Good day, General! This helpful document will detail the steps you need to get your sparkly new Windows 10 machine up to ‘speed’ with the ancient but beloved game Command and Conquer Generals and its expansion, Zero Hour. Nothing should actually cost you money along the way beyond the actual game disks… assuming you’re not borrowing them from someone. If for some reason anything on your computer pops up requesting money, don’t do it. Make sure you’re running anti-virus and whatnot to help make sure nothing unusual happens when you begin this process.

1. Have a Windows machine! Sorry Mac users, I have no idea how to work with you.
2. First we’ll need to install the game. Do so using your disks, ideally. Origin maintains the online repository of their games, and you can probably do it through that, but then that’s just adding another interface to worry about on top. Surely you can scrounge up some install disks
3. Serial numbers can generally be collected via the internet – since EA Games doesn’t seem to care anymore, perhaps use this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uiXen7D8fzg>
4. Following successful install, install the patch 1.04
5. Next, for convenience sake and general compatibility, install the No CD patch: go into the Program Files folder where Zero Hour is installed and replace the Zero Hour “.exe” file with the provided cracked one
6. Create a text file that will become the options.ini file with Notepad and placed it in the following folder: C:\users\YOURPROFILE\documents\Command and Conquer Generals Zero Hour Data

Contents of the options.ini file:  
AntiAliasing = 1  
BuildingOcclusion = yes  
DrawScrollAnchor =   
DynamicLOD = no  
ExtraAnimations = yes  
GameSpyIPAddress = 0.0.0.0  
Gamma = 50  
IPAddress = 0.0.0.0  
IdealStaticGameLOD = High  
LanguageFilter = true  
MaxParticleCount = 5000  
MoveScrollAnchor =   
MusicVolume = 55  
Resolution = 1024 768  
Retaliation = yes  
SFX3DVolume = 79  
SFXVolume = 71  
ScrollFactor = 50  
SendDelay = no  
ShowSoftWaterEdge = yes  
ShowTrees = yes  
StaticGameLOD = Custom  
TextureReduction = 0  
UseAlternateMouse = no  
UseCloudMap = yes  
UseDoubleClickAttackMove = no  
UseLightMap = yes  
UseShadowDecals = yes  
UseShadowVolumes = yes  
VoiceVolume = 100

1. Download and install Hamachi VPN thingy from <https://www.vpn.net/>
2. Press the power on button
3. It will ask you to create an account with LogMeIn, their parent company, if you do not already have one. Do so. Again, never at any point pay for anything or choose extra services. Unless you want them. They’re not criminal, just not necessary.
4. After installation, click the power button thingy to turn it on, and create a new profile with them
5. Join an existing network, talk with us for current ones and their passwords
6. Then it might work. Hooray!