
desktop doesn't refresh leaving ghost window

Posted by dkump - 2011/09/26 22:20

I'm having odd behavior and curious if anyone else has seen it. I have 5 calendars stacked top to bottom on the right side of my desktop. Their position in the general options is on the desktop. Occasionally when I close or minimize a window that was over the calendars, there's a ghost of the original window where it covered the calendars. The ghost is only where it overlapped the calendars, not the entire desktop. Sometimes it's not a ghost of the original window but a hole where it overlapped (i.e. I see a the desktop where it overlapped looking like there's a bite out of the calendars). I noticed this mostly with Firefox. Previously when launching Rainlendar, I'd see a white background behind my calendars instead of being transparent, but that has gone away by upgrading Rainlendar to the latest version. Whenever any of these problems happen, I can refresh the desktop to fix the problem. I've upgraded my video driver and that hasn't had any impact. I'm running Windows 7 64 bit. I can't figure it out if it's a Rainlendar problem or Windows. I have no other refresh problems. It's only with Rainlendar. Has anyone else seen this problem?

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Re: desktop doesn't refresh leaving ghost window

Posted by Rainy - 2011/10/03 00:44

Make sure you are not using the "copy" transparency type (Options->Advanced->Transparency type). It will cause Rainlendar to take a copy of anything that is currently on the desktop and use it as its background image. You should be using the "native" type instead.

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Re: desktop doesn't refresh leaving ghost window

Posted by dkump - 2011/10/03 17:12

My settings was already set to Native for the transparency type. If you have any other suggestions, I'd appreciate it. I'm attaching two screen shots. There's a third scenario, but it hasn't happened in a while.

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Re: desktop doesn't refresh leaving ghost window

Posted by dkump - 2011/10/03 17:15

Screens hots of hole where window overlapped calendar:

http://www.rainlendar.net/cms/images/fbfiles/images/Rainlendar_Refresh_Issue.jpg

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Re: desktop doesn't refresh leaving ghost window

Posted by dkump - 2011/10/03 17:16

Screen shot with white background instead of transparent:

http://www.rainlendar.net/cms/images/fbfiles/images/Rainlendar_Refresh_Issue2.jpg

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Re: desktop doesn't refresh leaving ghost window

Posted by dkump - 2011/10/03 17:39

This is the last example. A Firefox window that was closed leaves a ghost image only over the calendar.

http://www.rainlendar.net/cms/images/fbfiles/images/Rainlendar_Refresh_Issue4.jpg

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Re: desktop doesn't refresh leaving ghost window

Posted by Rainy - 2011/10/05 10:14

If you have set the transparency to native and you still get the image artefacts it would suggest that your graphics adapted doesn't handle transparent windows correctly. If you have the latest graphics drivers in your computer and you still get the error you can try to use either the copy or region transparency type in Rainlendar. Both of them have their own problems but they might work better in this situation.

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Re: desktop doesn't refresh leaving ghost window

Posted by dkump - 2011/10/08 07:28

Thanks for the suggestion. I have updated my video drivers and it didn't help. I tried the Copy setting and seems to be working fine. The Region setting created a dark shadow around each number so I didn't stick with it. When you say both have their problems, can you provide examples?

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Re: desktop doesn't refresh leaving ghost window

Posted by Rainy - 2011/10/11 10:40

Well, the main problems are that in the region transparency the windows will get aliased edges and black backgrounds if the skin is translucent. With the copy transparency the background is part of the window so it moves with it. Also if there is something on top of the calendar's windows when the background is copied everything will be part of the background image (even windows from other applications).

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Re: desktop doesn't refresh leaving ghost window

Posted by dkump - 2013/12/03 08:35

I have fixed my issue by setting a solid background for the calendar. It definitely fixes the white background issue. It appears to be some type of bug when using a transparent background. If anyone has this issue, try a solid background instead of transparent.

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Re:desktop doesn't refresh leaving ghost window

Posted by dkump - 2014/07/21 21:18

I finally figured out the root cause of my issue. I'm running Windows 7 and was using Windows Classic and later Windows 7 Basic theme. Once I switched to an Aero theme, the problem went away. A solid color background in Rainlendar masked the problem most of the time, but the Aero theme fixed it completely. Just thought I'd let everyone know.

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