
Subject: Re: C&C Reborn is released!

Posted by [Kanezor](#) on Tue, 20 Dec 2005 21:22:09 GMT

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Crimson wrote on Tue, 20 December 2005 14:02 Fobby wrote on Mon, 19 December 2005 19:28 Quoted the wrong post. Damn I hate this forum system. Because you decided to quote a post, clicked the WRONG "quote" button, and even SAW the post you didn't mean to quote in the text box... you somehow blame the FORUM SYSTEM for your error? Get a clue, dude. Seriously. Crimson, I hate to tell you you're wrong, but Fobby is right -- these forums do suck ass. The quote button for the current post doesn't belong at the bottom of the current post: all other active forums that I have seen have the quote button for the current post at the top of the post. Not only that, but all other decent forums that I visit also have the person's profile info in a separate column, instead of the same column cluttering up post texts.

As for seeing the post he didn't mean to quote, that would be his fault for not pre-reading the quote.

smacks Fobby

As for my comments on the topic at hand -- the Reborn internal alpha test... it is exactly that: an internal alpha test. That means that anyone which obtains the internal alpha test whom should not could be conducting illegal activity, whether or not the files are easily accessible, even if only hidden instead of protected.

Aircraftkiller wrote on Tue, 20 December 2005 15:23 This one is legal, too. Prove it isn't somehow, I'd like to see you do it since it's impossible to do so.

While I highly doubt that this could escalate to criminal charges or something similar, I will point out that it has happened before, and in a high-stakes contest of the United States' politics. I point to: <http://www.inthesetimes.com/site/main/article/403/>

Quote:... he and another staffer exploited a security lapse to view ... files Quote:Lundell (the perpetrator) became aware of the security lapse after seeing that a new system administrator working on his computer had neglected to change the default permission setting for new directories from open to protected. This meant that all personal directories of staffers, Republican and Democrat, created under his tenure were accessible to anyone. Eg, anyone can view the files, whether or not they had permission, without needing to pass any sort of protection, such as a password. As far as I am aware, that is exactly what has been done. The best quote for whoever leaked the alpha: Quote:But Joseph Metcalfe, a professor of law at the University of Oregon and former federal prosecutor specializing in computer crimes, disagrees. "Federal law prohibits intentionally accessing a computer without authorization or in excess of authorization," he told In These Times. "It most certainly does not require hacking. If you access a government computer when you aren't supposed to and obtain information, you're potentially in violation of federal law. b]Simply because there's a weakness or security hole doesn't mean that exploiting that weakness isn't criminal. [A burglar is guilty of burglary even if the front door is unlocked.[/b]"
