Subject: Re: Crimson, throw the towel in

Posted by Crimson on Sun, 25 Jun 2006 23:43:03 GMT

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null wrote on Sun, 25 June 2006 10:44From August 2005: Quote:<Crimson> yeah... we've cracked woldata.key and the renrem protocol

Can I prove that she holds out on you guys any more clearly? Or do you want the logs to prove everything.

Both of these things are evident and not hidden. BRenBot has used a native implementation of the renrem protocol for quite a while, and v00d00 released a small app to fix your serial storage for TFD players using his knowledge (I believe Scorp and SK were the first to crack woldata.key). We didn't hide this from you.

Next, do NOT post private conversations. After that conversation, I exchanged some emails with Olaf and DonCarlo and found out that my previous knowledge of them was flawed. I now stand corrected. They have done nothing to make me feel that we can't trust them. While I do still contend that they don't care as much about Renegade as the other games, having BHS being administrators for the Renegade section of their servers is a great compromise that has worked very well.

I'm VERY sorry that I can't share what we're working on with EA. I wish I could show you all the emails exchanged with stuff we're working on. There is a person there who is paid specifically to care about the older C&C games and with TFD out, it opens budget dollars to support these older games.

Next, if someone would propose a full solution to "clean up" these forums, I am ALWAYS all ears. Power abuse is always my primary concern and very few people, it seems, can have such power and wield it properly. I am not generally a fan of ostracizing a community member just because they are sometimes dumb.

RenegadeCommunity.com is not an idea I jumped on like it was the best idea in the world. If I indeed thought it was such a great idea, I would have done a lot of the work myself. However, I did think it was a decent idea and one I would be glad to host. I have let Renardin do most of the work. I'm pretty sure at this point there are a LOT of pages not even close to done so anything you want to say about the site is probably true because it's NOT finished.

You know, I really wish that we could tell you everything that's going on with RG 1.04 as well. The problem is, the cheaters are everywhere, and if you follow all the cheater forums like we do, you would see that any time we post anything about RenGuard, it appears over there within an hour. Our responsibility is to keep cheaters out of the servers that have trusted us to do so, and at this point our best option is not to release any information about what's going on. Remember, I run a server and I play almost every day. I see cheaters all the time. I'm not going to forget about them.

I find it quite hypocritical that "null" is complaining that I don't have any/enough "staff" to do anything and then complains because so many of the people who have been replying are "staff" of some kind.

As it has been mentioned several times, I do have a life. I do spend quite a bit of time with assorted community-related matters but mostly I have to prioritize and compromise. Yes, maybe we all would have liked to see BHS run WOL, and in fact I had sent a long proposal to EA about us helping them fix bugs in WOL and help keep it in line, but they replied and told me that they were in the process of transitioning it to Olaf. We talked about several options in BHS and even offered to "try out" as an alternative option, but in the end we decided that our software wasn't ready to be mainstream in a quick enough amount of time compared to Olaf's software which was already stress-tested and in operation for a while, so we compromised and were given the ability to help run it. To date, we have placed over 40 bans on floodbots and lobby spammers. Having BHS make a WOL clone would use the resources of people whose time is better served towards RenGuard improvements. Once v00d00 is done with finals, I will find out where his current work stands (he was working on a lot of neat stuff right before finals) and what is safe to tell you guys (and essentially, the cheaters). At that time, I will let you know what he's been working on.

There have been and always will be people who will try to smear my reputation, but in the end, the truth will prevail. I have too much pride to give up on anything I promise, so I am generally careful not to promise things if we can't deliver.

Thanks again to all of you who support us and stand by us. Most of you know my door is always open and you are free to contact me by forum PM, email, or IRC msg if you have any concerns or ideas.