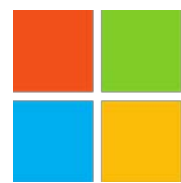


# Building Cross-Platform Native Apps using Xamarin and C# (iOS, Android, Mac, & Windows Apps)

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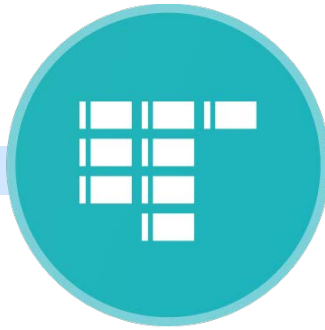
# Xamarin – Your Complete Mobile Solution



Develop



Test



Build



Distribute



Monitor



# Develop



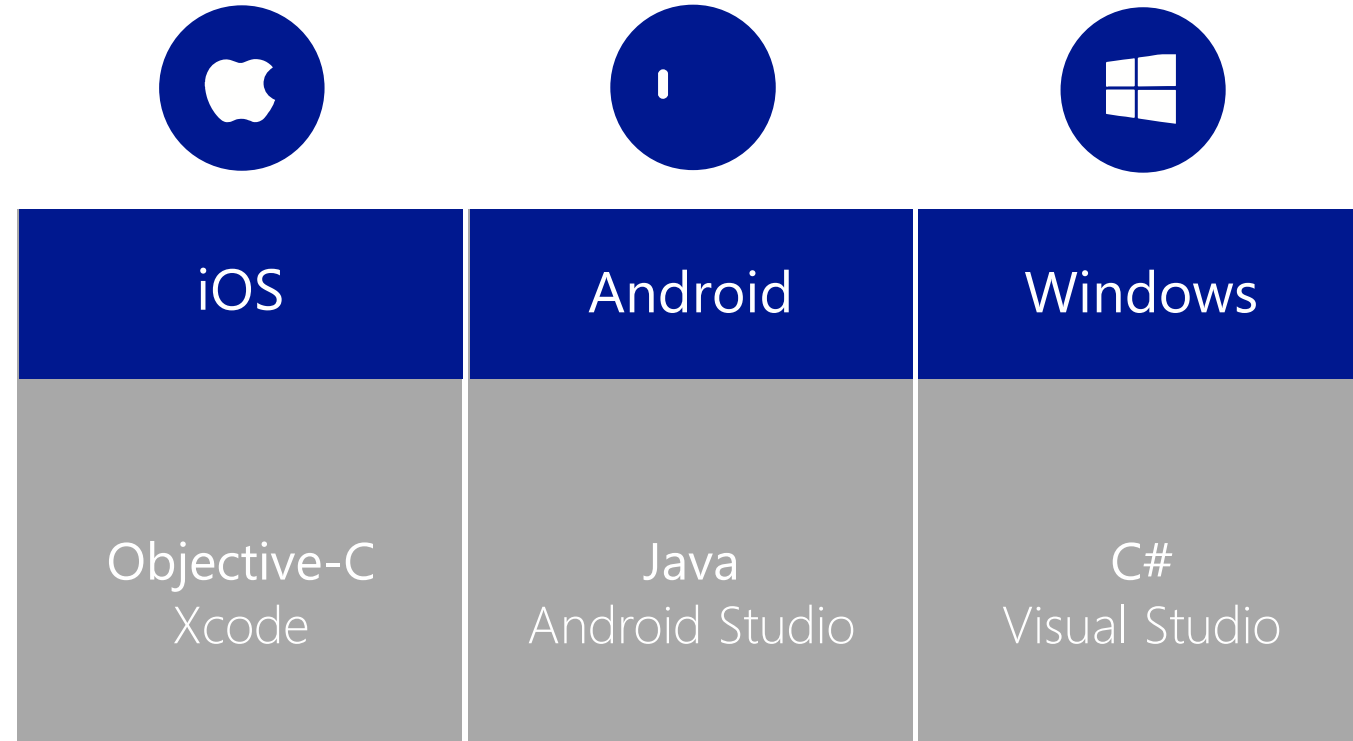


# Architecting Mobile Apps



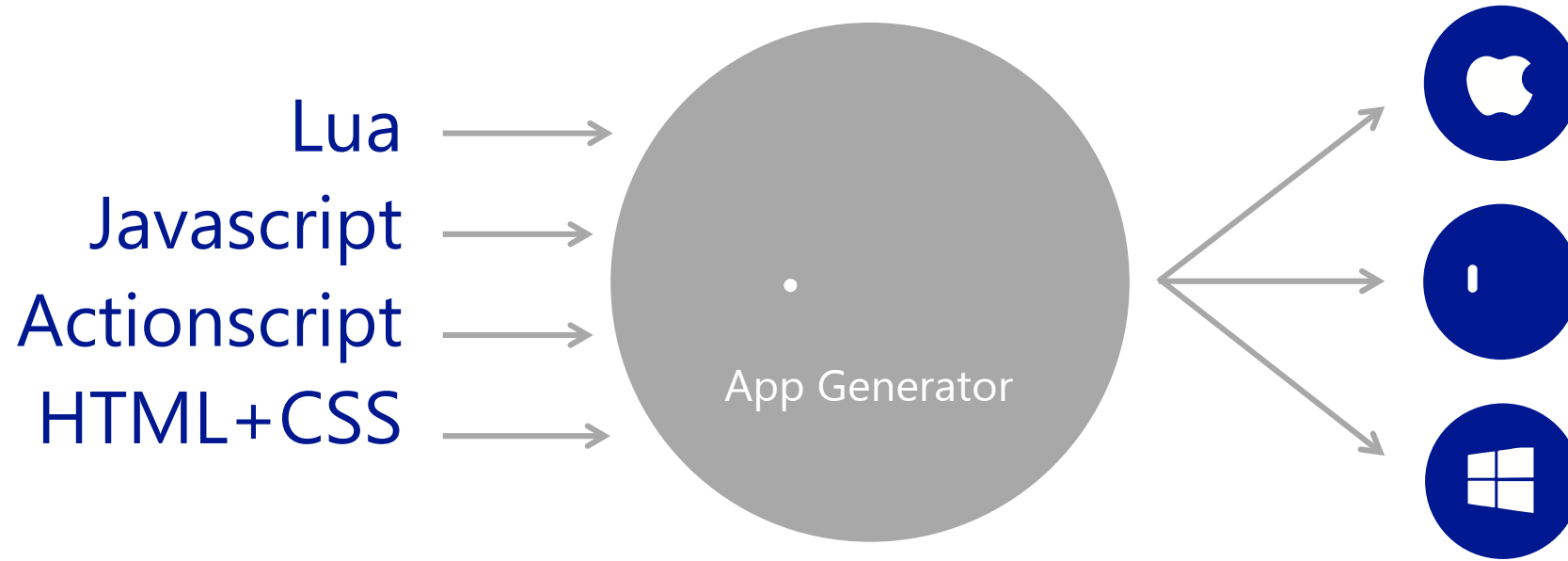


# Silo Approach



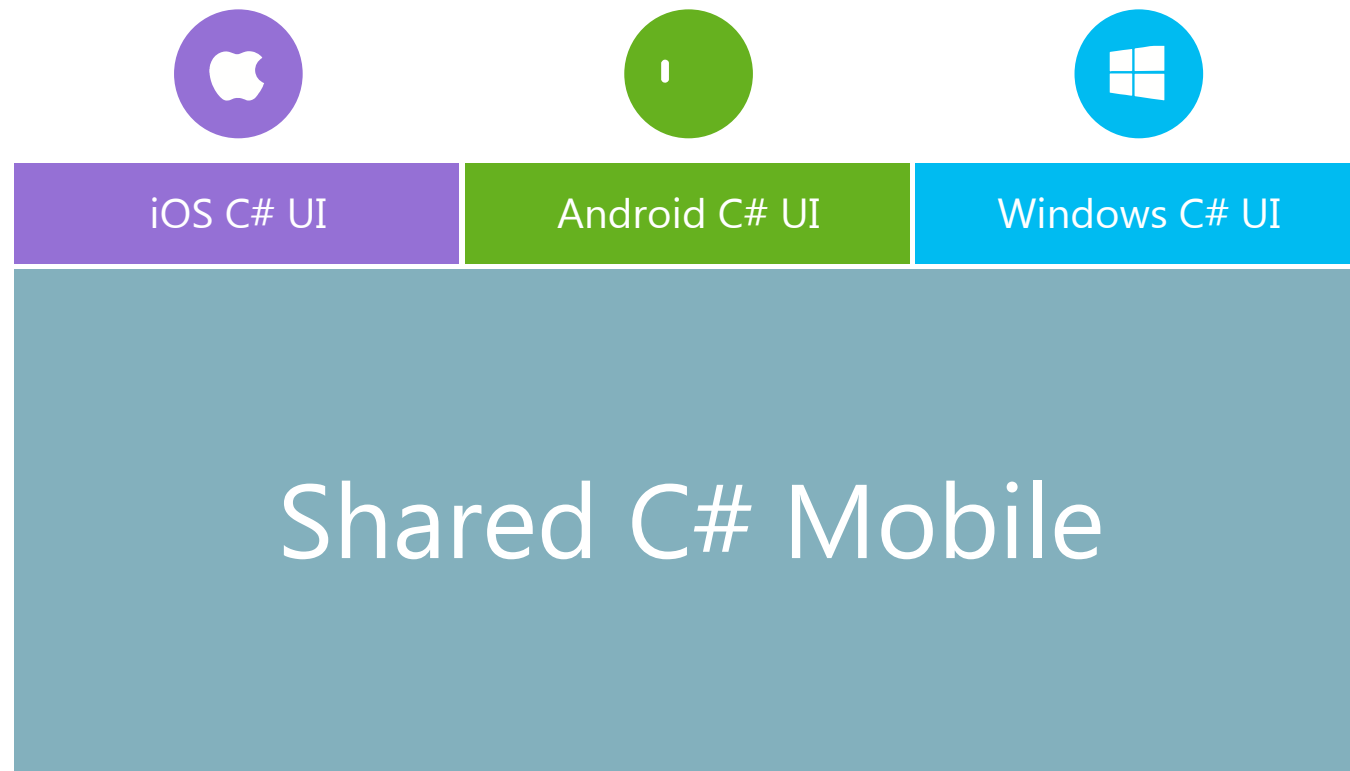
No shared code • Many languages & development environments • Multiple teams

# Write Once, Run Anywhere



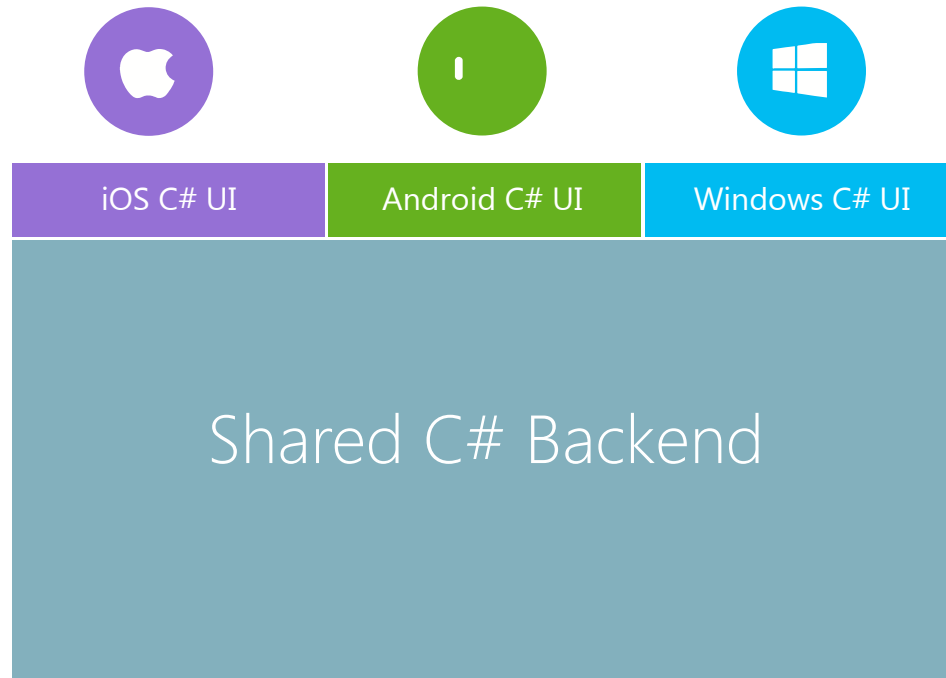
Limited native API access • Slow performance • Poor user experience

