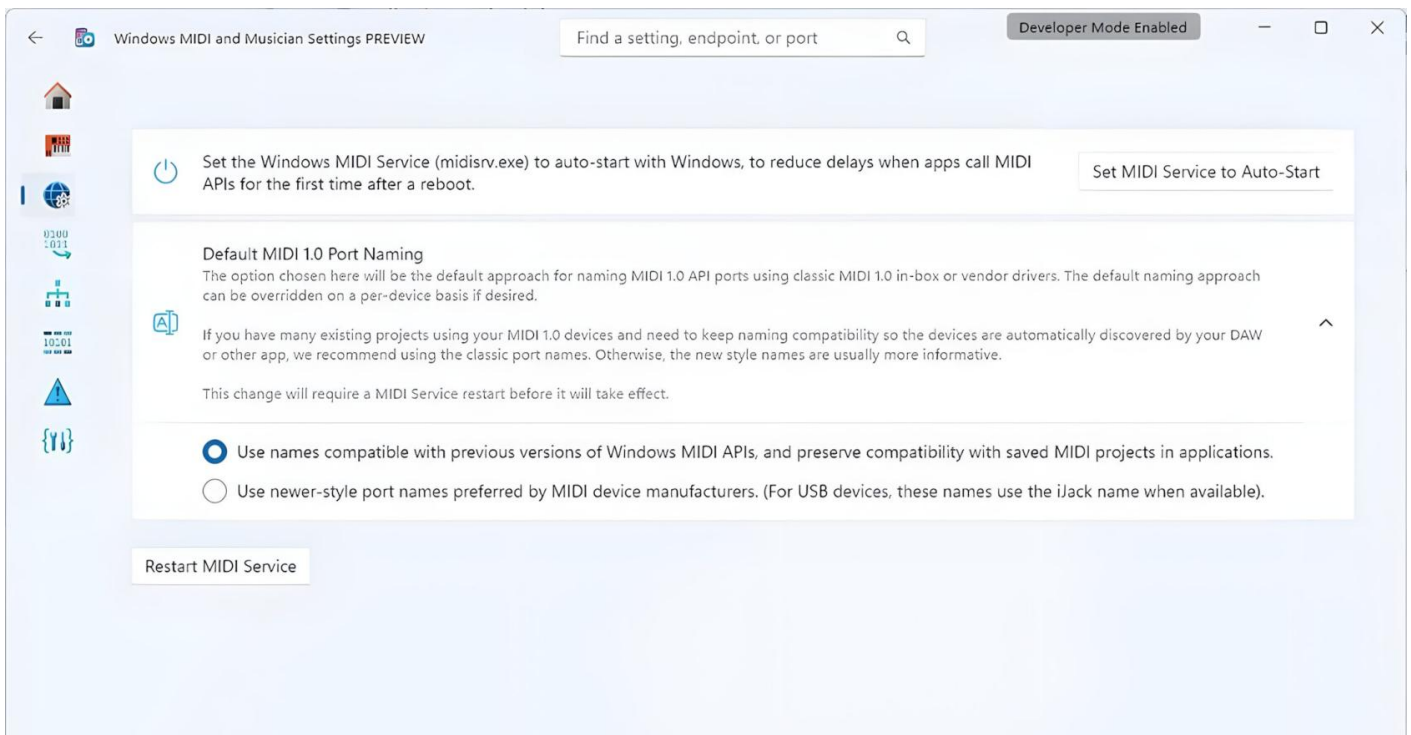


11. New MIDI Services on Windows 11 - 2026 Updates

The new Windows 11 MIDI Services Native MIDI 2.0 support in Windows 11 is arriving through "Windows MIDI Services," rolling out to supported retail releases of Windows 11 24H2 and 25H2 starting in February 2026 and it provides the following options. To check if you have it there is a tool by Microsoft here that checks if the MIDI services are installed.

Make sure the option "**Use names compatible with previous versions of the Windows MIDI APIs**" is selected.



Update April 2026

a recent Windows 11 update creates issues with MIDI 1.0 virtual ports, so the above solution of enabling loopback ports doesn't work.

<https://devblogs.microsoft.com/windows-music-dev/windows-midi-services-rollout-known-issues-and-workarounds/>

Bug: Dynamic ports (loopMIDI, loopBE, virtualTE / teVirtualMIDI / rtpMIDI) are not always visible. [↔](#)

Status: Preview Fix Available on Discord, in-Windows fix coming end of April

Problem: Third-party drivers which dynamically create MIDI ports in Windows do not work as before. Unless the ports were created before the service was started, they are not visible. Additionally, if you have more than 16 loopback ports defined in either loopBE or loopMIDI, only 16 will be available, and the names may be messed up.

The primary issue is the order in which the various components (the third-party product, the MIDI Service, the app) start up. But it can be difficult to align that in a way which functions in the way you want.

[Github Issue 835](#)

[Github issue 852](#)

The [Window MIDI github repository](#) states the following:

Until these are in the main Windows releases, please use the [Service Plugin installers from the rc3 release](#). The MIDI Settings app will work with those builds.

- [MIDI 1.0 Basic Loopback Intel / AMD x64](#)

You can also get the fix from the discord <https://aka.ms/mididiscord>

We suggest to uninstall any MIDI related updates from Window as at the time being they seem to be experimental to avoid any disruption of working MIDI ports.

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