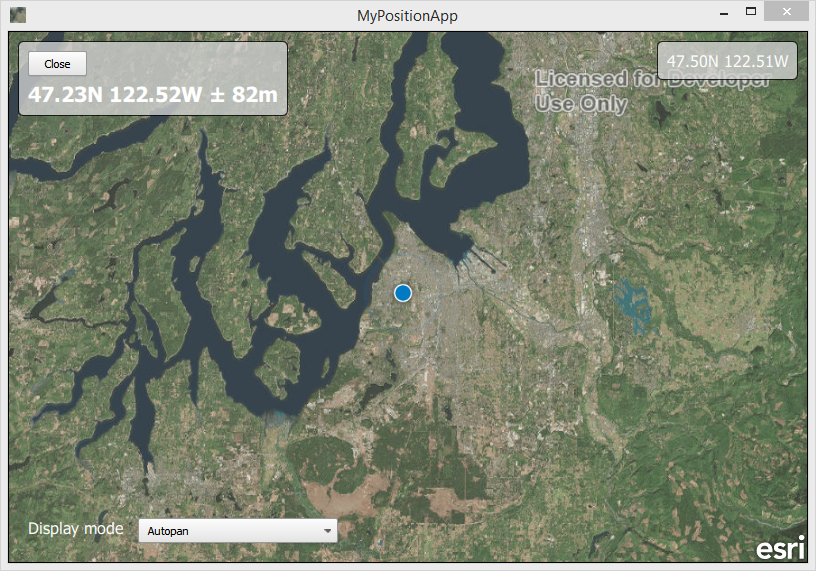
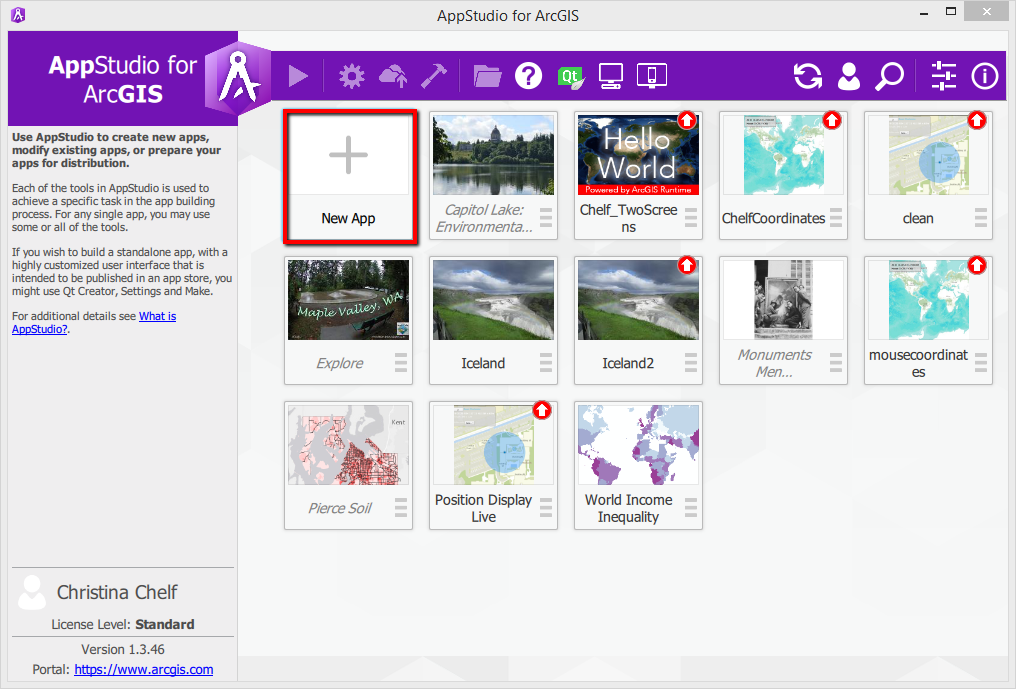
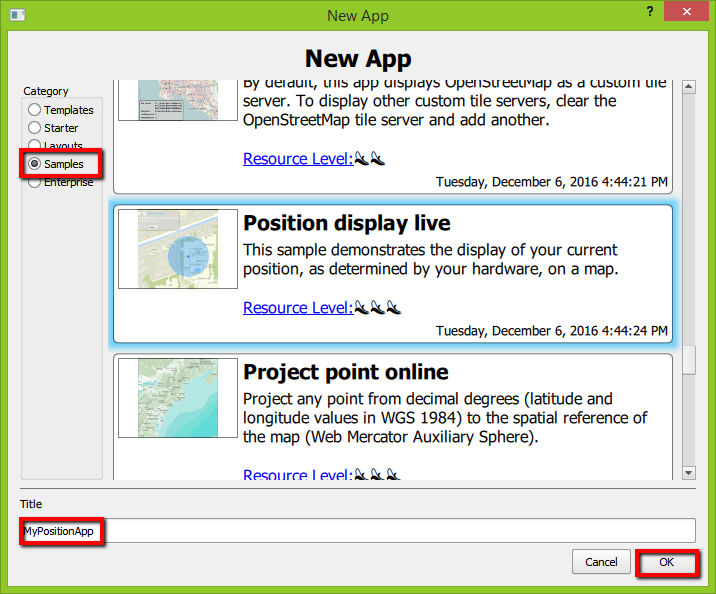
This tutorial will walk you through how to create a Live Position Display app with mouse hover coordinates added in. This app could be useful to people wanting to know their location while on a walk or run. This is what the final product should look like:



