

**SatHD User's Guide**  
**(ProSatHD, HamSatHD, ISSHD)**  
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## Introduction

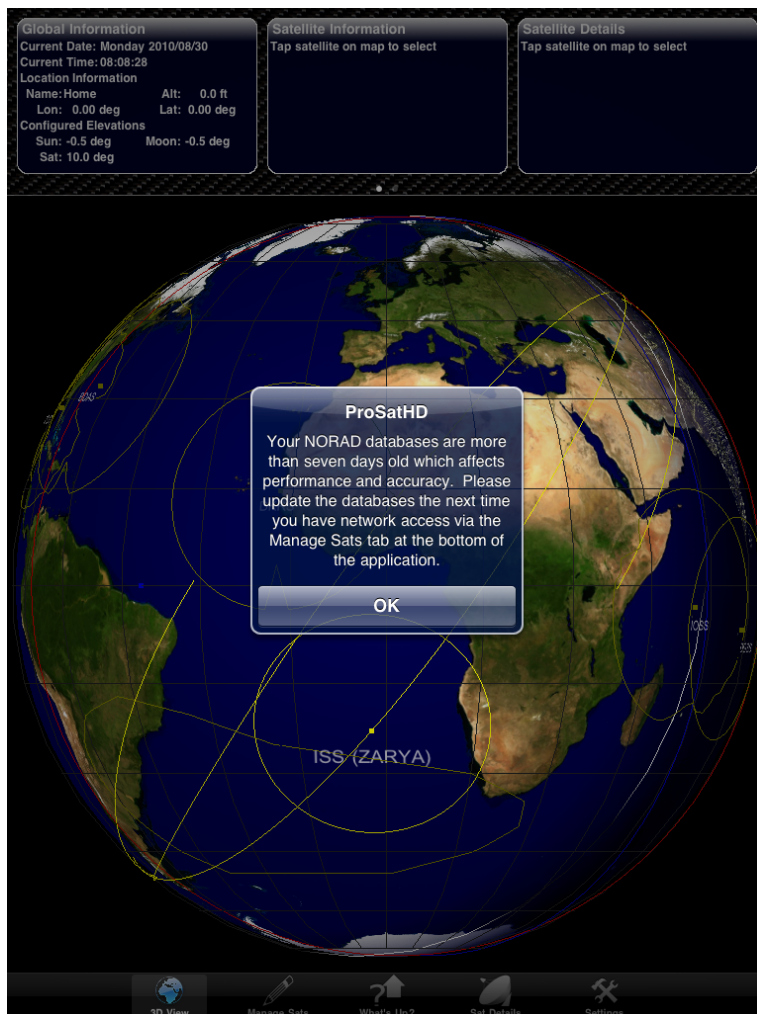
There are three versions in the Sat series of HD applications for the iPad (ProSatHD, HamSatHD and ISSHD.) The only difference between the versions is the satellite databases that the applications have access to (ProSatHD has all databases along with a global search mechanism and the ability to manually add additional elements, HamSatHD has the Amateur Radio specific databases and ISSHD only has access to the Space Station elements.)

As such, this document uses ProSatHD as the example application for introduction to the concepts and features provided.

## Initial Setup

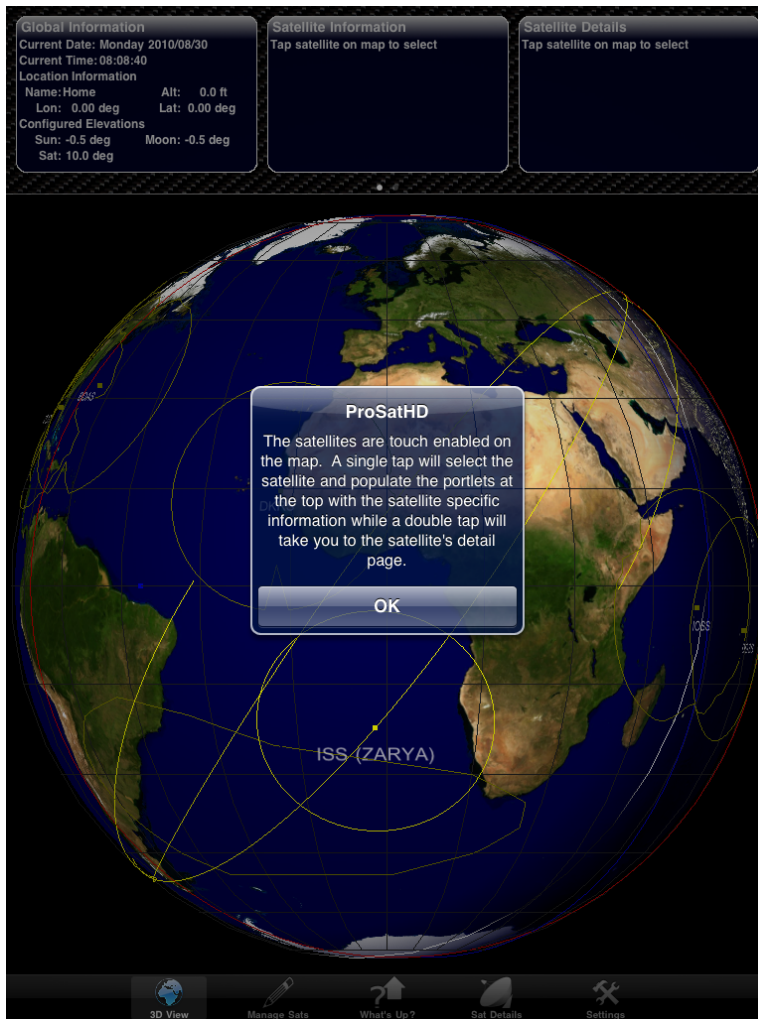
On the first startup of the application (or anytime your local cached database is more than seven days old) you will see the following dialog screen reminding you that your databases are out of date and that you need to update them when possible.

I'll show you below how to update the local databases so for now simply click OK to dismiss.

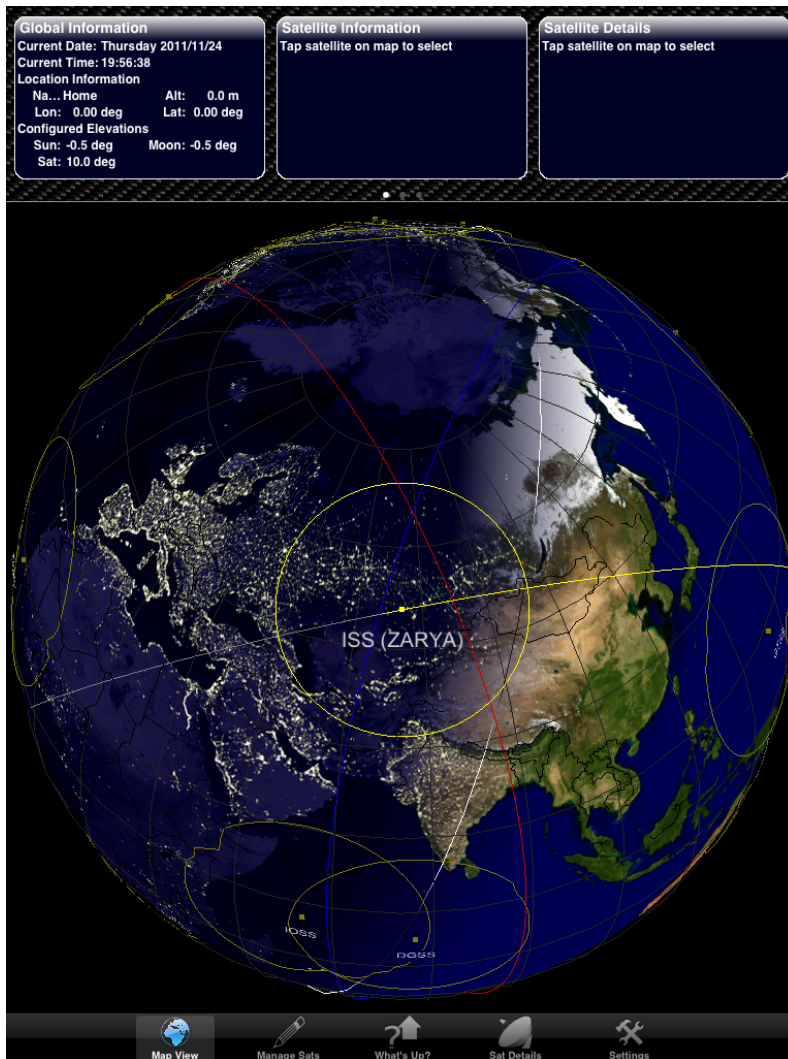


On the first startup of the application after initial install you will be given the dialog below. This dialog is to just inform users that they can select details about the satellites by single and double tapping the satellite of interest on the map. I'll go into more detail below on what a single tap and double tap get you so again, just click to dismiss.





You should now be looking at the main screen of the application (see below for the 3D portrait view.)

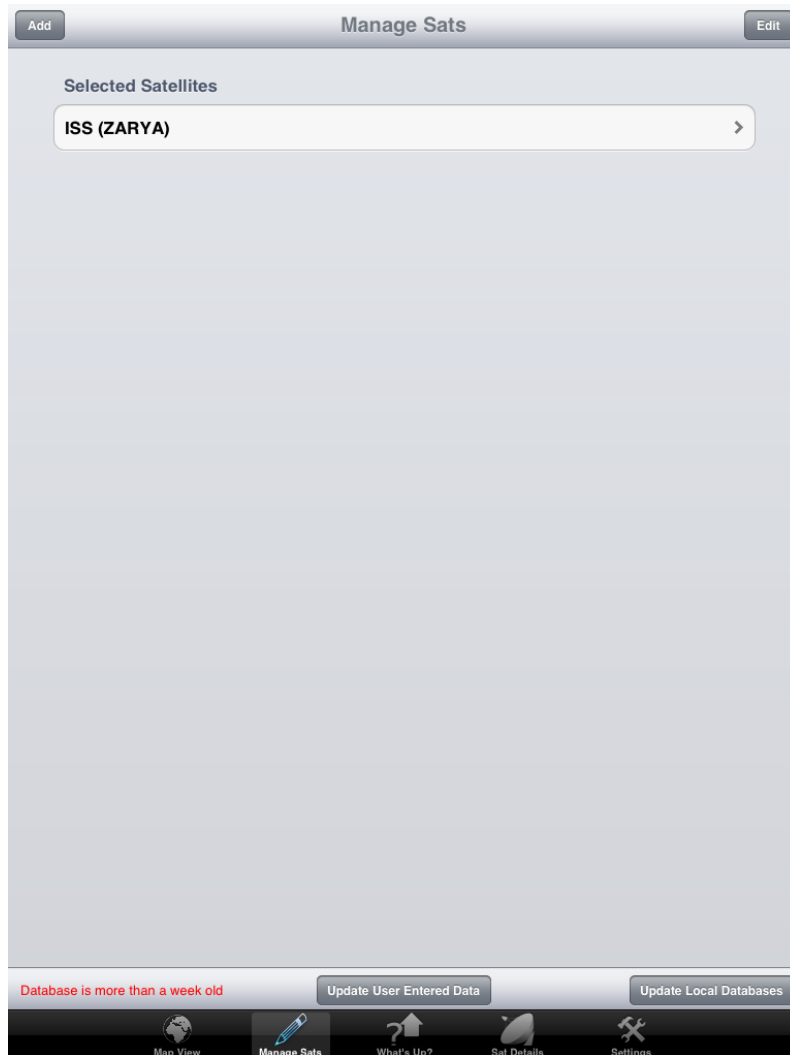


What we need to do now is some one time configuration updates to download the current versions of the satellite databases as well as set your specific location and viewing preferences. These updates are necessary to allow the application to correctly calculate and display the various screens of information regarding the position and rise/set of the selected satellite(s), Sun and Moon.

The first thing we are going to do is update the local copies of the satellite databases from the Internet. The application keeps a local copy of the databases so that you can operate the application when not connected to the Internet (I initially wrote the iPhone version of this application so that I could go satellite watching when I was camping with my kids so I didn't want to require having an Internet connection for the application to work as I'm typically out of cell coverage)

## Update Satellite Databases

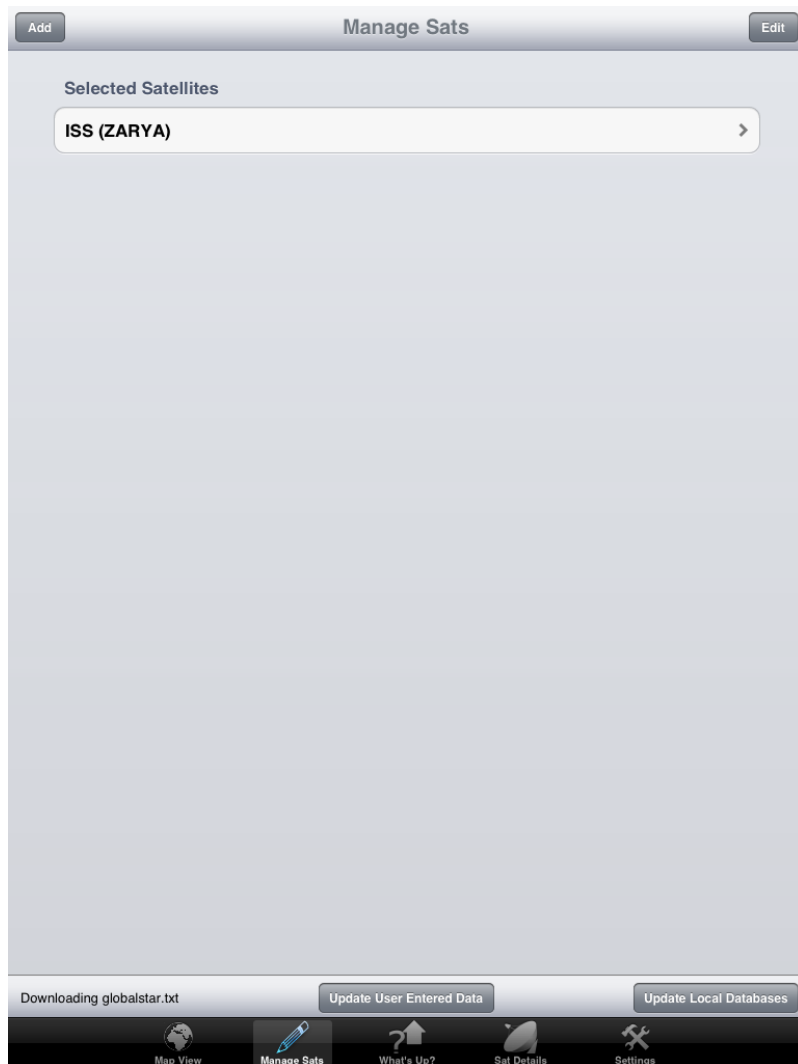
To get started, click on the “Manage Sats” button at the bottom of the screen and you should be presented with the following screen.



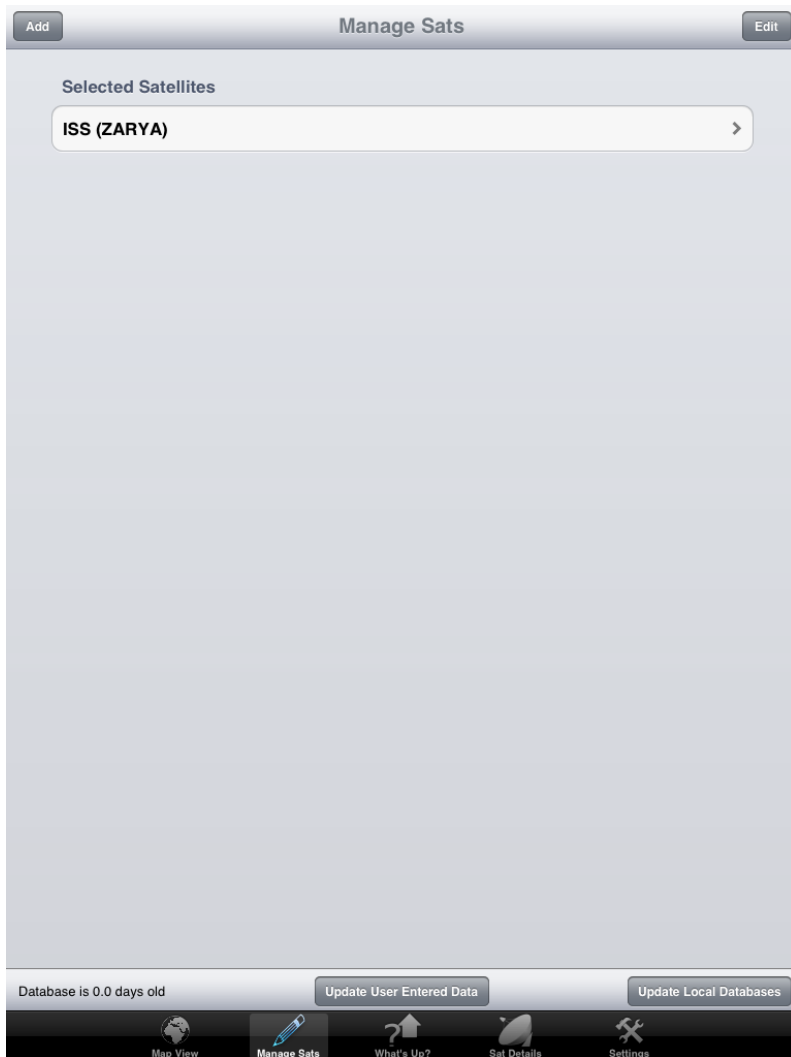
As you can see on the bottom status bar, the application is telling you that the local copies of the satellite databases are more than seven days old. As a rule of thumb, you should try to keep the databases less than seven days old. The issue is that the application must propagate the satellite’s state vector (it’s position and velocity at the time stored in the database) to the current time for presentation on the various displays. The older the database elements, the longer it takes to get them propagated to the current time and the more error that is introduced during that propagation (math models are used to propagate and they do not perfectly model the environment of the satellite)

Ok, enough with the rational of why you need to update. To update, just make sure you are around an Internet connection (either 3G or WiFi) and click the Update Local Databases button in the lower right corner of the display. The app will spin

through each database (look at the status bar in the next screen shot) and will download the latest version of the database.



