
Subject: Donations needed for RenGuard's growth
Posted by [Crimson](#) on Fri, 04 Jun 2004 19:25:08 GMT

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BlackHand Studios, creators of RenGuard, are asking for your help in expanding the RenGuard network. For those who don't know, RenGuard operates over a network of dedicated servers. At this point, BlackHand Studios members are paying all the cost for these servers, but at the rate we're growing, another server or two would definitely be nice and improve the stability of the network.

To that end, we are asking for donations to help support the servers we rent for the RenGuard network. The costs amount to hundreds of dollars per month, but any amount you can spare would be an enormous help.

BlackHand Studios is also pursuing non-profit in addition to our corporate status, so if we manage to be approved for that, your donations will be tax deductible.

Please visit <http://www.renguard.com/donate.php> to find out how you can help. Unfortunately, due to the nature of the master server software, we are unable to accept offers for space on a server you already have.

Subject: Donations needed for RenGuard's growth
Posted by [xptek_disabled](#) on Fri, 04 Jun 2004 19:26:26 GMT

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I'll donate \$20 when I get my check.

Subject: Donations needed for RenGuard's growth
Posted by [warranto](#) on Fri, 04 Jun 2004 19:53:12 GMT

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Ugh.. having been through the route towards gaining a charitable status, I can say what a huge pain it is. At least with my squadron it was. Small errors/incompatibilities in our bylaws prevented us from getting it for a good year or two. So good luck!

Subject: Donations needed for RenGuard's growth
Posted by [Crimson](#) on Fri, 04 Jun 2004 20:17:44 GMT

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It was suggested to me to stress that donations are voluntary.

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Posted by [warranto](#) on Fri, 04 Jun 2004 20:34:28 GMT

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lol.. the suggestion was more along the lines of reminding people that RenGuard isn't going to start charging something despite the desire for more servers. Hence the (voluntary) donations

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Posted by [ingram091](#) on Fri, 04 Jun 2004 23:19:13 GMT

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Donations are cool. its only when you start getting into subscriptions that EA is going to have an issue with it. especially if 90% of what was free on their service suddenly starts being pay to play. However in this case it is still cool as it is voluntary donations to keep servers running. many do this and there is not a problem.

I think what Warranto was talking about was it NOT becoming a subscription service like everquest or other EA and sony games. trust me if they start on that EA will pounce and want their cut. I highly doubt that is in the future with RG. they just need a little support to keep things rolling as is for now. thats all.

And xptek, you donating will not get you out of the doghouse I'm sure.

ingram.

Subject: Donations needed for RenGuard's growth

Posted by [Crimson](#) on Sat, 05 Jun 2004 00:24:12 GMT

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We have absolutely NO intentions of charging for RenGuard. Many servers run off donations. It's the same thing. We need more master servers, which are a lot cheaper than gaming servers. I'm also planning to try and help the costs by hosting web sites for people since websites don't use much for CPU and the boxes have a TON of bandwidth to spare.

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Posted by [U927](#) on Sat, 05 Jun 2004 01:22:08 GMT

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I'll donate \$20 on the 27th of November (birthday) and mail it to you using my Uber-1337 Encryption Method*.

*Warning, Uber-1337 Encryption Method involves multiple sheets of graph paper wrapped around a \$20 bill to keep pesky mailmen from stealing it. All rights reserved. Copyright 2003 Umbral927, a.k.a Umbral_DelaFlare, b.k.a U927

Subject: Donations needed for RenGuard's growth
Posted by [Majiin Vegeta](#) on Sat, 05 Jun 2004 02:02:57 GMT
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cant spare any moneys i'm afriad upgrading GFX card gotta save me pennys

Subject: Donations needed for RenGuard's growth
Posted by [Crimson](#) on Sat, 05 Jun 2004 04:35:24 GMT
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90% of the security involved in RenGuard is in the master servers. We won't host them on boxes that we don't have sole control of.

Subject: Re: Donations needed for RenGuard's growth
Posted by [Nanomastr](#) on Sat, 05 Jun 2004 11:28:17 GMT
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Why don't you just make some big company's advertise on renguard??

