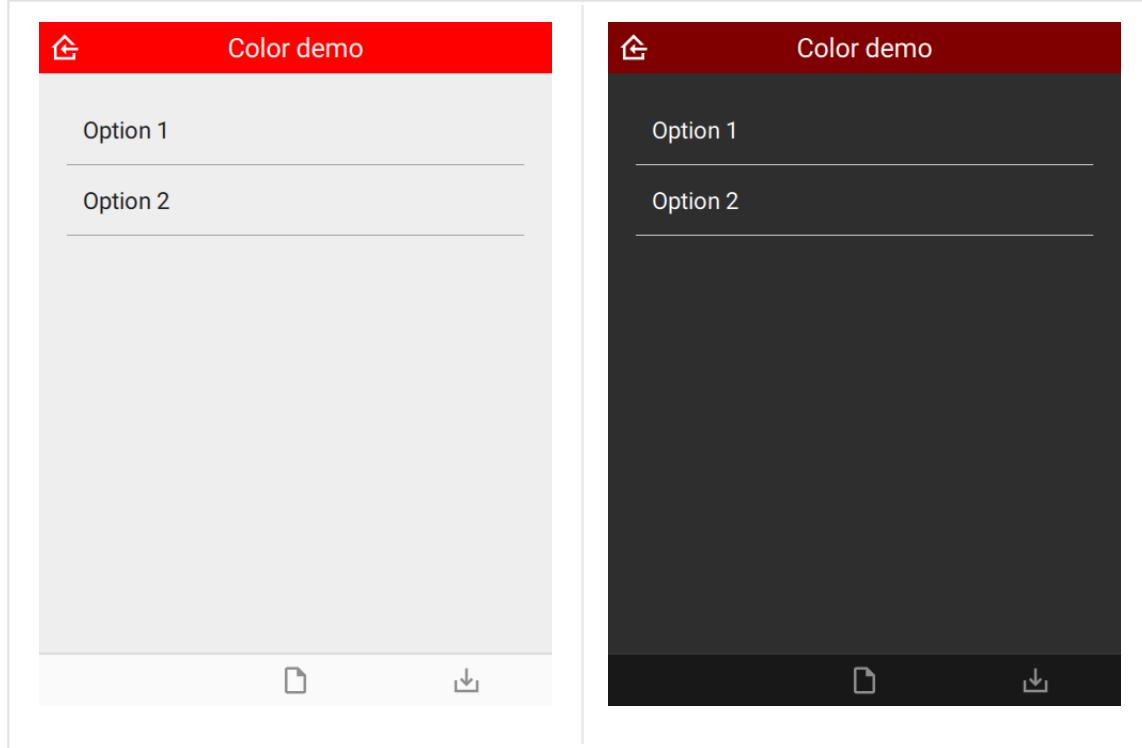
Header

The header object supports custom header attributes. If no header object is specified, then the default header is used. By default, the header title is taken from the question label.

color and colorDark

By default, the header background color is taken from the `settings` sheet. However, it is possible to override it on an individual page.

type	bind::ct:header.color	bind::ct:header.colorDark
select_one...	#ff0000	#800000
<input type="button" value="◀"/> <input type="button" value="▶"/>	survey	choices settings



text

Custom header text.

type	name	bind::ct:header.text
select_one animal	Animal	Custom question text

		survey	choices	settings	
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Custom question text

Rhino

Lion

Buffalo

Leopard

Elephant

Giraffe

topText

Custom smaller text above main title.

type	name	bind::ct:header.topText
select_one animal	animal	Custom top text

survey choices settings

Custom top text
Question 1

Rhino

Lion

Buffalo

Leopard

Elephant

Giraffe

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button

Type of the button in the top-right corner. Valid values are:

- empty - by default no button is shown
- `track` - the current state of the GPS track system
- `battery` - the current state and level of the battery

type	name	bind::ct:header.button
select_one animal	animal	track
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Tapping on the button will provide more information, e.g. the track frequency or the battery level.

Question 1

Rhino

Lion

Buffalo

Leopard

Elephant

Giraffe



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Question 1

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homelcon

Override the home icon with a custom icon.

type	name	bind::ct:header.homelcon
select_one animal	animal	my_home_icon.svg
◀ ▶	survey	choices settings

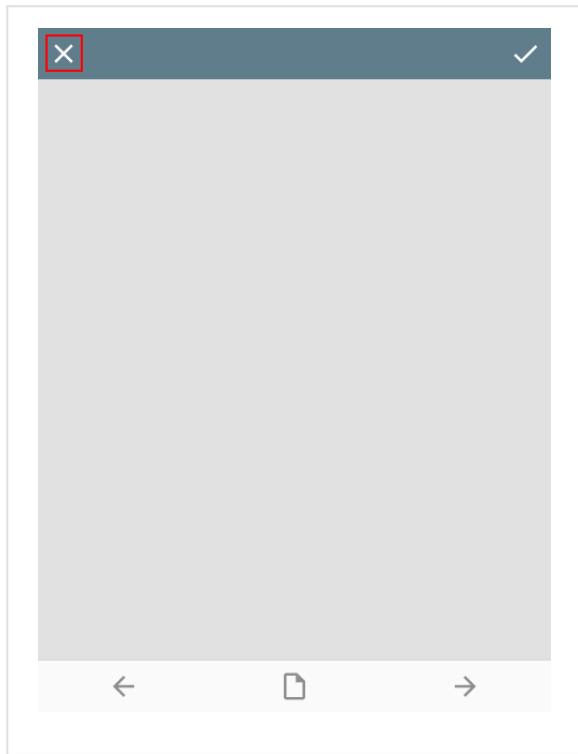


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cancellcon

When editing a sighting in `immersive` mode, the system puts a **Cancel** button in the top left corner. Clicking this button will discard any edits. This property overrides the default icon used.

