
Subject: C&C Reborn is released

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Ah, where to begin. Ladies and Gents, this mod can easily be said to have the same issues as say... Daikatana and Diablo II combined.

Allow me to explain.

Let's start with first trying to get it to run. Step-by-step.

- 1.) Download Installer which doesn't work due to a runtime error, and when it does, it only serves as a cheesy media player showing a ripped off TibSun intro (Not even compressed well, btw.).
- 2.) Download files for installer and extract them manually into the directory that the false insaller created.

Now, let's take a moment here to analyze the situation. I just downloaded an installer that, when it actually FUNCTIONS, is supposed to stream the files (Not unlike the fantastic Steam idea </sarcasm>) to the proper areas, yet you recieve the file not found error. So, you are required to download the files that go WITH the installer separately.

Now, prudence suggests that you do one of two things. Either A.) Dont' release Reborn until this streaming installer is fixed or B.) Use a working installer, complete with all the files a la RenAlert. The Reborn team chooses to do neither and instead expects the average joe to be able to do this manually.

But, I digress, let's continue.

- 3.) You are now required to IGNORE the shortcuts installed by the non-working installer (Which i will now refer to as Crap Media Player, or CMP for short.) and instead explore to your installed Reborn directory (C:\Program Files\Reborn is the default, for those who dont' know) and run "Game.Exe" manually.

OK. Let's analyze this... On second thought no... it's not worth the aneurism.

- 4.) You are now greeted by the "Deezer Studios" intro.

Deezer Studios? Ok, let's just say that again. "Deezer Studios". What's the first thing that comes to mind when I say that? That's right, good ol' Deezeire. I'm sure he LOVES being subliminally referenced to this piece of crap. (For reference sake, Deezeire is THE MAN and deserves much homage for the mods he has created in the past.)

That and the mere FACT that this group tries to refer to itself as a sort of Dev Team is scary enough to make grown men cry.

- 5.) You are now FORCED to watch an equally poorly compressed rip from the ol' TS intro.

WHY? Was your CMP not good enough or something? No wait, that's because it SUCKS!

6.) At long last, the menu system. Now here's something that actually WORKS! If I click Multiplayer, I go to Multiplayer!

Yeah, and if I click "Westwood Online" i go to... WHAT THE HELL? I can't log in! Oh yeah, that's right, cuz it doesn't WORK! Ok, no worries. Let's try GameSpy... OH NUOS! NOW I'M SENT TO THE RENEGADE SECTION! Let's think of that for a sec. The Renegade section in GameSpy Arcade refers SPECIFICALLY to c:\westwood\renegade. NOT c:\program files\reborn. Shit outta luck there, my friend!

Oh! Wait, there's instructions! "How to play on Gamespy." COOL!

1. Download "The All-Seeing Eye" from <http://www.udpsoft.com/eye2/index.html>
2. Install "The All-Seeing Eye"
3. ASE will detect your Renegade and set your gamepath
4. Open ASE -> hit F2 -> click on "games" -> click on "Renegade"
5. Use the browse-button to search for the Game.exe of Reborn and press OK

Now just wait a fucking second. If i wanted to play on ASE, i would have looked for "How to play on ASE" Right? But once again, we're happily baited and switched into using ASE (Which i personally hate, tyvm.). This kinda reminds me of Valve's Steam... though I can't imagine why...

OK, so I can't play on WOL, I can't play on GSA... and I'm sure as hell not installing ASE. So let's just humor "Deezer Studios" and play Practice Mode... just for laughs.

HOLY FARKING CRAP! I used to be a beta tester for Reborn Back in the day... and there are STILL many of the bugs left behind!

Bury yourself in Canyon... DIE. Big bug, if you ask me.

Reborn plays background music... sounds like... wait it IS... it's Crush from Red Alert! Yeah, let's just kinda cross titles there...

Deployment is STILL a useless gesture in the game.

Fly high enough and you'll end up UNDERGROUND! It's not a bug, it's a feature! NEWTON BE DAMNED! "What goes up.... eventually comes around on the other side!" It's a whole new idea of physics!"

OK, now that Reborn's site is toast and a simple html site is remaining. Let's have a looksee at what one (I'm thinking Angel of Dawn... though I could be mistaken) of the Reborn team is saying.

"But today is the long promised day X."
Oooh... Day X... top secret there...

"If i am honest, i never imagined that Reborn will become a playable game... "
Reality check, it's NOT PLAYABLE! And if honesty is so important to you, then you shouldn't have promised a "Non-buggy" game that will support ALL game browsers.

"Sadly our installer has not been finished"

Which leaves us to the question of wtf happened to the rest of it...

If the game doesn't even install, then it shouldn't be released. Period.

"Reborn was in the beginning small and unimportant"

YES! And now we upgrade it to LARGE and unimportant! Hell, let's just add broken to the list.

"Large, broken and unimportant." Yeah, that's about right...

People, this game was supposed to be IT. The one game (Besides RenAlert) that was to help me regain my faith in Renegade as a game and as an engine. Well... i guess it's up to Ack, Dante and the RenAlert crew, because Reborn has gained my vote of "Most likely to cause violent suicide."

Reborn.Sucks.Period.

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