# Xamarin's Unique Approach

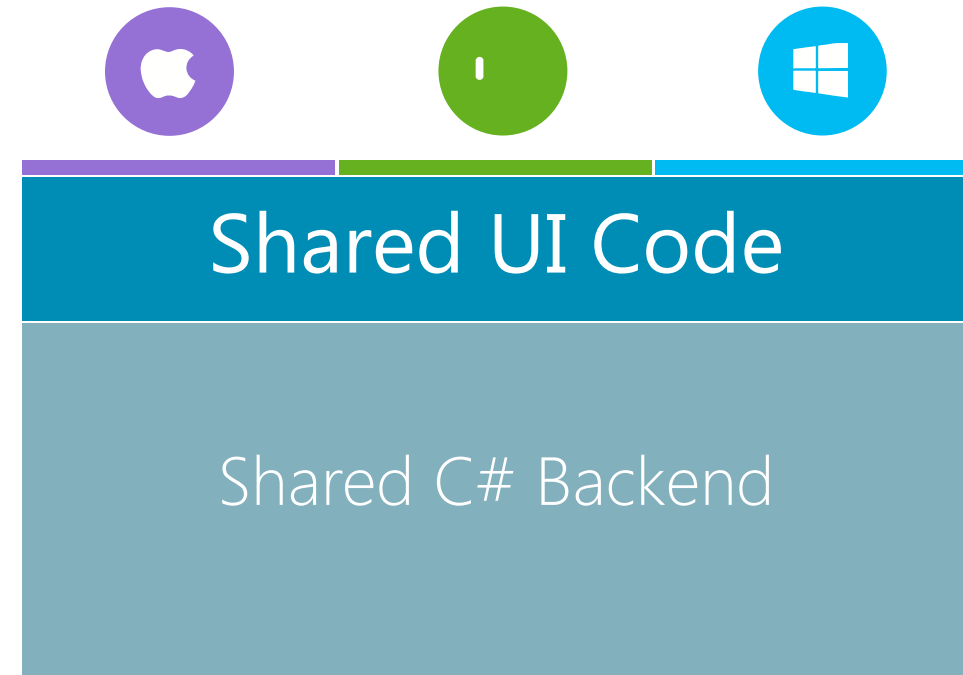


Shared C# codebase • 100% native API access • High performance

# Xamarin + Xamarin.Forms

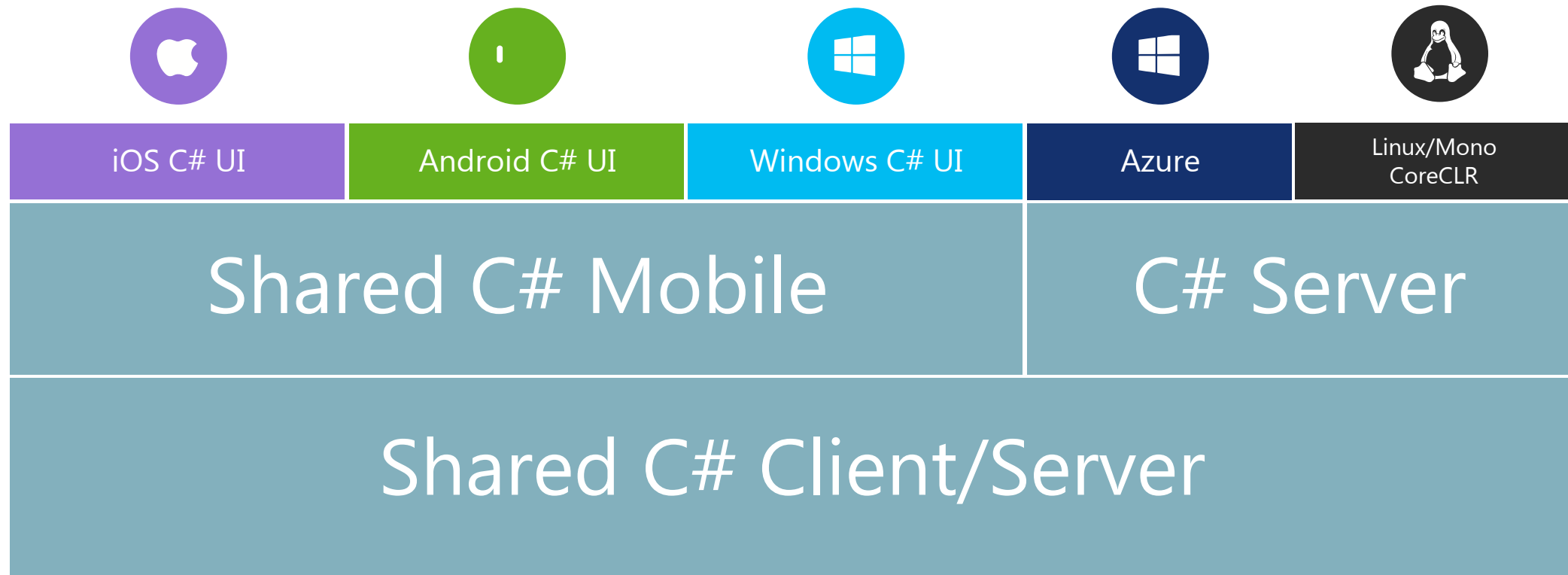


Traditional Xamarin  
Approach



With Xamarin.Forms:  
More code-sharing, all native

# Xamarin's Unique Approach



Shared C# codebase • 100% native API access • High performance



Xamarin is included  
in Visual Studio



**NATIVE**

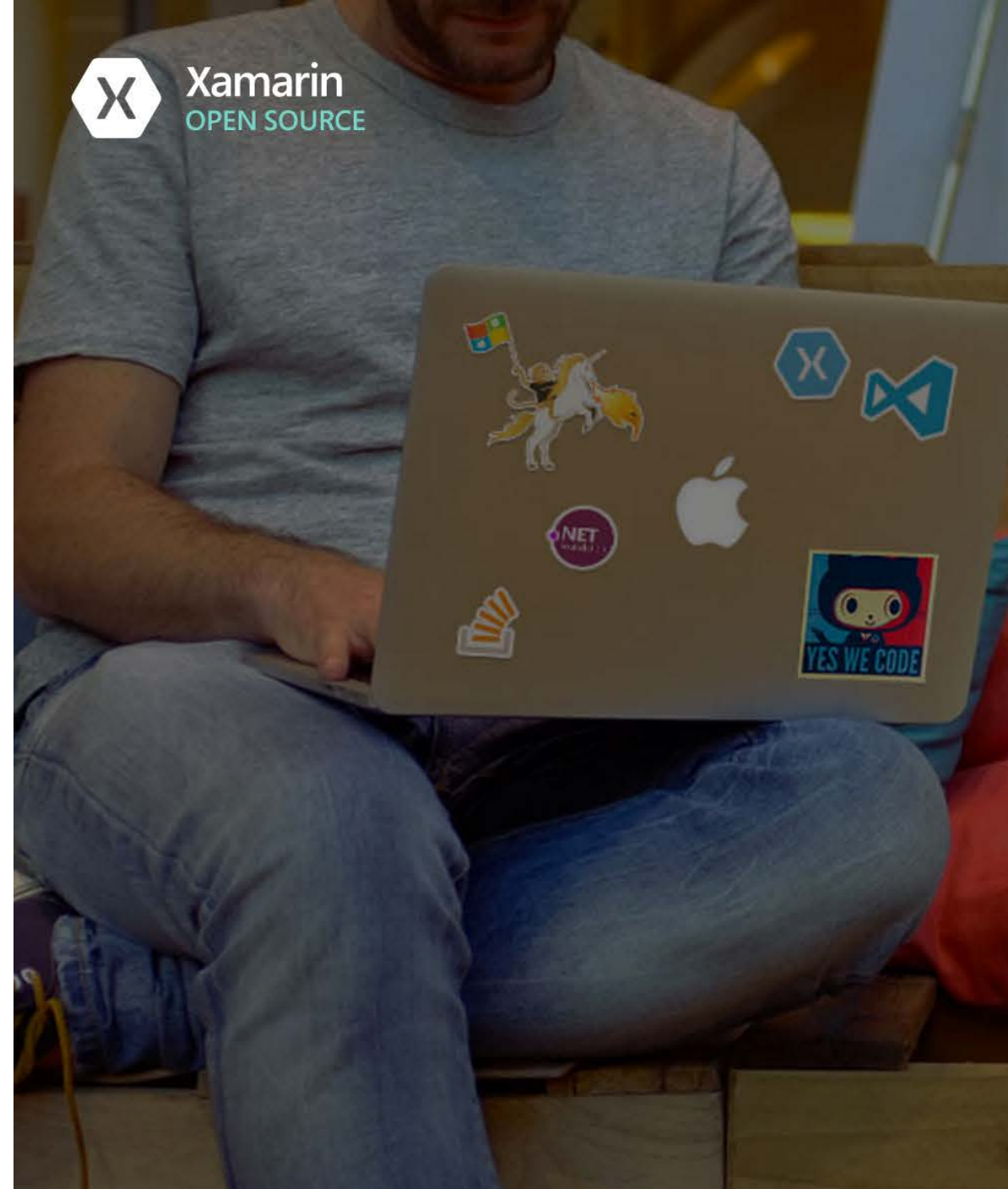
**EVERYWHERE**

**OPEN SOURCE**

# Open Source

- Xamarin.iOS
- Xamarin.Mac
- Xamarin.Android
- Xamarin.Forms
- Bindings & Plugins
  
- Getting Started
- Contribution Guides

<http://open.xamarin.com>







Write Everything in C#  
C# Now Runs on 2.6+ Billion Devices

# How Xamarin Works



# 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



C



# iOS – 100% API Coverage

MapKit	UIKit	iBeacon	CoreGraphics	CoreMotion
System.Net	System	System.IO	System.Linq	System.Xml
System.Data	System.Windows	System.Numerics	System.Core	System.ServiceModel

C

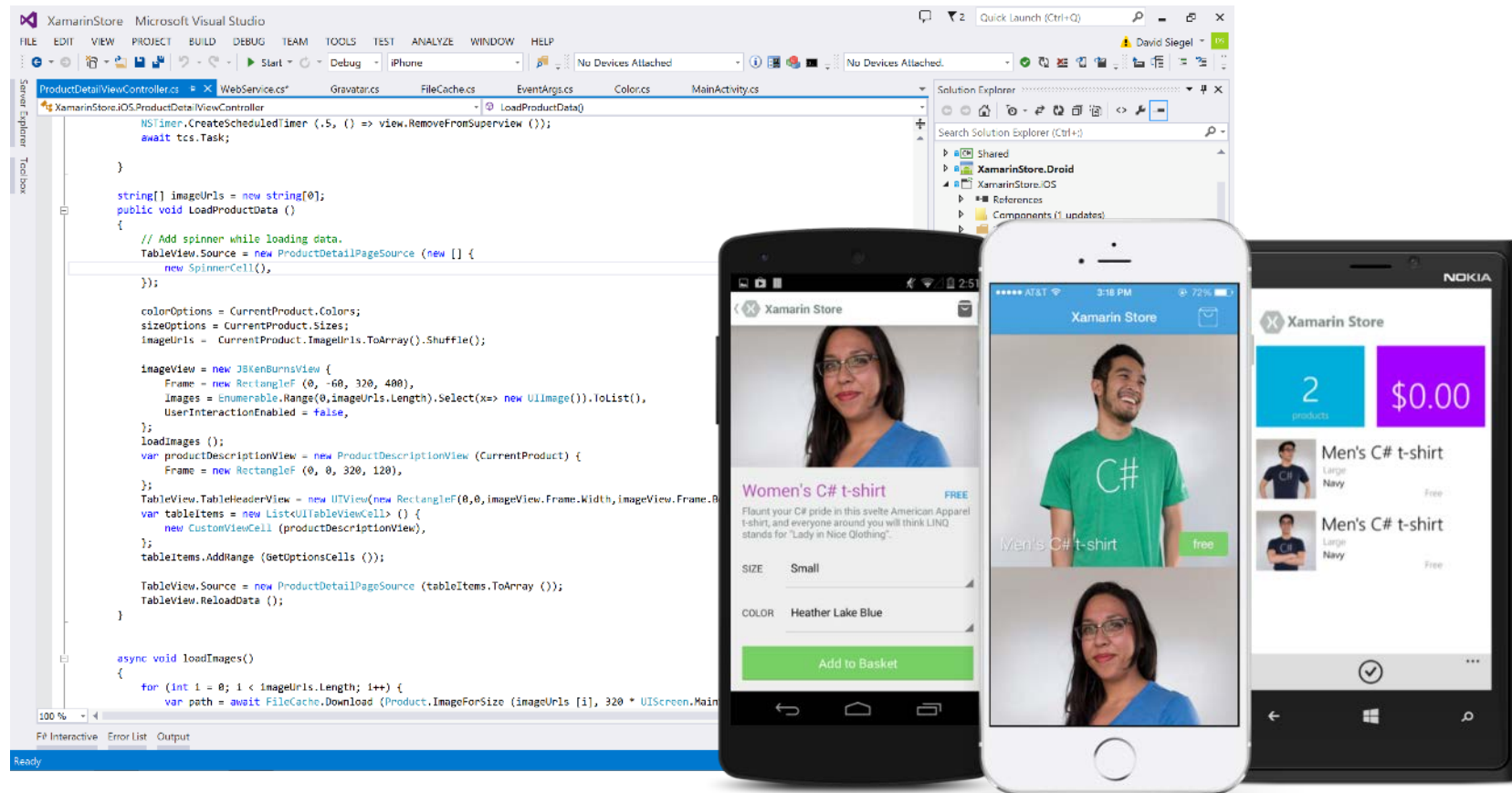


# Android – 100% API Coverage

Text-to-speech	ActionBar	Printing Framework	RenderScript	NFC
System.Net	System	System.IO	System.Linq	System.Xml
System.Data	System.Windows	System.Numerics	System.Core	System.ServiceModel

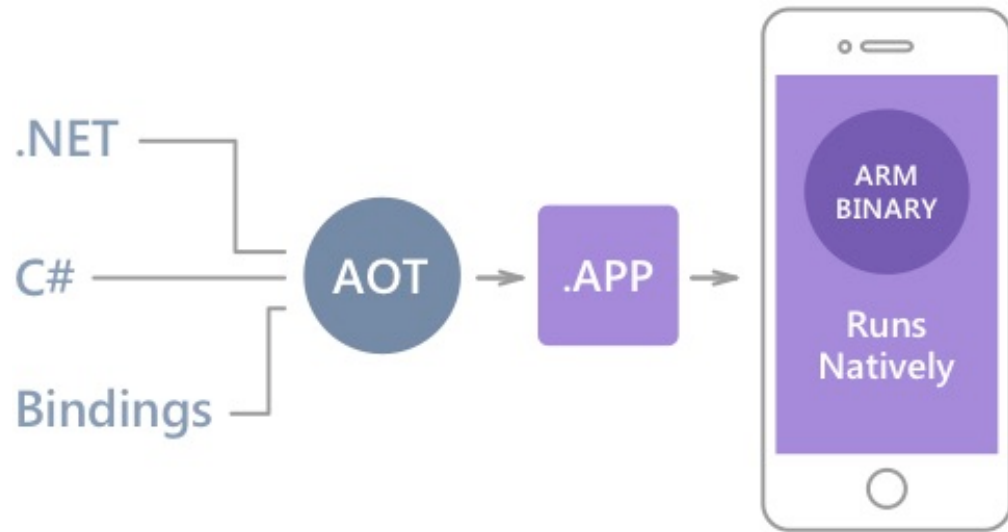
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Anything you can do in Objective-C, Swift, or Java can be done in **C#** and Visual Studio with Xamarin.