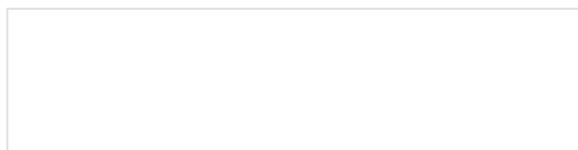
type	name	bind::ct:header.cancelIcon
select_one animal	animal	my_edit_cancel_icon.svg
◀ ▶	survey	choices settings

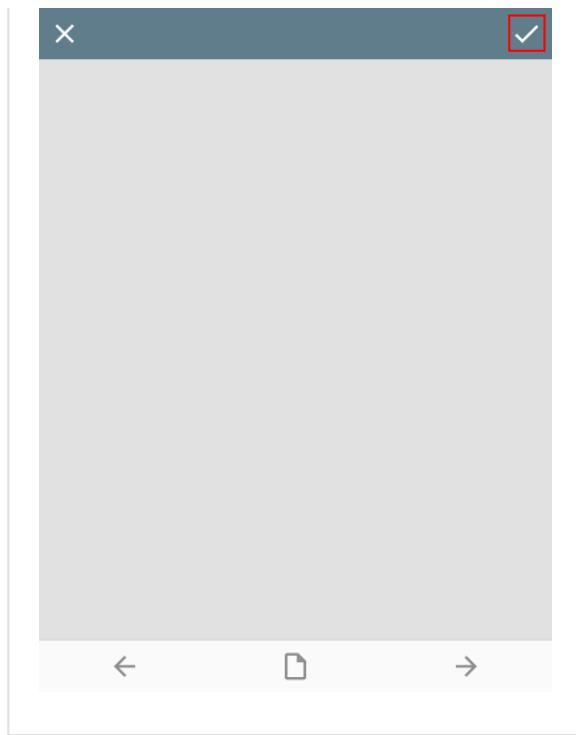


confirmIcon

When editing a sighting in `immersive` mode, the system puts a **Confirm** button in the top right corner. Clicking this button will accept edits made to the sighting. This property overrides the default icon used.

type	name	bind::ct:header.confirmIcon
select_one animal	animal	my_edit_confirm_icon.svg
◀ ▶	survey	choices settings





hideHome

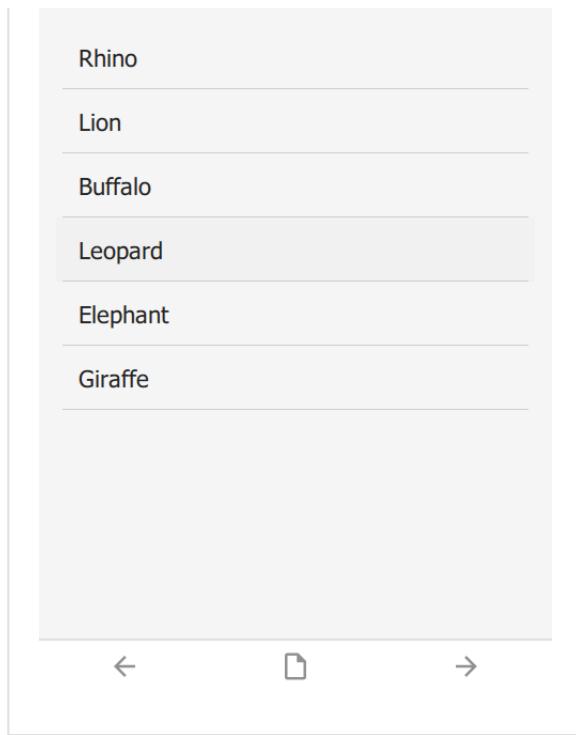
If `yes` then the home button is hidden. Default is `no`.

type	name	bind::ct:header.hideHome
select_one animal	animal	yes
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hidden

If `yes` then the header is hidden. Default is `no`.

type	name	bind::ct:header.hidden
select_one animal	animal	no
◀ ▶	survey	choices settings



qml

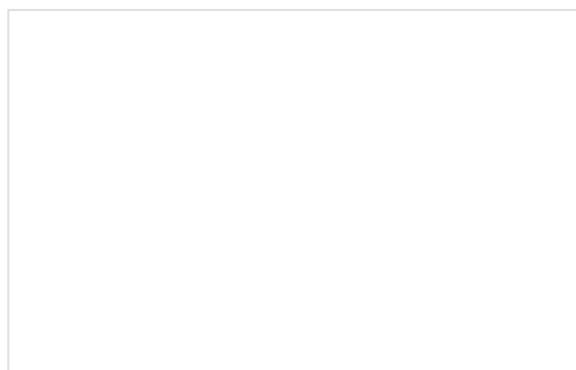
A [QML](#) fragment to use instead of the built-in header. See Developer section. For example:

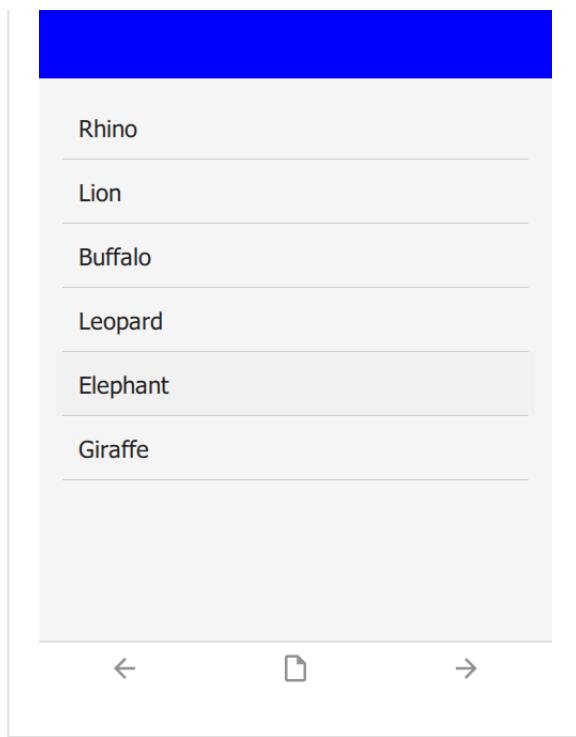
type	name	bind::ct:header.qml
select_one animal	animal	qml fragment
◀ ▶	survey	choices settings

To set the header to a blue rectangle, replace `qml fragment` above with the following:

```
import QtQuick 2.15

Rectangle {
    color: "blue"
    height: 64
}
```





qmlBase64

Base64 encoded QML (see **qml** above).

qmlFile

Name of a QML file which exists alongside other project files. This is not supported on ODK or KoBoToolbox, but can be used in Survey123.

