Welcome …

... to the the twenty-second bridge building contest. It's the first Bridge Construction Set/Pontifex II contest that is free for everyone to enter. Chronic Logic has released a special demo for the contest.

This contest is generously sponsored by and .

The Goal

The goal is to build the *cheapest, most original, best-looking or craziest bridge possible* that allows the vehicles to complete the level, while obeying the following simple rules...

The RULES

In Contest 22 there are 2 main rule categories, clean bridges and dirty bridges:

For CLEAN bridges:

A CLEAN bridge should be largely realistic, that means:

1. The bridge must work *without breaking any links*.
2. The bridge must work (the 'test passed' message must appear) with the following delays (the time shown to the right bottom): 0:30, 1:00 and 2:00 Minutes.
3. Bridge links *may NOT* touch/penetrate the level terrain.
4. Trains & trucks *may NOT* touch the water.
5. All decks (rails & street) must be strictly horizontal, that means decks *may NOT* be curved.
6. The bridge *may NOT* have gaps.
7. Trains & trucks & ships *may NOT* go through bridge material, no exceptions (e.g. crossbeams).

For DIRTY and ARTISTIC bridges:

For dirty and artistic bridges everything is allowed. The only rule is:

- The bridge must work (the 'test passed' message must appear) with a delay specified by the architect (that means: it's sufficient if the bridge works reliably with e.g. 17 seconds but not with any other delay).

For ALL bridges:

- Editing the level is strictly prohibited.
- You *may NOT* exploit bugs or flaws in the game engine.

Level submission

If you use the [demo](): The file containing your bridge is named 'contest22.pfb' and is located in the folder 'Bridge Construction Set Contest\profile\default\demo'. If you've finished your bridge, rename the file to

- 'C-[Yourname].pfb' in case of a CLEAN bridge,
- 'D-[Yourname].pfb' in case of a DIRTY bridge,
- 'A-[Yourname].pfb' in case of an ARTISTIC bridge.

WARNING: You can't load a renamed file in the demo, so once you rename your bridge you will have to rename it back to contest22.pfb if you want to edit it again. This makes working on your dirty, clean, and artistic bridge difficult. With the [full version](#) you can just use save as to save your bridge as the correct name and load bridge to load it up again. Compress the file with RAR or ZIP and attach it in an e-mail (see below).

If you use the [full version,](#) your bridges will be located in your profile folder. Rename or save your bridge as described above and then compress it with RAR or ZIP!

The e-mail subject must read "[CLEAN/DIRTY/ARTIST] Cost: xxx Name: yyy". Use these e-mail links to make sure you get it right:

- [Clean](#)
- [Dirty](#)
- [Artistic](#)

The **contest ends at 18:00** [GMT](#) **on Sunday, October 31st**. I take no responsibility for e-mail servers being too slow for your e-mail to reach me in time, etc.

I'll put up a list of received entries in the forum during the contest.

The **number of bridges** you submit is **limited to three per category**. The cheapest bridge will count.

Any discussions on contest bridge **costs** are to be kept in [this special sub-forum](#). For your own good, it is password-protected. To get the password, first read [this](#).

General comments on the level and the contest are warmly welcome and should be posted [here](#). This forum thread is also the right place to **discuss the rules**. If you are unsure whether or not your bridge meets all the requirements, [contact](#) me for a clarification before submitting your entry.

Breaking, bending or scratching any of the above rules will result in disqualification.

In the event of a tie, the entry I receive first will be rated better.

The Prizes

This time (and only this time) we have special prices: an [ATI](#) **Radeon 9800 PRO and an** [ATI](#) **Radeon 9600 video card**! They are awarded to the cheapest working CLEAN and DIRTY Bridge (see below). Additionally you can win **three** [full versions](#) **of Bridge Construction Set** that will be given away by a lottery. Everybody who submitted a *working* bridge will take part in the lottery. This means that even if you never entered a contest before, there's a really good chance you can win a prize this time! So don't be shy! Send in your bridges!

For the cheapest working 'CLEAN' bridges:

Winner: Eternal glory and admiration, the title of 'Bridge General' **and an** [ATI](#) **Radeon 9800 PRO 256 MB video card generously provided by** [ATI](#).

1st Runner-up: Temporary glory and admiration, the title of 'Bridge Major'
2nd Runner-up: Momentary glory and admiration, the title of 'Bridge Captain'

For the cheapest working 'DIRTY' bridges:

Winner: Eternal respect and awe, the title of 'Bridge Don' **and** ATI **Radeon 9600 video card generously provided by** ATI**.**
1st Runner-up: Temporary respect and awe, the title of 'Bridge Mafioso'
2nd Runner-up: Momentary respect and awe, the title of 'Bridge Bandit'

Additional awards: The Title of 'Bridge Artist' for the best-looking entry
The Title of 'Bridge Inventor' for the most creative entry
Possible additional Special Titles as I see fit :)

Many thanks to ATI and Chronic Logic for providing the prizes!
The winners will be announced soon after the contest ends. Their names will appear in the eternal Hall Of Fame.

The Level

The BCS Contest Demo version including the contest 22 level is available for Windows, Linux and OSX and can be downloaded here:
Windows: http://www.chroniclogic.com/demo/bcscondemo.exe
Linux: http://www.chroniclogic.com/pontifex2/contest22/bcscondemo.tar.gz
OSX: http://www.chroniclogic.com/pontifex2/contest22/bcscondemo.dmg

If you only need the contest level (you own the full version), download it here:
http://www.chroniclogic.com/pontifex2/contest22.zip
Unzip the archive into the 'files' folder and load it from the main menu using 'Load Level'.

Some Hints

I suggest you read the Manual, study the record bridges from the DWN-site and check out the forum in case you're not very familiar with the common bridge building techniques.

Good Luck!

The full version of BCS can be purchased for $19.95 directly from Chronic Logic here:
http://www.chroniclogic.com/pontifex2order.htm

Special thanks to ATI for providing two great video cards as prizes.