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Subject: Re: FDS Serials (4) 4 SALE  
Posted by [Dr. Lithius](#) on Mon, 29 Aug 2005 21:39:09 GMT  
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Seconded. It's like this. . .

The serials were free and quite numerous at one time or another. However, exploitation, bots, and greedy users eventually ran the "Serial Well" dry, which shouldn't technically be possible, but was. Now, since the "well" is dry, people like this guy, and that other guy who swung by and rubbed his 1,000 serials in our faces, exist.

Regardless of where all that income might be going, pyroacidk, if you were patient, you could still scrape up enough money to buy a decent video card eventually. However, you're not the patient type. I can tell. Therefore, you figured you could make a quick few bucks by charging -- and overcharging -- for something that, these days, is apparently "rare".

Now, consider this. . .

People who are patient, like myself, can always sit and wait for an opportunity to present itself where someone happens to have a cache of serial numbers they'd be willing to distribute around (such as when xxxxxx had some) and politely request one. For free.

Honestly, it's not even the fact that you're charging for them that disgusts me. No. . . even charging for something this "coveted" these days is understandable. It makes you look like an ass all and all, sort of like all those people selling American flags and coloured US quarters after 9/11, thriving on peoples insecurities and "spontaneous patriotism". But it's understandable. What gets me is the fact that you honestly think you're going to get \$25.00 for each of those numbers. You'd be lucky. . . very lucky. . . to get that much for all the numbers combined, my friend. People may want their own dedicated servers. . . and some might want to do as you are and play "The Markup Game" with any serials they gain. . . but they're not going to pay \$25.00 on top of their current server and bandwidth charges. Not unless they're really freaking desperate. And if that's the case, they're probably just poor losers who got tired of getting their asses kicked by other players on random servers and want to make their own domain where they can simply boot people that kick their asses. But I digress.

Selling these serials is understandable. Selling them for \$25.00 each. . . is not.

Edit: Don't bother telling me I'm a hypocrite for what I said here, by the way. I was kidding. Even if I had not given the number to jonwil previously, I wouldn't've given this dude my serial number. Period. (Not unless he offered a clearly ludicrous amount for it. Then I probably would've given it to him for free.)

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