
Subject: Intro + Some Questions

Posted by [Altzan](#) on Tue, 30 Sep 2008 23:24:21 GMT

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Hi there, Renegade Forums! I'm Altzan, and Ive been observing your forums for some time now. I have registered as a member of the forums, and, unfortunately for you, I have a lot of questions. So if you could, I would appreciate any help you could give me.

First though, a bit about me. I am a big CnC fan, especially of the Tiberian Series, including Renegade of course. I make small little maps\mods for me and my brothers' enjoyment. I have made a botfighting map, a beta co op map, and am working on a crazy vehicle mod. Nothing fancy, just heightfield maps with temped presets for a specific purpose. Not worthy of these forums on other words.

But I do want to learn how to edit and mod Renegade more effectively, so I have several questions I'd like to ask. Again, any help will be greatly appreciated.

1] What is the best method to take a campaign mission map and use it as a LAN or internet map? I have tried importing the map and deleting most of the elements (script zones, sapwners, waypaths, etc.) but when I test the map with only startup spawners on it, it is really laggy. I read somewhere on the forums about visual sectors, is that the solution?

2] Is it possible to rig the GDI hovercraft for player use, and how? When I tried the visual camera was screwed up and I could only turn, not move. I was certain to make sure it was above ground, had appropriate transitions and that it was a VTOL vehicle (I want it to fly). Impossible or am I doing it wrong?

3] What is the best way to make Neo Bot Vehicles follow you? Mine tend to stop a lot and refuse to move.

4] Are server side mods (IE an AOW mod) able to be integrated into .pkg files and played thatway? I have been enticed by cool features such as AOW, CTF, CO OP with everyone on team GDI, and whatnot. But I am unsure how to go about this with a .pkg mod if it is even possible.

5] Anyone know of a website\community with Renegade models to use? I found models of the component towers from Tiberian Sun and was impressed by them, I was curious to know if there were others out there.

That is all I can remember at the moment.

Thanks, and I am glad to be here with a great Renegade community!

..Altzan..

Subject: Re: Intro + Some Questions

Posted by [Lone0001](#) on Tue, 30 Sep 2008 23:33:46 GMT

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For #5:

<http://renhelp.net/index.php?mod=Models>

<http://ren.game-maps.net/index.php?action=category&id=184>

<http://ren.game-maps.net/index.php?action=category&id=183>

Subject: Re: Intro + Some Questions
Posted by [Altzan](#) on Wed, 01 Oct 2008 14:25:32 GMT
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Thank you for the links, Lone. I really like that mini-obelisk

Subject: Re: Intro + Some Questions
Posted by [Altzan](#) on Thu, 02 Oct 2008 12:23:43 GMT
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I found a mod that had a workable Hovercraft, but I still can't duplicate it. At least I know it's possible.

I also think the best way to make bots follow you is Hunt_The_Player, but I don't know how well that works, haven't tested.

Still curious about the single-player levels and serverside-mods things though.

Subject: Re: Intro + Some Questions
Posted by [GEORGE ZIMMER](#) on Thu, 02 Oct 2008 12:45:47 GMT
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Hunt the player makes them follow then nearest player, and as far as I know, they won't stop until either the person dies, or they die.

As for the hovercraft, I don't entirely know how to get it to work, but chances are likely you'd need to mess with alot of the physics settings and the transition settings.

Subject: Re: Intro + Some Questions
Posted by [Altzan](#) on Thu, 02 Oct 2008 13:16:22 GMT
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I'm positive it's the physics. I might need to play the mod with the hovercraft, get in it, use the Edit_Vehicle command, and copy down the physics settings... that feels like stealing though

Hunt the player would probably work. I think it would be cool for a bot tank to spawn/be built, goto the nearest person, follow them, and shoot enemies. I'll try to test the effectiveness of that soon when I have time.

Hopefully the hunt script will make it follow the nearest player, not just the host or something similar.

Subject: Re: Intro + Some Questions
Posted by [jnz](#) on Thu, 02 Oct 2008 13:27:10 GMT
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Copy the orca vtol and change the model to the hovercraft.

Subject: Re: Intro + Some Questions
Posted by [Altzan](#) on Thu, 02 Oct 2008 23:12:17 GMT
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RoShamBo wrote on Thu, 02 October 2008 08:27Copy the orca vtol and change the model to the hovercraft.

