
Subject: something you may not know

Posted by [crazfulla](#) on Tue, 13 Apr 2010 00:14:15 GMT

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I was away from ren for ages, I come back and start playing on n00bless where I was a moderator once (until Hex threw a hissy fit because of something I said). I notice a few people getting odd weapons and shit but I dont think much of it. I mean, a sbh with a volt autorifle? Not likely, but possible.

Anyway it was later brought to my attention that certain moderators and people who contribute financially towards the server(s) were being given certain privies. For starters, they get 30% discounts on all purchases at the PT. This is regardless of promotion level (I think you can get upto 15% discount by being promoted). Anyways, also, they can use exclusive commands to get free weapons and vehicles, and god knows what else (I don't even want to know).

What really amazes me is that some people at n00bless actually think this is acceptable, and make a feeble attempt to defend Hex. If you ask me, this is essentially cheating, and it is a tad ironic for mods to be using these commands when their job is to remove cheaters. IMO Anyone who impliments or uses such commands is a fucking scumbag and not worthy of moderating or administering a server.

I also know that I am not the only person to feel this way. Several people at n00bless are sick of those commands but are too shit scared to say anything. I think that the public has a right to know about this, I don't anticipate this is something that Hex would spread widely. I mean, he always seems to have some comeback to everything, but not this. Thus far he seems to be completely avoiding the issue.

So if he will not discuss it, I shall discuss it with the wider renegade community. What are your thoughts? Am I just over reacting? or is this truely a new low?

vent over.

Subject: Re: something you may not know

Posted by [InternetThug](#) on Tue, 13 Apr 2010 00:20:17 GMT

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While I believe that is bullshit, I must say that if those people are too scared to say something and play there anyways, nothing is really going to change. You might aswell find a new server for the time being.

Subject: Re: something you may not know

Posted by [DRNG](#) on Tue, 13 Apr 2010 00:25:00 GMT

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If you contribute to a server financially you don't deserve special powers. Nobody does, not even

the owner. Unless you are a moderator or admin, which in that case your powers should be limited to removing cheaters, douchebags and keeping the server in a good state.

It's Renegade. Nobody should be given special discounts, super weapons or powers alike. I am sure players there are playing there for a fun gaming experience, not advantages to those who gave a buck or two.

However, it's not my server. I don't make the rules, they do. If you don't like the server you can leave it and find another one.

Subject: Re: something you may not know
Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Tue, 13 Apr 2010 00:48:02 GMT
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Seriously? I think it's actually a really good idea.

I mean, there is obviously a line between doing something that is a flat out ridiculous cheat and something that rewards donators.

I think that the PT discounts is actually a very good way of rewarding a donator. I think the max discount should be like 5-10%, however.

Other good rewards could be like special server commands (like sounds and stuff), special server appearances (like those floating icons that some servers have over characters), and other superficial things.

Obviously things like free weapons and stuff isn't a good idea, but that isn't to say that there can't be things that reward people who donate money.

Overall, I think that this concept of rewarding the people who care enough to donate to a server is an excellent way to:

- Keep a strong, loyal community
- Encourage server donation
- Make the game experience more dynamic

However, I also believe that these rewards should not be limited to just those who donate money. People who donate their time and effort should also reap benefits. (Advertising, creating banners and logos, keeping regular server attendance, etc)

Subject: Re: something you may not know
Posted by [crazfulla](#) on Tue, 13 Apr 2010 01:41:31 GMT
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Note: I don't mind them giving some reward to donators.
The problem is that this reward is an unfair advantage.

Subject: Re: something you may not know
Posted by [zeratul](#) on Tue, 13 Apr 2010 01:51:22 GMT
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n00bless doesn't like me

Subject: Re: something you may not know
Posted by [a000clown](#) on Tue, 13 Apr 2010 03:36:59 GMT
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I'm not saying what n00bless is doing is wrong, servers do cost quite a bit of money; I just think everybody should stop hiding behind "nice" words and call it exactly what it is: a commodity to be sold.

That said, I see nothing wrong with selling special advantages for a price (whether that price is real money or time spent moderating/maintaining the server is irrelevant). If you don't like it, simply don't play there.

Although I see nothing wrong with what they're doing from a moral standpoint, my personal preference is that all players are completely equal (which also means no custom client changes such as skins but that's for a different thread).

