**Definition - What does *Windows Runtime Library (WinRT)*mean?**

In the context of the Windows 8 operating system (OS), the Windows Runtime Library (WinRT) is the default application programming interface (API) used by the OS. It does not replace the Win32 API that has been running underneath all Windows applications, but rather augments it. WinRT is a C++ object-oriented API sitting at the same level as the Win32 API, not a shell that sits under Win32.

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WinRT implements the Metro look that started in Windows Mobile 7. This brings a totally different look compared to the previous iterations of Windows. WinRT is an extensible application markup language (XAML)-based user interface (UI) system, which provides the same UI implementation to C++, HTML/JavaScript and .NET developers.