# **Connected Animation** shows how to use a **Connected Animation** which is part of the **Fluent Design System** in **Windows 10**

#### Step 1

Create a new project Choose a project template with code scaffolding to get started

Blank App (Universal Windows)
 A project for a single-page Universal Windows Platform (UWP) app that has no predefined controls or layout.
 C# Windows Xbox UWP Desktop

New Universal Windows Platform Project						
Select the target and minimum platform versions that your UWP application will support.						
Target version:	Windows 10, version 1903 (10.0; Build 18362)		~			
Minimum version:	Windows 10, version 1903 (10.0; Build 18362)		~			
Which version should I choose?		OK Cancel				

Follow Setup and Start on how to Install and/or Get Started with Visual Studio 2019 if not already or in Windows 10 choose Start, find and select Visual Studio 2019 then from the Get started screen select Create a new project

Then choose **Blank App (Universal Windows)** and select **Next** and then in **Configure your new project** enter the **Project name** as **ConnectedAnimation** and select **Create** 

Finally, in New Universal Windows Platform Project pick the Target version and Minimum version to be at least Windows 10, version 1903 (10.0; Build 18362) and then select OK

Target Version will control the most recent features of Windows 10 your application can use. To make sure you always have the most recent version, check for any Notifications or Updates in Visual Studio 2019

#### Step 2



## Choose **Project** then **Add New Item...** from the **Menu** in **Visual Studio 2019**

## Step 3

Code File Visual C#

Then choose **Code File** from **Add New Item** in **Visual Studio 2019**, enter the **Name** as **Library.cs** and select **Add** 





#### Step 4

In the **Code** View of **Library.cs** will be displayed and in this the following should be entered:

```
using System.Linq;
using Windows.UI.Xaml.Controls;
using Windows.UI.Xaml.Media;
using Windows.UI.Xaml.Media.Animation;
using Windows.UI.Xaml.Shapes;
public static class Library
{
    private const string animate_back = "AnimateBack";
    private const string animate_next = "AnimateNext";
    private static Windows.UI.Xaml.Media.Animation.
    ConnectedAnimation _animation;
    public static string Current { get; set; }
}
```

There is a using statement to include functionality and there are const of string and a Windows.UI.Xaml.Media.Animation.ConnectedAnimation and a string property

Then below the **public static string Current { get; set; }** line the following **public static methods** should be entered:

```
public static void Back(ref ListView listview)
{
    Rectangle rectangle = (Rectangle)listview.Items
    .SingleOrDefault(f => ((Rectangle)f).Tag.Equals(Current));
    _animation = ConnectedAnimationService.GetForCurrentView()
    .GetAnimation(animate_back);
    _animation?.TryStart(rectangle);
}
public static Brush Next(ref object selected)
{
    Rectangle rectangle = (Rectangle)selected;
    Current = (string)rectangle.Tag;
    _animation = ConnectedAnimationService.GetForCurrentView()
    .PrepareToAnimate(animate_next, rectangle);
    return rectangle.Fill;
}
```

The Back(...) method takes a ListView parameter and gets a Rectangle from the ListView and then gets the Windows.UI.Xaml.Media.Animation.ConnectedAnimation and calls the TryStart method on it. The Next method takes an object parameter which will be a Rectangle and then gets the Windows.UI.Xaml.Media.Animation.ConnectedAnimation for it and calls the PrepareToAnimate method of the ConnectedAnimationService.GetForCurrentView





Finally below the **public static Brush Next(ref object selected)** { ... } **method** the following **public static methods** should be entered:

```
public static void From(ref Rectangle from)
{
    __animation =
    ConnectedAnimationService.GetForCurrentView()
    .PrepareToAnimate(animate_back, from);
}
public static void Loaded(ref Rectangle rectangle)
{
    __animation =
    ConnectedAnimationService.GetForCurrentView()
    .GetAnimation(animate_next);
    rectangle.Opacity = 1;
    __animation?.TryStart(rectangle);
}
```

The From(...) method calls the ConnectedAnimationService.GetForCurrentView method of PrepareToAnimate. The Loaded(...) method takes a Rectangle parameter and this calls the GetAnimation method of ConnectedAnimationService.GetForCurrentView and will set the Opacity to 1 and calls the TryStart method

#### Step 5



Choose **Project** then **Add New Item...** from the **Menu** in **Visual Studio 2019** 

#### Step 6



Then choose **Blank Page** from **Add New Item** in **Visual Studio 2019**, enter the **Name** as **DetailPage.xaml** and select **Add** 

