

cover CD



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Welcome to our first new-look cover CD. We have redesigned it from scratch, to bring you the most interactive cover CD-Rom ever.

Each month, within the regular sections, you'll find the latest games and multimedia demos; Internet pages galore; our new interactive Getting Started guide to PCs; a resources section filled with essential shareware and utilities; music, photos and poetry in the arts section; plus a 12-month back-issues index of *What PC?*, the complete previous issue of the magazine to read on disc; and, there's much more.

How to get around

There's no 'home' page. It's faster that way – 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 screen at all times. Although there are nine sections mapped out, only eight have content this month (the Computer Class section will be implemented in a later issue).



Multimedia

In this section you'll find three great interactive programs for Windows. Winnie the Witch and Dragons are two new titles from the Oxford University Press, both aimed at children aged five to ten. In each you get to try out one episode from the complete game. And, back by popular demand, is Dogz.

According to PF Magic, 'Dogz are the first pets to live on a computer, giving you the joys of owning a dog without needing a pooper scooper!' Dogz live on your desktop where they can scamper across applications, play games like keep away, fetch and chase, or nap in the corner of your screen while you're working.



Hardware requirements

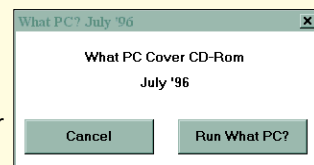
To run the CD-Rom you will need a PC with Windows 3.1 or later, and a colour VGA display. We recommend a multimedia 486 PC or Pentium, with a minimum of 8Mb of Ram. The optimum configuration is a Pentium PC with 16Mb of Ram.

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 CD-Rom, just press Enter or click the 'Start *What PC?*' button. The loader will detect if your PC has Quicktime for Windows and Video for Windows 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**.)



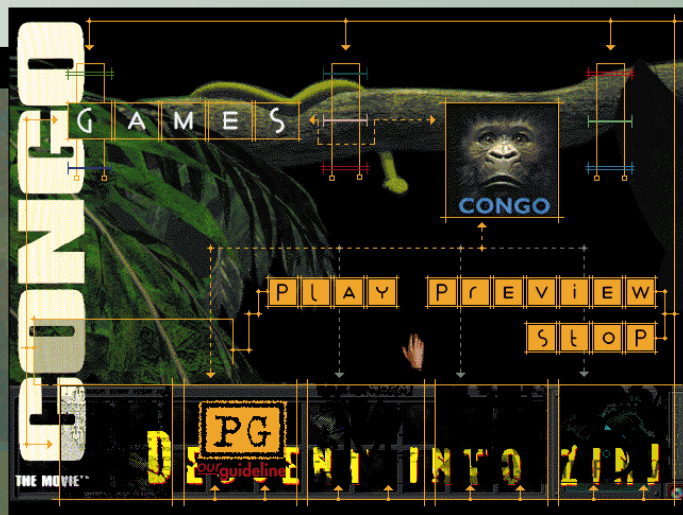
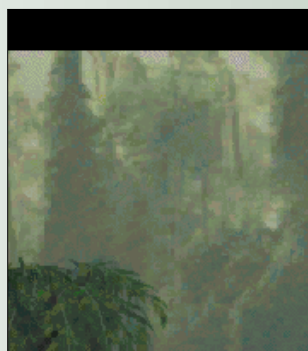
Windows 3.1 users

From the menu in Windows' Program Manager, choose FileRun. Then type in **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).

Games

Congo – Top of the bill is this massive arcade adventure taken from the Hollywood film of the same name. You can both install and play Congo from within the Games section of the CD, provided your PC has enough memory.

Alternatively, from Windows' File Manager or Explorer, double-click the file **CSETUP.EXE** in the directory **D:\GAMES\CONGO**. This will install an icon on your Windows desktop.

