
Subject: Goodbye Message.

Posted by [Blazer](#) on Mon, 03 Mar 2003 00:25:38 GMT

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No, not my goodbye message...this is a message that Greg Underwood, AKA "CodeWench-WS" (the person who coded the Linux Free Dedicated Server) appended to the end of the readme.txt for the newest and last release of the LFDS. You saw it here first, the readme won't be on the westwood ftp site until sometime after monday.

Appendix E - Final Thoughts

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So, as many of you know Westwood Studios is officially closing their doors. I've been with the company for about 2.5 years now, and I have to say I'm rather sad to see it go. Not only because I loose my job, but because it's the end of an era.

Westwood games have been some of my favorites for a long time - I played and loved C&C when I was at University. Well before that, I played and loved many of the games they had a hand in and I never even knew it - Eye of the Beholder, plenty of Gold Box games, etc. About a year after I got here someone high up started putting up framed boxes of all the games Westwood shipped. If you were lucky enough to get a tour of the building, you no doubt saw them. I remember spending an afternoon, shortly after the last box went up, just walking the halls and looking at all the projects this studio has been involved in.

It is verily a sad day but I'm glad I was able to take part, if only a little and only at the end, in such an incredible history. I hope my contributions are as appreciated by all of you, the fans, as much as I appreciated the earlier works of the studio when I was among you. Somehow, I think it fitting that one of my final acts here at Westwood is to put out a fan-driven patch for the Renegade Linux FDS - a project that the fans demanded. You folks are the best and I'm sorry I never got to meet even a small percentage of you. This patch is for you, and without the support and encouragement of the folks I list in the special thanks section I never would have been able to push myself to get this done. The weekends I gave up for this project are innumerable, and again it feels fitting that this last patch is being completed on my own time, on a weekend. In the end, I'm still a fan of Westwood and Westwood games.

Enjoy the patch, enjoy the game, and enjoy the history that was Westwood. Don't dwell on the fact that it had to end, as all good things must, but rather focus on the good. Remember all the great times you had while playing our games. I know I will be.

I can think of no better way to end my career at Westwood than with one of my favorite Douglas Addams quotes:

"So long, and thanks for all the fish."

Codewench,
aka
Greg Underwood

Subject: Goodbye Message.
Posted by [Ultron10](#) on Mon, 03 Mar 2003 00:32:20 GMT
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Subject: Goodbye Message.
Posted by [snipefrag](#) on Mon, 03 Mar 2003 00:36:45 GMT
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LMAO, i love hitch hikers guide to the galaxy

And yes do not dwell on WW's demise peeps just be happy in what they achived in all there games !!!!!

Subject: Goodbye Message.
Posted by [NetMan](#) on Mon, 03 Mar 2003 01:06:29 GMT
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sad but true words.
Thanks Greg and Westwood for giving us those great games.
And nothin will be like it was before.

Subject: Goodbye Message.
Posted by [Sir Phoenixx](#) on Mon, 03 Mar 2003 02:01:07 GMT
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Subject: Goodbye Message.
Posted by [Yano](#) on Mon, 03 Mar 2003 02:03:02 GMT
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Subject: Goodbye Message.
Posted by [JVTech](#) on Mon, 03 Mar 2003 03:22:26 GMT
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sighs and cracks a beer

Subject: Goodbye Message.
Posted by [Doitle](#) on Mon, 03 Mar 2003 05:42:13 GMT
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Wow that speech... that was the eulogy I had said someone should write earlier... A great final testament to the great company that was Westwood. A toast for Westwood... *Clinks glass around forums with people* *CRASH* Dude Blazer, You clink the glasses not... Smash them! *Clinks shards of glass with rest of forumers*

Subject: Goodbye Message.
Posted by [YSLMuffins](#) on Mon, 03 Mar 2003 06:27:44 GMT
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Westwood will never be forgotten. The name may be gone, but the legacy and its people will continue to contribute to the gaming industry.

sulutes I'll miss that WW logo.

Subject: Re: Goodbye Message.
Posted by [Mad Ivan](#) on Mon, 03 Mar 2003 06:28:45 GMT
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Blazer-snipped-

Subject: Goodbye Message.
Posted by [Darkre1gn](#) on Mon, 03 Mar 2003 06:56:52 GMT
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Subject: Goodbye Message.
Posted by [Ingrownlip](#) on Mon, 03 Mar 2003 07:12:55 GMT

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:thumbsup:

Subject: Goodbye Message.