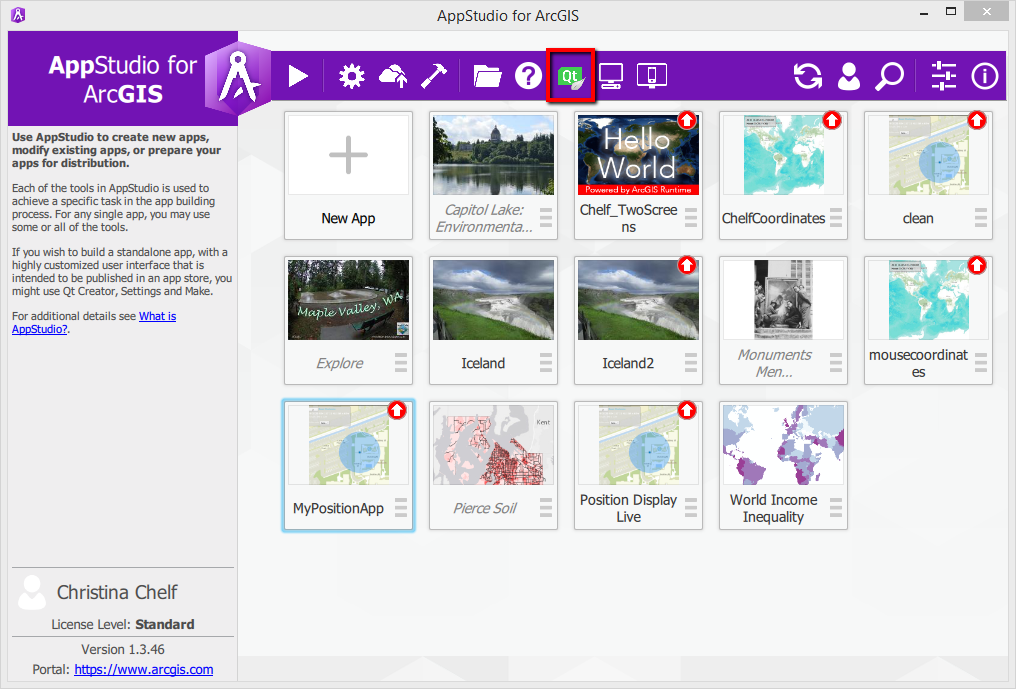
For adding other functionality to your app, I recommend checking out this site for reference <https://doc.arcgis.com/en/appstudio/api-guide/apiguide.htm>. First open AppStudio for ArcGIS on your desktop. If you need to download it go to this site: <http://doc.arcgis.com/en/appstudio/download/> and this site for instructions <https://doc.arcgis.com/en/appstudio/create-apps/installappstudio.htm>. Once you are in the AppStudio you will see an option to add a new app. Select this location.



