Subject: Re: Sour Egg Releases NoFear Posted by havoc9826 on Thu, 18 Jan 2007 20:58:08 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

Goztow wrote on Thu, 18 January 2007 15:25warranto wrote on Thu, 18 January 2007 21:05Does the information benefit the player that has it to a point that gives them an easier time playing the game?I do believe that it can, just like advantage skins/sounds, clearscope and radar hack can. You can benefit from all information you get more as long as you use it correctly. Renx wrote on Thu, 18 January 2007 12:47That doesn't mean information is a cheat... I have my Renegade running full detail, that mean I can see SBH flicker when they jump and I can see them kick up dirt when they run. Someone with low detail cannot see this, and therefore I have an advantage over them. Am I cheating?

Those people may be unfortunate, but your advantage came shipped with the game straight from EA. You may have a financial and technological advantage, but that doesn't make it your fault that you have a better machine than they do, so you shouldn't be punished for it.

AmunRa wrote on Thu, 18 January 2007 12:31The information provided by this dll gives the user no advantage over anyone else, atleast from what I can see. Its really not that different from looking in irc, even a "public" channel. I see no way that this could be used to give a regular user advantage over anyone else.

Let me present an example scenario:

I doubt regular users (if allowed to do so) will be constantly alt-tabbing between IRC and Renegade (note that Windowed mode only allows someone to see the last few lines of IRC output unless they move the window, which is analogous to alt-tabbing) to see if there are any SBH units left after GDI destroys the HON. Seeing a SBH unit make a kill after the HON is destroyed will allow GDI to know that there still is/are a/some stealth unit(s), whereas they may not have had such knowledge otherwise (e.g. if a Nod player had just purchased the SBH in the Power Plant when the HON died). Now, with this knowledge, GDI will actively try to prevent this/these unit(s) from entering their base, and will be more conservative about base defense than they would have if they had assumed there were probably no remaining SBH units.

I'm sure many other scenarios exist in which there could be an unfair advantage gained from this. However, as I stated before, my greatest concern is the constant accusations that we'll get from ignorant players who 1. don't understand that the weapons in the kill messages refer to those the person is currently holding, rather than what they were killed with, and 2. have the naïveté to believe that anyone who killed them and is not using RenGuard must be cheating, and/or that noone who uses RenGuard could possibly be cheating (which is already an issue, but combine this with #1 and it gets even worse). Unless you plan to have all C4 and beacon detonations (with their corresponding owners) displayed ingame, I predict that if people who are too dumb to understand what this is get their hands on it (through direct download or a future scripts.dll/core patch release), the problems this may create would outweigh the benefits (at least until someone invents an ingame !shun command).