# Native Performance



**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.



# ✓ Always Up-to-Date

## Same-day support:

- iOS 5
- iOS 6
- iOS 7
- iOS 7.1
- iOS 8
- iOS 9

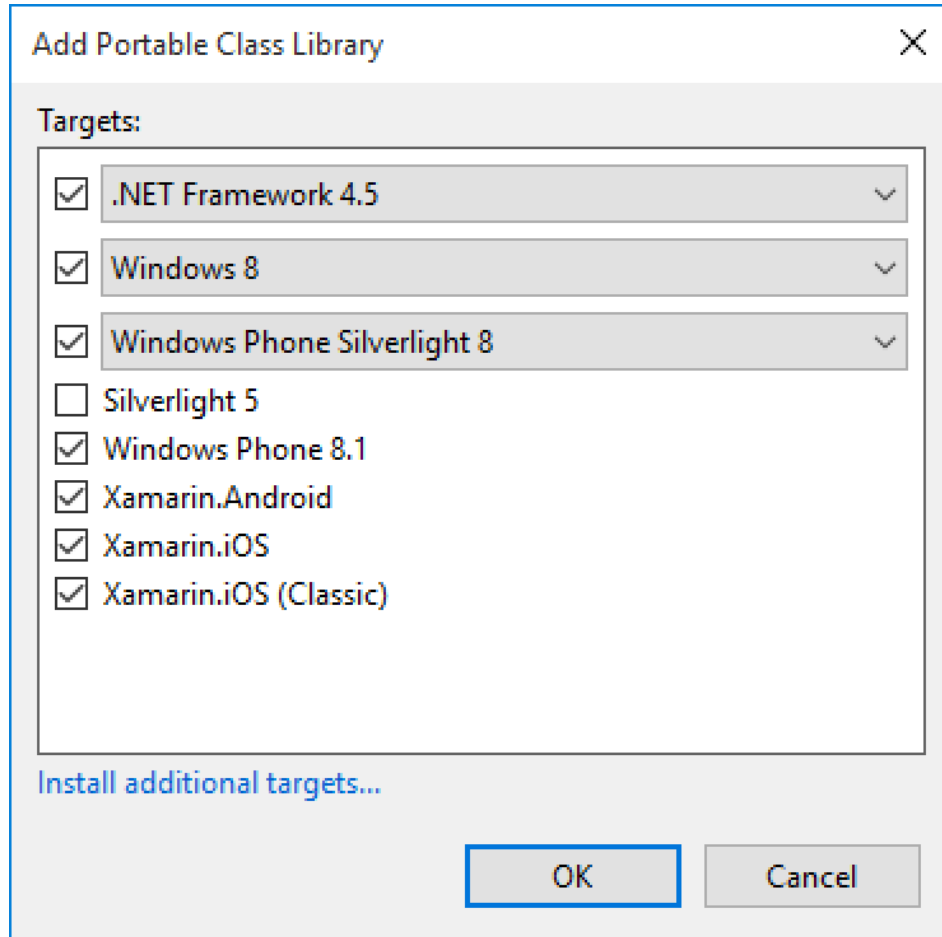
## Full support for:

- Apple Watch
- Apple TV
- Google Glass
- Android Wear
- Amazon Fire TV
- and much more



Sharing Code

# Portable Class Libraries

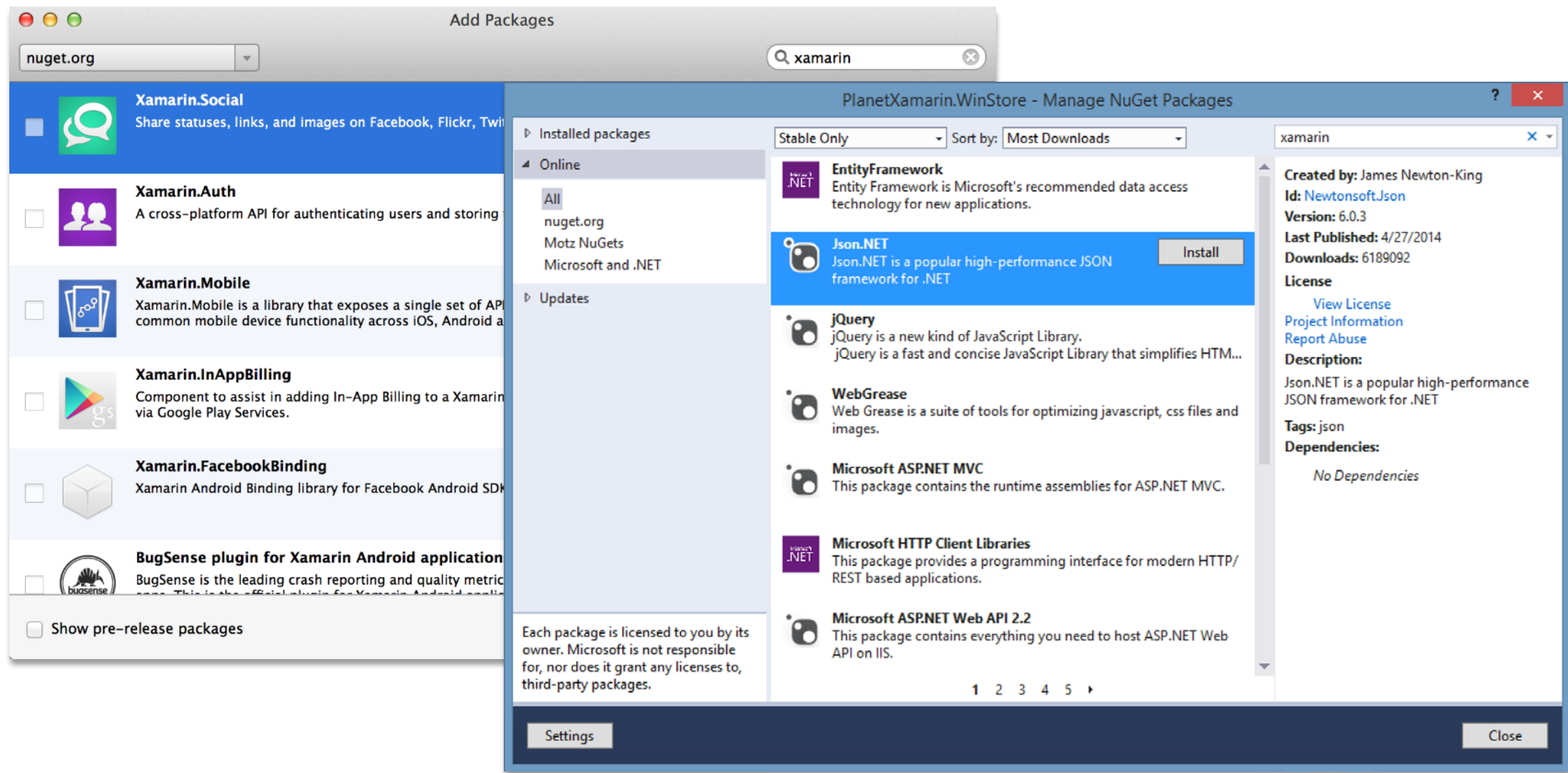


1 Assembly  
Multiple Platforms

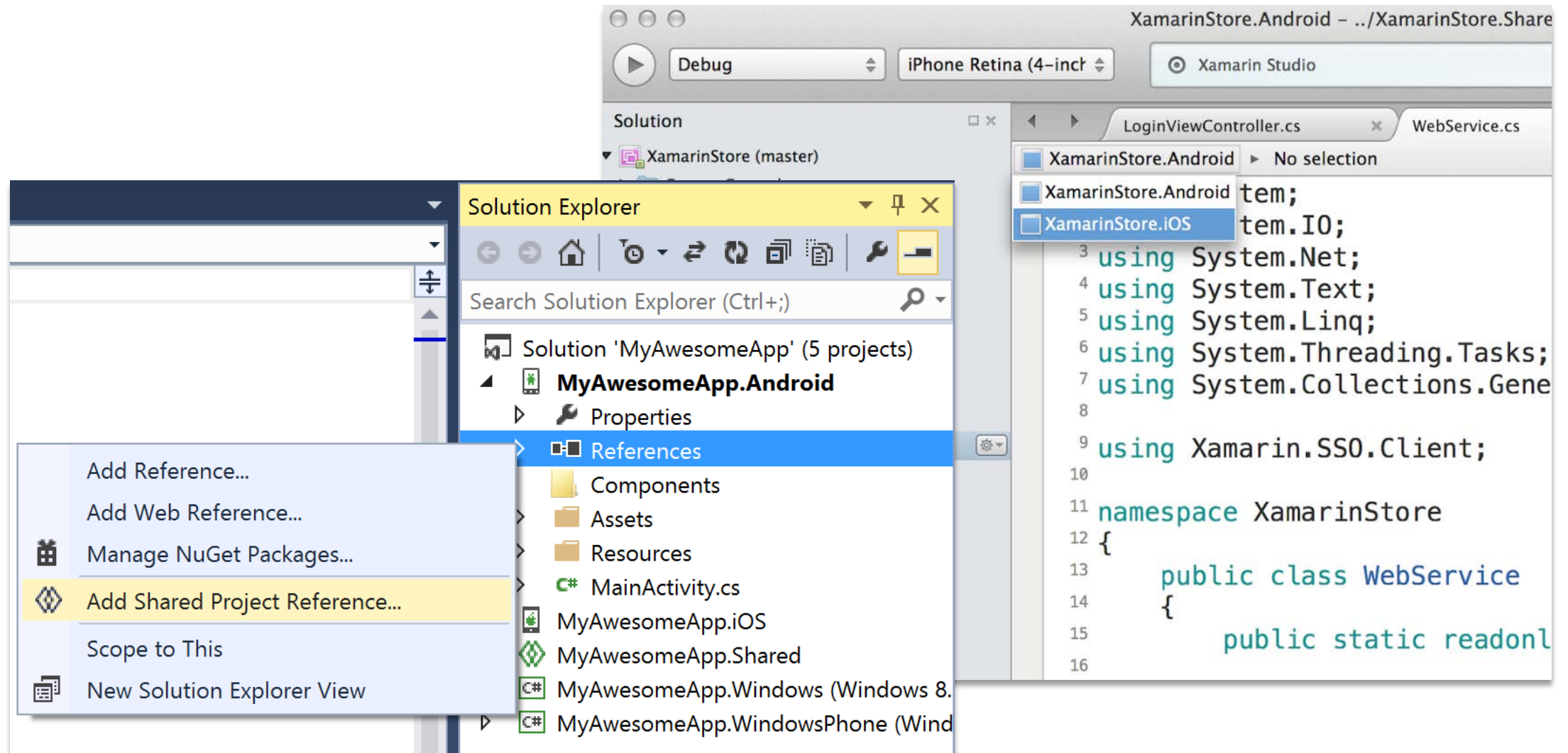
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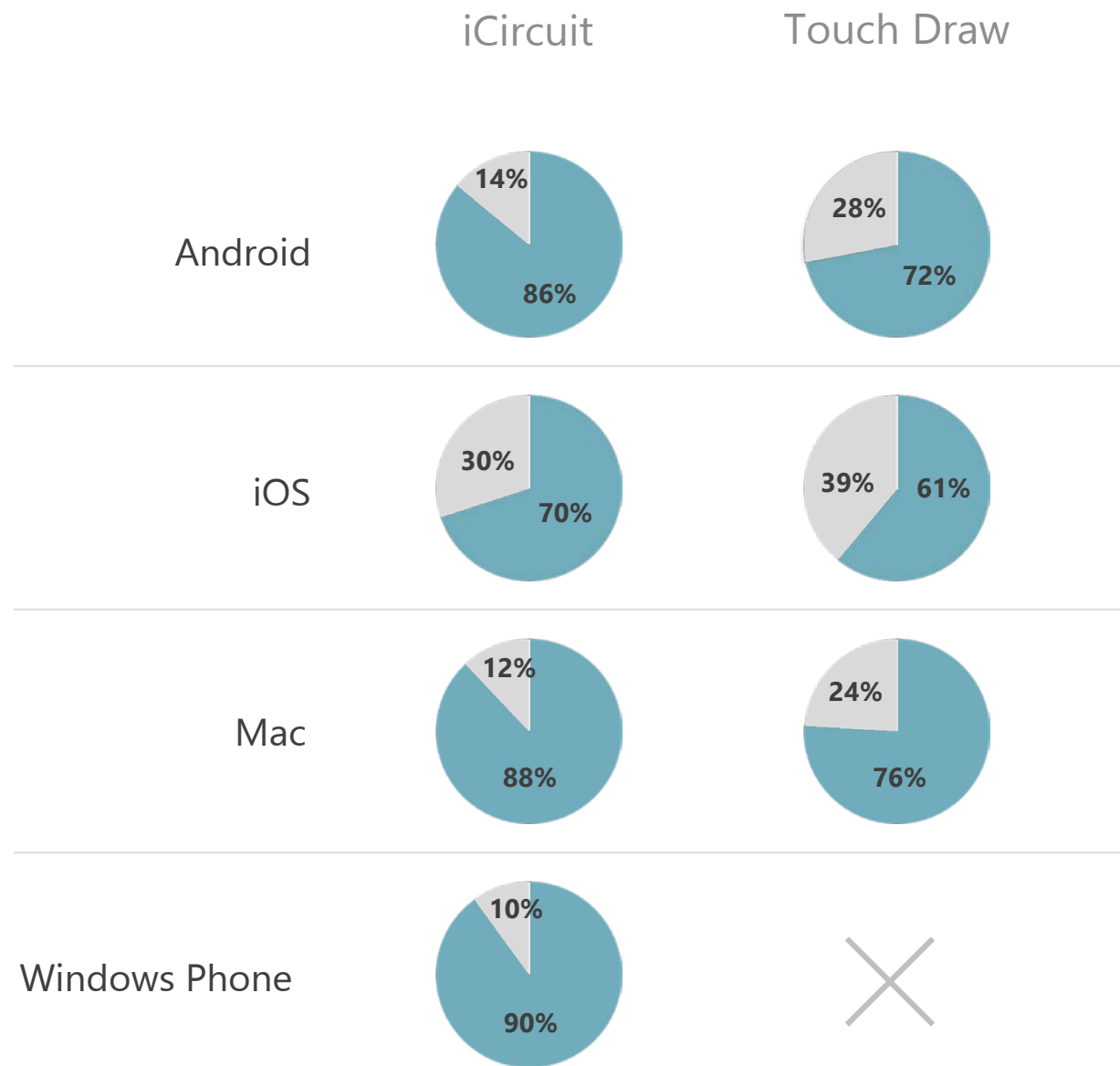
Xamarin.iOS and Xamarin.Android