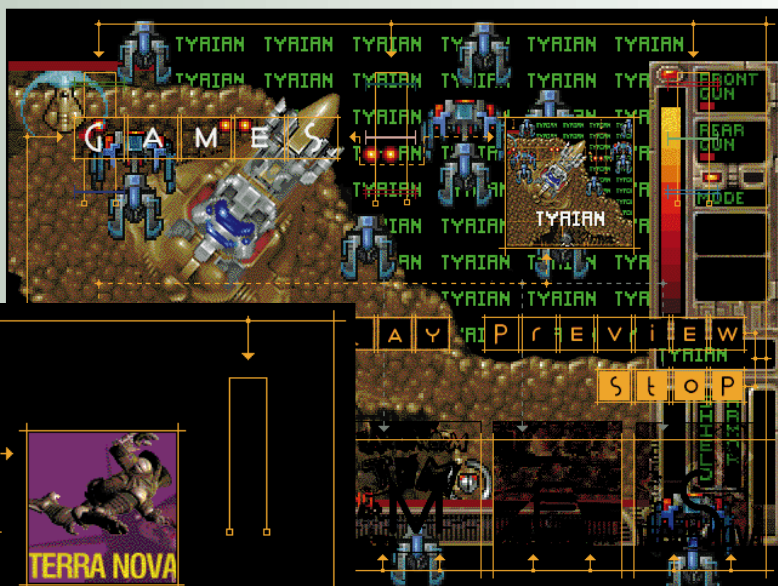
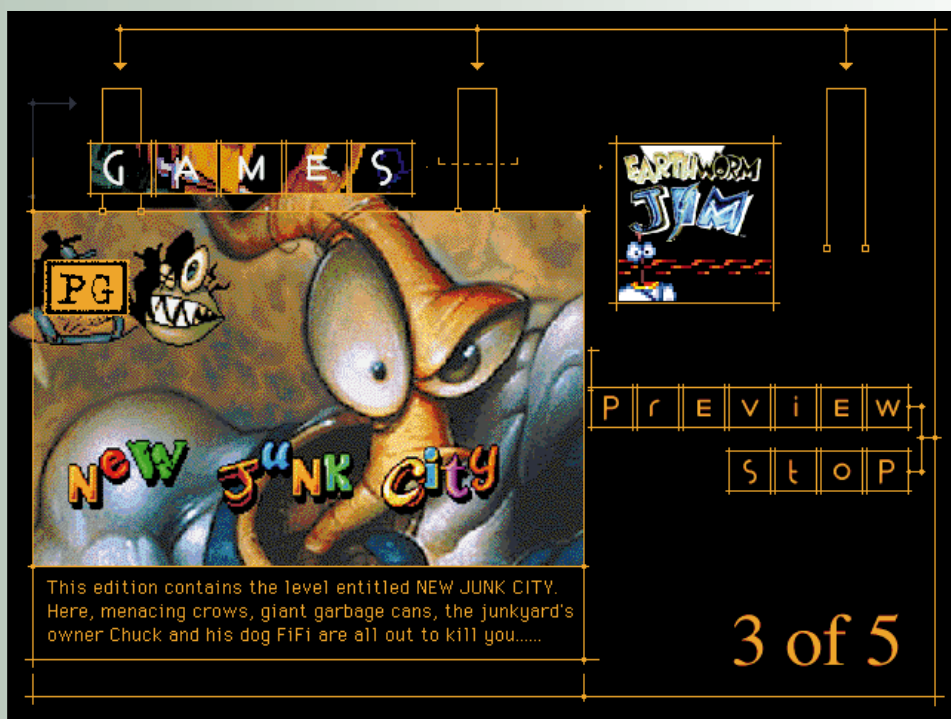


Earthworm Jim – There's plenty of humour, and just a little violence, in this cartoon platform hit from Activision. The graphics are stunning, and there's a rhythmic CD-quality soundtrack and great sound effects. Our demo contains one complete episode from the full game.

Sorry, Windows 3.1 users – Earthworm Jim requires a 486 or faster computer that has Windows 95 and local-bus video.

Terra Nova – In this realistic combat simulation, you're up against the sinister forces of the Earth Hegemony, with only your PBA (powered battle armour) and an arsenal of weapons to protect you. Virgin's new blockbuster features full-motion video, digital stereo soundtrack, 'Terrascaping' technology, and lifelike nasties.

Tyrian – Epic Megagames is renowned for its topnotch arcade shareware, from Jazz Jackrabbit (also on this CD) to Epic Pinball, and One Must Fall. Tyrian is a superb vertical scroller with two modes of play: 'arcade', where you just have to blast everything in sight or the 'full game', complete with storyline to follow and strategic decisions to



take. Both graphics and soundtrack are superb.

