EMDK for Xamarin 6.0
Release Notes - November 2019

Highlights

- Barcode API now supports several new OCR Symbologies and other significant enhancements
- Support for MX 9.3 and MX 9.2 adds many new features
- Support for Unique Device Identification (UDI) barcodes (GS1, HIBCC and ICCBBA) has been deprecated in the Barcode API

Device Support

- No device support added; support remains the same as in EMDK for Xamarin 5.0

See all supported devices

New in EMDK for Xamarin 6.0

Support for MX v9.3

- App Manager new features:
  - Ability to enable background data/unrestricted data usage per application
- Bluetooth Manager new features:
  - Silent pairing using MAC and PIN
- GPRS Manager new features:
  - IPv4/IPv6 protocol support
- Keypainting Manager new features:
  - Grey key & W1/W2 button support

Support for MX v9.2

- Power Manager new features:
  - Controls individual hardware wake up methods (buttons)
- Display Manager new features:
  - Controls device font and display size
- Access Manager new features:
  - Offers enhanced device visibility and control while remote troubleshooting
  - Prevents one application from stopping another without explicit permission
- Cellular Manager new features:
  - Subsidy lock implementation
- Keypainting Manager new features:
  - Intent Extra support
- Rotate/Minus key support

Enhanced Barcode Manager API

- Added support for Symbologies OcrA, OcrB, MicrE13B, UsCurrency and Label type OCR:
  - enum OcrAVariant in ScannerConfig - Allows selection of OcrA font variants
  - enum OcrBVariant in ScannerConfig - Allows selection of OcrB font variants
  - OcrAVariant parameter in ScannerConfig.DecoderParams.OcrA to set OcrA font variant. Font variant sets a processing algorithm and default character subset for the given font. Selecting the most appropriate font variant optimizes performance and accuracy.
  - OcrBVariant parameter in ScannerConfig.DecoderParams.OcrB to set OcrB font variant. Selecting the most appropriate font variant optimizes performance and accuracy.
  - OcrParams class in ScannerConfig adds following parameters to configure decoding OCR barcodes:
    - InverseOcr - Changes the OCR behavior for white or light words on a black or dark background.
    - OcrLines – Allows selection of the number of OCR lines to decode. Supports OCR variants such as those for visas, TD1, and TD2 ID cards that automatically set the appropriate number of OCR lines.
    - MaxCharacters – Allows selection of the maximum number of OCR characters (including spaces) per line to decode. Strings of OCR characters greater than the maximum are ignored.
    - MinCharacters – Allows selection of the minimum number of OCR characters (not including spaces) per line to decode. Strings of OCR characters less than the minimum are ignored.
    - QuietZone - Changes the quiet zone to be considered with OCR capture.
    - Template - Changes the template to be used with OCR capture. Templates are used to precisely match scanned OCR characters to a desired input format. Carefully constructing an OCR template eliminates mis-decodes.
    - Orientation - Specifies the orientation of an OCR string to be read
    - Subset – Allows selection of a custom group of characters in place of a preset font variant
    - CheckDigitModulus - Sets the check digit modulus value for OCR Check Digit Calculation
    - CheckDigitMultiplier - Sets OCR check digit multipliers for the character positions.
    - CheckDigitValidation - Allows selection of check digit validation scheme

- New PresentationModeParameters class in ScannerConfig.ReaderParams.ReaderSpecific.ImagingSpecific to set presentation mode behavior:
  - Sensitivity - Allows the user to set the value for sensitivity during the scanning session
  - enum PresentationModeSensitivity in ScannerConfig - Allows selection of values for sensitivity between Low, Medium and High.
- Added support for new Symbology and Label type FinnishPostal4S.
- Added new parameter in ScannerConfig.DecoderParams.DutchPostal:
  - DutchPostal3S - can enable or disable decoding KIX 3S barcodes of Dutch Postal.
• Added new parameter in ScannerConfig.MultiBarcodeParams:
  - ReportDecodedBarcodes - can enable or disable reporting decoded barcode data in a single scan session irrespective of the configured barcode count.
• Added support for new Bluetooth scanner RS5100:
  - New BarcodeManager.DeviceIdentifier enum for selection of the RS5100 Bluetooth scanner

Enhanced Notification Manager API

• Added support for new Bluetooth scanner RS5100:
  - New NotificationManager.DeviceIdentifier enum for selecting the RS5100 Bluetooth Scanner.

Deprecations

Support for Unique Device Identification (UDI) barcodes (GS1, HIBCC and ICCBBA) has been deprecated in the Barcode API. Support for UDI barcodes will be removed when EMDK begins supporting Android 10 targets.

Resolved Issues

• None

Usage Notes

• None

Known Issues

• None

Important Links

• Installation and setup instructions
• See all supported devices

About EMDK for Xamarin

EMDK for Xamarin provides C# developers with a comprehensive set of tools to easily create a powerful line of business applications for enterprise mobility devices and is designed for use with VisualStudio with Xamarin.Android. EMDK for Xamarin includes class libraries, sample applications with source code, as well as all the associated documentation to help applications take full advantage of what Zebra devices have to offer. It also includes an exclusive Profile Manager Technology within Visual Studio, providing a GUI based development tool to use along with Profile Manager API. This allows fewer lines of code, resulting in reduced development time, effort and errors.