# NuGet



# Shared Projects

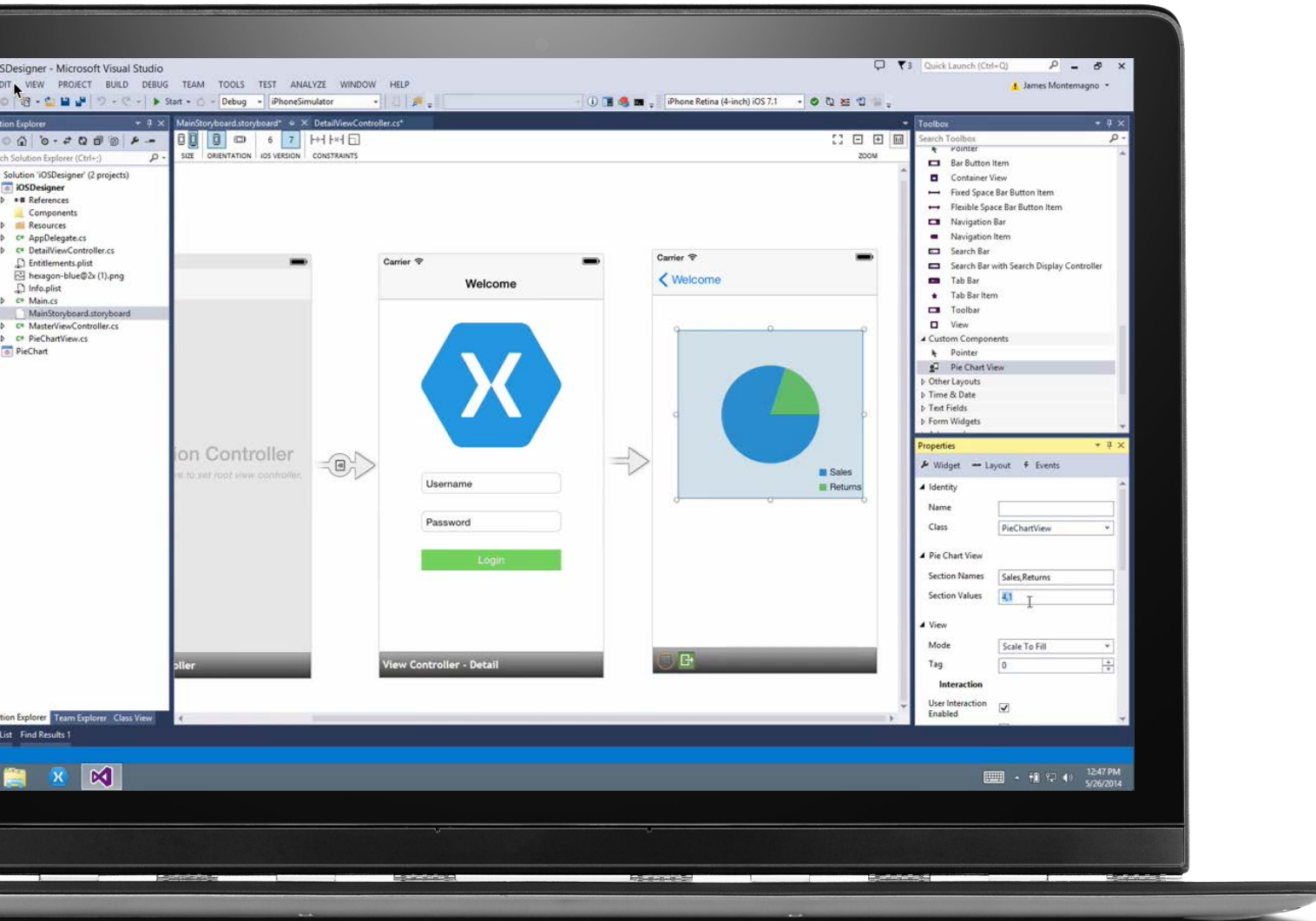




# Code Sharing Stats

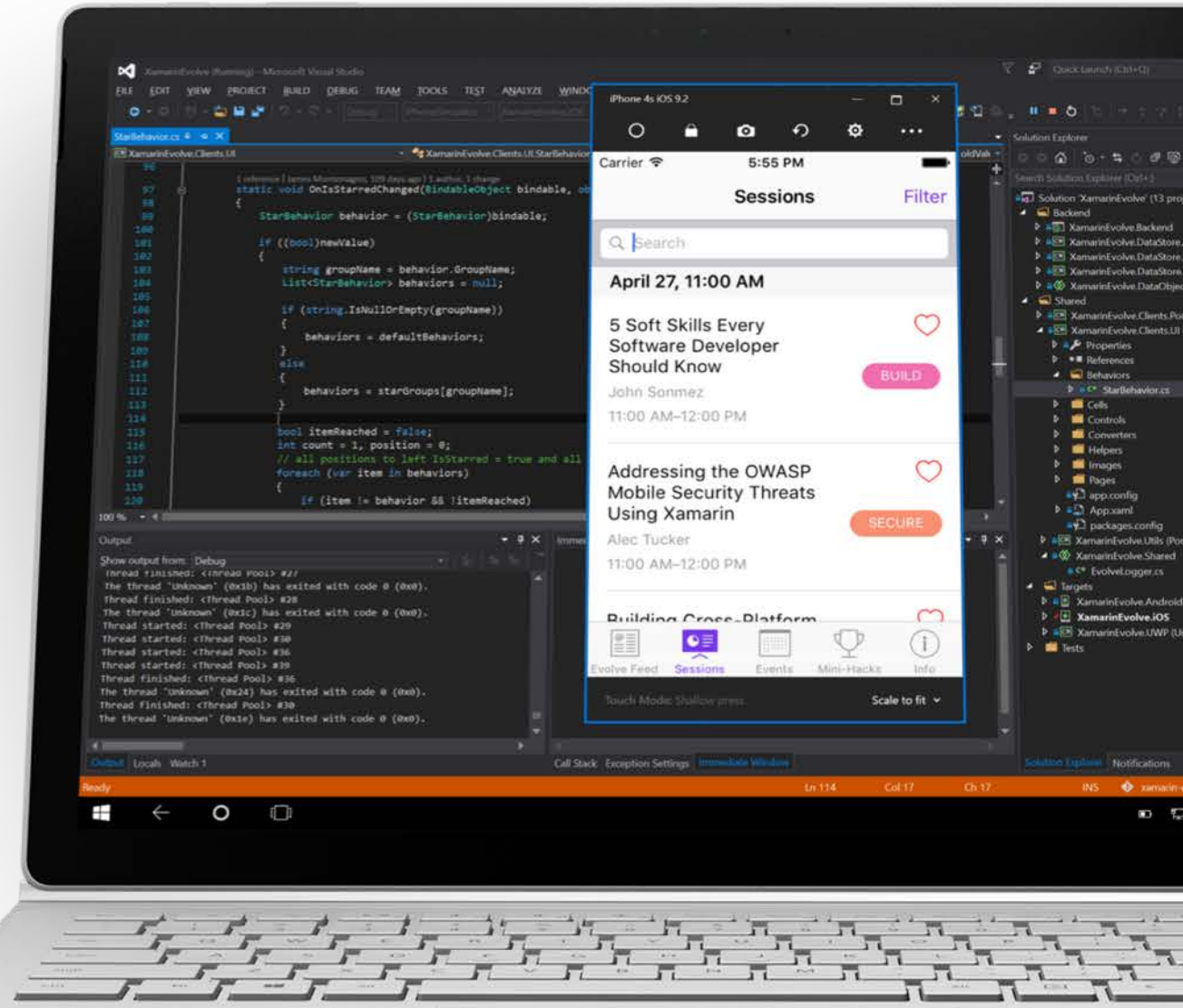
Development Experience

# Visual Studio Integration



# Visual Studio iOS Simulator Remoting

- Multi-Touch Enabled
- Pressure Sensitive
- Super Fast
- Rotate, screenshots, location changes
- Never leave VS



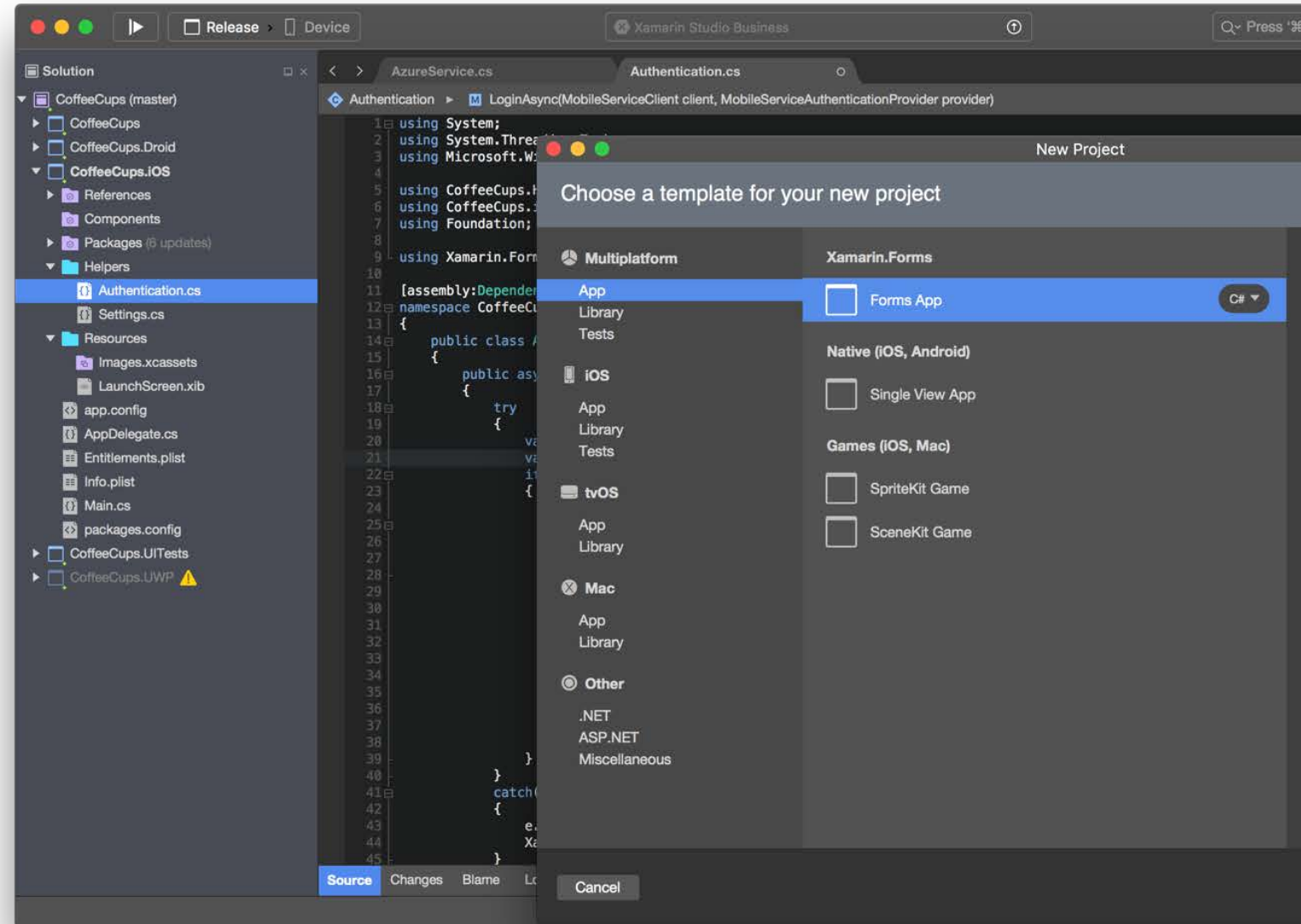




# Visual Studio iOS USB Remoting

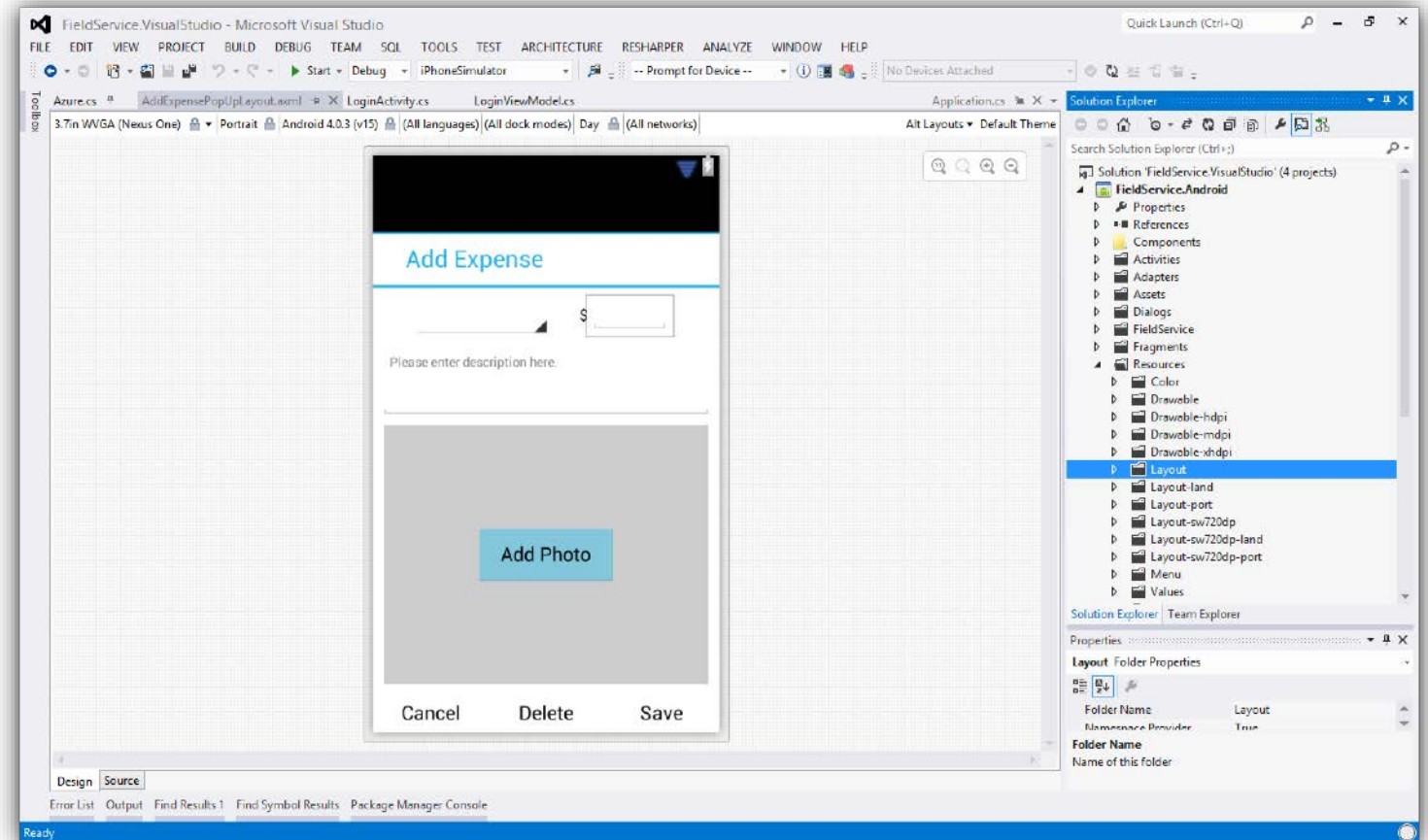


# Xamarin Studio – Mac



# 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

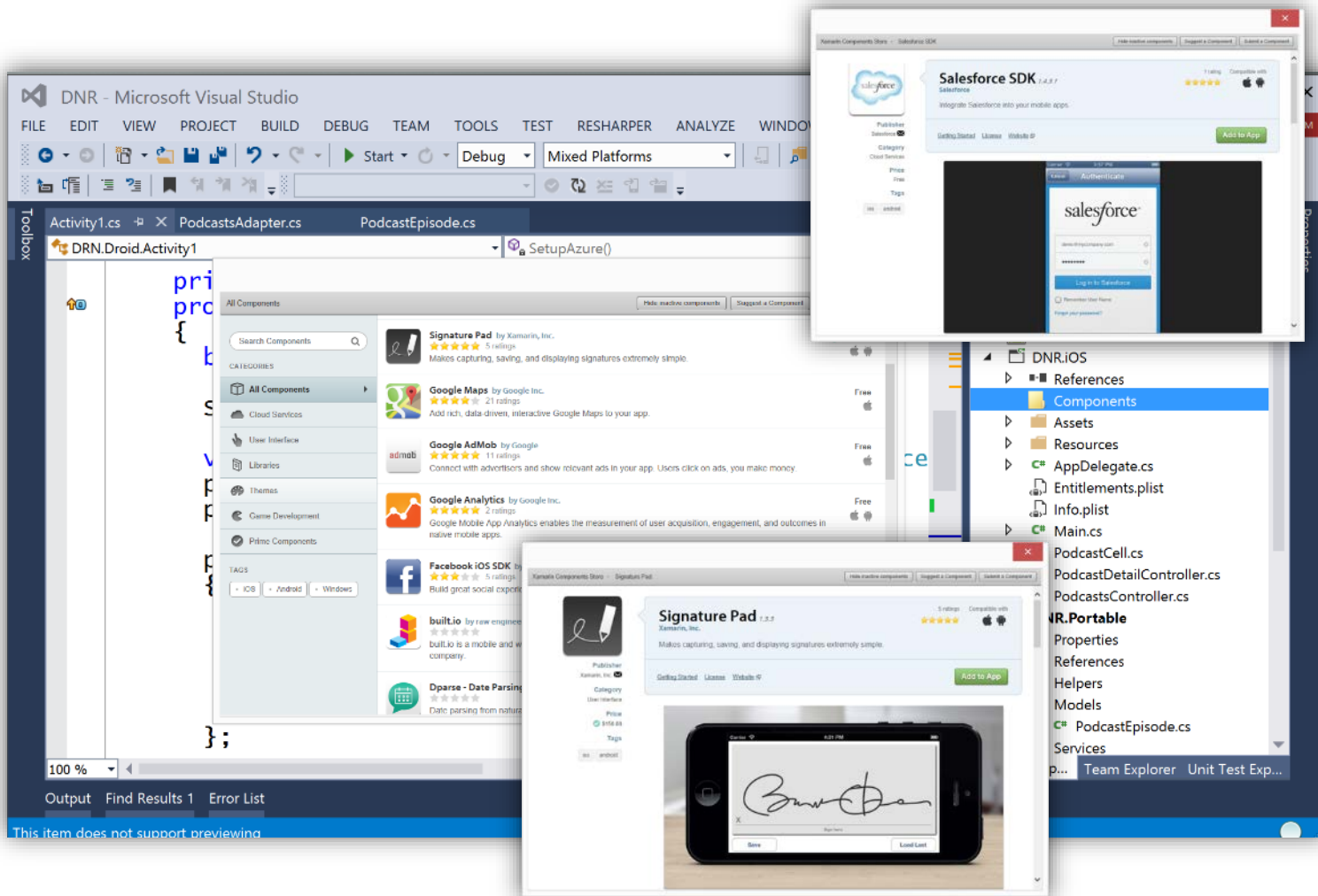


# Xamarin Designer for iOS



- World's first iOS Designer available in Xamarin Studio and Visual Studio
- Follows familiar Visual Studio designer idioms
- Supports all UIKit elements
- Edit custom and 3<sup>rd</sup> party components
- Live preview of changes to properties

