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Written By Amanda Langowski Brandon LeBlanc published November 4, 2024 Hello Windows Insiders, today we are releasing Windows 11 Insider Preview Build 26120.2213 (KB5045885) to the Dev Channel. Changes in Dev Channel builds and updates are documented in two buckets: new features, improvements, and fixes that are being gradually rolled out for Insiders who have turned on the toggle to get the latest updates as they are available (via Settings > Windows Update*) and then new features, improvements, and fixes rolling out to everyone in the Dev Channel. For more information, see the Reminders section at the bottom of this blog post. Changes and Improvements gradually being rolled out to the Dev Channel with toggle on* [Input] We are beginning to roll out a change where we now hide the IME toolbar when apps are in full screen mode for those who have the IME toolbar enabled and type in Chinese or Japanese. We have temporarily disabled the new Gamepad keyboard layout for the on-screen keyboard in Windows 11 that began rolling out to Windows Insiders in the Dev Channel with Build 26120.2130 to address some issues. This feature will roll out again in a future flight. Fixes gradually being rolled out to the Dev Channel with toggle on* [Start menu] Fixed an issue impacting Start menu reliability. Fixed an issue causing some Insiders to see an unexpected amount of spacing between items in the Start menu apps list. Fixed an issue where ability to pin / unpin apps to and from Start menu was unexpectedly unavailable for some people. [File Explorer] Fixed an issue which was causing the items in the navigation pane to become very spread out (with unexpected padding between each item) for some people. Fixed an underlying issue which was causing RAW images taken in portrait mode to unexpectedly display in landscape mode thumbnails. [Taskbar] Made a change so you will now see a search box if the taskbar auto-hides when the setting for search on the taskbar is set to "Search box" (rather than an icon). Made a fix for WIN + not working in some cases in the latest flights. Fixed an issue where the X button to close an app window from the taskbar wasn't working for some Insiders. Fixed an issue on secondary monitors for left aligned taskbar users, where the widgets text in the taskbar might overlap the date and time. [Dev Drive] Fixed an underlying issue leading to Dev Drives potentially not being accessible within WSL after the latest flights. [Other] Fixed an underlying issue which could potentially lead to not being able to join a domain. Fixed an underlying issue which could lead to DISM /StartComponentCleanup not working properly, getting stuck at 71% and showing error 6842. Fixed an underlying issue which was causing the Get-WindowsCapability command to get into a state sometimes where it would fail unexpectedly until rebooting your PC. Fixed an issue where rotation info about JPGs couldn't be queried via APIs (for example, via PowerShell). Fixes for everyone in the Dev Channel [General] Fixed an underlying issue leading to some games not launching in the previous flight. [Task Manager] Fixed an issue causing Task Manager to show a 0 count for apps and processes. [Network] Fixed an underlying issue impacting DHCP where unexpected duplicate options would fail lease acquisition, which could cause DHCP to not get an IP address, leading to Wi-Fi not working. Fixed an issue where DirectAccess wasn't working and might stay stuck in a connecting state. Known issues [Desktop] [NEW] We're working on the fix for an issue where your desktop background may not show correctly sometimes with multiple monitors (showing big black areas). 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As you see issues with localization in your language, please report those issues to us via Feedback Hub. Because the Dev and Beta Channels represent parallel development paths from our engineers, there may be cases where features and experiences show up in the Beta Channel first. Check out Flight Hub for a complete look at what build is in which Insider channel. Thanks, Amanda & Brandon I've been on the beta release channel for a long time now, and it's been fairly stable with little to no major bugs, and I've had an enjoyable experience. However, now that Microsoft has released a new Canary Channel, I am tempted to join the Dev channel. So, those who migrated from the beta to the dev channel, how has your experience been? Is it too buggy? I will use it on my main, primary Surface laptop, and I'll be a college student soon, so this device is essential for me. Given all this, would you recommend migrating to the dev channel? Written By Amanda Langowski Brandon LeBlanc published May 12, 2025 Hello Windows Insiders, today we are releasing Windows 11 Insider Preview Build 26200.5600 (KB5058493) to the Dev Channel. Changes in Dev Channel builds and updates are documented in two buckets: new features, improvements, and fixes that are being gradually rolled out for Insiders who have turned on the toggle to get the latest updates as they are available (via Settings > Windows Update*) and then new features, improvements, and fixes rolling out to everyone in the Dev Channel. For more information, see the Reminders section at the bottom of this blog post. New Copilot+ PC experiences Intelligent text actions in Click to Do for AMD and Intel™-powered Copilot+ PCs We're introducing more intelligent text actions to enhance your Click to Do experience even further on AMD and Intel™-powered Copilot+ PCs. Use WIN key + mouse-click or WIN + Q to select a text block and then drag to select the text that you want. You'll see options to Summarize, Create a bulleted list, or to help you Rewrite your text, so it sounds more causal, more formal, or more polished. More intelligent text actions in Click to Do with options to Summarize, Create a bulleted list, or Rewrite. Click to Do leverages the capabilities of Phi Silica, the on-device Small Language Model (SLM) that is built right into Windows. Results from our local model will show directly inline and if you're happy with the rewrites you can copy them directly to your clipboard for use anywhere. The intelligent text actions are available when your default language is set to English, at least 10 words are selected, and you're signed in with either a Microsoft account or Microsoft Entra account. You can learn more about using Click to Do here. FEEDBACK: Please