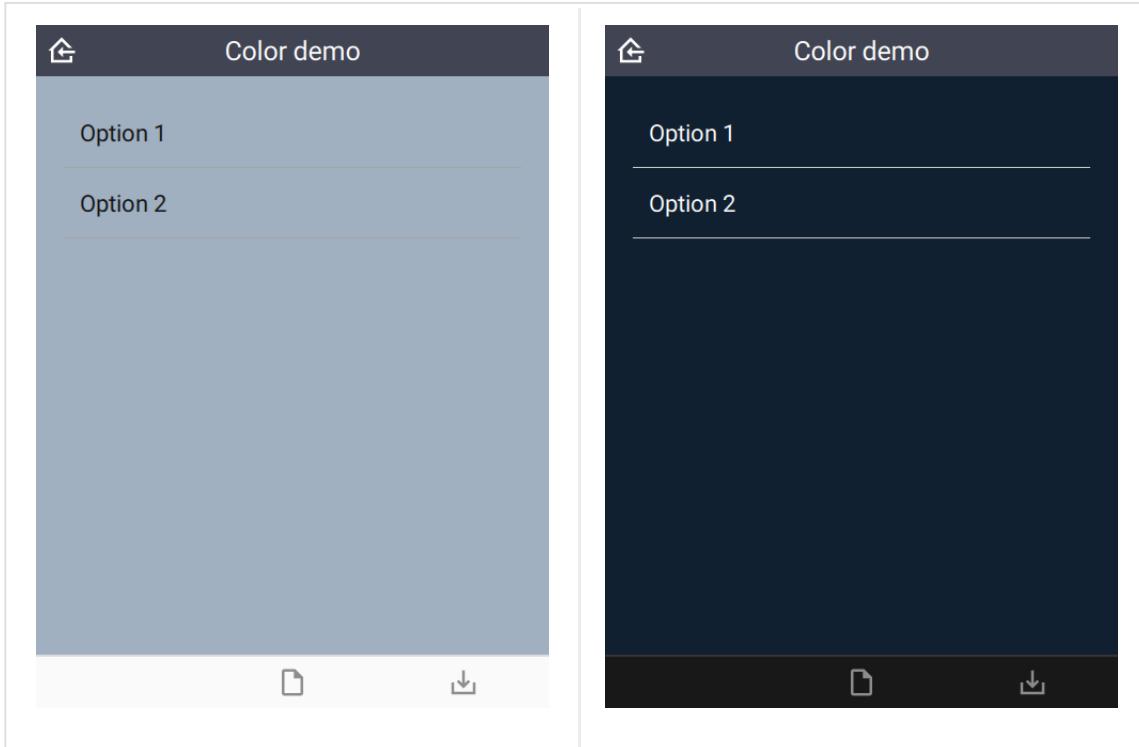
Content

The content section is the middle part of the screen between the header and footer. By default it automatically selects a control for the question type, e.g. a date selector for a date question. By specifying a custom content object, more styles are available. This is especially useful for customizing lists.

color and colorDark

By default, the content background color is taken from the `settings` sheet. However, it is possible to override it on an individual page.

type	bind::ct:content.color	bind::ct:content.colorDark
select_one...	#a0b0c0	#102030
<input type="button" value="◀"/> <input type="button" value="▶"/> <input type="button" value="survey"/> <input type="button" value="choices"/> <input type="button" value="settings"/> <input type="radio"/>		



frameWidth

Frame width around the content area of the page. Default is 16.

type	name	bind::ct:content.frameWidth

select_one animal	animal	0
◀ ▶	survey	choices settings

In this case, `frameWidth` was set to `0` in the second image.

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style

The visual appearance of the question.

type	name	bind::ct:content.style
select_one animal	animal	IconOnly
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For **select_one** questions

- (not specified)
- IconOnly
- TextOnly
- TextBesideIcon
- TextUnderIcon

Single select	Default view
Search	
Alouatta caraya	
Alouatta guariba	
Alouatta macconelli	
Alouatta palliata	
Alouatta seniculus	
Aotus azarae	
Aotus vociferans	

Single select	IconOnly style

Single select	TextOnly style
Alouatta caraya	Alouatta guariba
Alouatta macconelli	Alouatta palliata
Aotus seniculus	Aotus azarae
Aotus vociferans	Ateles geoffroyi
Ateles hybridus br...	Ateles paniscus 2
Ateles paniscus	Avahi laniger
Brachyteles arachno...	Brachyteles arachno...
Cebus apella	Cercocebus agilis

Single select	TextBesidelcon style
Alouatta caraya	Alouatta guariba
Alouatta macc...	Alouatta palliata
Alouatta senic...	Aotus azarae
Aotus vociferans	Ateles geoffroyi
Ateles hybridu...	Ateles paniscu...
Ateles paniscus	Avahi laniger
Brachyteles ar...	Brachyteles ar...
Cebus apella	Cercocebus ag...

Single select	TextUnderIcon style
Alouatta car...	Alouatta gu...
Alouatta pal...	Alouatta se...
Aotus vocife...	Ateles geoff...
Ateles panis...	Ateles panis...
Brachyteles	Brachyteles

For **select_multiple** questions:

- (not specified)
- IconInlay
- IconOnly
- TextOnly
- TextBesidelcon

Multiple select Default view		Multiple select IconInlay style		Multiple select IconOnly style	
	Search				
	Afropavo congensis				
	Alectrurus tricolor				
	Amazona amazonica				
	Amazona autumnalis				
	Amazona vinacea				
	Anthracoceros albirostris				
	Multiple select TextOnly style		Multiple select TextBesidelcon style		Multiple select IconOnly style
	Afropavo cong...		Alectrurus trico...		
	Amazona ama...		Amazona autu...		
	Amazona vina...		Anthracoceros ...		
	Aratinga solsti...		Ara ararauna		
	Ardea humbloti		Bangsia aureo...		
	Bolborhynchus...		Brachyptera...		
	Buteo swainsoni		Bycanistes alb...		
	Bycanistes bre...		Bycanistes buc...		

