
Subject: Someone fix the site!
Posted by [Caveman](#) on Mon, 24 Oct 2011 14:47:21 GMT
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As title says... Someone fix the site. Its really slow and sometimes fails to make a connection.

Ta.

Subject: Re: Someone fix the site!
Posted by [zeratul](#) on Mon, 24 Oct 2011 15:40:01 GMT
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It's working better than it ever has for me.
But my connection is unpredictable

Subject: Re: Someone fix the site!
Posted by [danpaul88](#) on Mon, 24 Oct 2011 16:05:03 GMT
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Seems to be working better at the moment... earlier today it took about a minute to load each page and yesterday evening only about 1 in 10 pages loaded at all and those that did succeed took about 5 minutes...

Subject: Re: Someone fix the site!
Posted by [ehhh](#) on Mon, 24 Oct 2011 17:24:08 GMT
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Working fine, last 2 days it wouldn't even load haha

Subject: Re: Someone fix the site!
Posted by [Crimson](#) on Mon, 24 Oct 2011 17:46:15 GMT
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My server host unexpectedly had to change my IP address. Unfortunately, they did not notify me of this and I had to figure it out on my own after a few hours of downtime. The new DNS settings should have propagated by now so it should be OK.

For my troubles, I got a free month of service. :\

Subject: Re: Someone fix the site!

Posted by [Spyder](#) on Thu, 27 Oct 2011 09:22:06 GMT

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Crimson wrote on Mon, 24 October 2011 19:46 For my troubles, I got a free month of service. :)

What's in it for us?

Subject: Re: Someone fix the site!

Posted by [Crimson](#) on Fri, 28 Oct 2011 00:07:11 GMT

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Well, I pay to host the site with almost no donations at all, so you do the math.

Subject: Re: Someone fix the site!

Posted by [halo2pac](#) on Fri, 28 Oct 2011 02:59:00 GMT

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No donations? Whats the paypal

Subject: Re: Someone fix the site!

Posted by [Gen_Blacky](#) on Fri, 28 Oct 2011 06:07:19 GMT

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Whats the renegade forums running on. crimson buy a personal server and put in data center.

Subject: Re: Someone fix the site!

Posted by [danpaul88](#) on Fri, 28 Oct 2011 09:59:38 GMT

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Gen_Blacky wrote on Fri, 28 October 2011 07:07 Whats the renegade forums running on. crimson buy a personal server and put in data center.

I am sure she would be happy to do that if you wanted to donate some money to cover the cost. Otherwise stop whinging about a service she is providing to you for free. I am sure Crimson isn't made of money, as with everyone there's a limit to what she can afford to shell out every month supporting these forums and other sites.

Subject: Re: Someone fix the site!

Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Fri, 28 Oct 2011 13:14:48 GMT

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Imagine what she could buy if she wasn't lugging our lazy asses around.

Subject: Re: Someone fix the site!

Posted by [TankClash](#) on Fri, 28 Oct 2011 14:19:46 GMT

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Fueled by drama and a bunch of cats taped together.

Subject: Re: Someone fix the site!

Posted by [Crimson](#) on Sat, 29 Oct 2011 07:21:09 GMT

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When I moved these forums to this particular server, I had lost my source of income. When I have no income, I don't like to spend money on things that aren't necessary to survive. These forums are on that list. So, I downgraded and drastically reduced my monthly bill on these forums. (and the other non-n00bstories Renegade stuff I host like the ladder, RenegadeCommunity.com, etc)

I'm not seeking a bunch of praise and attention for the sacrifice I do make to pay to keep these forums online. (And in case you felt like donating, you can always send money via PayPal to crimson@n00bstories.com or crimson@blackhand-studios.net)

I did, however, get a pretty good job working for Cisco, supporting some applications for the Networking Academy. If anyone cared to remember, I worked for them 6 years ago and some of my current job responsibilities are the same ones I had way back when. I've been back there for about 4 months now. I can afford the servers/sites again, and I intend, in the very near future, to go back to dedicated hosting with SoftLayer so these forums can be more stable.

Though it may seem crazy to think that I have been paying to host these forums for nearly 9 years now, you must remember that in doing these projects for Renegade and n00bstories.com, I have learned valuable career skills and gained experience that allows me to hold down the job I have today. So, rather than investing in school, I got my education here, in real-life experience.

Subject: Re: Someone fix the site!

