Subject: Install directory problem
Posted by almcl on Thu, 15 Jan 2009 23:24:07 GMT
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Help please.

I dusted off my fairly old copy of Renegade to see how it would rn on my spiffy new games machine but every time we get to the select directory screen it gives the error message:

The path is not valid. You cannot install to a Windows or system directory. Please select a different directory.

This happens with teh default or any other directory regardless of whether the directory exists or not.

I am sure it used to work long ago, how to get round this?
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Subject: Re: Install directory problem
Posted by Lone0001 on Thu, 15 Jan 2009 23:42:20 GMT
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Windows Vista or XP?

Subject: Re: Install directory problem
Posted by almcl on Thu, 15 Jan 2009 23:45:15 GMT
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Sorry meant to say XP SP3

Subject: Re: Install directory problem
Posted by Omar007 on Fri, 16 Jan 2009 08:35:50 GMT
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I've read a similar problem (other program) on another forum while googling before....
I hope i remember it correctly:

Plain Renegade's (not TfD) Default Path = C:\Westwood\Renegade\
Sometimes Windows isn't happy with things installed to C:\
You should add the 'Program Files' dir like this -> C:\Program Files\Westwood\Renegade\
If i remember it correctly this should solve the problem

Subject: Re: Install directory problem
Posted by almcl on Fri, 16 Jan 2009 17:59:45 GMT
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Many thanks for the reply!

Alas, no luck. won't install to

C:\Program Files\Westwood\Renegade

either.

I've tried changing the attributes (-s, -r) in a command prompt window, and that hasn't helped, either. Not absolutely sure it worked, mind you, the 'Read Only' box still had a green square, not a check mark, when I looked again.

Subject: Re: Install directory problem
Posted by Spyder on Fri, 16 Jan 2009 18:14:41 GMT
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Have you got administrator rights?

Subject: Re: Install directory problem
Posted by almcl on Fri, 16 Jan 2009 19:42:54 GMT
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Yes, my default account is admin. I've tried installing in safe mode as an administrator, without success, unfortunately.

I've also tried manually copying the files over from the CD but attempting to run then produces a message saying 'set working directory'.

And almost certainly I missed something in the copyover...

What is the directory structure below Renegade supposed to be?

And how many files in each?

Anyone know?

Subject: Re: Install directory problem
Posted by CarrierII on Fri, 16 Jan 2009 20:09:42 GMT
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You can't copy the disc to create a working install like that.

This is odd. Does your drive have enough space?

Subject: Re: Install directory problem
Posted by almcl on Fri, 16 Jan 2009 20:51:50 GMT
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23 Gb spare at the moment.

I think it's some sort of weird XP/SP3 issue over what constitutes a protected directory. But I've no idea how to address it.

Subject: Re: Install directory problem
Posted by Spyder on Fri, 16 Jan 2009 22:36:50 GMT
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You using XP or Vista?

If you have messenger, just add me, I'll help you out
(foxhoundskull@hotmail.com)

Subject: Re: Install directory problem
Posted by Caveman on Fri, 16 Jan 2009 22:39:14 GMT
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He stated before that he was using XP SP3. Do you not have another Partition you can install to?

Subject: Re: Install directory problem
Posted by Spyder on Fri, 16 Jan 2009 22:42:37 GMT
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Ah ok, I missed that part

Subject: Re: Install directory problem
Posted by almcl on Fri, 16 Jan 2009 23:07:00 GMT
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No, no spare partition, unfortunately.

I had a bit of issue with hard drives during an upgrade last weekend and am presently having to run CD and EIDE drive on the same cable. Just until I get a SATA drive organised. At that point I will have spare drives that can be dedicated to REN.

I've an idea that this was an issue first time I installed it (6 or so years ago now, IIRC) but I had a separate partition then.

Subject: Re: Install directory problem
Posted by almcl on Fri, 16 Jan 2009 23:25:59 GMT
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Nero

Thanks for the offer of help. I've added you to messenger (never used it before so that'll be fun!)

Next time we're both on line simultaneously, I'd welcome your insight.

Subject: Re: Install directory problem
Posted by Lone0001 on Sat, 17 Jan 2009 02:33:33 GMT
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Have you tried uninstalling SP3 then installing it?

Subject: Re: Install directory problem
Posted by Spyder on Sat, 17 Jan 2009 06:26:41 GMT
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As far as I know, you can't uninstall SP3 if you have a slipstreamed version. Else I wouldn't recommend uninstalling it since it can ruin your whole XP (a friend of mine did the same)

Subject: Re: Install directory problem
Posted by almcl on Sat, 17 Jan 2009 16:12:30 GMT
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Hum!

That's a thought. When I install the SATA disk, I could install XP from my original CD (includes

SP 2) then install REN before getting the 50 or so updates that are needed.

Subject: Re: Install directory problem
Posted by almcl on Sun, 18 Jan 2009 17:18:58 GMT
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Installed a SATA drive this morning and without installing an opearting system installed REN. It went flawlessly.

I think my copy (dates from 2002) just won't install on the primary partition.

Subject: Re: Install directory problem
Posted by Spyder on Sun, 18 Jan 2009 18:02:37 GMT
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I think you forgot to set writing permissions for the system drive.

Subject: Re: Install directory problem
Posted by almcl on Mon, 19 Jan 2009 13:18:15 GMT
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Nero wrote on Sun, 18 January 2009 12:02

I think you forgot to set writing permissions for the system drive.

Don't think so, everything else installs without a problem, including older and younger C&C items. And, IIRC, Renegade has been the same on at least two hard drives. I think it's a bug in the early version of the install program.