
Subject: Re: Forced release upon all Renegade users?
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Having a clear MOTD on XWIS would be the best way to push new players to get the patch once we had hit the point where we wanted it to be mandatory. We could probably even use a "bot" of some sort to page players who connect to XWIS without the patch and tell them they need to update their software. The download process needs to be quick and painless (a big "CLICK ME TO DOWNLOAD" button on a short URL).

As we've said from the beginning, this requires the community's support. Things break down when say, one community gets a bug up their ass and reverts to going patchless. Splitting the community is THE WORST option.

I imagine it wouldn't be too entirely difficult (since the game client does send their version to XWIS, I'm pretty sure) for XWIS to cooperate with us to have some sort of software "bot" that annoyance spams unpatched users over and over until they patch. Something like "Your Renegade client is out of date. To play on the best servers this game has to offer, visit <http://blah> to download the TT community patch!" And they should receive that page like every 15 seconds so they will have no choice but to go update themselves.
