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Agenda

- Architecting Mobile App
- Apache Cordova
- Xamarin
- Cordova vs. Xamarin









Mobile represents the single largest technology innovation of all time







Enterprises are going mobile on multiple platforms

By 2016, 70% of the mobile workforce will have a smartphone, and 90% of enterprises will have two or more platforms to support





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Sweet spot for the successful mobile enterprise









Client development trends











Client development trends









Apps dominate the mobile web



Source: Flurry Analytics







Low investment for more capabilities











Native Client Apps Microsoft Technology choices



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Silo Approach:

Build the Same Apps Multiple Times









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The Silo approach: Build native apps multiple times

Multiple teams and multiple code bases are expensive and slow









Write Once, Run Anywhere Approach

Lowest Common Denominator

Browser Fragmentation







Microsoft e write-once-run-anywhere

approach

HTML Hybrid scenarios (Semi-native apps) like **PhoneGap (i.e.** Cordova)









Benefits of cross platform development

- Improved reuse of code.
- Less duplicated work.
- Easier to maintain code base.
- Better consistency in implementations.
- Leveraging of existing skills on different platforms.
- Lower development cost.
- Quicker to market for multiple platforms.







What is Apache Cordova?

- Open-source framework
- Hosted webview
- Single, shared codebase deployed to all targets
- Plugins provide a common JavaScript API to access device capabilities









Cordova @ MS Open Tech

MS Open Tech devs contribute to Cordova

- We released the Visual Studio Tools for Apache Cordova
- Included in Cordova 4.0.0: npm install –g cordova

Updated the 'windows' platform

- Support now for Universal Apps
 - Windows Phone 8.1 & Windows 8.1
 - Native JS/HTML5 development
 - does NOT use Webview
 - Local Security context vs. Web security context
 - JavaScript Dynamic Content Shim for Windows apps
 - https://github.com/MsopenTech/winstore-jscompat
- Windows Phone 8
 - Webview control







Visual Studio Tools for Apache Cordova

- Extension to Visual Studio 2013 and 2015
- Optimized for local build
 - All parts of the tool chain installed
 - Generally updated within a month of new releases
- Integrated Dev Environment
 - Code editing, plugin acquisition build, debug, package & publish
- Debug against any* target







Supported Platforms



Android

- Uses Android SDK installed locally
- Android emulator, Ripple, real device



- Uses agent running on a MAC with Xcode tools installed
- Ripple



Windows Store

- Device Visual Studio is running on
- Simulator
- Remote debugging

Windows Phone

- Emulator (Hyper-V based)
- Real device







Publish & Manage Your App: Pick your deployment!

Deploy to your enterprise via Windows Intune

Manage distribution & version updates

Deploy to the public via Windows Store, Google Play or the Apple Store

Reach the widest audience possible



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Where are Microsoft going

with this?

- Improve the support matrix for most popular plugins
- Support for Windows Platform
- Stay in the browser longer
 - Cordova Browser Platform
 - Evolve the Ripple emulator
- Interoperability with other tools
 - CLI
 - Frameworks (e.g. lonic)
 - Grunt, Bower, etc.
- Better coding & debug experiences
 - Intellisense for popular frameworks
 - TypeScript









Demo







What is Xamarin?

Extension to Visual Studio

- iOS, Android apps entirely within Visual Studio
- Compiles .NET/C# code to native platforms
- Visual Studio ALM and IDE capabilities fully available

Build apps faster

- Leverage skills
- Reuse code and binaries with flexibility
- Fully native user interfaces









Visual Studio Integration



- A single solution:
 - iOS
 - Android
 - Windows Phone
 - Windows Store
- Leverage the entire Microsoft ecosystem:
 - ReSharper
 - Team Foundation Server
 - Your favorite code coverage and profiling tools







Visual Studio Integration

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- Debug to:
 - Emulators
 - Devices

- Integrated into toolbar
 - Status
 - Logs
 - List of devices
- Just Click Start Debugging!







Android Designer

- Full-featured Android designer
- Available in:
 - Xamarin Studio
 - Visual Studio
- Create UI with drag & drop simplicity
- Target multiple screen sizes, resolutions and Android versions
- Layouts saved in standard Android XML files









iOS Designer



- New iOS Designer available in Xamarin Studio (and soon Visual Studio)
- Follows familiar Visual Studio designer idioms
- Supports all UIKit elements
- Edit custom and 3rd party components
- Live preview of changes to properties









Meet Xamarin.Forms

Build native UIs for iOS, Android and Windows Phone from a single, shared C# codebase.









Windows APIs

Microsoft.Phone	Microsoft.Networking	Windows.Storage	Windows.Foundation	Microsoft.Devices
System.Net	System	System.IO	System.Linq	System.Xml
System.Data	System.Windows	System.Numerics	System.Core	System.ServiceModel









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iOS – 100% API Coverage











Android – 100% API Coverage











Native Performance: How it works



 Xamarin.iOS does full Ahead Of Time (AOT) compilation to produce an ARM binary for Apple's App Store.



 Xamarin.Android takes advantage of Just In Time (JIT) compilation on the Android device.







How Xamarin.Forms works

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<pre>var mainPage = new TabbedPage { Children = { profilePage, settingsPage } };</pre>	

Use a single API to generate native, platform-specific user interfaces

At **runtime**, each Xamarin.Forms page and its controls are mapped to platform-specific native user interface elements











Pages

Content	MasterDetail	Navigation	Tabbed	Carousel







Layouts



Stack

Absolute

Relative

Grid

ContentView

ScrollView

Frame







Controls









Shared Projects

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Choosing a Code Sharing Option

- Shared Projects / File Linking
 - Reuse the same files in multiple projects
 - Can use conditional compilation (i.e. #if)
- Portable Class Libraries
 - Reuse your past investments in .NET code
 - Common Denominator only
 - Common code only, no #if conditionals
- Combo Approach
 - Not mutually exclusive, use both in same solution
 - e.g. Shared Project with Xamarin.Forms + UI code, combined with shared non-UI code in PCL

Change Target Frameworks	X
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✓ .NET Framework 4.5 and higher	~
✓ Windows Store apps (Windows 8) and higher	~
Silverlight 5	
✓ Windows Phone 8	
✓ Xamarin.Android	
✓ Xamarin.iOS	
Install additional frameworks	
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The project will be reloaded, automatically saving any unsaved changes.











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Why Cordova?



Source: Kendo UI Developer Survey 2013





Why Xamarin?

- High performance application that can access native API
- Strong typed and object oriented development to support you flexible architecture
- Drag and Drop user interface development. If you are Windows Developer, no need to learn JS or HTML. You can build using drag and drop style for IOS or Android.
- Xaml UI and adaptive layout.
- Based on Mono runtime and totally open source.







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Picking between Xamarin and Apache Cordova

Xamarin is generally better when you:

- Xamarin.Forms can help you implement device specified UI
- Have .Net developers especially UWP developers
- Need a high performing, native looking app like a game
- Cordova with Visual Studio is generally better when you:
- Want to share more UI between platforms, with fewer native looking elements.
- Share UI assets with a mobile website
- Have HTML / JS developers
- Are OK with a somewhat less smooth UI on older Android and iOS devices, or don't plan on supporting older Android









No matter what's your choice. Visual Studio 2015 offers both and FREE!









Thanks