# Xamarin Component Store

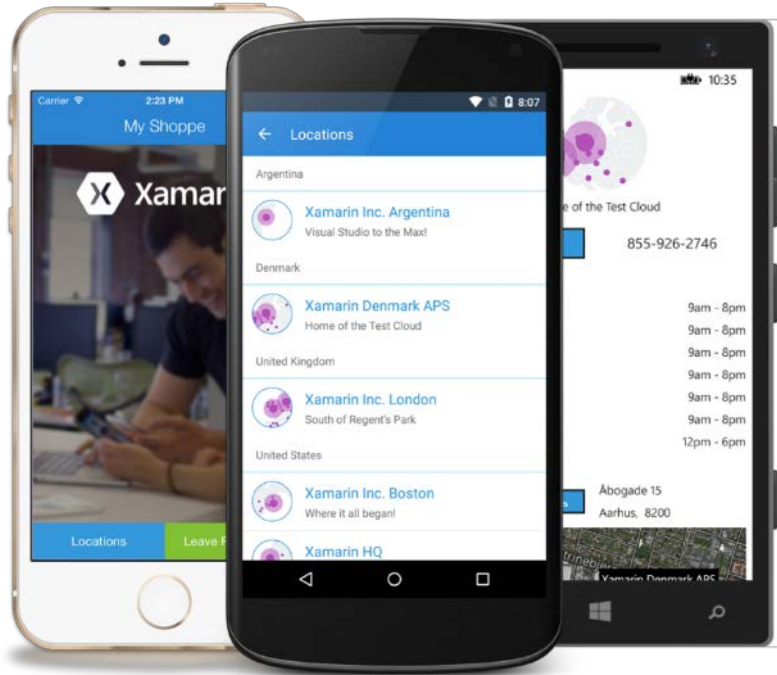


## Build Apps Faster

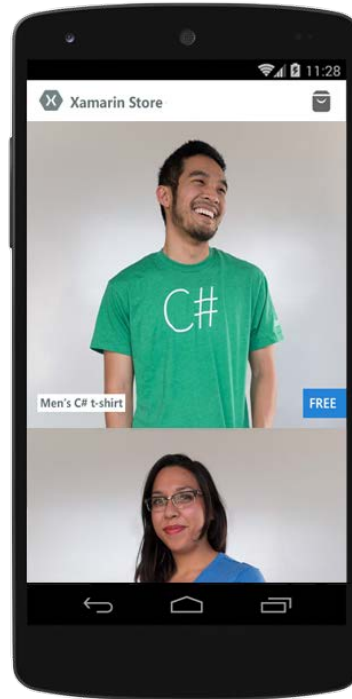
- Add high quality pre-built app components directly from Visual Studio and Xamarin Studio
- Beautiful, cross-platform UI controls, cloud services, and enterprise backend integrations are just a few clicks away

# Pre-built App Templates

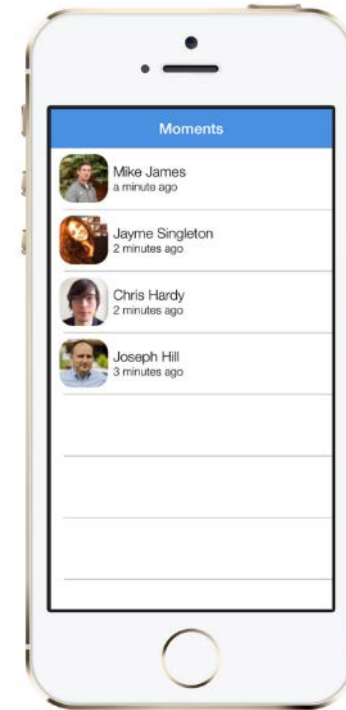
- [Xamarin.com/prebuilt](http://Xamarin.com/prebuilt)



My Shoppe  
Connect with consumers



Store Application



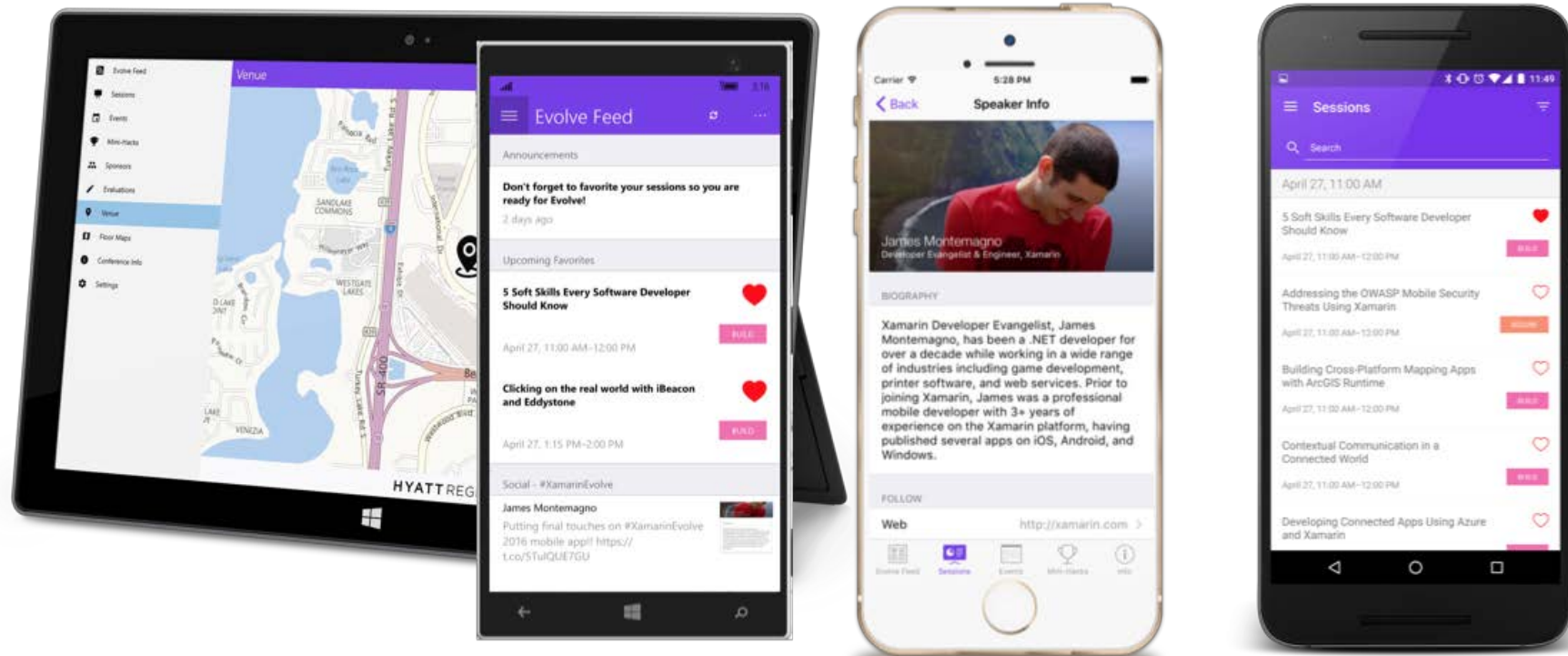
Moments  
Photo Sharing App



Let's take a look



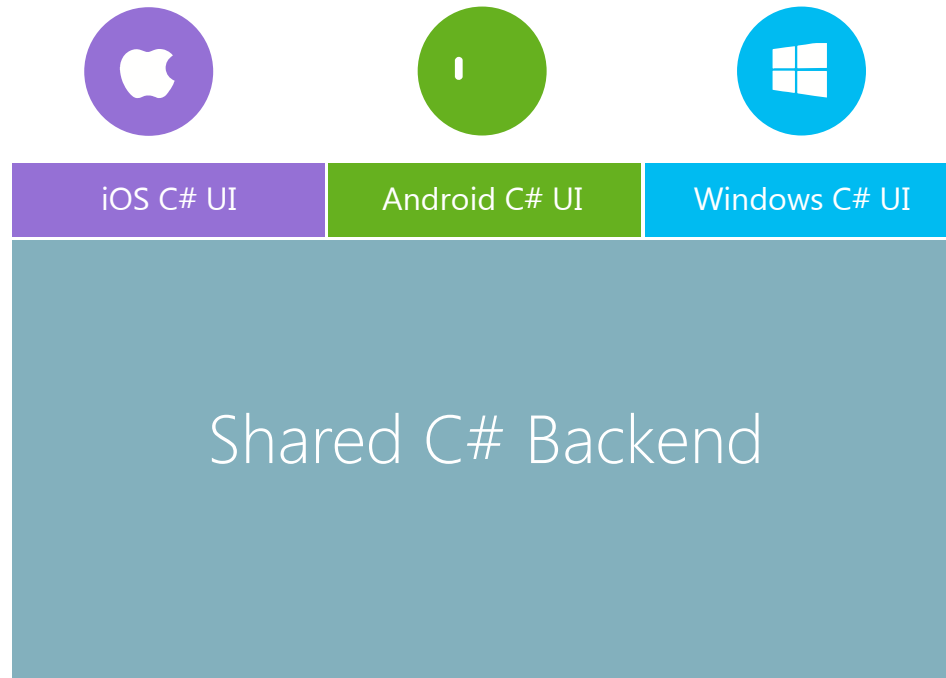
# Meet Xamarin.Forms



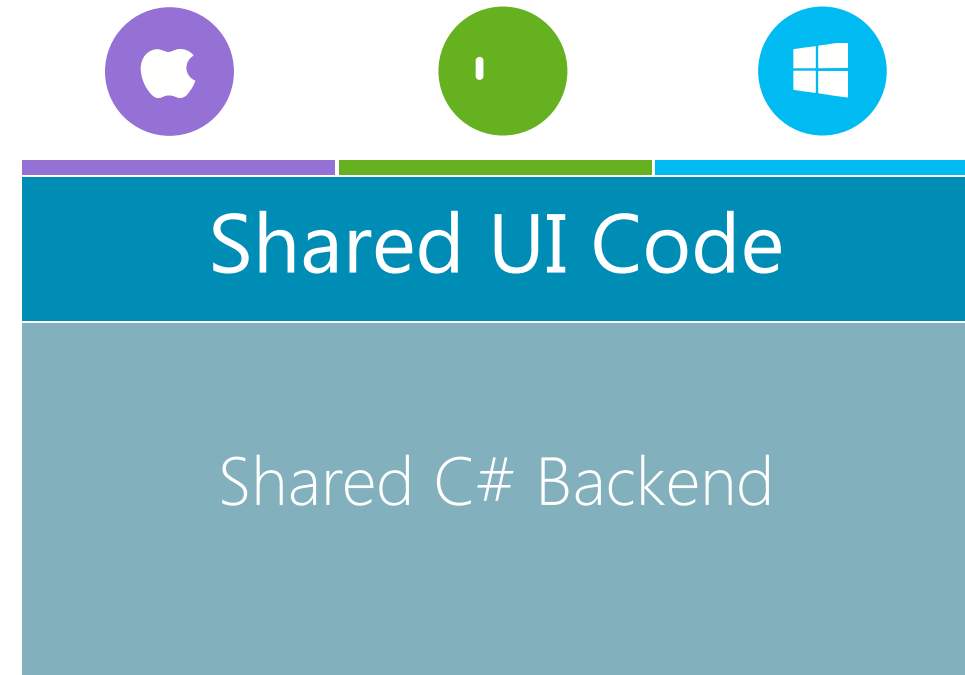
Build native UIs for iOS, Android, and Windows Phone from a single, shared C# codebase.



