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Thread: [How to make a custom audio visualizer in After Effects?](#)

Larceny - July 27, 2017, 2:33 pm

So basically, my goal is to be able to take a render of a character, convert it to a path/mask, and have an audio spectrum go around the outline of the character, similar to this:

<https://0.s3.envato.com/files/152139629/Preview%20Image%20590x332.jpg>

If anyone could help, it'd be greatly appreciated.

Lukas - July 27, 2017, 7:33 pm

[Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TC9fhKuKqok>]

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Larceny - July 28, 2017, 8:47 am

(Jul 27, 2017 07:33 PM)Lukas Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) [Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TC9fhKuKqok>]

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Lukas - July 28, 2017, 11:21 am

(Jul 28, 2017 08:47 AM)Larceny Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yes, but like I said, have it follow a custom path. I know, I was just making sure I was on the right track lol. I'll mess around in After Effects a bit today, then if I come across anything I'll be sure to let you know.

Larceny - July 28, 2017, 4:21 pm

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Monku_ - August 25, 2017, 10:37 am

I can help you out with this. pm me and i'll add you on discord

Charm ? - September 11, 2017, 9:21 pm

Hi. I am confident that I am a top user when it comes to AE.

You can do this easily.

<https://i.imgur.com/ENBlhSN.png>

Make the mask out of the picture layer. Copy and paste the mask onto the layer with the audio spectrum.

Use the path tool in Audio Spectrum to line it up.

Configure it from there.

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NinjaLeaks - *September 11, 2017, 9:25 pm*

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Yep basically this. There are also some plugins out there that make it easier but honestly it's easy enough