The care and use of your RGH Xbox 360 doc version 1.03 updated 8/17/16

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All RGHs sold or serviced by TheWeekendModder are set up with a standard software setup. This includes XexMenu, Dashlaunch, and FreeStyle dash **ONLY** I will NOT install any other software or games even for $$$$$. Sorry!

Finding help on your own (MOST IMPORTANT SKILL!!!!!):
The latest version of this document can always be found at http://weekendmodder.com/training - please check there first for any updates to this document as I am always improving it. The goal of this document is NOT to teach you everything you could possibly need to know but rather to give you a baseline understanding from which to start your own learning!

Se7ensins.com is a great community and has a HUGE base of tutorials that already exists. Their premium section is also an excellent place to find mods and tools.   Start here at their tutorial section if you want more information on something I have mentioned in this document.

http://www.se7ensins.com/forums/forums/modding-tutorials.200/

Do I need a PC to use my RGH?

While technically the answer is no – the RGH will run without a PC, the truth is that somewhere along the line you will need one to download files that you will want to transfer to the console.   In order to set up stealth you will likely download a set of files on your PC, move them to a USB and then take that USB to the console to load it.   The same process is true for most game mods that you will find. So, while yes you can play with the RGH without a PC you would need a PC at least for the initial setup and downloading of all needed files.

Getting Online:

When shipped to customers all RGHs will have a default dashlaunch configuration that prohibits connecting to Xbox Live. This is because without a "stealth" service if you attempt to connect to Xbox Live you will be banned **INSTANTLY**.   To be clear; **stealth service is absolutely required at all times if you want to connect to Xbox Live with any RGH or JTAG.** *Yes, even if you are not modding at the time*. The console simply can't connect to XBL without stealth.

There are many varied stealth providers, some are free and others charge an access fee. Some use a centralized online server, and some are simply a set of stealth "offline" (non centralized-server based) files that need to be installed.

As of the time of my writing this document dashboard 17502 is current. There are MANY MANY stealth options for dashboard 17502 that are easily discovered via a google search! I*t is up to you to install your own stealth TWM is not responsible if you cannot figure it out!*

Getting Banned and using KV's:

Using a modified console online means that you **will** eventually get banned. Nobody can give you a guaranteed amount of time until that happens – sometimes hours, sometimes days, sometimes weeks or months. Part of the entire benefit of owning an RGH (or JTAG) console is that you can simply un-ban yourself.

Think of a KV like a unique code that identifies your Xbox console. In a retail console this code is unchangeable and permanent. That is why on a retail a ban is forever. But on an RGH we can change out the KV and this changes the code and therefor lifts the ban.

KV's are not generated randomly – every KV that has ever existed or will exist has come from a console. If you are buying a KV it means that somewhere someone choose to RGH or JTAG a console and then share the KV details with you, or whoever you bought the KV from.   The only truly unshared KV you are EVER likely to have is the one that came built into your console.

By default all consoles sold by TWM are unbanned and have their original KV untouched. I do not sell your KV out from under you like some other RGH sellers.   Once you get that first KV banned, you'll need to get a new one before going back online. You can either build a new nand with the new KV built in (risky if you aren't careful) or you can use a stealth service that will "spoof" your new KV for you. Each has their upsides and downsides. Do your research!

TWM does NOT sell KV's and does NOT have a recommended KV seller. I'd check the se7ensins premium section for referral to a good seller!

Modding Games:

In order to mod a game, you need it stored on your USB or HDD. There are 2 methods of doing this typically:
1) "Ripping" the game to the HDD/USB using the physical disc. There is an extract feature built into both XexMenu and FreeStyle Dash. If you google "how to rip a game using XexMenu" there are lots of guides
2) Downloading the ISO file of the game online, then unpacking it using software like ExISO and then transferring those resulting files to the console either via USB, Neighborhood, or FTP.

Once you have the base game installed, each mod may require you to do different things. Some mods will simply require you to replace certain files with modded versions of the files. Some game mods may require that you install them as a dashlaunch plugin. Other "RTE tools" are designed to be run on a computer and then "poke" the game remotely over your network and require that Xbox neighborhood be installed.   **All that is to say that each and every mod is different – read the instructions for the mod and google what you don't understand!**

Console not booting, or stops at Xbox logo + Fatal Crashes + Black Screens:

What to do if your console will not fully boot (gets stuck at Xbox 360 logo). This is almost always caused by a bad or nonfunctional plugin set in dashlaunch. It is most commonly your stealth is either not set up right (like you have settings changes you need to make) or that your stealth service is offline.

 The way to fix this is to put a USB in your PC an format it to FAT32, then on the root of that USB create a txt file and name it "launch.ini" but leave the file completely blank inside. Then put that USB into your console and boot it.   The console reads launch.ini files from USB first by default so that will bypass your bad settings and allow you to get into the console so you can go make whatever needed changes.   I DEMONSTRATE THIS PROCESS IN THIS VIDEO: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qRZhG564p6A

**Make sure that you have file extensions visible or you may be naming the file "launch.ini.txt" without even knowing it. Windows likes to hide "known file types" by default. If you are on Windows 7 or later from the start menu do search for "file extension" and make sure they are NOT hidden.

Fatal Crashes & Black Screens – these are 100% software related errors. They can be caused by a
- A bad (poorly written/not working) plugin
- a bad set of modded files
- corrupted copy of a plugin
- incompatible plugins
- Commonly they are caused when you install a mod but don't have the correct TU (title update) installed to match with that mod.
    - For instance iKonroi v5 requires that TU8 for MW2 is installed. If you run it without that TU installed it Fatal Crashes.

To fix these you simply have to identify the bad software and change it. It is **nearly impossible** for me to assist you in troubleshooting these because each issue will be unique to specifically what you have installed. If you are having an issue with a particular game or mod then your best bet is to post in a sub-forum specific to that game or mod.   I also personally don't play online or use my consoles for modding so my experience is low. I'm a hardware guy.

Extracting DVD's:

Extracting aka "ripping" your DVD games to your console is one method to get the game stored on your hard drive so that you can modify or replace files as needed for game modding. Extracting games requires the disc to be in near pristine condition and even then isn't 100% reliable even on a brand new console.   If you are having trouble fully ripping your disc there are a few possible causes and possible fixes:

-If you are using XexMenu to rip your game, try using FreeStyle. If you are using FreeStyle, try using XexMenu. Sometimes on the same console one disc will extract under one program but not under another. You should be trying both.   The search "how to rip game using Xexmenu" or the same search about FreeStyle will give you many guides.

-Your disc is too damaged. Again – discs have to be pristine for ripping to work. Just because the game plays doesn't mean it will rip successfully. Playing the game is more forgiving as to the condition of the disc than ripping is.

-Why bother ripping? There are tons of torrent and sharing sites out there where you can just download the ISO of the game and unpack it and then transfer it to your console via USB, FTP, or Neighborhood.