
Subject: a000 nick discussion redux
Posted by [Matix](#) on Wed, 11 Oct 2006 22:57:18 GMT
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And old hostnames cannot have new owners why?

I get A00~4 from Kamuix, he has been with a crap load of other communities, from Black-Brigade to rencorner..

Do the host names make a difference in the quality of the community? I think not..

Subject: Re: Renegade Underground
Posted by [fl00d3d](#) on Thu, 12 Oct 2006 00:58:47 GMT
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For once I have to agree with "teh pwnerer" (Matix). Acey, if you don't already know ... XWIS logins are a business of their own these day. Because they're used to get people on top of the list (which is important cuz most people are too lazy to scroll down a bit to find a better server) people fight over nicks. All of the nicks that are used for RenUnderground are controlled by Nightma12 and AOhost -- and the servers are COMPLETELY new setups, configurations, bots, servers, teamspeak, etc -- so no, its not the same server renamed (not by a long shot). Renegade needs stronger server communities run by credible people. There are only a few right now ... and this will make a pleasant addition.

Don't be shy, check it out. And if you have a suggestion, feel free to make it. This is just as much YOUR server as it is anyone else's. Hope to see you all there!

Subject: Re: Renegade Underground
Posted by [Crimson](#) on Thu, 12 Oct 2006 03:04:28 GMT
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Not all of us at the top of the list run shitty servers.

Subject: Re: Renegade Underground
Posted by [nopol10](#) on Thu, 12 Oct 2006 09:53:47 GMT
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Many people just get a new account that starts with a000 something just to be on the top of the list. But at least most of the good servers are up there.

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Posted by [fl00d3d](#) on Thu, 12 Oct 2006 11:04:56 GMT

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XWIS logins are a completely different subject that we could argue about over the span of thousands of posts. Let's not go there in this topic

But some servers like RenCorner are admin'd by cheaters and don't deserve to even be listed. And people like Kamuix think it's cool to give them their a0000004 nick to put them on the top of the list. It's just a really shitty situation and it needs to end. Can anyone tell me one reason why the fuck it isn't sorted by PING or something more logical?

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Posted by [danpaul88](#) on Thu, 12 Oct 2006 11:09:39 GMT
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That's a fact .

Randomly is just the most honest way: on ping wouldn't be good as obviously xwis' ping system doesn't work correctly.

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Posted by [fl00d3d](#) on Thu, 12 Oct 2006 13:25:58 GMT
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THANK FUCKING GOD!!
Sorry, was my caps on?

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The interview will be up at renegadecommunity.com soon btw, I'm waiting until it's written out.

I want to note she said that this project isn't a priority (also because she got a fairly good a000 herself).

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On the selfish admin side that sucks because we are at the top right now but on a player/ren supporter side it's awesome. HOWEVER I will believe it when I see it. I have come to realise words like "soon", "might" and "in the works" don't mean shit to some poeple.

Btw sort by ping would suck. It should simply be random ... as a player you can then sort it however you like (if needed/wanted).

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Before anyone jumps on it, that "also" was there for a reason. As she said in the interview: it has a lot more involved.

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they'll be casually gamers who just play it from time to time, and, if the game doesn't notify them directly of updates, they probably won't know about them at all.

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Posted by [Crimson](#) on Thu, 12 Oct 2006 21:05:37 GMT

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Exactly. That's why it would have to be an official, mandatory patch. Fortunately with TFD released there ARE some budget dollars at EA for QA and patching.

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Posted by [EvilWhiteDragon](#) on Thu, 12 Oct 2006 21:19:53 GMT

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Posted by [trooprm02](#) on Thu, 12 Oct 2006 22:10:52 GMT
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I like the a000 nicks just because it tradition

Subject: Re: a000 nick discussion redux
Posted by [Ryu](#) on Thu, 12 Oct 2006 22:12:57 GMT
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Black-Cell server is populer, And there host name is BCserv.

Just goes to show that some server's don't need a a000 nick.

Subject: Re: a000 nick discussion redux
Posted by [warranto](#) on Thu, 12 Oct 2006 22:16:58 GMT
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Heh, that would be amusing. A "list by popularity" option.

