# Xamarin.Android: Getting Started

#### **COURSE INTRODUCTION**



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#### Overview



What's in this course?

**Exploring the finished application** 

**Understanding Xamarin.Android** 

Preparing your machine



# What's in This Course?



#### Course Overview



Understand the concepts of Xamarin.Android



Build a fully working application



Learn how to interact with native device features



Deploy an application to the store



#### What I Assume You Know





# Exploring the Finished Application





#### The Scenario: Bethany's Pie Shop

- List screen
- Detail screen
- Navigation
- Remote data access
- Native features
  - Email
  - Map



# Demo



Looking at the finished application



# Understanding Xamarin.Android



# Xamarin

Allows us to build native mobile applications for the major mobile platforms, leveraging C# and .NET knowledge.

Code-sharing will bring down development effort.



# The Xamarin Family

Xamarin.Android Xamarin.iOS Xamarin.Forms

**Native Xamarin** 

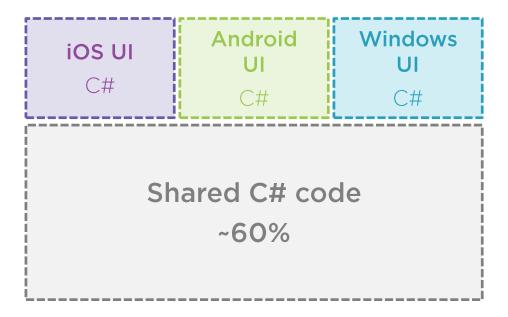


# Xamarin.Android

Part of the Xamarin family targeting all devices that run Android



# Typical Approach with Native Xamarin







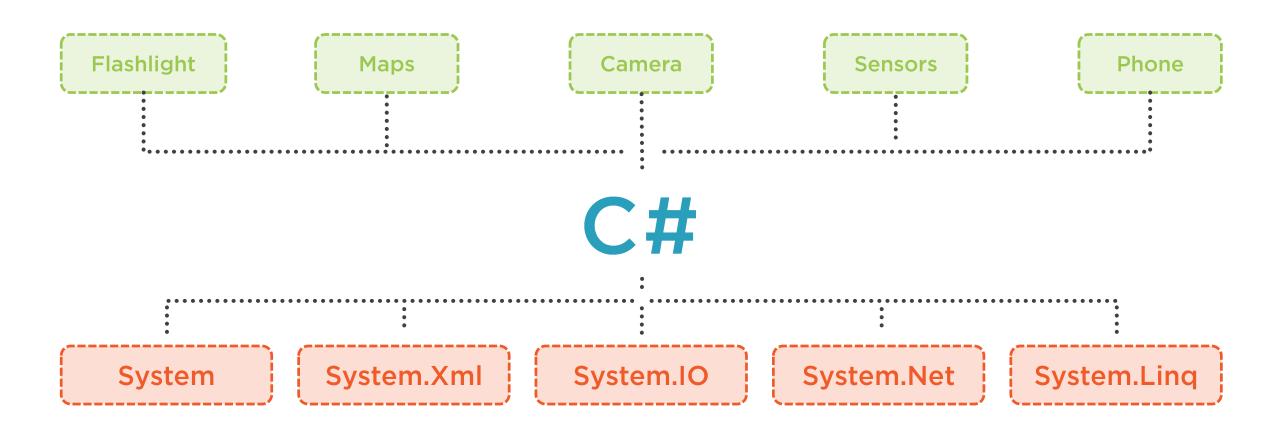
#### **Code-sharing**

- .NET Standard
- Shared Projects
- PCLs are deprecated

Non-platform specific code



