

cover CD



Issue 14 of our interactive What CD? brings you over 600Mb of featured software, games, images and valuable PC hints and tips. And this month there's a chance to win some fabulous prizes in our Ubi Soft POD competition

This month the highlights on our cover disc include five top-quality featured software demos, five exciting games, and a great POD competition for the speedsters among you to enter. There is also a special feature on children's software in the Focus on section to accompany our article beginning on page 84.

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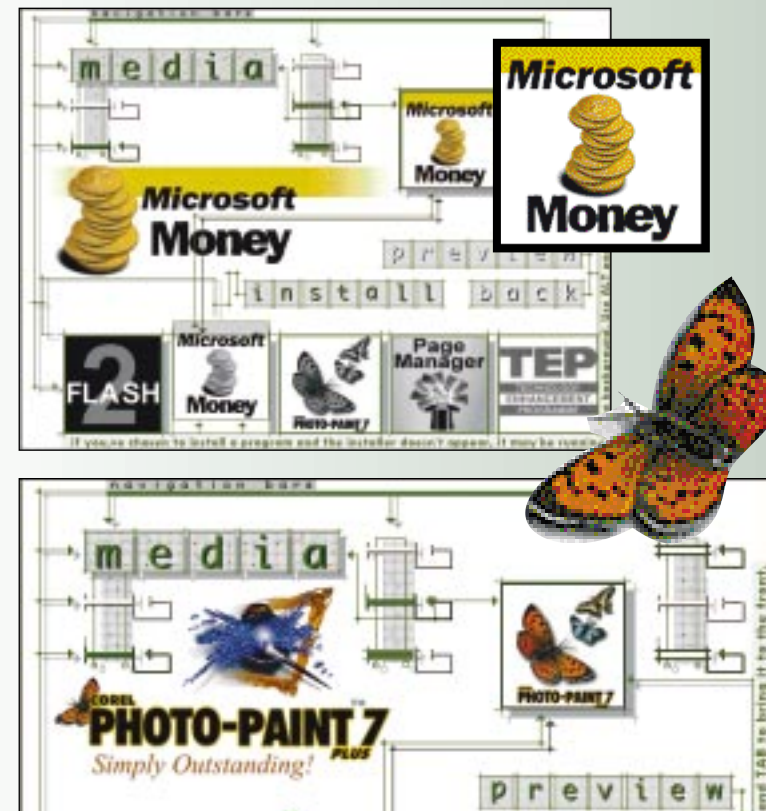
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Essential utilities including **Winzip**; **Video for Windows**; **Paint Shop Pro v4.12**; **Netscape Navigator 3**; **Internet Explorer 3.02**; **Adobe Acrobat Reader 3**; **DirectX 3.0** – the essential drivers for playing all the latest games; **Automate** – Windows task scheduler; **Monitors Matter** – screen benchmark software; **Cookie Pal** – manage Internet 'cookies'; **Cookie Crusher** – filter Internet 'cookies'; **Keyboard Caper** – letter recognition for kids; **Around the World (Europe)** – geography for kids; **Picaview** – thumbnail plug-in for Windows Explorer; **Attractors and Co** – create images from mathematical formulae; **SylImage** – image editor; **SyTools** – diagram and flow chart designer; **Catalog Your Software** – track your software; **I'm So Busy** – screen saver; **Sound Play** – WAV file catalogue and player; **Songbird Studio** – learn musical chords and scales; **MusicEase** – music score editor; **BasketBall ShootOut** – basketball game; **Chess Mentor** – enhance chess skills; **Debris** – 1990s 'Asteroids'; **Psion Series 3a Emulator** for your PC; plus **What PC? Mobile Pages** for Series 3a, including the new Nicholson London Pages.

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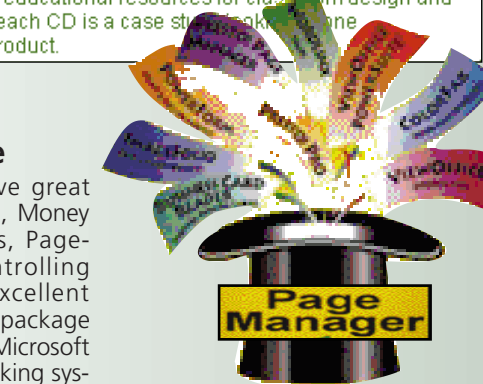
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Note: Unless otherwise stated, applications supplied on this CD-ROM are demonstration versions. This may mean that they are time-limited, have restricted functionality, or (especially with games) are only a limited number of levels.



Multimedia and featured software

This month we have five great Windows demos: Flash 2, Money 5.0, Photo-Paint 7 Plus, PageManager and TEP-Controlling Speed. Flash 2 is an excellent vector-based animation package for use on the Web, and Microsoft Money 5.0 is a home banking system that enables you to perform the core financial tasks of paying bills, managing accounts and planning for the future. Photo-Paint 7 Plus is a great image manipulation package and PageManager will help control all your scanning operations. TEP-Controlling speed is one of a number of educational CD-ROMs for design and technology students.