# Xamarin + Xamarin.Forms



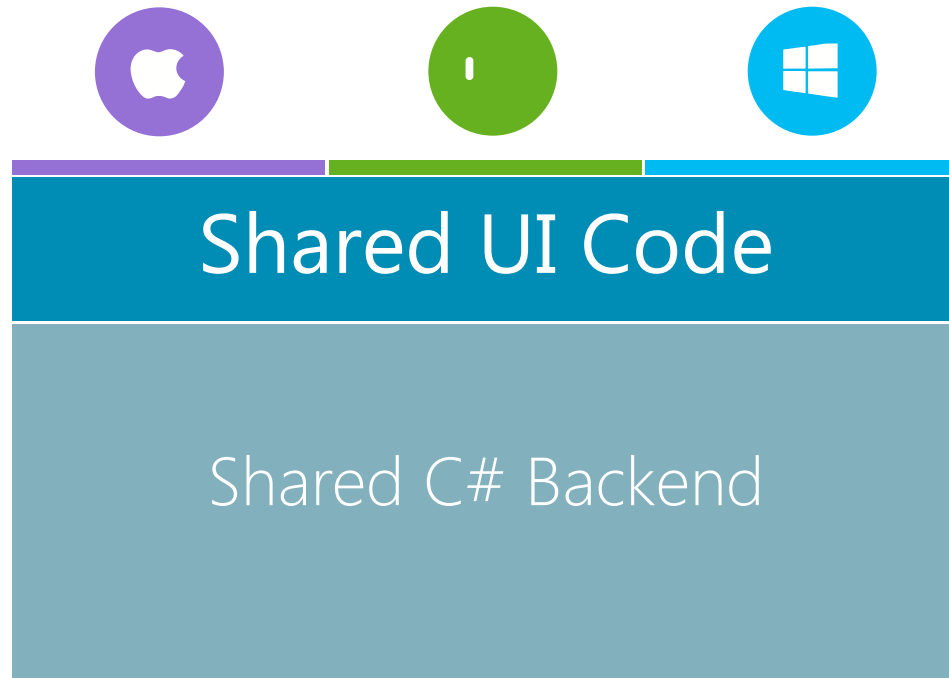
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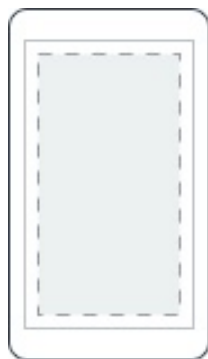
# What's included



- ✓ 40+ Pages, layouts, and controls  
(Build from code behind or XAML)
- ✓ Two-way data binding
- ✓ Navigation
- ✓ Animation API
- ✓ Dependency Service
- ✓ Messaging Center



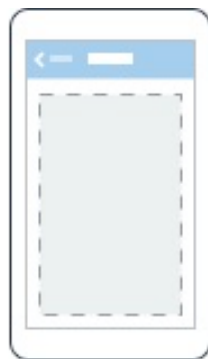
# Pages



Content



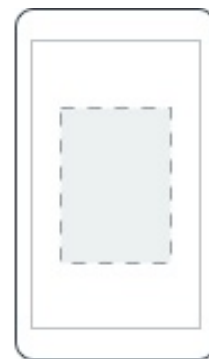
MasterDetail



Navigation

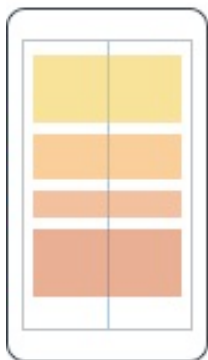


Tabbed

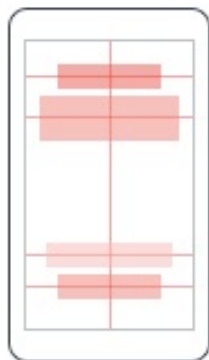


Carousel

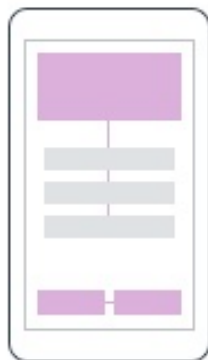
# Layouts



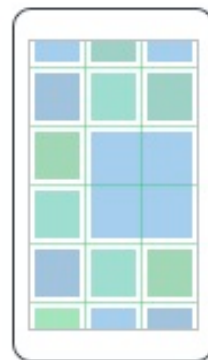
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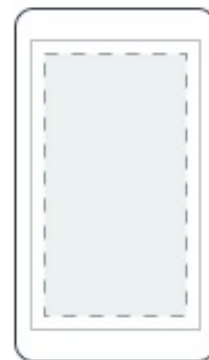
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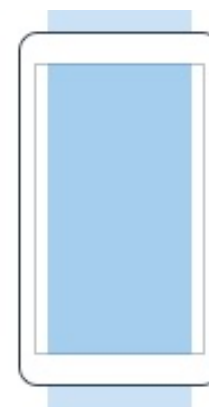
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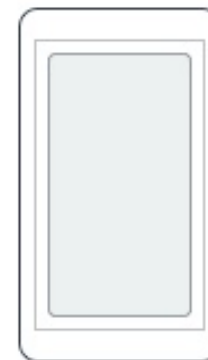
Grid



ContentView



ScrollView



Frame



# Controls

ActivityIndicator

BoxView

Button

DatePicker

Editor

Entry

Image

Label

ListView

Map

OpenGLView

Picker

ProgressBar

SearchBar

Slider

Stepper

TableView

TimePicker

WebView

EntryCell

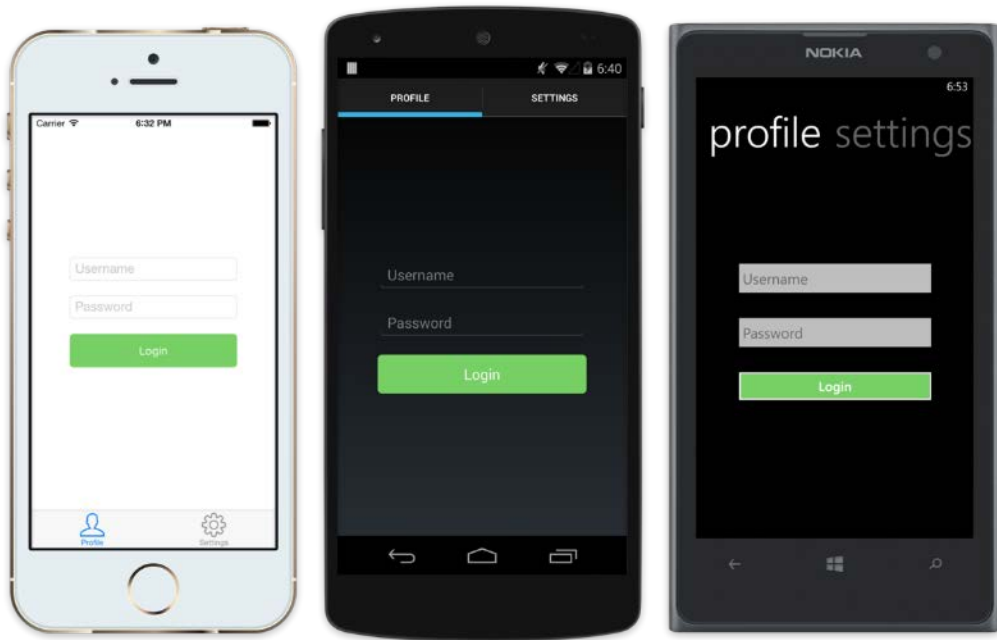
ImageCell

SwitchCell

TextCell

ViewCell

# Native UI from shared code



```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<TabbedPage xmlns="http://xamarin.com/schemas/2014/forms"
             xmlns:x="http://schemas.microsoft.com/winfx/2009/xaml"
             x:Class="MyApp.MainPage">
  <TabbedPage.Children>
    <ContentPage Title="Profile" Icon="Profile.png">
      <StackLayout Spacing="20" Padding="20"
                   VerticalOptions="Center">
        <Entry Placeholder="Username"
                 Text="{Binding Username}"/>
        <Entry Placeholder="Password"
                 Text="{Binding Password}"
                 IsPassword="true"/>
        <Button Text="Login" TextColor="White"
                  BackgroundColor="#77D065"
                  Command="{Binding LoginCommand}"/>
      </StackLayout>
    </ContentPage>
    <ContentPage Title="Settings" Icon="Settings.png">
      <!-- Settings -->
    </ContentPage>
  </TabbedPage.Children>
```

Let's Take a Look

What's new?

# XAML Previewer

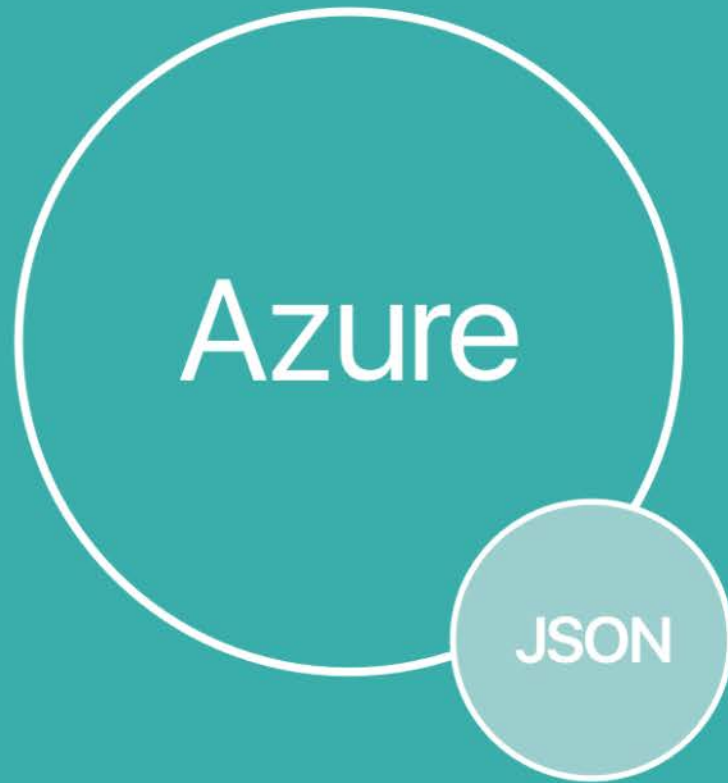
The screenshot shows the Xamarin Studio Business interface. The top bar indicates the project is in 'Debug' mode for an 'iPhone Simulator' (iPhone 6s iOS 9.3). The file explorer shows 'App.cs', 'ImageCircleRenderer.cs', and 'CoffeesPage.xaml'. The XAML code is as follows:

```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2 <ContentPage
3   xmlns="http://xamarin.com/schemas/2014/forms"
4   xmlns:x="http://schemas.microsoft.com/winfx/2009/xaml"
5   xmlns:local="clr-namespace:CoffeeCups;assembly=CoffeeCups"
6   xmlns:controls="clr-namespace:ImageCircle.Forms.Plugin.Abstractions;assembly=ImageCircle.Forms.Plugin.Abstractions"
7   x:Class="CoffeeCups.CoffeesPage"
8   Title="Cups Of Coffee">
9   <AbsoluteLayout HorizontalOptions="FillAndExpand" VerticalOptions="FillAndExpand">
10     <Grid AbsoluteLayout.LayoutFlags="All"
11       AbsoluteLayout.LayoutBounds="0,0,1,1"
12       RowSpacing="0">
13       <Grid.RowDefinitions>
14         <RowDefinition Height="Auto"/>
15         <RowDefinition Height="*" />
16         <RowDefinition Height="Auto"/>
17       </Grid.RowDefinitions>
18       <StackLayout Orientation="Horizontal" Padding="16" Spacing="16" BackgroundColor="Teal">
19         <Label Text="Made at Home?"
20           TextColor="White"
21           VerticalOptions="Center"
22           HorizontalOptions="Start"
23           FontSize="16">
24           <Label Text="ADD COFFEE" />
25         </StackLayout>
26       </Grid>
27     </AbsoluteLayout>
28   </ContentPage>
```

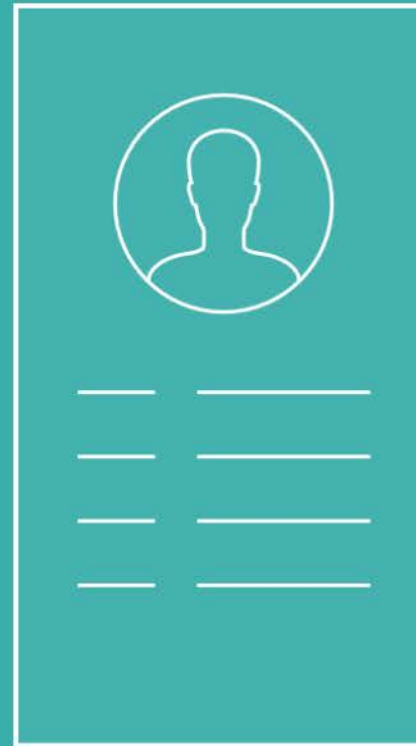
The right pane shows the preview of the application running on an Android phone. The interface features a teal header with a toggle switch for 'Made at Home?' and an 'ADD COFFEE' button. Below the header is a list of coffee entries, each with a timestamp (e.g., '4/26/2016 10:17:53 AM'), a time (e.g., '10:17 AM'), and a circular image of a coffee cup. The text 'Made At Home' is displayed next to each entry.



# DataPages



+



Contacts



Events



Photo

# Themes

## iOS



**Nat Friedman**  
Xamarin

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**Breakfast**

TUE

7:30 AM



Location

Franklin Salon

Topic

Xamarin.Forms

**Location**

Franklin Salon

**Topic**

Digital landscape



**Jessica Steger**

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Xamarin Developer Evangelist, James Montemagno, has been a .NET developer for over a decade while working in a wide range of industries.



**Xamarin.iOS**

Native mobile apps for iOS, watchOS & tvOS

## Android



**Keith Ballinger**  
Xamarin



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**Training Keynote**

8:00 PM



**Xamarin Test Cloud**

Mobile app testing made easy.



