

# Introduction

Nova.Avalonia.UI is a control library built for Avalonia. It focuses on controls that are themeable, accessible, and ready to drop into desktop, web, and mobile experiences.

## Available controls

- [Shimmer](#): Skeleton loading effect for async data scenarios.
- [Avatar](#) and [AvatarGroup](#): Identity visuals with initials, images, status badges, and grouping support.

## How to use these docs

- Start with [Getting Started](#) to install the package and register the styles.
- Browse the individual control pages under **Controls** for API details and usage patterns.
- Refer to the API reference for full class members when you need to extend or customize behaviors.

# Namespace Nova.Avalonia.UI.Controls

## Classes

### [Avatar](#)

Extensible Avatar control that displays user images, initials, icons, or custom content.

### [AvatarAutomationPeer](#)

Exposes [Avatar](#) to accessibility APIs.

### [AvatarGroup](#)

Displays a group of avatars in a stacked or row layout with configurable overlap and overflow handling.

### [AvatarGroupAutomationPeer](#)

Exposes [AvatarGroup](#) to accessibility APIs.

### [AvatarStackPanel](#)

### [Shimmer](#)

A content-aware skeleton loading control. Uses immediate mode rendering to draw a "shimmer" effect over the content layout. Automatically detects text, shapes, and buttons to generate matching placeholders. Includes A11y support and a synchronized animation clock to prevent visual clutter.

### [ShimmerAutomationPeer](#)

Automation peer for the [Shimmer](#) control, exposed as a loading indicator.

## Enums

### [AvatarDisplayMode](#)

Display mode for the Avatar control.

### [AvatarShape](#)

Shape of the Avatar.

### [AvatarSize](#)

Predefined sizes for Avatar.

### [AvatarStatus](#)

Status indicator for Avatar (online status, notifications, etc.). Default colors are provided by the Avatar control; set StatusColor to override.