CyberTracker XIsForm Reference Manual

Overview

CyberTracker is a universal data collection application which runs on mobile devices. One of the supported formats is XIsForm.

XIsForm has an <u>extension mechanism</u> which allows users to activate CyberTracker behavior without affecting the semantics of the form.

This reference manual descibes the CyberTracker extensions. Note that XIsForms are simply an 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 XIsForm 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 XIsForm 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 XIsForm specification recommends the convention of 'yyyymmddrr'. For example, 2022021501 is the 1st revision from Feb 15th, 2022.

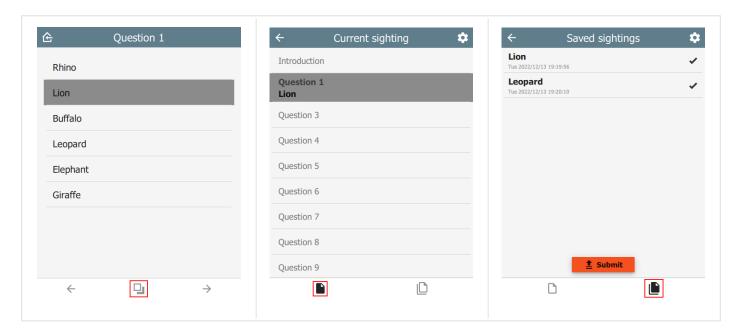
Settings

immersive

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



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.

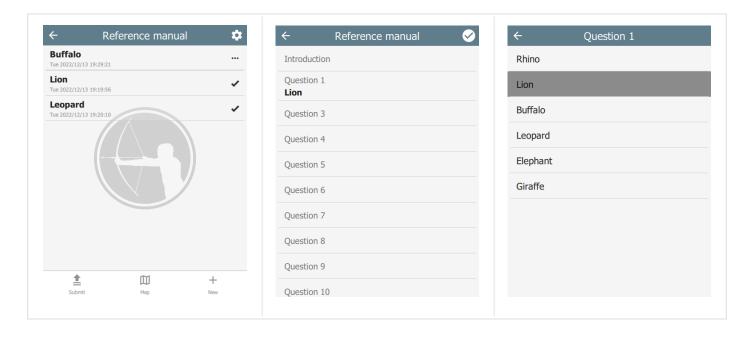


wizardMode

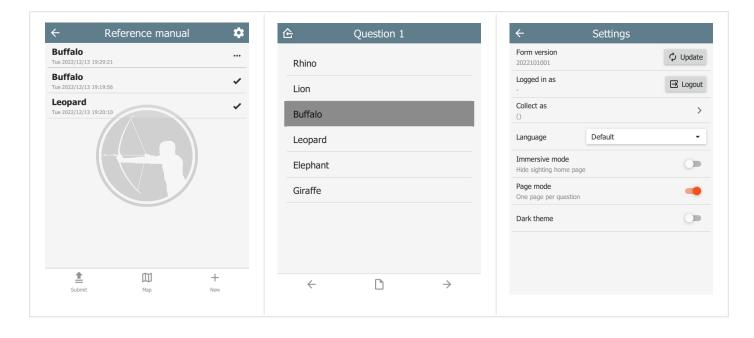
If the immersive column is missing or set to no, then the UI reverts to non-immersive mode. In this case, there is a **Home** page which shows all sightings. The user returns to this page after saving a sighting.

title		bind::ct:wizardMode		ode
My Form		yes		
4 >	survey	choices	settings	0

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.



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**.



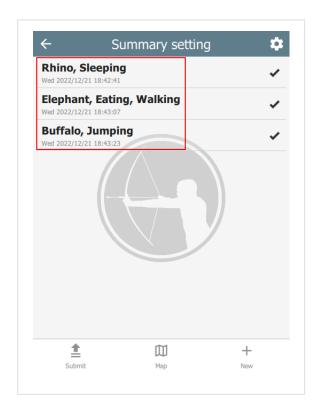
summary

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 □				

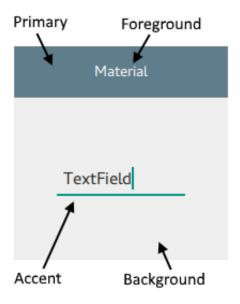
The following setting will ensure that the summary only uses the f_animal and f_behavior questions.

title		bind::ct:summary		
My Form		f_anim	al f_behavi	or
◀ ▶ SI	urvey	hoices	settings	0



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
◄ ▶ survey	choices settings	

The following color fields are supported:

- primary
- accent
- foreground
- background
- darkPrimary
- darkAccent
- darkForeground
- darkBackground

Colors prefixed 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" }
◄ ▶ survey	choices settings