This worked... sort of. The front right propeller spins on the Z axis instead of x, and the others dont spin at all. Not that I mind I guess

The waterspray sure is annoying but its probably too much effort to fix. And I had to change the Encyclopedia number to 22 for a better view.

Thanks for the tip, it flies now

Subject: Re: Intro + Some Questions
Posted by [Veyrdite](#) on Fri, 03 Oct 2008 03:21:21 GMT
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You may wish to use M00_Action rather than Neo for your vehicles, as it has way more options. Server-side mods can be incorporated into mixes and packages only if they are modified presets. Things like chat commands cannot (yet).

Single-player maps have a system called VIS. VIS hides meshes of the map you can't see from your current position according to where you are standing. Under each normally reachable area of the map, hidden polygons determine VIS sectors. Your problems is you've probably made the spawners on top of buildings, and so the whole huge map is rendered until you walk over one of the VIS sectors. On the LE toolbar there is a button to show these sectors why you are in walk around mode.

Subject: Re: Intro + Some Questions
Posted by [Altzan](#) on Fri, 03 Oct 2008 13:28:06 GMT
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Dthdealer wrote on Thu, 02 October 2008 22:21 You may wish to use M00_Action rather than Neo for your vehicles, as it has way more options.

Awesome, I'll give it a try. Thanks.

Dthdealer wrote on Thu, 02 October 2008 22:21 Server-side mods can be incorporated into mixes and packages only if they are modified presets. Things like chat commands cannot (yet).

I figured as much, just wanted some confirmation. Thanks again.

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Actually (I'm referring to M02, the snow mission) I put the spawners practically on the same spot as where you spawn in the real level. Question- are the VIS presets? I deleted a lot of mission-specific instances off of the instances menu (waypoints, spawners, objectives, etc.) and pretty much left only powerups, the terrain, tiles, and transitions. Did I possibly delete it, or is the VIS combined with the terrain?

Subject: Re: Intro + Some Questions
Posted by [samous](#) on Sat, 04 Oct 2008 18:58:00 GMT
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Not to be pesky or anyrthing, but would you be kind enough to release any thing? Even if no one uses it, we can still see how good your skills are/ or are not. (By the sound of it, seems like you have skill)

=Samous

Subject: Re: Intro + Some Questions
Posted by [Altzan](#) on Sun, 05 Oct 2008 00:38:01 GMT
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WHAT THE FREAK.

You asked a the worst possible time. My laptop which holds all my files just blue-screened itself to **** and back yesterday. I am not joking. Unless I can figure out the problem I have lost renegade and ALL MY FILES to it as well!

Eh. Sorry for the rant.

If I can fix the thing, then I will release what I have. A couple of friends have a few of them so I'll post them when I have time. Until then... *buries laptop in a grave*

Thanks for the replies everyone.

PS I saw at least 5 different exotic errors yesterday, but as of now the only two are:
error with ntfs.sys
error '#4' on Windows Startup Disk I attempted to use to fix my computer

Subject: Re: Intro + Some Questions
Posted by [Altzan](#) on Sun, 05 Oct 2008 19:52:37 GMT
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I want to dance for joy right now.

I used the Microsoft Recovery Console to copy the files I wanted to keep to an external Jumpdrive (I had to copy EVERY FILE BY HAND TYPING AUGGGHH) and then completely wiped the HD and reinstalled Windows. So I saved my files and got my laptop back!

Not all is good though. Before I logged on here to report, the laptop bluescreened again. So it runs but is still unstable. I'll just use it for quick and comfortable internet access from now on and do my Renegade stuffs on my PC (even though it has a history of crashing when running Renegade).

EDIT: Never mind, the laptop died again. (Buries in grave) I'll just use my PC from now on. Samous, I will release what I have made if you so desire. It will take a day or two however, I need to set up Renegade and Leveledit and all that on my PC.
Later.

-Altzan

Subject: Re: Intro + Some Questions
Posted by [Veyrdite](#) on Mon, 06 Oct 2008 00:18:35 GMT
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www.ubuntu.com

The VIS sectors are polygons and are part of the map's mesh. Go to the instances tab, double click on you terrain and check the tick-boxes next to all of the sectors startng with VIS to see them.

To fix your problem either re-calculate VIS or just discard all VIS data via the VIS menu at the top of LE, at the expense of your framerate.

Subject: Re: Intro + Some Questions

Posted by [Altzan](#) on Mon, 06 Oct 2008 00:25:49 GMT

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LOL @ Ubuntu

My problems are hardware based, not software based. If I get Ubuntu it would probably still crash a lot.

