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Subject: Making a Map and needs helps

Posted by [trunkskgb](#) on Tue, 06 Oct 2009 16:50:06 GMT

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I'm a long time player, but newbie map designer. I know this game is old...but it's still fun.

Anyway, I'm running into a lot problems. The most frequent one is my Level Edit keeps crashing either when I'm trying to add the spawn points, or when I'm importing my work from RenX.

Here's my list of questions.

I'm using RenX first, doing some ground work, adding buildings, then exporting to Level Edit. Is that right?

Which one do you add your building files too? RenX? Or in Level Edit?

In RenX, how to raise the edges of the map straight UP, instead of at a huge 30 degree angle? The tutorials keep mention Extrude, but it's always shaded grey for me.

There are so many tutorials that are for beginners, and the video ones that explain a lot or HARD to see.

Can anyone provide some advice here?

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Subject: Re: Making a Map and needs helps

Posted by [Altzan](#) on Tue, 06 Oct 2009 17:19:41 GMT

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For me, holding shift as I drag an edge extrudes it.

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Subject: Re: Making a Map and needs helps

Posted by [Jerad2142](#) on Tue, 06 Oct 2009 18:10:07 GMT

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Posted by [trunkskgb](#) on Tue, 06 Oct 2009 18:55:38 GMT

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It crashes when I click to make the GDI or NOD spawn. I already have the option "Drop to Ground" clicked so they are not floating.

Either one of two things happen, they are created and I cant see them. Or it crashes will adding them.

According the to tutorial screenies, when you make a spawn point, you should see an GDI or NOD soldier with their arms spread out.

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Subject: Re: Making a Map and needs helps

Posted by [Jerad2142](#) on Wed, 07 Oct 2009 16:17:24 GMT

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Are you using the first decade, or did you change the 3d models of the default soldiers?

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Subject: Re: Making a Map and needs helps

Posted by [trunkskgb](#) on Wed, 07 Oct 2009 18:43:39 GMT

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No, I'm not using TFD.

All I did was just install the editors. I didn't change anything like that.

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Posted by [Jerad2142](#) on Wed, 07 Oct 2009 19:09:15 GMT

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Get us a screen shot of level editor running, have the spawner preset selected but don't place it yet. This may help us see something we are overlooking.

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Posted by [trunkskgb](#) on Mon, 16 Nov 2009 18:22:29 GMT

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Posted by [Distrbd21](#) on Tue, 17 Nov 2009 07:10:07 GMT

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Posted by [Veyrdite](#) on Tue, 17 Nov 2009 08:43:40 GMT

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Sounds like you've 'damaged' your preset tree by adding the wrong object types in the wrong sections. Try creating a new 'mod' when starting LE and see if the problem still occurs. If it does

then it is something else.

A note to make - LE hangs for 10 seconds when you edit or add non-temp presets. An annoying feature brought on by not keeping the preset tree cache for any period of time.

Good luck

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Posted by [danpaul88](#) on Tue, 17 Nov 2009 13:00:59 GMT

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Posted by [ErroR](#) on Tue, 17 Nov 2009 13:58:56 GMT

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**Subject: Re: Making a Map and needs helps**

Posted by [Reaver11](#) on Tue, 17 Nov 2009 14:40:25 GMT

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As far as I'm aware Leveleditor is not autosaving.

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Subject: Re: Making a Map and needs helps

Posted by [Distrbd21](#) on Tue, 17 Nov 2009 16:25:55 GMT

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Posted by [trunkskgb](#) on Tue, 01 Dec 2009 20:27:27 GMT  
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Let's get back to basics here. Forget Level Edit. I'm still in Gmax atm.

I found out how to add more segments, thus making more vertices for more control on adjusting the geometry on hill and mountains.

My map will consist of a river, possibly a river which runs underneath a mountain like in "Deth River". I will need infantry ramps, either like the steps in "City Flying", or the big ramp in "Pacific." I will need hedgehogs, waterfalls, rocks, trees, structures.