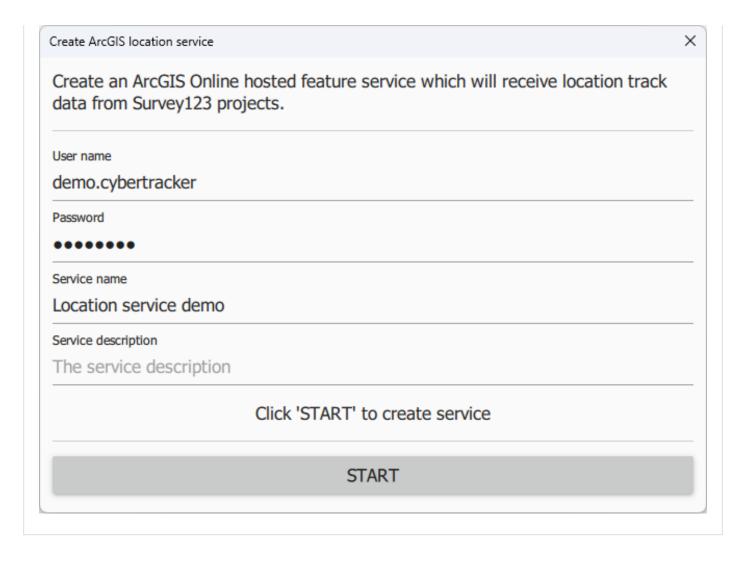
esriLocationServiceUrl

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

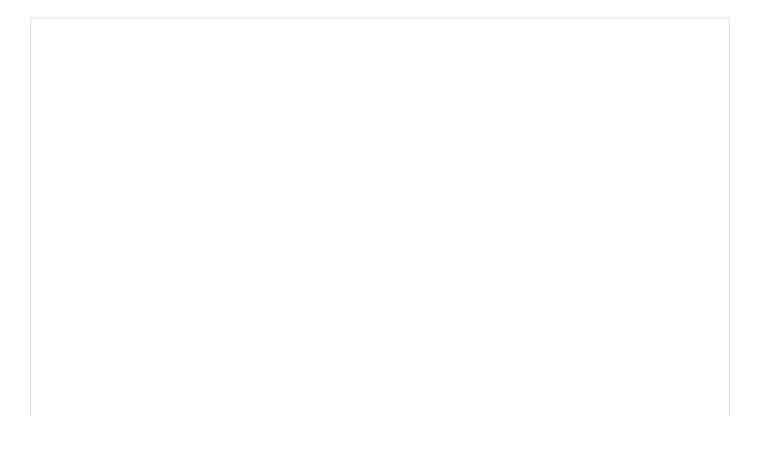
bind::ct:esriLocationServiceUrl column:

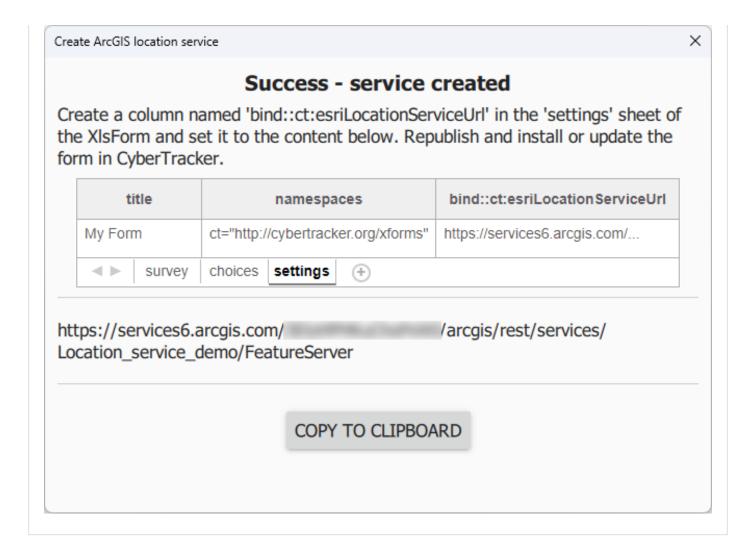
title	bind::ct:esriLocationServiceUrl	
My Form	https://services6.arcgis.com//FeatureServer	
◄ ► survey	choices settings	

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:



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





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

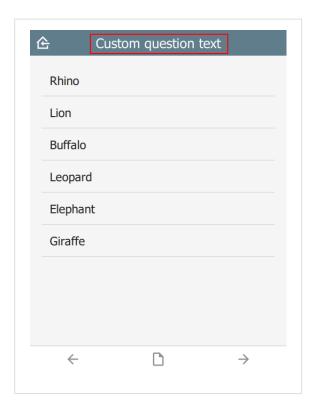
Header

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.

text

Custom header text.

type		na	me	bind::ct:header.text
select_one animal		Animal		Custom question text
4 •	survey	choices	settings	0

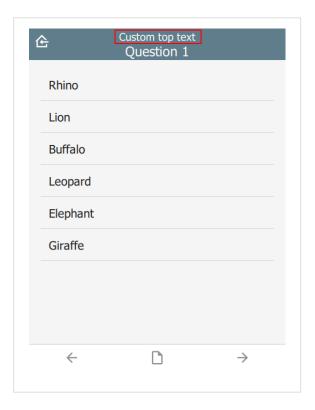


topText

Custom smaller text above main title.

