

Module 9

"WPF Testing and Debugging"



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Agenda

- ▶ **Testing**
- ▶ Debugging
- ▶ Performance Measuring

Unit Testing WPF Applications

- ▶ Your WPF will be unit testable if you apply
 - Architectural pattern:
 - MVVM
 - Design Patterns
 - Strategy, Abstract Factory, Repository, Null Object, ...
- ▶ Unit Test
 - Model (M)
 - ViewModels (VM)
- ▶ Views:
 - Needs e.g. UIAutomation for automatic test

UI Automation

- ▶ UI testing framework
 - **System.Windows.Automation** namespace for WPF
- ▶ **XxxAutomationPeer** is the UI Automation representation of the **Xxx** control
 - **GetChildren()**
 - **GetName()**
 - **GetParent()**
 - **GetPattern()**
- ▶ Pattern interfaces (add reference to **UIAutomationProvider.dll**)
 - **IInvokeProvider**
 - **IToggleProvider**
 - + many, many more...
- ▶ Step-by-step:
 1. Create **AutomationPeer** class for control to interact with
 2. Retrieve pattern interface
 3. Interact with control through methods of the pattern interface





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Introducing the WPF Tree Visualizer

► Logical Tree

- View in Visual Studio with
 - **View → Other Windows → Document Outline**
 - Very small view icon 😊
- Essential for eventing

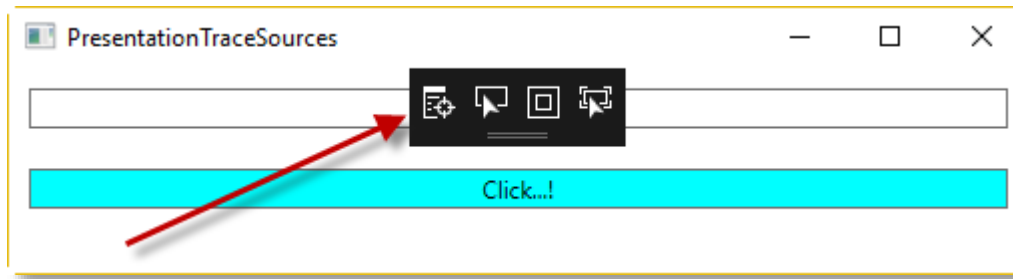
► Visual Tree

- Elements deriving from **Visual** and **Visual3D**
- View in Visual Studio with “WPF Tree Visualizer”
 - Access from Locals, Autos, or Watch window
- Essential for styling and templating



UI Debugging Tools in Visual Studio

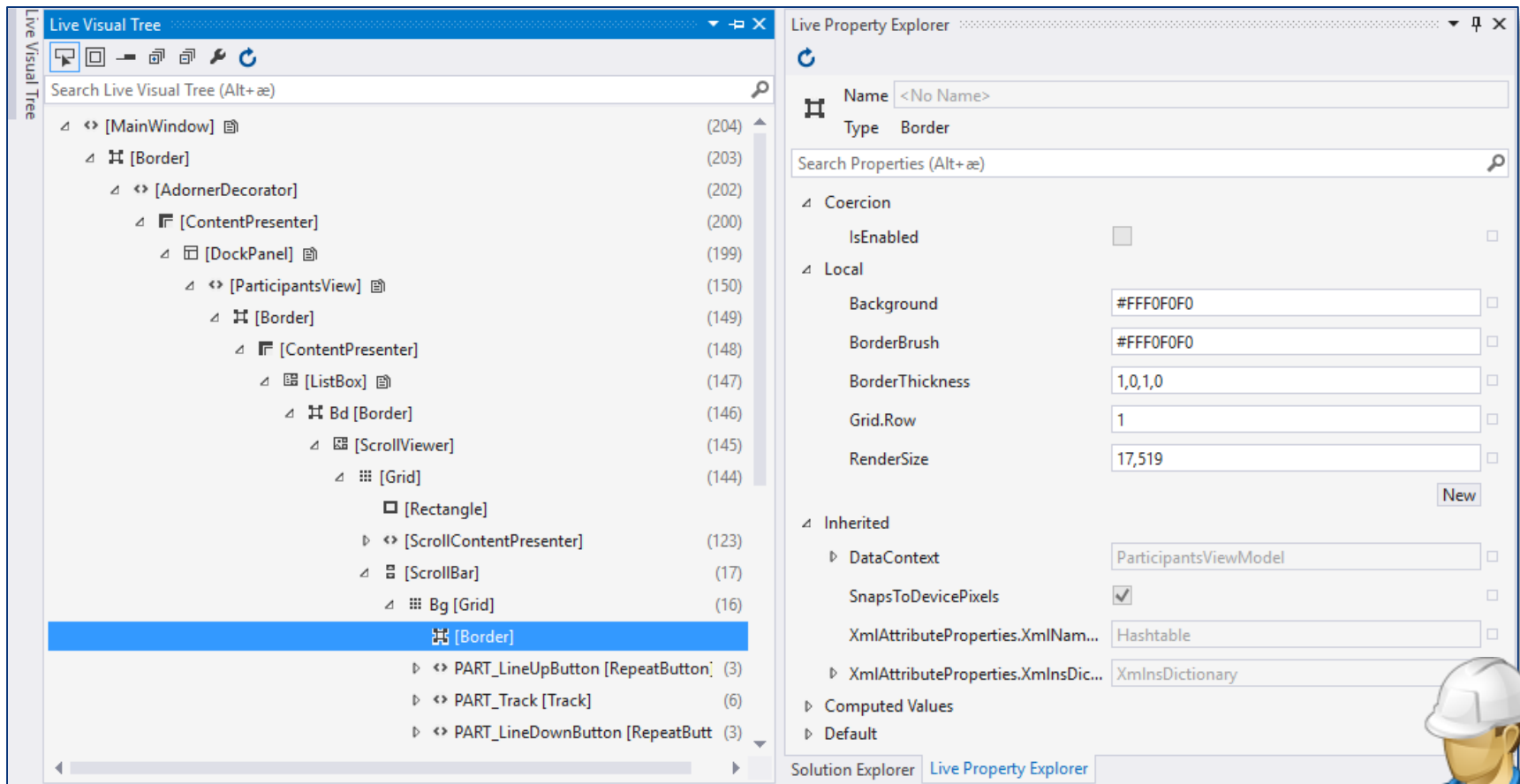
- ▶ Visual Studio 2015 added UI Debugging Tools



