

# State of .NET Windows 11 for Developers

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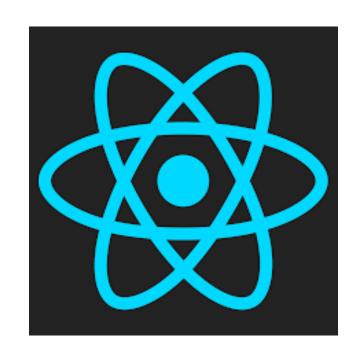


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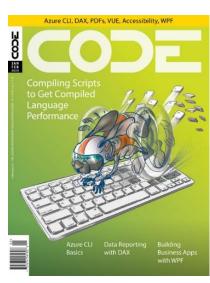
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# Agenda

- What's New in Windows 11?
- What's New for Developers in Windows 11?

# Windows 11

#### Windows 11

- Windows 11 is the next version of Windows
  - Originally thought of as Windows 10 H2 2021
- Now available as a preview
  - Expected to release October 20th
- The most obvious difference is a refresh of the UI
- However, there are also substantial improvements and new additions under the hood

# A Lap Around Windows 11

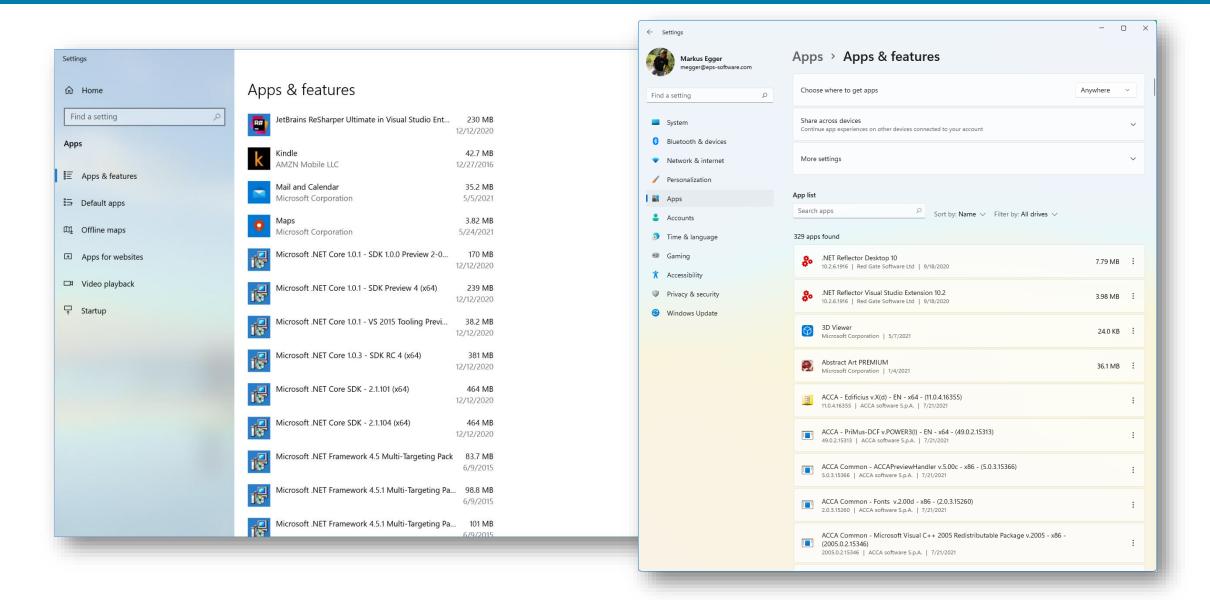


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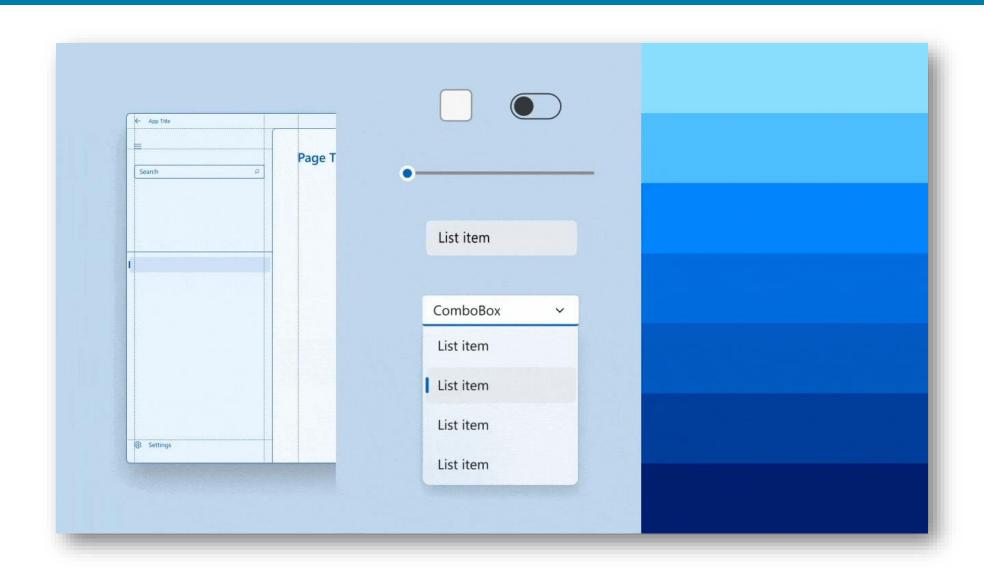
- New, rounded, soft UI
- New Task Bar and Start Menu
- Standard features, like Settings received a facelift
- New Windows Explorer
- New UI Snapping
- Widgets

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#### A More Polished UI (\*IMO)

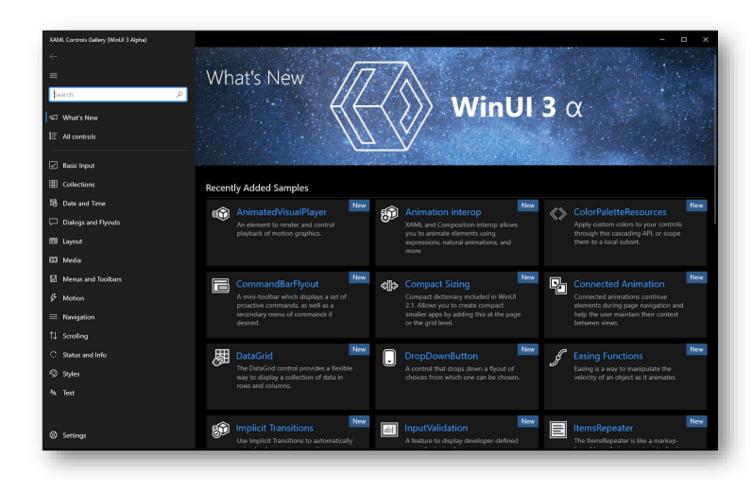


#### Refreshed Control Look and Flow



#### WinUI 3

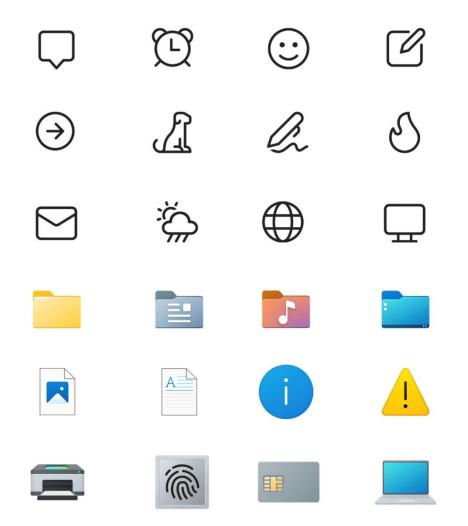
- Continuation of WinRT, XAML Islands,...
- Windows 10/11 only
- Currently available as a preview



