

LocationComponent

This guide will demonstrate how to utilize the [LocationComponent](#) to represent the user's current location.

1. When implementing the [LocationComponent](#), the application should request location permissions.

Declare the need for foreground location in the [AndroidManifest.xml](#) file.

For more information, please refer to the [Android Developer Documentation](#).

```
<manifest ... >
  <!-- Always include this permission -->
  <uses-permission
android:name="android.permission.ACCESS_COARSE_LOCATION" />

  <!-- Include only if your app benefits from precise location access. -
->
  <uses-permission
android:name="android.permission.ACCESS_FINE_LOCATION" />
</manifest>
```

2. Create a new activity named [BasicLocationPulsingCircleActivity](#):

- This Activity should implement the [OnMapReadyCallback](#) interface. The [onMapReady\(\)](#) method is triggered when the map is ready to be used.
- Add a variable [permissionsManager](#) to manage permissions.
- Add a variable [locationComponent](#) to manage user location.
- At the end of the [onCreate\(\)](#) method, call [checkPermissions\(\)](#) to ensure that the application can access the user's location.

```
{{#include
../.../platform/android/MapLibreAndroidTestApp/src/main/java/org/ma
plibre/android/testapp/activity/location/BasicLocationPulsingCircleActiv
ity.kt:top}}
```

3. In the [checkPermissions\(\)](#) method, the [PermissionManager](#) is used to request location permissions at runtime and handle the callbacks for permission granting or rejection.

Additionally, you should pass the results of [Activity.onRequestPermissionsResult\(\)](#) to it.

If the permissions are granted, call [mapView.getMapAsync\(this\)](#) to register the activity as a listener for onMapReady event.

```
{{#include
../../../../platform/android/MapLibreAndroidTestApp/src/main/java/org/ma
plibre/android/testapp/activity/location/BasicLocationPulsingCircleActiv
ity.kt:permission}}
```

4. In the `onMapReady()` method, first set the style and then handle the user's location using the `LocationComponent`.

To configure the `LocationComponent`, developers should use `LocationComponentOptions`.

In this demonstration, we create an instance of this class.

In this method:

- Use the annotation `@SuppressWarnings("MissingPermission")` to suppress warnings related to missing location access permissions.
- In `setStyle()`, you can utilize other public and token-free styles like `demotiles` instead of the `predefined styles`.
- For the builder of `LocationComponentOptions`, use `pulseEnabled(true)` to enable the pulse animation, which enhances awareness of the user's location.
- Use method `buildLocationComponentActivationOptions()` to set `LocationComponentActivationOptions`, then activate `locationComponent` with it.
- To apply options, make sure you call `activateLocationComponent()` of `locationComponent`. You can also set `locationComponent`'s various properties like `isLocationComponentEnabled`, `cameraMode`, etc...
- `CameraMode.TRACKING[^1]` means that when the user's location is updated, the camera will reposition accordingly.
- `locationComponent!!.forceLocationUpdate(lastLocation)` updates the the user's last known location.

```
{{#include
../../../../platform/android/MapLibreAndroidTestApp/src/main/java/org/ma
plibre/android/testapp/activity/location/BasicLocationPulsingCircleActiv
ity.kt:onMapReady}}
```

5. `LocationComponentActivationOptions` is used to hold the style, `LocationComponentOptions` and other locating behaviors.

- It can also be used to configure how to obtain the current location, such as `LocationEngine` and intervals.
- In this demonstration, it sets 750ms as the fastest interval for location updates, providing high accuracy location results (but with higher power consumption).
- For more information, please visit the [documentation page](#).

```
{{#include
../../../../platform/android/MapLibreAndroidTestApp/src/main/java/org/ma
```

```
plibre/android/testapp/activity/location/BasicLocationPulsingCircleActivity.kt:LocationComponentActivationOptions}}
```

6. For further customization, you can also utilize the `foregroundTintColor()` and `pulseColor()` methods on the `LocationComponentOptions` builder:

```
val locationComponentOptions =  
  
LocationComponentOptions.builder(this@BasicLocationPulsingCircleActivity  
)  
    .pulseEnabled(true)  
    .pulseColor(Color.RED)           // Set color of pulse  
    .foregroundTintColor(Color.BLACK) // Set color of user location  
    .build()
```

7. Here is the final results with different color configurations. For the complete content of this demo, please refer to the source code of the [Test APP](#) [^2].



[^1]: A variety of [camera modes](#) determine how the camera will track the user location.

They provide the right context to your users at the correct time.

[^2]: In [Test APP](#), it also uses menu items to manage user location icon.