- ▶ Live Visual Tree
- ▶ Enable Selection
- ▶ Display Layout Adorners
- ▶ Track Focused Element

XAML Live Visual Tree

► Live Visual Tree + Live Property Explorer



The screenshot displays the Visual Studio IDE with the **Live Visual Tree** and **Live Property Explorer** windows open.

Live Visual Tree: This window shows the hierarchical structure of the XAML UI. The tree is rooted at **[MainWindow]** (204). It includes a search bar at the top: "Search Live Visual Tree (Alt+æ)". The tree structure is as follows:

- [MainWindow] (204)
 - [Border] (203)
 - [AdornerDecorator] (202)
 - [ContentPresenter] (200)
 - [DockPanel] (199)
 - [ParticipantsView] (150)
 - [Border] (149)
 - [ContentPresenter] (148)
 - [ListBox] (147)
 - [Bd [Border]] (146)
 - [ScrollViewer] (145)
 - [Grid] (144)
 - [Rectangle] (143)
 - [ScrollContentPresenter] (123)
 - [ScrollBar] (17)
 - [Bg [Grid]] (16)
 - [Border] (15)
 - PART_LineUpButton [RepeatButton] (3)
 - PART_Track [Track] (6)
 - PART_LineDownButton [RepeatButton] (3)

Live Property Explorer: This window shows the properties of the selected element in the Live Visual Tree. It includes a search bar: "Search Properties (Alt+æ)". The properties are organized into sections:

 - Name:** <No Name>
 - Type:** Border
 - Coercion:**
 - IsEnabled: ☐
 - Local:**
 - Background: #FFF0F0F0
 - BorderBrush: #FFF0F0F0
 - BorderThickness: 1,0,1,0
 - Grid.Row: 1
 - RenderSize: 17,519
 - Inherited:**
 - DataContext: ParticipantsViewModel
 - SnapsToDevicePixels: ☒
 - XmlAttributeProperties.XmlNam...: Hashtable
 - XmlAttributeProperties.XmlInsDic...: XmlInsDictionary
 - Computed Values:**
 - Default:**

At the bottom of the Live Property Explorer, there is a **New** button and a **Solution Explorer** tab labeled **Live Property Explorer**.