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Posted by [futura83](#) on Thu, 12 Oct 2006 22:17:54 GMT
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maybe have it so that it is ordered by amount of people in each server...(if possible)

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Posted by [Kamuix](#) on Thu, 12 Oct 2006 22:29:14 GMT
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Posted by [jnz](#) on Thu, 12 Oct 2006 22:57:39 GMT
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does anyone have to he sources to renegade?

surely i can't take THAT long to convert 10,000 lines of asm
and i cant even find a de-compiler.

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HIGHLY unlikely.

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EA of course.

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Posted by [ghost](#) on Thu, 12 Oct 2006 23:11:03 GMT
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I personally would love too see a "randomize server list". Every X minutes (I say like 2-3) it would place 10 (or how ever many servers are on one page). This would give everyone a shot at gaining users. I myself Have a supply of a000 nicks. Which I dont use as I dont need silly nicks for users as most servers do....

I bet if you took away everyones a000 nicks for 1 week. There user count would go down alot. Many of them will reply says "No it wont, Our community plays etc". Well thats just pure bullshit. Then why are you using them?

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I have a very solid stack of regulars who would stay no matter what nickname I had. My high

nickname just ensures a steady supply of n00bs to be annoyed by and beat the pants off of. But, while my high nickname may have attracted people to the server in the first place, there are OTHER factors that keep them coming back. Even with a high nickname, a shitty server won't keep players coming back.

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Posted by [jschultz9](#) on Fri, 13 Oct 2006 01:16:59 GMT
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Posted by [xptek](#) on Fri, 13 Oct 2006 02:31:21 GMT
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It's not possible to "randomize" the server list by simply changing the order in which servers are sent to the client.

The client orders them after they're sent.

Subject: Re: a000 nick discussion redux
Posted by [Tunaman](#) on Fri, 13 Oct 2006 05:32:56 GMT
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I have always wanted that.

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Posted by [Tiesto](#) on Fri, 13 Oct 2006 12:17:38 GMT
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Tbh, most of the servers at the top are pretty decent, NoNoobs, Noobstories (even though i lag alot more in that server for some reason) and Jelly server..

I do NOT see the point in changing a system which works fine.

Squabbling(sp?) over something as petty as that, well..

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Posted by [EvilWhiteDragon](#) on Fri, 13 Oct 2006 12:21:42 GMT
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I have to agree it is insane that people want to spend so much money on just some a000000 name. I even feel it is a pity that there are still new servers are being setup, since there will not be an increase in players anymore. Even if half of the servers would be down there would stil be enough for all of the players I think.

Besides, we've had a long time in which we didnt have a000000 nicks to start with. Though we still got quite some users there, only it was a bit harder to get it filled in the first place. Personnally I thing server should be listed based on the real player count. Or based on player to server ping instead of xwis to serverping, but that would be rather hard I expect as that would require quite some hacking in renegade. You could ofcourse make the sorting random, but thatway it would be totally impossible to get some loyal players, as they would have to search for the servers every time. I don't think anyone would like that. It would not be such a bad idea, if just the buddy list would work properly, but XTF doesn't seem to care about that. If even he cares about renegade at all.

You are right in terms of it being somewhat unfair, but still I did rather see RG fixed then the listings at this point in time, as you might understand. So I think that Crimson has a point with the low priority.

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Yeah right thats probably why you wanted to be a mod and even an admin so badly. And at this point we are getting a reasonable amount of players that keep coming back.

Btw, why are you trying to stab us in the back? I have some possible evidence of you lying and even you committing fraud, or at least trying to. And I expect that if I would dig a bit deeper that you would either have cheated in renegade or are cheating in renegade, but as I don't have enough evidence (to MY standards) I will not try to disgrace you.

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And secondly, read my comment on randomizing the server listings

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Posted by [Ma1kel](#) on Fri, 13 Oct 2006 12:52:44 GMT
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a000 nicks are noobfilters. Join a non a000 server if you want to have a good game.

Subject: Re: a000 nick discussion redux
Posted by [Carrierll](#) on Fri, 13 Oct 2006 13:15:04 GMT
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And Xphaze, for example, isn't at the top... doesn't make it crap...

Bah, they need to be randomized, somehow...

Subject: Re: a000 nick discussion redux
Posted by [StealthEye](#) on Fri, 13 Oct 2006 13:33:57 GMT
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Ma1kel, do you have any reason why, or are just just stating something out of the blue?