Posted by [Di3HardNL](#) on Sat, 29 Oct 2011 09:34:26 GMT

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That you have got experience out of this is definitely very important.

Thanks to Renegade I started making models and animations, I have made a bunch of stuff for Renegade in my free time which I didn't get paid for.

Nowadays I also make models and animations for real clients, and I get awarded with money.

Now that's why it shouldn't be a problem to gain experience by doing or creating things for no

money because if you do it right, later on you might get a job out of it!

Subject: Re: Someone fix the site!
Posted by [Goztow](#) on Sat, 29 Oct 2011 09:54:11 GMT
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Sent a little something to your paypal, Crimson.

Subject: Re: Someone fix the site!
Posted by [Crimson](#) on Sat, 29 Oct 2011 10:26:26 GMT
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Gozy, you already do MORE than enough to help keep these forums running, but thanks.

Subject: Re: Someone fix the site!
Posted by [Crimson](#) on Sat, 05 Nov 2011 23:47:17 GMT
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OK, I'm tired of it. Ever since they "changed my IP" which probably means I got moved to another server, it's been even worse than before. Based on simple ping testing, the server has 10% downtime, but in reality it's probably much worse.

I have ordered a new dedicated server from SoftLayer and I will be migrating the site over in the next few days. This new server will be infinitely better than the one we're on now, and the one we were on before this one.

Fortunately, I now have the monthly salary to afford a better server again, and it also helps that I received a couple of generous donations from the community. (One of them, I still don't know who it was from. :\))

Subject: Re: Someone fix the site!
Posted by [renalpha](#) on Sun, 06 Nov 2011 12:38:07 GMT
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Why would anyone need donations? Renting a server costs around 40 euro a month? People should really consider making use of a colo or virtual private server kvm based.

Subject: Re: Someone fix the site!

Posted by [Goztow](#) on Sun, 06 Nov 2011 13:20:29 GMT

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Crimson, while you're at it, update the forum software.

Subject: Re: Someone fix the site!

Posted by [iRANian](#) on Sun, 06 Nov 2011 15:53:14 GMT

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and make me a sandwich

Subject: Re: Someone fix the site!

Posted by [cmatt42](#) on Sun, 06 Nov 2011 16:10:34 GMT

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renalpha wrote on Sun, 06 November 2011 05:38 Renting a server costs around 40 euro a month? lol what.

Subject: Re: Someone fix the site!

Posted by [EaZiE](#) on Sun, 06 Nov 2011 18:22:36 GMT

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Crimson wrote on Thu, 27 October 2011 17:07 Well, I pay to host the site with almost no donations at all, so you do the math.

Cry me a riverrrrrrrrrr.

Seriously though, if you need donations post the paypal info.

Subject: Re: Someone fix the site!

Posted by [danpaul88](#) on Sun, 06 Nov 2011 18:46:40 GMT

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EaZiE wrote on Sun, 06 November 2011 18:22

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Just FYI, she did

Crimson wrote on Sat, 29 October 2011 08:21 I'm not seeking a bunch of praise and attention for the sacrifice I do make to pay to keep these forums online. (And in case you felt like donating, you can always send money via PayPal to crimson@n00bstories.com or crimson@blackhand-studios.net)

Subject: Re: Someone fix the site!
Posted by [EaZiE](#) on Sun, 06 Nov 2011 20:41:06 GMT
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I should really read the entire topic.

How much does it cost her monthly?

Subject: Re: Someone fix the site!
Posted by [Caveman](#) on Sun, 06 Nov 2011 20:55:42 GMT
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EaZiE wrote on Sun, 06 November 2011 20:41 I should really read the entire topic.

How much does it cost her monthly?

Cant be that much considering what we pay....

Subject: Re: Someone fix the site!
Posted by [Crimson](#) on Sun, 06 Nov 2011 21:13:52 GMT
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We ARE hosting on a virtual dedicated server. It's a piece of garbage and I'm not impressed.

The new server costs \$159 a month but I will be using it to host more than just RenForums. It will also host the official Renegade ladder, any lingering RenGuard stuff (which I'm probably going to officially deprecate and shut down the backend in the next few months), some n00bstories stuff, and probably a couple other personal sites that I have in other places.