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





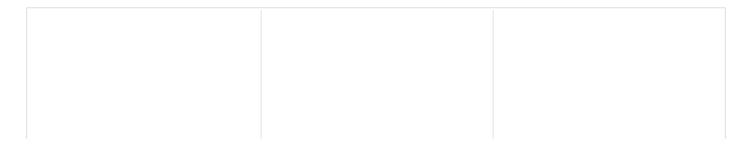
button

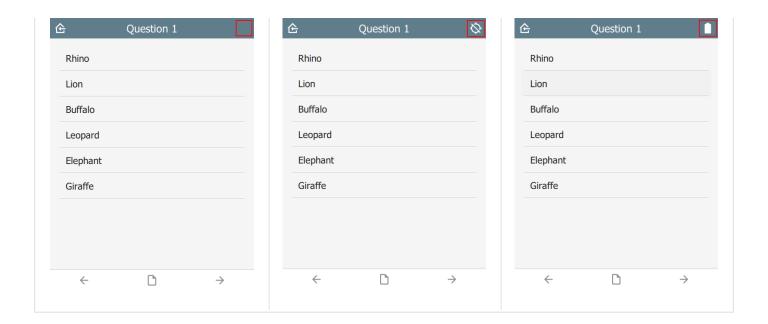
Type of the button in the top-right corner. Valid values are:

- 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

t	type		ıme	bind::ct:header.button
select_o	one animal	animal		track
4 >	survey	choices	settings	0

Tapping on the button will provide more information, e.g. the track frequency or the battery level.

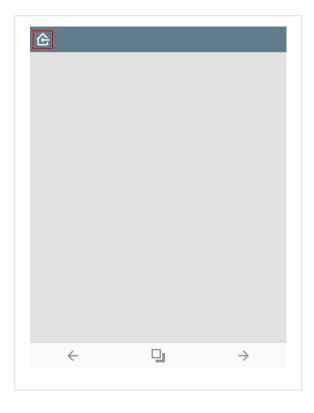




homelcon

Override the home icon with a custom icon.

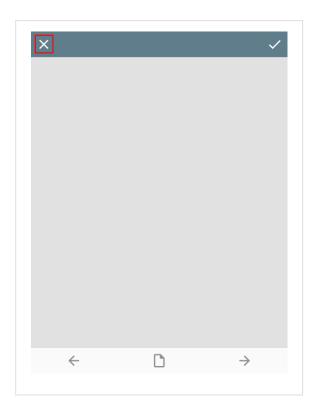




cancellcon

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.cancellcon	
select_one animal	animal	my_edit_cancel_icon.svg	
⋖ ► survey	choices settings	0	

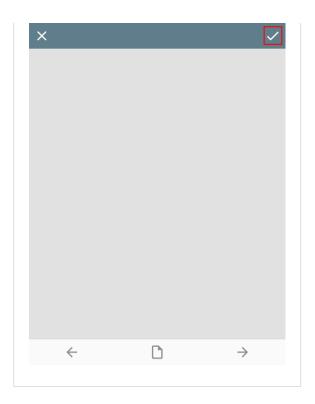


confirmIcon

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		0	





hideHome

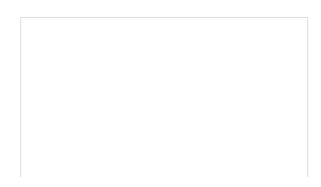
If yes then the home button is hidden. Default is no.

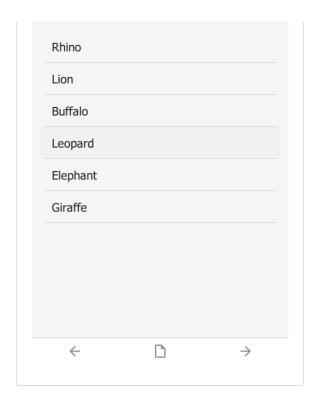
type	name	bind::ct:header.hideHome
select_one animal	animal	yes
■ survey	choices settings	0

hidden

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

t	уре	na	ıme	bind::ct:header.hidden
select_o	one animal	animal		no
4 b	survey	choices	settings	0





qml

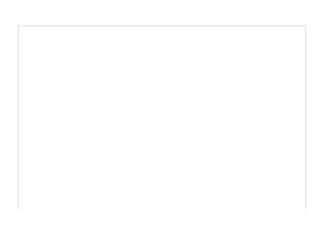
A QML fragment to use instead of the built-in header. See Developer section. For example:

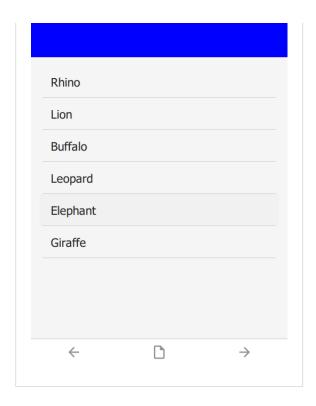
type		name	bind::ct:header.qml
select_one animal		animal	qml fragment
4 •	survey	choices settings	0

To set the header to a blue rectangle, replace <code>qml fragment</code> 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