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Posted by [raven](#) on Tue, 13 Apr 2010 06:31:02 GMT
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Posted by [Goztow](#) on Tue, 13 Apr 2010 06:46:40 GMT
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I think I have to agree with the clown. 30 % does seem a lot of an advantage... I personally prefer it when everyone is equal.

Subject: Re: something you may not know
Posted by [SSADMVR](#) on Tue, 13 Apr 2010 11:47:13 GMT
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I once got banned from N00bless within 5 minutes of joining.

Subject: Re: something you may not know
Posted by [reborn](#) on Tue, 13 Apr 2010 11:54:56 GMT
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It's their server, they can do what they want.

If players don't like it, they don't have to play there. No need to go calling them out about it.

I also Once considered this, but instead of "buffs" such as this, I was going to allow commands to allow donators a limited amount of uses of !SetNextMap <map name> and other commands that do not directly effect gameplay.

There's obviously a market for it, so some people like the idea.

Subject: Re: something you may not know
Posted by [HaTe](#) on Wed, 14 Apr 2010 00:14:32 GMT
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This. I'm not for the whole donating advantage thing, but if they NEED donations to keep the server alive, what the hell else are they supposed to do? It's a good idea, it just doesn't turn out well for the average player who doesn't donate. Win-lose situation, and no need to complain about it .

Subject: Re: something you may not know
Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Wed, 14 Apr 2010 00:23:33 GMT
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Posted by [HaTe](#) on Wed, 14 Apr 2010 00:32:02 GMT
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Well, I'm sure that many of the people who donated knew about the little upgrade they would get...whether they cared or not. So it was advertised in it's own way really, after people see that people were getting advantages after donating. I also highly doubt it was kept a secret from public entirely, as that would defeat the purpose entirely.

Subject: Re: something you may not know
Posted by [zeratul](#) on Wed, 14 Apr 2010 00:38:36 GMT
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Subject: Re: something you may not know
Posted by [HaTe](#) on Wed, 14 Apr 2010 00:44:40 GMT
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So you are saying they should advertise it BETTER? I don't necessarily have an opinion on that, because i can't tell you for sure how well it is advertised in the first place; I don't generally ever play there, so i don't know if the advantages are worth the complaining. It really sounds like the topic starter was not pissed off at the fact he was not told about the donation advantage, but was however angry that the donaters received the advantages in the first place.

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That was enjoyable because I have seen that on television.

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Posted by [zeratul](#) on Wed, 14 Apr 2010 00:47:14 GMT

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thats a good point but at least an advertisement would (in his case) be an ahead warning... and at the same time remove the ones who complain about not being told...(two birds with one stone?)

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Posted by [HaTe](#) on Wed, 14 Apr 2010 00:50:57 GMT

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i think in the end a debate over this is pointless.... i dont think really anyone should care if a pop up is provided.... in the end if you dont like the server... be it people, shitty mods, or advantages...

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Subject: Re: something you may not know

Posted by [HaTe](#) on Wed, 14 Apr 2010 00:56:06 GMT

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Posted by [zeratul](#) on Wed, 14 Apr 2010 01:01:19 GMT

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i did the same when i was banned from n00bless, unjust this time, i never did notice the advantages though.... course i was to busy having fun to give a shit..... i'd say this topic is pointless to continue?

Subject: Re: something you may not know

Posted by [liquidv2](#) on Wed, 14 Apr 2010 01:14:21 GMT

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this clown guy knows what he's talking about
i was going to say exactly what he said but in much lesser words

on st0rm if you're a higher rank you can do more things than lesser ranked players, like buy unavailable weapons and do commands that they cannot
it's just a way to attract players or get them to play more
or in Hex's case, sway them towards donating

a few people getting vehicles sooner probably won't ruin every game but it may decide more than a few, so it's probably not the greatest idea he's ever had

like they said, play somewhere else if he doesn't feel like changing it

Subject: Re: something you may not know

Posted by [dr3w2](#) on Wed, 14 Apr 2010 02:48:15 GMT

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I agree with what most people have said here. Basically, "unfair add-ons for special/donating members are acceptable as long as it's well known to the players who play there. If you don't agree, don't play there".

