

Microsoft brings Edge WebView 2 to Windows 10

Microsoft has just officially announced to bring WebView 2 Runtime to supported user versions of Windows 10.

Microsoft Edge WebView 2 is basically a control framework specifically for developers to embed web content into apps. It allows web developers to take advantage of the latest innovations and technologies from the Edge Chromium browser to improve the overall browsing experience of users. It can be understood that WebView2 Runtime is a new version of WebView based on the old EdgeHTML platform, the only difference is that it runs on the Chromium kernel.

For the average user, this message doesn't really matter. The user does not interact directly with the runtime; they receive the files needed to run a particular application along with its installation files. By bringing WebView 2 to Windows 10, Microsoft is mainly aiming to support web developers more.

Download the WebView2 Runtime

When distributing your application, there are a few ways you can ensure the WebView2 Runtime is on client machines. [Learn more about those options.](#)

Evergreen Bootstrapper

The Bootstrapper is a tiny installer that downloads the Evergreen Runtime matching device architecture and installs it locally. There is also a Link that allows you to programmatically download the Bootstrapper.

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Evergreen Standalone Installer

A full-blown installer that can install the Evergreen Runtime in offline environment. Available for x86/x64/ARM64.

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Fixed Version

Select and package a specific version of the WebView2 Runtime with your application.

Select Version

Select Architecture

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Microsoft says that combining Windows 10 with the WebView 2 Runtime will help developers cut costs and increase the performance of web applications, thereby ensuring a more optimal user experience. Previously, developers had to spend extra time and effort to package WebView 2 Runtime with their applications.

WebView 2 Runtime rollout starts today on user versions of Windows 10. According to the announcement posted on the official website, WebView 2 will appear on systems running Windows 10 Home and Pro. , version 2004 or later. It will have minimal impact on hard drive space as the runtime is tied to the Edge browser, which is the front-end browser on Windows 10 and 11. Additionally, Microsoft will roll out WebView 2 in batches to ensure " users can access the best experience".

Developers can learn more about the WebView 2 Runtime delivery process in the official documentation from Microsoft.

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