

Welcome to issue 17 of
the interactive What CD?
As always, we have
over 600Mb of games,
featured software,
resources and PC tips
for you to explore



Cover CD

This month the highlights on our What CD? cover disc include five great software demos, and five exciting games for you to try. You'll also find the latest DirectX drivers from Microsoft, required by many of today's high-quality games, plus a feature about shopping on the Internet.

Multimedia and featured software

Our five great Windows demos are: Gary Lineker's Real Football Premiership 97/98, Microsoft NetMeeting 2.0, Netscape Communicator, i Publish, and QuarkImmedia Viewer.

The Gary Lineker's Real Football Premiership 97/98 CD contains a complete five-year statistical analysis of the Premiership, including detailed match reports, video footage and photography from Express Sport as well as club-dedicated sections. Our demo lets you try before you buy, and you'll find a review on page 162.

A suite of tightly integrated communications tools, **Netscape Communicator** provides all you need to work with the Web. The

Sorry...

Unfortunately, Microsoft was unable to deliver the final release of Internet Explorer 4.0 for inclusion on this What CD?. However, by the time you read this, you should be able to download it from Microsoft's Web site at www.microsoft.com.

Throughout the issue, you may come across this logo, which means you will find a demo or a related item on our cover CD.



- **Games section**
Moto Racer (Win 95) – Arcade-style motor racing game.
LBA2 (DOS & Win 95) – Twinsen's latest quest.
Shadows of the Empire (Win 95) – The latest in the *Star Wars* saga.
Commanche 3 (Win 95) – Next-generation helicopter simulator.
Counter Action (DOS & Win 95) – Wargame with 28 missions.
- **Multimedia and featured software section**
Gary Lineker's Real Football Premiership 97/98 (Win 95/3.x) – Lineker's views on football.
Netscape Communicator (Win 95/3.x) – Communication tools.
i publish (Win 95) – Create terrific-looking documents.
QuarkImmedia Viewer (Win 95/3.x) – View QuarkImmedia Web pages.
NetMeeting SDK (Win 95) – Microsoft communications kit.
- **Arts**
32 images, a **Haydn** track and the **Canterbury Classics** electronic music catalogue.
- **Getting started**
What PC?'s interactive guide to notebooks, printers and PCs.
- **Focus on**
What PC? investigates virtual shopping on the Web.
- **What PC? Printshop**
News, reviews and features from the October issue of *What PC?* plus hints, and practical advice on personal computing.
- **The Stoney Blokes**
Cartoon capers taken from VNU's Internet e-zine, The Room.
- **Software Library section**
DirectX 5.0 – Multimedia drivers.
Paint Shop Pro – Paint package.
VBRUN100,200,300,400.DLL – Essential Windows files.
Video for Windows – View .avi video on your machine.
Winzip – Compression-decompression utility.
PKZIP, PKUnzip – DOS-based compression suite.
Calypso – Advanced file manager.
Microsoft PowerToys – Utilities.
rBackup – Windows registry backup system.
Smartboard – Alternative for the Windows clipboard.
Stiletto – Re-colour desktop icons.
Zoomer – Magnify an area of the screen in a window.
Acrobat Reader v3.0 – Read electronic PDF documents.
ByteCatcher – Continue interrupted downloads.
Crystal FTP – Multitask FTP functions.
eFTP – Browse FTP sites.
Webshades – Make searching the Web more efficient.
- Microsoft Internet Explorer 3.02**
Netscape Navigator v3.02 – Leading Internet browsers.
Netscape Communicator 4.01a – suite of Internet programs.
DinoTrilogy – Educational game.
Cool3D – Graphics editor.
Fractal Textures Composer – graphics textures creator.
Lamb – Desktop pet.
Neuro Predictor – Demonstrates how computers can learn.
Paper Folding Fractals – Origami.
Training Base – Keep track of your fitness program.
Tune It – Guitar tuner.
Green Thumb Cards – Advice on growing plants.
Lomax the Lemming – The lemmings are back.
Metal Knights – Build an empire.
Uncle Julius Anywhere Machine – Graphical adventure game.
Psion Series 3a Emulator for your PC plus *What PC?* Mobile Pages for Series 3a, including the new Nicholson London Pages.
- **Indexes section**
Product reviews; CDs, and adverts.
- 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.**