Subject: Donations needed for RenGuard's growth
Posted by [Slash0x](#) on Sat, 05 Jun 2004 16:08:15 GMT
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Why not do what they did on the pits, put DONATE on every page template. Lol.

Subject: Donations needed for RenGuard's growth
Posted by [IRON FART](#) on Sun, 06 Jun 2004 00:19:54 GMT
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If the master servers have a ton of bandwidth and website hosting doesn't take up much space, you could set up a very cheap hosting service for some Renegade clans, or just some personal pages. Like \$0.50 - \$1.00 for a few MB of space a month. Or even offer an email service.

Say 100 people out of all the community sign up, you will have \$50-100 a month.

Alternatively you could offer a free account, but it will have a mandatory RenGuard donations button.

It may be a lot of hassle at first but I guess it will pay off in the long run.

Subject: Donations needed for RenGuard's growth
Posted by [cowmisfit](#) on Sun, 06 Jun 2004 00:25:22 GMT
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New websites in the community may pay for you to rotate a 456x60 banner rotating on renguard opening page for exposure.

Subject: Donations needed for RenGuard's growth
Posted by [Crimson](#) on Sun, 06 Jun 2004 00:49:10 GMT
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The problem is that we can't allow SSH access to the boxes with master servers. The only thing I could really do is my idea to host forums for people. Then they don't need access to the box.

Subject: Donations needed for RenGuard's growth
Posted by [IRON FART](#) on Sun, 06 Jun 2004 01:23:36 GMT
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Maybe offer a simple affiliate program on some of the community websites?

Have about 3 buttons on some of the websites you have access to.

When people sign up to get traffic to their site, they can chose which sites they want their button to appear on. And have the buttons change on every time the page is viewed.

Charge a small fee either monthly or for every click the link is clicked. Similar to Google Ads, but limited to the C&C community.

Subject: Donations needed for RenGuard's growth
Posted by [genetix](#) on Sun, 06 Jun 2004 02:17:20 GMT
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What I would do if I were you is do forum hosting. Yet like IPB does with there free hosted forums is put a banner on each forum.

Have that. Just collect money from the advertisers.

Subject: Donations needed for RenGuard's growth
Posted by [Crimson](#) on Sun, 06 Jun 2004 04:59:51 GMT
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If I did ads, it would have to be google ads. I couldn't handle anything intrusive.

Subject: Donations needed for RenGuard's growth
Posted by [England](#) on Sun, 06 Jun 2004 19:44:24 GMT
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Crimson90% of the security involved in RenGuard is in the master servers. We won't host them on boxes that we don't have sole control of.

Then you better get a paper round.

Subject: Donations needed for RenGuard's growth
Posted by [chickendippers](#) on Mon, 07 Jun 2004 12:17:10 GMT
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I'm sorry to burst your bubble here, but getting webbies to pay for advertising within the community will not generate any money. You can already get free 'advertising' anywhere you want for free by asking other sites to post about you, affiliating or a number of other things
coughCommunityExchangecough

All profits generated from the banners on CNC Community, C&C Webbies and the C&C Top 101 will be donated around the community to projects such as n00bstories and RenGuard, even though Crimson hosts the Top 101

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Posted by [Deactivated](#) on Mon, 07 Jun 2004 12:26:52 GMT
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ONLY \$100!

Subject: Donations needed for RenGuard's growth
Posted by [Carl](#) on Mon, 07 Jun 2004 15:06:44 GMT
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LMFAO

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Posted by [TnTANDY](#) on Mon, 07 Jun 2004 17:23:52 GMT
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I will donate £5/\$9.21 Via Paypal.
I will also be advertising renguard at my website in the next upgrade I give it.(www.conquerworld.co.uk)

The only thing I ask in return is if you would be kind enough to create a link/new page on the left at http://www.renguard.com/_client_html/client_motd.php for the people and maybe their websites that have donated.

Good luck with all the donations Team BlackHand Studios

Andy

Subject: Donations needed for RenGuard's growth
Posted by [TnTANDY](#) on Mon, 07 Jun 2004 17:29:31 GMT
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Payment Information

You have sent a secure payment of \$9.21 USD to Black Hand Studios. This credit card transaction will appear on your statement as "BLCKHNDSTDO". You will receive an email receipt for this transaction shortly.

