Subject: Re: RA:APB Site Move

Posted by SuperFlyingEngi on Wed, 28 Dec 2005 18:40:32 GMT

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You lost your hosting because of actions that were seen as "unethical, insensitive, and illegal" by PCNC management. Not just because of a complaint that was filed. PCNC examined filed complaints and determined that there was merit behind them. How about you look at what they said and then tell me that PCNC still kicked you off their servers merely because of meritless complaints.

http://www.forumplanet.com/planetcnc/topic.asp?fid=4939& tid=1804720

PCNCAs of today, Planet Command & Conquer will no longer be hosting the "Red Alert: A Path Beyond" mod (formerly known as "Renegade Alert"). This is a move that I initiated in response to continued and constant abuse by members of the RenAlert team of the intellectual property of the C&C Reborn mod, also hosted at PCNC.

PCNC stands up for our hostees and will not tolerate the abuse of their work, especially not by another of our hostees. Several weeks ago, material from the Reborn mod was posted on the RenAlert forums, endorsed by RenAlert team members, and shortly thereafter mirrorred (hosted) on the RenAlert-PCNC server. The material was removed by GameSpy tech support and the RenAlert team was cautioned by myself and by GameSpy tech support to respect the work of others.

The team's response was not to correct their behaviour but merely to move the abuse off the GameSpy servers. Several days ago, an internal testing version of the Reborn mod was leaked by a departing team member and members of the RenAlert mod took it upon themselves to publish this leak.

In response to this, I delivered an ultimatum to the RenAlert team to stop abusing one of our hostees, to remove the material, and to issue an apology. This ultimatum was callously rejected. The RenAlert site went offline today at 9 AM PDT and the team has been instructed to save any files or databases before the site is deleted in two weeks.

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It is at once both sad and aggravating to kick off an entire project merely because of the intolerably abusive behaviour of members of the project's team. I apologize to the fans of Renegade Alert for taking this necessary measure, but the simple fact of the matter is, whatever your opinion of the team behind Reborn or of the mod itself, it is still unethical, insensitive, and illegal to publish their intellectual property without their permission.

Oh, and you lost your ModDB profile too, didn't you?

Personally, I think Crimson shouldn't host you either, but that's her business.