

Activating Bridge Baron

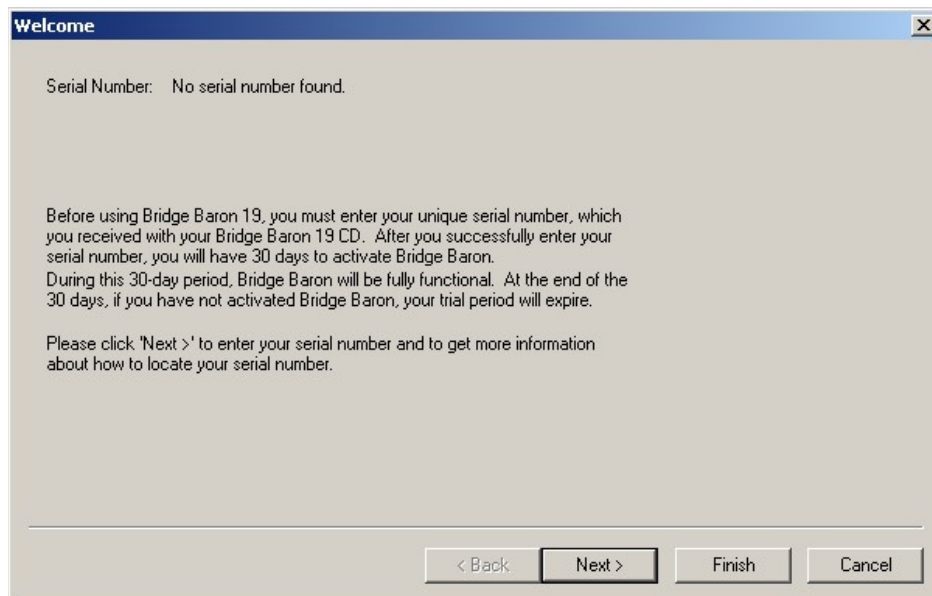
In order to ensure that Bridge Baron is not being distributed illegally, a copy protection scheme unfortunately had to be implemented and you must now go through an authorization and activation process. Many people were copying the program, distributing it to their friends, or even selling copies of it that they had made themselves and pirating the game. This is an instance of a few rotten apples spoiling things for everyone else and we apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience and understanding in activating the program. Hopefully it is a relatively pain free process.

Please note that in order to follow these instructions you must have a computer that is connected to the Internet. There is a section towards the end of this chapter with information about activating without an Internet connection, but if your computer is not connected to the Internet, or you need assistance, please give us a call at 1-800-381-0763. Also, if you have problems activating, please be aware that you have 30 days to activate the program, but you are still able to play it during that 30-day period.

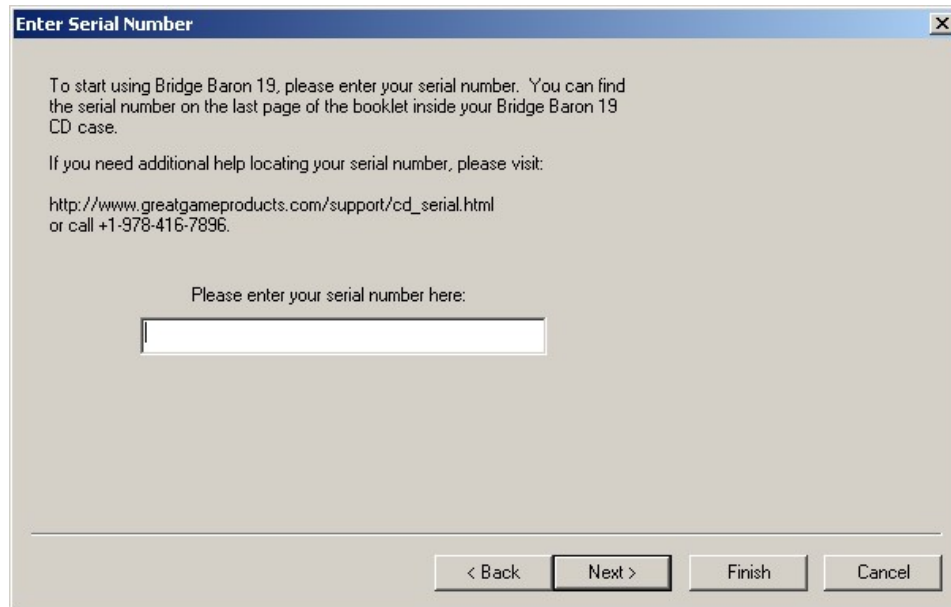
♣**Note: You do still need to successfully enter a serial number in order to use the program for 30 days. If you are having problems entering your serial number and not even getting to the step of activating the program, you will need to give us a call at 1-800-381-0763.**