Is all the above done in Gmax or Level Edit?

Or, which is created where?

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Subject: Re: Making a Map and needs helps  
Posted by [trunkskgb](#) on Wed, 02 Dec 2009 23:12:47 GMT  
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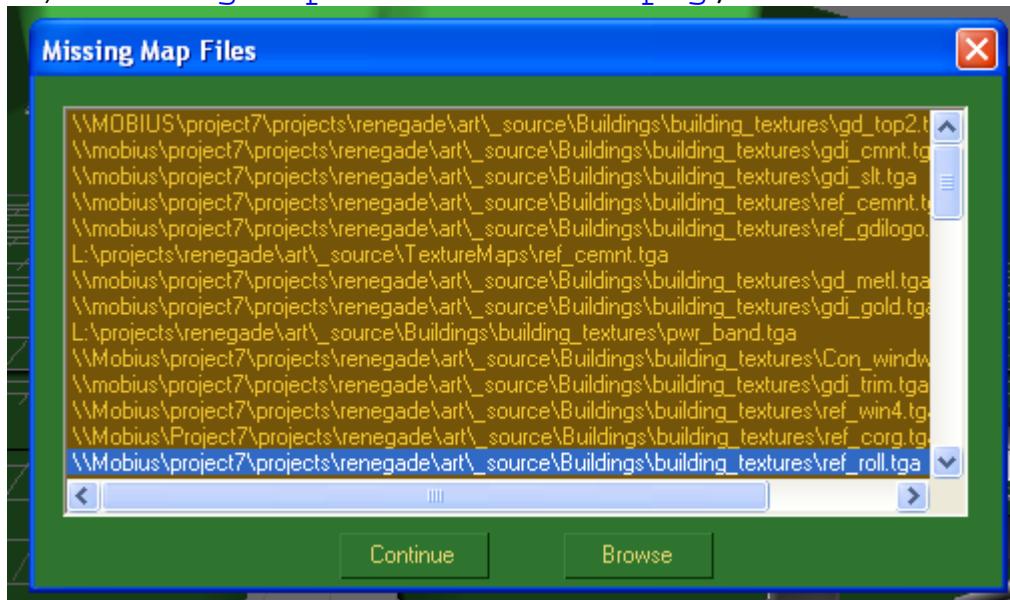
I'm also getting this error each time I load my test map.

Each screen shot is the same error, I just had to scroll through to get all the text into the shots.

