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# Microsoft Launches Xbox Mode on Windows 11, Just in Time

## Description

Microsoft has officially launched Xbox Mode, previously known as the Xbox Full-Screen Experience, as part of the Windows 11 operating system. This development aims to enhance the gaming experience on PCs, allowing users to run the Xbox app in full screen while minimising background tasks to optimise system performance.

Xbox Mode, first announced in 2025, began its rollout to Windows 11 users in late April 2026. The mode allows gamers to launch and browse titles using a controller in a streamlined interface. Users can easily toggle between the Xbox Mode and the traditional Windows 11 desktop and can access a comprehensive library that includes games from other platforms, alongside those from Xbox and Xbox Game Pass.

This feature also operates on handheld devices like the Xbox Ally, making it accessible to a broader audience. Early experiences with Xbox Mode suggest it offers a solid performance, although some users feel it does not yet compare to Steam's Big Picture Mode. Both Windows and Xbox are dedicated to enhancing user interaction, and extending Xbox Mode to more devices marks progress in this effort.

To access Xbox Mode, users must update their Windows to the latest version. By navigating to Settings and then Windows Update, users can ensure they are set to receive updates as they become available. It is important to note that the rollout will occur in phases, meaning not everyone will receive the update immediately.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **rollout** //ˈrɒl,əʊt// (noun): making something available to users over time
2. **optimise** //ˈɒptə,maɪz// (verb): make something work better with less waste
3. **interface** //ˈɪntəˌfeɪs// (noun): a screen or area where users interact with software
4. **streamlined** //ˈstriːmlaɪnd// (adjective): made simple, faster, or easier to use
5. **toggle** //ˈtɒɡəl// (verb): switch quickly between two states or options
6. **phases** //ˈfeɪzɪz// (noun): different stages in a plan over time

## Comprehension Questions



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## Multiple Choice

1. What was Xbox Mode previously known as?

- Option: Xbox Full-Screen Experience
- Option: Xbox Game Mode
- Option: Xbox Live Mode
- Option: Xbox Performance Mode

2. When was Xbox Mode first announced?

- Option: 2023
- Option: 2024
- Option: 2025
- Option: 2026

3. Which feature allows users to access games from other platforms in Xbox Mode?

- Option: Comprehensive library
- Option: Integrated browser
- Option: Cloud gaming
- Option: Steam compatibility

4. What device is mentioned as being compatible with Xbox Mode?

- Option: Xbox One
- Option: Xbox Series X
- Option: Xbox Ally
- Option: Xbox 360

5. What should users do to access Xbox Mode?

- Option: Uninstall older versions
- Option: Update Windows to the latest version
- Option: Purchase a new device
- Option: Subscribe to Xbox Live

6. In which month did the rollout of Xbox Mode begin?

- Option: January
- Option: February
- Option: April
- Option: June



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### True-False

7. Xbox Mode is only available on PCs.
8. Xbox Mode began its rollout in late April 2026.
9. Users can toggle between Xbox Mode and traditional Windows 11 desktop.
10. Early users have unanimously praised the performance of Xbox Mode.
11. To access Xbox Mode, users do not need to update their Windows version.
12. Xbox Mode is dedicated to enhancing user interaction.

### Gap-Fill

13. Microsoft has launched Xbox Mode, previously known as the \_\_\_\_\_.
14. The rollout of Xbox Mode began in late April \_\_\_\_\_.
15. Users must ensure they are set to receive updates by navigating to Settings and then \_\_\_\_\_.
16. Xbox Mode allows gamers to launch and browse titles using a \_\_\_\_\_.
17. Early experiences with Xbox Mode suggest it offers a solid \_\_\_\_\_.
18. The rollout of Xbox Mode will occur in \_\_\_\_\_, meaning not everyone will receive the update immediately.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Xbox Full-Screen Experience 2. 2025 3. Comprehensive library 4. Xbox Ally 5. Update Windows to the latest version 6. April

**True-False:** 7. False 8. True 9. True 10. False 11. False 12. True

**Gap-Fill:** 13. Xbox Full-Screen Experience 14. 2026 15. Windows Update 16. controller 17. performance 18. phases



## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. What is the term used for the process of introducing a new product to the market?  
Option: Rollout  
Option: Integration  
Option: Debut  
Option: Overhaul
2. What is the goal when you attempt to make something as effective as possible?  
Option: Enhance  
Option: Boost  
Option: Optimise  
Option: Streamline
3. What do we call the point where two systems meet and interact?  
Option: Interface  
Option: Resolution  
Option: Timeline  
Option: Integration
4. What term describes processes made more efficient by simplifying them?  
Option: Overhaul  
Option: Streamlined  
Option: Leaked  
Option: Assembling
5. What is the action of switching between options called?  
Option: Switch  
Option: Toggle  
Option: Adjust  
Option: Balance
6. What do we call distinct stages in a project?



- Option: Steps
- Option: Phases
- Option: Sections
- Option: Elements

7. What is necessary to ensure that different elements have equal importance?

- Option: Balance
- Option: Harmony
- Option: Equilibrium
- Option: Adjustment

8. What is the term for improving the quality of something?

- Option: Upgrade
- Option: Enhance
- Option: Boost
- Option: Amplify

9. What does it mean to have a range of different elements?

- Option: Similar
- Option: Uniform
- Option: Diverse
- Option: Identical

10. What are minor changes made to improve something called?

- Option: Alterations
- Option: Adjustments
- Option: Modifications
- Option: Revisions

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. The company decided to invest in an \_\_\_\_\_ of their outdated systems.

12. Many customers expressed their \_\_\_\_\_ about the delays in service.

13. She \_\_\_\_\_ the vehicle as soon as she purchased it.

14. The film will make its \_\_\_\_\_ at the international festival next week.

15. The team came to a \_\_\_\_\_ after several hours of discussion.



16. The engineers were \_\_\_\_\_ a prototype for testing.
17. The targets for the next quarter are \_\_\_\_\_ to increase by 20%.
18. The company made several important \_\_\_\_\_ during the press conference.
19. The new model was \_\_\_\_\_ at the auto show with much anticipation.
20. The latest \_\_\_\_\_ sports car has received praise for its design and performance.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. The new car model boasts an impressive amount of horsepower for a thrilling driving experience.
22. The two materials were bonded together to create a strong and durable product.
23. The craftsmanship of the hand-built furniture was exquisite and highly regarded.
24. The logistical challenges of coordinating the event were significant but manageable.
25. The company faced backlash after a leak of confidential information occurred.
26. The findings of the study were corroborated by multiple independent researchers.
27. The organization needs to maintain its credibility to ensure public trust.
28. The integration of new software into the existing system was seamless.
29. The project timeline was adjusted to accommodate unexpected delays.
30. The CEO is set to announce the new strategic plan at the upcoming meeting.

**Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Rollout 2. Optimise 3. Interface 4. Streamlined 5. Toggle 6. Phases 7. Balance 8. Enhance 9. Diverse 10. Adjustments

**Gap-Fill:** 11. overhaul 12. frustration 13. registered 14. debut 15. resolution 16. assembling 17. projected 18. announcements 19. unveiled 20. roadster

**Matching sentence:** 1. horsepower 2. bonded 3. craftsmanship 4. logistical 5. leak 6. corroborated 7. credibility 8. integration 9. timeline 10. announce



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