**James Montemagno**

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# Test





# Challenges

Device Fragmentation

App Complexity

Fast Release Cycles

Short Sessions

High Mobile User Expectations



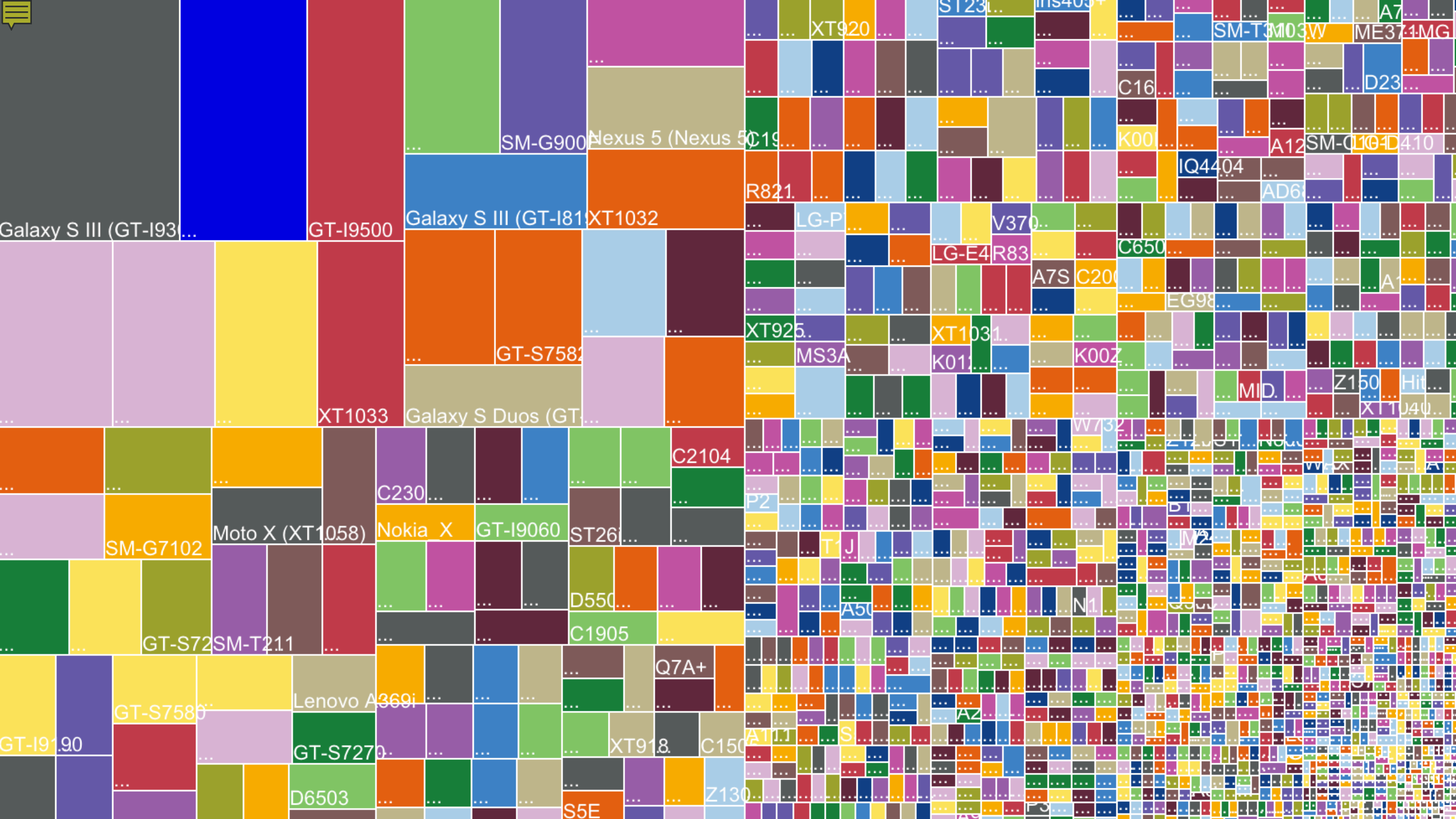
# On Mobile, Quality is Hard

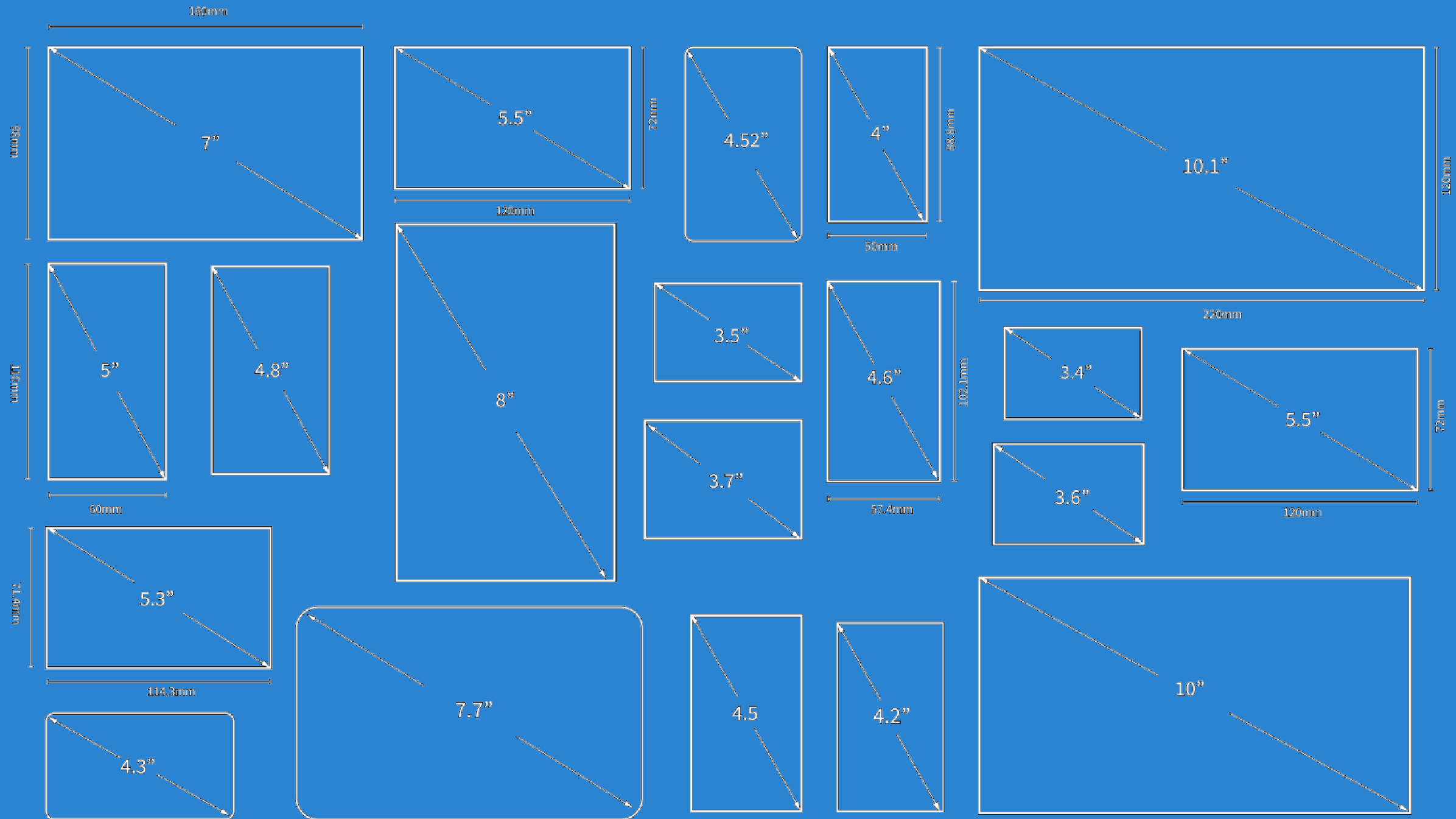


5 OS versions  
20 Devices  
20 Languages  
35 Locales  
6 Screen sizes

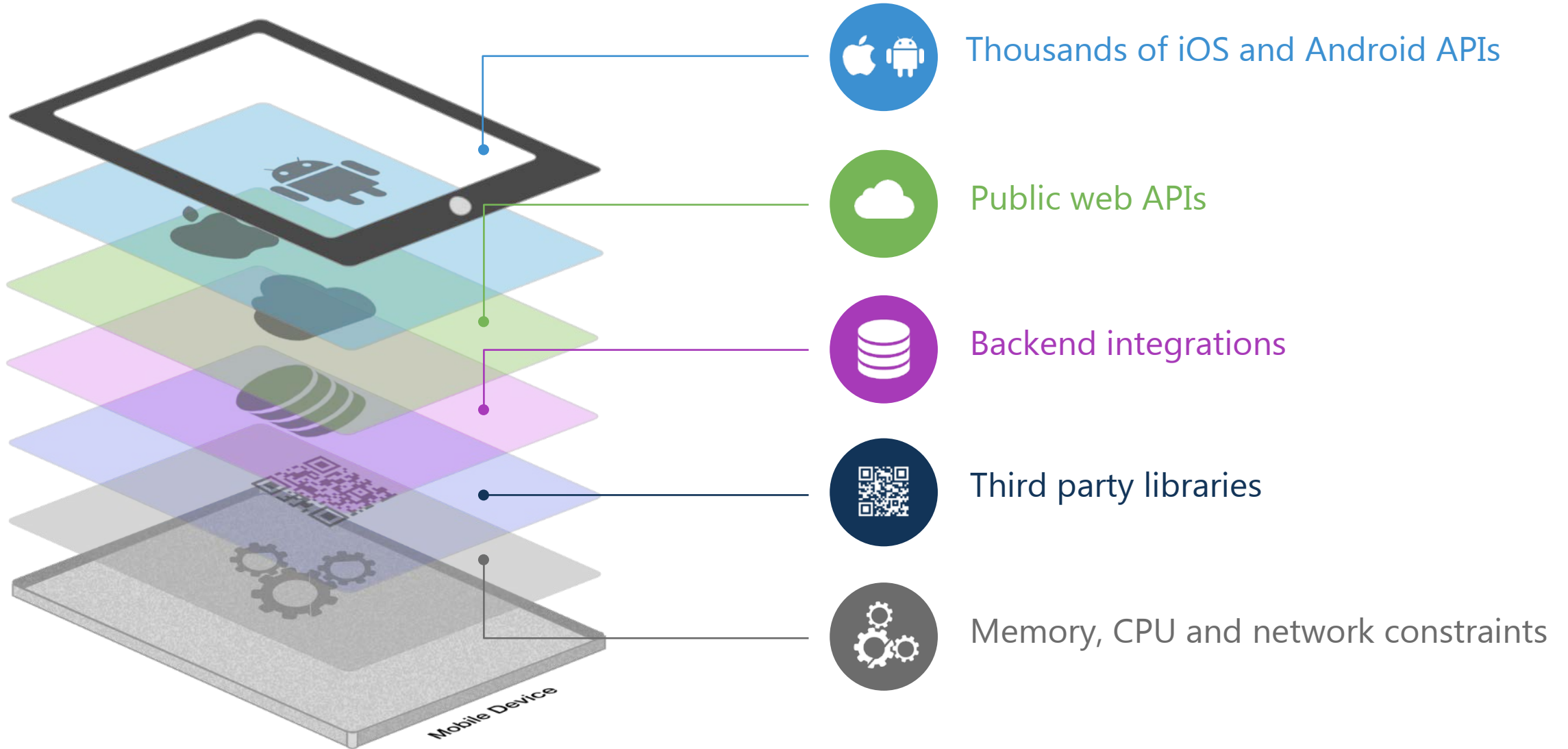


9 OS versions  
19K+ Distinct devices  
39 Languages  
57 Locales  
27 Screen sizes  
15 Manufacturers  
6 Screen configurations





# App Complexity







Tap



Scroll



Swipe



Pinch



Multi Finger



Text Entry

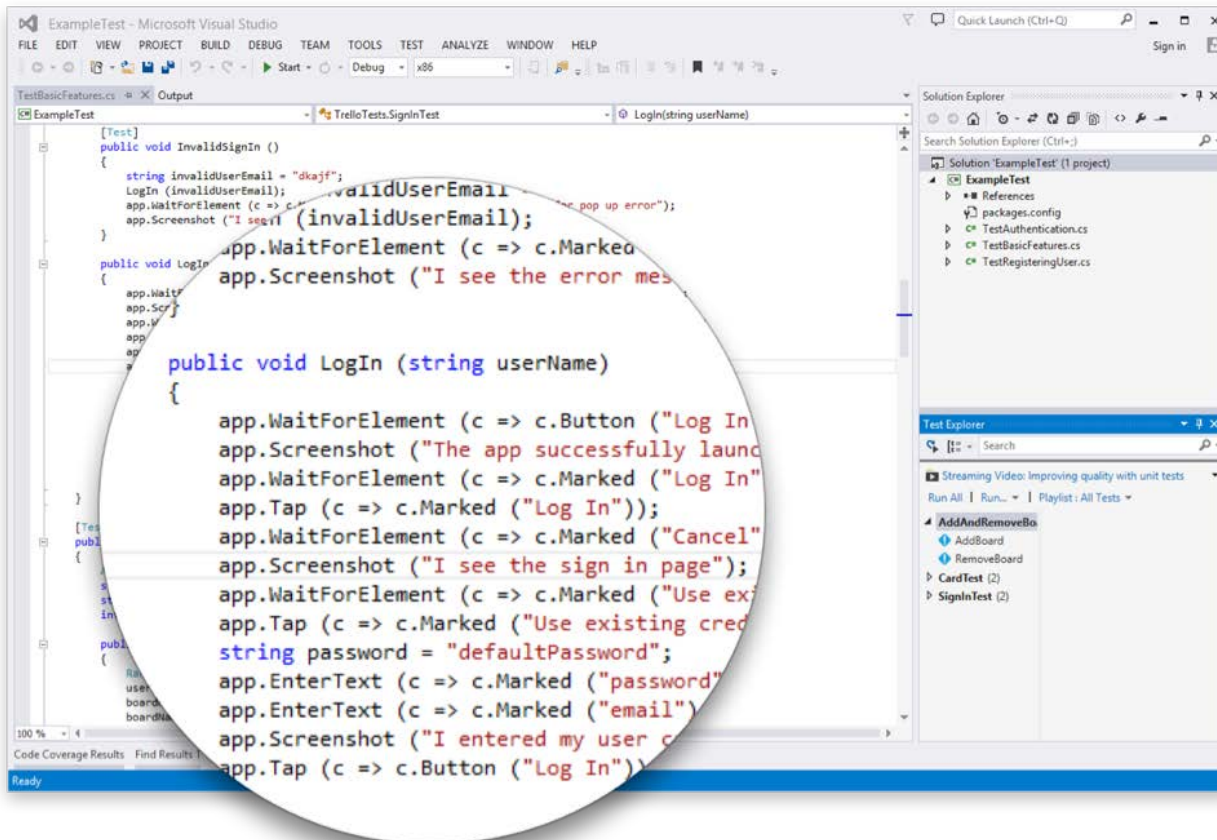


Rotation



GPS

# Introducing Xamarin.UITest



Create Automated User Interface tests all in C#

Upload to the Test Cloud or run against a Device or Simulator

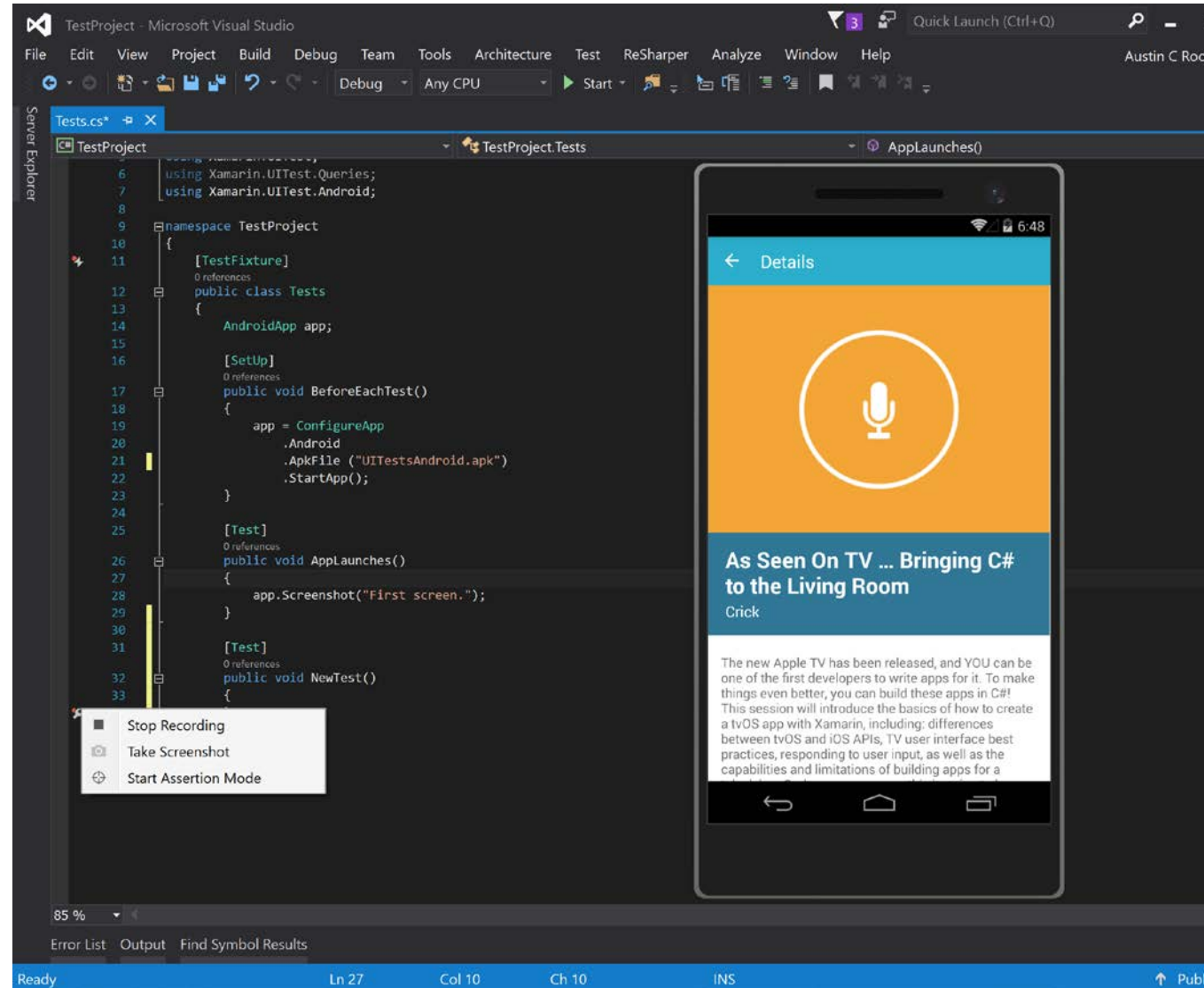
Run directly from Visual Studio or Xamarin Studio