#### New Segoe UI Variable Font

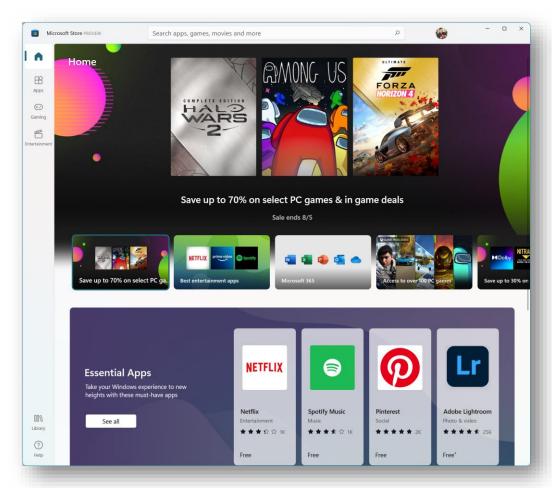


#### New Icons



#### Microsoft Store

- A great way to reach all Windows customers/users
- A store for all Windows apps...
- ...as well as other digital assets
- New commerce models
  - Including models where Microsoft does not take a cut!
- Also available on Win10
- Browser Integration ("Popup Store")
- http://aka.ms/newstore



#### What Can Be Published in the Store?

- Universal Apps
- Windows Apps (existing desktop apps too!)
- Progressive Web Apps
- Electron Apps
- Microsoft is publishing more apps in their own store (like Visual Studio)

Note: MSIX is a great way to package for the app store

#### Android Apps

- Served up by the Amazon App Store
  - This raises the importance of the Android store
- Windows Sub-System for Android
  - Similar to WSL (Linux)
- Intel Bridge Tech is used to run ARM binaries, completely transparent for users



#### Publishing to the new Store

- The easiest way to publish to the Microsoft Store is through MSIX packages
- However, this is not the only option
- We are waiting for more information from Microsoft on final deployment options

#### MS Teams Integration

- Teams is now part of Windows
- Adds significance to Teams being an extensible development platform



#### WSL (Windows Subsystem for Linux)

- Simplified install
   wsl -install
- Now supports UI

#### Windows Terminal in the Box

 Windows Terminal is now a standard Windows component that's installed on every
 Windows 11 installation

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To run a command as administrator (user "root"), use "sudo <command>".
See "man sudo root" for details.
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* Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com
* Management:
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                   https://ubuntu.com/advantage
 * Support:
  System information as of Mon Jul 26 23:56:22 HST 2021
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 Usage of /: 0.4% of 250.98GB
                                  Users logged in:
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  Swap usage:
0 updates can be installed immediately.
0 of these updates are security updates.
The list of available updates is more than a week old.
To check for new updates run: sudo apt update
This message is shown once once a day. To disable it please create the
/home/megger/.hushlogin file.
megger@DESKTOP-9C3Q360:/mnt/c/Users/megge$ _
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# New Developer Features in Edge

- New evergreen version of WebView2 is deployed automatically with Windows 11
- Improved dev tools, with features such as Flexbox dev

# Windows Development with .NET

#### Visual Studio 2022

- Preview 2 is now available
- More features implemented (like new icons)
- Fully localized in other languages
- Improved Live Preview
- Better Hot Reload support
- Version of choice to develop MAUI and Blazor apps

### Windows Development

- WPF and Windows Forms supported as first-class citizens in .NET
- Improved Designer Support (both WinForms and XAML)
- Improved ClickOnce Support

#### Windows App SDK

- This is the former "Project Reunion"
- Re-unification of various Windows/Desktop UI technologies
- WinForms, WPF, UWP, WinUI, Xamarin

#### .NET Upgrade Assistant

- https://aka.ms/dotnet-upgrade-assistant
- Helps to analyze and upgrade older codebases
- Understands dependencies
- Provides guidance and assistance
- Multiple project types supported (and more coming)
- Currently in preview