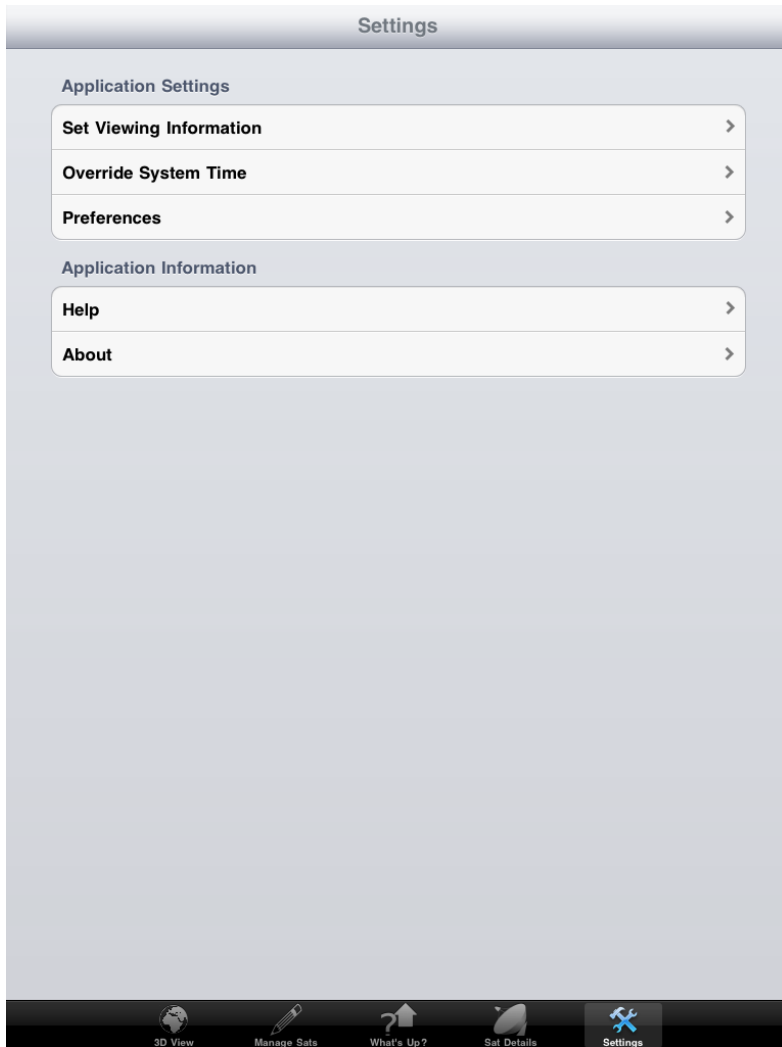
Once everything is downloaded, the status bar will show the age of the current databases (it will say 0.0 days right after a successful update and will then age from there so that you at a glance can always see how old your databases are)



## Configure Viewing Information

The other item you need to do before you start exploring the rest of the application is configure the viewing information that you'd like the application to use for the various viewing calculations that are performed.

Start by clicking the Settings button at the bottom of the screen (the right most button at the bottom.) That should take you to the following screen.

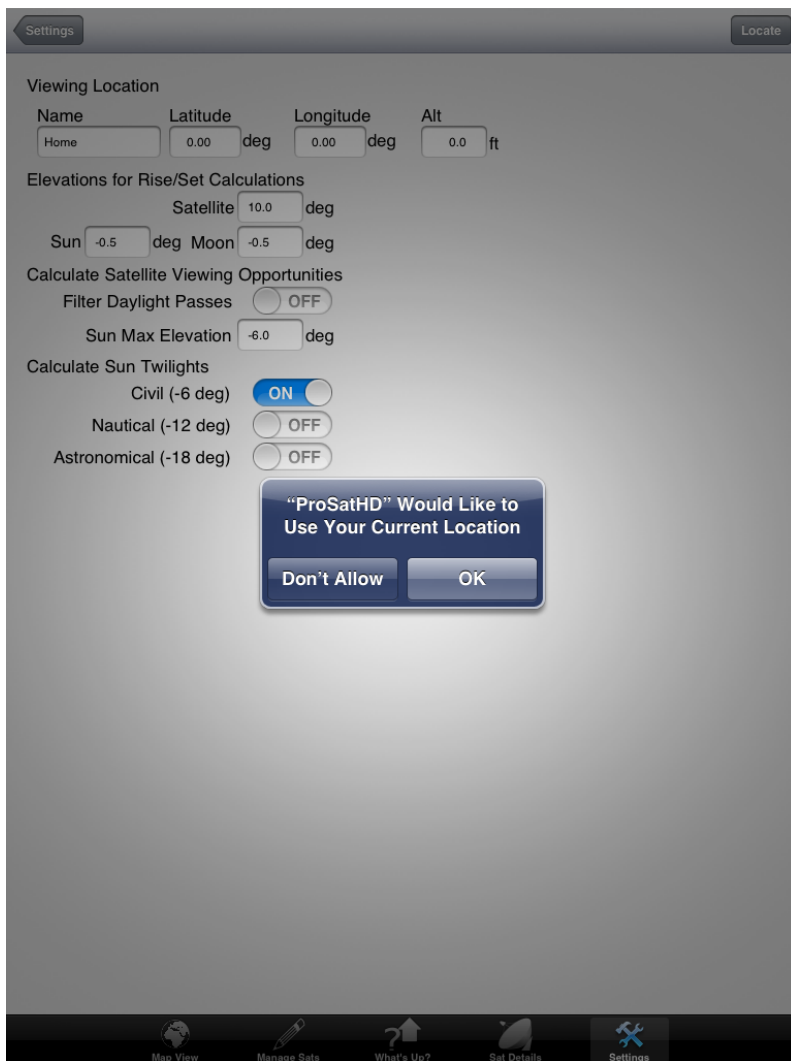


This screen allows you to set various system wide aspects of the application. For now we are only interested in configuring the viewing information so click on the Set Viewing Information table entry to bring up the following screen.

Don't worry, we'll come back and describe the other setting later in the doc.

This screen allows you to set a variety of viewing system wide viewing parameters used by the application. The first thing we need to do is update you're current viewing location (latitude, longitude and altitude.) You can either enter the values by hand by clicking on the respective fields at the top of the screen or you can let the devices location services fill them in for you. For this example, I'm opting for using location services so click on the Locate button at the upper right corner of the screen.

This will cause a popup dialog box to appear (see below)



Go ahead and click OK to allow ProSatHD to access your location from the device. It will think for a second or two and should then populate the latitude and longitude fields automatically (see below)



**Settings** Locate

**Viewing Location**

Name: Home Latitude: 38.97 deg Longitude: -104.79 deg Alt: 6662.8 ft

**Elevations for Rise/Set Calculations**

Satellite: 10.0 deg

Sun: -0.5 deg Moon: -0.5 deg

**Calculate Satellite Viewing Opportunities**

Filter Daylight Passes: ☐ OFF

Sun Max Elevation: -6.0 deg

**Calculate Sun Twilights**

Civil (-6 deg): ☒ ON

Nautical (-12 deg): ☐ OFF

Astronomical (-18 deg): ☐ OFF

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As can be seen, the application has automatically put in the latitude and longitude for my current location (I'm in Colorado Springs.) The altitude may or may not be populated depending on the level of accuracy that the Location Services is capable of determining (Location Services uses a combination of WiFi hotspot information, GPS and cell tower locations to determine your current location and depending on what source is available will drive whether the altitude can be pre-populated.)

If the altitude is not pre-populated (or Location Services can not determine your location) then you can always enter the data manually into the fields. I usually just Google my location name (ie. Colorado Springs Lat Lon) and it will bring you back the needed info.

NOTE: The Lat/Lon fields are in decimal degrees (not degrees, hours, minutes, seconds format) Also, South Latitude and West Longitude are reflected by adding a minus sign to the front of the respective field (not by putting S or W into the field)

With the viewing location configured we've got enough info to get going with the rest of the application. The other values on this screen are defaulted to reasonable

value and the details of each will be discussed later in this document. So, go ahead and click the Setting back button at the upper left corner of the screen to go back to the main Settings screen and then click on the Map button at the bottom (the left most button) to get to the main screen (see below.)

## Main Display

The primary display for the application is the map display (both 3D and 2D views are provided depending on the orientation of the device.) The screen below shows the portrait 3D view of the application after the initial configuration is completed and is centered on the initial default satellite (the International Space Station.)

Let's spend a little time exploring the main application views.

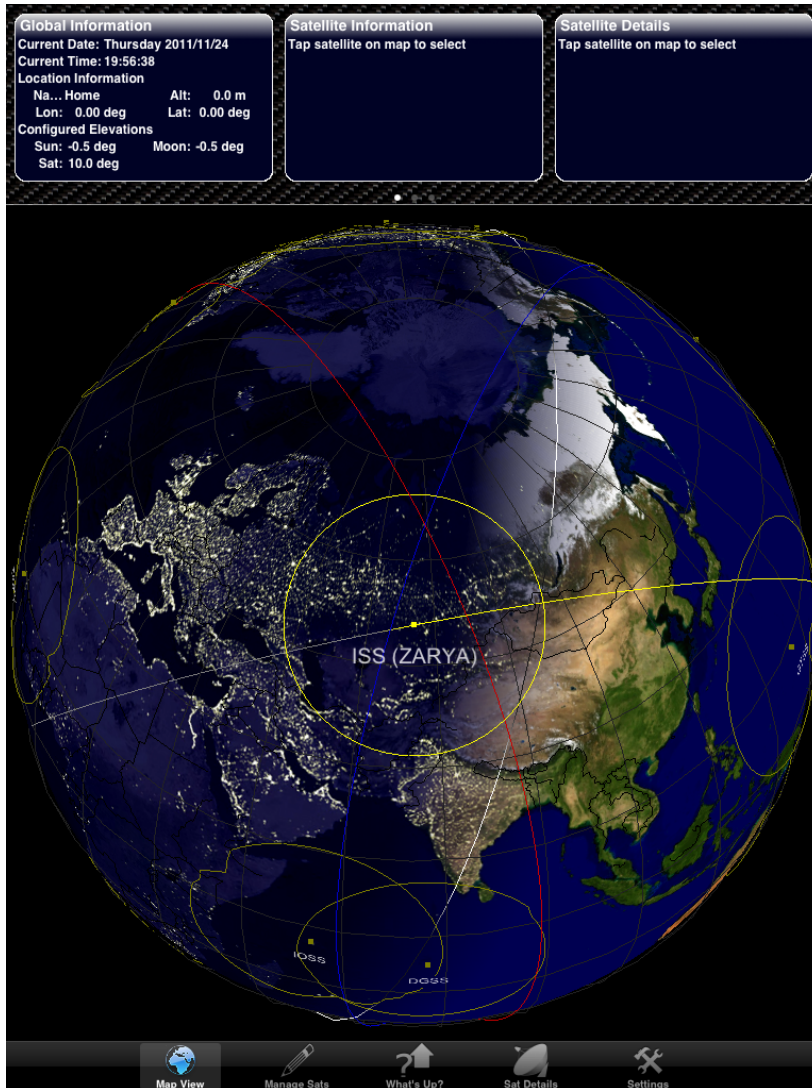
## Portlets

In the iPad specific version of the ProSat application, we've added the concept of portlets to present much of the detail information you had to access on separate screens in the iPhone version. Initially the portlets are not populated as no satellite has been selected (see below.)

The list of portlets is:

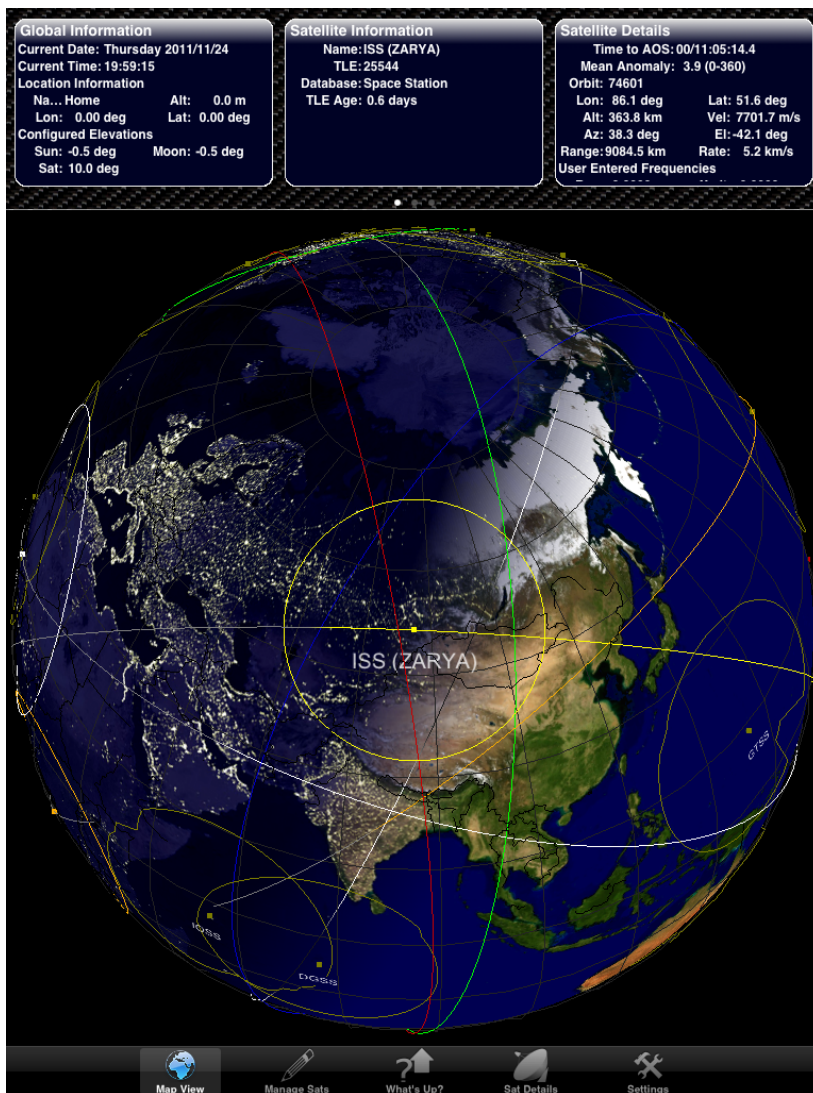
- Global Information
  - Displays information global to the entire application such as the current time and viewing information.
- Satellite Information
  - Displays information about the selected satellite such as the database name, satellite name and element age.
- Satellite Details
  - Displays details about the selected satellite such as the time to the next AOS (Acquisition of Signal) or LOS (Loss of Signal) which is NASA speak for rise and set along with orbit, current lat/lon/alt and range.
- Satellite Overflight Plot
  - Displays the path that the selected satellite will take on the next available pass. The plot is presented in a azimuth (direction from true north) and elevation (angle from the horizon) The blue color indicates the rise and the red indicates the set (I'm a geek and I think of it in terms of Doppler shift and it's blue shifted when it's coming at me (rise) and red shifted when it's going away from me (setting)) When the actual satellite is up it there will be a green dot that shows you the current position along the path. Also, you can get a big version of the plot that also provides you lots of detail information by double tapping the satellite on the main display
- Satellite Rise/Set
  - Displays information about the rise/set times for the selected satellite for the location and viewing preferences configured under settings.

- Sun Rise/Set
  - Displays information about the rise/set times for Sun for the location and viewing preferences configured under settings.
- Moon Rise/Set
  - Displays information about the rise/set times for Moon for the location and viewing preferences configured under settings.

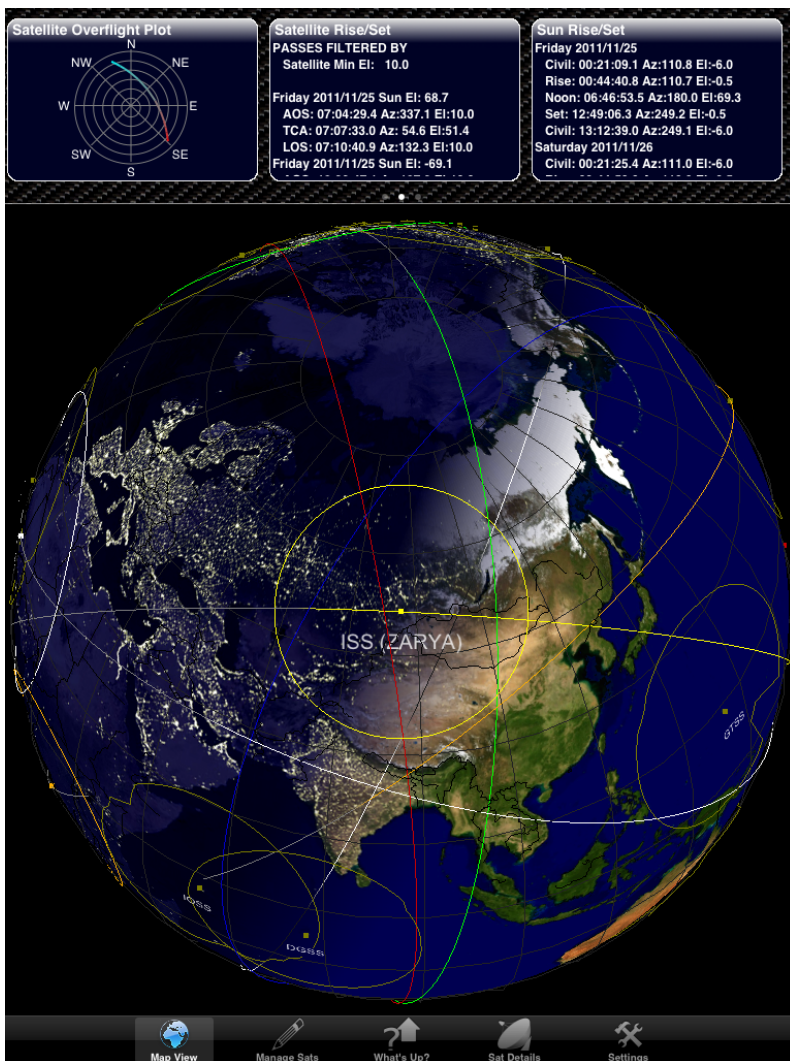


To populate the portlets, simply single tap on the satellite you are interested in and the various portlets will automatically update to show their respective details in context to the selected satellite.

