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The logo for Arcomage is rendered in a stylized, gothic-style font. The letters are a golden-brown color with a textured, metallic appearance. The 'A' is particularly large and features a green, leaf-like or branch-like extension on its left side. The 'e' at the end of the word has a long, thin, green, leaf-like or branch-like extension that curves upwards and to the right. A small 'TM' trademark symbol is positioned above the 'e'.

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## **Story**

### **Trial of Towers**

During a time long past, a traveler settled among the people of Shrikar. The traveler's knowledge, skills and power led them to believe that he was the chosen Emissary of the god Ceth. As time passed, the traveler taught the people of Shrikar how to Weave, or shape the natural energy flows of their planet. The Emissary also taught the basic skills of architecture and of controlling creatures of the land, improving the way life for the people of Shrikar. An age of prosperity and enlightenment began and the people lived better than ever before.

As the people of Shrikar continued to advance in their skill and knowledge of Weaving, the Emissary left to continue his journey once more. To honor him and his teachings, the people created the Arcomage Guild; a school dedicated to the knowledge that the Emissary brought to Shrikar. Graduation from this Guild bestowed the title of Arcomage upon the worthy student, one who understood and excelled in the ways of Weaving, of Control and of Building. The Golden Age of Shrikar had reached its pinnacle.

One hundred years after the departure of the Emissary, the first Arcomage War struck the people of Shrikar. The Arcomage Crowhain assaulted the citadel of the Arcomage Ralbeard. The surrounding countryside was laid to waste. Years after the war started, Ralbeard completely destroyed the citadel of his enemy. The scars upon the world of Shrikar were slow to heal. Over the next five hundred years the people of Shrikar would experience the wars of Arcomages hundreds of times, as mages strove to increase their power and reputations.

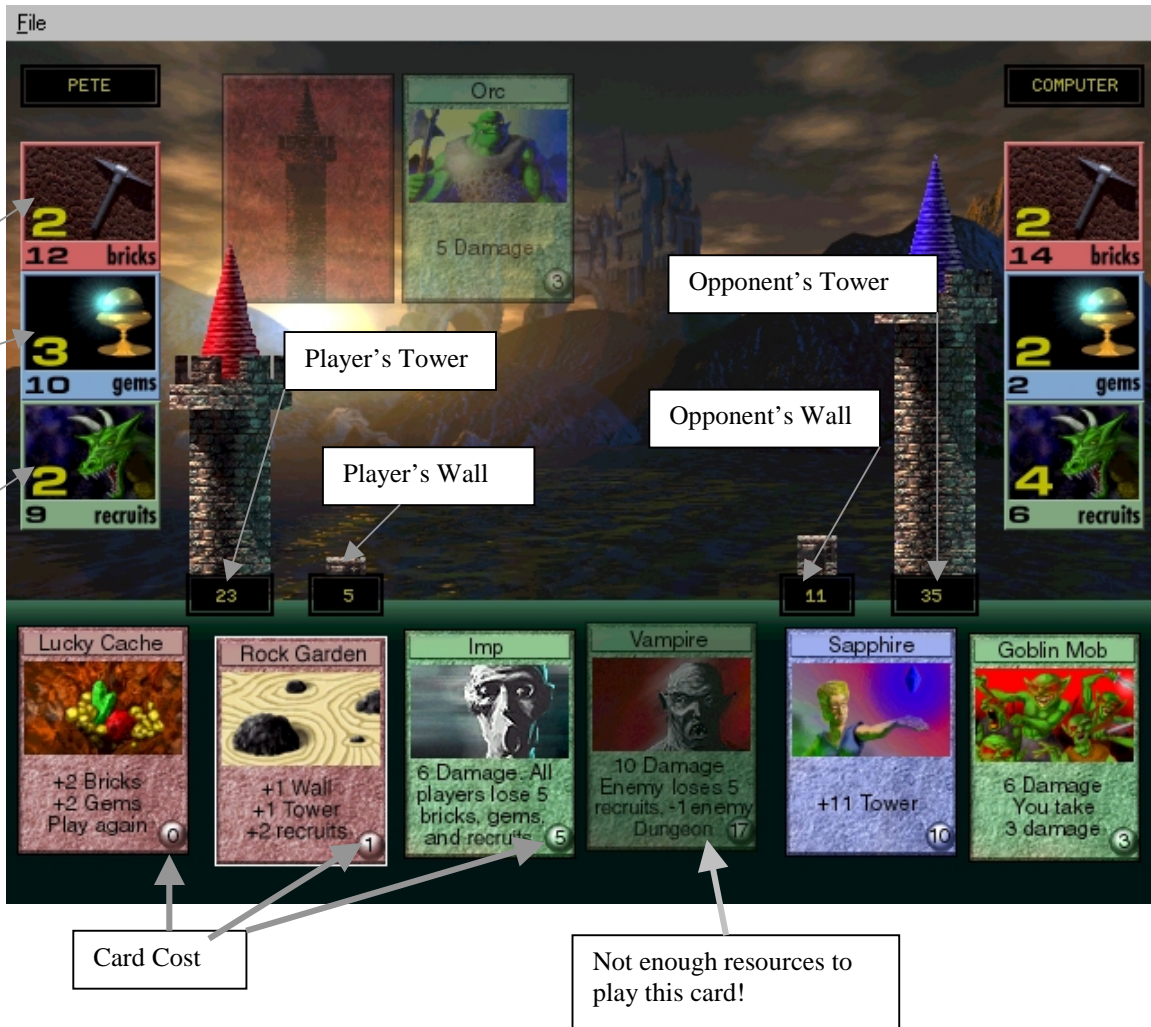
You have been challenged, Arcomage! The enemy is at the gates and it is now time to put your skills and tactics to the test. Gather your resources, summon your armies and join the battle!