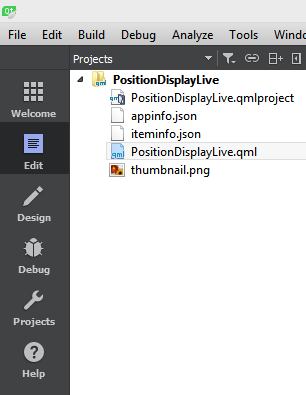
On the left hand side there are options to select a “Template”, a “starter”, “layouts”, “samples” or “Enterprise”. Select the “Sample” option. Scroll down to the “Position display live” example. Type a name for your app and press “OK”.



To view the app, double click on the app or select the “run” button next to the AppStudio for ArcGIS logo. When you are ready to move to editing the app code yourself click on the green QT button on the top tool bar.



Once you are in the QT Creator click on the “PositionDisplayLive.qml” as seen here. This will show the code that controls the app.



Now that you are in the code for the app scroll down to the section within the “Map” tag. This is where we will add the mouse coordinates code and where you can change the basemap. Which base map you choose is up to you, I prefer an aerial view so in my example I called the World imagery service basemap and changed the opacity to 0.8. This just help the background not be overwhelming. For other basemap options see this site. <https://services.arcgisonline.com/ArcGIS/rest/services/>

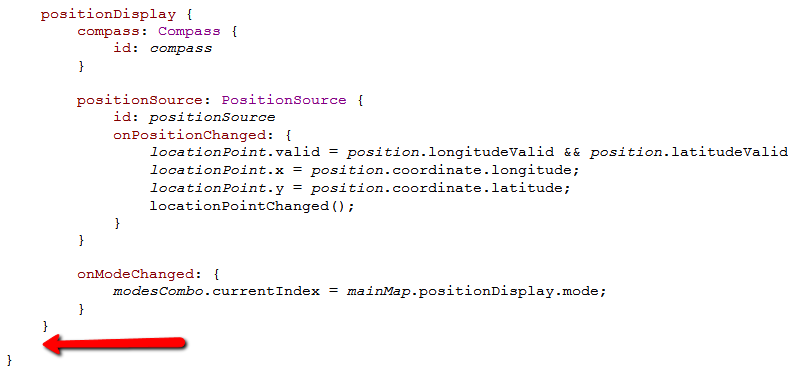
ArcGISTiledMapServiceLayer {

url: "http://server.arcgisonline.com/ArcGIS/rest/services/World\_Imagery/MapServer"

opacity:0.8

}

Next scroll down below the entire Position Display function. Here is where we are going to copy our first chunk of code. This is the code that allows the map to see and display the mouse coordinates. This should be pasted just below the “onModeChanged” function and entirely outside the “positionDisplay” container but still within “Map”.



Copy the text below to the position indicated above.

// call mouse coordinates by hovering

MouseArea {

id: *mousecoordinates*

anchors.fill: *parent*

hoverEnabled: true

onPositionChanged: {

var *mapPoint* = *mainMap*.toMapGeometry(*mapToItem*(*mainMap*, *mouseX*, *mouseY*));

*coordsText2*.text = *mapPoint*.toDecimalDegrees(2);

}

}

Scrolling down there will be some “Rectangle” and “Button” functions. These control the “Show Position buttons and the corresponding coordinate box that appears when the button is pushed. Move down to the “Column” container. Here there are a few improvements to the sample app. Within the first “Row” container there is a button function. I recommend changing the text that appears on the button from a single “X” to “Close” or “Exit Position” but this is personal preference.

Row {

spacing: 50

Button {

id: *closeButton*

text: "Close"

onClicked: {

*positionSource*.active = false;

*compass*.active = false;

}

}

The first text function after the button is for the source of the GPS coordinates. This information could be useful for scientists and people documenting their exact location, but general users will probably not care the source of their GPS coordinates. I deleted this text

~~Text {~~

~~text: "Source: " +~~ *~~positionSource~~*~~.name~~

~~color: "#00b2ff"~~

~~font {~~

~~pointSize: 12~~

~~italic: true~~

~~}~~

~~}~~

Below the close button you get to the text that appears in the location information box. I recommend changing the “locationpoint” type from degree minutes seconds to decimal degrees using the code “*locationPoint*.toDecimalDegrees(2)”.