As others have stated, there are little new players joining the servers which are further down the list, so it is hard for a new server to get regulars. I think BCServ (as Alex stated) started getting people the same way. The a00 nicks were not common yet and the B was pretty high on the list I assume. I think most good servers started exactly the same way, because even without the a00 nicks they would need players, who are commonly too lazy to scroll 10 pages down just to join a random server...

We used BlkIntel nicks before, and disliked the a000 nicks too (I still dislike them). However Cat998 offered us the a0000000a,b,c nicks, and we decided to give it a try. The difference in player counts shocked us, so we decided to keep using those names. Having high nicks might be an advantage, but in the same way having low nicks is a disadvantage.

Randomizing the player list would be terrible I think though. You would need to find the servers you wanted to play on every time, which would be quite annoying. It is only an option when the buddies thing would work properly.

Sorting on ping might be a good solution, if the ping system is fixed. Wouldn't it be possible for the client to ping to the servers directly? That would however need a change in the XWIS protocol (could probably be done backwards compatible)

By player count sounds ok.

Maybe it would be possible to show more servers on the screen, as that would only really solve the problem of too lazy players to scroll down, but would require quite big changes to the listings screen.

Another thing to watch out for would be that it would only work for patched clients. Unless this uses the patch mechanism it would still be useful to have the "high" nicks.

Subject: Re: a000 nick discussion redux
Posted by [Goztow](#) on Fri, 13 Oct 2006 13:46:13 GMT
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Random works if u can point favorites.

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Posted by [Kamuix](#) on Fri, 13 Oct 2006 14:46:42 GMT

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There are too many servers!

Subject: Re: a000 nick discussion redux

Posted by [f100d3d](#) on Fri, 13 Oct 2006 17:36:03 GMT

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Kamuix wrote on Fri, 13 October 2006 10:46 There are too many servers!
Give Nightma12 a0000004 and there will be one less.

But seriously, the only thing that a000 nicks do is show the player how "hooked up" the server owners are. For example, if you have a good a000 nick then that means that either you (1) paid a lot of money for it -or- (2) you own it, or know someone that owns it and worked out a deal with them. And all of the people that own the a000 (or at least are using them atm) are people that are active in the community and doing things for the community.

I wouldn't be opposed to the nick-race if there was some sort of regulation put on it that could be agreed upon by all of the parties involved. (ie. "You are not allowed to sell your nick" or "You must be using your nick full time on an active server otherwise it is released" or "Only 2 a000 nicks per serial" etc etc).

Regardless, I think the opinion is pretty strong in favor of needing SOMETHING to be done.

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That is true, because if, and we know it would: n00bstories had a top a000 nick, then they would say BHS Crimson,blah blah blah.

But I do agree there should be some sort of systeme with the host names.

Because people pay for a nick for a month then "someone" comes along and out bids them, then the person that had the nick is shit out of luck.

Subject: Re: a000 nick discussion redux
Posted by [disclaimer226](#) on Fri, 13 Oct 2006 21:39:37 GMT
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he stole the a0000004 nick

Subject: Re: a000 nick discussion redux
Posted by [Cat998](#) on Fri, 13 Oct 2006 21:52:48 GMT
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It's not possible to "steal" nicknames on XWIS, because the nicks are bound to your own serial, and you are able to reset nick passwords everytime you need it.

Subject: Re: a000 nick discussion redux
Posted by [Matix](#) on Fri, 13 Oct 2006 21:53:24 GMT
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lol? I stole it? How?

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Posted by [Tiesto](#) on Sat, 14 Oct 2006 13:50:01 GMT

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Subject: Re: a000 nick discussion redux

Posted by [cmatt42](#) on Sat, 14 Oct 2006 13:56:35 GMT

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Cat998 wrote on Fri, 13 October 2006 17:52It's not possible to "steal" nicknames on XWIS, because the nicks are bound to your own serial, and you are able to reset nick passwords everytime you need it.

We never recieved any sort of "this nickname has already been registered" messages. Then just one day, he up and takes it without even so much as telling us that it's his and saving us several days of trying to get our server back online.

Subject: Re: a000 nick discussion redux

Posted by [Kamuix](#) on Sat, 14 Oct 2006 18:03:12 GMT

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I didn't know who it belonged to for awhile, until I got added by him.

Subject: Re: a000 nick discussion redux

Posted by [xptek](#) on Sat, 14 Oct 2006 18:29:40 GMT

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It's not BHS'/XWIS place to restrict any nicks on XWIS because they're at the top of the list by default.

