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MULTI-GAME COMMUNITY

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

NEW SERVER

There is a new server coming to GMOD. Have you heard of it? No? Well, it's the new CWRP server coming back to GMOD, and it's coming back better than ever! The old server was shut down due to its state of management, with circumstances such as inactivity and a lack of dedicated coders being its downfall. This time, the server will be under new management and come with MUCH better things than before. One of the new features to the server—and one of my favorites—is the new lightsaber combat. The current version we have features different combat styles, various powers, and holster support when lightsabers are not in use. We had to use some of our community funds to get it, but we plan on using some of our (pooled) money to buy the better version, which unlocks even more features to the combat system. Another big new addition is to the map list; the map has a new feature where you can travel to different planets while on the ship. This means that while the ship is in motion, there can be a briefing on what's happening, and you can disembark upon arrival. There is a medical room and a shock trooper room, complete with an armory and cameras throughout the ship. More ranks for fleet, Jedi, and the battalion will be introduced. There also will be new player models used for the new Jedi and job ranks, as well as new maps for the events and new ways to do said events. Release date TBA.

RESIGNATIONS

The month of April was a tough month for the division leaders in GFL. The CS:GO and GMod divisions suffered heavy losses with the resignations of ButterKings5000 and Bonk, respectively. Both ButterKings5000 and Bonk resigned due to personal reasons. We are proud of the hard work both of them put into their divisions and honored to have had them serve the community. As both the GMod and CS:GO divisions grieve through the tough losses, we remain confident in our remaining division leaders Violator, Zebra and xSnowyAngel to keep moving on with maintaining their divisions. ButterKing and Bonk's replacements have not been decided yet, but we are confident that we will be able to find new, highly motivated members that are willing to step in their predecessors' shoes and fulfill their duties.

TECHNICAL INFO

Over the past month, the directors and technical advisors have been working on upgrading servers. Currently, they are attempting to transfer more servers into OVH—a server hosting company—using Pterodactyl. OVH's servers currently run off of Linux, unlike NFO's Windows servers, making it much more preferable for customizability. At the moment, we have two NFO machines and are currently trying to move one over to OVH. Unfortunately, it's likely we will always have at least one NFO machine, as we cannot transfer all servers over. An example of one of these changes is Purge. Recently, Gmod Purge has been moved to the OVH machine, eliminating a large portion of the lag on the server. Additional future moves for other servers should have similar effects.

Currently, Roy is looking into upgrading to the 1275v6 machine. This new machine will replace both our previous 1270v5 and 1271v3 machines. This will improve performance on all game servers, as long as CPU usage is not too high on the machine. The main goal is to achieve a 50-60% max peak CPU usage, but 70-80% is the most likely result.

KEY DATES

Saturday, May 5, 2018 - Complete Chaos Purge Event on Garry's Mod - Click here for more information regarding this event.
 Saturday, May 12, 2018 - CS:GO Random 5v5 Tournament Hosted by GCC - Click here for more information regarding this event.
 Saturday, May 12, 2018 - CS:GO Jailbreak Event.
 Click here for more information regarding this event.

FUN FACTS & TRIVIA

On what day in 2011 was GFL founded?

- A. January 25
- B. January 26
- C. January 29
- D. January 30

Fun Fact: GFL has had three different forums since it was founded in 2011.

Fun Fact: Zombie Escape has been the #1 CS:GO server since its opening.

DIVISION UPDATES

CS:GO

Bonk, one of the division leaders who resigned earlier spoke about his work on CS:GO. The following list including, but not limited to:

- Jailbreak crashes have been fixed.
- Surf RPG DM was re-done a few months ago.
- Mamarou is new server manager for 1v1 Arena.
- No more in-game ads - The staff team has decided that the community has enough donations to sustain the servers and are no longer needed.
- Improved server performance for all CS:GO servers.

GMOD

There has not been a lot done recently besides fixing up Purge and moving it over to OVH. The Division leaders will be moving some of those servers very soon, including: Jailbreak, Deathrun, and Zombie Survival. However, they have a limited number of IPs, which prevents them from moving all of our GMod servers to OVH. However, all of our new servers will be opened with the new OVH machine. With new servers, we are wanting to look towards popular gamemodes; Most likely we will put a GFL Flair on each of the servers to make them feel unique - that way when you're playing on our servers, you know it's GFL.

ZPS

ZPS (Zombie Panic Source!) division have been removed because the support from the game developers was very low, and the server hasn't been operable for about a month. The full details can be found here.