Subject: Re: EA Partners with XWIS Community Service Posted by Chronojam on Fri, 07 Oct 2005 08:49:05 GMT

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Quote: "EA is 100% dedicated to the Command and Conquer franchise and wants to ensure a strong and secure online gameplay environment. Long live Command and Conquer! We hope to see resurgence in the legions of NOD and GDI followers claiming ground online."

Fucking bullshit. Fucking, bullshit. They are not 100% dedicated. They did not make things secure. You know who made Renegade online far more secure than EA ever dreamed? Black Hand Studios. Props to the original Renegade coding team though; they managed to nicely encrypt and protect a lot of the internal workings and data passing, significantly reducing the existance of 'trainers'.

However, as EA has shown, they LOVE to screw over the online systems, shutting them down so only the bot-runners and hackers can even publicly chat anymore. They're so *committed*, they won't hire people part-time or even randomly give them any kind of moderator/admin status on the old chat channels. I'm sure it wouldn't hurt them to give somebody \$5 an hour to just keep a little bit of order; hell, I do that kind of thing for free. Many people do. They're so dedicated to providing secure systems, one person named Adad has thousands and thousands of the Free Dedicated Server serials for Renegade... in fact, he has *every single one* that was left at the time when he launched his thievery attempt! And of course, EA hasn't provided more.. oh, no, they're too dedicated to do that. They're so wanting to provide for a secure environment that tons of serials were stolen or spoofed, and relays are in abundance.

This is, again, EA trying to take credit for the community's effort; claiming they've always been there. Fuck you EA. I'll give them 50% dedication points for continually caving to demand and PR concerns by periodically giving out free software to contest winners that they could buy for anywhere from \$4 to \$18 for the full damned set retail new and unused, and for periodically giving out various goodies they had spares of that were otherwise just piled up in boxes and IF ever sold, haven't been for a long damn time despite any demand (I want a damn GDI pewter soldier, but nope). I'll give them a couple points of credit for actually giving some support to somebody else who has to handle the running of servers and the day-to-day concerns. I guess though, this invalidates their bullshit claims of always going to fully keep WOL supported and secure until no longer needed. Fuck, they cheated by making it needed, to the point that a third party actually had to create an alternate place to play. Yeah, legally they're clear-- WOL is no longer needed. But that's like buying your buddy life insurance and then offing them. That's what happend in Free Willy from memory, right? Evil company has tons of money to gain from offing the friendly, gentle whale it no longer cares for (but yet everybody else adores). The fans come to the rescue.

They should make a movie called "Free Wolly" based on XWIS. Hmmm. Imagine if EA was the bad guys in that whale movie... the evil company would pay for the truck to haul Willy around and periodically give some \$5 pails out for the rescuers to use to keep some water on the poor thing. They'd maybe print some cheap T-Shirts and such, and send out some free supportive "We Care" emails and messages...

EA is not "dedicated" to the Command & Conquer franchise. They are only dedicated to a lame attempt to steal credit for the fans' preservation of that reveared brand name, so they can apply it

to future piles of shit under a false pretense of quality.

EA has finally killed WOL, as they pretend to be our friends and pass it off to somebody else to handle because they're so committed to us, they won't even do it themselves. Thanks, assholes.

Me @ PPMsite.com several hours ago. Anybody who was in IRC knew I was having a ball. Anyway. I first tried using XWIS during a WOL outage, and found myself banned before I got my foot in the door. How's that for support? They gave me rather useless information, saying to register under a game that had WOL play instead of using TD. I'm sure the word Renegade was in my post at least 5 times there.

Call me biased or paranoid, but I won't trust anybody with my serial who can't spell well or dances around questions or feigns lack of comprehension or leads people on.. especially if they natively speak my language and have no excuses.