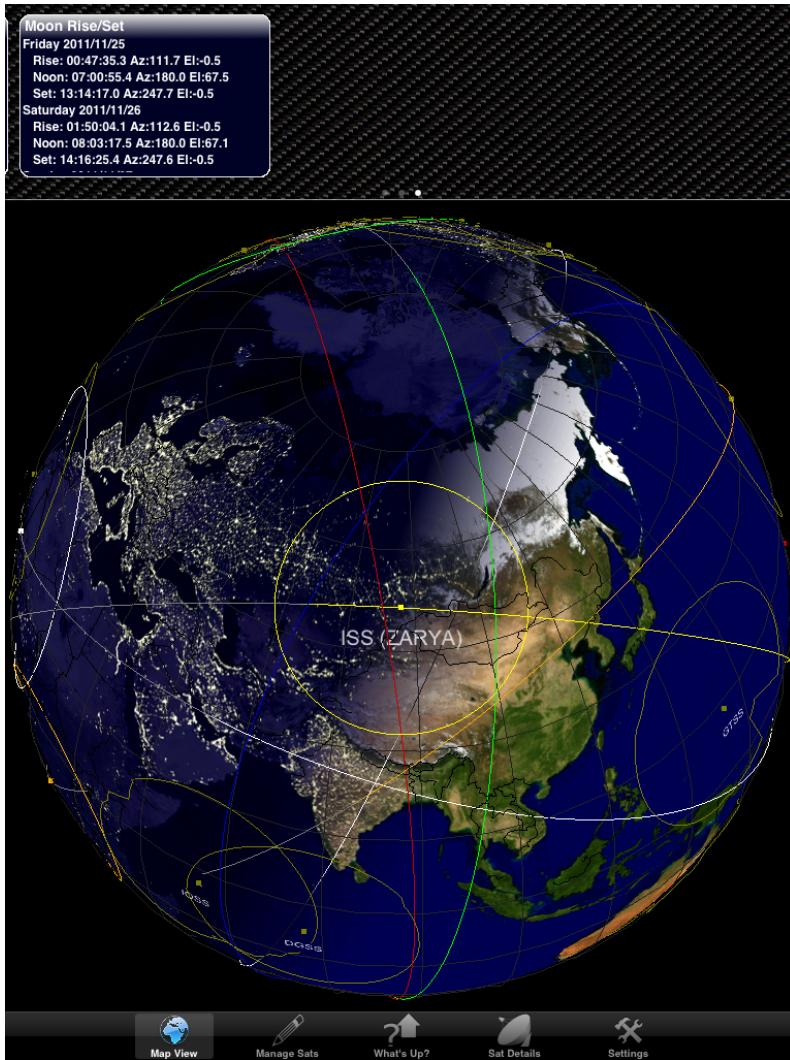
See below for an example of the portlet information after single tapping the ISS satellite on the display.



The portlets are scrollable left to right and depending on the portlet up and down. To see the other available portlets, simply swipe your finger in the portlet area to the left and the screen will slide to the left exposing the other available portlets (see below.)

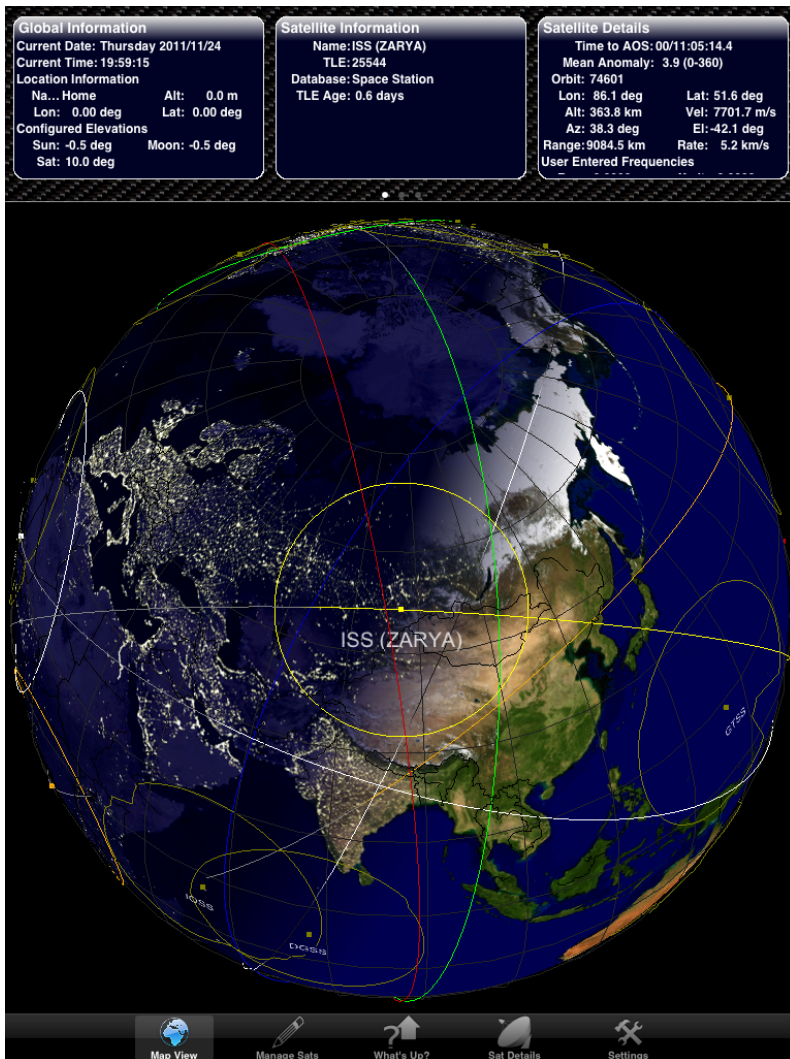






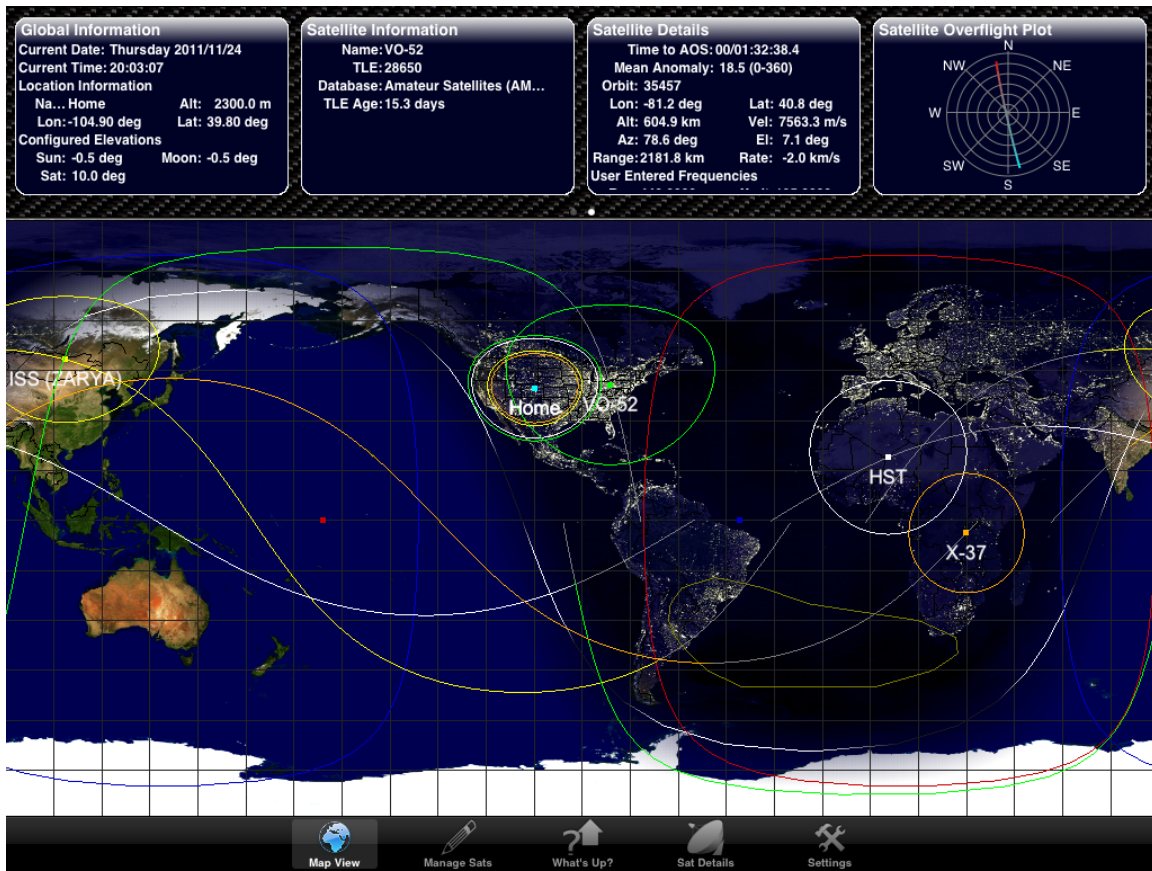
### 3D Globe in Portrait

When the iPad is held upright (Portrait) a 3D globe is presented in the map view (see below.)



## 2D Map in Landscape

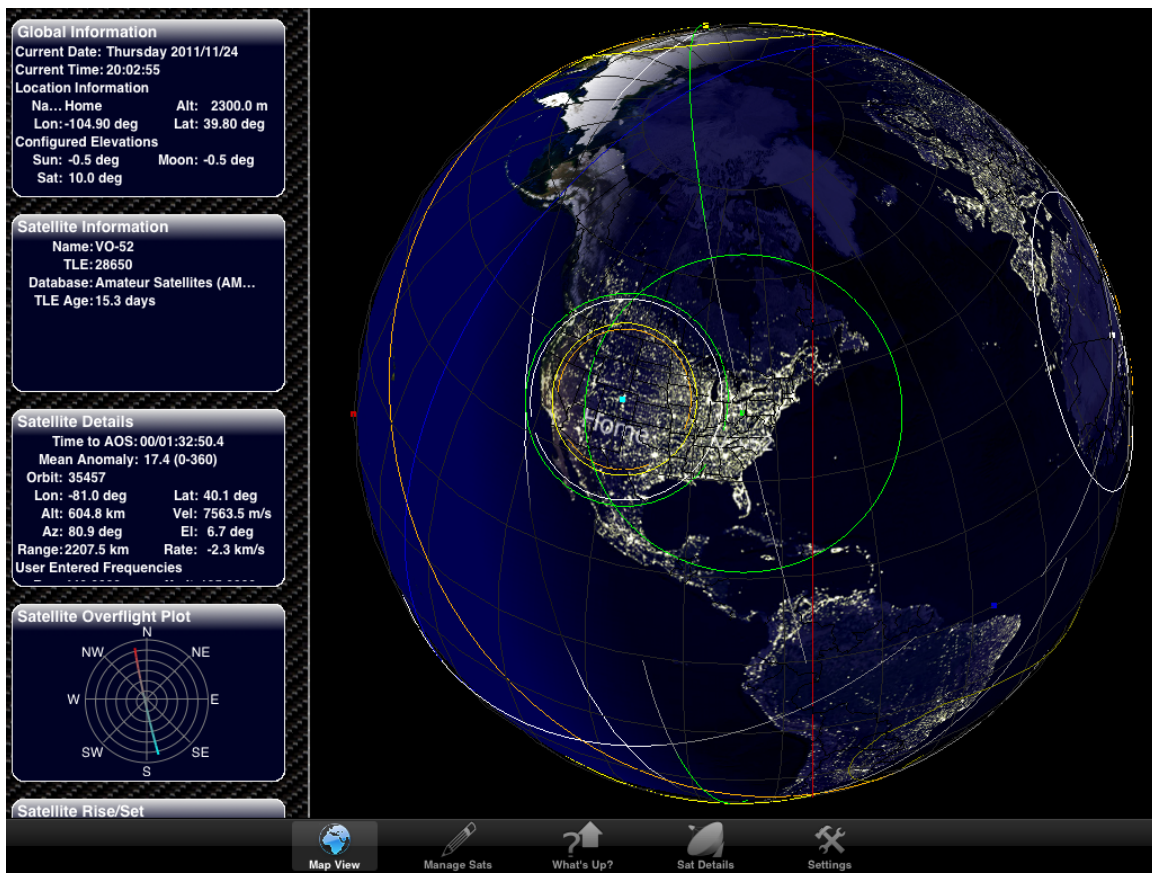
To access the 2D map mode, you simply need to rotate the iPad horizontally (landscape). The application will automatically sense the change and will rotate the map view accordingly (see below.)



### 3D Globe in Landscape

If you'd prefer to have the 3D globe in the landscape mode then simply go into the settings tab (bottom right tab), click on preferences and then set the "3D globe in Landscape" toggle.





### Change View Point & Zoom

The application is fully touch and multi-touch enable. To move the view around simply single touch the screen and while holding move your finger. The map will move in the direction of your finger. Note that when on the 2D view (landscape) and fully zoomed out (you can see the entire map) the pan functionality will not work (as there isn't anything to pan around)

To zoom in, perform the typical two finger spread gesture while to zoom out, perform the opposite two finger pinch gesture (see below for an example post a zoom in gesture in the 3D Globe view)



And an example of an equivalent zoom in the 2D map view is below. As an aside, notice how the distortion of the 2D rectangular projection is causing the circular horizon footprint around the satellite shown above in the 3D view to become flattened as the distortion becomes progressively greater as you approach the poles of the Earth.

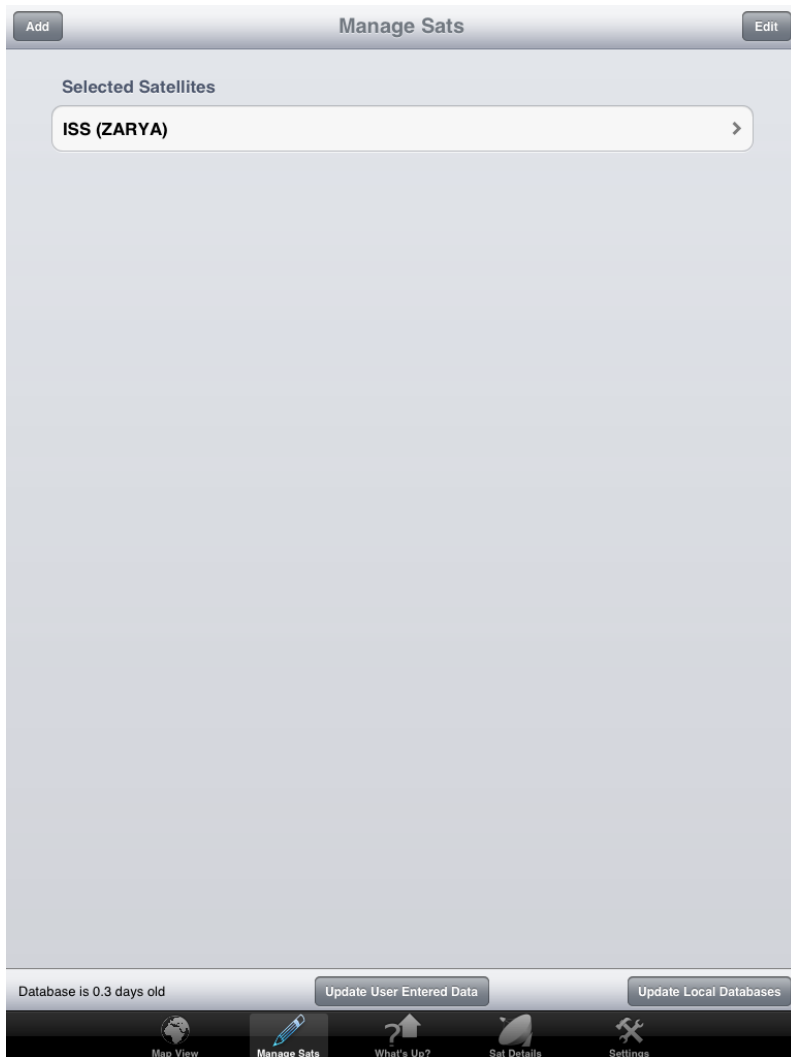


## Manage Satellites

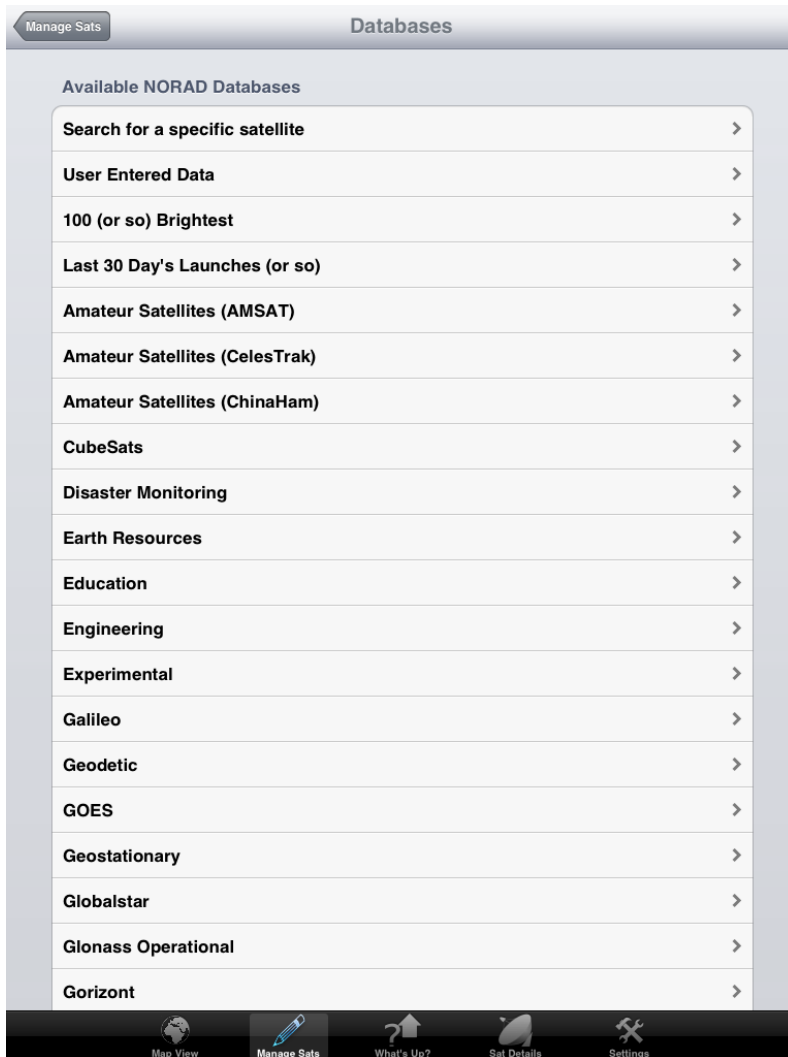
In this section we'll discuss how to manage satellites that will be displayed on the map view. The concepts of adding, updating and removing of satellites will be covered.

