Subject: Re: Looking For Renegade CD Posted by Blazer on Tue, 06 May 2008 08:31:51 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

Honestly, sure why not? If you can't install it or play it without paying for a serial. Just the act of downloading something doesn't automatically make it illegal, otherwise all the "direct2drive" services and sales would be breaking the law.

You can also download ISOs of Windows XP, Vista, etc from MSDN. Of course you need a valid CDKey to install and use them.

Now if the game or application had copy-protection on the disc itself, then I would say that posting a link to a "cracked" copy of it would be illegal. But many games and applications now use the model of having the protection built into the authentication, instead of the media. They could care less who has copies of the media, as having the media doesn't allow you to play the game.

If the guy has his CD jacket with the serial that he paid for, and just lost or broke the actual CD, I don't see anything wrong with him getting it "replaced" by downloading it. He then installs it with his paid-for serial...who is getting hurt by this?

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