Subject: Re: The Pointsfix and the Game Listings Posted by EvilWhiteDragon on Wed, 07 Oct 2009 09:07:11 GMT

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Goztow wrote on Wed, 07 October 2009 10:03A ladder will hopefully be recreated as it promotes people to play (for ladder and thus "honour"). Individual ladders also do this but not to the same extend: if a server is empty, then people won't join it, hence their ladder won't improove + they may want to experience different kinds of gameplay while still earning ladder points.

To come back on the "first come, first serve" argument that was brought up before. I think that if you defend this argument, you need to defend it all the way through. Why would new communities, who just arrived and didn't get any a00 nickname then suddenly end up on page 1 just because they know some of the jelly admins or because they know Nightma (yes: I believe he's also involved? He even promotes his server rental by the fact that people who rent can get a higher nickname???) and have gotten a a00 nickname? Wouldn't it be fairer then to use the nicknames you need yourself (e.g. to have a top spot for your 5 own servers) and NOT use your other nicknames so people who were a bit later but were still very fast to register a nickname take the spot that empty up?

We'd then e.g. have a first page like this:

a00 a000 a0000 a00000 a00000001 a00000004 a000000007 a000000000 a00000000m

a0000001b

See what I mean? Everyone would then be served on the principle of "first come, first serve" basis.

Just to add to this discussion, well knowing that the community I represent uses a0000000b.

To reply to one of the previous statements: it DOES still matter quite a bit if you're on page 1 or not. The fact you're on the bottom of it or on the top matters less.

When one or two of the top a00 are not used, our server ends up on the bottom of first page for all players (including small resolutions). We then get considerably more traffic than when all top a00 are used, and we're just below the first page for people on smaller reso's. Ow, and tbh: I'm not really complaining about the current situation for TK2. We have a decent situation and are happy to keep it going. I really don't think that our community should be used as an example in this case, when there's enough others that are in a way worse situation.

To end with this: first page can carry about 15 servers on any resolution. This could be plenty to give all established communities one (1!) server on the first page and still provide jelly with e.g. 2 or maybe even 3, allowing them to still maintain a huge impact on the first page. There's no need to actually take away any nicknames for that, it just requires Jelly and Nightma to come together (maybe with some other people) and come to an agreement about who exactly are those established communities, based on more or less objective elements, to offer a first page that's representative and offers players a large variety of game modes. But that's just "wishful thinking", I guess, and prolly not worth the effort in their eyes while waiting for TT.

A final ladder question. TK2 runs a server that's 100 % pure mode for the first 5 minutes oft he game, but allows donate after these first 5 minutes. How would u deal with this? I'm pretty confident that Jelly doesn't want to change anything.

I'm saying this because, after we released BIATCH, I asked him if there was any possibility on getting a (1) high nickname for our server. This was not possible because "a lot of other servers requested this as well and asked him earlier". While that may have been true at the time, I'm certain it is not true any more today.

If every community would just agree on using only one "spot" on the top listings then there would be room for 13-14 communities on the "frontpage". I'm pretty sure that it is possible to define a set of measurements on which we can determine who should get one of those 13 spots.

A suggestion could be: Age of community, impact on the whole rencommunity, amount of players? (might be very difficult), location (particularly Europe/USA, I would say that it would need a 1/2 to 2/5 balance + perhaps some asian server?) and rating from other serverowners?

Something like this could certainly benefit the Renegade Community as a whole, and probably none would really have to sacrifice for it.