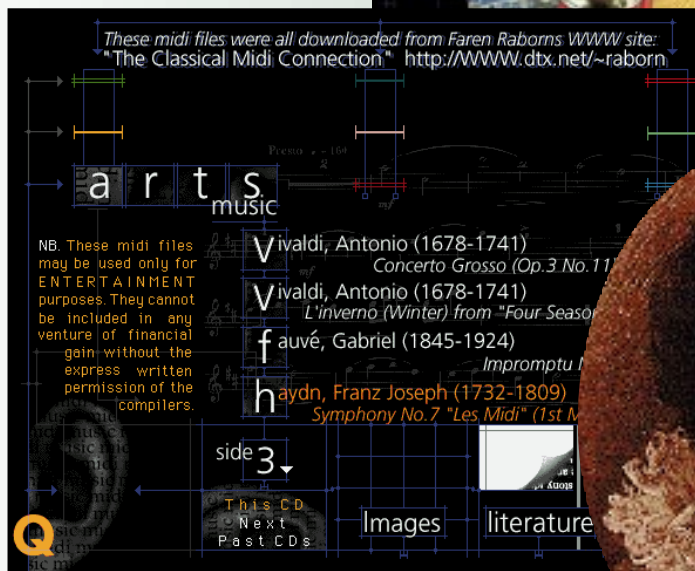
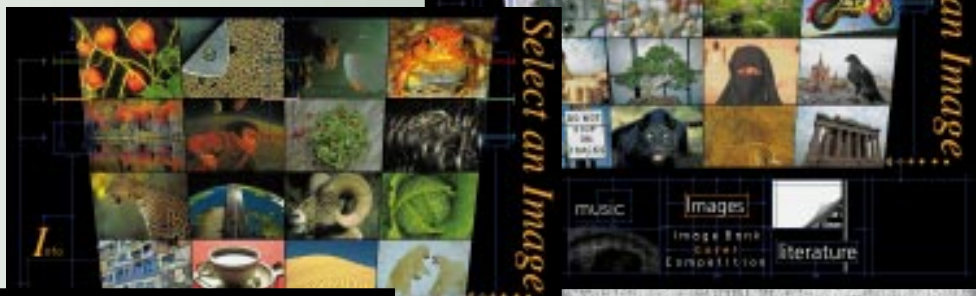
Big Red Racing – Check the After Hours section of *What PC?* for a full review of Domark's new racing game or, just sit back behind the wheel and enjoy the action. Big Red Racing is included in two versions here, for both Dos and Windows.



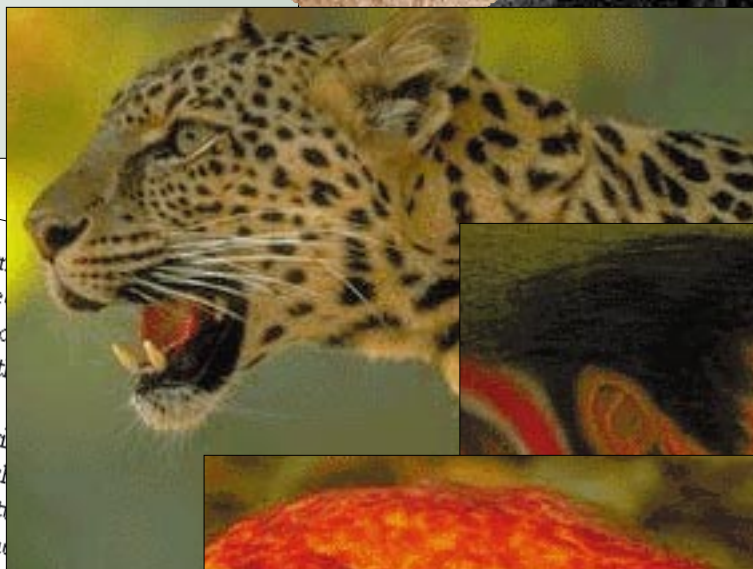
Arts

The Arts section includes a special selection of classical Midi compositions, 32 high-quality photographic images, and selected poetry from William Wordsworth and Emily Dickinson. To get the most out of the Midi pieces, you will need a wavetable sound card, correctly configured for Windows (most good sound cards today support wavetable sound). Ordinary cards will work, but the instruments won't sound terribly realistic.