### Add New Satellite

To add a new satellite start by clicking on the Manage Sats tab at the bottom of the Window (second from the left.) This will bring up the following screen which will have listed the current set of satellites that are being displayed on the map (the application has the International Space Station preconfigured)



To add a satellite, you simply need to click on the Add button in the upper left corner to begin the satellite selection process. Once the Add is pressed, the following screen will appear.



This screen shows all of the satellite databases that are available for usage in the ProSatHD application. For the most part these databases map directly to those available on T. S. Kelso's CelesTrak website. The current notable differences are the addition of the AMSAT satellite ham radio database that is downloaded from the AMSAT website, the equivalent from a Chinese website (as China blocks external web access so I need to point to one that is available in country) and the User Entered Data (only available in ProSatHD) which allows the user to hand enter TLE's for recently launched or untracked vehicles. With the exception of the User Entered Data database, the databases are updated by clicking the update local databases button at the bottom right of the initial Manage Sats screen (this is the step we did when you first started up the application.) In the case of manually entered data, there is an example later in this doc that details how that feature works.

Scroll the list to the satellite database that contains the satellite of interest. In this example I've selected the 100 or so brightest database as I'm interested in adding

the Hubble Space Telescope (HST). Selection of that database results in the following screen.

Databases		Satellites
0-9		0-9
A		A
AJISAI (EGS): TLE#: 16908		B
AKARI (ASTRO-F): TLE#: 28939		C
ALOS (DAICHI): TLE#: 28931		D
AQUA: TLE#: 27424		E
ARIANE 40 R/B: TLE#: 22830		F
ARIANE 40 R/B: TLE#: 21610		G
ARIANE 40+ R/B: TLE#: 23561		H
ARIANE 5 R/B: TLE#: 28499		I
ASTEX 1: TLE#: 5560		J
ATLAS 5 CENTAUR R/B: TLE#: 30778		K
ATLAS CENTAUR 2: TLE#: 694		L
ATLAS CENTAUR R/B: TLE#: 6155		M
B		N
C		O
COSMO-SKYMED 1: TLE#: 31598		P
COSMOS 1220: TLE#: 12054		Q
COSMOS 1400: TLE#: 13402		R
COSMOS 1484: TLE#: 14207		S
COSMOS 1500: TLE#: 14372		T
COSMOS 1536: TLE#: 14699		U
COSMOS 1544: TLE#: 14819		V
		W
		X
		Y
		Z

Now that I've selected a specific database this screen is showing me all of the available satellites in that database in alphabetical order. You can either scroll the device to show the satellite you're interested in or you can use the alphabetical listing on the right side to jump to that specific letter. Again in my case I'm adding the HST so I selected the 'H' from the right quick jump and that took me directly to the beginning of the H's.

Databases	Satellites
H	0-9
H-2A R/B: TLE#: 27601	A
H-2A R/B: TLE#: 28932	B
H-2A R/B: TLE#: 29394	C
H-2A R/B: TLE#: 27700	D
HST: TLE#: 20580	E
HST: TLE#: 20580	F
I	G
IDEFIX & ARIANE 42P R/B: TLE#: 27422	H
INTERCOSMOS 24: TLE#: 20261	I
INTERCOSMOS 25: TLE#: 21819	J
ISIS 1: TLE#: 3669	K
ISS (ZARYA): TLE#: 25544	L
ISS (ZARYA): TLE#: 25544	M
J	N
JB-3 2 (ZY 2B): TLE#: 27550	O
K	P
KORONAS-FOTON: TLE#: 33504	Q
L	R
M	S
M-5 R/B: TLE#: 28942	T
METEOR 1-1: TLE#: 3835	U
METEOR PRIRODA: TLE#: 12585	V
MIDORI II (ADEOS-II): TLE#: 27597	W
N	X
O	Y
OA0 2: TLE#: 3597	Z

Now select the satellite of interest by touching on the name. This will take you to the final step of configuring the satellite's display preferences (see below.)





On this screen we are configuring display properties for the specific satellite being added. The configuration parameters affect how the satellite will be displayed on the map. You can initially set the parameters here but you can always come back later and make modifications if necessary (so feel free to experiment a bit if you'd like)

### **COLOR:**

You start by selecting the color that will represent the satellite. As this is the second satellite being added, the second color in the list is pre-selected. You can change to a different color by scrolling the list up or down to the desired color.

### **DRAW LOCATION FOOTPRINT:**

This will toggle on or off the drawing of the satellite's footprint for the location specified in the Settings. A footprint is the horizon line from the satellite's perspective drawn on to the map. There are two types of footprints available in ProSATHD. The draw location footprint toggle will put up what the horizon line for



this specific satellite will look like for your configured viewing location. This is useful when viewing a satellite from that location as it allows you to easily determine if a satellite is currently viewable by simply looking at the map. If a satellite falls within the footprint then that satellite is currently visible.

#### **DRAW TDRS:**

TDRS stands for Tracking and Data Relay Satellite and is a geosynchronous satellite communication network that NASA (and others) use to relay communications to other orbiting satellites (like the International Space Station or the Space Shuttle.) If you enable this feature, then the footprints for both TDRE (The Eastern TDRS satellite) and TDRW (the Western TDRS satellite) will be drawn on the map. This capability is predominately provided for people working on NASA missions who are using the application to track their vehicle but feel free to experiment with this if you'd like. You can't hurt anything by playing...

#### **DRAW SAA:**

SAA stands for South Atlantic Anomaly and is a region over the South Atlantic east of South America where the Earth's magnetic bottle dips closer to the Earth. This area is of interest to manned space flight as any item on the vehicle (ISS or the Shuttle) that is sensitive to increased radiation (like film) must be shielded (put in a lead lined locker or bag) when in this area. In the case of sensitive film (high ISO rating) the failure to bag the film or camera can lead to fogging of the film.

#### **DRAW GROUNDSITES:**

NASA uses a network of ground sites to provide communications and tracking for their vehicles. This toggle allows you to turn on/off the drawing of the footprints for those sites. If enabled, you'll notice that some of the sites appear to have irregular footprints (when compared to something like a satellite or location footprint which are smooth.) This is because a terrain mask is applied to the NASA sites which model the specific terrain (mountains, buildings, trees...) that interfere with seeing the physical horizon.

#### **DRAW SATELLITE FOOTPRINT:**

This toggle allows you to put a horizon footprint around the satellite. As mentioned above, this allows at a glance on the map to see what land areas are currently visible to the satellite in question.

#### **NUMBER OF ORBITS TO DRAW:**

This field governs the number of satellite orbits to draw on the map. The recommendation is one to three orbits as more clutters the map and slows processing as the satellite's position has to be propagated forward in time for the number of desired orbits on each refresh of the screen (and that's a lot of computations...)

## RECEIVE/TRANSMIT FREQUENCIES:

If the satellite you're configuring can be accessed with a ham radio then you can configure in the appropriate send and receive frequencies that you want to use to communicate. The application will then automatically update and display the Doppler shift compensated frequencies in the portlets and on the satellite details page.

To enter the desired frequencies to use, simply touch in the Rcv or Xmit fields to bring up the keyboard (see below.)

Manage Sats Done

Satellite Color

Yellow  
White  
Green  
Orange  
Red

Draw Location Footprint ☒ ON

Draw TDRS ☐ OFF

Draw SAA ☐ OFF

Draw Groundsites ☐ OFF

Draw Satellite Footprint ☒ ON

Number of orbits to draw 1

Satellite Base Frequencies

Rcv 0.0000 Xmit 0.0000

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Using the keyboard, enter the desired frequency information into the two fields. In my example, I've entered a 440Mhz frequency for the receive frequency and 125KHz for the transmit value.

Satellites
Done

	Yellow
	White
Satellite Color	Green
	Orange
	Red

Draw Location Footprint ☒ ON

Draw TDRS ☐ OFF

Draw SAA ☐ OFF

Draw Groundsites ☐ OFF

Draw Satellite Footprint ☒ ON

Number of orbits to draw

Satellite Base Frequencies

Rcv  Xmit

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0

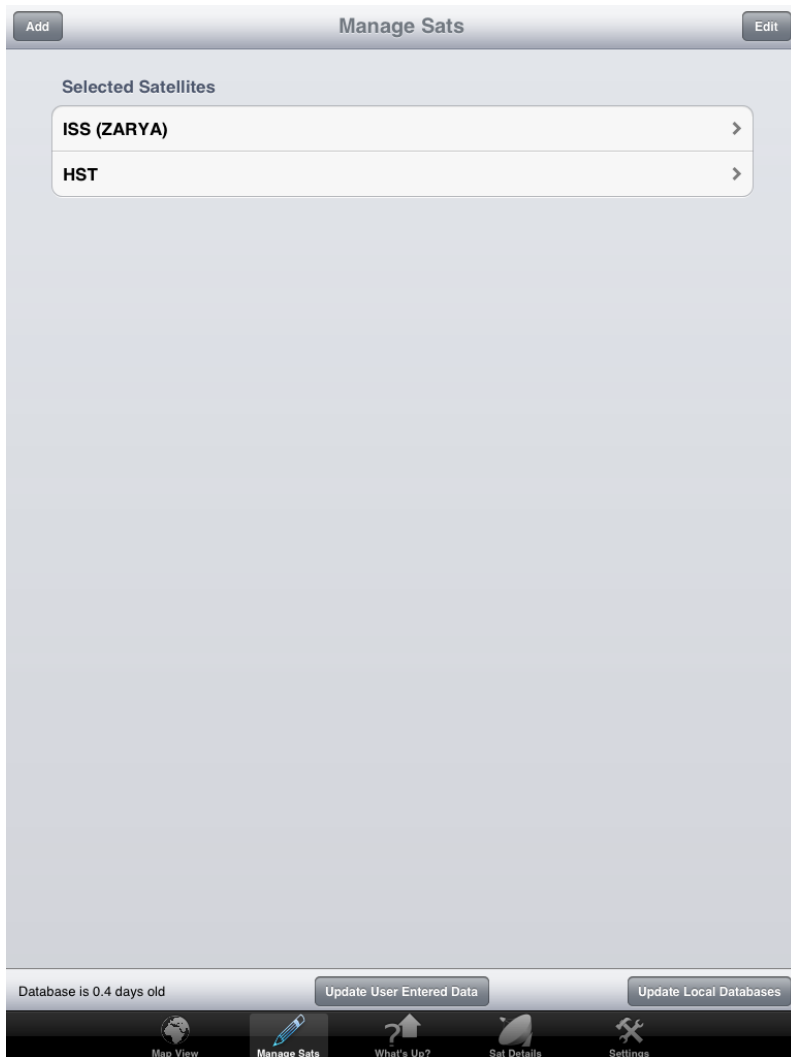
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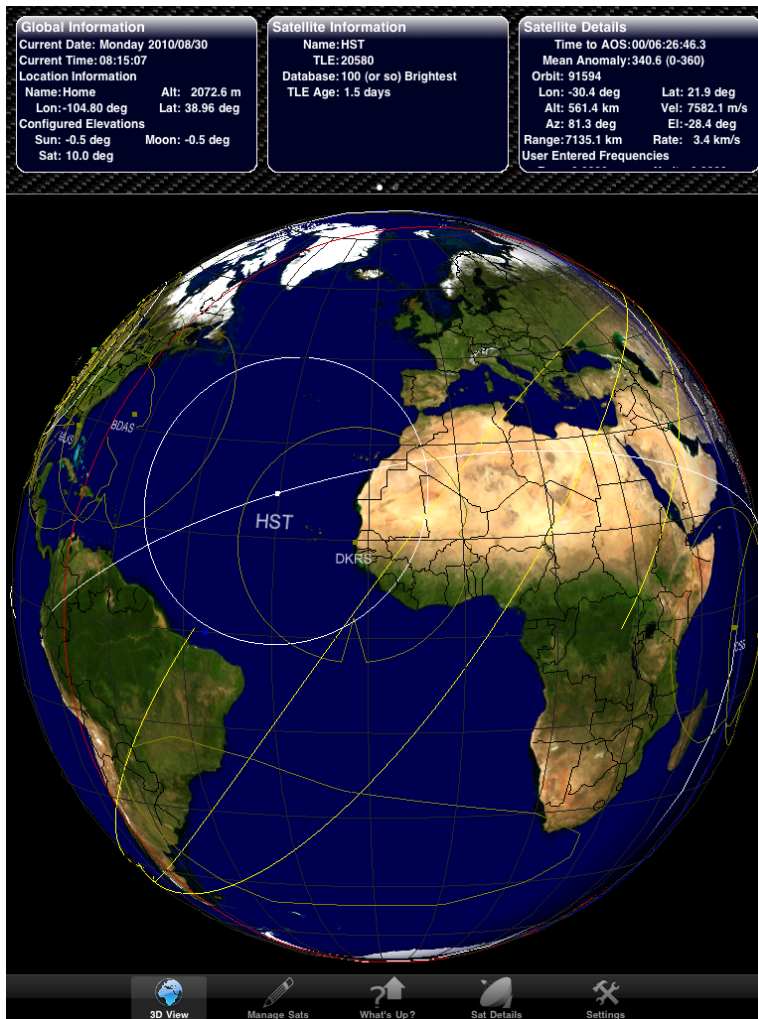
ABC

Different values can be entered for each satellite and the values will be automatically saved for that satellite for future use. However, if you delete the satellite from your list of tracked satellites, you will have to re-enter the frequency information again if you later re-add the satellite (unfortunately the element databases that are available on the Internet do not include the satellite frequency information)

When you are done configuring the preferences the way you want, just click on the done button in the upper right corner to complete the adding the satellite. Once you click the done button, you should land back on the main Manage Sats page and it should now show the satellite you just added in the list (see below.)

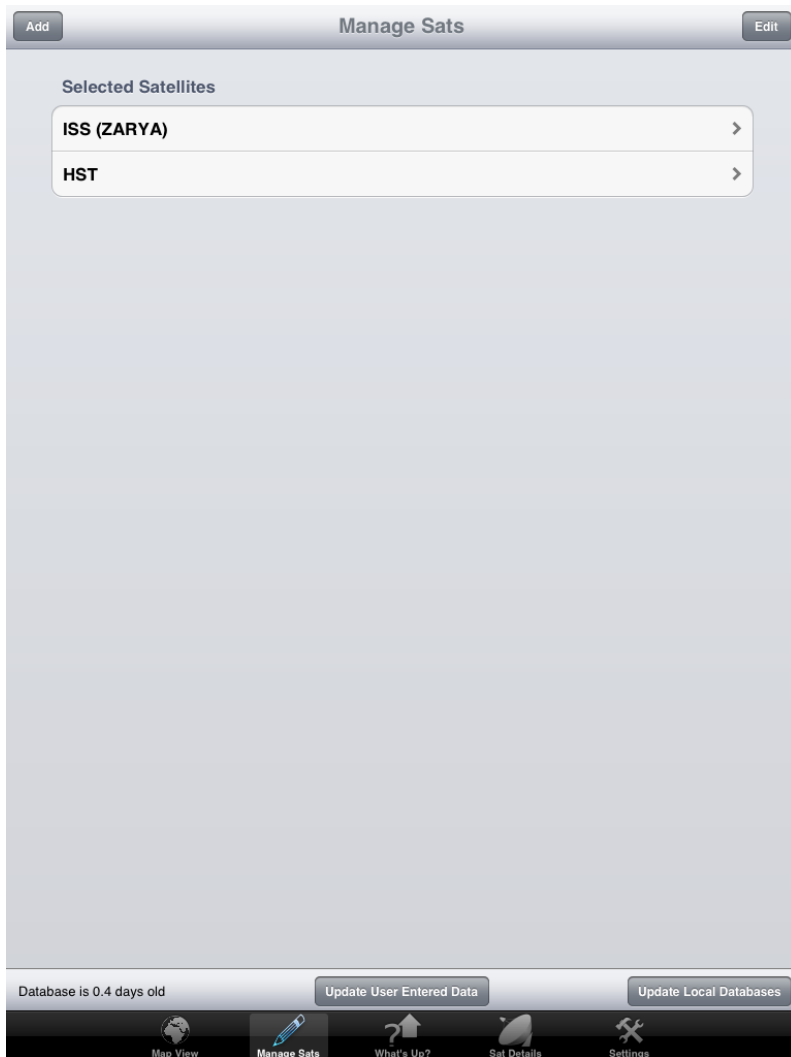


To see the new satellite on the map, just click on the map button at the bottom and it will take you back to the map. Don't forget (if you're in 3D mode) that you may need to pan the map around as the satellite may be on the other side of the Earth. See below for the satellite I added.

