

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

ALLPLAN BRIDGE MODELER

Allplan Bridge Modeler is the powerful solution for four-dimensional parametric modeling of bridges. The software supports engineers in all planning phases, from the initial concept to the execution plan. The parametric description of the bridge model takes usability to a new level and allows engineers to work flexibly and quickly.

MODEL CREATION WITHOUT COMPROMISE

Allplan Bridge Modeler has been developed by recognized bridge experts – the Allplan Infrastructure team at Graz – and to the requirements of bridge engineers. The 3D parametric model description considers the road layout, bridge alignment and required cross-sections, making model configuration quick and efficient. Complex geometries including double curved alignment and variable cross-sections can be created easily with the help of alphanumeric entries and formulas. For example, the user only needs to define one typical cross-section and Allplan Bridge Modeler will accurately calculate all cross-section variants in accordance with the defined table(s) or /and formula(s). A complete 3D bridge model cannot be generated more easily or quickly.

CHANGES MADE IN NO TIME AT ALL

Allplan Bridge Modeler helps you to manage the inevitable changes that occur during the design process. The parametric model description is an ideal base for adapting design changes. The modifications are incorporated only at their origin and all other linked members are automatically updated. For example, if the road axis changes the complete bridge geometry will be adjusted. If only a certain structural member is modified only directly linked elements will be recalculated.

SAVE TIME WITH PARAMETRIC OBJECT PLACEMENT

Objects from the Allplan Engineering library can be referenced in Allplan Bridge Modeler to add further details such as lamp posts or anchor devices of tendons to the bridge model. To do this, reference points are defined in Allplan Bridge Modeler, using variables along the bridge. These points are linked to the object in the Allplan library using the respective name. When the parametric model is transferred to Allplan Engineering, the corresponding objects are positioned at these reference points. The position of these objects is automatically adjusted whenever the model is updated.

SMOOTH DATA EXCHANGE

Integrating road data used for road/bridge alignment is easily achieved via ALLPLAN's open BIM platform Allplan Bimplus. The bridge engineer must only take over the road data and can immediately start with the bridge design. To assist the engineer even further, the bridge model can easily be transferred to analysis software (such as RM Bridge by Bentley®) for structural calculations. Once the design is completed, the parametric model can be transferred in Allplan Engineering for completion of pre-stressing and reinforcement drawings.

CONVENIENT OPERATION

Compared to mechanical engineering CAD software or traditional 2D drafting, working with Allplan Bridge Modeler is very convenient and specifically tailored to the requirements of bridge engineering. This leads to an essential optimization of the working speed. Furthermore, you can use Allplan Bridge Modeler on multiple monitors at the same time. Allplan Bridge Modeler automatically adapts its user interface to the screen size and resolution and is ideal for the use in powerful high-resolution monitors (4K/UHD with 3840x2160 pixels and more).

INTELLIGENT DATABASE

Allplan Bridge Modeler benefits from a built-in database that is continuously logging modifications as the project progresses. This will benefit projects that have a long design period by ensuring project data is securely available for the duration of the project.

INTEGRATION OF THE FOURTH DIMENSION

In Allplan Bridge Modeler it's possible to map the construction process in a 4D model. The construction plan is first divided into several construction phases and then into individual tasks such as concrete hardening, tendon stressing or activating the self-weight. The corresponding components are interactively assigned to the tasks. In this way, the temporal dimension is linked to the structure. With this information, the construction process can be graphically visualized. Thus, complex construction processes can be made transparent for all parties involved. It's also possible to create several different construction plans for the same bridge for a variant comparison. The result is a reliable parametric 4D bridge model. Once the construction is completed in Allplan Bridge Modeler, the model is transferred to Allplan Engineering, where further steps such as detailing, reinforcement and plan creation are carried out.

TECHNICAL PREVIEW TO ANALYSIS: CALCULATION OF CROSS-SECTION VALUES

The calculation of cross-sectional values is an essential step in the generation of an analysis model. All cross-section values as well as the shear forces for the defined cross-sections are calculated automatically as soon as the corresponding calculation option is activated. This function is currently available as Technical Preview. All types and any geometries of cross-sections are supported. The stiffness matrix of the individual beam elements is automatically created considering the calculated cross-section values, beam geometry and material properties.

MODELING OF COMPOSITE AND STEEL BRIDGES

When defining the cross-section, standardized and repetitive profiles such as longitudinal stiffeners for steel and composite cross-sections can be easily positioned parametrically. The profile is first defined parametrically in a separate section or imported from the user library. The position and number of elements are then defined and automatically placed along a cross-section edge.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT FROM BRIDGE EXPERTS

ALLPLAN's bridge design experts have over 30 years' experience supporting engineers worldwide. ALLPLAN's clients can benefit from our technical experts providing comprehensive consultancy, training and support.

Current system requirements can be found at allplan.com/info/sysinfo

