
Subject: IMPORTANT: "Negotiating port..." error SUGESTIONS!

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Hello peeps, I think we've cracked the most annoying problem out there for Renegade (IMHO)! Have you ever gotten the "Negotiating port with server..." then "Operation timed out" error when trying to log onto a server? Well, thanks to [sg]theone and some trial and error and research, I think we found the solution. Here is somewhat of an explanation in non-techie terms:

Some applications require multiple connections, like Internet games, Video conferencing, Internet telephony and so on. Due to many broadband router's firewall function, these applications cannot work without some intervention.

i.e. You must open some ports in your router's built in firewall to let game packets through. This can be done in the router's configuration setup.

For me, I have a D-Link DI-704P router, it requires you to log into the router through your web browser (just by typing in the ip address, i.e. <http://192.168.36.0> or something like it). I bet some routers out there require you to use the Telnet program or even Hyper Terminal. You need to look at your manual and see what it takes to enter the configuration.

Anyhow, thanks to [sg]theone, he found this information from Westwood:

Quote:"What firewall ports do I need to open to play on WOL? Why can't I connect to WOL?"

Be sure you have a stable internet connection. Also, if you have a Firewall or Router please open the standard WOL ports. You will need to enable some ports to UDP traffic in order to communicate with Westwood Online. Ports 1234, 1235, 1236, and 1237 should allow UDP traffic. Also, ports 7000, 3840, 4005, 4808, and 4810 will need to be opened for all TCP traffic. If you do not know how to configure your firewall, please consult your firewall documentation, contact your system administrator, or contact your Internet service provider."

Basicly what it sounds like you need to get ur router to open up the above listed ports -- it may take a little trial and error but IMO this is whats causing your issue.

Again, how you do this on your particular router I do not know, but it should be in the manual some place. It worked for me. I even get a much better Ping and less lag now!!! Try it, you'll like it.

If you have any questions and would like help configuring your router you can contact me. missers_wren@yahoo.com Yahoo Messenger [missers_wren](#)