Freely available for testing on a Simulator\*

Works on ANY app: Native, Hybrid, or Xamarin

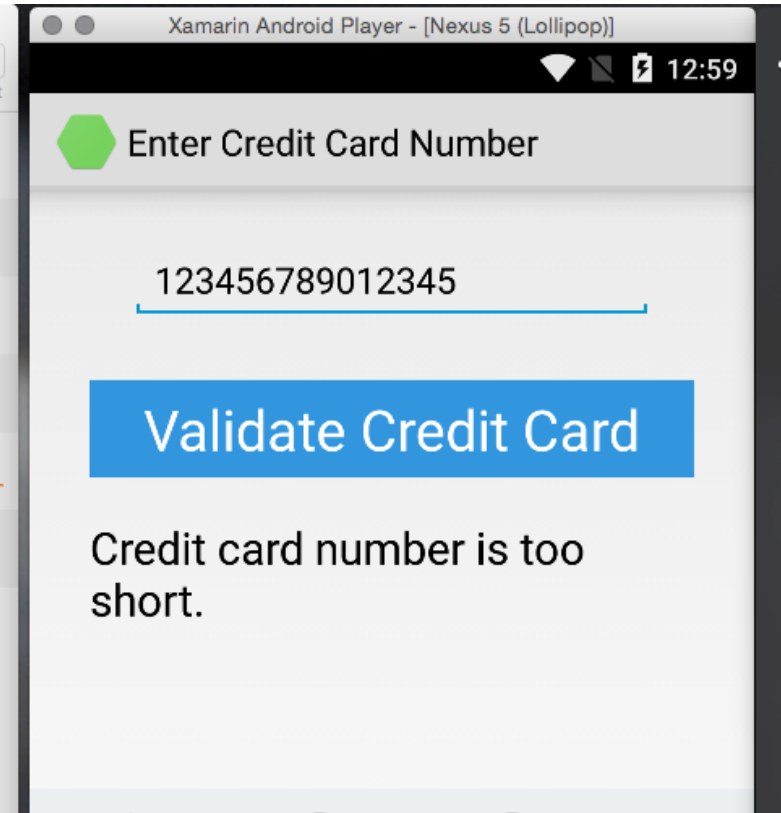
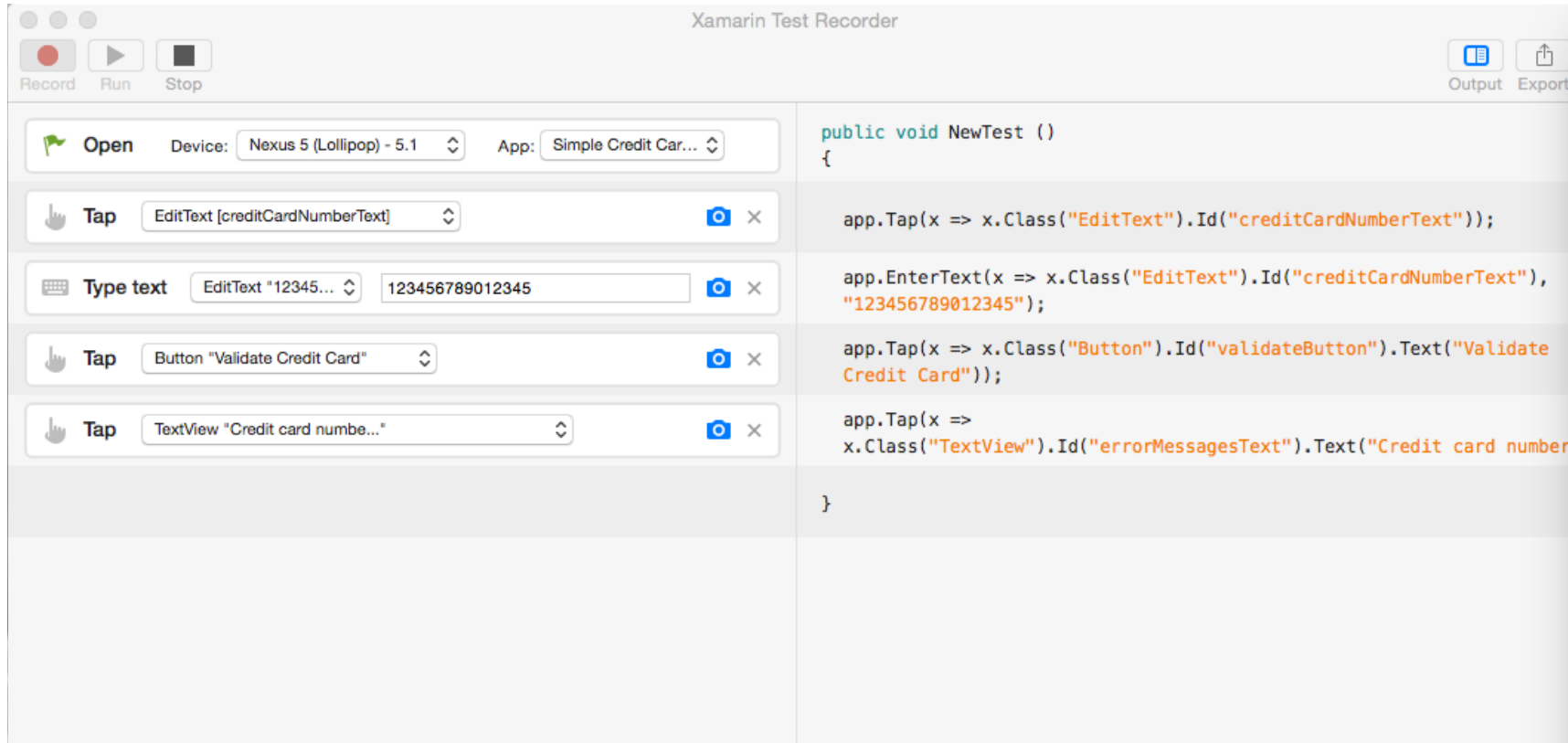
# Test Recorder for Visual Studio

- Record UITests from Visual Studio
- Replay or ship to Test Cloud
- Use Touch Screen on Android Emulator



# Test Recorder for Mac

- Record UITests for iOS and Android apps
- Replay or ship to Test Cloud





# Xamarin Test Cloud

xamarin.com/testcloud

The screenshot displays the Xamarin Test Cloud web interface. The browser address bar shows the URL `https://testcloud.xamarin.com/`. The page header includes the Xamarin Test Cloud logo, navigation links for 'Flipboard' and 'master', the date 'Sep 23, 2014 7:30:39 PM', and a 'New Test Run' button. A user profile 'Vinicius' is also visible.

The main content area is divided into two sections. On the left, the 'Overview' sidebar shows a list of test results for the 'Flipboard' app. The results are categorized by test steps:

- Sign in:**
  - User creates an account (5 failures)
  - Given I am on the start screen (highlighted)
  - When I go to the login screen (5 failures)
  - And I enter valid credentials
  - Then I should be logged in
- User signs in with Facebook** (3 successes)
- User signs in with Google** (3 successes)
- User has incorrect password** (3 successes)
- User has incorrect email** (3 failures)
- User signs out** (3 successes)
- Reading articles:**
  - User reads the cover story (3 successes)
  - User reads the News section (3 successes)
  - User reads the Technology section (3 successes)
  - User reads Twitter articles (3 successes)
  - User adds a section (3 successes)
  - User comments on an article (3 failures)

On the right, a grid of 15 mobile devices is shown, each displaying the Flipboard app's 'Welcome to Flipboard' screen. The devices and their specifications are:

- LG Nexus 5 (Android 4.4.2)
- Samsung Galaxy S II (Android 4.1.2)
- Samsung Galaxy S III (Android 4.1.2)
- Samsung Galaxy S Duos (Android 4.0.4)
- Samsung Galaxy Core (Android 4.1.2)
- Samsung Galaxy Grand Duos (Android 4.2.2)
- Samsung Galaxy S Duos 2 (Android 4.2.2)
- LG Nexus 4 (Android 4.4.2)
- HTC One (Android 4.4.2)
- Samsung Galaxy Note (Android 4.1.2)



# Build



# Visual Studio Team Services - Build

Team Services / MyDriving

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HOME CODE WORK BUILD TEST RELEASE

Explorer

Search all definitions...

My favorites

Team favorites

Build definitions

XAML definitions

MyDriving.Xamarin.Android

MyDriving.Xamarin.iOS

MyDriving.Xamarin.UWP

MyDriving.Services

MyDriving.Xamarin.Android

MyDriving.Xamarin.Android-Feature

MyDriving.Xamarin.Android-Regression

MyDriving.Xamarin.iOS

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MyDriving.Xamarin.UWP-Regression

All build definitions

All XAML definitions

Definitions / MyDriving.Xamarin.Android-Feature | Builds

Build Options Repository Variables Triggers General Retention History

Save Queue build... Undo

Add build step...

Replace tokens for BingMaps

NuGet restore src/MobileApps/MyDriving.XS.sln

Update Version Name

Update Version Code

Download keystore

Activate Xamarin license

Build and Sign Android Project

Deactivate Xamarin license

Build tests

Test in Xamarin Test Cloud

Copy Files to: \$(build.artifactstagingdirectory)

Publish Artifact: drop

Replace tokens for BingMaps

Source Path

Target File Pattern

Advanced

Control Options

More Information



# Visual Studio Team Services - Release

Team Services / MyDriving

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Search work items

Explorer

Go here for help getting started with Release Management.

Search release definitions...

Release Definitions

All release definitions

MyDriving.Services

MyDriving.Xamarin.Android

MyDriving.Xamarin.iOS

MyDriving.Xamarin.UWP

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Save Release

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Alpha Testers

1 / 1 tasks enabled

0 |

Beta Testers

0 / 1 tasks enabled

0 |

Push to Store

0 tasks

0 |

Add tasks

HockeyApp

Deploy MyTrips to HockeyApp

Deploy MyTrips to HockeyApp

HockeyApp Connection

Build HockeyApp

Manage

App ID

\$(HockeyAppId)

Binary File Path

\$(System.DefaultWorkingDirectory)\MyDriving.Xamarin.Android\drop\bin\release\com.microsoft.mydriving.apk

Symbols File Path

Native Library File Path

Release Notes (File)

Release Notes

Building IoT or Mobile solutions are fun and exciting. This year for Build, we wanted to show the amazing scenarios that can come together when these two are combined. So, we went and developed a sample

Publish?

☒

Mandatory?

☐

Notify Users?

☐

Download Restrictions

Tag(s)

Team(s)

User(s)

Control Options

Enabled

☒

Continue on error

☐

Always run

☐

Replace with markdown to show in help





# Distribute & Monitor



Distribute



Monitor

# HockeyApp



MyDriving iOS | Beta

Version 1.0



Crash Group Overview Crash Logs 134 Bug Tracker

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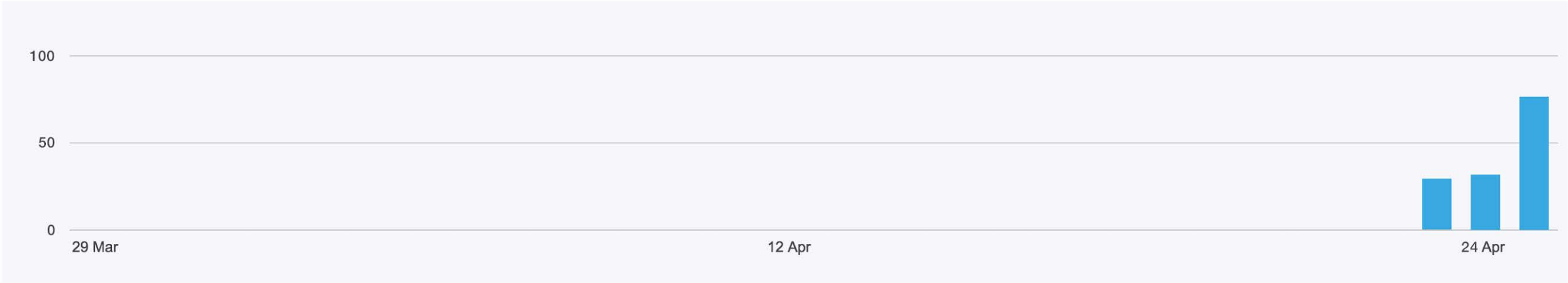
## - [DelegatePage ThrowIndexOutOfRangeException(System.Object se...

System.IndexOutOfRangeException: Index was outside the bounds of the array.

DelegatePage.cs, line 105

First Occurred 22 Apr 2016, 20:20	Last Occurred 24 Apr 2016, 20:40	Count 134	Jailbroken 0%
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Crashes per Day	Impacted Users per Day	Top Affected OS's	Top Affected Devices
89 Last 24 Hours	89 Last 24 Hours	9.3.1 Top Affected OS	iPhone 6s Top Affected Device
134 Last 7 Days	119 Last 7 Days		
134 Last 30 Days	119 Last 30 Days		





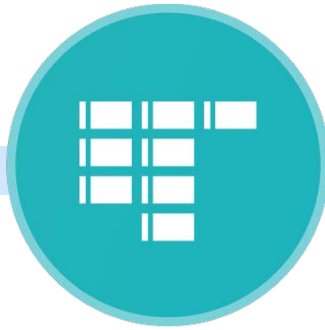
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