For **number list** groups:

- (not specified)
- IconOnly
- TextOnly
- TextBesidelcon

Number lists are a set of questions inside a `group`. The `appearance` column must be set to `field-list` to force all group questions to appear on the same page:

type	name	label	bind::ct:content.style	appearance
begin group	numberlist	Number list	IconOnly	field-list
integer	number1	Number 1		

integer	number2	Number 2	
integer	number3	Number 3	
integer	number4	Number 3	
integer	number5	Number 5	
end group			

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Numbers

Number 1	Number 2
Number 3	Number 4
Number 5	-

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Number 1

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4	5	6	⌫
1	2	3	
0			±

Numbers

Number 1	15	Number 2	-
Number 3	-	Number 4	-
Number 5	-		

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For **range** questions:

type	name	parameters	bind::ct:content.style	bind::ct:content.c
range	animal_count	start=1 end=100 step=1	Grid	5
< > survey choices settings ○				

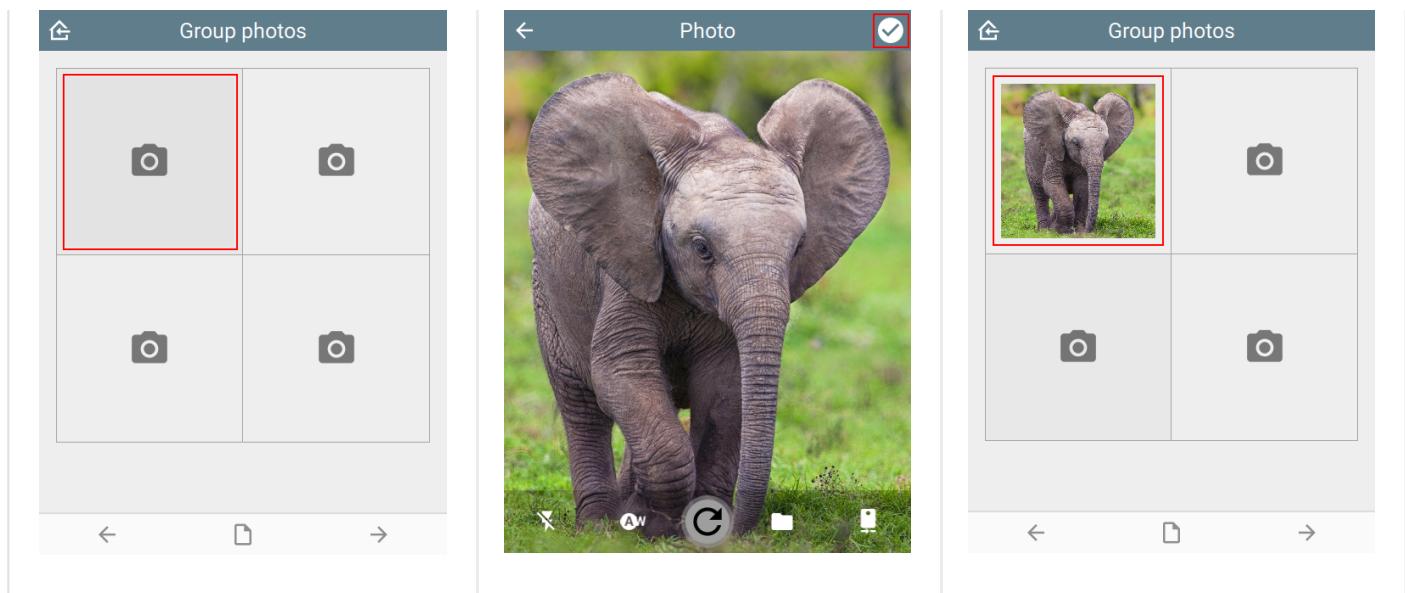
Range
Grid style, 5 columns

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35
36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45
46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55
56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65

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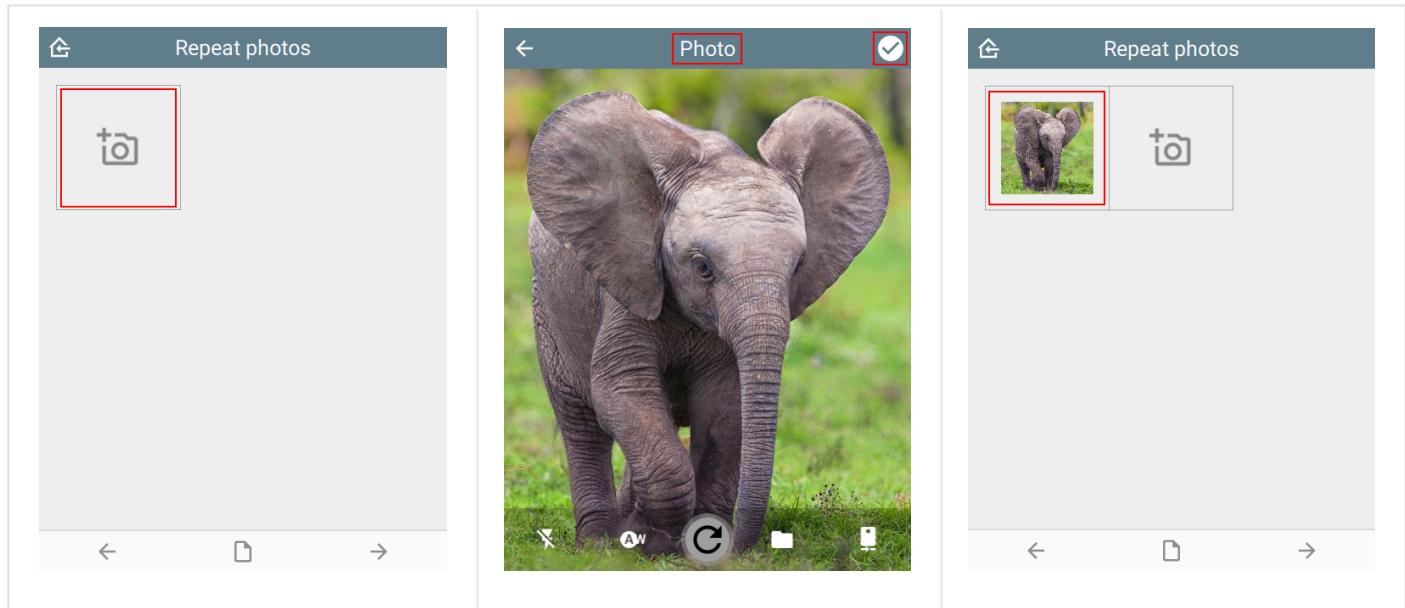
For a fixed number of **image** questions:

type	name	label	bind::ct:content.style	appearance
begin group	photogroup	Group photos	Grid	field-list
image	image1	Photo		
image	image2	Photo 2		
image	image3	Photo 3		
image	image4	Photo 4		
end group				
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For a dynamic number of **image** questions:

type	name	label	bind::ct:content.style
begin repeat	photogroup	Repeat photos	Grid
image	image	Photo	
end repeat			
< >	survey	choices	settings



Ignored for other question types.

padding

The padding space between grid items. Requires `style` to be set.

type	name	bind::ct:content.padding
select_one animal	animal	8
◀ ▶	survey	choices settings

Padding values are `0`, `4` and `8`.

columns

Number of columns for grids. Requires `style` to be set. Defaults to 2.

type	name	bind::ct:content.style	bind::ct:content.columns
select_one animal	animal	Grid	4
◀ ▶	survey	choices settings	

For example, column values below are `3`, `5` and `10`.

