

Chameleon Glass

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Introduction

They had been requested several times, suggested more than once ... finally they're here ...

➔ **100% pure glass gadgets**

With exception of the clock and the cpu, all the gadgets in the pack are fully transparent. To achieve this I had to do a lot of recoding, some gadgets only needed partial recoding whereas others, like the 'onedrive' gadget, had to be redone from scratch. We can now trully speak about real 'chameleon' gadgets as they blend in with every wallpaper you throw at them.

With pain in the hart, one gadget had to be decommissioned : the feedreader. This gadget could not be adapted nor recoded because this gadget is all about text links, and when working with true transparent backgrounds, text links are the first ones that don't work anymore...

The new design of the gadgets is based on the new taskbar of Windows 7 which is flat styled and so are the new gadgets. They have no color and have the same transparency as the Windows 7 taskbar.



Fig 1.

The above figure demonstrates the glass effect of the gadgets flyout ..

Summary

This package consists of 15 equally themed gadgets that are great to have in your sidebar for daily usage. So what do we have in this package?

- ***Clock***
Analog clock to display the time.
- ***Digital Clock***
A digital clock with am/pm or 24h and alarm function.
- ***Radio***
This is a streaming mediaplayer to play radiostation streams from the internet. (in this release i've bundelled the "digitally imported" and the "sky fm" radiostreams) You can even put in your own favourite radiostreams through the gadget settings.
- ***Stats***
This one displays your online/offline status, the computers uptime, your local ip adress. Optionally you can make it display the current date and/or wireless network info and/or battery info.
- ***Control***
Quickly reboot, shutdown or lock your computer.
- ***Pop3 email***
This gadget tells you when there's new email in one of your mailboxes.
- ***Netbars***
This gadget displays your current download and or upload speeds by means of a bar.
- ***Netstats***
Does the same as the above but via textual information.
- ***Cpu and ram***
To see how much stress your computer is taking at the moment.
- ***Calendar***
This one is for usage on the desktop and displays the date like a normal calendar would do. Can be resized with the dock/undock button.
- ***Postit notes white***
For desktop usage only with standard big handwriting font and a tape on top of the gadget, this gadget has 6 white postits with slightly different tapes.

- ***Postit notes colour***

For desktop usage only with standard big handwriting font and a tape on top of the gadget, this gadget has 6 colourfull postits with slightly different tapes.

- ***Onedisk***

For monitoring your harddisk free space, one drive at a time. you can monitor free space on usb sticks or dvd rw media as well!

- ***Weather***

Displays the current temperature and a 5 day weather forecast for the region you have set in the gadget options.

- ***Recyclebin***

Empty or open the recyclebin from your desktop and shows how many space the recylcebins takes in.

- ***Ispmonitor***

(Dutch edition only) for monitoring your monthly bandwidth usage with your service provider. Most of the Belgian and Dutch providers are supported. For this gadget to work you must install the program ispmonitor from here : <http://ispmonitor.be/>

Installation

When you are reading this you probably figured out how to unzip the downloaded package (duh?) so once properly unzipped you will see 14 sidebar gadgetfiles, you just click them to install them.

All gadgets will work on any installation of windows 7 or vista, nomather what language you're on, the output of the gadgets is in English. (that is if you have installed the English gadgets, the output of the Dutch gadgets is in Dutch)

The gadgets quickly explained

(special functions)

Email gadget :

when the mailcount area is clicked a flyout pops up with more info on how much email is on witch account, double clicking the big envelope opens you standard email client. A more in depth manual of the email gadget can be accessed by opening the gadgets options menu and clicking on the help link.

Stats gadget :

has some interesting options, check them out. The options are displayed in sequence with intervals of approx. 6 seconds.

Onedisk gadget :

Clicking once on the drive usage bar of the gadget will produce a popup with detailed space usage information on the concerning drive. Double clicking on the gadget opens that specific drive in an explorer window.

Tip :

As windows tends to assign ascending alphabet letters to drives as they connect, you can set a few Onedisk gadgets on your desktop with unassigned drive letters so when you connect your usb stick it will immediatly display on the onedisk gadget.

Permissions

Some gadgets used in this package use code from other authors. Permissions for using their code was granted by :

- Uptime Gadget : Kristian Kenny
- Easy shutdown gadget : Vonzz
- Pop3 email checker : Thomas Pleasance
- Network Utilisation : Jonathan Abbott
- Weather icons : MerlinTheRed

Thank you again for that.

Enjoy the package,

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