Better ban b000 too.

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Posted by [ghost](#) on Sat, 14 Oct 2006 18:36:18 GMT

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Posted by [Kamuix](#) on Sat, 14 Oct 2006 20:56:50 GMT
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Becuase everyone would go for next nicks that appear near the top

Subject: Re: a000 nick discussion redux
Posted by [jschultz9](#) on Sat, 14 Oct 2006 21:02:56 GMT
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Kam, thats why it was suggested its not sorted by nicks. Thats the whole point to the topic.

If they did away with a00000 everyone would go for b0000 names. Thats why randomize it and then there isnt the big struggle for hosting nicks.

Subject: Re: a000 nick discussion redux
Posted by [Kamuix](#) on Sat, 14 Oct 2006 21:26:01 GMT
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I noticed, I was just responding to the last poster, who for some reason quoted something sarcastic

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Posted by [Tiesto](#) on Sat, 14 Oct 2006 21:34:01 GMT
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I'm not being serious, as i couldn't careless really, players have their own preferences on server, why do you guys want to shove your server in their face?

I only play on, Ren ladder servers, Jelly games, nonoobs snipe and Black Cell servers.

Subject: Re: a000 nick discussion redux
Posted by [StealthEye](#) on Sat, 14 Oct 2006 22:11:32 GMT
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And tell me, how did you find these servers? I bet you did not scroll down the whole list to find those servers (because they are on the top). The regulars don't care about the position, the new players do. And you won't get regulars without new players...

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Posted by [Tiesto](#) on Sat, 14 Oct 2006 22:16:06 GMT
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The black cell servers are near the bottom?

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Posted by [StealthEye](#) on Sat, 14 Oct 2006 22:21:51 GMT
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Ever thought of the time before the a000 became popular? It was pretty high at that time (Black-Cell). I have said that in this before in this topic...

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Make a uniq server and you will get people , Not too long ago, just for the hell of it I made a map on M06 and I put refinery lights everywhere and made it look like fire, lots of smoke and damage zones, the objective was too escape the mansion without dieing. That was one popular server LoL

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I think you misuderstad me, if the wol list would be randomized, it would be nearly impossible to quickly find your favorite server right? So I think there will be less people tryig to play in the same server everyday, because they would have to look through 117(?) servers and get their favorite out of it. Ad its completely random... Small chance that a lot of ppl would do that.

Subject: Re: a000 nick discussion redux
Posted by [havoc9826](#) on Sun, 15 Oct 2006 18:48:56 GMT
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Couldn't you just add the server name to your buddy list and hit Join? Or has that stopped working since XWIS took over? (I haven't checked myself).

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Posted by [EvilWhiteDragon](#) on Sun, 15 Oct 2006 22:07:00 GMT
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Posted by [Dave Mason](#) on Sun, 15 Oct 2006 23:16:52 GMT
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Posted by [Jellybe4n](#) on Mon, 16 Oct 2006 01:42:26 GMT
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At the end of the day it will go one of two ways, there aren't anywhere near enough people who play the game to fill all the servers that are hosted, not even a 5th of them.

So one of the following will ensue:

You get 5 times as many servers that are a tenth full, still no real benefit to anyone.

The servers that are full now, keep their regulars and the rest just look for a busy server. Again, randomizing the list is of no benefit.

Their are too many servers for such a small fan base, this is the major problem, randomizing will not change that, it will either spread players out and there are no full servers, or the popular servers stay popular and it takes people a little longer to find them.

The only ways to fix the problem are, either get more players, like at least 4 times the amount we have now, which is never gonna happen. Or we need far fewer servers, again, this is unlikely.

All randomizing will do is split the player base up even more as far as I can see.

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My viewpoint is based on a general view, both as a server owner and a fan of the game in general. Splitting up the player base helps nobody.

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Posted by [Spoony](#) on Mon, 16 Oct 2006 04:16:42 GMT
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Jelly for Prime Minister tbh.

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Posted by [jschultz9](#) on Mon, 16 Oct 2006 05:39:30 GMT
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Posted by [Spoony](#) on Mon, 16 Oct 2006 06:00:26 GMT
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Do you know what a favour is, jschultz? You do one for someone, they tend to be inclined to do a favour back. Bit different to selling something.

