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Subject: IMPORTANT: "Negotiating port..." error SUGGESTIONS!

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GizbotvasGuys, I think you are missing the point here.

I believe the problem is SERVER SIDE.

How else could you explain that there are servers like the PITS that ALWAYS be negotiated, and servers like DEVSHOUSE that can NEVER be negotiated.

Also, in October (before I left and returned) I could negotiate ALL PORTS ALL THE TIME, however when I returned to the game in January, I could NOT NEGOTIATE MOST ports. keep in mind I in no way adjusted, added, removed, or changed any hardware, software, configurations, or broadband connection. All my stuff is EXACTLY, I mean EXACTLY the same as it was before, so my sudden inability to negotiate the ports MUST be server side. I cannot see any other rationalization.

Honestly Gizbotvas, I know what you are saying. I had no problems getting on any servers for the longest time, then after one of the patches (can't remember which one) it all started to go downhill.

Like you, I changed nothing. The Pits was one of my only playable servers. All I know is that it was frustrating me so much that I had to do something. Now I have done something. I still have a firewall intact and it works fine. I can play on any server I like. Can I ask if you have a router? If so, just try updating the firmware and see if that solves the problem. I have read more about it and see that many routers have built in programming to help with the port negotiations. It may just need to be updated. So far we have 2 winners and no losers in this method, so it does something. Hope we can help, just ask if you need it.

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