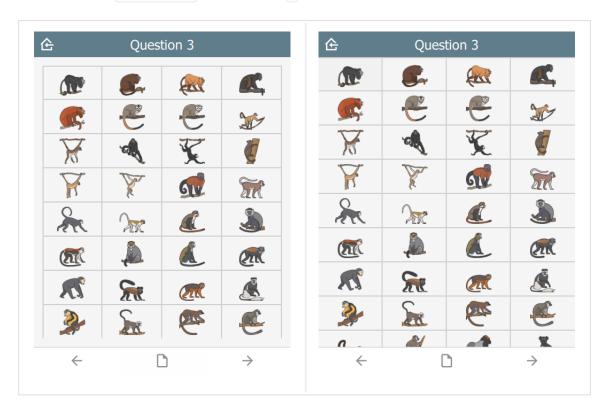
The content section is the middle part of the screen between the header and footer. By default it automatically selects a control for the question type, e.g. a date selector for a date question. By specifying a custom content object, more styles are available. This is especially useful for customizing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

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	0

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



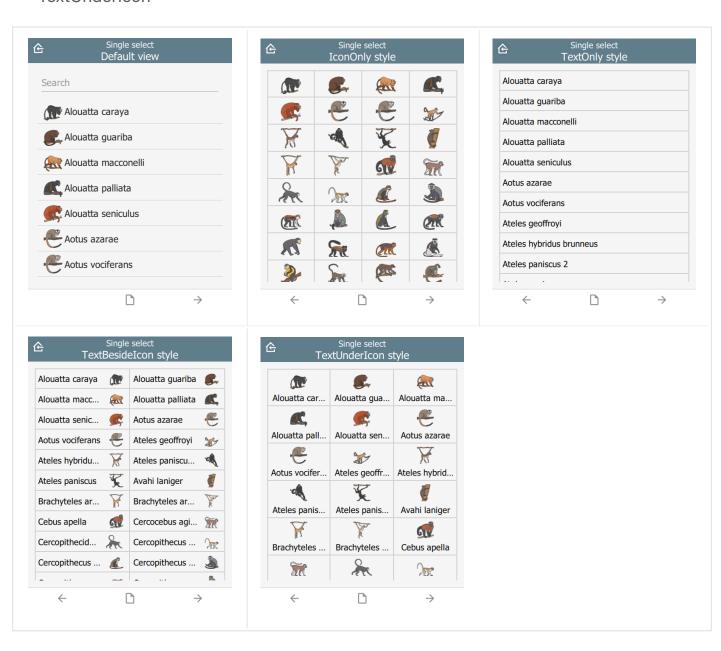
style

The visual appearance of the question.

select_c	one animal	animal		IconOnly
∢ ►	survey	choices	settings	0

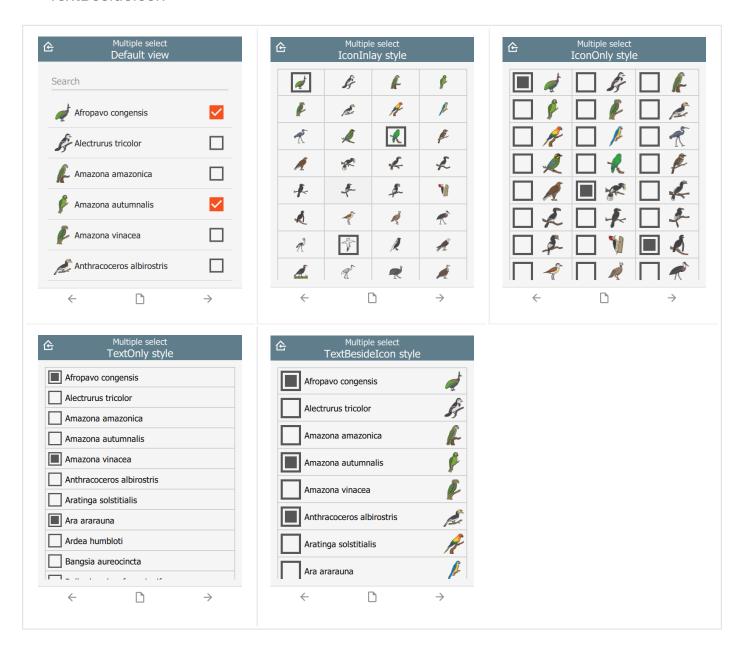
For select_one questions

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



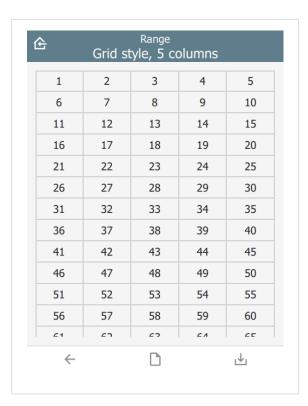
For **select_multiple** questions:

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



For range questions:

tyı	ре	name	parameters	bind::ct:content.style	bind::ct:content.c
range		animal_count	start=1 end=100 step=1	Grid	5
		0		-	



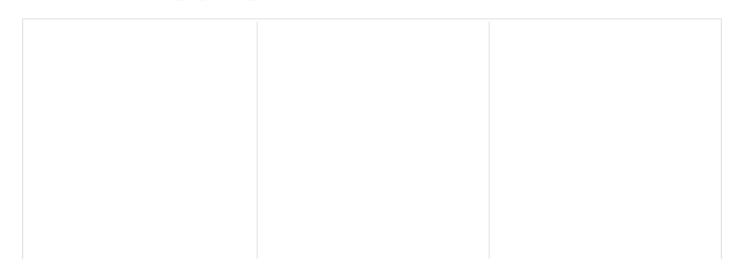
Ignored for other question types.