## **Introduction**

The Arcomage game is a single or two player card game in which the players try to build their tower to a certain size, build up all of their resources to a certain quantity or destroy their opponents tower before their opponent can achieve any of these conditions. The Arcomage game can be played by one player versus a computer opponent, by two players over a network or by two players over the Internet using either TCP/IP.

## **Play**

Players take turns playing cards. At the start of each turn the player's generators produce a quantity of each resource equal to the strength of the generator. The player can then play or discard a card. Cards cost resources to play. Red cards use Bricks produced by Quarries, blue cards use Gems produced by Magic, and green cards use Recruits produced by Dungeons. Each card will have the cost of the needed resource printed on the bottom right corner of the card. If a card is grayed out it cannot be played, as the player does not have the needed amount of the resource for the card. Some cards allow you to play them and then play again. Once a player has played a card, another card is immediately drawn from the deck into the player's hand.



## Glossary

Quarries – Produce Bricks needed to play red cards.

Magic – Produces Gems needed to play blue cards.

Dungeons – Produce Recruits needed to play green cards.

Player's Tower – Needs to be built to achieve a tower victory, only damaged by cards that state tower damage or if the Player's Wall is at 0.

Player's Wall – Protects the Player's Tower from normal damage.

Opponents Tower – Damaged by cards that state tower damage or damage cards if Opponent's Wall is 0.

Opponent's Wall – Protects the Opponent's Tower from normal damage.

Card Cost – Number of resources needed to play the card. If card is grayed out the player does not have a sufficient number of the required resource to play the card.

## Options

The Options Menu contains all of the settings necessary for both the single player and multi-player versions of the Arcomage game. You can either select Options under the File menu at the top of the screen or press "F1" on your keyboard to bring up the options dialogue box.

## Starting Conditions

From the Starting Conditions tab, you can set all of the parameters for the game you are about to play. Choose either Single Player or Networked game. The remaining options are for determining the starting

conditions with in the game itself. Determine the starting Tower and Wall levels; Quarry, Magic and Dungeon strengths; and Brick, Gem and Recruit quantities.

### Play Conditions

From the Play Conditions tab, you can set all of the parameters that affect play in the game once the game has started. Determine the number of Bricks, Gems and Recruits that the resource generators produce each turn, the number of Cards in each player's hand and the level of computer AI to play against in a single player game (ATTACK, DEFENSE or RANDOM).

### Victory Conditions

From the Victory Conditions tab, you set the parameters that need to be met to win the game. Determine the winning Tower level and the resource total that needs to be met in all three of the resource categories.