Posted by [Sk8rRIMuk](#) on Mon, 03 Mar 2003 08:12:05 GMT

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That was well said especially:

Quote:Don't dwell on the fact that it had to end, as all good things must, but rather focus on the good. Remember all the great times you had while playing our games. I know I will be.

I think i'm gonna cry ...

OK we must think of the things yet to come in the community it as they say

Only The Beggining!!!

-Sk8rRIMuk

Subject: Goodbye Message.

Posted by [Majiin Vegeta](#) on Mon, 03 Mar 2003 09:24:32 GMT

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:shocked: :lookround:

so very sad...

Subject: Goodbye Message.

Posted by [Walrus](#) on Mon, 03 Mar 2003 10:29:02 GMT

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be the same.

Subject: Goodbye Message.

Posted by [Kingdud](#) on Mon, 03 Mar 2003 11:45:35 GMT

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Greg, (the old, pre-EA) WS, you guys were great, your games were great. I don't know who I will

turn to for computer games now... *sigh* I will never get to see the end of the Tiberium series...:(

To you guys, I play Taps

Peace out,

-Kingdud

Subject: Goodbye Message.

Posted by [Halo38](#) on Mon, 03 Mar 2003 12:16:00 GMT

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Thats beautiful man

One true WW hero

:bigups: *big ups greg for all his hard work* most of the players of renegade will not know you or what you have done for us, but the whole of the modding comunity will carry on your legacy well into renegades future. You will not be forgotten.

Subject: Goodbye Message.

Posted by [PiMuRho](#) on Mon, 03 Mar 2003 12:35:57 GMT

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I was there at the start of WOL (WWchat, as it was then), and now it's the end of Westwood.

Greg rocks!

Subject: Goodbye Message.

Posted by [John Shaft Jr.](#) on Mon, 03 Mar 2003 16:04:30 GMT

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JVTech*sighs and cracks a beer*

Pass one over here Dawg.

Subject: Goodbye Message.

Posted by [jpgv](#) on Mon, 03 Mar 2003 16:39:38 GMT

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i could use one too

Subject: Goodbye Message.
Posted by [smwScott](#) on Mon, 03 Mar 2003 18:41:26 GMT
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Sorry about your job, doesn't seem like you'll have trouble finding a new one considering the great job you did in the Linux FDS and I'm sure many more projects as well as contributing to the game as a whole.

Subject: Goodbye Message.
Posted by [Kingmada](#) on Mon, 03 Mar 2003 18:51:29 GMT
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Nice to see a proper goodbye from somebody at WW

-Mada

Subject: Goodbye Message.
Posted by [jraptor9](#) on Mon, 03 Mar 2003 19:32:33 GMT
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just a bit depressing.

Subject: Goodbye Message.
Posted by [LTKirovy](#) on Mon, 03 Mar 2003 23:01:39 GMT
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EA should change their name to WS and use their logo

Subject: Goodbye Message.
Posted by [Griever92](#) on Mon, 03 Mar 2003 23:34:48 GMT
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Moment of silence You Will Be Missed

Subject: Goodbye Message.
Posted by [Creed3020](#) on Tue, 04 Mar 2003 00:37:36 GMT
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At first I was like AHHH Blazer is posting a good-bye message, NO WAY!!

Then read further and relizead that it was from Greg, aKa Codewench.

That speech was very sad and made me think back to when I was younger and never really got involved yet during Red Alert's spot in the heat of battle....

Well I wish you the best of luck of getting a new job. I am sure with your expertise it should be no problem.

I would like to leave something I feel describes Greg and the best gaming company ever, Westwood

Quote:"There goes my hero
Watch him as he goes
There goes my hero
He's ordinary"

-My Hero

(The best band EVER- Foo Fighters)

Subject: Sniff..
Posted by [TheSpire](#) on Tue, 04 Mar 2003 04:57:38 GMT
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will we still be able to play renegade on the internet?

Subject: Re: Sniff..
Posted by [snipefrag](#) on Tue, 04 Mar 2003 11:41:45 GMT
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TheSpire will we still be able to play renegade on the internet?

omg, codewrench made the linux servers this is a goodbye message for him cause he lost his job at westwood (cause they no longer exist anymore) not the whole of renegade or wol....

Renegade will be up again on wednesday... not that we havent said it already a million times and if you missed this too the reason why its down is because the servers are moving to EA from WW.