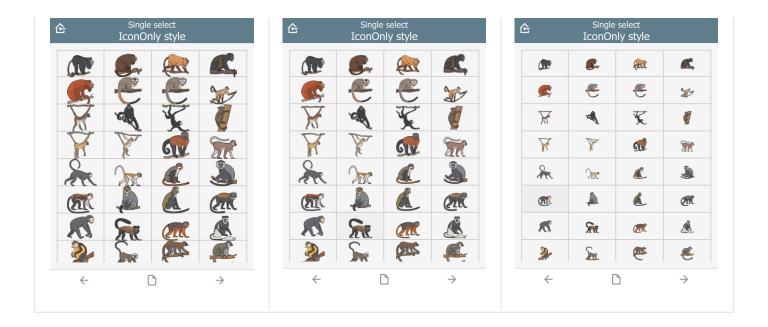
padding

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		0

Padding values are 0, 4 and 8.



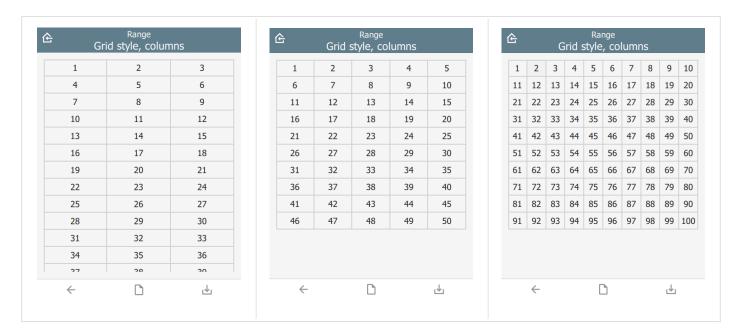


columns

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

t	уре	na	ıme	bind::ct:content.style	bind::ct:content.columns
select_	one animal	animal		Grid	4
◄ ►	survey	choices	settings	0	

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

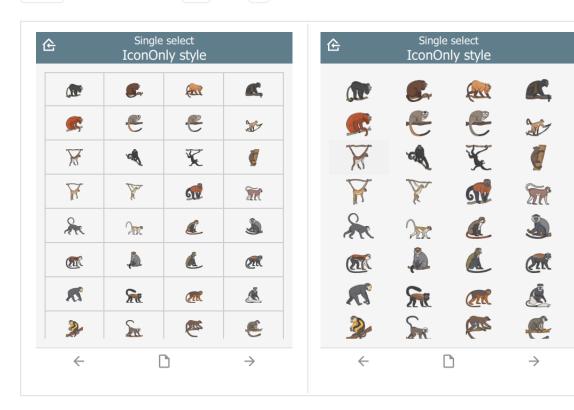


lines

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	0	

lines value below is yes and no.



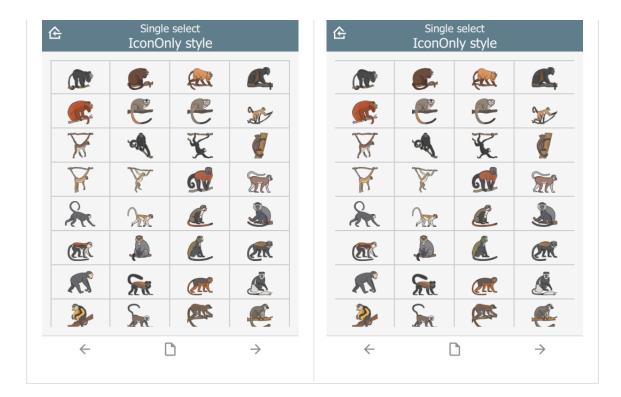
border

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

t	уре	na	ıme	bind::ct:content.style	bind::ct:content.border
select_	one animal	animal		IconOnly	yes
4 •	survey	choices	settings	0	

Border value is yes and no.