Debugging Data Bindings

- ▶ Set tracing for data binding directly

```
<Window ...  
    xmlns:diag="clr-  
namespace:System.Diagnostics;assembly=WindowsBase">  
    <Button x:Name="button" Background="{Binding  
ElementName=otherButton, Path=Width,  
diag:PresentationTraceSources.TraceLevel=High}">Press...!</Butto  
n>  
    ...  
</Window>
```

```
System.Windows.Data Warning: 67 : BindingExpression  
(hash=48835636): Resolving source  
System.Windows.Data Warning: 70 : BindingExpression  
(hash=48835636): Found data context element: <null> (OK)  
...
```



.NET Trace Sources

- ▶ **Debug** and **Trace** classes in **System.Diagnostics**
- ▶ .NET 2.0 introduced the **TraceSource** class
 - **TraceSource.Switch**
- ▶ **SourceSwitch.Level** of type **SourceLevels**
 - Off
 - Critical
 - Error
 - **Warning**
 - Information
 - Verbose
 - **ActivityTracing**
 - **All**
- ▶ Can be configured programmatically or in .config file

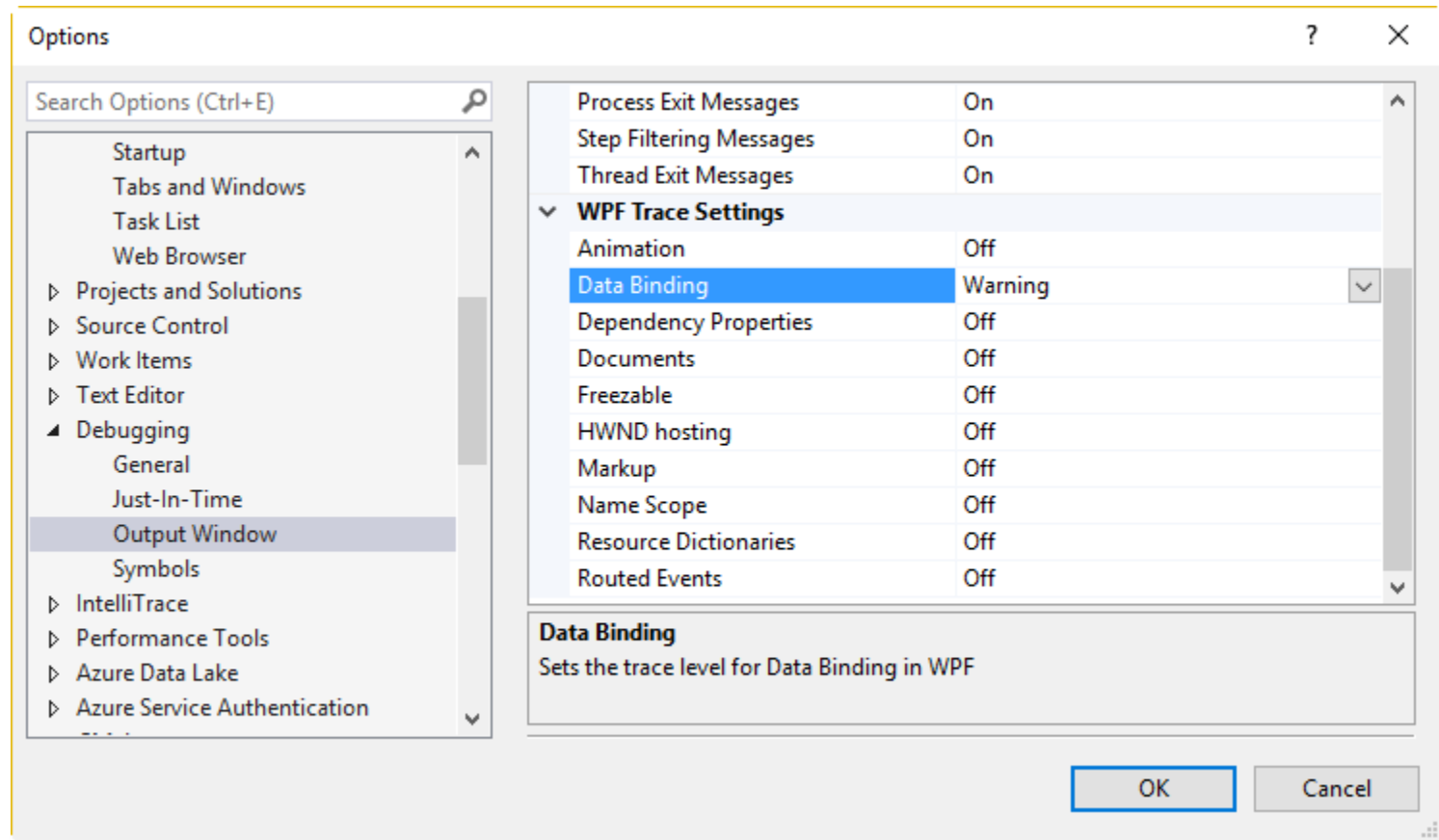
The `PresentationTraceSources` Class

- ▶ The `PresentationTraceSources` class holds all the `TraceSource` objects from WPF
 - `"System.Windows.Data"`
 - `"System.Windows.DependencyProperty"`
 - `"System.Windows.RoutedEvent"`
 - `"System.Windows.Media.Animation"`
 - `"System.Windows.ResourceDictionary"`
 - `"System.Windows.Markup"`
 - `"System.Windows.Documents"`
 - ...
- ▶ Initialize `PresentationTraceSources`
 - Programmatically via `PresentationTraceSources.Refresh()`



Setting Tracing in Visual Studio

- ▶ Tools -> Options -> Debugging -> Output Window -> WPF Trace Settings



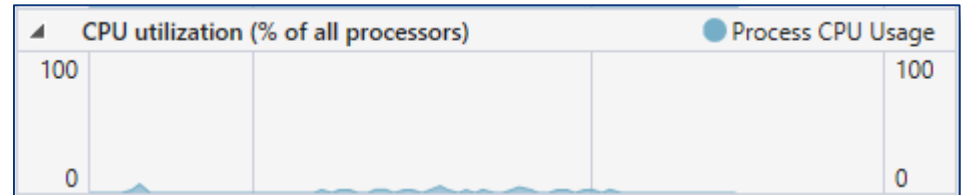


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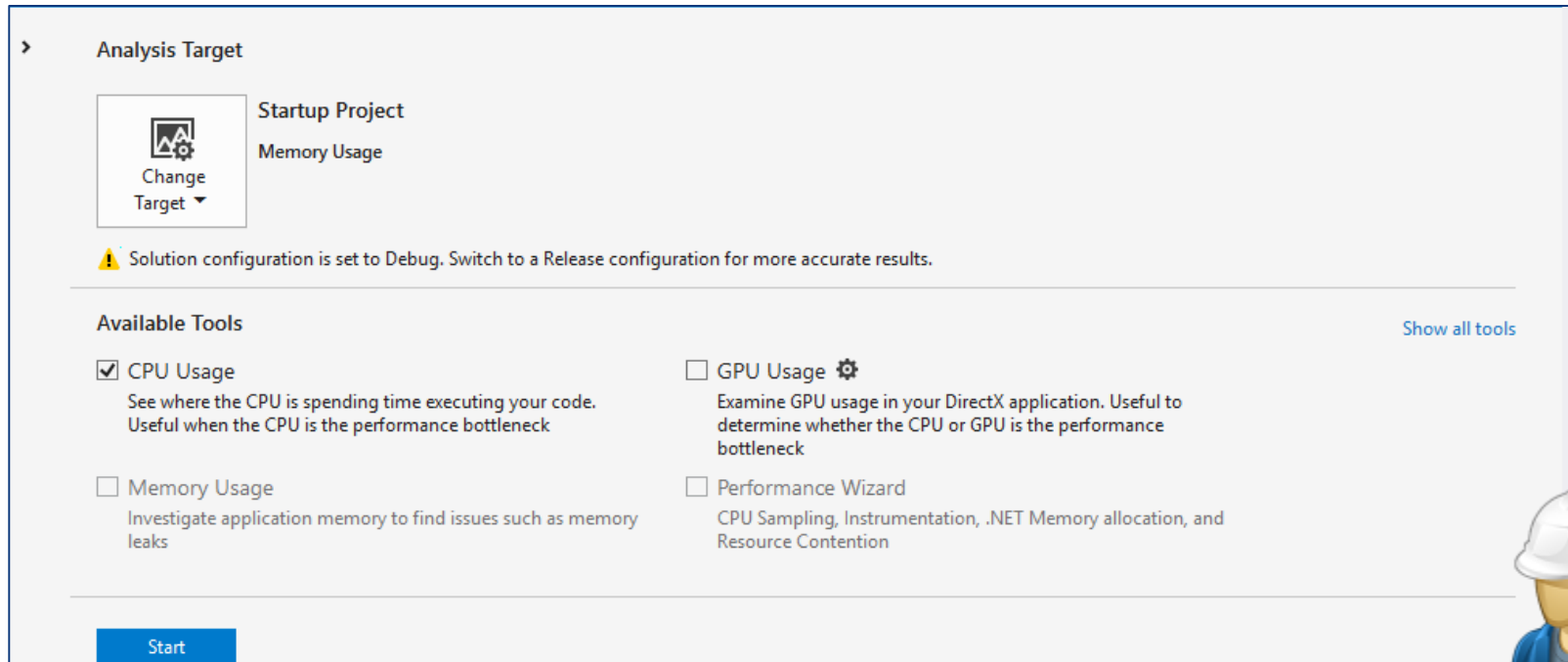
- ▶ Testing
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- ▶ **Performance Measuring**

