Add Shadow to DreamScene in Windows 7

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There are probably many people, who may remember that some versions of Windows Vista had an effective function called DreamScene. It allows to set video wallpaper in .wmv or .mpeg format as a desktop background.

Instead of this Windows 7 has a wallpapers slide show. However DreamScene is not gone away, it was only deactivated and hidden deep within a system. Then there are lots of tools can be downloaded from Internet to activate the DreamScene function in Windows 7 like here is a link which can download "Windows 7 DreamScene Activator".

http://www.thewindowsclub.com/windows-7-dreamscene-activator-released

If you use this activator, you can easily get the DreamScene effect in Windows 7. Now, I'd like to introduce how to add a "Shadow" effect to the DreamScene. The "Shadow" effect means a hidden picture under the DreamScene Desktop which can be seen when you use mouse to drag a selection box on Desktop. Like the "Dragon Shadow" effect I posted on YouTube. The link is listed below.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O49yO5eUi4I

Here is the tutorial of how to get this effect.

- 1) Activate DreamScene.
- 2) Prepare a JPG image which you want to set as the "Shadow".
- 3) Right click a video and set to desktop background.
- 4) Set folder options to show hidden files

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5) Go to --> C:\Users\#username#\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows DreamScene There should be 2 image files of the Dreamscene running (1 hidden/greyed)



6) The two jpg images are named "DreamScene" and "Img001" respectively. Use your image which is prepared to set as "Shadow" to substitute them (Delete the original two images and make

two copys of your prepared image in this folder also named "DreamScene" and "Img001" respectively).

- 7) Set both files to "read only" & uncheck "hidden"
- 8) Right click desktop > personalise > desktop background
- 9) Under "Windows Dreamscene", you should see both image files
- 10) Make sure both are checked by clicking check boxes next to them
- 11) Set Picture position: Fill
- 12) Save changes

Now Done! These steps can achieve two purposes. One is to fix the classic text font showing problem of DreamScene under Windows 7 which is you can't see the names of files on desktop when you opened DreamScene effect in Windows 7. These steps can totally fix it! Another is to add a "Shadow" under the DreamScene desktop.