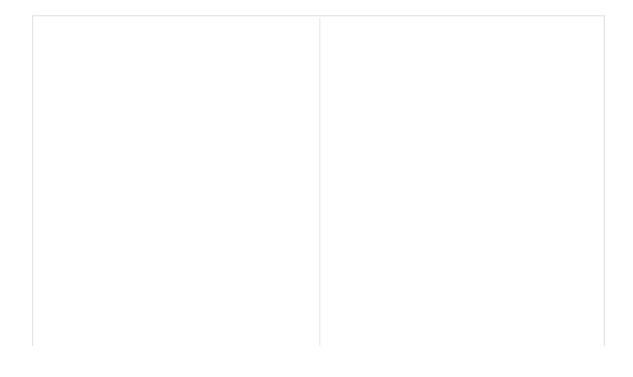


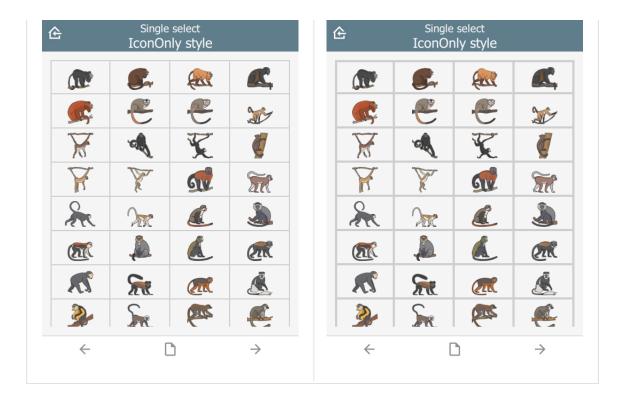
borderWidth

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
◄ ► survey	choices settings	0	

borderWidth value is 2 and 4.



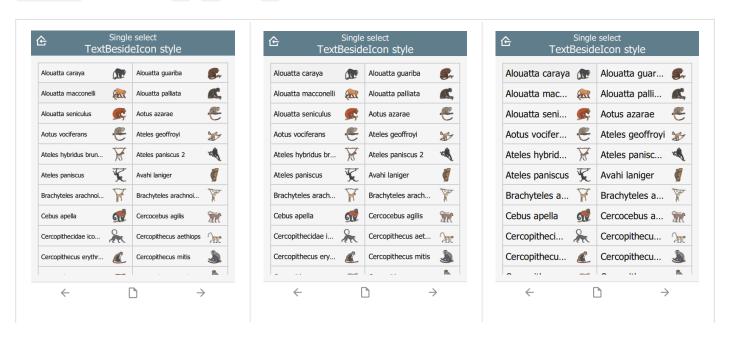


fontSize

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.

t	уре	na	me	bind::ct:content.style	bind::ct:content.fontSize
select_o	one animal	animal		IconOnly	14
◄ ▶	survey	choices	settings	0	

fontSize values are 12, 14 and 16.



fontBold

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

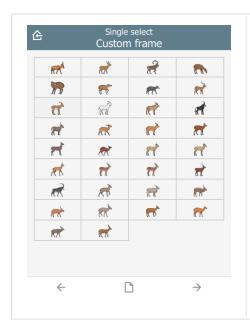
type	name	bind::ct:content.style	bind::ct:content.fontBold
select_one anima	l animal	IconOnly	yes
⋖ ► survey	choices settings	0	

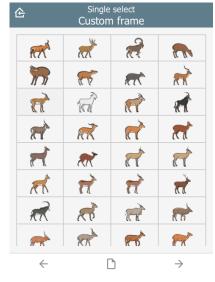
itemHeight

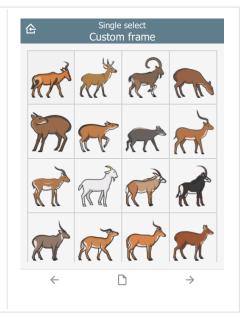
Set height of individual items. Requires style to be set. Defaults to 48.

type		na	ıme	bind::ct:content.style	bind::ct:content.itemHeight
select_one an	imal	animal		IconOnly	48
∢ ▶ surv	еу	choices	settings	0	

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
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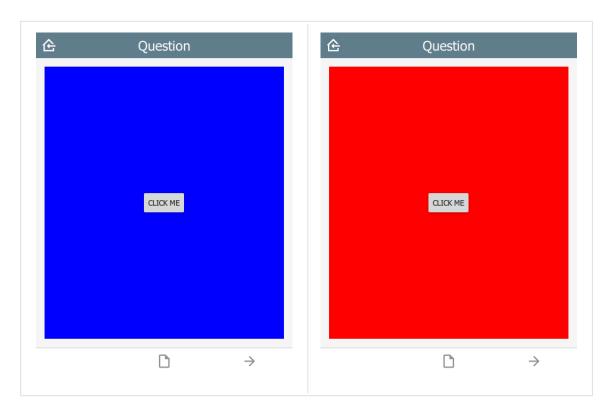
integer		animal_count		qml fragment
4 >	survey	choices	settings	0

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

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ODK or KoBoToolbox, but can be used in Survey123.

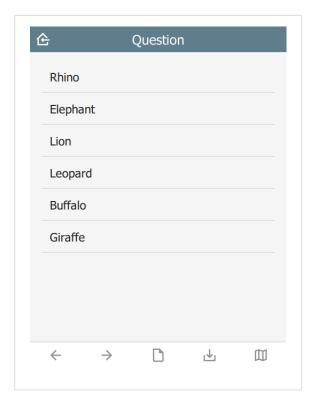
Footer

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.

ty	/ре	name	bind::ct:footer.buttons
select_c	one	animal	back next index save map
∢ ▶	survey	choices settings	0



