**Disclaimer:** The template provided in the form of Visual Studio project is meant to act as a starter kit for Windows 8 Store apps development. You are recommended to change or modify the look and feel to suit the branding that is required for your app. The template by no means restricts you to stick to the layout, navigation or other aspects indicated.

**Description**

Forum template will help you build an app which has elements of connecting to various discussion groups.

You can leverage this template for any scenario as long as the implementation scenario is closest to the template. Please refer to the “snapshots” folder under the root template folder to get a glimpse of the template look and feel.

Images in the Template -> The images in the template are included as an indicator of the look and feel. You are expected to use relevant images as you deem it right for your app. In addition, while you build an app using this template, make sure to address the below images as part of branding the app.

* App Tile (Default and Wide Logo)
* Splash Screen
* Live Tile

How does the template help? -> The template has been created keeping in mind the Windows 8 style & experience. Just by binding the relevant data, you should have a good looking app that runs in the paradigm of Windows 8. The template addresses the following

1. App Views (Landscape, Fill, Snap and Portrait)
2. Live Tile
3. Settings (Place holders for About Us, Contact Us, Privacy Policy, Terms and Condition etc.)

**System requirements**

The template has been built using Visual Studio 2012 RTM Release and Windows 8 RTM Release. Opening this template is earlier versions will break the template.

**Build the sample**

1. Start Visual Studio 2012 RTM for Windows 8 and select **File** > **Open** > **Project/Solution**.
2. Go to the directory in which you unzipped the template. Go to the directory named for the sample, and double-click the Solution (.sln) file.
3. Press F6 or use **Build** > **Build Solution** to build the sample.

**Run the sample**

To debug the app and then run it, press F5 or use **Debug > Start Debugging**. To run the app without debugging, press Ctrl+F5 or use **Debug > Start without Debugging**.

**Install the Package**

If you want to check on the template before opening the source, you can install the template package from Package folder after you have unzipped the template. Follow the below instructions to install the package

1. Right click on the “Add-AppDevPackage.ps1” file and choose ‘Run with PowerShell’ command to install
2. Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the installation
3. Once installation is done, you will get a Wide App Tile on the start screen