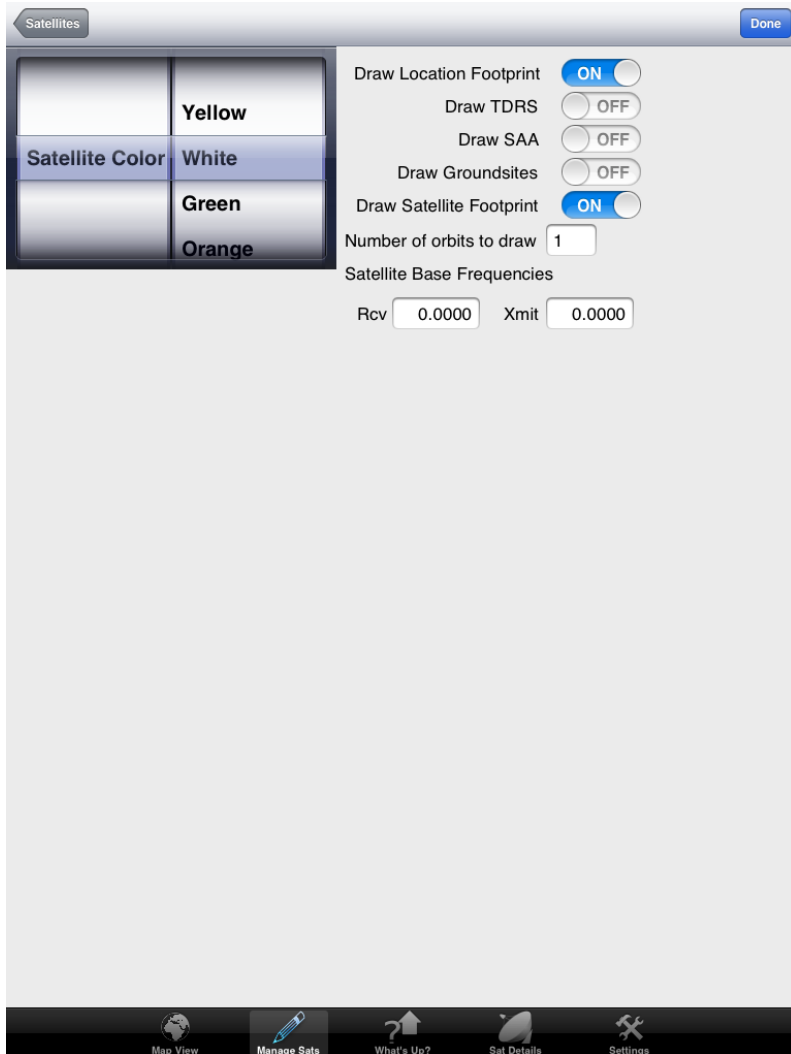


## Update Satellite

To update the preferences of an existing satellite you again start by click on the Manage Sats button at the bottom of the screen. This will take you the page shown below.



On this page, you simply need to touch the satellite you want to modify from the list. In my case, I selected HST from the list and that took me to the following preferences page.

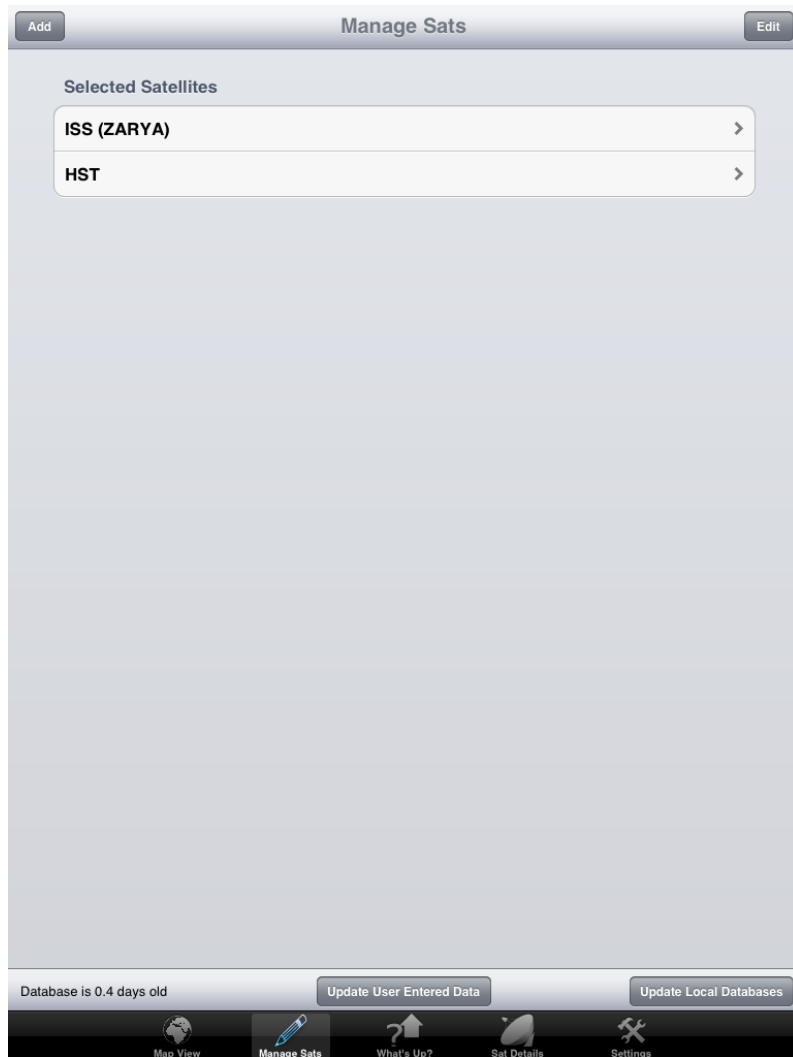


This page is exactly the same as the preferences page you filled out when you added the satellite into the system (so see that section above if you've got any questions on what the different preferences mean.) Once you are done, just tap the done button to return to the main Manage Sats page.

NOTE: The saving of the preferences is not tied to hitting the done button (everything is saved automatically when ever you leave this page and go to another) This means you can experiment with different selections by making changes on this page and then toggling to the Map View. You can then come back to this page by hitting the Manage Sats button again and you'll be right where you left off. This makes it handy when you are learning what different preferences provide.

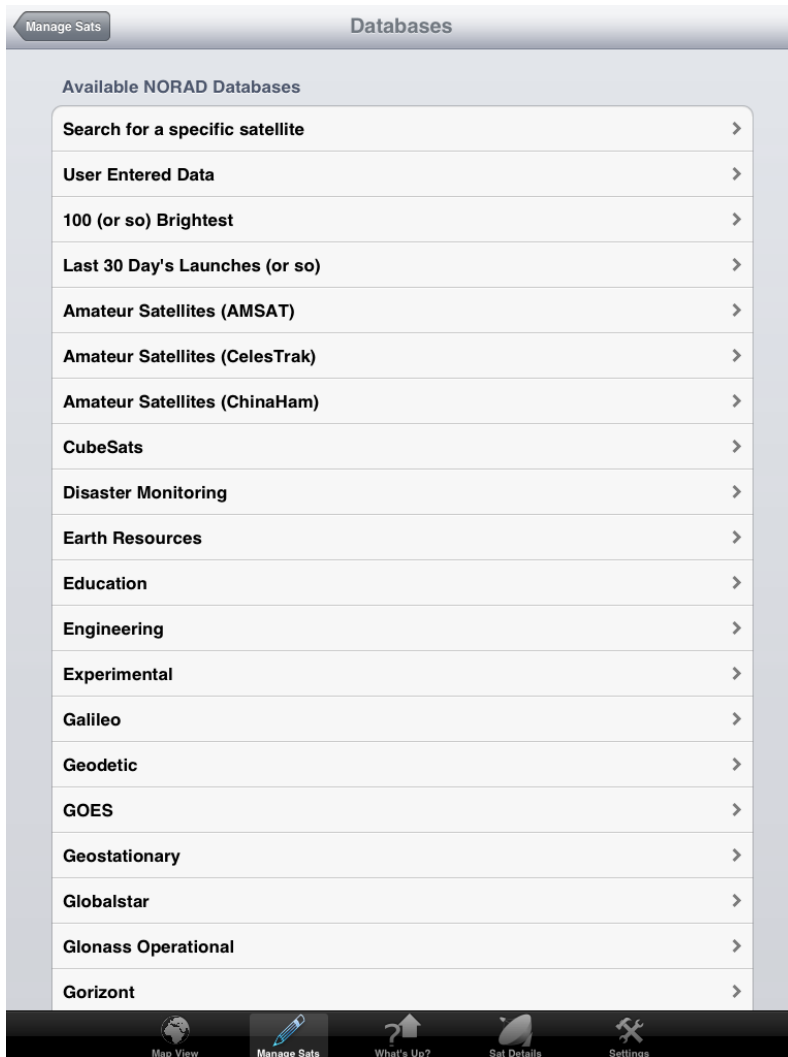
### **Add a Satellite using the Global Search function**

If you don't know the database for the satellite you are adding then you can use the "Search" mechanism to scan all databases for either a partial name or a partial satellite NORAD ID.



To begin, select the add button to bring up the database selection screen.





On the database selection screen, select the “Search for a specific satellite” entry at the top of the list to bring up the search screen.

Databases

Enter either the name or the NORAD ID into the fields below

Partial Satellite Name

NORAD ID

x

or

Perform Search

Search Results

Sat:CHUANGXIN 1-03 (CX-1-03) - TLE#:37930 - DB>Last 30 Day's Launc...	>
Sat:TIANXUN 1 (TX 1) - TLE#:37874 - DB>Last 30 Day's Launches (or so)	>
Sat:ASTEX 1 - TLE#:5560 - DB:100 (or so) Brightest	>
Sat:IDEFIX & ARIANE 42P R/B - TLE#:27422 - DB:100 (or so) Brightest	>
Sat:X-37B - TLE#:37375 - DB>User Entered Data	>

Map View

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Settings

On the search screen you can either put in a partial name or a partial NORAD ID. An example of searching for any satellite containing an “x” is shown below (note that the search is case insensitive)

**Databases**

Enter either the name or the NORAD ID into the fields below

Partial Satellite Name  or NORAD ID  [Perform Search](#)

**Search Results**

Sat:FO-70 - TLE#:37380 - DB:Amateur Satellites (AMSAT)	>
Sat:NANOSALD - TLE#:37361 - DB:Amateur Satellites (AMSAT)	>
Sat:Testing - TLE#:37375 - DB:User Entered Data	>
Sat:X-37B - TLE#:37375 - DB:User Entered Data	>

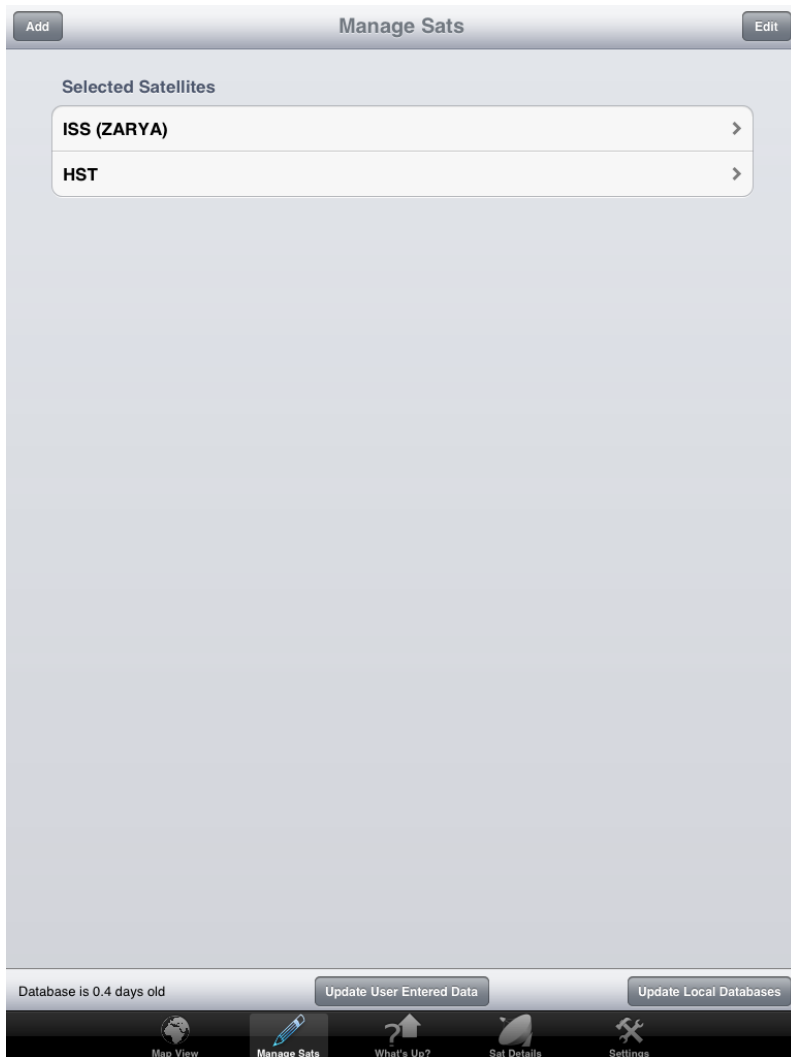
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The following example shows searching for any satellite that has a NORAD ID that contains the numbers 373.

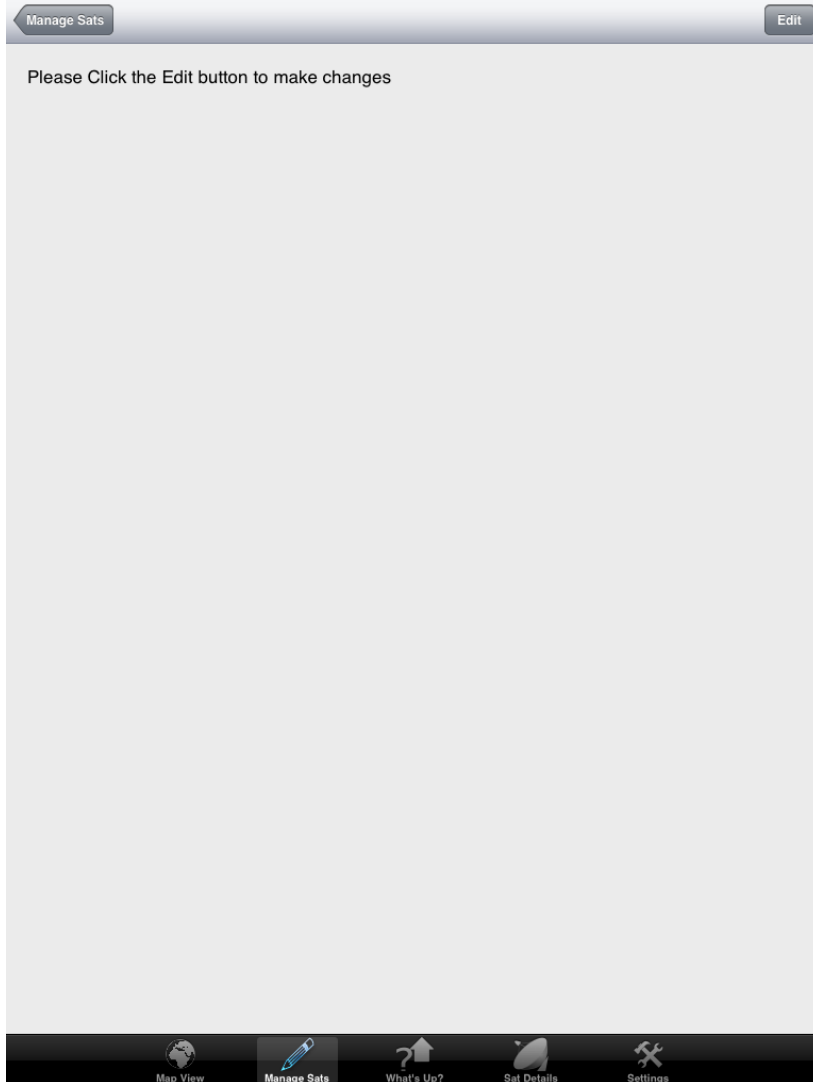
No matter how you search for the satellite you want to add, you simply need to select the satellite from the list to add it to your list of watched satellites. Once selected, the remaining screens are the same as when adding a satellite through the normal database selection path discussed above.

### User Entered Satellite Database

There have been cases in the where CelesTrak's databases are either not fast enough to catch a satellite (it get's launched and re-enters in a few days) or CelesTrak does not make the elements available (as is the case with the X-37 space plane.) In either case, ProSatHD allows the user to hand enter the two line elements for satellites manually (more typically they are cut and pasted from a website.) To add satellite Two Line Elements manually start by tapping on the Manage Sats tab at the bottom of the screen to bring up the following page.



On this page tap the “Update User Entered Data” button at the bottom center of the page to bring up the edit page for manually entered data.



At this point, I typically double click the home button to bring up the task manager and fire up my favorite browser. I then browse to a site that contains the Two Line Element set that I want to add and I copy the text of the elements from that site (see the next screen shot for an example of copying this from Heaven's Above).