That VIS tutorial is way too complicated for a gmax noob like me. If they're not there on the terrain in LE, I'll just abandon the idea...

Thanks.

Subject: Re: Intro + Some Questions

Posted by [Veyrdite](#) on Mon, 06 Oct 2008 05:36:51 GMT

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Altzan wrote on Mon, 06 October 2008 10:25LOL @ Ubuntu

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Thanks.

VIS is not complicated at all. As I said, either dump/remove all VIS data from the level at the cost of your framerate or just re-calculate vis as described half-way through the tutorial. If you just wish to fix the problem, don't bother reading the theory work and don't bother with manual VIS spots or low granularities.

Subject: Re: Intro + Some Questions

Posted by [Altzan](#) on Mon, 06 Oct 2008 19:38:00 GMT

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Ok, I understand. I'll take a look at the tutorial in more detail.

Also I will get what I have made up on a webpage soon but I won't be able to make progress on new ones for a while, my access to a computer is limited.

(PS I tried Ububtu and my computer still messes up. Instead of a bluecreen it just freezes.)

Subject: Re: Intro + Some Questions
Posted by [Altzan](#) on Wed, 08 Oct 2008 15:12:25 GMT
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Forget the website. I'll just post the files here so you can get a basic idea of my skills. Irrelevant really, because I have barely any time to mod Renegade anymore. I'll do my best though. PM me any questions.

www.retrohr.com/imabookfreak/coop.rar
(horribly basic co-op)

www.retrohr.com/imabookfreak/inf1.rar
(infantry fighting)

www.retrohr.com/imabookfreak/inf2.rar
(same as above but you're invincible)

www.retrohr.com/imabookfreak/vehcombat.rar
(map with vehicles to get in, some random bots)

Subject: Re: Intro + Some Questions
Posted by [samous](#) on Thu, 09 Oct 2008 00:16:30 GMT
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Altzan wrote on Sat, 04 October 2008 17:38My laptop which holds all my files just blue-screened itself to **** and back yesterday.

BTW, thats called the "Blue Screen Of Death" to any nerd. It's ok for the ranting, and also ok if it takes a few days to upload. I can w8. Thanks for you kind replie, instead of some one pissed of for asking.

=Samous

EDIT: LOL! I just realised what the last post b4 mine was, sry.

EDIT*2: and, wich is the map with the hover craft? (if it is there). The idea you used sounded cool, and i whanted to try.

Subject: Re: Intro + Some Questions
Posted by [Altzan](#) on Thu, 09 Oct 2008 13:17:50 GMT
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I knew it was a BSOD, I just didn't want to call it that because "bluescreened itself to **** and back" seemed more appropriate

Also, I deleted the hovercraft because it was hard to see where I was flying it and it wouldn't hold up the vehicles I put on it (which was my original intention). But here's some quick instruction on how to set it up:

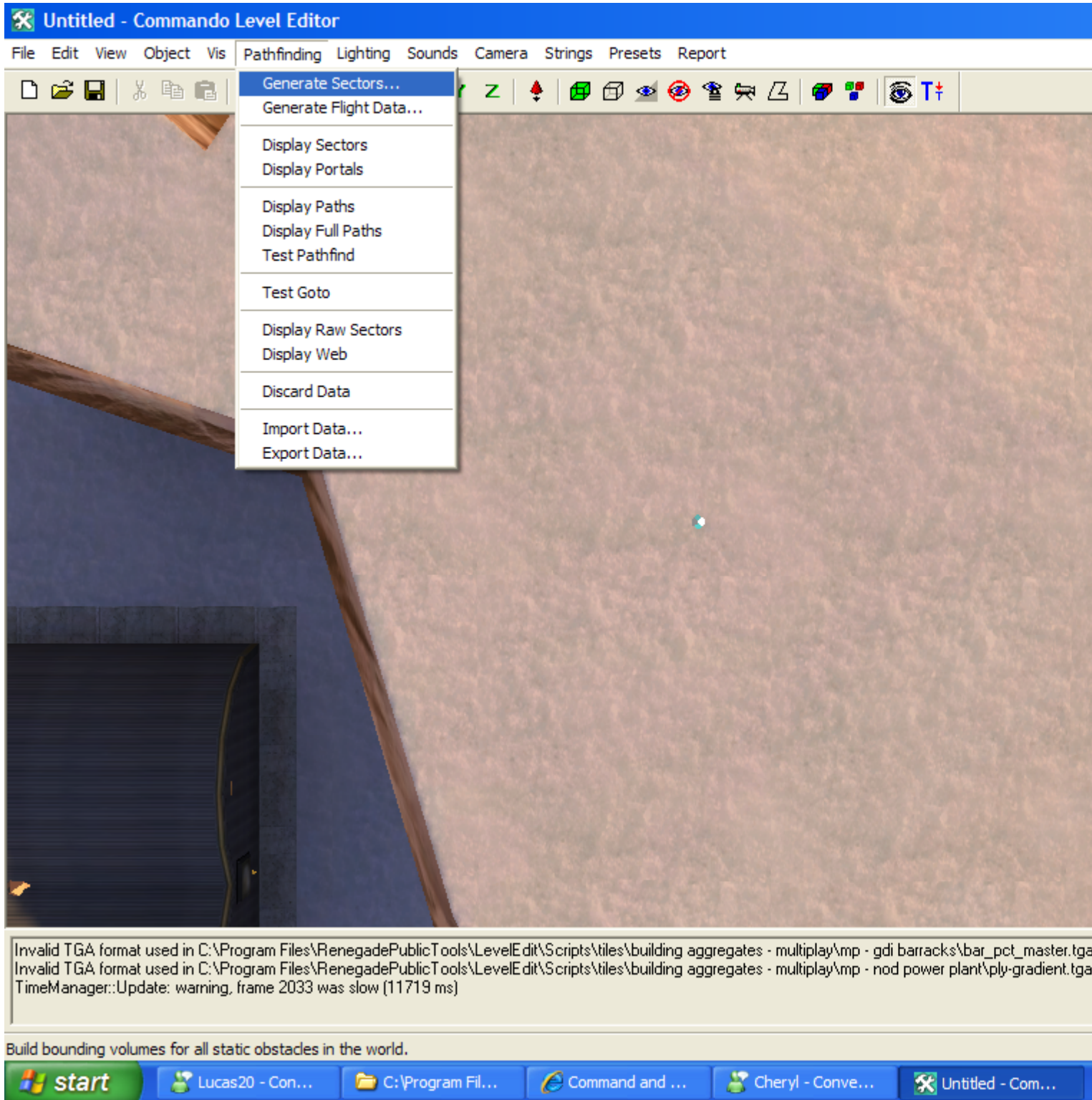
Open the GDI_Vehicle_Hovercraft preset. Goto physics, copy the model path it uses.
Make a temp of GDI Orca (or Apache, but I think Orca's better because you do not have to copy its Encyclopedia ID value, which controls the viewpoint).
Name the temp something like GDI_Hovercraft_Player
Change its model path to the one you copied
Go to transitions and edit the transitions to allow players to enter/exit the hovercraft
That's pretty much all I had to do to get it working.

Subject: Re: Intro + Some Questions
Posted by [Jerad2142](#) on Thu, 09 Oct 2008 14:58:32 GMT
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To get bots to follow you you need to open up your level and place a pathfind node, then generate the sectors. Pathfind tells a bot where it can move without getting stuck on a wall. Where ever the bot does not detect a pathfind network, it will not move which is why your bots don't follow you even if you have M04_Hunter_JDG attached to them.

File Attachments

1) [pathfind.PNG](#), downloaded 627 times



Subject: Re: Intro + Some Questions
Posted by [Altzan](#) on Thu, 16 Oct 2008 05:28:32 GMT
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For future reference to those viewing this topic:
Open Leveledit
New Mod
Goto Terrain->Levels: SinglePlayer->[InsertLevelHere]->
Open all presets inside (terrain, includes, etc.)
THIS INCLUDES VIS SECTORS
Add stuff to your chosen map and enjoy