EA= electronic arts
WW= Westwood

I am sorry i never really got involved in the linux server at all but it sounds like he did a very good

job for the renegade community, and i am gratefull

Subject: Goodbye Message.
Posted by [forsaken](#) on Tue, 04 Mar 2003 18:49:38 GMT
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Well with this it's now truly up to the fan community to carry out WW legacy.
TY Greg
TY WW
But now its up to us, the community, to keep what WW left us behind.

~Long Live Renegade~!

Subject: Goodbye Message.
Posted by [jon](#) on Wed, 05 Mar 2003 06:50:23 GMT
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Good luck Greg on whatever you decide to do!
Thanks for your effort that makes one of my favorite games of all time possible.

And it's the end of an era...I dont' have much faith in pc gaming any more, as Westwood represents a huge part of my free time for the past 15 years

And I'll refrain from posting my thoughts about ea since well, it's not gonna change anything anyways...

As kane would put it, Westwood lives in death! and their games will forever be in my heart.

Subject: Goodbye Message.
Posted by [DaveGMM](#) on Wed, 05 Mar 2003 19:10:05 GMT
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Subject: Goodbye Message.
Posted by [MrBob](#) on Fri, 07 Mar 2003 12:36:22 GMT
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Poor Codewench Poor Frank too, years making music for Westwood they toss him out for Bill Brown, CnC is truly dead .

EA = Evil Assholes

Subject: Goodbye Message.

Posted by [U927](#) on Fri, 07 Mar 2003 14:12:26 GMT

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Subject: Goodbye Message.

Posted by [sloppyjo](#) on Fri, 07 Mar 2003 15:05:09 GMT

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Amen.

Subject: Goodbye Message.

Posted by [Sk8rRIMuk](#) on Sat, 08 Mar 2003 13:42:06 GMT

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MrBobPoor Codewench Poor Frank too, years making music for Westwood they toss him out for Bill Brown, CnC is truly dead .

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I agree except that CnC is not dead it will always stay alive thanks to the good people like Crimson, Blazer, Dante, ACK & Loads more...

This forum is proof that CnC is not dead it is well and truly still alive ...

The lack of support is what was killing CnC .

-Sk8rRIMuk

Subject: Goodbye Message.

Posted by [f100d3d](#) on Wed, 10 Sep 2003 14:09:06 GMT

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EA should have never been allowed to touch Westwood. Sell them back to Virgin! We'll buy the games!!!!

I'm a die hard addict since '94 and I'm not going to let EA "give up" on such a wonderful line of games. The community is there --- SUPPORT THE CUSTOMERS NOT YOUR BUDGET! -- so make games for us.

codewench, if you ever see this --- I wish I could get a hold of you. Email me.
fl00d3d@tsunami-alliance.com

~fl00d3d~

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Posted by [kawolsky](#) on Wed, 10 Sep 2003 17:41:55 GMT
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1 final w00t to WW w00t!!!

Subject: Goodbye Message.
Posted by [Scythar](#) on Wed, 10 Sep 2003 19:04:44 GMT
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I'm getting emotional again....

Godspeed Greg and thank you. Your work will live on.

Subject: Goodbye Message.
Posted by [Breetomas](#) on Thu, 11 Sep 2003 14:02:00 GMT
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Now that was a Major Bump from the past

Subject: Goodbye Message.
Posted by [laeubi](#) on Thu, 11 Sep 2003 17:10:05 GMT
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Thanxs for the Linux FDS (hehe who knows the answer of the ultimate world question?)

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Posted by [Scythar](#) on Thu, 11 Sep 2003 17:39:38 GMT
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Subject: Goodbye Message.
Posted by [Nightma12](#) on Fri, 12 Sep 2003 16:49:30 GMT
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EA has ruined my life i feel like committing suicide

Subject: Goodbye Message.
Posted by [bigejoe14](#) on Fri, 12 Sep 2003 20:16:54 GMT
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This made me laugh when I saw it got bumped. Now I just have to ask why the hell did you?

Subject: Goodbye Message.
Posted by [Nightma12](#) on Sat, 13 Sep 2003 07:58:14 GMT
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it wasnt me that bumped it :rolleyes:

Subject: Goodbye Message.
Posted by [U927](#) on Sat, 13 Sep 2003 21:20:46 GMT
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~f100d3d~

It was the resident "OMG LIEK IM 31337 POORGRAMAAR!!!!11" idiot who revived this dead topic. Let the dead topics die, and concentrate on doing more important things, like cleaning the trigger on daddy's loaded shotgun.