Range Grid style, columns		
1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9
10	11	12
13	14	15
16	17	18
19	20	21
22	23	24
25	26	27
28	29	30
31	32	33
34	35	36
37	38	39

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Range Grid style, columns				
1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35
36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45
46	47	48	49	50

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Range Grid style, columns									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

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lines

Show lines between cells for grids. Requires `style` to be set. Defaults to true.

type	name	bind::ct:content.style	bind::ct:content.lines
select_one animal	animal	IconOnly	no
◀ ▶	survey	choices	settings

lines value below is yes and no.

Single select IconOnly style			

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Single select IconOnly style			

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border

Show border around the outside of a grid. Requires `style` to be set. Defaults to `no` if `frameWidth` is 0, `yes` otherwise.

type	name	bind::ct:content.style	bind::ct:content.border
select_one animal	animal	IconOnly	yes
◀ ▶	survey	choices	settings

Border value is `yes` and `no`.

The image displays two identical 'Single select' survey forms side-by-side. Both forms feature a title 'Single select IconOnly style' at the top. Below the title is a 8x4 grid of 32 monkey icons. At the bottom of each grid are navigation arrows: a left arrow, a document icon, and a right arrow. The only difference between the two forms is the presence of a thin gray border around the 8x4 grid in the left one, while the right one has no border.

borderWidth

Border width for grid lines. Requires `style` to be set. Defaults to 2.

type	name	bind::ct:content.style	bind::ct:content.borderWidth
select_one animal	animal	IconOnly	2
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borderWidth value is `2` and `4`.



Single select
IconOnly style

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Single select
IconOnly style

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fontSize

Size text font size. Requires `style` to be set. Defaults to 16. Note that the font is subject to scaling according to the **Font size** in the main Settings page.

type	name	bind::ct:content.style	bind::ct:content.fontSize
select_one animal	animal	IconOnly	14
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`fontSize` values are 10, 14 and 18.

Single select
TextBesidelcon style

Alouatta caraya	Alouatta guariba
Alouatta macconelli	Alouatta palliata
Alouatta seniculus	Aotus azarae
Aotus vociferans	Atelés geoffroyi
Ateles hybridus brunneus	Ateles paniscus 2
Ateles paniscus	Avahi laniger
Brachyteles arachnoides	Brachyteles arachnoides c...
Cebus apella	Cercopithecus agilis
-	-

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Single select
TextBesidelcon style

Alouatta caraya	Alouatta guariba
Alouatta macconelli	Alouatta palliata
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Aotus vociferans	Atelés geoffroyi
Ateles hybridus br...	Ateles paniscus 2
Ateles paniscus	Avahi laniger
Brachyteles arach...	Brachyteles arachnoides c...
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-	-

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Single select
TextBesidelcon style

Alouatta cara...	Alouatta guar...
Alouatta mac...	Alouatta palli...
Alouatta seni...	Aotus azarae
Aotus vocifer...	Atelés geoffr...
Ateles hybrid...	Ateles panisc...
Ateles paniscus	Avahi laniger
Brachyteles ...	Brachyteles a...
Cebus apella	Cercopithecus a...
-	-

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fontBold

Set font to bold. Requires `style` to be set. Defaults to false.

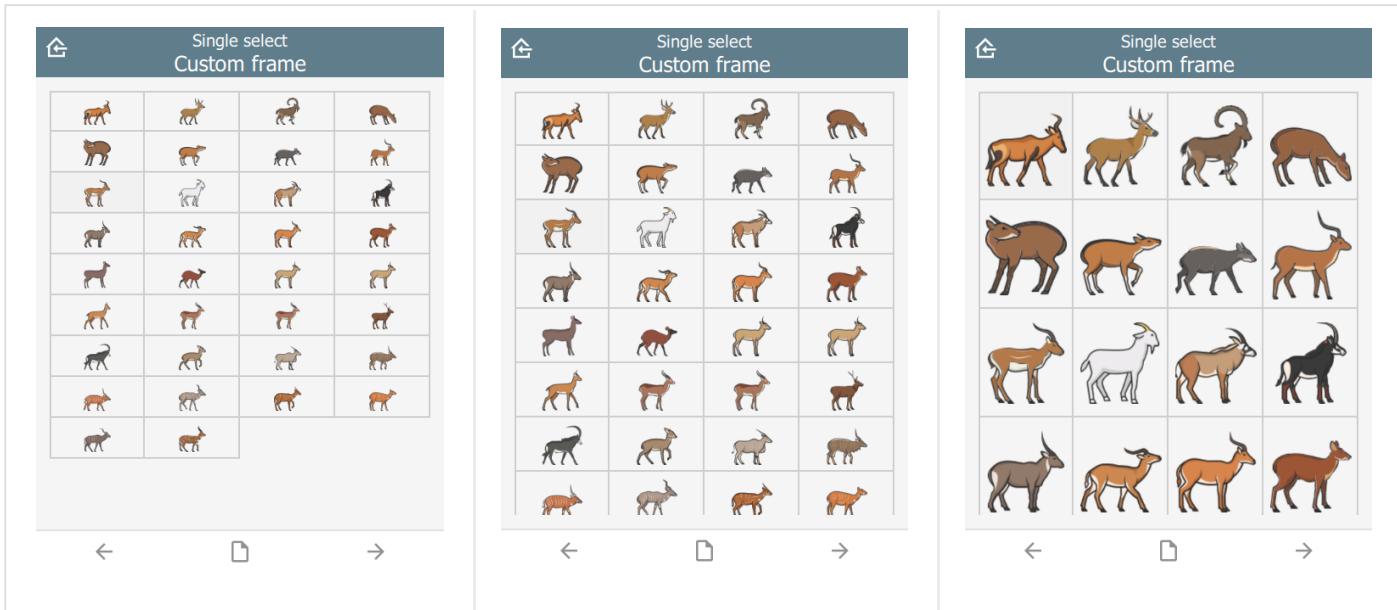
type	name	bind::ct:content.style	bind::ct:content.fontBold
select_one animal	animal	IconOnly	yes
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itemHeight