Currently using Mission 2 and adding bots and stuff, FYI

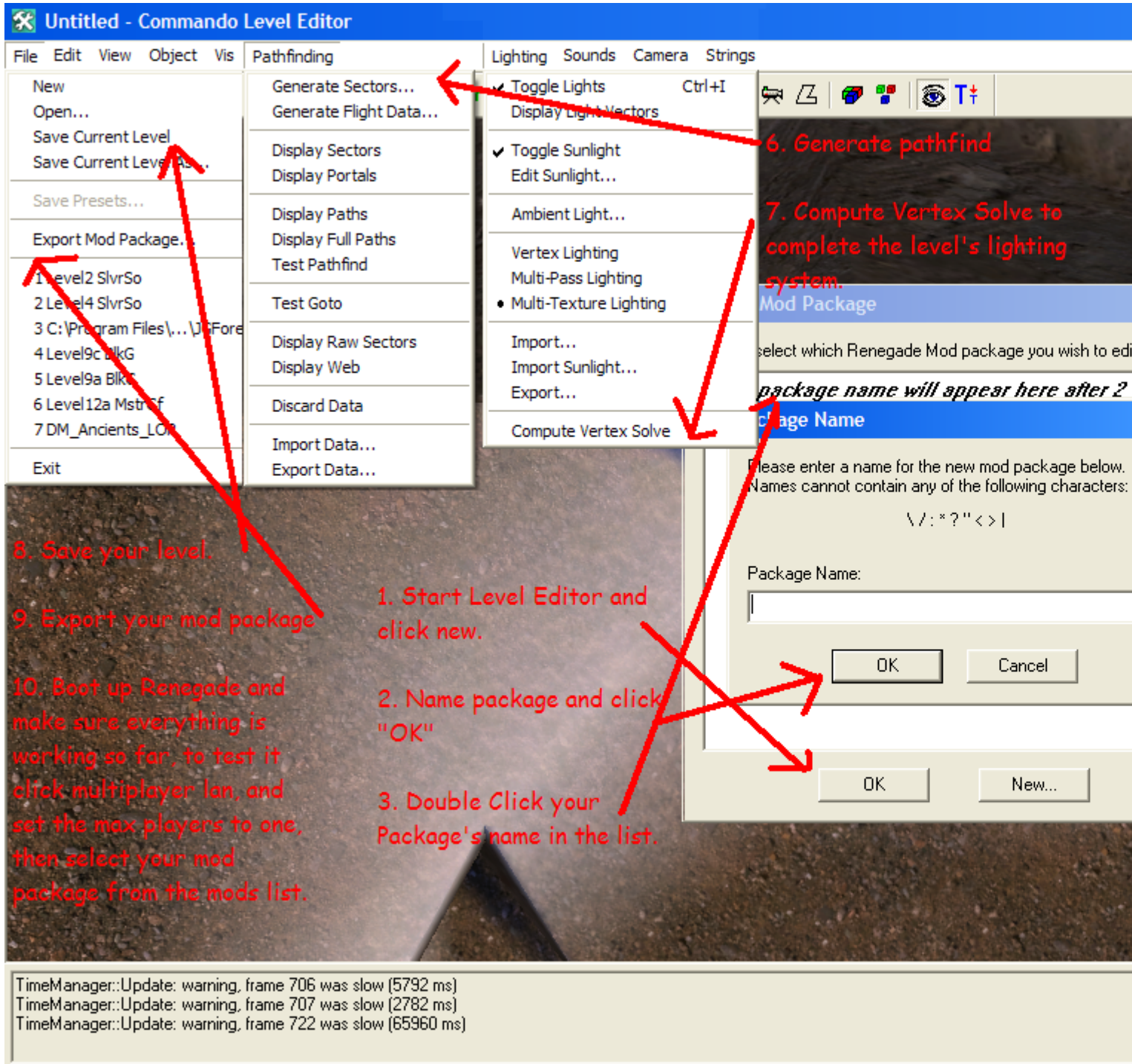
Thanks for replies, all.

(Also apology for bump and really bad instruction... perhaps someone could donate a screenshot?)

Subject: Re: Intro + Some Questions
Posted by [Jerad2142](#) on Thu, 16 Oct 2008 15:51:06 GMT
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1) [basic setup with stepsB.PNG](#), downloaded 612 times



TimeManager::Update: warning, frame 706 was slow (5792 ms)
 TimeManager::Update: warning, frame 707 was slow (2782 ms)
 TimeManager::Update: warning, frame 722 was slow (65960 ms)



I RAN OUT OF SPACE, SO I DID NOT EXPLAIN HOW TO DO VIS, BUT VIS IS NO

Subject: Re: Intro + Some Questions
 Posted by [Altzan](#) on Thu, 16 Oct 2008 22:51:08 GMT
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Thank you for the screenshot, Jerad.

When you follow this method, for the most part VIS is not a problem, at least it wasn't for M02... I tried it and only had lag at the dam part.

Also thanks for the pathfind help.