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heavens-above.com/orbit.aspx?satid=37375&lat= Google

SUB SITE DANCE FALFINS AA LAX MRMS RAMPART IC Portal Login Google Maps

X-37B - Orbit Data Amazon.com - Your Account

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The Perfect Kids Gifts Need Ideas For Kids Holiday Gifts? View Our Brand New 2011 Gift Guide! [www.Crayola.com/GiftGuide](http://www.Crayola.com/GiftGuide)

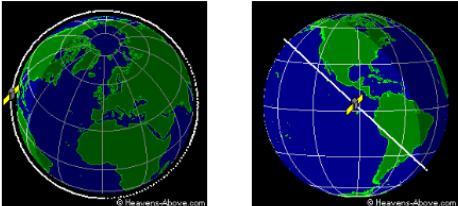
Celestron Telescopes Get honest advice on Telescopes from real amateur astronomers [www.SkiesUnlimited.net](http://www.SkiesUnlimited.net)

AdChoices

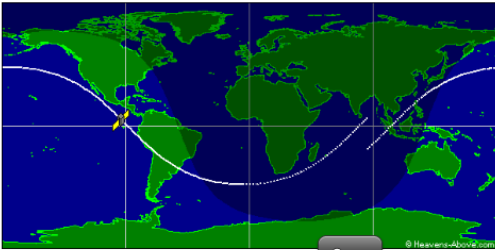
### X-37B - Orbit Data

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View from above orbital plane View from above satellite



Ground track

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The orbit data is extracted from the following two-line orbital elements:

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37375U 11010A 11327.71606990 0.00000000 00000-0 00000-0 0 03
2 37375 42.7908 121.2045 0014000 13.1016 346.8979 15.7861 725 00