Amount:
\$9.21 USD
Item Title:
Renguard Donation

Quantity:
1
Total Amount:
\$9.21 USD

Subject: Donations needed for RenGuard's growth
Posted by [snipesimo](#) on Mon, 07 Jun 2004 20:34:35 GMT
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I would donate if I could have a paypal account.

Subject: Donations needed for RenGuard's growth
Posted by [TnTANDY](#) on Mon, 07 Jun 2004 22:54:12 GMT
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try snail mail

Subject: Donations needed for RenGuard's growth
Posted by [zunnie](#) on Tue, 08 Jun 2004 01:33:39 GMT
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"Payment Information

You have sent a secure payment of \$25.00 USD to Black Hand Studios. You will receive an email receipt for this transaction shortly."

[zunnie]

Subject: Donations needed for RenGuard's growth
Posted by [TnTANDY](#) on Tue, 08 Jun 2004 12:03:26 GMT
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Nice going Zunnie

Subject: Donations needed for RenGuard's growth
Posted by [TonyMontana](#) on Tue, 08 Jun 2004 20:16:25 GMT
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well, this is what I have heard:

there are some group of people that say, the donations are needed because n00bstories servers need the money not Renguard. Donations have been low on n00bstories, and the owner of n00bstories is asking for donations to fund n00bstories, not renguard, only using renguard's name.

mac on gamespy said he was in charge of the renguard project and they are financially fine.

I'm not going to mention the group of peoples name because I do not want to start a fight. But I would like to know if this is the turth or not. Thanks.

Subject: Donations needed for RenGuard's growth
Posted by [exnyte](#) on Tue, 08 Jun 2004 20:35:08 GMT
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Just because a group is "financially fine", doesn't mean that donations are not needed. It has already been said that if there were no donations, the project would still proceed. Just that any donations would lessen the financial load of the group members. Even if the n00bstories servers are in need of money, this money would go towards RenGuard services. As you said, a lot of the n00bstories servers have been empty lately. Easier way to lessen that financial burdon (if that is the case) would be to shut down some servers for a while until more are needed, instead of lying to keep empty servers up.

Subject: Donations needed for RenGuard's growth
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Tue, 08 Jun 2004 20:44:51 GMT

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You heard wrong. Yes we are financially stable as of the moment, but keep in mind we are paying literally hundreds of dollars per month out of our own pockets, just to keep this game alive. The statistics show Renguard usage is climbing on a daily basis, and expansion is imminent, so we simply stated that we will accept donations. Apparently some people would like to confuse a voluntary donation as some sort of demand or "sob story", when the situation is quite simple...we are paying hundreds of dollars and investing hundreds of hours of our time and other resources...the donations are just a way that people can help out if they want to and are able to.

Subject: Donations needed for RenGuard's growth
Posted by [TonyMontana](#) on Tue, 08 Jun 2004 20:45:19 GMT

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well, why not just use the empty n00bstories server to run renguard instead?

Subject: Donations needed for RenGuard's growth
Posted by [Crimson](#) on Tue, 08 Jun 2004 20:48:30 GMT

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This is COMPLETELY false. I make more than enough money to support my own servers. I lease 5 servers at the moment, 3 of which are used as RenGuard master servers. Blazer and I comprise the funding for RenGuard. Do you think it's free to have all these master servers? I assure you

that it's not.

You may have interpreted "financially fine" incorrectly. Yes, if no one ever donated a cent, we could maintain current levels of traffic without getting ourselves in a money crisis. However, if the network grows, and I expect it will, I'm not so keen on spending more money on servers, especially when all the money I spend goes to support people who don't appreciate all the money and effort that is spent.

In fact, I'm seriously considering shutting down one of my windows servers because prices are so low for them these days, any idiot with \$150 a month is running one and RenGuard or not, there just aren't enough players for all the servers that are going up. Plus, I put the servers up because there weren't enough servers up at the time... now that every idiot and his uncle can afford to host a large server, there's no need for me to waste my money any longer and I can devote the time I spend maintaining them to RenGuard.

