

# .NET Platform Complete Architecture (Microsoft Native Components)

## Level 1: Microsoft Standards And Specifications

- CLI Implementation (ECMA-335 Standard Implementation)
  - Microsoft's implementation of the Common Language Infrastructure
  - Defines the execution environment for .NET applications
  - Includes Microsoft's CTS and CLS implementations
- CIL (Common Intermediate Language) / MSIL
  - Microsoft's implementation of the intermediate bytecode format
  - Language-agnostic instruction set for .NET languages
  - Runtime-independent code representation
  - Basis for JIT compilation and AOT compilation
- C# Language Specification
  - Microsoft-designed language specification
  - Primary language for .NET platform
  - Microsoft's reference implementation
  - Compiles to CIL/IL code
- Metadata Specification
  - Microsoft's metadata format for assemblies
  - Self-describing component information
  - Type definitions, references, and attributes
  - Runtime reflection and tooling foundation

## Level 2: Microsoft Runtime Implementations

- CLR (Common Language Runtime)
  - Original Microsoft runtime for .NET Framework
  - Windows-only implementation
  - Integrated with Windows operating system
- CoreCLR (Core Common Language Runtime)
  - Microsoft's modern cross-platform runtime
  - Foundation for .NET Core and .NET 5+
  - Designed for performance and modularity

## Level 3: Runtime Core Components & Subsystems

- Execution Engine
  - Just-In-Time Compiler (RyuJIT)
  - Ahead-of-Time Compiler (CoreRT / .NET Native)

- Interpreter (in specific scenarios/architectures)
- Memory Management System
  - Garbage Collector (GC)
  - Managed Heap Allocator
  - Large Object Heap Manager
- Type System & Metadata
  - Type Loader
  - Metadata Engine
  - Reflection Subsystem
- Exception Handling
  - Exception Dispatch Engine
  - Structured Exception Handling (SEH) Integration
- Threading & Concurrency
  - Thread Pool
  - Synchronization Primitives
  - Timer Queue
- Security & Verification
  - IL Verifier
  - Security Metadata Checker
  - Application Domains (AppDomain - mainly in .NET Framework)
- Interoperability
  - Platform Invoke (P/Invoke)
  - COM Interop
  - Internal Call Mechanisms (FCall/QCall)
- Diagnostics & Debugging
  - Diagnostic Pipeline (EventPipe)
  - Debugger Services
  - Profiling & Performance Counters

#### Level 4: Microsoft Base Class Library ([System\\*](#) namespace)

- System
- System.Collections
- System.Collections.Generic
- System.IO
- System.Linq
- System.Net
- System.Reflection

- System.Text
- System.Threading
- System.Xml

## Level 5: Microsoft Framework Class Library

- Windows Desktop Frameworks
  - Windows Forms - Microsoft's desktop UI framework
  - WPF (Windows Presentation Foundation) - Modern Windows UI framework
  - WinUI - Native Windows UI platform
- Web Application Frameworks
  - ASP.NET - Original Microsoft web framework
  - ASP.NET Core - Modern cross-platform web framework
  - Blazor - Microsoft's WebAssembly-based framework
- Data Access Technologies
  - ADO.NET - Microsoft's data access framework
  - Entity Framework - Microsoft ORM framework
  - LINQ to SQL - Microsoft's SQL integration
- Communication Frameworks
  - WCF (Windows Communication Foundation)
  - Web API (ASP.NET Web API)
  - SignalR - Microsoft's real-time framework

## Level 6: Microsoft Development Tools

- Compiler Infrastructure
  - Roslyn Compiler Platform
  - Microsoft.CodeAnalysis libraries
  - C# and VB.NET compilers
- Build and Packaging Tools
  - MSBuild - Microsoft build engine
  - NuGet - Microsoft package manager
  - .NET SDK tools
- Integrated Development Environment
  - Visual Studio - Microsoft's primary IDE
  - Visual Studio for Mac - Microsoft's macOS IDE
  - Visual Studio Code - Microsoft's lightweight editor
- Command Line Tools

- dotnet CLI - Microsoft's command-line interface
- Developer PowerShell modules
- Microsoft build tools

## Level 7: Microsoft Cloud and Enterprise Services

- Azure Integration Components
  - Azure SDK for .NET
  - Azure Functions runtime
  - Azure App Service integration
- Enterprise Services
  - Windows Communication Foundation (WCF)
  - Windows Workflow Foundation (WWF)
  - Enterprise Library components

## Level 8: Microsoft Platform Integration

- Windows Operating System Integration
  - Windows Registry access
  - Windows Event Log integration
  - Windows Service support
  - COM and COM+ interoperability
- Microsoft Office Integration
  - Office Primary Interop Assemblies
  - Office development tools
  - SharePoint integration
- Microsoft Database Integration
  - SQL Server integration
  - SQL Server Compact Edition
  - LocalDB support

Note: This list includes only Microsoft-developed and maintained components that are part of the official .NET platform. Third-party implementations like Mono, Xamarin (now part of Microsoft but originally third-party), and community projects are excluded as per the request.