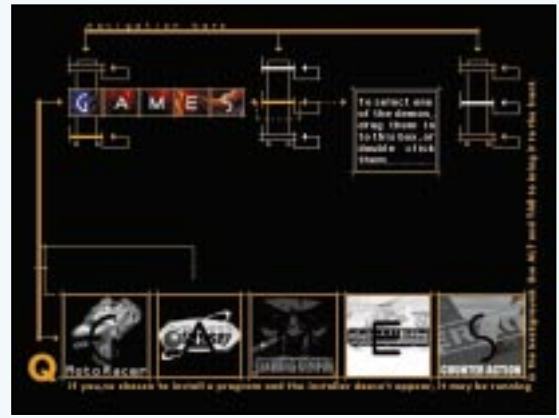
Competition

Canterbury Classics provides an efficient mail-order service for all types of music on CD and its Interactive Catalogue, included on our cover disc, aims to make music-buying a pleasure. This month, the catalogue features a selection of CDs from the award-winning Canadian classical music range, Analekta fleurs de lys, plus two of Classic fm's best-selling CDs. One winner will get all the featured CDs (worth over £250), and 25 runners-up will win fleurs de lys CD samplers by finding the answers to these three questions. (Note: two of the answers can be found on the CD-ROM itself.)

1. What is the name of the track you can listen to before installing the Interactive Catalogue?
2. On how many of the fleurs de lys CDs in this catalogue does the famous Canadian pianist, Anton Kuerti, perform?
3. Classic fm's 'More Hall of Fame' CD contains a track by composer Carl Orff, made famous by the Old Spice advert. What is the name of this track?

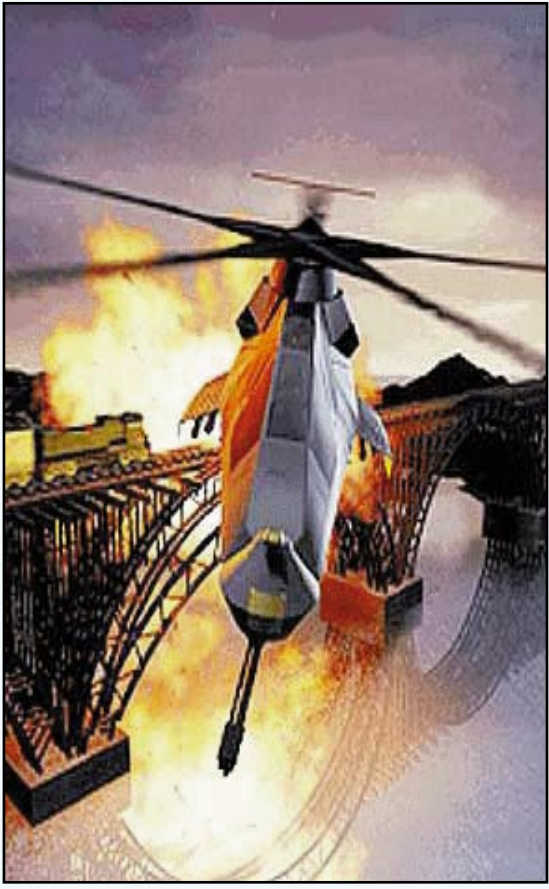
Send your answers on a postcard to:
What PC? Music CD competition, 35 St Peter's Grove, Canterbury, CT1 2BR. Closing date is 30 November 1997. (Employees of VNU Business Publications, Canterbury Classics and their agents are not eligible to enter the competition.)

Games



Games: Epic adventure, wargame and racing.

Moto Racer: Lean right into those corners.



Comanche 3: More realistic helicopter flights.

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>\ACROFILE\LASTWPC\ 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.

package includes e-mail and video conferencing facilities, the Netscape Internet browser and Composer – a utility for designing your own Web pages. For more conventional publishing, **i publish** helps create terrific-looking documents quickly and easily. Just drag and drop pictures and text from practically any source and **i publish** handles the rest. Your text is formatted, flowed, and sized to fit automatically. **QuarkImmedia** lets you build on the design power and precision of Quark XPress to create multimedia on your desktop. Use it to design interactive communication incorporating dynamic media, such as sound, video, and animation. And you can deliver it on CD-ROM, disk, in print, and on the Internet. **Netmeeting** is Microsoft's latest Internet chat and video conferencing software, recommended only for advanced users and software developers.