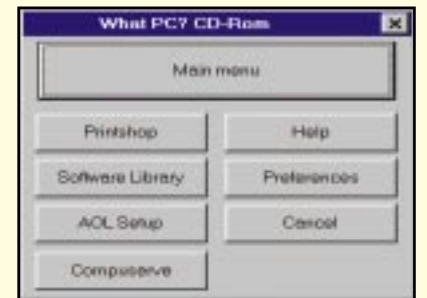
Hardware requirements

To run the CD-ROM you will need a PC with Windows 3.1 or later, and a colour VGA display. We recommend a multimedia 486 PC or Pentium, with a minimum of 8Mb of RAM. The optimum configuration is a Pentium PC with 16Mb of RAM.

How to use the CD-ROM

If you've got Windows 95

Just put the CD-ROM into the drive. A few moments later the **What PC?** loader should appear.



To run the main CD-ROM interface, just click on 'Main menu'. The loader will detect if your PC has Quicktime, Video for Windows, and Acrobat Search installed. If not, it will offer you the chance to install them before proceeding. Just follow the instructions. (If your CD doesn't auto-load, start Windows Explorer and double-click WHATPC.EXE.)

Windows 3.1 users

From the menu in Windows Program Manager, choose FileRun. Then type: <CD Drive>:\WHATPC.EXE and press Enter. The **What PC?** loader will appear (as above). If you don't have Video for Windows or Quicktime, the **What PC?** loader will give you the option to install them before proceeding (follow the on-screen instructions).

Navigation

Unlike most CD-ROMs, our disc is not based on a paper product, and therefore there's no 'home page'. Instead, you can get from any one of the nine sections to any other by means of a single click of the mouse. Buttons representing the sections are displayed on the screen at all times. If you are not sure which section is where, roll over the buttons, and the name of that section will be displayed, along with a contents list for the section. Exit the disc by clicking on the 'Q' in the bottom left of the screen.



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Games

We also have five exciting games for you to play:

The **Redneck Rampage** demo, which includes about a third of the full version, is a tale of alien livestock abduction. The two main characters, Leonard and Bubba, have a score to settle with aliens who have stolen their prize pig, Bessie.

The Need for Speed 2 is a state-of-the-art racing game. It incorporates exotic cars with a full 3D world and 360 degrees point of view. The full version has six international tracks and extensive car set-ups which allow you to fine tune your steering and gear ratios.

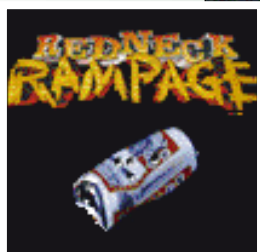
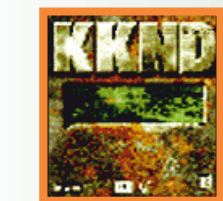
Krush, Kill 'n' Destroy is a highly addictive strategy game. Set in a post nuclear era, your mission is to defend yourself against hostile tribes and develop a new infrastructure. (The above three games are reviewed in more depth in this issue's After Hours section.)

POD is an exciting futuristic racing game. We featured it in the Games section only a few months ago, but are running it again due to popular demand. This time round we also have a great competition for you to enter – see box below for details.

Note: POD requires DirectX to be installed on your machine. You can download it from the Software Library section of the CD.

(Sorry Windows 3.1 users, The Need for Speed 2, Krush, Kill 'n' Destroy and POD are Windows 95 only)

Krypton Egg is a platform game that has been described as 'the best breakout game in the world'. The full version has animations galore, 100 levels, 18 sound tracks, and excellent playability with interfaces in several languages. ▶



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This month, Ubi Soft and *What PC?* are offering the fastest racers the chance to win a brand new MAXi Gamer 3Dfx graphics card, together with 10 POD gift packs including a copy of the game, a T-shirt and a mousemat.

To enter, all you need to do is play the POD demo on this month's cover CD, and send us your best time by following the instructions below.

Choose **One Player**, then **Time Attack** and the **Beltane** track. Select **Ghost Mode** and then start your race. If you race more than once, a ghost of your previous best time will appear on the track, giving you something to compete against. Once you've finished racing, click on **Top Five**, select your best time and click **Export** to save it. This file – called **Beltane.ght** – can be found in the \Pod\Scope\Export directory.