#### Side-Note: CODE Framework WPF

- CODE Framework is our free and open-source development framework
- It contains different areas of functionality, one of them being Windows Desktop Apps (mainly WPF)
- A new version for .NET5/6 is now available on GitHub
- www.github.com/CODEFramework
- We are also working on new themes specific to Windows 11
  - And of course, the available themes already work well with Win11 too

#### Side-Note: Photino

# (2): Photino

- Build native, cross-platform desktop apps that are lighter than light.
- Lightweight open-source framework for building native, crossplatform desktop applications with Web UI technology.
- Photino is maintained by the CODE Magazine team with the help of the open-source community.
- tryphotino.io
- Github.com/tryphotino

# Developing Widgets

• Developers will be able to develop Widgets for Windows 11, but very little information is available about this at this point.

#### **PWAs**

- Better integration, with things like task bar jump lists
  - Defined in the "shortcuts" section of the app manifest
- Other examples are file handlers and protocol handlers
- PWAs can be in the Store
- PAW Builder <a href="http://www.pwabuilder.com">http://www.pwabuilder.com</a>



#### WebView2

- New Edge-Chromium-based HTML control
- Available in Windows Forms, WPF
- .NET Framework, .NET Core 3.x, and .NET 5/6
- Windows 7 and later
- Evergreen (updated every 6 weeks)
- WebView2 Evergreen is now a Windows component

# Single File Applications

- .NET aims to re-introduce the experience of publishing small, selfcontained version of applications
  - Across all .NET application formats (Windows, Web,...)
  - Across all the platforms (Windows, Mac, Linux)
- Required Framework components are included in the deployment
- True xcopy-enabled, single-file executables
- Assembly Trimming
- .NET has come a long way for this

#### MAUI

- .NET Multi-Platform Application UI
- An evolution of the Xamarin. Forms Toolkit
- XAML-based development experience for rich applications
- Supported on Android, iOS, macOS, and Windows
- Access to each platform's native features

#### .NET Multi-platform App UI



Cross-platform, native UI

Single project system, single codebase

Deploy to multiple devices: mobile and desktop

General availability in .NET 6

github.com/dotnet/maui

#### Blazor Overview

- Microsoft's latest web development framework
- An "application programming model"
- Based entirely on HTML and Web Standards
- Client-side Blazor using Web Assembly (web standard)
- Server-side Blazor
- Desktop Blazor built on top of MAUI

### Blazor Updates in .NET 5

- Move to the new .NET runtime (away from Mono)
- Significant Performance Improvements
  - Computational performance up to 30% faster
  - Component rendering 2-4x faster
- Virtualization support
  - Virtualize component rather than foreach-loops
- Prerendering for performance and search optimization
- CSS Isolation
- Lazy Loading of assemblies

### Blazor Updates in .NET 6

- Blazor Desktop on top of MAUI
- Error Boundaries
- Performance Improvements
  - Blazor WebAssembly ahead-of-time (AOT) compilation

#### Blazor vs MAUI

- Blazor is an HTML-based app development model/framework
  - Can be deployed in different ways (server, client, desktop)
  - Server and Client models work on any platform (Windows, Mac, Android, iOS, Linux, ...)
  - In exceptional cases, can bring in native elements on various platforms
- MAUI is a cross-platform native app development model
  - Windows, Mac, Android, iOS
  - In exceptional cases, can bring in hosted HTML
- Blazor Desktop sits on top

# Blazor Popularity

- The final verdict on Blazor popularity is still out, but...
- ...Blazor is the fastest growing .NET workload ever
- ...Blazor is generally described as "red hot"
- ...Blazor is engrained enough to feel comfortable about its future
- ...Blazor is the most popular topic we cover