Subject: Donations needed for RenGuard's growth
Posted by [Crimson](#) on Tue, 08 Jun 2004 20:50:50 GMT

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TonyMontanawell, why not just use the empty n00bstories server to run renguard instead?

How does this change the fact that the money for the servers is coming from my own pocket out of money I earn? Where is the harm in asking anyone can is willing and able to contribute to do so? You act like we're trying to take your firstborn child or your arm or something. Sheesh!

Subject: Donations needed for RenGuard's growth
Posted by [xptek_disabled](#) on Tue, 08 Jun 2004 20:54:41 GMT

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Crimson

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Amen.

Subject: Donations needed for RenGuard's growth
Posted by [mac](#) on Tue, 08 Jun 2004 21:06:00 GMT

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TonyMontana

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That is a lie. I have never commented the financial state of BHS at all.

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Posted by [TnTANDY](#) on Tue, 08 Jun 2004 23:14:33 GMT
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This might be going a little off topic from this argument, but crimson, you said you might consider creating a link/page on renguard that shows who has donated, how much and a link to their site. when do you think this will be finished?

Subject: Donations needed for RenGuard's growth
Posted by [TonyMontana](#) on Wed, 09 Jun 2004 06:54:25 GMT
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ohh sorry,
I thought the Official Renguard servers were n00bstories, as in they were the same thing...

However,
Crimson these days, any idiot with \$150 a month is running one and RenGuard or not, there just aren't enough players for all the servers that are going up. Plus, I put the servers up because there weren't enough servers up at the time... now that every idiot and his uncle can afford to host a large server, there's no need for me to waste my money any longer and I can devote the time I spend maintaining them to RenGuard.

I guess I'm an idiot with 150.00 to spare because I just started hosting a server as well...I don't even know you and you are calling me names
I'm sorry you think running servers is a waste of money, but my friends and I enjoy having our own server

Subject: Donations needed for RenGuard's growth
Posted by [zunnie](#) on Thu, 10 Jun 2004 04:09:16 GMT
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You all shut the fcuk up lol.
It is completely voluntarily and it is not a crime if people "state it is needed". I think they are doing an awesome deal for all of us. Especially because it is for FREE!.

You bunch of cheap bastards
Nah thats just joke i know not everyone is able to do it but.. do you really have to say this stuff

[zunnie]

Subject: Donations needed for RenGuard's growth
Posted by [Crimson](#) on Thu, 10 Jun 2004 07:10:10 GMT
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Yes, that's the problem. Of course everyone wants to run their own server... there's just not enough players to fill them, plain and simple. Hope you didn't commit to any long-term plans...

Subject: Donations needed for RenGuard's growth
Posted by [zunnie](#) on Fri, 11 Jun 2004 22:44:09 GMT
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<http://www.paypal.com> , getting a paypal account is free

All u need to do is transfer money to a bank from Paypal, then it takes about 3 days to appear on your online Paypal...

[zunnie]

Subject: Donations needed for RenGuard's growth
Posted by [YSLMuffins](#) on Mon, 28 Jun 2004 05:46:37 GMT
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Oh good, so a paypal account is free.

Subject: Donations needed for RenGuard's growth
Posted by [chapichapo](#) on Mon, 28 Jun 2004 12:31:35 GMT
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i know that many people will not like my idea, but why not putting some publicity on the page renguard open to support the software, many sites (like the-underdogs) are puting some ads to be able to pay they bandwith, i dont say it should be done now, but when renguard will become too expensive for its creator and for the donator, it would be a way to allow renguard to grow larger and larger

Chapichapo

ps: of course im not talking about silly pop up windows or XXX adds but about "normal" ads

Subject: Donations needed for RenGuard's growth
Posted by [GTCien](#) on Mon, 28 Jun 2004 15:29:24 GMT
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Crimson why are u not earning money by website advertising like banners or those "google prompt" --> or even "money per click"

?

put them on the RG site... (here are a lot of users every day! u would earn pretty good)

Subject: Donations needed for RenGuard's growth
Posted by [Deactivated](#) on Mon, 28 Jun 2004 15:36:31 GMT
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Ads...