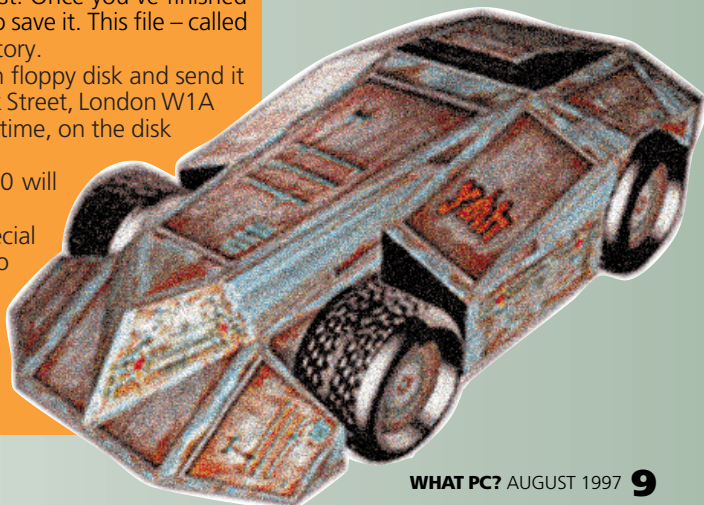
Rename it in the format **Your_name.ght**, copy it onto a 3½ in floppy disk and send it to us at *What PC?* POD Competition, VNU House, 32-34 Broadwick Street, London W1A 2HG. Make sure that you write your name and address, and your time, on the disk label. Closing date for entries is 31 August 1997.

The fastest time will win the graphics card, while the next 10 will each receive our POD gift packs.

Meanwhile, Ubi Soft is running its own competition, with a special edition POD PC on offer to the best racer. Full details of how to enter are at www.ubisoft.co.uk, but you can use the demo version on our disc.

Employees of VNU Business Publications, Ubi Soft and their agents are not eligible to enter the competition.

Ubi Soft: 0181 944 9000



Buyer's guide for Psion 3a/3c

Mobile Software specialises in supplying software tools to allow you to access subsets of your company's information on your Psion 3a/3c palmtop computer. It also uses these tools to produce information-based products of interest to Psion owners.

Mobile Software, in collaboration with *What PC?*, now brings you *What PC?* Pages – the PC tables that appear at the back of this magazine, in a compact form that can be taken with you inside your Psion palmtop. Every month, we'll bring you new and updated sections from these tables.

We've also included the new Nicholson London Pages, offering comprehensive information on over 3,100 venues and services in London, together with other guides from Mobile Software includ-

ing CNN Pages, Expotel Pages and Transmedia Pages.

From the Software Library section, download and run the installer file PSION.EXE. Please note that you will not be able to run the emulator using Windows. Instead, restart your computer, and run the emulator from DOS.

Make sure you read the documentation that's displayed when you install the emulator. This tells you how to install and run the software. You will also find a Word document giving detailed instructions on using the *What PC?* Pages for the Psion 3a.

You can contact Mobile Software on 0181 906 0002 or visit its World Wide Web site at www.mobilepages.com

Using Acrobat

To view the pages in the *What PC?* Printshop section, you need to install the Acrobat Reader software, which includes the search plug-in, from the *What PC?* loader (if the loader detects that it isn't already installed). After launching Acrobat reader from the Printshop section, if you can't see the two search indexes when clicking on indexes, click ADD, and add the indexes which have the prefix PDX. One index, in: <CD Drive>\ACROFILELASTWPC\ is for the last issue of *What PC?*, and the other, in <CD Drive>\ACROFILE is for the Hands on pages from *Personal Computer World* magazine.

IMPORTANT: To go back to the main *What PC?* menu program, quit Acrobat using the File/Exit menu or by clicking the Quit button at the top of the screen.

To find out how to play and install the games and multimedia demos from outside the main *What PC?* interface click on the HELP button on the *What PC?* loader.

Arts

In the arts section this month, there are 32 top-quality images from the Image Bank for you to download onto your hard disk. (All images are copyright of the Image Bank).

Getting started

This is the beginner's interactive guide to the basics of desktop PCs, notebooks and printers. Point and click on parts of the images or keywords contained in the explanations. Buying tips are also included in this section.

CD-ROM problems

If you get a message on screen like 'Not ready reading drive D', return it (within the cover date month) with your name and address to: TIB (*What PC?*), TIB House, 11 Edward Street, Bradford, BD4 7BH for a free replacement.

If you have problems with the CD-ROM, you can phone for help on the VNU 24-hour Helpline on: 0891 715929. Calls cost 50p a minute.



Focus on

Here you'll find news, views and videos to take you into the VNU Labs and find out what our reviewers really think about products tested in the magazine. This month we have a *What PC?* feature about children's software.