Luv2pb I should totally start progressing again on that lovely project

Subject: Re: something you may not know
Posted by [zeratul](#) on Wed, 14 Apr 2010 03:06:13 GMT
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andr3w282 wrote on Tue, 13 April 2010 20:48 "unfair add-ons for special/donating members are acceptable as long as it's well known to the players who play there. If you don't agree, don't play there".
entire thread summed up in one sentence

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Posted by [a000clown](#) on Wed, 14 Apr 2010 04:34:00 GMT
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I think your last sentence about sums it up...

Perhaps I'm just bad at explaining my point of view. I was just trying to show my distaste and the often misuse of the word "donation" when in reality many are simply substituting this word because it sounds less negative than other words.
If it is advertised or common knowledge that you get a reward by "donating" then it isn't really a donation at all, it's simply a trade/deal/purchase.

As for my implied insult I apologize if I offended anyone, that was not my intention. You're right, extortion is too strong a word, after all, the funds gained do go directly back to the server (I assume) which means there's no personal gain.
Like I said earlier, I see nothing wrong with what they're doing but now I'm just repeating myself so I'll stop.

Subject: Re: something you may not know
Posted by [Goztow](#) on Wed, 14 Apr 2010 06:58:44 GMT

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Posted by [snpr1101](#) on Wed, 14 Apr 2010 12:03:51 GMT
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Come now, don't be naive. Word catches on that if you donate, you'll get certain perks and advantages. It's not like "Hey n00bstories, I see you're doin' it tough so I thought you could use some cash because I'm such a decent guy/girl...oh, whats that, a reward? Oh wow, gee, I didn't expect that, thanks!"

As you say, the aforementioned benefits you get after donating are "unexpected rewards" for such generosity; therefore, the merit in donating to the server, is indeed in the act of donating itself, because of the caring and generous qualities that some possess.

However, I'd wager that 50% or more of the people who donated KNEW about the rewards. This certainly does throw a spanner in the works. It no longer becomes a simple act of generosity, even if you do care about the server; because as you decide to, or not to donate; you can't help but think of the "reward" you will get if you do, thus making one more inclined to donate.

I'd also wager that if you gave rewards to some, but withheld from others, you would get complaints such as "How come I don't get a purchase discount, why can't I do this, I donated didn't I?"

Imo, the real reward from donating is not one given to you. It comes from within. It's the satisfaction gained by knowing that the money you gave is allowing you and others collectively to have a good time together on a server you care about. It's the ability to see the community and fellow players you've known over ren for years to still stick around, and not fall apart or lose contact because the server needed a few bucks to stay online but nobody donated. Finally, I think every player should feel obliged or at least have the smallest iota of an inclination to contribute something to those who's time and effort goes into keeping the server we all play on for free; online.

Call what I wrote above too serious or what have you, but it's my opinion on what giving, and

donating is all about. You don't expect rewards in return, thus we should not get any; because we don't need them. The server's owe us NOTHING. We owe them.

Obviously the reward system is just an incentive to donate, because the real qualities needed in people to donate is lacking. Sure, there are those who donate without knowing of, or expecting rewards, and hats off to those people.

So in closing, giving people advantages like this on the server; I feel, is the wrong way to go about it. I'll reiterate it again

- You don't need, nor should you expect a reward(s) for donating to a Rene Server so that it may stay online.

-Donating is an act of charity, because you CARE about the server; and acknowledge that there are people who give up countless hours and \$ to give you one to play on for free. It's not about donating for/chances of getting rewards.

Subject: Re: something you may not know
Posted by [BlueThen](#) on Wed, 14 Apr 2010 21:12:03 GMT
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Anyways, if I were the owner, I'd consider this a very stupid way of rewarding donors. Not only it gives an unfair advantage, but it scares away/pisses off a lot of the users. But, since it's their server, they can do whatever they want and there's really nothing we can do about it other than complain about it to others and not play it.

Subject: Re: something you may not know
Posted by [a000clown](#) on Wed, 14 Apr 2010 23:14:51 GMT
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Goztow wrote on Wed, 14 April 2010 02:58 There's just one thing... as far as I can read, it wasn't advertised at all? Or did I misunderstand?

iirc it's announced via those rotating/random host messages what the benefit of donating is.

BlueThen wrote on Wed, 14 April 2010 17:12 since it's their server, they can do whatever they want and there's really nothing we can do about it other than complain about it to others and not play it.