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

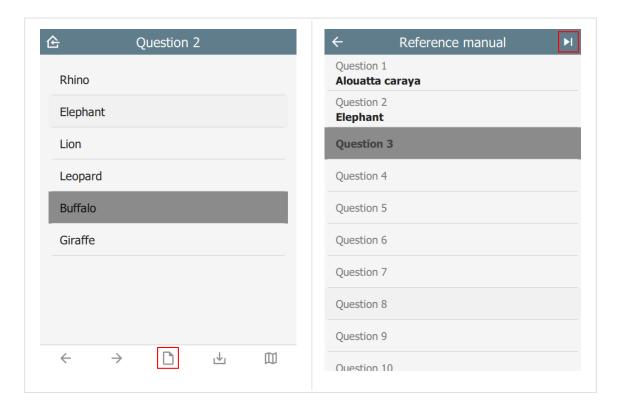
The save button will attempt to save the current sighting. If the sighting has invalid data, then the **Index page** will be shown with invalid fields highlighted.

nextOrSave button

The next0rSave button will show as a next button unless there are no more questions, in which case it will become a save button.

index button

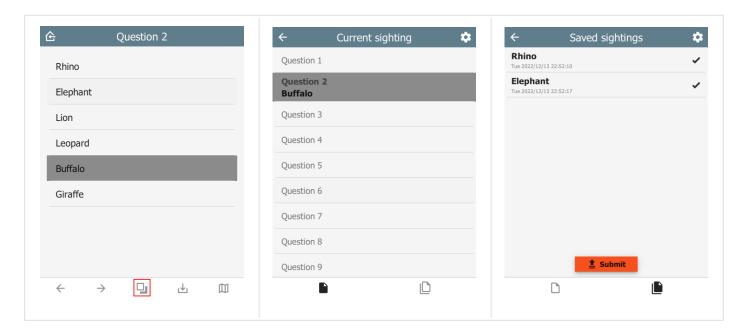
The index button displays a list of all the form questions. Selecting a question will navigate the wizard to it directly. A jump-to-last button on the top right of the header will jump to the next required question. If all required questions are filled in, then it jumps to the last question.



options button

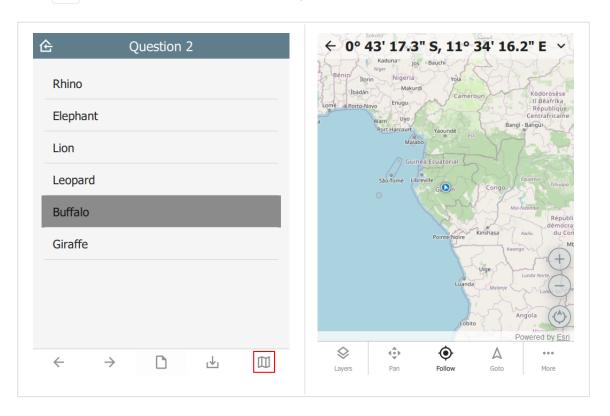
The options button is only available in immersive mode. In non-immersive mode, it becomes the index button (see above).

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



map button

The map button opens the map dialog.



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
- indexIcon
- optionslcon
- maplcon

type	name	bind::ct:footer.maplcon
select_one	animal	my_custom_map_icon.svg
◄ ▶ survey	choices settings	s O

buttonColor

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

type	name	bind::ct:footer.buttonColor
select_one animal	animal	#6200EE
⋖ ► survey	choices settings	0

hidden

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

t	уре	name	bind::ct:footer.hidden
select_o	one animal	animal	no
4 b	survey	choices settings	0

qml

A QML fragment to use instead of the built-in footer. See Developer section. For example:

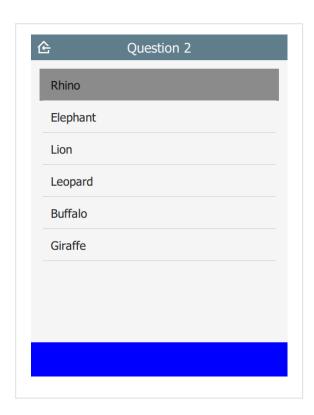
type	name	bind::ct:footer.qml
integer	animal_count	qml fragment