♣**Note: International callers please call us at +1-202-558-7913.**

After you have successfully installed Bridge Baron and you load it for the first time, you should see a window like the one shown here:



Click on the **Next >** button to continue on to the next screen. You should now see a window in which you can enter your serial number. A window like the one shown here:



Enter Serial Number

To start using Bridge Baron 19, please enter your serial number. You can find the serial number on the last page of the booklet inside your Bridge Baron 19 CD case.

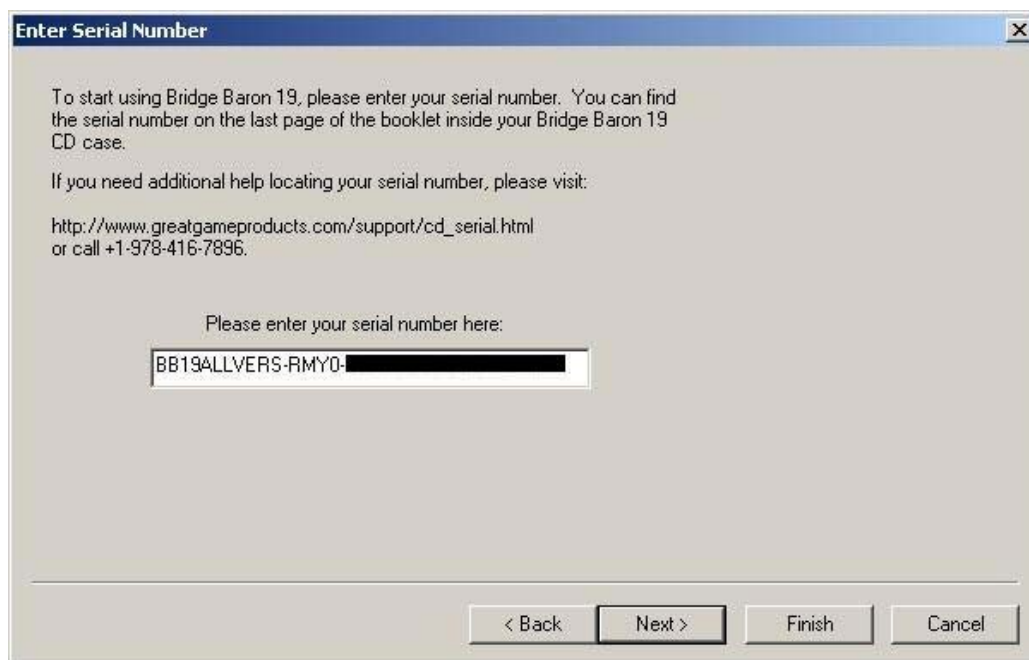
If you need additional help locating your serial number, please visit:

http://www.greatgameproducts.com/support/cd_serial.html
or call +1-978-416-7896.

Please enter your serial number here:

< Back Next > Finish Cancel

In the white box where the cursor is placed, you should type in your serial number. Your serial number can be found on the left-hand side of the CD case in which you received your CD case. It is boxed off in the lower-left hand corner and should be a lengthy combination of letters and numbers separated by hyphens. It should begin with the characters **BB19ALLVERS-**. Enter the number into the field, as has been done in the example shown below.