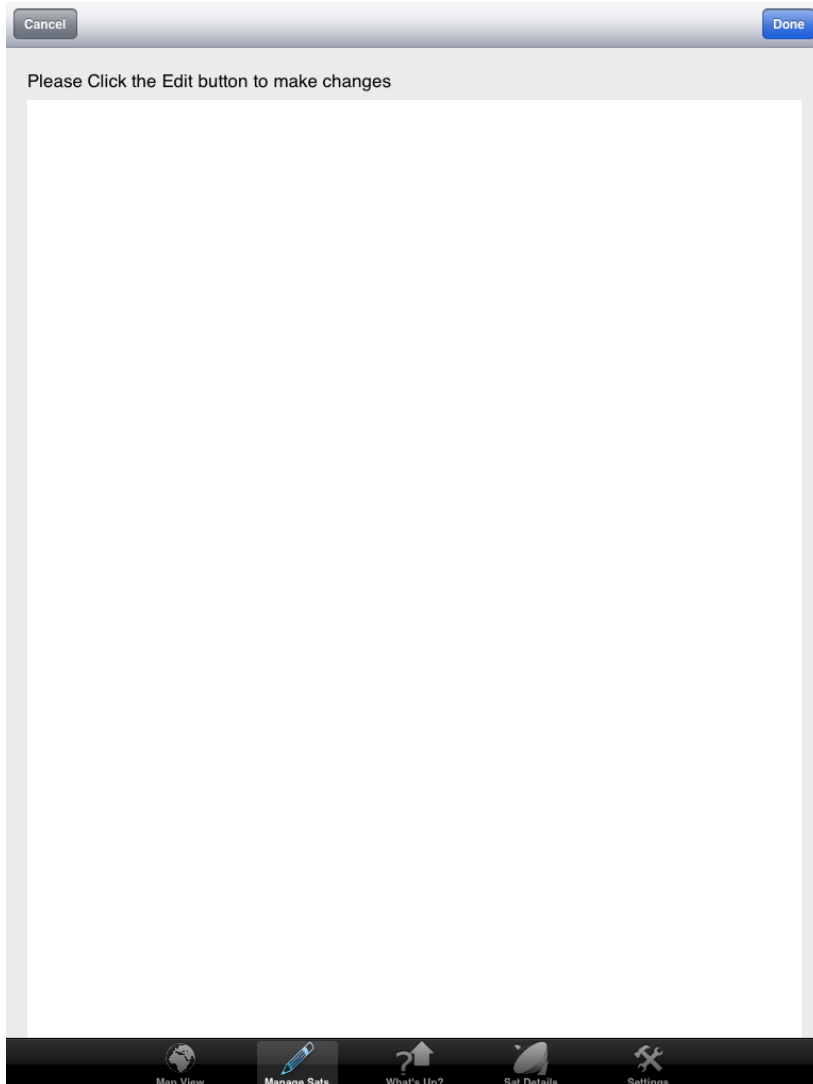
```

Epoch (UTC): 17:11:08, Wednesday, November 23, 2011  
 Eccentricity: 0.0014000  
 Inclination: 42.7908°  
 Perigee height: 325 km  
 Apogee height: 344 km  
 Right Ascension of ascending node: 121.2045°  
 Argument of perigee: 13.1016°  
 Revolutions per day: 15.78613725  
 Mean anomaly at epoch: 346.8979°  
 Orbit number at epoch: 0

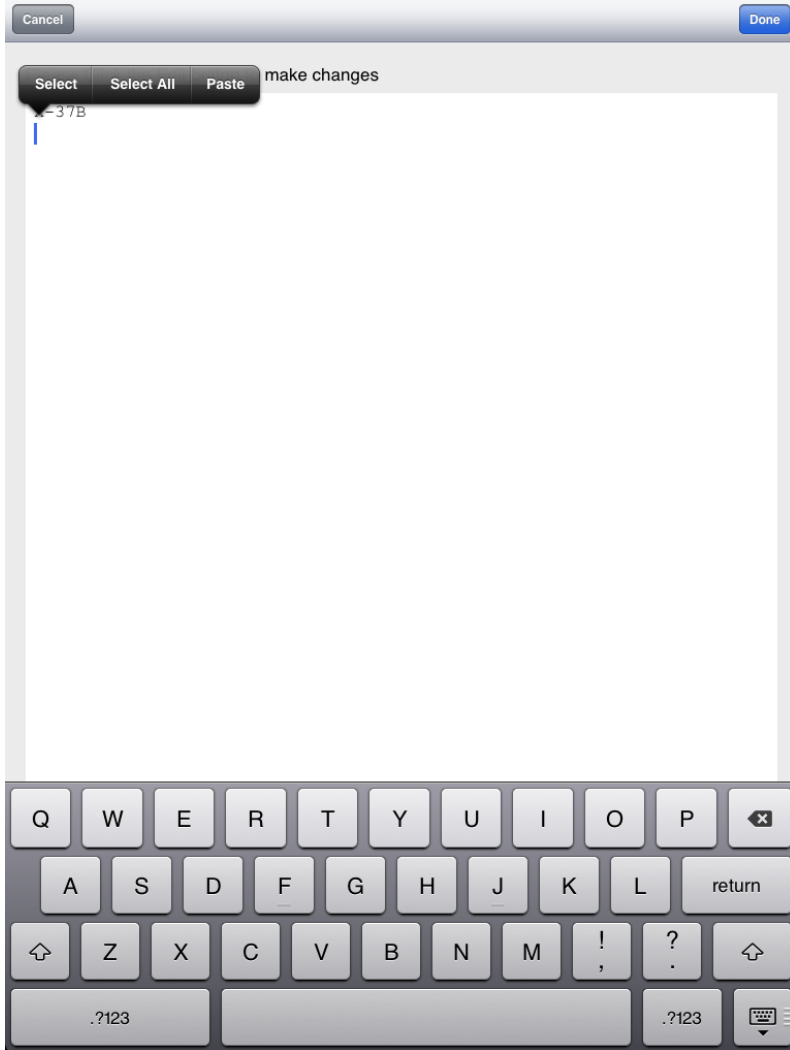
The dashed part of the orbit path shows where the satellite is in the earth's shadow, and the full part is where it is sunlit.

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Once the data is in the copy buffer then double click the home button again to bring up the task manager and select ProSatHD (this will bring you back to right where you left the application)



Now tap the “Edit” button to allow you to edit the data. In may case the Two Line Element set did not contain a name so I manually typed in the name (X-37 in may case) and then pasted in the data from the copy buffer (See below)





Cancel

Done

Please Click the Edit button to make changes

X-37B

1 37375U 11010A 11316.01143292 0.00000000 00000-0 00000-0 0 05

2 37375 42.7908 192.7298 0013000 275.5970 84.4024 15.78611125 03

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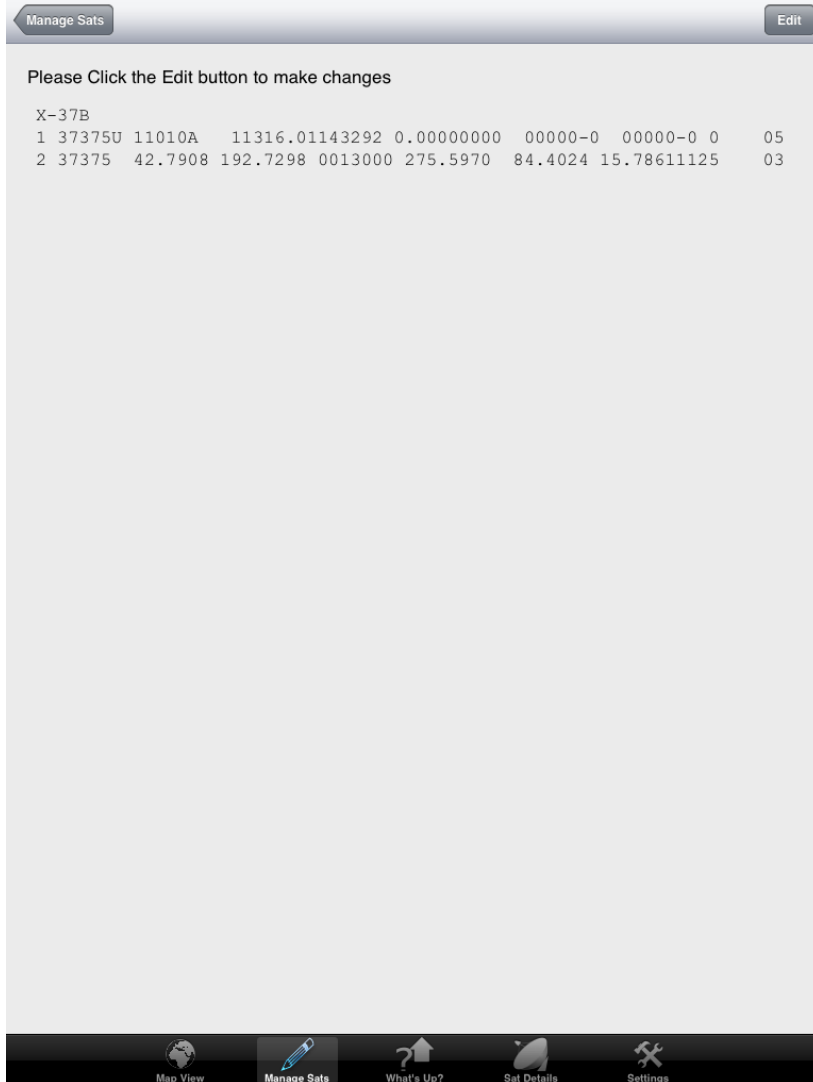
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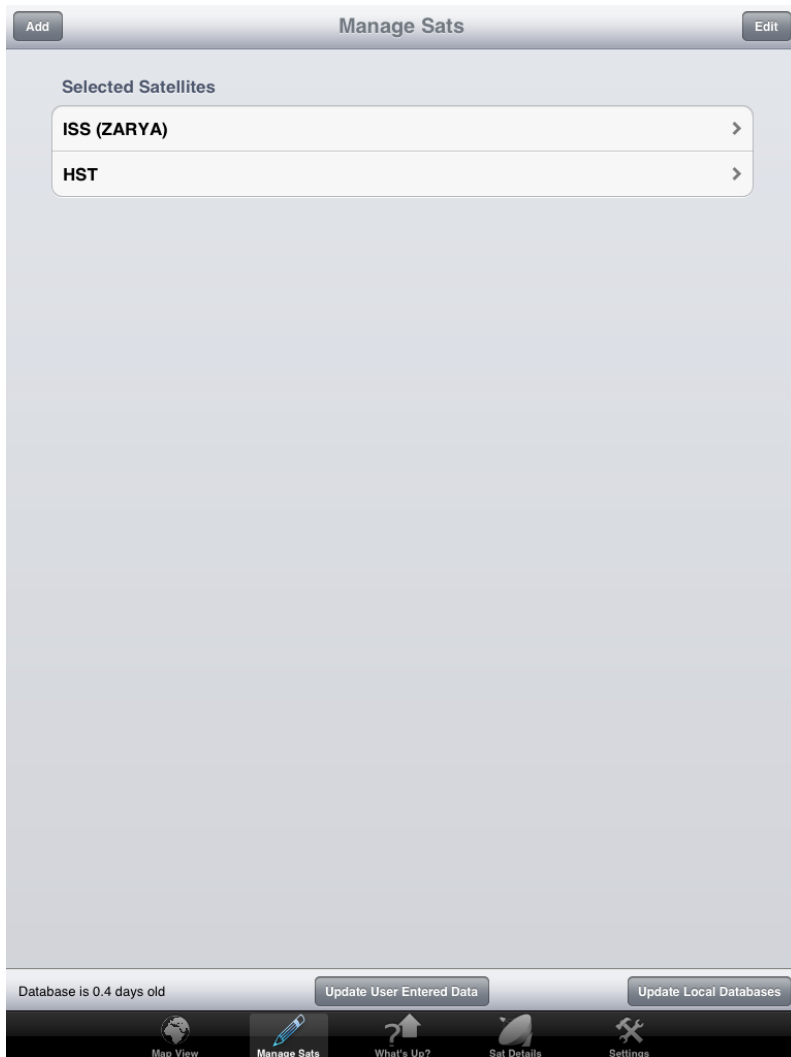
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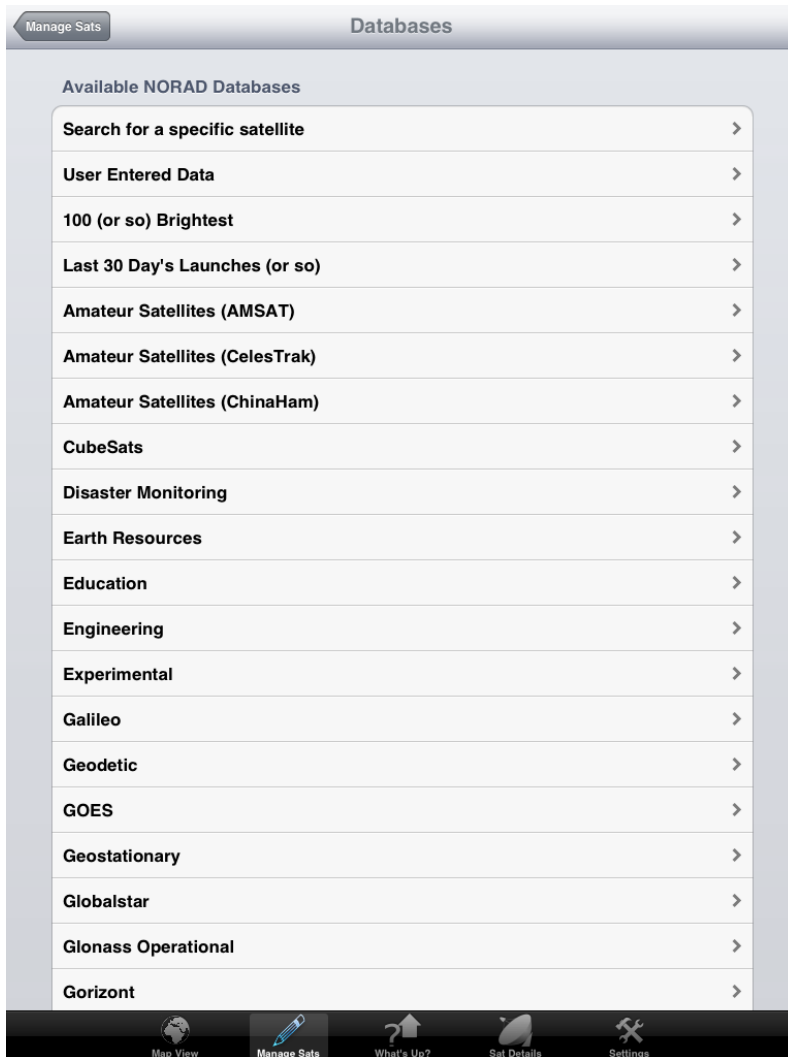
Now that the elements are entered, tap the “Done” button to let the application validate the provided element information. NOTE: the format used in ProSatHD is actually three lines of information. The first is the satellite name and the following two are the two line element format as described on the CelesTrak website. Note that I perform the defined checksum to validate that the data provided is correct and has been accurately entered. If an error is encountered validating the information, an error dialog will detail where the failure occurred.



If validation succeeds, then you will be back in non edit mode as shown above. Simply tap the return to “Manage Sats” button at the top right to return to the Manage Satellites page shown below.



Now that data exists, you can add a satellite from the user entered data using the normal add satellite path. Start by selecting the “add” button to bring up the following page.



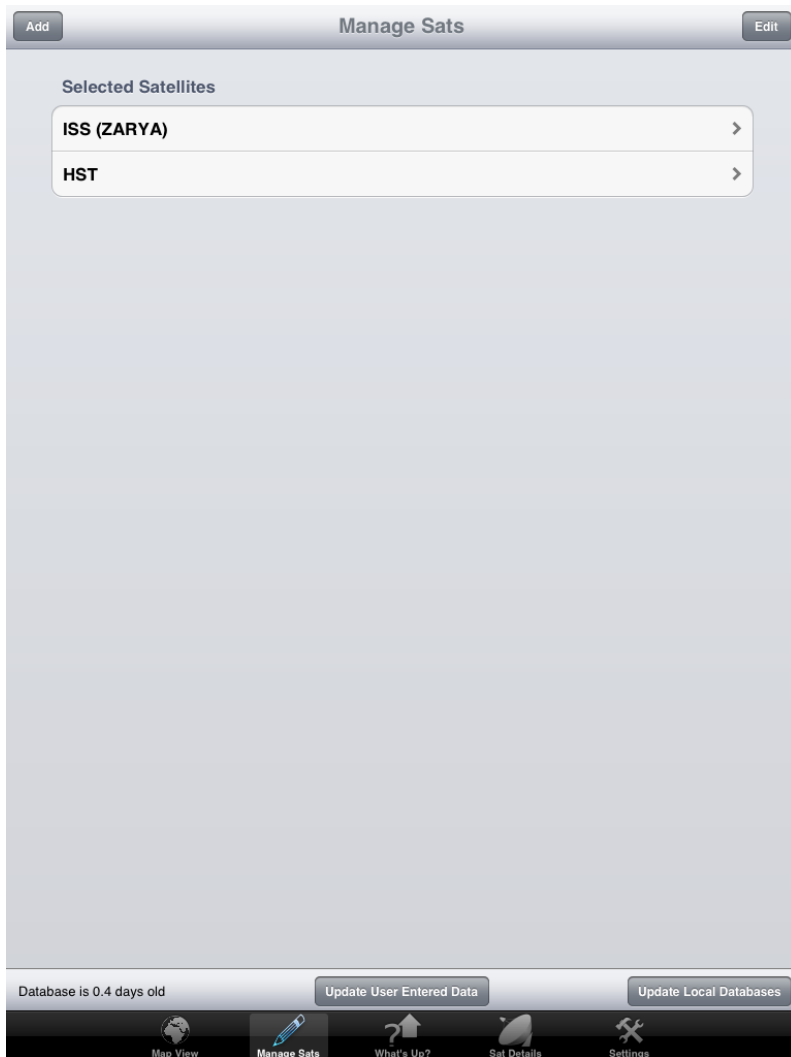
On this page select the “User Entered Data” field to bring up the set of available satellites (you can enter as many as you’d like and the application will operate with them just like any of the other databases)

Databases	Satellites	Update Elements
0-9		0-9
A		A
B		B
C		C
D		D
E		E
F		F
G		G
H		H
I		I
J		J
K		K
L		L
M		M
N		N
O		O
P		P
Q		Q
R		R
S		S
T		T
U		U
V		V
W		W
X		X
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Y		P
Z		Q
		R
		S
		T
		U
		V
		W
		X
		Y

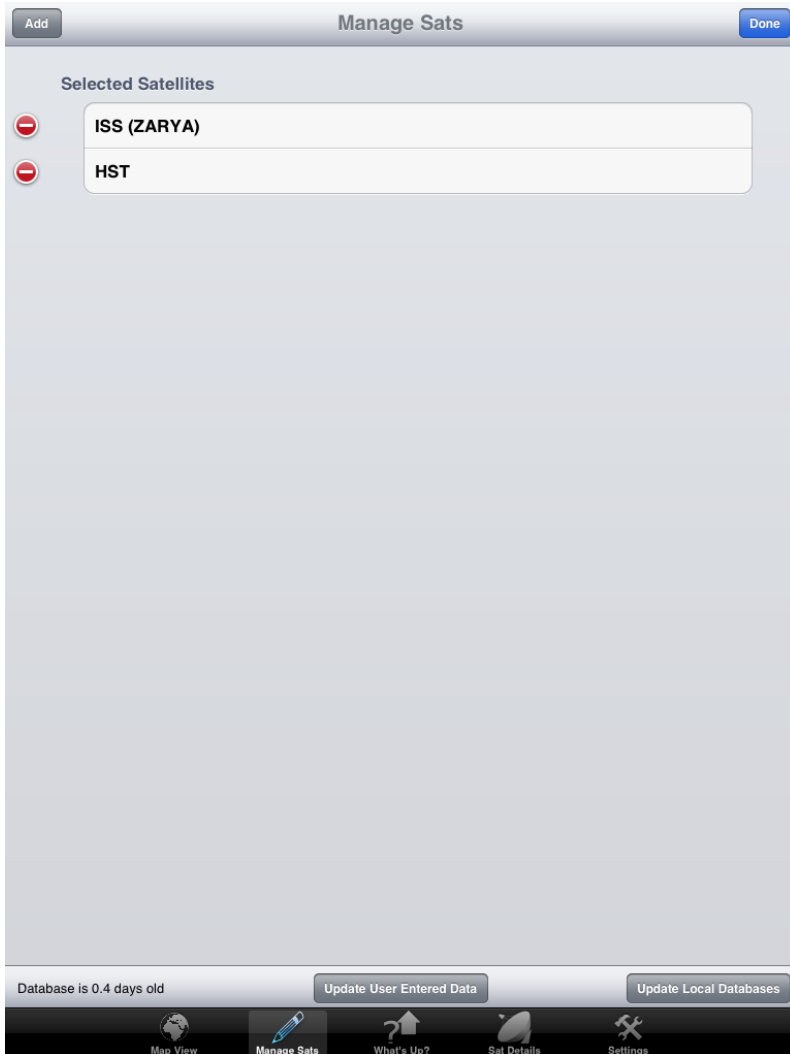
In my case, as I only have the one satellite added, it is the only one available for selection. At this point, you select and configure the satellite as described previously when adding a new satellite.

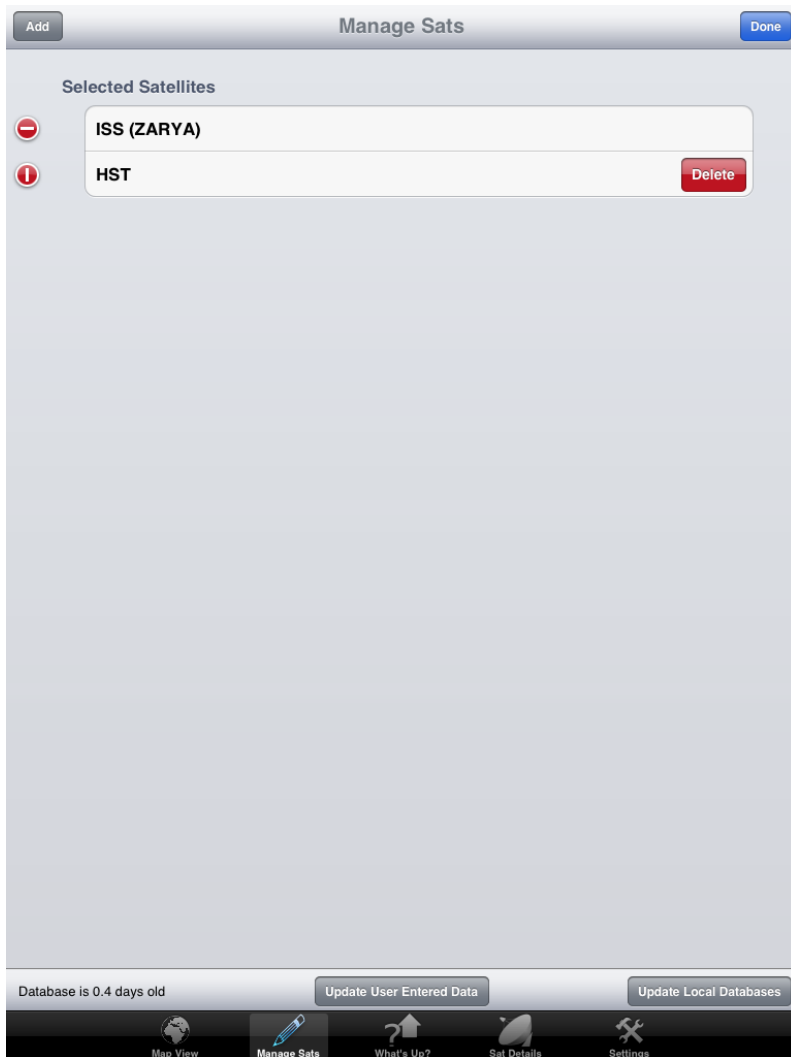
## Remove Satellite

Removing a satellite is easy. As with the other satellite management activities, you start by clicking on the Manage Sats button at the bottom of the screen which will bring up the following screen.



Once on this screen click the Edit button at the top right to toggle the page into edit mode (see below.)





Once in edit mode, touch the red circle to the left of the satellite you want to delete and that will present the delete button for that specific satellite. To complete the delete process, simply hit the Delete button and the satellite will be removed and the list updated to reflect the remaining satellites being managed (see below.)





## Whats Up Next?

What's up Next mode automatically determines what satellites are available for viewing or radio contact (depending on how you have set up the viewing preferences and what task your are wanting to perform.)

As an example, if I'm interested in going out at night to watch a few satellite passes then I would set the viewing preferences to filter out daylight passes (under Viewing Information in the Settings tab.) This tells the application to filter out all satellite passes for my location where the satellites viewing information is unsuitable for naked eye viewing. Specifically, to view a satellite with the naked eye, the satellite must meet three criteria (all of which are automatically applied for you by the application if you turn on the filter daylight passes in the Viewing Information page.) First the satellite must be above my minimum horizon elevation (normally you use a

value of 10 degrees to filter out any city light pollution). Second, the satellite must be lit by the Sun (not in the Earth's shadow) so that it can reflect the Sun's light and be visible. Finally, the location on the Earth that you are trying to view from must be in darkness (or like the stars in the daytime they will be washed out by the lit sky.)

If instead, I'm a Ham Radio operator and want to work available satellites with my rig. I would configure the Viewing Information to not filter daylight passes (as I'm not interested in viewing the satellite with the naked eye) and instead would have it show all satellite passes that meet my configured minimum elevation only.

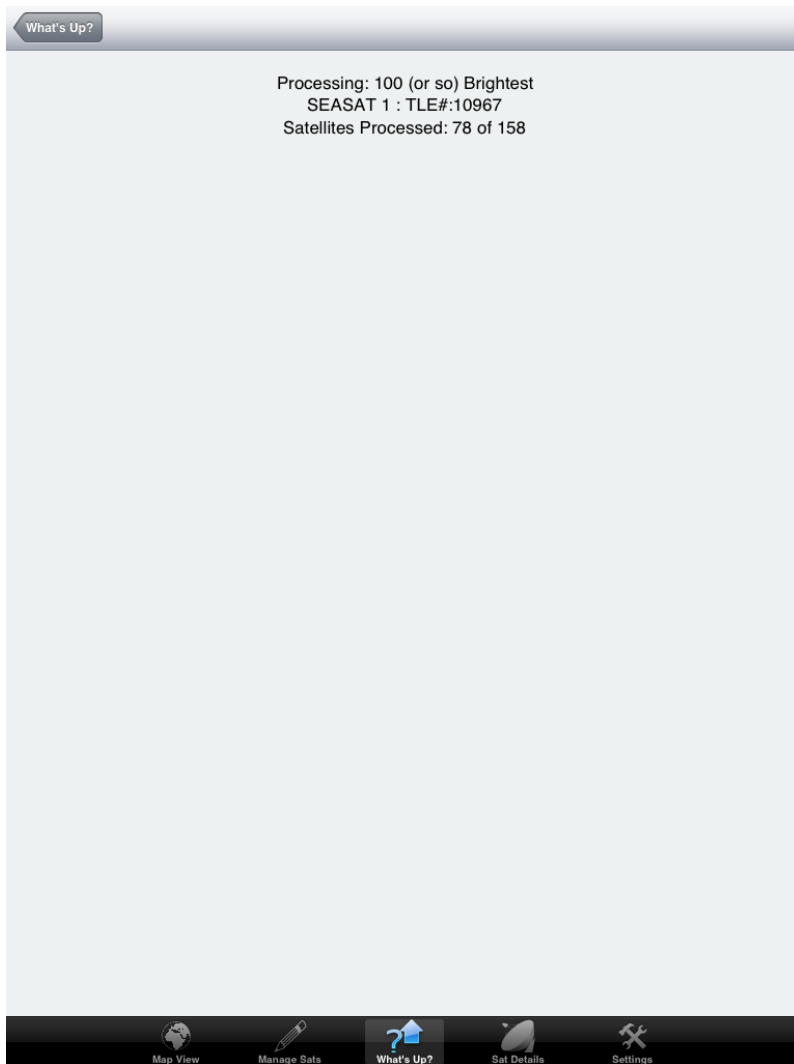
Once you've configured the viewing mode you are interested in, you need to select the set of databases that you want the application to process by sliding the toggle to "on" (see below.)

The screenshot shows a mobile application interface titled "What's Up?". At the top right is a blue "Go" button. Below the title is a list of 20 items, each with a toggle switch. The first two toggles, "User Entered Data" and "100 (or so) Brightest", are turned "ON" (blue). The remaining 18 toggles are turned "OFF" (grey). At the bottom is a dark navigation bar with five icons: a globe for "Map View", a pencil for "Manage Sats", a house with a question mark for "What's Up?", a satellite dish for "Sat Details", and a wrench for "Settings".

Category	Status
User Entered Data	ON
100 (or so) Brightest	ON
Last 30 Day's Launches (or so)	OFF
Amateur Satellites (AMSAT)	OFF
Amateur Satellites (CelesTrak)	OFF
Amateur Satellites (ChinaHam)	OFF
CubeSats	OFF
Disaster Monitoring	OFF
Earth Resources	OFF
Education	OFF
Engineering	OFF
Experimental	OFF
Galileo	OFF
Geodetic	OFF
GOES	OFF
Geostationary	OFF
Globalstar	OFF
Glionass Operational	OFF
Gorizont	OFF
GPS Operational	OFF
Intelsat	OFF

Once the databases are selected, hit the go button in the upper right corner. This will transition you to the following status screen that is displayed while the calculations are being performed.

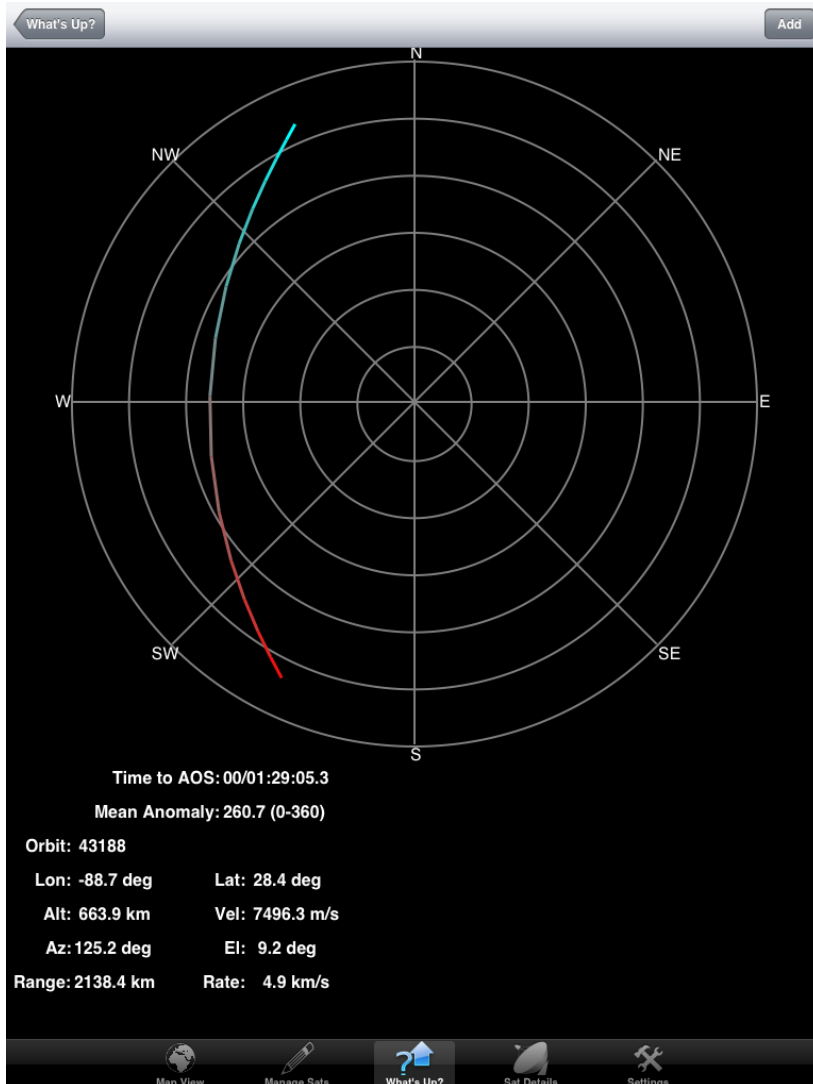
NOTE: if you select all of the databases that are available it can take up to a few minutes to perform all of the necessary calculations.



Once the processing of the databases is complete, the application will transition to the results screen shown below.

What's Up?	
OVERFLIGHT MODE SELECTED	
*Satellite Min Elev: 10.0	
SL-8 R/B: TLE#: 14484	
Thursday 2011/11/24 Sun El: 20.3	
AOS: 16:11:31.5 Az: 18.2 El:10.0	
TCA: 16:15:44.2 Az: 70.7 El:23.5	
LOS: 16:19:30.7 Az:124.1 El:10.0	
CZ-4B R/B: TLE#: 27432	
Thursday 2011/11/24 Sun El: 20.1	
AOS: 16:12:03.9 Az:144.5 El:10.0	
TCA: 16:17:07.6 Az: 71.0 El:49.1	
LOS: 16:22:13.0 Az:357.8 El:10.0	
SL-3 R/B: TLE#: 4814	
Thursday 2011/11/24 Sun El: 20.2	
AOS: 16:12:13.5 Az:194.4 El:10.0	
TCA: 16:16:02.6 Az:279.9 El:72.8	
LOS: 16:19:49.3 Az: 5.2 El:10.0	
COSMOS 1833: TLE#: 17589	
Thursday 2011/11/24 Sun El: 20.0	
AOS: 16:13:20.8 Az: 0.6 El:10.0	
TCA: 16:17:58.3 Az: 54.5 El:24.5	
LOS: 16:22:33.6 Az:108.5 El:10.0	
CZ-4B R/B: TLE#: 25732	
Thursday 2011/11/24 Sun El: 19.8	
AOS: 16:14:14.5 Az:136.2 El:10.0	
TCA: 16:19:14.3 Az: 69.2 El:39.1	
LOS: 16:24:11.7 Az: 2.1 El:10.0	
SL-3 R/B: TLE#: 877	
Thursday 2011/11/24 Sun El: 19.9	
AOS: 16:15:35.7 Az:296.6 El:10.0	
TCA: 16:19:02.2 Az:250.8 El:19.5	
LOS: 16:22:22.1 Az:205.4 El:10.0	
COSMOS 2084: TLE#: 20663	
Thursday 2011/11/24 Sun El: 19.9	
AOS: 16:15:52.2 Az:359.0 El:10.0	
TCA: 16:18:31.7 Az: 42.8 El:17.5	
LOS: 16:21:12.2 Az: 86.6 El:10.0	
COSMOS 1867: TLE#: 18187	
Thursday 2011/11/24 Sun El: 18.5	
AOS: 16:26:59.8 Az: 4.5 El:10.0	
TCA: 16:29:56.8 Az: 37.5 El:14.5	
LOS: 16:32:52.4 Az: 70.4 El:10.0	
COSMOS 2278: TLE#: 23087	
Thursday 2011/11/24 Sun El: 18.2	
AOS: 16:28:35.9 Az:148.6 El:10.0	
TCA: 16:32:46.7 Az:100.3 El:21.6	
LOS: 16:36:56.7 Az: 52.5 El:10.0	
COSMOS 1844: TLE#: 17973	
Thursday 2011/11/24 Sun El: 18.1	

The results screen shows all of the satellites sorted chronologically that meet your viewing requirements for the next hour. The list is scrollable and can be quite long depending on how many databases are selected. Each table entry lists the rise/set information for the named satellite and is touch selectable to access the specific satellite's detail information (see below for an example of the satellite details presented upon selection from the table.)