#### ARM64

- .NET has many performance and size optimizations specifically driven by support for ARM chips
- ARM chips are very popular in phones, but they are also becoming more popular in laptops
- Surface Pro X is ARM-based
- Apple has announced that their future Apple Silicon-based Macs will be ARM based
- Microsoft announced ARM support for WPF
- IoT devices are often based on ARM chips
- Raspberry Pi 3 & 4 are ARM-based

# Side-Note: Game Development

- Windows 11 introduces a lot of new things for game developers
- GDK (Game Development Kit) is now freely available
- Technologies like DirectStorage and Auto HDR are available in Windows 11



#### Microsoft Videos on Windows 11

- Watch the recording from Microsoft's recent live event: <a href="https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/event">https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/event</a>
- "What's next for Developers [in Windows 11]" video: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=egZ82QGshX8&t=1557s</u>

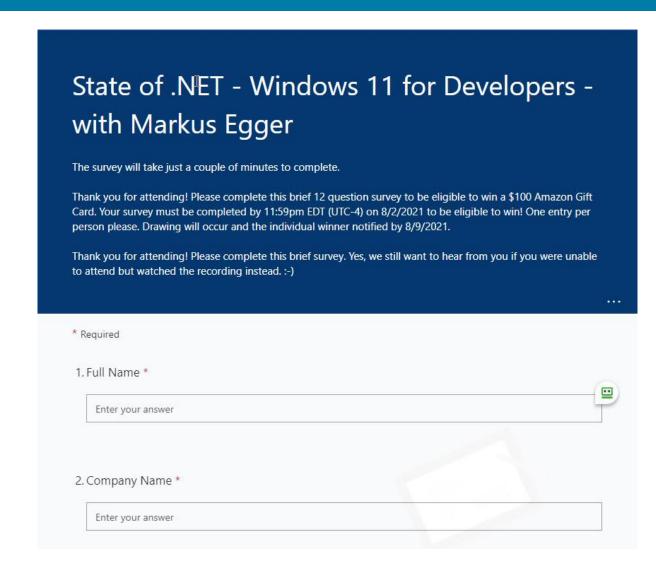
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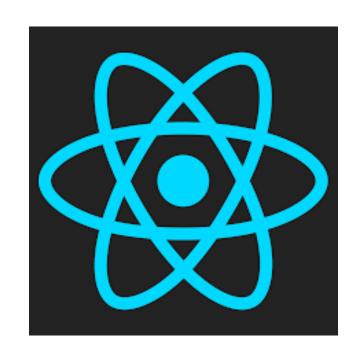
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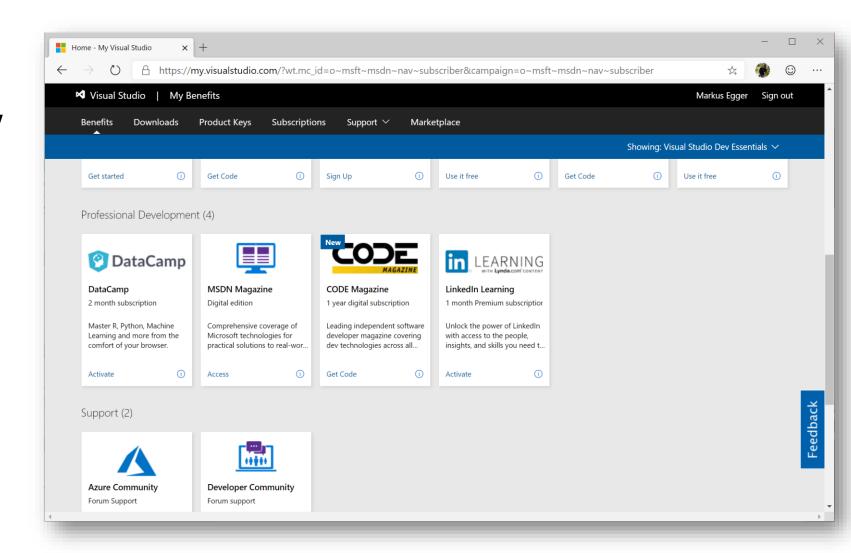






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