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Subject: RENGUARD fix it or drop it

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ScytharCraploads of crashes nowadays are caused by "pop-under" firewall messages. Most firewalls out there are unable to minimize the game when they ask the "Should this program be allowed to access the Internet" question, so the message pops in the background, and often for some reason it's also not possible to alt-tab, Windows key, alt-enter etc. back to Windows. So unless you know the keyboard combinations to answer to the firewall question, you'll have to reset.

This is a very good point. Renegade doesn't like to alt-tab. In fact I can alt-tab it several times and definitely get a crash or exit to desktop out of it. RenGuard replaces game.exe, so if you have any firewall software that alerts you when an exe is replaced (zone alarm, tiny firewall, etc), it will definitely pop up/under to notify of game.exe being replaced, at which point Renegade is very prone to lock up or exit to desktop.

Theres not much we can do about this, since RenGuard must replace game.exe, and theres nothing we can do about Renegades instability when it loses focus. My only suggestions are:

1. If you get a solid lockup, it may be your firewall software stealing "focus" (popunder)...basically there is an alert box that popped up, but its "under" Renegade. Try hitting alt-tab, or your windows key, or if a keyboard with no windows key, ctrl-escape.
2. Try running renegade temporarily in windowed mode, so that your firewall alert message can popup and you can tell it to accept the change.

Hope this helps...

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