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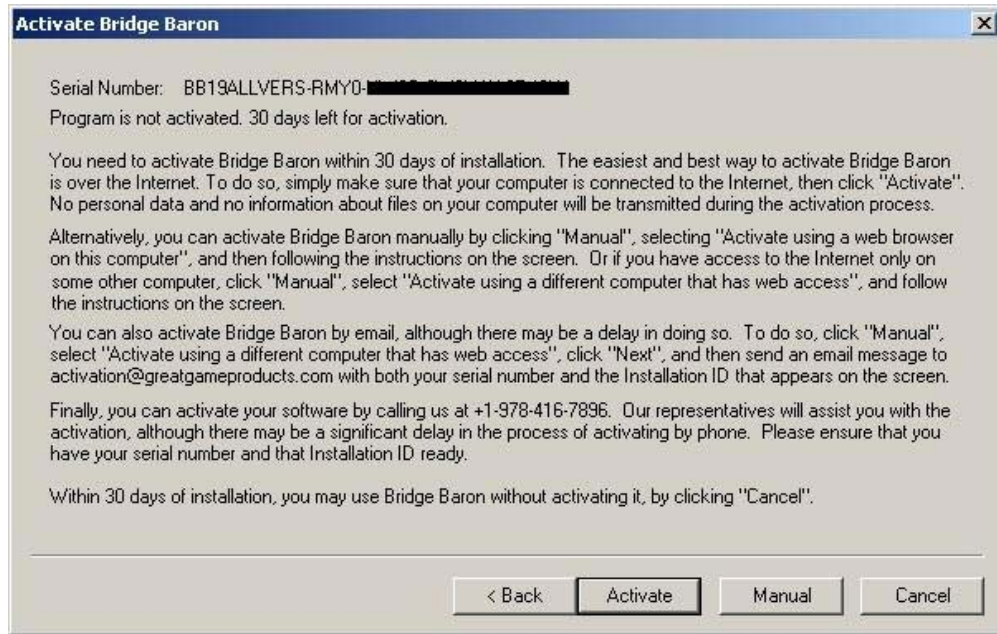
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After entering your serial number, click on the **Next >** button yet again. Assuming that you correctly entered your serial number, you should now advance to a screen like the one shown here:



♣**Tip:** Macintosh users must first delete the text “*edit text*” from the field in which they are entering their serial number.

♣**Tip:** If the program does not initially accept your serial number, please try retyping it very carefully. It is worth ensuring that your *Caps Lock* button is turned on.

It is at this point that you have begun your 30-day period for using the program. You can see at the top of the window how many days you have left to activate. If you click **Cancel** within the 30-day period, you will be able to begin playing Bridge Baron. This step is only ever recommended if your computer is not connected to the Internet or if you are having problems getting your program activated. It is intended to allow you to play the game, so that even if you are having difficulties activating you can still enjoy the game as we assist you.

If your computer is connected to the Internet, you should now click on the **Activate** button. You will then be advised to wait as your computer connects to our servers and verifies your serial number. After the program has successfully activated, you will receive the message:



At this point you have successfully activated the program and completed all of the mandatory steps required to begin playing your copy of Bridge Baron. However, you will be redirected to a webpage on which you can register your copy of Bridge Baron. It is not required that you register and you may register at any time, but after your installation is usually the best time to do so. By registering your product, you will help us to provide you with technical support if needed, become eligible for 50% discounts on future versions of Bridge Baron, and receive information whenever we make free improvements to Bridge Baron that may interest you and improve your experience.

♣**Tip:** If you would prefer not like to register at this time, simply close the registration window and you will be able to begin playing your Bridge Baron 19 and will not be asked to register again.

♣**Tip:** You can always register your Bridge Baron later by selecting *Register Bridge Baron Online* from the *File* menu.

Now, you are all set and your copy of Bridge Baron should be both registered and activated. We apologize for the inconvenience, but are happy to inform you that you will not have to go through this process, for this version of Bridge Baron, again. You should see the Bridge Baron opening screen with the familiar **Play, Compete, Learn,** and **Tools** buttons.

♣**Note:** You may install Bridge Baron on up to three computers, in the same household, with the same serial number. If you try to install Bridge Baron or more than three computers you will be unable to activate the program. To install Bridge Baron on more than three computers, you must purchase an additional copy.

If your computer is not connected to the Internet, there are a few more steps that you will need to go through. You will have to do what is called a manual activation. To do so, from the previous screen where you were instructed to press **Activate**, you should instead press the **Manual** button. You will then be presented with a page like the one shown on the following page. If you have Internet access on a different computer or have a friend with Internet access you can select **Activate using a different computer that has web access** and then follow the onscreen instructions. You will then be given an Installation ID, which will need to be entered by someone with Internet access into the website <http://activate.esellerate.net>. And then after the Installation ID is entered into the website, you will get an Activation Key back from the site

♣**Tip:** The manual activation process can be relatively complicated and if you do not have an Internet connection, we encourage you to give us a call at 1-800-381-0763.

