



Windows 11 Preview Programme Overhauled

Description

Microsoft is significantly revamping the Windows 11 preview program, aiming to simplify the testing of new features. This overhaul introduces two clear channels: Experimental and Beta. Previously, the program faced issues with overlapping options, unpredictable updates, and unclear timelines. Microsoft hopes that this reset will enhance the user experience for testers.

The Experimental channel replaces both the Canary and Dev channels. This new option allows testers to access features in their early stages and provide feedback as they develop. It caters to users keen on exploring the latest features before they are fully released. Additionally, the Experimental channel will feature "Future Platform" builds, focusing on deeper system changes rather than just visual upgrades.

Another notable change includes the introduction of feature flags, enabling users to activate or deactivate features listed in changelogs immediately. This move shifts away from the previous Controlled Feature Rollouts (CFR) method, which restricted access to some features based on an A/B testing system. Now, users can directly engage with the newest features once documented, creating a more predictable process.

The Beta channel will still exist but will no longer use the CFR system, enabling users to access all features as they are documented without additional settings required. The Release Preview channel will continue to provide nearly ready builds of Windows 11 before public release.

Microsoft plans to roll out these updates over the coming weeks. Current users in the old channels will transition to the new Experimental channel automatically. These changes represent Microsoft's commitment to improving the Windows 11 testing experience, making it clearer and more efficient for participants.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What are the two new channels introduced in the Windows 11 preview program?

Option: Experimental and Beta

Option: Alpha and Beta

Option: Canary and Dev

Option: Release and Experimental

2. What issue did the previous Windows 11 preview program face?



- Option: Too many features
- Option: Overlapping options
- Option: Lack of features
- Option: High costs

3. What does the Experimental channel replace?

- Option: Beta and Release
- Option: Canary and Dev
- Option: CFR and Beta
- Option: Alpha and Canary

4. What is the purpose of the 'Future Platform' builds in the Experimental channel?

- Option: To provide visual upgrades
- Option: To focus on deeper system changes
- Option: To replace Beta features
- Option: To eliminate bugs

5. Which system did the Beta channel move away from in the updates?

- Option: Controlled Feature Rollouts (CFR)
- Option: Alpha testing
- Option: Experimental features
- Option: Continuous updates

6. What will the Release Preview channel continue to provide?

- Option: Beta builds
- Option: Nearly ready builds before public release
- Option: Experimental builds
- Option: Canary builds

True-False

- 7. The Experimental channel allows testers to access fully released features.
- 8. Microsoft is planning to roll out these updates in the upcoming weeks.
- 9. All current users in the old channels will manually switch to the new Experimental channel.
- 10. Feature flags allow users to immediately activate or deactivate features.



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- The Beta channel will continue using the CFR system.
 - The previous program was known for its predictable updates and clear timelines.

Gap-Fill

- Microsoft is revamping the Windows 11 preview program to improve the _____ user experience.
- The Experimental channel now incorporates _____ Platform builds for deeper changes.
- Users will no longer rely on the _____ method for accessing features.
- The Beta channel will not require additional _____ to access documented features.
- The testing program aims to simplify the process for _____.
- Current users will transition to the new Experimental channel _____.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Experimental and Beta 2. Overlapping options 3. Canary and Dev 4. To focus on deeper system changes 5. Controlled Feature Rollouts (CFR) 6. Nearly ready builds before public release
True-False: 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. True 11. False 12. False
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