How to use the "Flip and Spin" HTML files in Shotcut

1. Download and unzip the zip file.

Suggestion - copy the entire folder, save it with a unique name and keep the original as a backup. Put it somewhere handy, such as the desktop.

2. Choose any of the HTML files. Double-click on it. Your browser will open and the animation will play. It will have a solid purple background with moving white text.

TO APPLY THE TEXT EFFECT IN SHOTCUT:

1) Open Shotcut.

Select "Add video track" twice to add two blank video tracks, V1 and V2

2) Put any video of your choice (or a colour clip) on track V1.

3) Go to "Open Other" then "Colour" then "OK". Drag the black preview screen to the timeline, track V2. This will give you a transparent clip on V2. Make it about 6 seconds long by dragging the right-hand edge.

4) Go to "Filters" and apply a "text:HTML" filter to the transparent clip.

5) Tick the "Use Webvfx javascript extension" box, and hit "Yes" to confirm.

6) Tip: do not move any of the files from their folders, or it may not work.

7) In the TEXT:HTML filter pane,select "Open" and point to the HTML file. If all is well, when you hit "play" in Shotcut the animation will appear when the playhead reaches the transparent clip. There will be a purple background.

8) To make the background transparent, go to the folder "FLIPSPIN_STYLES", locate the file "flipspin_TEXT_STYLE_01.css", open it a text editor (I suggest Notepad++) and amend the text. Change "purple" to "purpleX" (or add any character to "purple"). Save this file. Keep it open.

9) In Shotcut, select "reload" from within the Text:HTML filter. It should work.

10) You can change the speed of the animation by click/hold/dragging the right-hand edge of the transparent clip.

You can also change the font, font-size, font-colour by amending the "flipspin_TEXT_STYLE_01.css" file.I've given tips how to do this in the text of the file itself.

To change the text content, open the HTML file in a text editor, find where is says "Shotcut is AWESOME" and change it. Using two spaces may look better than one.

Tip: to know what font-style name to use, download and run"Print My Fonts" (free program). It will give you the name of all fonts installed on your system. Change "arial" in the CSS file to a font of your choice.

Best wishes - JonRay