

Expression Blend

Your Sandbox Just Got Bigger

Get involved with the new wave of next-generation applications that blend the best of the Web and the desktop. Design cutting-edge user interfaces and collaborate with developers to bring these stunning new types of applications to life.

Art, Meet Science

Think of it as your virtual playground. Mix design elements such as video, vector art, high quality text, animation, pixel images, and 3D content with a full toolbox of advanced controls and containers to create engaging, cinematic user interfaces.

Go Beyond the Browser

Give your users something better-better performance, better usability, better experiences. Now your designs can break out of the browser to leverage the full power of the desktop.

[Announcing Expression Blend 2 September Preview](#)

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Q&A

Q. What is Expression Blend?

A. Microsoft® Expression Blend is a professional design tool to create compelling user experiences and applications for Windows using the new .NET Framework 3.0 (which includes the Windows Presentation Foundation).

Q. When will Microsoft Expression Blend be available for purchase?

A. Expression Blend is available to purchase now from Amazon.com, either separately or as part of the full Expression Studio. To download a digital copy directly from Microsoft, click here.

Q. In what languages will Microsoft Expression Blend be available?

A. Each of the Microsoft Expression products will be available in the following languages: English, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Japanese, Chinese Simplified, Chinese Traditional, and Korean. Each language will be available within 90 days of the English-language availability.

Q. Are there trial versions of Microsoft Expression Blend?

A. Yes. A 60-day trial version is currently available for download. The Expression Blend 2 September Preview is also available for trial download.

Q. What is the relationship between Expression Blend and the .NET Framework 3.0 that is part of Windows Vista?

A. With the .NET Framework 3.0, designers and developers can work collaboratively to build visually stunning Windows applications that deliver a superior user experience and enhance user productivity and satisfaction. .NET Framework 3.0 includes the Windows Presentation Foundation, which

introduces XAML (Extensible Application Markup Language), a markup language for describing application user interface, documents, and media content. XAML serves as a back-and-forth communication format which designers and developers can use to directly exchange and collaborate on applications created using both the Expression Studio and Visual Studio.

Q. What should I do if the Visual Studio disk that came with Expression Blend does not install properly?

A. A problematic version of the Visual Studio installation disc was accidentally distributed with some English-language versions of Expression Blend. The faulty disc's part number is X13-59223. We apologize for the inconvenience this may have caused you. Please contact your local customer service representative so we can mail you a replacement disc, free of charge. Or, for a more immediate solution, a workaround is described in this knowledge base article.