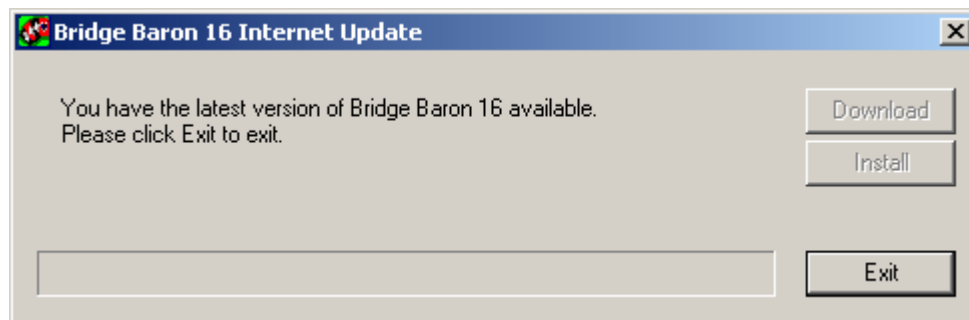


Check for Bridge Baron Updates

Under the **File** menu the last item before **Exit** is **Check for Bridge Baron XX Updates**, where **XX** is replaced by the version of Bridge Baron that you are running. For example, if you were running Bridge Baron 17, the item would be **Check for Bridge Baron 17 Updates**. To use this feature of Bridge Baron you must have an active Internet connection. Assuming you have such a connection, this feature will allow you to connect to Great Game Products servers and check to see whether your version of Bridge Baron is fully up to date. This does not mean that if we have come out with Bridge Baron 18, you will automatically get a copy of Bridge Baron 18; rather, it means that if we have made any improvements, corrections, or bug fixes to Bridge Baron 17, you will get those improvements.

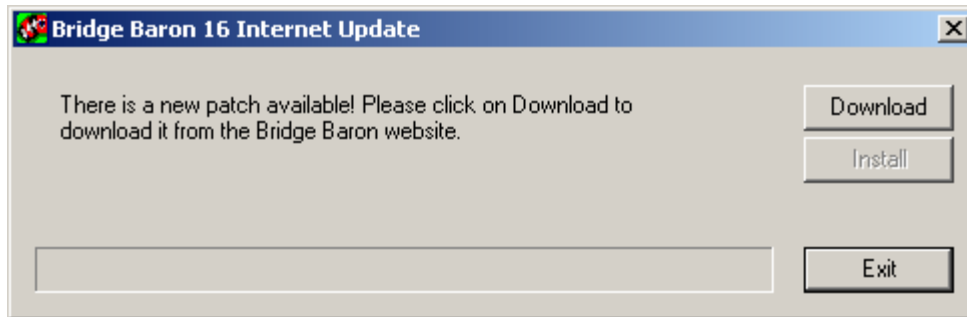
No piece of software released to the market is perfect. There are always problems here and there, and the **Check for Bridge Baron Updates** feature allows us to correct any imperfections that we become aware of only after our product has been released. Almost all major software companies these days have ways to update their product. An example is the pop-up window from Microsoft saying, "Click here for a Windows Update." **Check for Bridge Baron Updates** serves the same purpose. We recommend that you check for updates about once a month for the first six months after our product's release.

For a walk-through of a Bridge Baron Internet Update, select **Check for Bridge Baron XX Updates** from the **File** menu. A window will then pop up notifying you that Bridge Baron Internet Update cannot run concurrently with Bridge Baron; selecting **Yes** will close your Bridge Baron window. The window shown here will then appear on your screen:

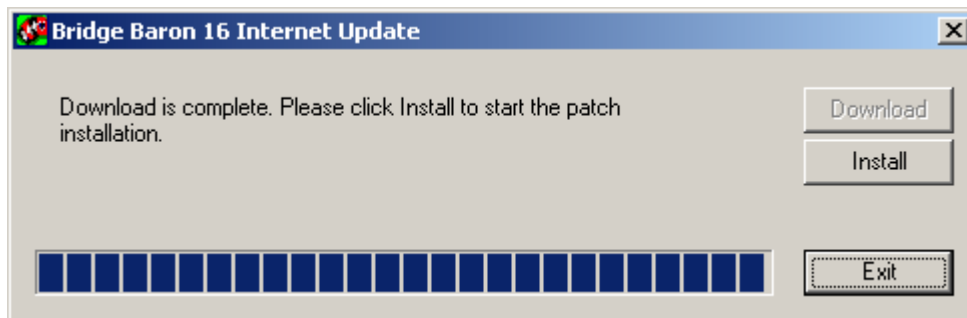


If you already have the most up-to-date version and there is no newer update to be found, the window will appear like the one shown here. As you already have the latest version, you needn't do anything else and should just click the **Exit** button. You can then reload Bridge Baron, knowing that you are not missing any improvements to the program.

However, if there is an update you do not have, the **Download** button will not be grayed out and the window will appear like the one below.



Click on the **Download** button and wait as the program connects to the Great Game Products web server and downloads an installation program for the update. Depending on the speed of your Internet connection, this may take several minutes, as the file is relatively large. After the download is finished, the status indicator will be completed and the **Download** button will be grayed out. The **Install** button will then become enabled, as in the window shown below:



Now click the **Install** button and step through the installation wizard. After it is finished, click the **Close** button; the installer will exit, and you will have the latest and most up-to-date version of your Bridge Baron software.

Remember that we do make updates continually, so even after you have checked for updates once, you should do so again in a couple of weeks or a month.