file feedback in Feedback Hub (WIN + F) under Desktop Environment > Click to Do. Changes and Improvements gradually being rolled out to the Dev Channel with toggle on* [Click to Do (Preview)] For Windows Insiders using French or Spanish as their primary language on their PC, Click to Do will temporarily only provide Summarize, Create a bulleted list, Refine as intelligent text actions. Rewrite and its options, including Refine, will return in a future update. [Dynamic Lighting] Dynamic Lighting compatible devices can now be safely removed using the "Safely Remove Hardware and Eject Media" taskbar icon. [Settings] The new agent in Settings experience is currently beginning to roll out to Windows Insiders in the Beta Channel first and once the right ML models are set up for the Dev Channel, we will begin rolling this experience out in the Dev Channel with a future flight. We're making it easy to find answers to common questions about your PC and Windows 11 with a dedicated FAQs section on the Settings > System > About page, providing quick and helpful insights for using your PC all in one place. Whether you're curious about system configuration, performance, or compatibility, this experience ensures you get the information you need for the frequently asked questions for those topics. We hope these FAQs will help you make informed decisions about your PC with ease. FAQ section highlighted in a red box on the About settings page. Fixes gradually being rolled out to the Dev Channel with toggle on* [Start menu] Fixed a few crashes impacting Start menu reliability for Insiders in recent flights. [File Explorer] Fixed a deadlock which could occur when loading File Explorer Home, causing it to hang. Fixed an issue where Shared by and Activity information was missing in the tooltip when hovering over recent documents in File Explorer Home. Fixed an issue which could cause explorer.exe to crash when closing File Explorer. [Voice Access] Fixed an issue which was causing voice access crashes when using Spanish. [Taskbar] Fixed an issue where when using Tab and Shift + Tab to move keyboard focus around the taskbar, if you went backwards at least once you could get keyboard focus stuck on the taskbar frame, which would potentially lead screen readers to just say "pane". Fixed an issue which could cause the media controls in the preview windows for apps in the taskbar (that support it) to flicker. [Windows Spotlight] Fixed an issue where the Windows Spotlight flyout for "Learn more about this picture" (when using it as your desktop background) might get stuck above other app windows. [Live captions] Fixed an issue causing live captions to crash in the previous build. [Other] Improved the colors used in MMC when items are selected, both generally, and when contrast modes are enabled. Fixed an underlying issue which could make some apps like Word hang when trying to print. Known issues [General] After you do a PC reset under Settings > System > Recovery, your build version may incorrectly show as Build 26100 instead of Build 26200. This will not prevent you from getting future Beta Channel updates, which will resolve this issue. [NW] The option to reset your PC under Settings > System > Recovery will not work on this build. [Xbox Controllers] Some Insiders are experiencing an issue where using their Xbox Controller via Bluetooth is causing their PC to bugcheck. Here is how to resolve the issue. Open Device Manager by searching for it via the search box on your taskbar. Once Device Manager is open, click on "View" and then "Devices by Driver". Find the driver named "oemXXX.inf (XboxGameControllerDriver.inf)" where the "XXX" will be a specific number on your PC. Right-click on that driver and click "Uninstall". [Recall (Preview)] [REMINDER] You are always in control and can always choose to remove Recall anytime via "Turn Windows features on or off". Removing Recall will delete entry points and binaries. Like any feature, Windows sometimes keeps temporary copies of binaries for serviceability. These Recall binaries are not executable and are eventually removed over time. [REMINDER] Make sure you update Microsoft 365 apps to the latest version so you can jump back into specific documents. [Click to Do (Preview)] [REMINDER] The intelligent text actions are now locally moderated to ensure the safety of prompts and responses and has replaced the cloud endpoint. Now that these intelligent text actions are fully local, they are also available in Click to Do in Recall. [REMINDER] If any of your actions on image entities are no longer appearing, please ensure you have the latest updates for the Photos and Paint app from the Microsoft Store. The following known issues will be fixed in future updates to Windows Insiders: [NEW] Image actions may not show up in Click to Do. [NEW] Windows Insiders on AMD or Intel™-powered Copilot+ PCs may experience long wait times on the first attempt to perform intelligent text actions in Click to Do after a new build or model update. [NEW] For Windows Insiders in the Dev Channel, Click to Do's intelligent text actions may not offer support for Spanish or French. [Improved Windows Search] [REMINDER] For improved Windows Search on Copilot+ PCs, it is recommended that you plug in your Copilot+ PC for the initial search indexing to get completed. You can check your search indexing status under Settings > Privacy & security > Searching Windows. [Start menu] We're investigating reports that clicking your profile picture isn't opening the Account Manager for some Insiders after the last flight. [Task Manager] After adding the new CPU Utility column, you may notice that System Idle Process always shows as 0. The CPU graphs in the Performance page are still using the old CPU utility calculations. [Narrator] [NEW] We are investigating an issue where the richer image descriptions on your Copilot+ PC with Narrator do not work. [Voice Access] [NEW] We are investigating an issue where support for more descriptive and flexible language on Copilot+ PCs does not work as expected. Entra ID support for AI features in Paint and Notepad We are rolling out Entra ID support for AI features in Paint (version 11.2503.381.0 and higher) and Notepad (version 11.2503.16.0 and higher) to Windows Insiders on IT-managed PCs in the Canary, Dev, and Beta Channels. This update enables commercial customers to access AI features that were previously limited to consumers. 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