Games

Our five exciting games demos are: **Moto Racer**, **LBA2**, **Shadows of the Empire**, **Comanche 3**, and **Counter Action**. **Moto Racer** delivers arcade-style motorcycle racing in fast, highly detailed 3D graphics. Lean your superbike into corners at blurring speed, powerslide a dirt bike and race through eight unique landscapes – from the base of a canyon to the top of the Great Wall! Your display needs to be running in 16-bit resolution (thousands of colours). The follow-up to Little Big Adventure, **LBA2** sees hero Twinsen kidnapped by aliens and taken to the planet Zeelich. It's up to you to free him and save the

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.

lives of the children of his home planet, Twinsun, in this graphically stunning sequel. See our review on page 159. Set in the time between the *Star Wars* films *The Empire Strikes Back* and *Return of the Jedi*, **Shadows of the Empire** is an adventure of epic propor-

tions. It features high-resolution graphics, five distinct types of gameplay, 10 levels spread throughout four storyline twists and all-new characters. A 3D accelerated PCI graphics card is required to run *Shadows of the Empire*. Most 3D graphics cards will play the

game, but unless your card is listed below, you will not be able to view all the 3D features. Supported cards: Diamond Monster 3D, Orchid Righteous 3D, Hercules Stingray 128/3D, Creative Labs 3D Blaster, Intergraph Intense 3D, and other cards supported by the following

How to use the CD-ROM

Windows 95

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.)

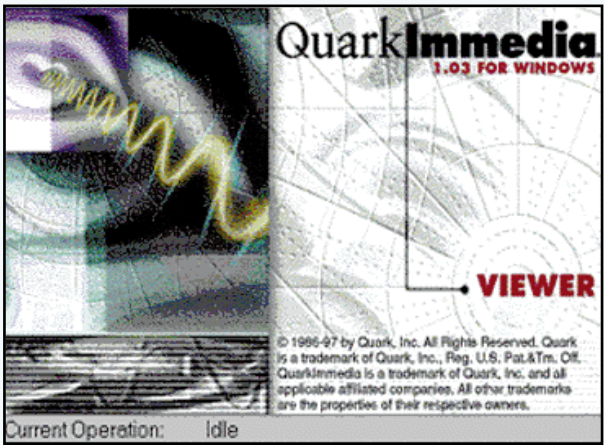
Windows 3.1 users

From the menu in Windows Program Manager, choose File|Run. Then type: <CD Drive>:\WHATPC.EXE and press Enter. The *What PC?* loader will appear. 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 there's no 'home page'. You can get from any one of the sections to any other by a single mouse click. Buttons representing the sections are displayed on-screen at all times. If you're not sure which section is where, roll over the buttons, and the section name 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.

● Multimedia & featured software



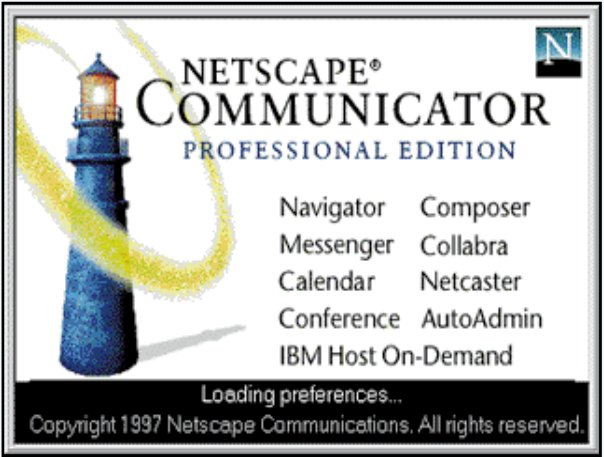
QuarkImmedia
Create professional-looking multimedia with ease.



Gary Lineker's Real Football Premiership 97/98
Find out about club history, statistics and more.