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

```
import QtQuick 2.15

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



qmlBase64

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qmlFile

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Save

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

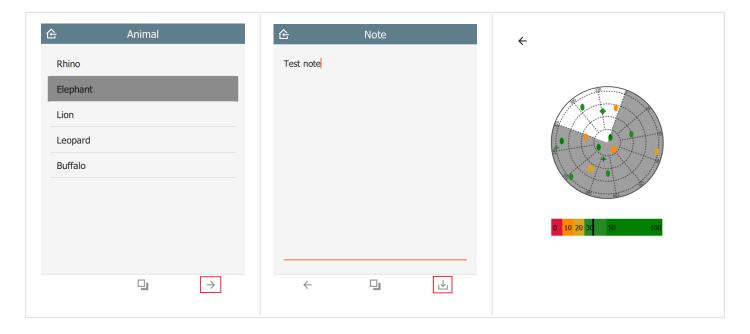
snapLocation

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	
⋖ ▶ survey	choices settings	0	

title	bind::ct:save.snapLocation
My form	f_location
◄ ▶ survey	choices settings

In this example, the user flow will be:



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
⋖ ▶ survey choic	es settings	

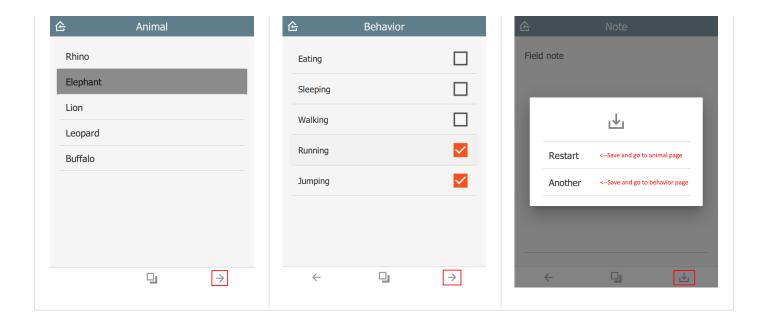
restart and another are taken from the choices sheet in the saveTargets list name.

list_name	name	label
saveTarget	restart	Restart
saveTarget	another	Another
◄ ► survey	choices settings	

Note that <code>question</code> is the name of the targeted question in the <code>survey</code> 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"}]
◄ ▶ survey	choices settings

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.



track

In the example below, there is a <code>select_one</code> question called <code>f_track</code> with choices <code>start</code>, <code>stop</code> and <code>nochange</code>. When the user presses <code>Save</code>, the track timer is adjusted depending on which choice was selected. The values in <code>updateIntervalSeconds</code> and <code>distanceFilterMeters</code> 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	
■ Survey choices settings)	

list_name	name	label	
track_items	start	Start	
track_items	stop	Stop	
track_items	nochange	No change	
■ survey choices settings			

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')",	
◄ ► survey	choices settings		

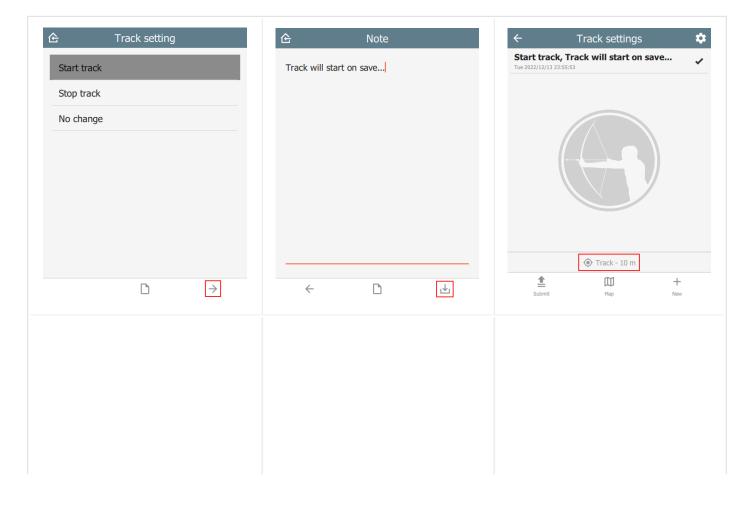
condition is an XIsForm expression which activates this option if matched, e.g. \$\{\start_\stop}='\start'. Check out the ODK Form Logic documentation.

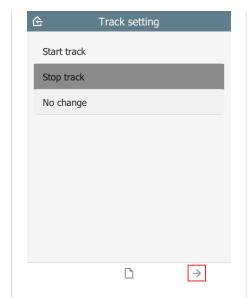
updateIntervalSeconds is the number of seconds between GPS readings. Set to 0 to disable the track timer.

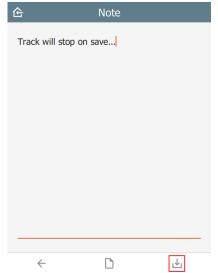
distanceFilterMeters is the minimum distance between readings in meters. This is optional and by default no distance filter is used.

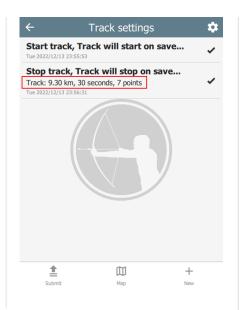
snapTrack causes the system to snapshot all the track points (since prior snap).

If using Survey123 and <code>esriLocationServiceUrl</code> is specified, then the track data will be sent to the <code>feature service</code>. Otherwise, a track file will be created and added to a <code>file</code> type question in the form. The question selected must be of type <code>file</code> and should have a <code>trackFileFormat</code> column specified.









Miscellaneous

fixCount

For <code>geopoint</code> 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 <code>fixCount</code> will cause the system to require several readings before the final location is taken.

type	type name		
geopoint	f_location	fixCount=4	
⋖ ▶ survey	choices settings		

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 <u>esriLocationServiceUrl</u>. If a location service is specified, this question should be removed.

t	уре	name	appearance	parameters
file		f_track_file	hidden	format=kmz
4 •	survey	choices settings	0	

title	bind::ct:save.trackFile
My form	f_track_file
◄ ▶ survey	choices settings

Frequently Asked Questions

Which backends support XIsForm?

CyberTracker supports ODK Central, KoBoToolbox and Survey123.

Are CyberTracker extensions visible to other tools?

XIsForm 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.