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Posted by [StealthEye](#) on Mon, 16 Oct 2006 08:31:45 GMT
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The main problem of a lower nick is that there will be little players joining when it's empty, and therefore little players will become regulars. The server will fill up if you sit in for a couple of minutes, but you have to be online and playing in your own server to get it running a little. When you have some regulars willing to join and wait for other players then it will fill up easily. If we would move down again we would be getting more players than before. I know this because when I start my test server (BlkIntel5, so not at the top) it fills up much quicker than before we had the a0000 nicks. Probably due to "BlackIntel" in the server name.

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Quote:The only ways to fix the problem are, either get more players, like at least 4 times the amount we have now, which is never gonna happen. Or we need far fewer servers, again, this is unlikely.More players would be nice, but highly unlikely indeed Fewer servers is only possible by limiting them on the XWIS side, but that's not a really nice solution as some people will still want to run a 1p test server to test maps or start a 2 player server to play with their friends or something... You could ofcourse limit it only for dedicated servers, but then:

Quote:Who is to decide who runs a good server?Currently, it's obviously the owner of the nick deciding that...

Subject: Re: a000 nick discussion redux
Posted by [Crimson](#) on Mon, 16 Oct 2006 09:13:12 GMT
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I have to agree that there are quite simply TOO MANY SERVERS for the number of players we have and if people who run servers that are empty or less than 25% full all day long would just give up the ghost and join forces with an existing server community that has traffic, we'd all be better off and this wouldn't be as much of an issue.

Jelly might be right with the end result of randomizing.

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Posted by [Goztow](#) on Mon, 16 Oct 2006 09:23:17 GMT
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That's why we at BlackIntel have an 12 player server too (and for the moment a 10player, but that will change), just to be able to sneak and do nice tactics as destroying the ob in field with just 1 hotty.

The first server after us having 12 players is some a00gzon2 or something. Anyway big end down the list.

Subject: Re: a000 nick discussion redux

Posted by [Crimson](#) on Mon, 16 Oct 2006 11:08:39 GMT

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I don't know who these logs are with that you claim to have, if you care to tell me who I can reply to them.

I have 3 login names loaned out indefinitely.

Iccy at non00bs has one, the guy helped us out a lot when we were first starting out as a server and community, so I returned the favor.

Crimson offered me money for a login, I said no we don't want money for them, so she offered me a few apps in return. I was always going to let her have a login name when she asked, I just thought she may be able to help us out too, also at the time we had just started using the n00bstories IRC server, we had just donated also to BHS at the time, so we had no problems in giving the login to Crimson. As a whole, Crimson, n00bstories and BHS benefited from our donation and login name more than the Jelly server did. As I say though, it's all done as a gesture of good will and such. I did ask about the bot she uses on n00bstories, she did say it was far from ready and nowhere near ready for public release, I didn't loan the name to Crimson on the proviso that she gave us the bot. I think you mis-interpreted what was said to you there buddy.

Hex at n00bless offered me help with wolproxy and gave me the prog when we were having trouble with the westwood decline pages, he helped us out so I helped him out.

Nightma12 offered me some stuff in return in a PM on my forums, to be honest I had no interest

as we hae enough names loaned out now, so I never bothered to reply to it.

Also, I never said servers outside the top of the list wern't good servers, I said that all the servers I loaned names to where good servers, big difference there chum.

If I was heel bent on holding back the competition so to speak, why would I loan names to two of the biggest and most popular servers in non00bs and n00bstories ?

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And the servers not on the top page wouldn't be full, the end result is still the same, isn't it? You still have the same numberof servers that are empty, so where exactly is the improvement? You still have empty servers, some of the servers that are at the bottom now may still end up at the bottom through sheer bad luck, and may still not get any traffic.

As I say, the lack of players, and the mass of servers are the problem. People just keep making new servers and then moan when its never used.

Here's how I see it.

If I was baker, and I was walking down a street with 15 bakeries on it, you know what I would think, this is a bad place to open a bakery.

Subject: Re: a000 nick discussion redux
Posted by [Goztow](#) on Mon, 16 Oct 2006 15:37:42 GMT
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I'd actually open up a brewery there, all that bread would make people thirsty. However, it would be in the same street.

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Posted by [MexPirate](#) on Mon, 16 Oct 2006 15:46:10 GMT

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love the analogy.

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This is starting to look like a circular argument.