Set height of individual items. Requires `style` to be set. Defaults to 48.

type	name	bind::ct:content.style	bind::ct:content.itemHeight
select_one animal	animal	IconOnly	48
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`itemHeight` values are 48, 64 and 128.



qml

A [QML](#) fragment to use instead of the built-in content. See Developer section. For example:

type	name	bind::ct:content.qml

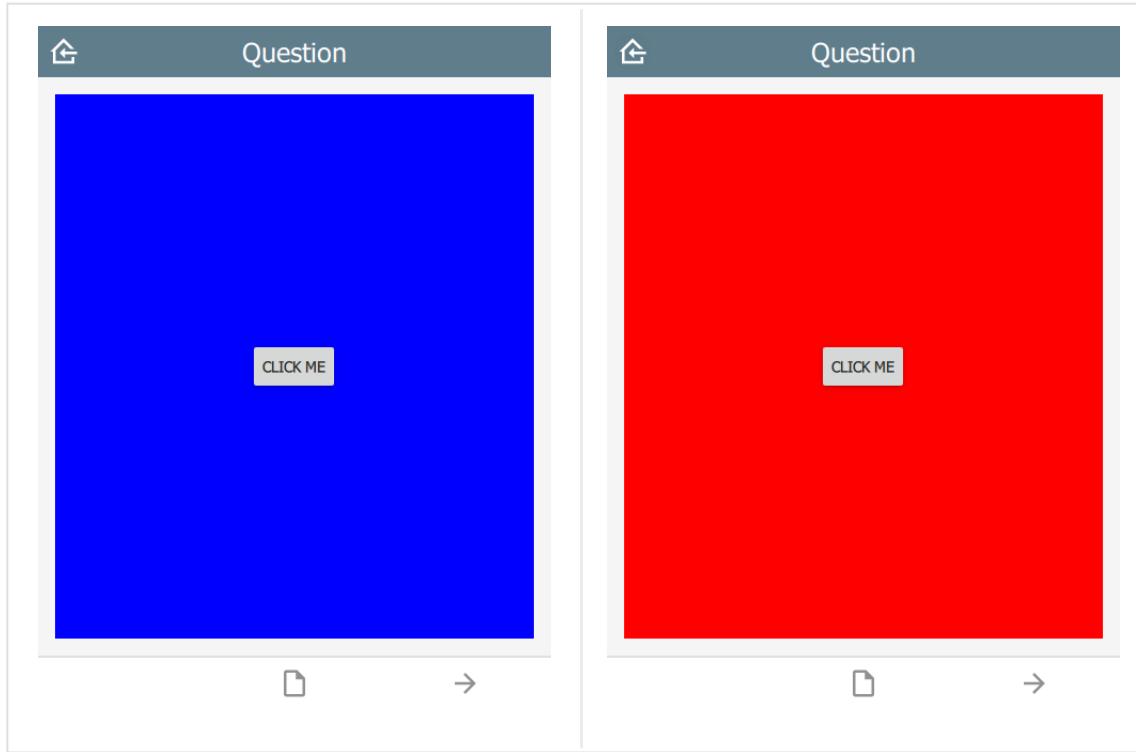
integer	animal_count	qml fragment
< >	survey	choices settings ○

To set the content to a blue rectangle, replace `qml fragment` above with the following:

```
import QtQuick 2.15
import QtQuick Controls 2.15

Rectangle {
    color: "blue"
    Button {
        anchors.centerIn: parent
        text: "Click me"
        onClicked: parent.color = "red"
    }
}
```

In the example, the content is blue, then changes to red when the button is clicked.



qmlBase64

Base64 encoded QML (see `qml` above).

qmlFile

Name of a QML file which exists alongside other project files. This is not supported on

ODK or KoBoToolbox, but can be used in Survey123.

Footer

The footer object supports custom control buttons, e.g. home, back, next, save, etc. If no footer object is specified, then the default control is used.

buttons

`buttons` is text which specifies which buttons should be shown on the footer toolbar.

type	name	bind::ct:footer.buttons
select_one	animal	back next index save map
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A screenshot of a mobile survey application. The title bar says "Question". The main content area lists animal names: Rhino, Elephant, Lion, Leopard, Buffalo, and Giraffe. At the bottom is a footer toolbar with icons for back, forward, save, and other controls.

home button

The `home` button returns to the **Home** page. In `immersive` mode, this returns to the Projects page, otherwise it returns to the project home page.

back button

The `back` button navigates to the prior question on the form. If the wizard is at the start of the form, the back button is hidden.

next button

The `next` button navigates to the next question on the form. If there is no next question, then the next button is hidden.

save button

The `save` button will attempt to save the current sighting. If the sighting has invalid data, then the **Index page** will be shown with invalid fields highlighted.

nextOrSave button

The `nextOrSave` button will show as a `next` button unless there are no more questions, in which case it will become a `save` button.

index button

The `index` button displays a list of all the form questions. Selecting a question will navigate the wizard to it directly. A jump-to-last button on the top right of the header will jump to the next required question. If all required questions are filled in, then it jumps to the last question.

The image consists of two side-by-side screenshots of a mobile application interface. The left screenshot shows a list of animals under 'Question 2'. The right screenshot shows a list of questions from 1 to 10 under 'Reference manual', with 'Alouatta caraya' selected in Question 1. Both screenshots include navigation buttons at the bottom.

Question	Options
Question 2	Rhino, Elephant, Lion, Leopard, Buffalo (selected), Giraffe
Reference manual	Alouatta caraya, Elephant, Question 3 (highlighted), Question 4, Question 5, Question 6, Question 7, Question 8, Question 9, Question 10

options button

The `options` button is only available in `immersive` mode. In non-immersive mode, it becomes the `index` button (see above).