What do they mean? After I click continue, everything seems fine. :S

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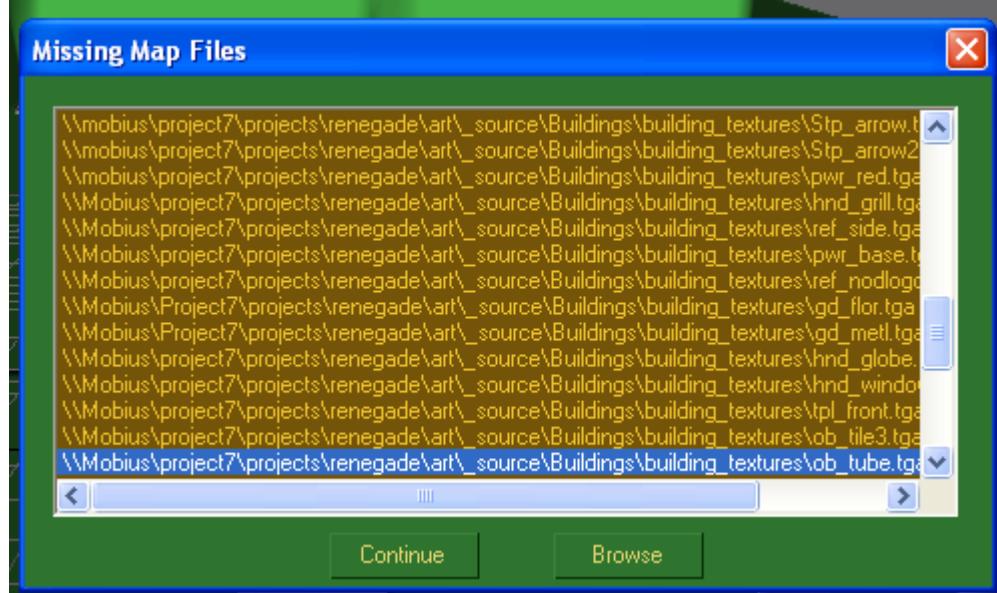
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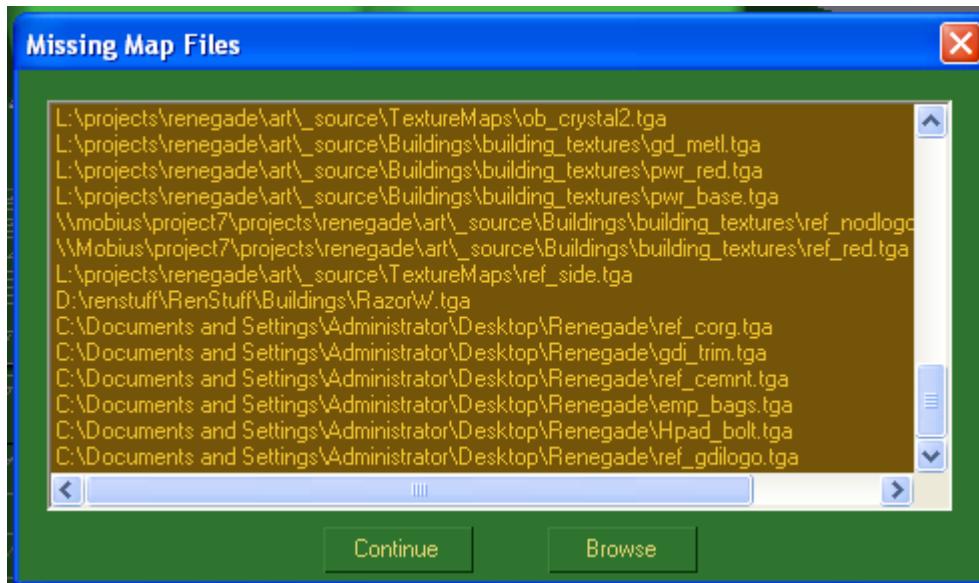
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make it easy for yourself gmax sucks balls and renx is right behind that, and all of your above is done in gmax renx or 3ds max.

The video will show you how to add rocks and cliffs etc, the trees you will probly have to make yourself, the ramps use a plain or something like that to make it look more real.

The buildings, if you get 3ds max you can download

this: <http://www.pokemonca.net/rh/downloads/Building3DSMAX.zip> or with proxies

[http://www.pokemonca.net/rh/downloads/ren\\_buildings\\_prox.zip](http://www.pokemonca.net/rh/downloads/ren_buildings_prox.zip)

If not download this: <http://renegadezone.com/ModInfo.asp?ModId=976>

and sorry i probly know this but idk what are hedgehogs?

a river idk how to make those.

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Subject: Re: Making a Map and needs helps  
Posted by [trunkskgb](#) on Fri, 04 Dec 2009 03:44:45 GMT

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Posted by **GEORGE ZIMMER** on Fri, 04 Dec 2009 05:40:48 GMT

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Distrbd21 wrote on Fri, 04 December 2009 09:15\*words\*

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Pre-made trees huh? Cool. I presume that they're pretty well done and not some sloppy looking design?

I actually found some rocks, barb wire fence and random ramps in one of the building packages for Renx.

Aside from rivers and tunnels, I'm getting closer.