#### Step 7

In the **Design** View and **XAML** View of **Visual Studio 2019** will be displayed, and in this between the **Grid** and **/Grid** elements enter the following **XAML**:

```
<Rectangle Margin="50" Name="Target" Opacity="0" Loaded="Target_Loaded"/>
<CommandBar VerticalAlignment="Bottom">
<AppBarButton Icon="Back" Label="Back" Click="Back_Click"/>
</CommandBar>
```

The first block of XAML is a Rectangle Control and the second block of XAML is a CommandBar with an AppBarButton for Back





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#### Step 9

Once in the **Code** View, below the end of **public DetailPage()** { ... } the following Code should be entered:

```
protected override void OnNavigatedTo(NavigationEventArgs e)
{
    Target.Fill = (SolidColorBrush)e.Parameter;
}
protected override void OnNavigatingFrom(NavigatingCancelEventArgs e)
{
    if (e.NavigationMode == NavigationMode.Back)
        Library.From(ref Target);
    base.OnNavigatingFrom(e);
}
private void Target_Loaded(object sender, RoutedEventArgs e)
{
    Library.Loaded(ref Target);
}
private void Back_Click(object sender, RoutedEventArgs e)
{
    this.Frame.GoBack();
```

**OnNavigatedTo** event handler will set the **Fill** property of the **Rectangle**, **OnNavigatingFrom** event handler will call the **From** method in the **Library** class and **Back\_Click** will call **GoBack** to navigate to the previous XAML Page, MainPage.xaml

## Step 10



# In the Solution Explorer of Visual Studio 2019 select MainPage.xaml





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## Step 12

In the **Design** View and **XAML** View of **Visual Studio 2019** will be displayed, and in this between the **Grid** and **/Grid** elements enter the following **XAML**:

```
<ListView Name="Display" Margin="50">
    <Rectangle Margin="10" Width="64" Height="64"
    Tag="Black" Fill="Black" Tapped="Rectangle Tapped"/>
    <Rectangle Margin="10" Width="64" Height="64"</pre>
    Tag="Gray" Fill="Gray" Tapped="Rectangle Tapped"/>
    <Rectangle Margin="10" Width="64" Height="64"
    Tag="Red" Fill="Red" Tapped="Rectangle_Tapped"/>
    <Rectangle Margin="10" Width="64" Height="64"
    Tag="Orange" Fill="Orange" Tapped="Rectangle Tapped"/>
    <Rectangle Margin="10" Width="64" Height="64"</pre>
    Tag="Yellow" Fill="Yellow" Tapped="Rectangle Tapped"/>
    <Rectangle Margin="10" Width="64" Height="64"</pre>
    Tag="Green" Fill="Green" Tapped="Rectangle Tapped"/>
    <Rectangle Margin="10" Width="64" Height="64"</pre>
    Tag="Cyan" Fill="Cyan" Tapped="Rectangle_Tapped"/>
    <Rectangle Margin="10" Width="64" Height="64"
    Tag="Blue" Fill="Blue" Tapped="Rectangle Tapped"/>
    <Rectangle Margin="10" Width="64" Height="64"
    Tag="Magenta" Fill="Magenta" Tapped="Rectangle Tapped"/>
    <Rectangle Margin="10" Width="64" Height="64"
    Tag="Purple" Fill="Purple" Tapped="Rectangle Tapped"/>
</ListView>
```

The main block of XAML is a ListView which contains Rectangle Controls with their Tapped handler set properties set enabling the Control to support drag-and-drop. The second block of XAML is the CommandBar which contains the Add – to add to the ListBox and Remove - to remove items from the ListBox





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Choose View then Code from the Menu in Visual Studio 2019

## Step 14

Once in the **Code** View, below the end of **public MainPage() { ... }** the following Code should be entered:

```
protected override void OnNavigatedTo(NavigationEventArgs e)
{
    if (e.NavigationMode == NavigationMode.Back)
        Library.Back(ref Display);
    base.OnNavigatedTo(e);
}
private void Rectangle_Tapped(object sender, TappedRoutedEventArgs e)
{
    this.Frame.Navigate(typeof(DetailPage), Library.Next(ref sender));
}
```

OnNavigatedTo event handler calls the Back method from the Library class and Rectangle\_Tapped calls the Navigate method of the Page Frame and pass the DetailPage and the result of the Next method in the Library class





▶ Local Machine ▼

That completes the **Universal Windows Platform** Application, in **Visual Studio 2019** select **Local Machine** to run the Application

## Step 11

Once the Application is running you can tap on any of the **Rectangle** Controls, this will Navigate to the **DetailsPage** to show a larger version of a **Rectangle** with the same **Fill** but will use a **Connected Animation** to transition to and from that page