The `options` button shows an options page with two tabs: current sighting and saved sightings:

The image displays three side-by-side screenshots of a mobile application's interface. The left screenshot shows a list of animal names: Rhino, Elephant, Lion, Leopard, Buffalo, and Giraffe. The 'Buffalo' item is highlighted with a dark grey background. The middle screenshot shows a 'Current sighting' screen with a list of questions from 1 to 9. The question 'Question 2 Buffalo' is highlighted with a dark grey background. The right screenshot shows a 'Saved sightings' screen listing 'Rhino' and 'Elephant' with their respective dates. A red box highlights the 'Submit' button at the bottom right of the screen.

map button

The `map` button opens the map dialog.

The image shows a screenshot of the application. On the left, there is a list of animals: Rhino, Elephant, Lion, Leopard, Buffalo, and Giraffe. The 'Buffalo' item is highlighted. On the right, a map of Central Africa is displayed, showing countries like Nigeria, Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Congo, and Angola. The map includes a coordinate overlay at 0° 43' 17.3" S, 11° 34' 16.2" E. Below the map are several navigation icons: Layers, Pan, Follow, Goto, and More. A red box highlights the 'Map' icon at the bottom left of the screen.

Custom button icons

The button icons can be overridden with custom ones. To do this, create columns with the name of the button followed by `Icon`. For example:

- homelcon
- backlcon
- nextlcon
- savelcon
- indexlcon
- optionslcon
- maplcon

type	name	bind::ct:footer.mapIcon
select_one	animal	my_custom_map_icon.svg
survey		

color and colorDark

By default, the footer background color is taken from the `settings` sheet. However, it is possible to override it on an individual page.

type	bind::ct:footer.color	bind::ct:footer.colorDark
select_one...	#0000ff	#000080
survey		

The image displays two side-by-side screenshots of a mobile application interface, illustrating the visual difference between a light-colored footer and a dark-colored footer.

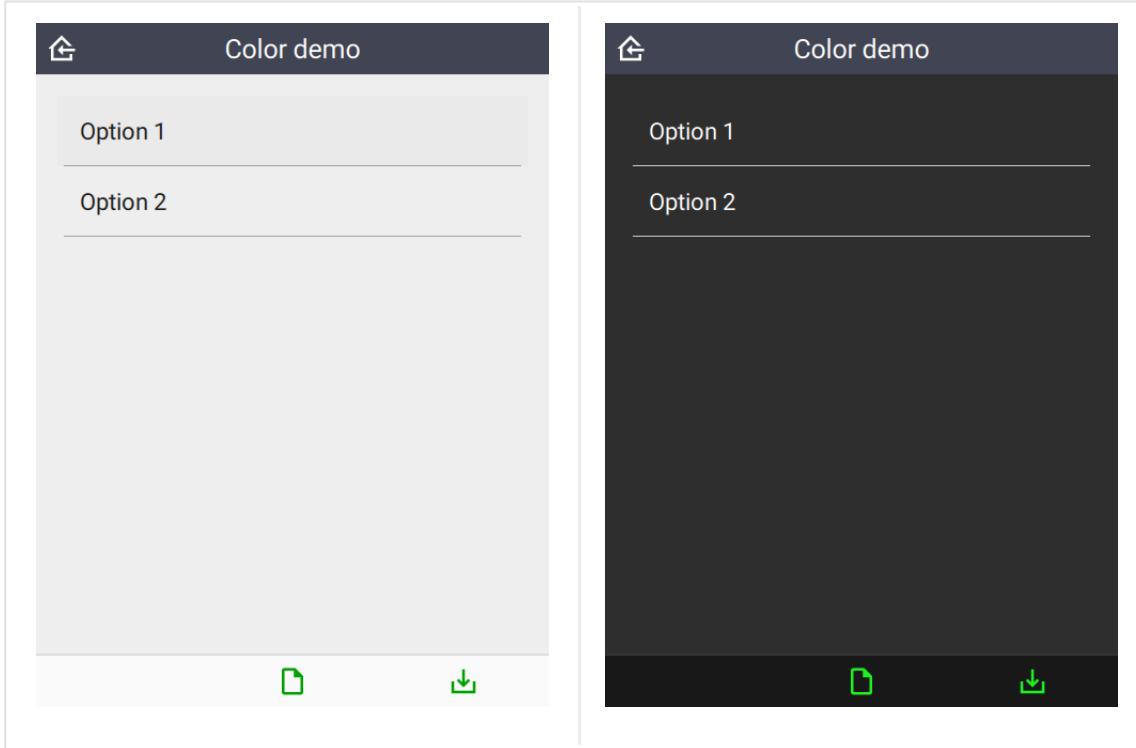
Left Screenshot (Light Gray Footer): The footer is a light gray color. It features a dark gray header bar at the top with the text "Color demo". Below this, the footer contains two items: "Option 1" and "Option 2", each preceded by a small blue circular icon. At the bottom of the screen is a solid blue navigation bar containing three white icons: a square, a triangle, and a circle.

Right Screenshot (Dark Gray Footer): The footer is a dark gray color. It features a dark gray header bar at the top with the text "Color demo". Below this, the footer contains two items: "Option 1" and "Option 2", each preceded by a small white circular icon. At the bottom of the screen is a solid dark blue navigation bar containing three white icons: a square, a triangle, and a circle.

buttonColor and buttonColorDark

Override the default button color with a custom one. This applies to all buttons.

type	bind::ct:footer.buttonColor	bind::ct:footer.buttonColorDark
select_one...	#00a000	#20f020
survey		



buttonScale

An additional scaling factor to apply to the button size. This is typically useful for increasing the size of footer buttons. The scaling factor will be capped to allow at least 6 buttons to fit in the footer.

type	bind::ct:footer.buttonScale
select_one...	3.5
survey	





hidden

If `yes` then the footer is hidden. Default is `no`.

type	name	bind::ct:footer.hidden
select_one animal	animal	no
<code>< ></code>	survey	<code>choices</code> <code>settings</code> <input type="radio"/>

qml

A [QML](#) fragment to use instead of the built-in footer. See Developer section. For example:

type	name	bind::ct:footer.qml
integer	animal_count	qml fragment
<code>< ></code>	survey	<code>choices</code> <code>settings</code> <input type="radio"/>

To set the footer to a blue rectangle, replace `qml fragment` above with the following:

```
import QtQuick 2.15

Rectangle {
    color: "blue"
    height: 64
```

}

The screenshot shows a mobile application interface for a survey. At the top, there is a dark blue header bar with a white back arrow icon on the left and the text "Question 2" in white on the right. Below the header is a list of animal names, each preceded by a small gray square icon. The animals listed are: Rhino, Elephant, Lion, Leopard, Buffalo, and Giraffe. Each name is followed by a horizontal line separator. The background of the main content area is white. At the bottom of the screen, there is a solid blue horizontal bar.

