Subject: No one else has...
Posted by Zuviel on Mon, 31 Jan 2005 01:36:14 GMT
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No one else has been able to help so far...
I'm hoping you (the guru's of C&C) may be able to help.
My trouble isn't with Renegades, but I'm running out of places to get help from

I bought a new computer and can't install Red Alert 2 on it (I have been playing with the boys from work over the past few years)

I can start the install by autorun or by running the setup, but when the setup tries to install the files... it says it can not find the disk and shuts down.
EA games (westwood) says it won't work because I am using XP and is not supported. Easy out for them.

I am using the same XP copy on my new puter as on my old one, and all my friends use XP and we have never had any problems.

After confirming my CD is not damaged...
I have tried every compatability mode available, I have tried copying all the CD files to my HD and running it, I have tried mounting an ISO on a virtual CD, and I have tried changing the drive letter.... all resulted in the same problem... so I started trying cracked versions (packaged as EXE) but I have been unable to find one that I can register my serial number and/or get on-line with.

I would customize the install program if I know how... or manually install each file and make the required registry entries if that's what it took... and if I knew how... lol... but I'm out of ideas but stilll obviously motivated to get back on-line with the boys.. (you'd think with all the people and files floating around on the net these days, that I'd be able to find a clean "no CD" EXE out there that I can register with my valid serial and get back into the game)

Anyone have any ideas?

I imagine that as I am only having trouble on my new puter the answer must lie with that... but I can't imagine what it would be.
See my sig for info on my new puter.

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Subject: No one else has...
Posted by genetix on Mon, 31 Jan 2005 23:46:39 GMT
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Search google for a XP patch for red alert 2. I think I needed one when I installed the first version of red alert.

EA probably released one for the game and their to lazy to give you the link :rolleyes:

Another thing you could try doing is:

1. Put the CD in the cd tray
2. go into My Computer and "explore" the CD Rom
3. On the Auto-Run file right click and go to properties.
4. Under compatability I think it is try running the program as a windows 98 program.

That may work. It works with some older C&C games.

Hope it helps

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Posted by Zuviel on Tue, 01 Feb 2005 04:39:18 GMT
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thanks for the reply. The only patches for XP i found was for red alert (not for red alert2) I think to use such a patch though the game would need to be installled first, then you patch it so that it runs well under the OS.

XP will run the game no problem... if i can get in installed.

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Subject: No one else has...
Posted by WNxCABAL on Tue, 01 Feb 2005 09:46:55 GMT
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have you tried copying the CD over to your hard drive?

Subject: No one else has...
Posted by Dethdeath on Tue, 01 Feb 2005 19:04:32 GMT
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You should be able to install Red Alert 2 on Windows XP just fine. It sounds to me like this is some kind of cd-drive problem. The RA2 setup tries to self-detect the cd, cannot find it and gives you the error.

You said you tried mounting an ISO file on a virtual drive, what program did you use to create that ISO? I personally use CloneCD for reading game cd's to my hard drive and use daemon tools to mount it. Especially older games like RA2 should work fine like that.

Anyway, about the self-detect issue, the cd-drive(s) on your new pc are probably not installed properly, or atleast in a way so that the RA2 self-detect doesn't work. Try reinstalling the drivers

for it and see if that helps

Subject: No one else has...
Posted by Zuviel on Wed, 02 Feb 2005 05:21:10 GMT
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Thanks for the replies... much appreciated...

I have tried cloneCD, alcohol120%, and nero.. all with the same results.

FYI.. If anyone is following this thread because they are having the same trouble or if you are otherwise interested in more info on this... the best thread thus far going on it is in http://www.peerweb.org support forum.
Someone there suggested I post here... credit to you all at C&C renegade eh?

more FYI - I've postee all over the net pleading for help... here and peerweb have been the only places giving any replies of value (if at all)

thanks... I'm gaining faith now that I'll actully solve this.