Subject: Re: Someone fix the site!
Posted by [renalpha](#) on Mon, 07 Nov 2011 21:41:49 GMT
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150,- dollars a month is overpriced. for 1/2 price you'll have a AMD Phenom2 X6 1090T 3.2 Ghz Black Edition

RenGuard is not important anymore and websites shouldn't use that much load.

edit: also tbh, i wouldn't ever consider donating anyone who does anything else besides community stuff. So if people would donate you, they actually sponsor your private stuff aswell.

Subject: Re: Someone fix the site!

Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Mon, 07 Nov 2011 23:57:18 GMT

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You should put a "Monthly Server Cost" meter somewhere on the site that could keep track of money that is going to be used to pay the server bill (as money goes in, the meter would rise until it fills up). I'm sure that if something like that was visible, some people might be more inclined to donate a couple dollars here and there to you.

Subject: Re: Someone fix the site!

Posted by [Crimson](#) on Tue, 08 Nov 2011 05:41:57 GMT

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\$150 a month pays for more than just a good server. It pays for an amazing data center with excellent reliability, fast response to tickets, and effective communication about even the remote possibility of downtime. When you see what you get for a "cheap" server, where they just change your IP without telling you, have lots of downtime, and don't answer OUTAGE support tickets for 48 hours or more, I don't want cheap servers anymore. They're not worth it.

I don't care if you or anyone chooses not to donate for the server. If you have a moral objection to helping me pay for something we all use and enjoy, that's your choice. I wasn't asking for donations to run the server. I make more than enough money to pay for it myself, and I'm willing to do so. Some people wanted to donate, and I provided the information for them to do so. I greatly, greatly appreciate them, not because I would have had to shut the site down without them, but because it lets me know that my efforts are appreciated by those people enough for them to go out of their way to show it.

Subject: Re: Someone fix the site!

Posted by [EvilWhiteDragon](#) on Tue, 08 Nov 2011 08:27:41 GMT

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BlackIntel has always paid less than 100 euros, and only one time we had complaints about our hosting. That one time was a calculated risk we took, due to expenses at the time. We paid about 45 euros while we would've had to pay 65 or more if we went with a decent host.

Now we have a nice Dell PowerEdge R210 in colocation and pay 40 euros a month. We're hosted in a Leaseweb datacenter and never had any issues really. If you look at their client list you'll see that they're not exactly a cheap or small ISP. Hell, their statistics state that their network has had an uptime of 99,999%.

Either way, I think that you're paying too much for the new server and you paid too little for your current server. Surely there would've been a "in between" solution, both money and performance wise.

Subject: Re: Someone fix the site!

Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Tue, 08 Nov 2011 08:32:04 GMT

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Honestly... I never really take too much notice to the apparent down times. I do see them on occasion, but they aren't anything I can't live with. There is more to life than Renforums.

You really should save yourself the money instead of paying top-dollar for us. I honestly don't really think that we are worth that much money to begin with :\

Subject: Re: Someone fix the site!

Posted by [Goztow](#) on Tue, 08 Nov 2011 13:08:38 GMT

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Speak for yourself, cheapass!

No, really, the server will be used for more than just "us", of course.

Subject: Re: Someone fix the site!

Posted by [Crimson](#) on Tue, 08 Nov 2011 13:41:12 GMT

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I don't have the time to price shop and move the site a dozen times until I find a provider that operates in a way that I am happy with, with minimal/no downtime. I know SoftLayer is awesome, and they did give me a free processor upgrade, double RAM, and double HDD, so I'm pretty damn happy with it.

It's my money, can't I just spend it the way I want to?

Subject: Re: Someone fix the site!

Posted by [kamuixmod](#) on Tue, 08 Nov 2011 14:42:12 GMT

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no since we are the people surfing on ur server

Subject: Re: Someone fix the site!

Posted by [EvilWhiteDragon](#) on Tue, 08 Nov 2011 14:51:07 GMT

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I mean, free CPU upgrade, double RAM and double HDD is pretty awesome, BUT, if you don't actually use it, it's still pointless no?

Subject: Re: Someone fix the site!

Posted by [Crimson](#) on Tue, 08 Nov 2011 21:49:47 GMT

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I didn't say it was expensive. You think \$159 is expensive. I don't.

And again, I did NOT ask for donations! Someone asked for my PayPal information and I provided it. If I needed donations to run these forums, I would have a progress bar at the top to make it obvious that donations are required to survive. Plus, we probably would have shut down years ago for lack of funds.

And I usually find and create enough stuff to work a server hard. I also appreciate the peace of mind that extra RAM and HDD space gives me.