Animal
Rhino
Elephant
Lion
Leopard
Buffalo
Giraffe

qmlBase64

Base64 encoded QML (see **qml** above).

qmlFile

Name of a QML file which exists alongside other project files. This is not supported on ODK or KoBoToolbox, but can be used in Survey123.

Save

When the user presses the **Save** button, this triggers the save behavior.

snapLocation

Setting `snapLocation` to the name of a `geopoint` question will create a popup to acquire the GPS location. This feature is only active when `wizardMode` is enabled.

type	name	label
geopoint	f_location	Location
select_one animal	f_animal	Animal
text	f_note	Note
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title	<code>bind::ct:save.snapLocation</code>		
My form	f_location		
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In this example, the user flow will be:

The figure illustrates a user flow through three panels of a survey application:

- Panel 1 (Left):** A list of animals under the heading "Animal". The item "Elephant" is highlighted with a gray background. Other items include Rhino, Lion, Leopard, and Buffalo.
- Panel 2 (Middle):** A note input field containing the text "Test note".
- Panel 3 (Right):** A circular geolocation map with concentric rings and several colored dots (green, orange, yellow) representing GPS locations. Below the map is a color scale bar ranging from 0 to 100, with markers at 0, 10, 20, 30, 50, and 100.

targets

In the example below, the user will be presented with a popup containing the choices **Restart** or **Another**. After the sighting is saved, a new sighting will be created starting at the targeted question. All prior question data will be replicated into the new sighting.

This value must be a valid JSON array.

type	name	label
select_one animal	f_animal	Animal
select_multiple behavior	f_behavior	Behavior
text	f_note	Note

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restart and another are taken from the choices sheet in the saveTargets list name.

list_name	name	label
saveTarget	restart	Restart
saveTarget	another	Another

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Note that question is the name of the targeted question in the survey table. If the question is not relevant, then this choice will be hidden.

title	bind::ct:save.targets
My form	[{"choice": "restart", "question": "f_animal"}, {"choice": "another", "question": "f_behavior"}]

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Note that if immersive is set to false, then the target list will automatically contain the home button. This option will save and return to the Home page without automatically creating a new sighting.

Animal	Behavior	Note
Rhino	Eating	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elephant	Sleeping	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lion	Walking	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leopard	Running	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Buffalo	Jumping	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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track

In the example below, there is a `select_one` question called `f_track` with choices `start`, `stop` and `nochange`. When the user presses **Save**, the track timer is adjusted depending on which choice was selected. The values in `updateIntervalSeconds` and `distanceFilterMeters` are the new track settings.

This value must be a valid JSON array.

type	name	label
file	f_track_file	
select_one track_items	f_track	Configure track
text	f_note	Note

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list_name	name	label
track_items	start	Start
track_items	stop	Stop
track_items	nochange	No change

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title	bind::ct:save.trackFile	bind::ct:save.track
		[{"condition": "selected(\${f_track}, 'start')",

My form	f_track_file	"updateIntervalSeconds": 5, "distanceFilterMeters": 10 }, { "condition": "selected(\${f_track},'stop')", "updateIntervalSeconds": 0, "snapTrack": true }]
	survey	choices settings

`condition` is an XlsForm expression which activates this option if matched, e.g. `${start_stop}='start'`. Check out the [ODK Form Logic documentation](#).

`updateIntervalSeconds` is the number of seconds between GPS readings. Set to 0 to disable the track timer.

`distanceFilterMeters` is the minimum distance between readings in meters. This is optional and by default no distance filter is used.

`snapTrack` causes the system to snapshot all the track points (since prior snap).

If using Survey123 and `esriLocationServiceUrl` is specified, then the track data will be sent to the [feature service](#). Otherwise, a track file will be created and added to a `file` type question in the form. The question selected must be of type `file` and should have a `trackFileFormat` column specified.

The image displays three screenshots of the Survey123 mobile application interface, illustrating the configuration of track settings and notes.

- Left Screenshot:** Shows the "Track setting" screen. It lists three options: "Start track" (selected), "Stop track", and "No change". Navigation icons for back, forward, and search are at the bottom.
- Middle Screenshot:** Shows the "Note" screen. A note is entered: "Track will start on save...". Navigation icons for back, forward, and search are at the bottom.
- Right Screenshot:** Shows the "Track settings" screen. It displays the note "Track will start on save..." and the date "Tue 2022/12/13 23:55:53". It features a circular icon of a person arching a bow. At the bottom, there are buttons for "Submit" (with a red border), "Map", and "New".

Track setting

- Start track
- Stop track
- No change

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Note

Track will stop on save...

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Track settings

Start track, Track will start on save... ✓
Tue 2022/12/13 23:55:53

Stop track, Track will stop on save... ✓
Track: 9.30 km, 30 seconds, 7 points
Tue 2022/12/13 23:56:31

Submit

Map

New



Miscellaneous

fixCount

For `geopoint` question types, the number of skipped readings before a fix is taken. The default value is 4. Some GPS devices return old readings before real readings. To overcome this, setting the `fixCount` will cause the system to require several readings before the final location is taken.

type	name	parameters
geopoint	f_location	fixCount=4
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track file format

When the user presses **Save** and creates a track file, it is stored in a `file` field specified in the `settings` sheet in the `bind::ct:save.trackFile` column.

By default the format of the track is zipped geojson, but this can be changed by using the `format` parameter of the question itself. Supported values are `geojson` and `kmz` (not supported on Survey123).

Survey123 users should prefer to use a location service - see [esriLocationServiceUrl](#). If a location service is specified, this question should be removed.

type	name	appearance	parameters
file	f_track_file	hidden	format=kmz
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title	bind::ct:save.trackFile
My form	f_track_file
◀ ▶	survey

Frequently Asked Questions

Which backends support XlsForm?

CyberTracker supports [ODK Central](#), [KoBoToolbox](#) and [Survey123](#).

Are CyberTracker extensions visible to other tools?

XlsForm extensions support custom columns by using the `namespaces` value in the `settings` sheet. Columns prefixed with `bind::ct:` are only used by CyberTracker and are ignored (but preserved) by other tools.