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Subject: Half-Life 2 Style Map Making

Posted by [F1AScroll](#) on Thu, 05 Mar 2009 01:17:44 GMT

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Subject: Re: Half-Life 2 Style Map Making

Posted by [saberhawk](#) on Thu, 05 Mar 2009 01:33:09 GMT

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Even if we had the source code, it wouldn't be possible. HL2 maps are stored as bsp trees which map directly to their map editing software. Renegade has nothing even remotely similar.

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Subject: Re: Half-Life 2 Style Map Making

Posted by [F1AScroll](#) on Thu, 05 Mar 2009 01:51:58 GMT

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But you can just hax0r it.

Just Kidding!

Gee, I wish it weren't so hard to make stuff work on my computer... Know any other ways to make terrain to import into Renegade?

### File Attachments

1) [IWish.jpg](#), downloaded 982 times

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Subject: Re: Half-Life 2 Style Map Making  
Posted by [Gen\\_Blacky](#) on Thu, 05 Mar 2009 04:08:18 GMT  
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Subject: Re: Half-Life 2 Style Map Making  
Posted by [ErroR](#) on Thu, 05 Mar 2009 09:48:02 GMT  
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we can always rip off their maps and claim it's our own j/k but i think crossfire (i think hl2 has it too) would be hell of a fun time!

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Subject: Re: Half-Life 2 Style Map Making  
Posted by [Jerad2142](#) on Thu, 05 Mar 2009 19:13:37 GMT  
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Gen\_Blacky wrote on Wed, 04 March 2009 21:08you could just expand on hightfield tools tools if you had the source.

I've never used the heightfield stuff in my life, is it very useful, ever more useful then RenX (in any cases what so ever)?

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Subject: Re: Half-Life 2 Style Map Making  
Posted by [Omar007](#) on Thu, 05 Mar 2009 21:25:44 GMT  
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Well i think it sucks but that is my opinion

I really can't work normally with heightfields

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Subject: Re: Half-Life 2 Style Map Making  
Posted by [Gen\\_Blacky](#) on Fri, 06 Mar 2009 05:55:10 GMT  
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Subject: Re: Half-Life 2 Style Map Making  
Posted by [saberhawk](#) on Fri, 06 Mar 2009 08:16:16 GMT  
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Gen\_Blacky wrote on Fri, 06 March 2009 00:55It suck ass, it just makes a plane and you can make hills and stuff and vertex paint and that's about it. Thats why it would be cool to expand it.

And also exactly why it can't be. It's stored as a heightfield, not a BSP tree or anything advanced enough to express "tunnels" or anything of that nature.

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Subject: Re: Half-Life 2 Style Map Making  
Posted by [Reaver11](#) on Sun, 08 Mar 2009 12:22:27 GMT  
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Is there any way that you could enable vis systems on heightfield maps? (Though I do think it is better to make your maps in Renx, mainly because you can have a vissystem)

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Subject: Re: Half-Life 2 Style Map Making  
Posted by [saberhawk](#) on Sun, 08 Mar 2009 12:31:20 GMT  
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No.

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Subject: Re: Half-Life 2 Style Map Making  
Posted by [mrÅ£Ä\\$Ä·z](#) on Sun, 08 Mar 2009 12:41:20 GMT  
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Is there a way to Edit the Heightfield map in 3DS Max?

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Subject: Re: Half-Life 2 Style Map Making  
Posted by [saberhawk](#) on Sun, 08 Mar 2009 13:15:41 GMT  
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madrackz wrote on Sun, 08 March 2009 08:41Is there a way to Edit the Heightfield map in 3DS Max?

No.

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Subject: Re: Half-Life 2 Style Map Making  
Posted by [mrÅ£Ä\\$Ä·z](#) on Sun, 08 Mar 2009 13:37:01 GMT  
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Is there a way to load the Under.W3D in 3DS MAX without errors?

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Subject: Re: Half-Life 2 Style Map Making  
Posted by [BlueThen](#) on Mon, 09 Mar 2009 02:47:48 GMT  
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madrackz wrote on Sun, 08 March 2009 08:37Is there a way to load the Under.W3D in 3DS MAX without errors?  
Maybe if you extract it using XCC mixer, and if you have the proper plugins for loading w3d files?

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Subject: Re: Half-Life 2 Style Map Making  
Posted by [Gen\\_Blacky](#) on Mon, 09 Mar 2009 04:28:57 GMT  
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madrackz wrote on Sun, 08 March 2009 07:37Is there a way to load the Under.W3D in 3DS MAX without errors?

what do you mean by errors , like importer giving error or corrupting the meshes. I would use renx to import .w3ds , 3ds max w3d importer is just a rip off from renx.

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Subject: Re: Half-Life 2 Style Map Making  
Posted by [mr£Ä\\$Ä·z](#) on Mon, 09 Mar 2009 17:11:53 GMT  
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Every char, Weapon and whatever works to load (perfectly). Only Map W3D give me a script error

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Subject: Re: Half-Life 2 Style Map Making  
Posted by [Di3HardNL](#) on Mon, 09 Mar 2009 19:55:04 GMT  
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madrackz i had the same issue, but do the following to make it work:

- import the map in RenX
- simply export the map again as .w3d the name doesn't matter
- import the map in 3DSMax.

That works for me

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Subject: Re: Half-Life 2 Style Map Making  
Posted by [mr£Ä\\$Ä·z](#) on Mon, 09 Mar 2009 20:32:11 GMT  
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Just wanted to make my maps niceier to play online

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Subject: Re: Half-Life 2 Style Map Making  
Posted by [Ma1kel](#) on Thu, 19 Mar 2009 12:29:00 GMT  
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That reminds me of spawning map models inside the game, and stealthing it.

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Subject: Re: Half-Life 2 Style Map Making  
Posted by [Jerad2142](#) on Sun, 29 Mar 2009 16:55:39 GMT  
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Saberhawk wrote on Sun, 08 March 2009 07:15madrackz wrote on Sun, 08 March 2009 08:41Is there a way to Edit the Heightfield map in 3DS Max?

No.

LIES! Boot your map up in Renegade and use a DXRipper to pull your terrain out into a .3ds file, then import it into 3ds max and edit away. Export to .w3d and there you go!

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