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Subject: Re: Making a Map and needs helps

Posted by [trunkskgb](#) on Mon, 14 Dec 2009 05:17:45 GMT

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Bump....

Need help with welding vertices and crap. Can someone explain a little of that here?

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Subject: Re: Making a Map and needs helps

Posted by [Distrbd21](#) on Wed, 16 Dec 2009 00:49:17 GMT

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look through that it should have some stuff you are looking for.

<http://renegadehelp.net/index.php?act=tutorials&id=286>

if you can't find what your looking for in the maps part then let me know.

P.S. look at all of the tuts in the maps section one of them might tell you how.

and here is a pic of where to find the trees.

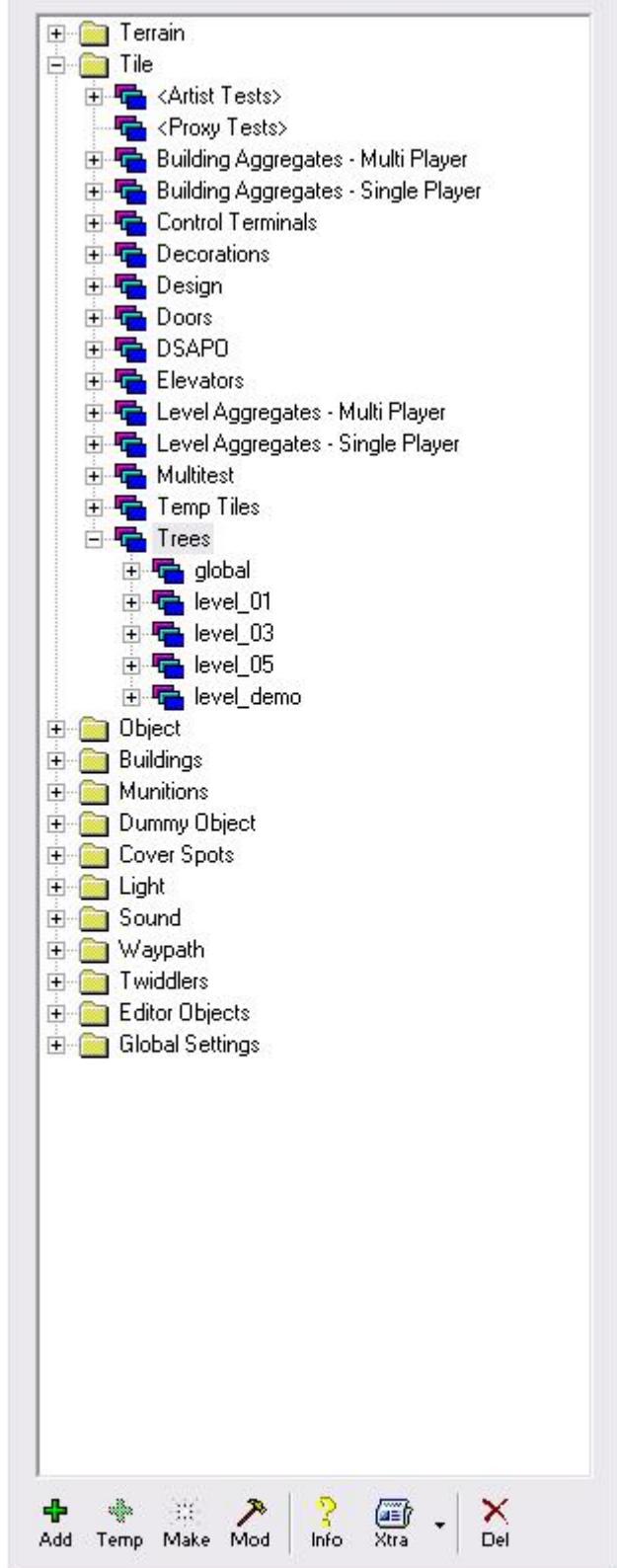
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