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Posted by [Jellybe4n](#) on Tue, 17 Oct 2006 01:36:43 GMT
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Randomizing will not fix the problem of empty servers. A 300% increase in players, or a massive reduction in the amount of servers will do that.

Dress it up how you want to, blame a00 nicks, blame EA for their lack of support. Fact is, regardless of cause, there aren't enough players to go around, no amount of randomizing will change that.

I just don't see how randomizing the player list helps to fill up all the empty servers.

You may move the traffic around slightly, but the end result is no different.

Subject: Re: a000 nick discussion redux
Posted by [fl00d3d](#) on Tue, 17 Oct 2006 02:17:46 GMT
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True, if XWIS (WOL) were run like GameSpy Arcade, then we wouldn't even be arguing here. Point proven right there.

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Posted by [trooprm02](#) on Tue, 17 Oct 2006 14:54:25 GMT
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Plus you can mark servers, so your favourite servers are highlighted. Don't forget playerspy..an actually working version of "buddies"

This is why GSA>WOL.. it actually works...

how does the buddy system not work? WOL even has /page and /join, unlike gayspy. Also, I don't think people know this, but it's ALREADY possible to sort the server list in WOL, just hit the stuff at the top, I know for a fact you can sort for latency, I think you can sort for names, and I'm not even sure what else...

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Plus the fact GSA is never down for maintenance....or never down for days without an explanation.

Subject: Re: a000 nick discussion redux
Posted by [fl00d3d](#) on Tue, 17 Oct 2006 17:12:24 GMT
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Acey#GW wrote on Tue, 17 October 2006 12:08
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Amen to that! ^^

And, yes, you can sort WOL listings but it is a matter of what comes up as "default".

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Posted by [Zion](#) on Tue, 17 Oct 2006 17:50:22 GMT
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Posted by [Tiesto](#) on Wed, 18 Oct 2006 16:02:25 GMT
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That does not matter, i bet the buddylist etc works on red alert 2 and YR. They deliver a piss poor service. We know we are at the bottom of the pile when it comes to priority. The XWIS thing is so very basic. In the whole time it has been running, you would expect improvements to be made, and i have seen no evidence of any improvement. Besides, i find the GSA player name alot more flexible.

Subject: Re: a000 nick discussion redux
Posted by [fl00d3d](#) on Wed, 18 Oct 2006 17:24:31 GMT
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Subject: Re: a000 nick discussion redux
Posted by [Tiesto](#) on Wed, 18 Oct 2006 21:08:56 GMT
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hahah

Subject: Re: a000 nick discussion redux
Posted by [SODPaddy](#) on Thu, 19 Oct 2006 08:56:26 GMT
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Look, the first server

<http://xwis.net/rg/online>

are the most joined server and the other ones
has mostly 0 players.

FM has now already 2000 nicks

Subject: Re: a000 nick discussion redux
Posted by [fl00d3d](#) on Thu, 19 Oct 2006 17:35:22 GMT
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/me wakes up with a big smile on his face.

"What's up, Crimson?"

Subject: Re: a000 nick discussion redux
Posted by [Nightma12](#) on Thu, 19 Oct 2006 23:33:51 GMT

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y is there a passworded server on an a00 nick?

is there a need for that... -.-

it pushes all the other servers down =/ lol

Subject: Re: a000 nick discussion redux
Posted by [Kamuix](#) on Thu, 19 Oct 2006 23:55:31 GMT
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It makes them look cool

Subject: Re: a000 nick discussion redux
Posted by [Spoony](#) on Fri, 20 Oct 2006 11:05:47 GMT
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I think it's more likely they simply don't care.

Subject: Re: a000 nick discussion redux
Posted by [Jellybe4n](#) on Fri, 20 Oct 2006 19:28:50 GMT
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Goztow wrote on Mon, 16 October 2006 11:37I'd actually open up a brewery there, all that bread would make people tirsty. However, it would be in the same street.

So, to continue with my analogy for a second, that would be like hosting a COD2 server on the Renegade listings.

Anyway, I'm still wondering why people think the random server list is going to help reduce the number of empty servers. Judging from the lack of arguement, we've established that the best we can hope for is a small shift in traffic.

End result, there will still be lots of empty servers, there will be no matter what you do with the server listings, simple fact is there's too few players to fill them.

So is the effort really worth putting in when the end result is still the same? Especially when you look at how many projects Crimson and BHS are trying to get off the ground.