## C# and Xamarin





#### The Role of Mono

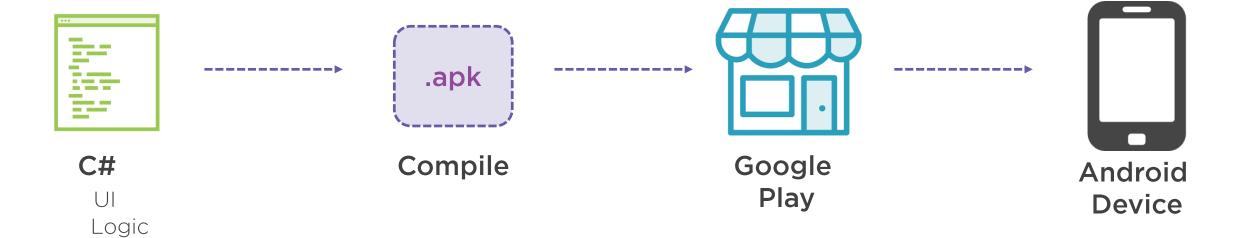
**Base Class Library** 

Mono Class Library

**Mono Runtime** 

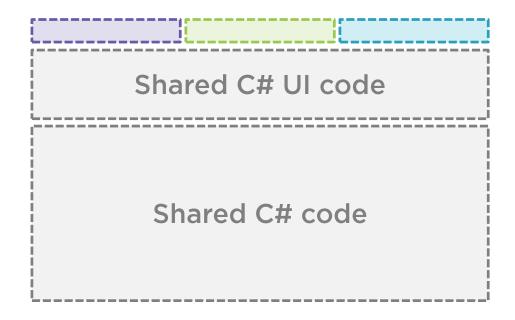


# Building Xamarin Apps for Android





# Comparing with Xamarin.Forms





# Comparing the Different Technologies

#### Xamarin.Android

Native app

Easy support for every Android feature

UI-heavy apps built with ease

Native UI knowledge required

Performance

#### **Xamarin.Forms**

Native app

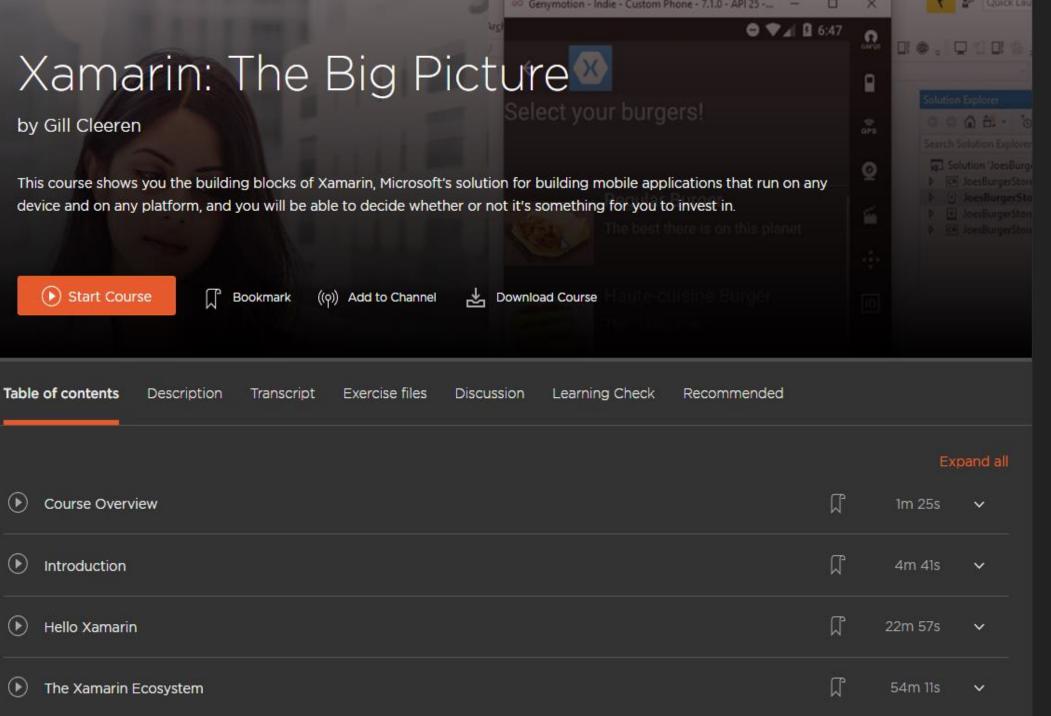
Supported but more work

"Simple" Uis, perfect for LOB apps

Shared UI, lower development time

Sometimes slower





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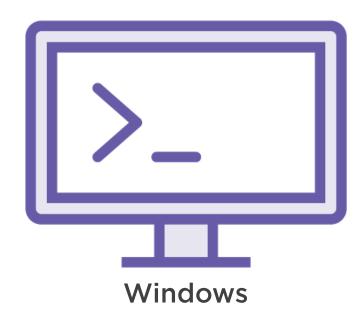




# Preparing Your Machine

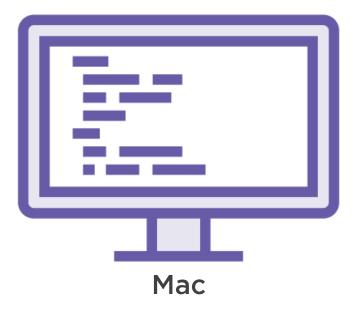


# Building Xamarin. Android Apps



**Visual Studio** 

Support for Android, iOS, and Windows development

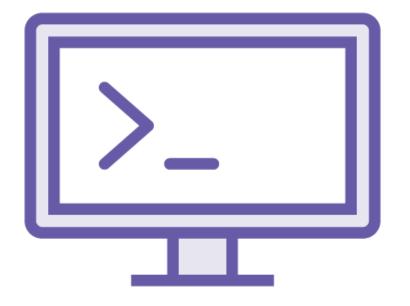


Visual Studio for Mac

Support for Android and iOS apps

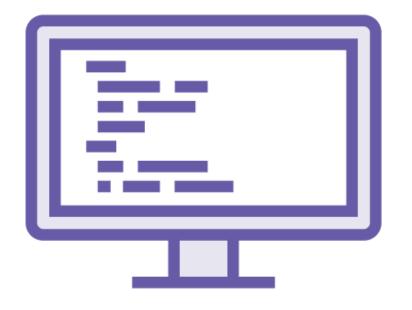


On the PC
Visual Studio
Xamarin
Emulator or device





On the Mac
Visual Studio for Mac
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## A Word on Emulators

Hyper-V **HAXM** Device GenyMotion



#### Demo



Installing the right tools and SDKs

Looking at the development environment





# **Up next:**Exploring your first Xamarin.Android project