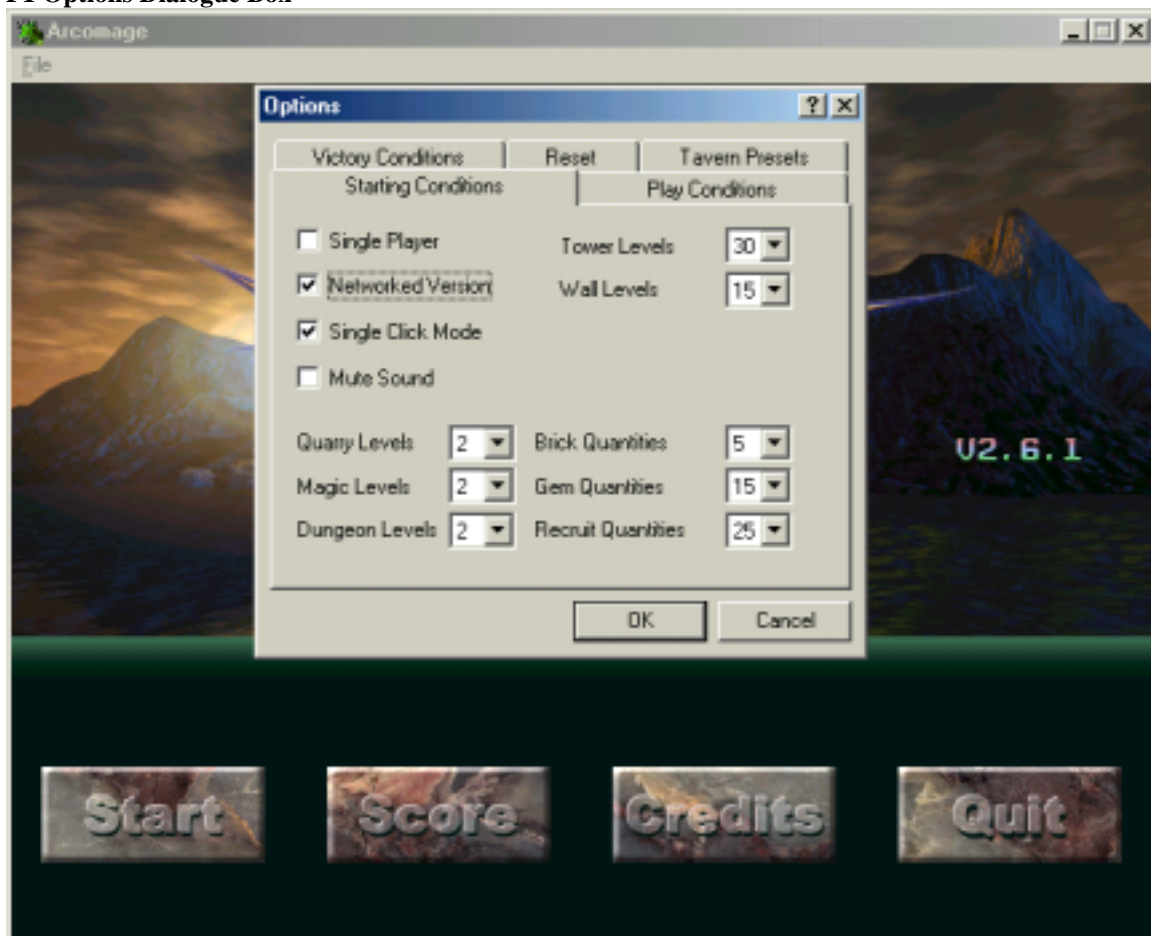
### Tavern Presets

The Tavern Presets tab allows you to pick one of the Taverns from the Might and Magic® VII: For Blood and Honor™ game as your opponent. These are the same computer player settings from the Might and Magic VII: For Blood and Honor game.

### Reset

From this tab, you can reset all of the game settings back to their defaults by clicking the Reset Values button.

### F1 Options Dialogue Box



## **Playing Multi-player**

The multi-player Arcomage game can be played over a LAN (Local Area Network) or via the Internet.

In multi-player, you set up the game just as you would for a single player game except that you must click on the check box for Networked Version on the Starting Conditions Tab in the Options menu (File->Options menu, or 'F1').

Click on the Start button. A dialogue box will pop up asking if you would like to Host or Join.



### **Joining**

The player joining will get another dialogue box after clicking on the join button. Click **OK** to continue or **Cancel** to abort. Once you continue you will be prompted to type in the Host's IP Address.

To find the host's IP Address, the host needs to click on the "Host" button in the Join/Host dialogue box. The host's IP Address will pop-up in the next dialogue box. The joining party will need to type in the IP Address exactly.

Once the IP Address has been entered click "OK" and wait for the host.

### **Hosting**

The player hosting needs to set up the Options (File->Options menu, or 'F1') before clicking on the start button from the main menu.

## **Chat**

To chat with your opponent, press the "**Enter**" key. A message dialog box will pop up on your screen. Enter your message and click the **Ok** button. Messages from your opponent will similarly pop up on your screen.

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