

Re: Drop shadow problem – nobody could solve it so far

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 - *Date:* Fri, 7 Dec 2007 04:50:01 -0800
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The monitor I am currently working on has the same problem but only if I do not install VGA drivers or an incorrect resolution with improper Refresh Rate.

Had you tried different resolution with different refresh rates and you should also give a try the Clear Type program. If you affraid of wrong settings then maybe there was a restore Default setting but was available. You will get nothing till you give a try.

"kimiraikkonen" wrote:

On Dec 7, 6:26 am, RajKohli <RajKo...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

I'm not sure but the problem your Windows may have could be because Refresh Rate. On one of my friend's Internet Cafe there are high tension wires are passing by. The interesting thing is that he has six PCs in his cafe some are 15" and some 17"s of same models. Although they have same Refresh Rate – Resolution and Colors but some monitors do flickers and some not.

I will not say that the Default Refresh Rates of Windows are fake but sometimes things doesn't work the way they are meant for. That is why there is Windows XP SP2 because there was not everything thing perfect when the Windows XP was being released. This is why I have given you the link to check if there is a problem with your specific monitor or not.

I too get sometimes the same effects with Drop Shadows but when Resolution – Refresh Rate are set accordingly it works perfect.

I am not a Developer, so can't comment on Windows Coding but I think there are still many things that needs improvement. I have 8 PCs and sometimes I get amazed when the same thing doesn't run another PC of same

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configuration.

Hope you understand!!

"kimiraikkonen" wrote:

On Dec 5, 3:04 pm, RajKohli
<RajKo...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
wrote:

My guess is that your monitor may have a
Refresh Rate problem. Not sure but
you can still give it a try:

http://www.mysuperpc.com/vcu/monitor_refresh_rate_problem.shtml

Hope this help, let us know!

"kimiraikkonen" wrote:

On Dec 5, 6:31 am,
RajKohli
<RajKo...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
wrote:

Last but not
the least, try
setting a
different
Refresh
Rate for
your
Monitor:

1. Right-click
on Desktop,
choose
Properties
2. Click
Settings –
click
Advanced

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button
3. Click
Adapter tab
then click
List All
Modes
button
4.
Experiment
with
different
Refresh
Rates with
same
Resolution
e.g.
800x600
– 32 Bit –
60 Hz.

If
something
goes wrong
like a Blank
Screen then
do nothing
and wait for
15
Seconds
and it will
revert back
to the
previous
settings
automatically.

Hope this
help, let us
know!

"kimiraikkonen"
wrote:

On
Dec

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4,
4:03
pm,
RajKohli
<RajKo...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
wrote:

Try
this:

1.
open
Display
Properties
–
click
Appearance
tab.
2.
Click
Effects
button
3.
Make
a
check
mark
on
"Use
the
following
method....
and
use
Clear
Type
4.
Apply
the
changes
and
see
if
this
help.

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If
not,
then
try
using
32-bit
colors.
Even
if
that
doesn't
help
then:

1.
Right-click
on
My
Computer
and
choose
Properties
2.
Click
Advanced
tab
and
click
Settings
button
under
Performance
3.
From
Visual
Effects
tab
click
"Adjust
for
best
appearance"
and
apply
the
changes.

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If
nothing
works
then
try
tuning
the
Clear
Type
of
Windows
XP
by
using
the
ClearType
Tuner
PowerToy
from
the
following
link:

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/downloads/po>

Hope
this
help,
let
us
know!

"kimiraikkonen"
wrote:

Hi,
For
this
problem,
I
have
already
done
a
lot

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of
tips
such
as
enabling
transparent
icon
label
background,
but
none
of
them
are
related
to
this
problem.

First
off,
the
problem
is
not
about
transparency.
Background
Transparency
is
present,
the
problem
is
that
the
icon
labels
has
no
"shadows"
although
they're
transparent.

The
problem

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is:
If
i
select
icons
or
open
some
windows
or
click
elsewhere
around
icons,
shadows
get
lost.
If
i
refresh
desktop
for
some,
shadows
come
back
then
re–lost
after
desktop
usage.

As
you
see
icon
labels
are
transparent
but
when
i
select
them
or
use
them,
the
shadows

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are
lost
and
only
transparent
+
non-shadowed
label
remain.

I
use
an
ancient
CRT
monitor.
I
saw
that
on
a
different
computer
with
CRT
monitor.
Could
be
a
relationship
to
this?

Also
my
graphic
card
is
an
old
Nvidia
GeForce
4
card,
using
the
latest

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Nvidia
Forceware
drivers.

Please
check
the
screenshots:

If
i
select
(single
left
click)
icons
or

use
desktop,
shadow
gets
lost:

<http://img101.imageshack.us/img101/7467/>

Until
i
select
icons
or
open
some
windows,
shadows
remains:

<http://img526.imageshack.us/img526/6398/sh>

Note:
Cleartype
is
disabled,
has
no
relationship
to
this.

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Thanks.

Try
this:

1.
open
Display
Properties
–
click
Appearance
tab.
2.
Click
Effects
button
3.
Make
a
check
mark
on
"Use
the
following
method....
and
use
Clear
Type
4.
Apply
the
changes
and
see
if
this
help.

Used
cleartype

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for
sometime
but
has
terrible
view
with
my
old
CRT
monitor.
When
refresh
desktop
while
using
cleartype,
the
shadow
problem
appears
but
minor
than
standard
type.
But
not
completely.
So,
i
don't
use
cleartype
any
time
:-(

If
not,
then
try
using
32-bit
colors.
Even
if
that
doesn't

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help
then:

I've
been
using
32-bit
already.

1.
Right-click
on
My
Computer
and
choose
Properties
2.
Click
Advanced
tab
and
click
Settings
button
under
Performance
3.
From
Visual
Effects
tab
click
"Adjust
for
best
appearance"
and
apply
the
changes.

When
select
for

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"adjust
for
best
appearance",
everything
is
selected
but
this
doesn't
do
anything
regarding
to
problem.

If
nothing
works
then
try
tuning
the
Clear
Type
of
Windows
XP
by
using
the
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Tuner
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from
the
following
link:

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Don't
know
if
it's

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useful
or
may
harm
XP,
Tried
but
that
tool
has
no
difference
than
you
do
settings
manually.
Downloaded
from:<http://download.microsoft.com/download/b/7/0/b701973>
But
didn't
help.

Hope
this
help,
let
us
know!

Thanks
for
your
interest,
but
still
no
solid
help.

With lower resolution
modes like 800x600 @60
hz, almost no shadow is
displayed, with current
mode(1024x768@60)

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shadows are displayed temporarily as the problem of topic.

There are 3 key points which couldn't make a solution:

1–When shadows are lost due to icon selection or desktop usage, they only comes back if i refresh desktop for numerous times till the next icon click and desktop usage
--- vicious circle

2–I saw the same issue on a different computer who uses a CRT monitor with "plug and play" driver in device manager, with Nvidia forceware card with same driver (93.71 latest for Geforce4 series).

3–There's no major problems about graphics cards on these 2 computers except this minor icon label shadow problem.– Hide quoted text –

– Show quoted text –

What does the link you gave mean?
Does that article say sthat although you change (lowering or increasing) refresh rate, it doesn't take effect?

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Hundred millions of computers use Windows's standard refresh rate/resolution changing menus, so is the refresh rate they set under Windows is fake?
I don't think that it must apply for all monitors, because when you change refresh rate just under Windows, you may see the difference.

If you summarize this link you've given, i'd be glad to hear from you.

Thanks.

Hi!

I understood you very well, so you do confirm that you experienced same thing with some monitors?