

Official Statement Regarding Xamarin.Forms rebranding as MAUI

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Today May 19, 2020, we were notified by a couple of users at the KDE Maui Project Telegram channel about a name change of a Microsoft product, the UI framework previously known as "Xamarin.Forms" was rebranded as MAUI (Multi-platform App UI). This name change is unfortunate as there is an existing project called Maui; evidently, we are referring to the Maui Project (<https://mauikit.org/>). The word "Maui" often capitalized as MAUI in the Maui Project is also an acronym, and it means Multi-Adaptable User Interfaces taking this as consideration; there's a reasonable cause of confusion between these two frameworks.

As it is the case, both are UI frameworks to create cross-platform applications, which does not help the situation. We created the Maui Project in 2018, announcing it for the first time on June 10 of the same year, as per our calculations, that is two years before Microsoft introduced this change into their product. The Maui Project's code was initially at GitHub, and it has code commits dating back to April 29, 2018. Currently, the code of MauiKit and the Maui applications lives on KDE Invent.

Even going back as far as checking the registration of the original domain <https://maui-project.org> which dates back to 2018-05-06 and the current domain (which is under KDE infrastructure) <https://mauikit.org> which dates back to 2018-09-21, it's relatively easy to observe that the Maui Project predates this rebranding by Microsoft.

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