When the Windows Phone 7 came out, the environment offered a number of challenging design questions for a Visio solution. Rather than just simple squares, a Visio stencil offered many possibilities. On the Windows Phone, the screen could rotate along with all the content. In Visio, it is possible to emulate this behavior, along with working toggle bars and sliders. Controls could also inherit the accent color of the phone. So, I created a Visio stencil to help in designing Windows Phone screens.

Windows Phone had accent colours. This is a sample of how to implement the accent colours in a Visio shape. In this Visio drawing, there are two Visio shapes that use the accent colours defined in the Windows Phone SDKs. . One uses the Windows Phone 7 accent colours and the other uses the Windows Phone 8 accent colours.

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