Quite frankly, it's none of our damn business how others run their servers so I'd rather they just move on and find another place they can enjoy playing, rather than have petty complaints like the OP. Let's face it, this thread is nothing more than seeking attention, despite some of the more thought-out replies.

Subject: Re: something you may not know

Posted by [Canadacdn](#) on Thu, 15 Apr 2010 05:52:36 GMT

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Subject: Re: something you may not know

Posted by [snpr1101](#) on Thu, 15 Apr 2010 08:05:27 GMT

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Canadacdn wrote on Thu, 15 April 2010 00:52 If you don't like it, don't play on that server anymore?

Do you think people are expressing their opinions about this because they have not thought of your amazing solution?

Subject: Re: something you may not know

Posted by [Jerad2142](#) on Tue, 20 Apr 2010 14:40:10 GMT

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You do what you have to do, if the only way you can get people to help you keep your server on-line is by giving bonuses to players that help you keep the server on-line so be it. The alternative is that the server closes down. In addition it's not cheating, anyone can make a donation, thus everyone has the option to play on the same level, you're just choosing not to. (You/your being anyone that chooses to complain about how the server gives benefits to its players, continue to play on the server, and believe its cheating).

If you don't like what they're doing, don't play it, it's their game too and they have the right to modify the game play how they like. If it really bothers you that much feel free to play on one of the 100x empty servers.

"Cheating implies the breaking of rules." and in this case its fine by the server's rules, so its not

cheating.

Subject: Re: something you may not know
Posted by [Hex](#) on Sat, 24 Apr 2010 08:08:10 GMT
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Posted by [Goztow](#) on Sat, 24 Apr 2010 08:11:56 GMT
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Jerad Gray wrote on Tue, 20 April 2010 16:40 In addition it's not cheating, anyone can make a donation, thus everyone has the option to play on the same level, you're just choosing not to. Everyone has the choice to play with *cheat name removed*... It's publically available. I'm not saying this because I disagree with hex' policy but because of these kind of expressions, people say it's ok to use advantage skins and building bars, which it clearly isn't.

Subject: Re: something you may not know
Posted by [crazfulla](#) on Sun, 25 Apr 2010 02:03:41 GMT
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It doesn't matter to me if you did it yourself or let IC3. I am not a racist and you damn well know it. It was a simple slip of the tongue. I apologised publically and so forth, putting it right with those concerned, and most people respected me for that. Obviously you have no such respect, making such irrational and defamatory remarks in public.

Also, I tried using those commands once as a veteran and I assure you they did NOT work. I understand there are some changes to the veteran system being implimented, hopefully this will include making those commands available to all players as you say. At least this would bring about some balance.

Subject: Re: something you may not know
Posted by [Jerad2142](#) on Wed, 05 May 2010 16:14:10 GMT
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I'm indifferent two the last two, just don't like the skins because they make this game look bad when vids get posted on youtube.

REAL cheats however, (like the ones that make YOUR nod auto rifle more powerful then MINE nod auto rifle or give you the ability to aim at people with even using the mouse, walk/see though walls, etc). are clearly different than people's inability to be able to deal with other people being to lazy to press the j/k keys on occasion. Having a wider FOV allows you too see more, but anyone with a wide screen monitor will be fine with that, even though some people don't have the money to get a wide screen monitor. But if money makes having an advantage fine in one case I don't see how it should in another.

But you know what, if the only reason the server exists is because the guy "cheating" helped pay for it to still exist, I'll deal with it.

Subject: Re: something you may not know
Posted by [Sir Kane](#) on Fri, 07 May 2010 13:53:37 GMT
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Premium shit has managed to infect Renegade?

Subject: Re: something you may not know

Posted by [Hex](#) on Fri, 07 May 2010 15:10:26 GMT

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crazfulla wrote on Sun, 25 April 2010 03:03I am not a racist and you damn well know it <OnOeS>
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you lieing retard

also my fat wide screen is epic cheats

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Posted by [crazfulla](#) on Fri, 07 May 2010 22:51:56 GMT

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when did I deny saying that?

One thing I did brush on is that the resulting drama has been appropriately dealt with, and everyone (but you) is over it.

Also, you are a retard if you think you can sum me up based on one single statement I made, not that I care what you think.