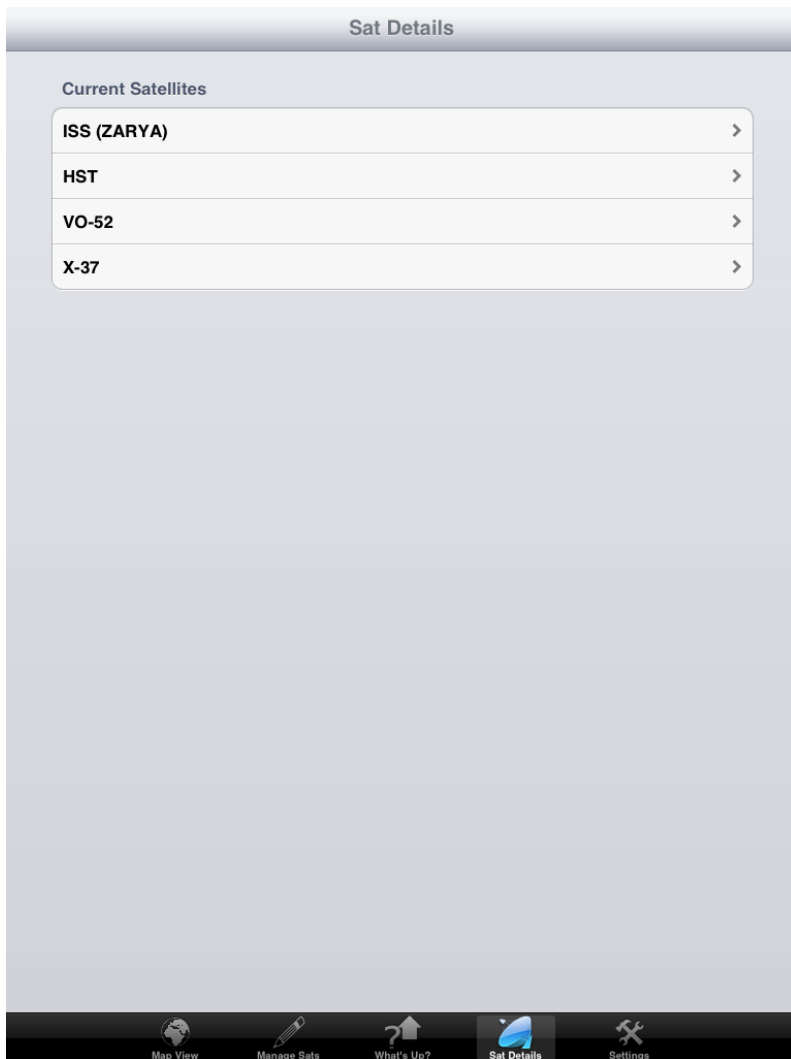


NOTE: if you'd like to add this satellite to the list of tracked satellites, just click the add button at the top right of the screen and the satellite will be automatically added.

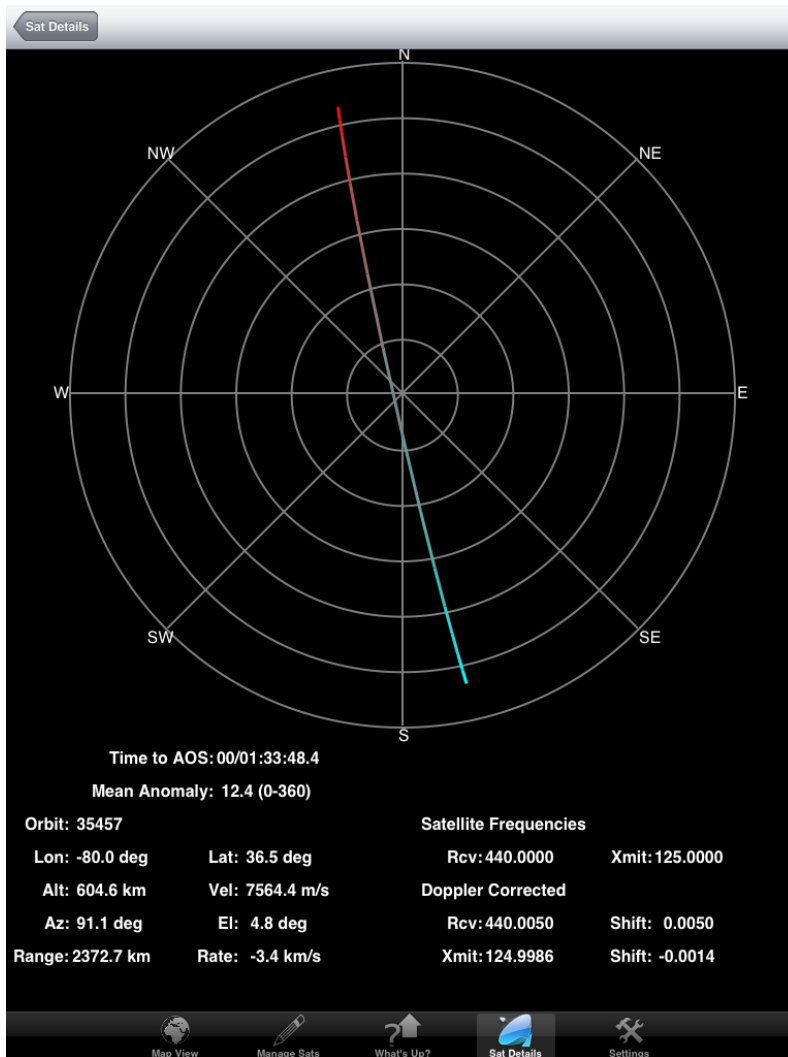
## Satellite Details

There are two ways to access a satellite's details page. You can either double tap on the satellite on the map view or you can select the Satellite Details button at the bottom of the screen. The reason for providing both access paths is that while the double tap approach is convenient you must dismiss the details to return to the map view. In the case of using the button at the bottom, you can toggle back and forth between the map view and the details without having to constantly reselect the satellite from the map.

To access via the button at the bottom, simply tap the button and you will be presented with a screen that lists all of the satellites that you are currently tracking (see below.)



Now pick the satellite out of the list by tapping the name and you will be presented with the Satellite Details page (see below.)

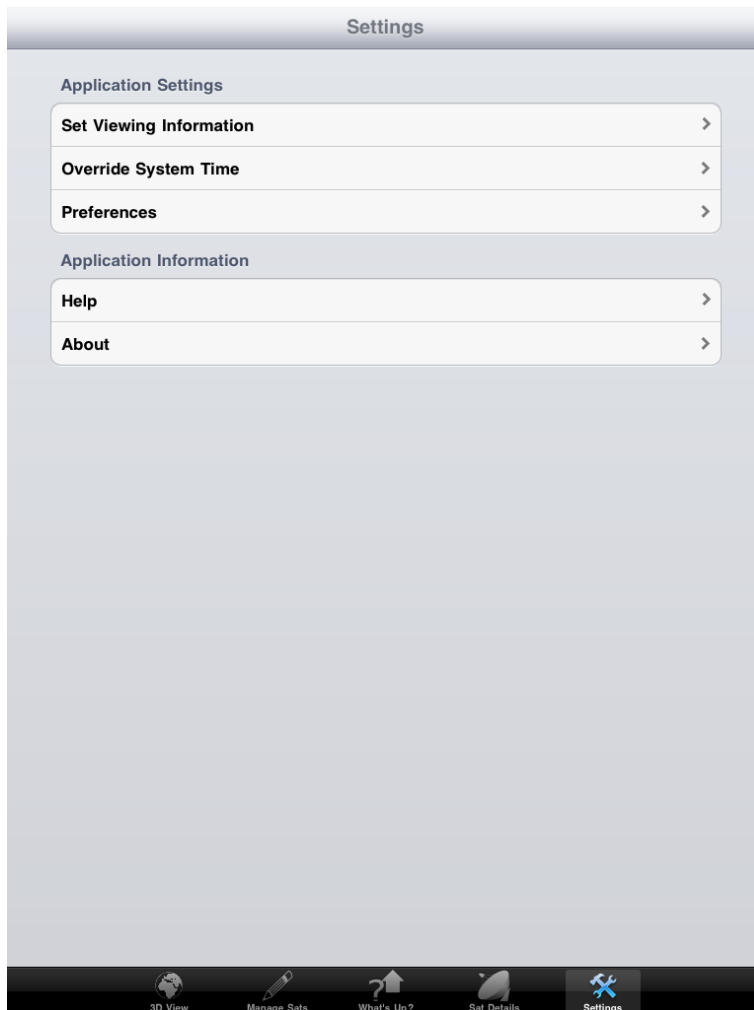


The Satellite Details page provides all kinds of specific information about the satellite of interest. To use the Doppler shift calculator (used by Ham Radio operators to automatically compute the required Doppler shifts to communicate with a satellite as it passes over head) you must enter in the desired receive and transmit frequencies on the satellite's configuration page (you must enter both as in some cases the frequencies that a satellite operates on varies between transmit and receive)

## Settings

There are a variety of settings that you can "tweak" to change how the application works to meet your specific preferences. This section will detail the various configuration preferences that are available.

To access the settings pages, start by selecting the Settings button at the bottom of the screen (see below.)



The available settings are broken into three categories that are individually detailed below.

### **Set Viewing Information**

The Set Viewing Information screen allows you to change how the application will compute rise/set information for the various objects of interest (satellites, Sun and Moon.) Once selected you will be presented with the following screen.



## VIEWING LOCATION

### NAME:

The name you want drawn on the map for your location. Note that you can enable/disable the drawing of the name in the Preferences section (discussed later in this document)

### LATITUDE:

The latitude of your location in decimal degrees. For south latitudes, use a negative sign rather than the N/S designator (e.g. -39.5 is 39.5 degrees south latitude)

### LONGITUDE:

The Longitude of your location in decimal degrees. For west longitudes, use a negative sign rather than the E/W designator (e.g. -104.5 is 104.5 degrees west longitude)

**ALT:**

The altitude for your location. This field is entered either in feet or meters depending on the units preference selection you make on the preferences page (discussed later in this document.)

**ELEVATIONS FOR RISE/SET CALCULATIONS****SATELLITE:**

This is the minimum elevation used to filter out satellite passes (in decimal degrees). Any satellite pass that does not meet the minimum elevation set here is discarded. This is typically used to account for ground clutter (trees, buildings, mountains...) in your location as well as light pollution for night passes. A good number to use here is 10degrees but feel free to experiment to get the right values for your specific location and needs.

**SUN:**

This is the elevation to use in computing the Sun rise/set times (in decimal degrees.) A good default value to use it -.5 degrees which accounts for angular radius of the Sun (.25 degrees) as well as the slight lensing affect the atmosphere has at the horizon (another .25 degrees.) Again experiment to come up with the values that best fit your needs.

**MOON:**

This is the elevation to use in computing the Moon rise/set times (in decimal degrees.) A good default value to use it -.5 degrees which accounts for angular radius of the Moon (.25 degrees) as well as the slight lensing affect the atmosphere has at the horizon (another .25 degrees.) Again experiment to come up with the values that best fit your needs.

**CALCULATE SATELLITE VIEWING OPPORTUNITIES****FILTER DAYLIGHT PASSES:**

This toggle controls the two major modes for computing satellite rise/set times within the application. If set to OFF, then the application will only filter the satellite passes against your minimum elevation set above. This mode is best used when working satellites for Ham Radio usage, as it will provide you with all satellite passes for your location.

If set to ON, the satellite rise/set calculations are modified to filter out all passes that are not good candidates for viewing the satellites with the naked eye from your specified location. When daylight passes are filtered, the satellite must still meet your minimum elevation set above but the additional constraints that the satellite must be lit by the Sun (there's got to be a light source to reflect for you to see it on

the ground) as well as the viewing location must be in darkness (like viewing stars, it's got to be dark where you are at or the lit sky masks the stars)

### **SUN MAX ELEVATION:**

This allows you to set the maximum Sun elevation you are willing to accept for any filtered pass. A typical value would be -6degrees which represents the definition of Civil Twilight. Anything less than this value and it will likely be too light at your location to see the lit satellite against the sky.

### **CALCULATE SUN TWILIGHTS:**

#### **CIVIL:**

This toggle allows you to tell the system whether to compute Civil Twilight (the Sun -6degrees below the horizon) as well as the standard rise/set times determined for the Sun elevation you set above.

#### **NAUTICAL:**

This toggle allows you to tell the system whether to compute Nautical Twilight (the Sun -12degrees below the horizon) as well as the standard rise/set times determined for the Sun elevation you set above.

#### **ASTRONOMICAL:**

This toggle allows you to tell the system whether to compute Astronomical Twilight (the Sun -18degrees below the horizon) as well as standard the rise/set times determined for the Sun elevation you set above.

### **Change Time**

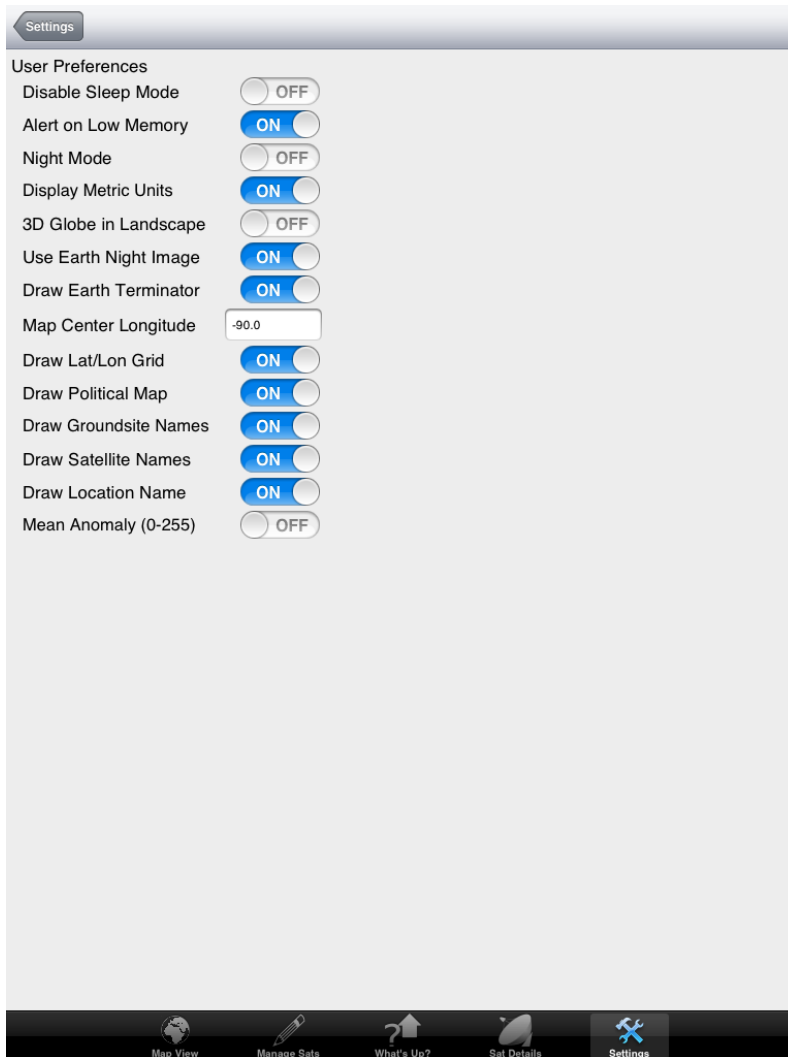
This screen allows you to change the current time for the application. To change the current time, toggle the override system time to ON and then spin the various fields to get to the date you are interested in.

NOTE: Don't set the time too far from your current time (a week or two at the most) as the application has to perform progressively more work the farther away from the current time.



## Preferences

The preferences screen allows you to set numerous global settings for the application.



### **DISABLE SLEEP MODE:**

When set to ON, the application will not automatically enter sleep mode. This is good to see when you are working satellites outside at night and you don't want the device going to sleep on you at just the wrong moment.

### **ALERT ON LOW MEMORY:**

When set to ON, the application will alert when the devices memory is getting low.

### **NIGHT MODE:**

When set to ON, this dims the screen and provides a red mask over all screens to help with night vision.

### **DISPLAY METRIC UNITS:**

When set to ON, all screens will display their data in metric rather than English units.

**3D GLOBE IN LANDSCAPE:**

When set to ON, this will display a 3D globe in landscape rather than the normal 2D rectangular map.

**USE EARTH NIGHT IMAGE:**

When set to ON, the night image of the Earth (the night lights) will be blended with the daylight map to produce a more photorealistic image.

**DRAW EARTH TERMINATOR:**

When set to ON, a line of alternating black and white segments will be drawn on the map that represents the point on the map that is 90degrees from the Sun's location.

**MAP CENTER LONGITUDE:**

This allows you to set the center point of the 2D rectangular map when in Landscape mode.

**DRAW LAT/LON GRID:**

When set to ON, a 15degree latitude/longitude grid will be drawn on the map.

**DRAW POLITICAL MAP:**

When set to ON, the political boundaries will be drawn on the map.

**DRAW GROUNDSITE NAMES:**

When set to ON, the names of the groundsites will be drawn on the map.

**DRAW SATELLITE NAMES:**

When set to ON, the satellite names will be drawn on the map.

**DRAW LOCATION NAME:**

When set to ON, the location name will be drawn on the map.

**MEAN ANOMALY (0-255):**

When set to ON, the mean anomaly displayed on the satellite detail pages will be range from 0-255 rather than 0-360. This mode is used by Ham Radio operators as a legacy compatibility mode as many older tools only had one byte to represent the mean anomaly so had to normalize from 0-255.