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Subject: No one else has...
Posted by Nineball on Thu, 03 Feb 2005 22:58:00 GMT
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Did you take your haddrive, and just stick it in your new computer? Bad idea. It might be irrelavant but it also might be your problem...
http://www.hardforum.com/showthread.php?t=772307

Subject: No one else has...
Posted by Zuviel on Sat, 05 Feb 2005 00:34:37 GMT
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nineball

no. new harddrive... everything new.
the only thing the same is same disk used for installing windows XP Pro.
XP Pro is 2002 version, no updates on it yet.

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Subject: No one else has...
Posted by EA-DamageEverything on Fri, 04 Mar 2005 10:27:54 GMT
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LOL, all Windows XP are Version 2002. Including the home edition.

I have the C&C part 2: Red Alert (Win95 edition) and this is THE ONLY ONE which doesn´t work under XP. I have XP professional with SP2...doesn´t work under XP pure, nor XP with SP1 and not on XP with SP2. Even not with the compatibility mode on....

But there is a Mini RA available= http://ra.ot4ku.com PLUS over 900 (in words= Ninehundred) maps. The music is cool which starts after loading the page (Russian music)

But Red Alert 2 AND Yuris revenge of course should work fine on XP, I played them under this OS.

If you got any question, add me in ICQ, I am german. maybe I can help you.

Subject: No one else has...
Posted by Zuviel on Sun, 06 Mar 2005 03:50:42 GMT
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Still haven't been able to solve this problem.
Still a mystery.
I started playing again, but I'm back on my old computer now in order to play.
RA3 will probably surface before I get this fixed. LOL.

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Subject: No one else has...
Posted by WNxCABAL on Sun, 06 Mar 2005 04:38:42 GMT
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I've recently installed RA2 (and completed last week!) and found that when I go to double click the icon, a black screen appears, then it closes and returns back to the desktop.
My solution was to set the Shortcut to run in Windows 98/ME compatibility mode.

Yours sounds different though and I can't get my head around it.

Oh Well, just wait for EA:Red Alert 3 then

C Ya

Andy

Subject: No one else has...
Posted by by_ruddles on Sun, 06 Mar 2005 12:42:19 GMT
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On the off-chance, have you run the setup.exe in compatibility mode?

If not, try it. Simply right click on the CD in my computer, and hit explore. Now find setup.exe (it might be instal.exe, i cba to find my RA2 disk), right click on it and in properties set its compatability mode to windows 95.

It worked for someone i know who had issues installing RA2, but im not 100% sure it will work for this issue. It does sound like a CD-Drive driver issue from whats been said.

Subject: No one else has...
Posted by zunnie on Sun, 06 Mar 2005 16:46:32 GMT
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Thats bullshit, i got XP Pro and Red Alert 2 worked fine for me back when i
still had it installed.

Dunno why it wouldnt run on your pc though :S

Subject: No one else has...
Posted by JPNOD on Sun, 06 Mar 2005 17:11:49 GMT
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Sp1,sp2 on youre comp?

I remmember back in i had Red Alert 2 on my comp on a Win Xp home edition, Without Windows patches, and Sp's on it.

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Posted by Zuviel on Tue, 08 Mar 2005 01:42:55 GMT
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u know... the yuri expansion seems to have no problem running. Except that I need RA2 installed to complete the insallation.
If there's no solutions to my RA2 problem, any way for me to get yuri running?

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Subject: No one else has...
Posted by JPNOD on Thu, 31 Mar 2005 12:17:01 GMT
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BUMP anyone got a fix for this yet,
i managed to get RED ALERT 2 working on a XP machine with sp2 but Yur's revenge after the intro it wont load and just freezes

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Posted by Zuviel on Sun, 03 Apr 2005 02:55:26 GMT
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With all my screwing around in XP trying to get this game into my new pc, I ended up screwing windows up so badly that i was unable to recover the changes... !@##$%^&*!!!

Result is i had to do a new XP install... I then installed Red Alert 2 before setting up any of my PC's components... and it installed no problem!!! I then went about setting up my sound and graphics cards etc etc. and it is working fine.

I do have one problem though, I am unable to right click on the mini map. Not a big deal really but it is an inconvenience.

Long story short, I was able to install when XP had no idea what kind of system it was running on.