

Auto-Updates



First thing you will need to do an auto update is an ARQ Archive Maker. This is easily found in your meridian client folder. Just copy crush32.DLL and ARQ.exe into a new folder. (easiest thing to do is make a new folder called ARQ in C:\). To make a new ARQ you click start, then Run. A small window will pop up, in this window type "*command*". This will open you a Dos window. Now you must set your directory to where the ARQ.exe is... So if your ARQ.exe is in C:\Arq, you would type in, "*Cd C:\Arq*". Now you Put the client side files into the ARQ folder.

Once they are in you type in the following, (in dos window)... "*Arq -a <ARQ-NAME-YOU-WANT>.ARQ <Location of file you want to add.>*"

Example: *Arq -a RatUpdate.ARQ C:\Arq\Giantrat.BGF*

After that, it should say that it added the file into the ARQ. Your new ARQ will show up in the ARQ folder where ARQ.exe is. To ADD a second file you type the same thing as above with same ARQ file name and then you put the location of the different file you want to add.

NOTE: On some computers Caps MUST used as they are in the files and folders or it will say it can't find the file.

Second thing you must have is an FTP Server. Just search the 'net for one. You must always have your FTP server running for anyone to be able to update. All you must do with the FTP is set it up so that you can connect to it on the internet ([FTP://blahblahblah](ftp://blahblahblah)).

Once you have it like that you just put your .ARQ file into the main directory of the FTP server.

****There is a Windows GUI ARQ program available now - check the [Useful Links](#) section!****

Open *Blakserv.cfg*.

Then go down a bit and you will find the [Update] part, in there you will change...

[Update]

ClientMachine *<your ftp server host name> (FTP://blahblahblah)*

ClientFilename */updatepatch.arq (This can just be left as your first update name)*

PackageMachine *<ftp server host name> (FTP://blahblahblah)*

PackagePath /
DownloadReason <Downloading updates for Meridian59> (In here you can put any message you want about the update or what ever. You just must keep the "<" and ">" at the beginning and end of the text.)

Now you must add the file into packages.txt. So open *Packages.txt*, and scroll all the way down to the bottom. At the bottom you must add a new line like...

<filename.arq> <sequencenumber> <destinationnumber>

So say your ARQ name was *MYUPDATE.ARQ*, and it was your first update to put onto the server. You would add to the bottom...

MYUPDATE.ARQ 3001 0

"*MYUPDATE.ARQ*" is the name of the file you wanted to update...

"*3001*" is the download or sequence number (*after 3001 you would put 3002, then 3003 and so on*)

the "0" is the destination of the files in the ARQ.

Here's what the destination numbers do:

0 = retrieve file to client .\resource

4 = retrieve file to client .\

8 = retrieve file to Windows directory (*e.g., C:\WINDOWS*)

12 = retrieve file to Windows System directory (*e.g., C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM*)

16 = retrieve file to client .\help

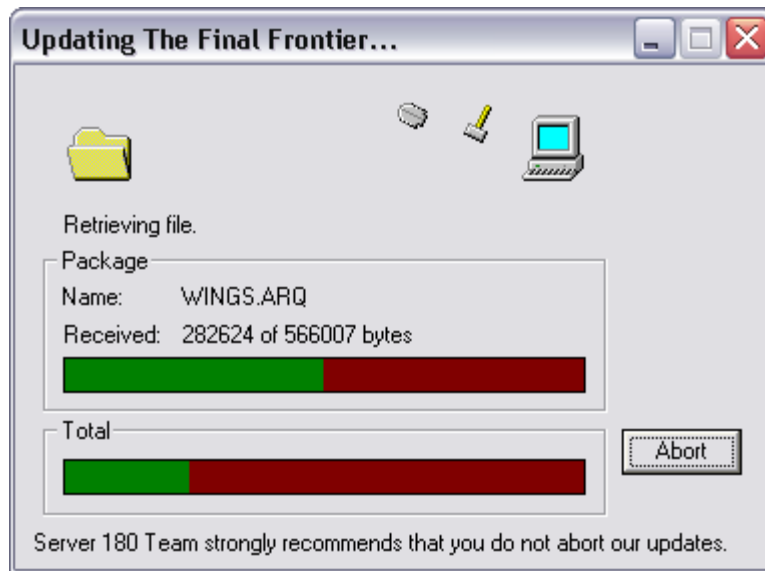
20 = retrieve file to client .\mail

24 = retrieve file to client .\ads

Special:

+1 = delete file (*e.g., 21 = delete from .\mail*)

+32 = guest clients should download (obsolete)



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