Text {

text: *locationPoint*.isEmpty || !*locationPoint*.valid

? "Invalid Coordinates"

: *locationPoint*.toDecimalDegrees(2) +

(*positionSource*.position.horizontalAccuracyValid

? " ± " + *Math*.round(*positionSource*.position.horizontalAccuracy.toString()) + "m"

: "")

color: *locationPoint*.valid ? "white": "red"

font {

bold: true

pointSize: 16

}

}

After you replace the degrees text there are three more text containers controlling the vertical value, the speed and a position time stamp. I delete the date/time stamp because it is not necessary.

~~Text {~~

~~text: "Date: " +~~ *~~positionSource~~*~~.position.timestamp.toString()~~

~~color: "white"~~

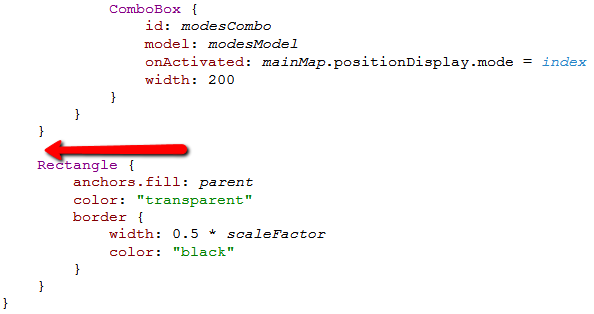
~~font {~~

~~pointSize: 12~~

~~}~~

~~}~~

The next function is in a “row” container with text and a combo box. This is the code that displays the Display Mode drop down with the options: “off”, “Autopan”, “Navigation”, and “Compass”. I copied this section and put it into its own Column. This is so in the app we see the drop down in the lower left to declutter the upper left.



Copy the text below to the position indicated above.

Column {

id: *columnControls2*

anchors {

left: *parent*.left

bottom: *parent*.bottom

margins: 20 \* *scaleFactor*

}

spacing: 5

visible: *positionSource*.active

}

Then move the row and combo box code to the position indicated above. Remember to delete the first instance of this row. We only want one in the new column.

Row {

spacing: 15

Text {

text: "Display mode"

color: "white"

font {

pointSize: 12

}

}

ComboBox {

id: *modesCombo*

model: *modesModel*

onActivated: *mainMap*.positionDisplay.mode = *index*

width: 200

}

}

Notice we only want the final 2 “}”s the last bracket closes the column we are moving this code from.

When these last few steps for adding, the new column are done, it should look like this. Compare your code to this to make sure you copied into the right location and have the right number of curly brackets:

Text {

visible: *positionSource*.position.speedValid

text: "Speed: " + *Math*.round(*positionSource*.position.speed).toString() + " kp/h"

color: "white"

font {

pointSize: 14

italic: true

}

}

}

//Display Mode dropdown in lower left

Column {

id: *columnControls2*

anchors {

left: *parent*.left

bottom: *parent*.bottom

margins: 20 \* *scaleFactor*

}

spacing: 5

visible: *positionSource*.active

Row {

spacing: 15

Text {

text: "Display mode"

color: "white"

font {

pointSize: 12

}

}

ComboBox {

id: *modesCombo*

model: *modesModel*

onActivated: *mainMap*.positionDisplay.mode = *index*

width: 200

}

}

}

The final step is to make a new rectangle and column so coordinates will display in the upper right of the app. We do this below the column you just created. Here the fill should be set to “fill: columnControls 3” (or whatever you call the column you are about to create). Also, the id for this new column must be different than the column above. The column attributes can be very similar to the attributes of the first column except the anchor should be “left: parent.left”. Place this code immediately below the sections we just modified.

//////////////////////

// MOUSE COORDINATES//

//////////////////////

// Gray box in upper right

Rectangle {

visible: MouseArea.active

color: "lightgrey"

radius: 5

border.color: "black"

opacity: 0.77

anchors {

fill: *columnControls3*

margins: -10

}

}

// Text in upper right

Column {

id: *columnControls3*

visible: MouseArea.active

spacing: 5

anchors {

right: *parent*.right

top: *parent*.top

margins: 20 \* *scaleFactor*

}

Text {

id: *coordsText2*

color: "white"

font {

pointSize: 12

}

}

}

Leave the final rectangle alone since this controls the map view.

Check out your final product!