Subject: Blackhand Studios Releases FDS Exploit Patch
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Hot off the presses, several server owners have noticed their servers crashing a lot lately and some of those have noticed it's not a random happening. There is at least one individual who goes by the name "YuTuS" who crashes servers for "fun". This person is using an exploit that is becoming more common-knowledge which allows anyone to easily crash an FDS (both Windows and Linux). YuTuS has been banned from the RG network, but he and others with the knowledge are still capable of crashing servers...until now.

This is a very serious issue similar to the one that prompted Westwood Studios to release the 1.037 patch, Blackhand Studios examined the exploit and has developed a patch which prevents it.

Kudos to Blackhand Studios member Silent_Kane, who located the cause of the crash and has developed a binary patch in the form of a small EXE file that you can run which will alter your server.dat code to prevent this exploit from taking down your server. Yes, this fix does technically violate your EULA, so it's up to you whether you want to risk EA's attorneys or script kiddies with a new toy.

Get the patch for the windows FDS HERE.
Get the patch for the Linux FDS HERE.

Below is the readme file for the fix:

Renegade FDS exploit patch.
This patch will fix an exploit that will allow anyone to crash a Renegade FDS.
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For any questions please contact us with the patch ID: PATCH0001W.
Forums: http://www.renegadeforums.com
IRC: irc.n00bstories.com #n00bstories or #renguard_support

Usage:
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To apply this patch, extract and run Patch0001.exe in your Renegade Windows Free Dedicated Server directory.

Example

C:\Westwood\Renegade\Server> Patch0001.exe
Renegade FDS exploit patch.
This patch will fix an exploit that will allow anyone to crash a Windows FDS.
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Patch successfully applied.
Press enter to continue...

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