

## OM corrects a major personal oversight...

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...This evening, I unretired an old pizzabox system to serve one purpose and one purpose alone: a home game server. A system set aside and dedicated to hosting Unreal Tournament maps, skins and other distractions for yours truly when I actually have time to be amused by such things. As with most of my systems, I tend to give them Astronaut names that fit their personalities:

Glenn – The Living Room Media Center – AKA, the TV

Shepard – My Bedside Box. Provides news and entertainment, but also happens to be where I have to deal with spam.

Grissom – Identical to Shepard, but the second system built. Has a missing side panel.

Carpenter – Has a flaky video card that refuses to switch video modes on occasion

Schirra – My business notebook. Purely business.

Slayton – Has a video capture card that refuses to work if more than 99MB of RAM is loaded. Also has a faulty MB thermostat that shuts the entire system down even if it's turned off in BIOS, \*unless\* the video capture card is working. Fibrulations, natch.

Cooper – My overloaded music server, more drives than the P/S knows what to do with, but still keeps on running.

...However, after looking at systems one thru seven, I realized I'd used up the Original Seven astros for system names. The three main servers – KSC, JSC and Gagarin – as well as the dual monitor box – Conrad – and the DVD burner box – Bean – also took up good names. So, while puzzling out which of the Next Nine to honor, I thought about how flaky this old box was, and how, while it could run fine as a UT server, it could never actually play the game worth a shit. And then it hit me. So, about five minutes ago, the Original 7 were joined by the unofficial 8th Astronaut.

Yup. I just named a game server after Jose Jimenez.

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his country. He won it by making the other | Sergeant-At-Arms  
poor dumb bastard die for his country." | Human O-Ring Society

- General George S. Patton, Jr