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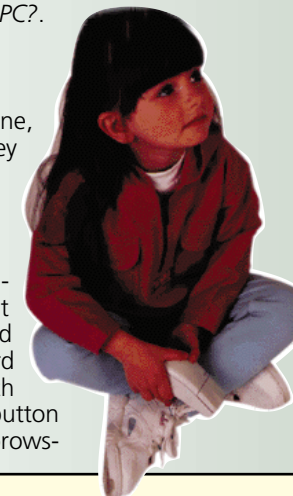
These Acrobat pages include a selection from *Personal Computer World* magazine's regular Hands on feature, enabling you to fully search hundreds of pages of priceless hints, tips and solutions to technical problems. You'll also find the complete July issue of *What PC?*.

The Room

Browse through VNU's e-zine, and check out the new Stoney Blokes cartoon.

Software Library

You'll find scores of great utilities, games and more, just waiting to be downloaded from Netscape onto your hard disk. If you're not familiar with Netscape, just click the help button once you have launched the brows-



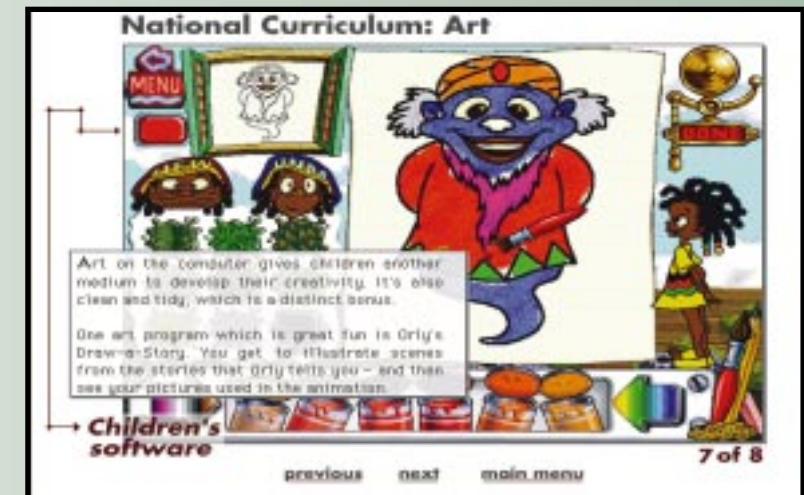
Using Netscape

Netscape Navigator is used in several of the sections of the *What PC?* CD-ROM. It is a convenient way to deliver text, images, and downloadable files, and runs on top of the main *What PC?* menu program.

Readers with access to the World Wide Web will be familiar with the way Netscape works. Just click on a hypertext or image link to jump from page to page. You can go backwards or forwards through the pages you have already visited by clicking the Back or Forward buttons on the toolbar.

Netscape has a special feature called 'frames', which divides the screen into separate areas. When frames are used, the Back and Forward buttons may not work.

IMPORTANT: To go back to the main *What PC?* menu program, quit Netscape Navigator using the File/Exit menu or by clicking the Quit button at the top of the screen.



er in the section, or click the help button from the *What PC?* loader.

Indexes

This contains a searchable product reviews index from the magazine, a CD index for all the new-look *What CD?* cover discs up to date, and our regular advert index.

Important notice

The publisher, VNU, has checked this CD for known viruses at all stages of production, but cannot accept liability for any loss or damage resulting from its use. Please ensure that you have made adequate backup copies of all important programs.

Downloading and installing files from the Software Library section

Netscape allows you to download files from the Software Library section on the CD to your hard disk. Alternatively, you can use your own browser, provided it supports 'frames'. The Software Library home page is at D:\htmlres\resource.htm

Downloading different types of file:

A compressed Zip file or self-extracting archive:

Click on the file that you would like to copy to your hard disk. A box will appear stating the name of the file to copy and the destination directory. Click on OK. If you are using the default browser, you can choose to

- i) Copy the file only, from the CD to a destination of your choice, with no further action, for you to 'unzip' (decompress) later.
- ii) Decompress the files contained in the archive into the destination of your choice.

By selecting both of the above you can copy the file and decompress it into your chosen location. Avoid copying any of the resources files into your Windows directory or into the root of your C: drive.

If you have to abort the copy, and subsequent attempts to download the same file give an unexpected filename, go to c:\vnu\netscape and delete the copy of the file contained therein. Next time you click on the hypertext link the transfer should work OK.

Another file type:

Click on the file that you would like to copy to your hard disk. This will bring up the 'save as' dialog box. Choose where you want to copy the file (make sure you don't try to copy the file to the CD itself, or you will get an error message). It's a good idea to create a directory or folder for it first (using Windows File Manager or Explorer).

Installing:

From a compressed Zip file or self-extracting archive:

Later, using File Manager or Explorer, locate the file on your hard disk. Make sure the file is in the correct directory or folder. Provided you've installed and 'associated' PKUNZIP (or Winzip) or if the file is self-extracting, you can double-click on the filename to expand it into its component files. You can then run the program or its installer, just by double-clicking the filename.

Note: For information about how to install and 'associate' PKUNZIP, click on the HELP button on the *What PC?* loader.

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