
Subject: Goodbye Message.

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No, not my goodbye message...this is a message that Greg Underwood, AKA "CodeWench-WS" (the person who coded the Linux Free Dedicated Server) appended to the end of the readme.txt for the newest and last release of the LFDS. You saw it here first, the readme won't be on the westwood ftp site until sometime after monday.

Appendix E - Final Thoughts

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So, as many of you know Westwood Studios is officially closing their doors. I've been with the company for about 2.5 years now, and I have to say I'm rather sad to see it go. Not only because I loose my job, but because it's the end of an era.

Westwood games have been some of my favorites for a long time - I played and loved C&C when I was at University. Well before that, I played and loved many of the games they had a hand in and I never even knew it - Eye of the Beholder, plenty of Gold Box games, etc. About a year after I got here someone high up started putting up framed boxes of all the games Westwood shipped. If you were lucky enough to get a tour of the building, you no doubt saw them. I remember spending an afternoon, shortly after the last box went up, just walking the halls and looking at all the projects this studio has been involved in.

It is verily a sad day but I'm glad I was able to take part, if only a little and only at the end, in such an incredible history. I hope my contributions are as appreciated by all of you, the fans, as much as I appreciated the earlier works of the studio when I was among you. Somehow, I think it fitting that one of my final acts here at Westwood is to put out a fan-driven patch for the Renegade Linux FDS - a project that the fans demanded. You folks are the best and I'm sorry I never got to meet even a small percentage of you. This patch is for you, and without the support and encouragement of the folks I list in the special thanks section I never would have been able to push myself to get this done. The weekends I gave up for this project are innumerable, and again it feels fitting that this last patch is being completed on my own time, on a weekend. In the end, I'm still a fan of Westwood and Westwood games.

Enjoy the patch, enjoy the game, and enjoy the history that was Westwood. Don't dwell on the fact that it had to end, as all good things must, but rather focus on the good. Remember all the great times you had while playing our games. I know I will be.

I can think of no better way to end my career at Westwood than with one of my favorite Douglas Addams quotes:

"So long, and thanks for all the fish."

Codewench,
aka
Greg Underwood
