Silverlight for Windows Embedded

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Silverlight for Windows Embedded is a new application framework that allows OEMs to create innovative user experiences.

Empowers OEMs to easily differentiate their device using the Expression Design Suite while working in a native C++ environment.

OEMs can now leverage the huge design community of Web and desktop developers.
Silverlight for Windows Embedded

- Silverlight® for Embedded Devices!
- Native C++ application model
- H/W acceleration
- Subset of Silverlight 2.0
- Shells and Application Uis
- **DEMO**
Internet Explorer Embedded

- Internet Explorer® 6.0 Rendering Engine
- Tiling Engine for Panning and Zooming
- H/W acceleration
- XAML sample UI

- **DEMO**
Gesture Support

Touch and gesture input enables natural interaction with devices and applications

- Driver level OS support and physics engine offers consistent experience
- Gestures Available
  - Flick vertically through a long list
  - Flick horizontally across parallel lists
  - Pan to reposition images and text
  - Custom gestures created by OEM
Introduction to Silverlight for Windows Embedded

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• How do I get Silverlight for Windows Embedded?
• What hardware is compatible?
• What are the design assumptions?
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• What is Silverlight for Windows Embedded?

  • Silverlight 2 Web Core Ported to Win32/CE

  • API ported from C# to C++

  • Single Gesture and Window Tiling Engine Support

  • Silverlight for Windows Embedded used to render graphics on your main display in an exclusive window

  • No need for a browser to display and interact with content

  • Allows you, the designer and developer, the freedom to design an application or an entire device User Experience and not be confined to traditional forms, colors, and styles.
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  • Included with Windows Embedded CE 6.0 R3

  • Simply check the Platform Builder Catalog option for Silverlight for Windows Embedded

  • Include the necessary header files in your application
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- What hardware is compatible?

- Any hardware platform that has a display and the correct amount of system RAM to hold the Display Frame Buffer and run the program is sufficient

- Recommended Hardware
  - ARM V4 micro-processor
  - 550 MHZ processor
  - 256 MB RAM
  - 2-D Graphics Processing Unit (GPU) with DirectDraw or OpenGL interface
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In order to have 100% XAML compatibility your XAML must be designed with Expression Blend based on a Silverlight 2 Web Project.

Graphics hardware and plug-in support should be sufficient for what you are trying to accomplish. If you want vertex shading support, then your hardware and display driver must support this.
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What is Silverlight for Windows Embedded Composed of?

**Application**
- Resources (Images, Fonts)
- XAML
- Custom Controls

**Silverlight Runtime**
- Silverlight Core Rendering Engine
- Platform Plug-in (OpenGL ES 2.0, DDraw, GDI, OpenVG)
- GWES

**Display Driver (BSP)**
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- GUI/IDE Tool used to design and create XAML
- Can be used to create complete applications
  - Design XAML
  - Write application logic in C#
  - Display and test in a Browser Window

- Generated XAML is compatible with Silverlight for Windows Embedded
  - Drop generated XAML files into your Silverlight for Windows Embedded subproject

- Design on your target will look, function, and feel just like the design on your workstation
Silverlight for Windows Embedded Tools

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- Use Visual Studio 2005 and Platform Builder to
  - Create your basic Win32 CE application subproject
  - Fill your WinMain to initialize the Silverlight for Windows Embedded engine
  - Parse your XAML
  - Write your call-back handlers
  - Start a dialog box to display your Silverlight Application

- Can also use a Target SDK and Smart Application project
  - Include the necessary headers and libraries
Silverlight Application Sample

Guitar Switch Project

DEMO
Advanced Design Techniques

- Advanced XAML Design Techniques
  - Do as much work as you can in XAML
  - Use Visual States more often than Storyboards
  - Visual States can contain self triggered storyboards, animations, and transitions
  - Create “Macro States” for your entire project.
    - I.e. if you have a Media Player device depending on what screen you are on, make it a state. Home state, PhotoViewer state, Media Player state etc...
- Maintain a Z layer index scheme
  - If in a certain Visual State, other objects do not need to be seen, then modify the z index accordingly. This will help with performance and video memory allocation.
Advanced Design Techniques (continued)

• Advanced XAML Design Techniques
  • Avoid lots of single Storyboards.
    – For each single storyboard you will need to write code to attach a delegate, start, and stop the storyboard.
  • Use bitmaps for backgrounds rather then complex gradients.
    – The bitmap images can be cached in video RAM rather then re-rendered each frame
  • Avoid lots of opacity changes especially over gradients.

• Advanced Application Development
  – Silverlight for Windows Embedded allows you to embed a Win32 window in a XAML object (note that the corresponding XAML tag is NOT supported in Expression Blend)
Advanced Design Techniques (continued)

• Advanced Application Development
  – How to store XAML files?
    • Using static files allows you to modify the XAML file without having to modify or recompile the source
    • Can be used to quickly and dynamically change the style of your application
    • Storing XAML files in a resource file allows for easier access in code and more organization
      – Also provides a secure environment. XAML files cannot be maliciously modified.

  – There are no notable performance differences between either method.
Silverlight Application Sample

Histogram project

DEMO
Applicability of Silverlight for Windows Embedded

• What can Silverlight for Windows Embedded be used for?

• Expanded design applications can be designed to replace entire UIs or existing shells
  • With Silverlight every aspect of a shell can be modified. Dialog boxes, warning messages, windows, etc... can all be completely custom

• Web browser support can be integrated easily with the Win32 container XAML tag

• Since code is in C++, integration with existing CE drivers is easy.
Applicability of Silverlight for Windows Embedded

• What can Silverlight for Windows Embedded be used for?

• Expanding your design

  • Work with graphic designers to create innovative and immersive application environments

  • Don’t be restricted to one version. Change your colors and schemes around but don’t change the application code.

  • Write the entire application in Expression Blend (using C#) first so that you have a clear vision of the flow before starting the C++ application development.