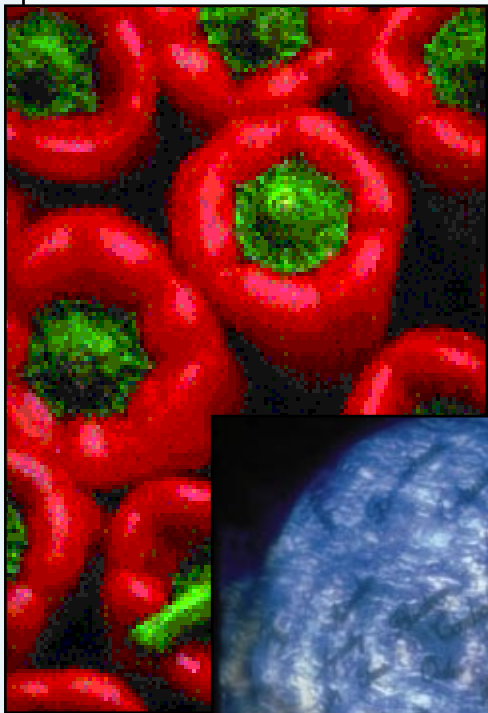


i publish
Drag and drop pictures and let i publish do the work.

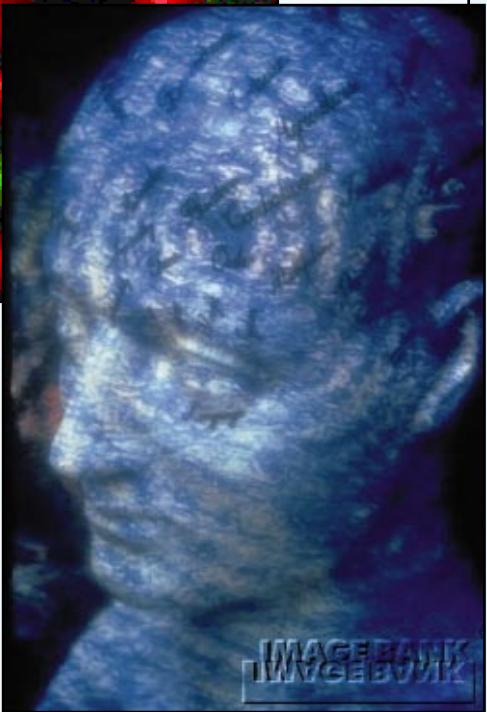


Netscape Communicator
All you need for working with the Internet.

● Arts



Images
Animal, vegetable or mineral?



● Focus on



Shopping on the Internet
Shop till you drop – where to buy what on line.

● Getting started



Point and click
Beginner's interactive guide to the basics.

chipsets: 3Dfx Voodoo, Rendition Verite 1000, Permedia 2 or other chipsets with similar or better performance.

The sequel to the best-selling Comanche Helicopter series, **Comanche 3** is based on authentic documentation from helicopter makers Boeing and Sikorsky. Chief among the improvements are a new, accurate flight model, and realistic digitised Dolby surround sound.

For strategy fans, **Counter Action** is a real-time wargame based on World War II. Set at the Eastern Front, it focuses on the fierce battles between German and Soviet forces that proved so decisive to the outcome of the war.

To find out how to play/install games

and multimedia demos from outside the main *What PC?* interface, click on the HELP button on the *What PC?* loader.

Arts

Along with the usual downloadable high quality images from the Image Bank (copyright of the Image Bank), this section features a classical audio track from Haydn plus the chance to browse and order from the Canterbury Classics electronic music catalogue.

Getting started

A beginner's interactive guide to the basics of PCs, notebooks and printers. Buying tips are also included.

Focus on

News, views, and videos taking you into the VNU Labs to find out what our reviewers think about products we test. We present a feature on Internet shopping and demonstrate sites from some of Britain's best known high-street retailers.

What PC? Printshop

To view these pages you need Acrobat Search for CD-ROM. If this is not installed on your C drive, you will be asked to install it from the *What PC?* loader.

There is a selection from *Personal Computer World* magazine's Hands on section, enabling you to search hundreds of pages of hints, tips and solutions, and

the complete October issue of *What PC?*.

The Stoney Blokes

Join the cartoon characters from The Room, in their latest adventure.

Software Library

There are scores of great utilities, games and more, waiting to be downloaded to your hard disk. If you're not familiar with Netscape, or require information about downloading/installing files, Click the help button from the *What PC?* loader.

Indexes

This contains a searchable product reviews index, a CD index for all the

new-look What CD? cover discs up to date, and our regular advert index.

Free trial Internet software
Compuserve – Try this trial software to get access the Internet.

Claranet – Get on line using Claranet's service in this trial software.

Important notice

The publisher, VNU, has checked this CD-ROM 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 your important programs.

CD-ROM problems

If you get a message on screen like 'Not ready reading drive D', return your cover CD-ROM (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.