CPU Utilization

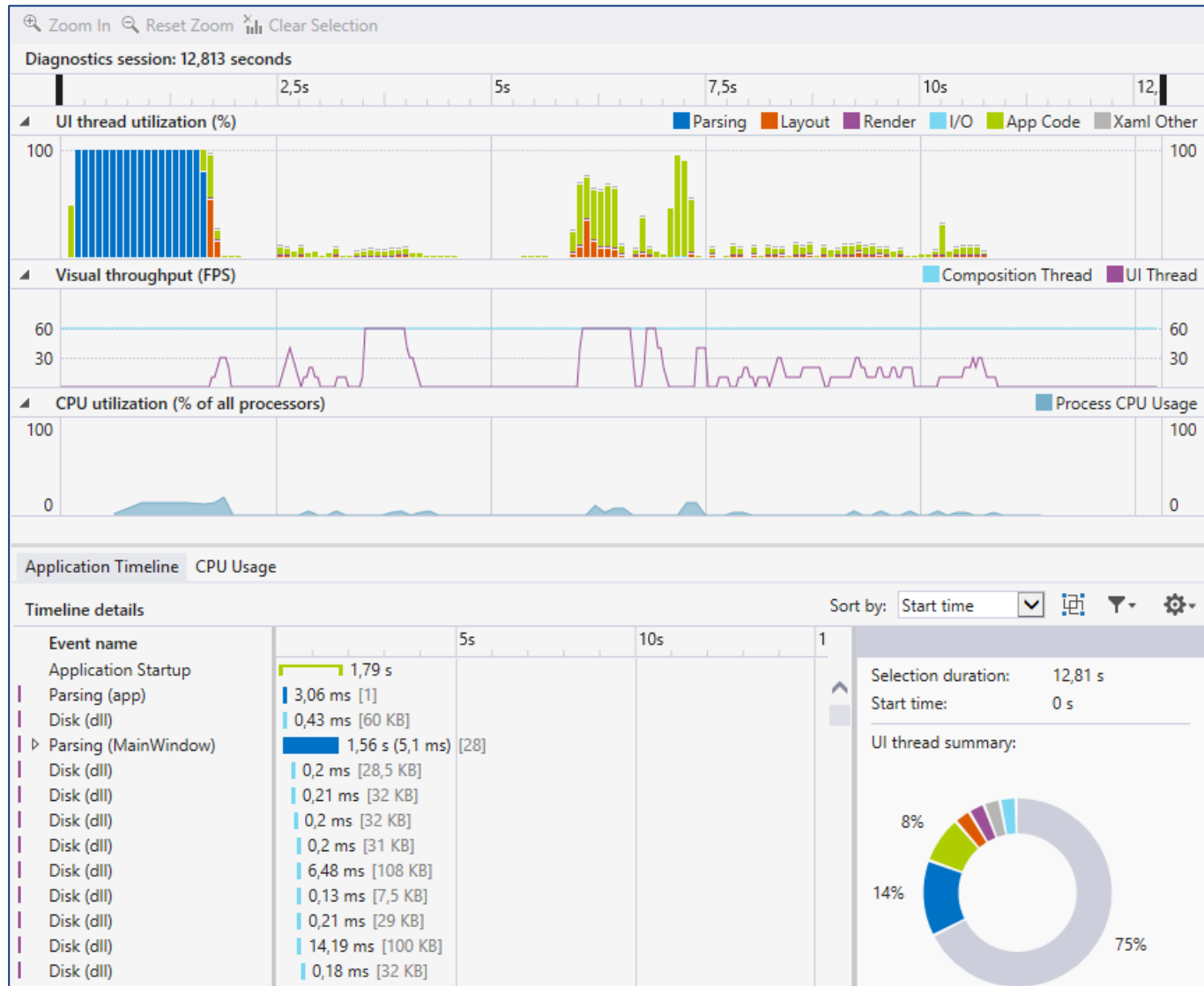
- ▶ Identify spikes
- ▶ Evaluate parallelization potential



- ▶ Start Diagnostic Tools Without Debugging...
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XAML Application Timeline Tool



Summary

- ▶ Testing
- ▶ Debugging
- ▶ Performance Measuring



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