Each month we also feature poetry or literature. This month's selection comes from Project Bartleby's excellent Web site.



The photos are supplied by The Image Bank (one of the world's largest professional image libraries), and Corel. And, we'd like you to send us your photos. There are prizes for the sixteen best images each month, which will also appear on a forthcoming *What PC?* CD-Rom.



-----A SIMPLE
That lightly dray
And feels its li
What should it
I met a little
She was eight
Her hair was t
That clustere
She had a ru
And she was
Her eyes we
--Her beaut
"Sisters e
How many
"How many
And wond
"And whe
She ans
And two
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"Two
All overgrown
All intersperse
The little cage o
In quiet Haworth
This bird, observ
When frosts too sh
Retire to other latit
Quietly did the same
But differed in returning;
Since Yorkshire hills are green,
Yet not in all the nests I meet
Can nightingale be seen.
Gathered from many wanderings,
Gethsemane can tell
Through what transporting anguish
She reached the asphodel!
Soft fall the sounds of Eden
led ear;
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afternoon

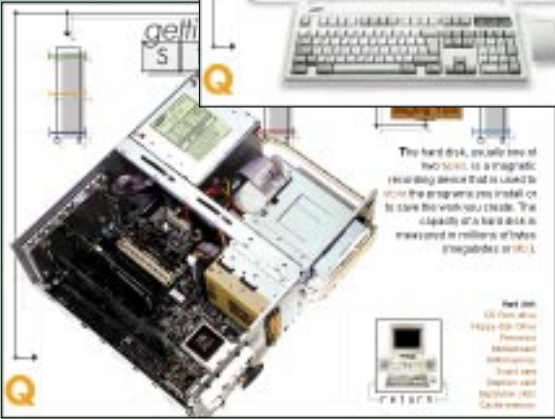
Getting started

Each month we'll add to our easy-to-use interactive guide to PCs, printers, and software. This month we cover the basics of the desktop PC. Just point and click for explanations of all the different parts, complete with buying tips.



Focus on

This section is where you will 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. To kick off, there's a short visit to the Labs.



The Room

VNU's Web e-zine provides the setting for our tour of the best food and cookery sites on the Internet.



Resources

In this section you'll find scores of great utilities, games, fonts, and more, just waiting to be downloaded onto your hard disk (see the box opposite on this page for information to help you copy and install your files).

Reference

A glossary of computer terms; 12-month features index; plus, the complete June issue of *What PC?* in Adobe Acrobat format.

Important notice

The publisher, VNU, has checked this CD for known viruses at all stages of its production, but cannot accept liability for loss or damage resulting from the use of the disk or the programs on it.

Please ensure that you have adequate backup copies of all important programs and data files, and remember that it is not advisable to try out new programs on a networked PC.

Downloading and installing files from the Resources section

Files can be downloaded in the same way as you would get them from the Worldwide Web (except that these are downloaded from the CD to your hard disk). Most files in this section are compressed Zip files or self-extracting archives.

Downloading

Click on the hypertext link (underlined next to the program's description). A file dialog box will appear.

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). AVOID copying into your Windows directory or into the root of your C: drive.

Installing

Later, using File Manager or Explorer, locate the file on your hard disk.

Make sure the file is in the correct directory or folder (if in doubt, make a directory for it, called something like 'temp' or 'wpctemp'. Provided you've installed and 'associated' PKUnzip (or Winzip) – see 'Installing PKUnzip' on the next page – 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.

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 Worldwide 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. Instead, click the right mouse button, then select 'Back in Frame' or 'Forward in Frame' from the pop-up menu.

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.

Buyers guide for Psion 3a

Mobile Software specialises in reference information that you can carry around in your palmtop computer. Guides currently available include *Transmedia Pages: a worldwide restaurant directory*, which includes savings of up to 25 percent in over 6,000 participating restaurants; and *Exptotel Pages: a hotel database and reservations service*, with details on nearly 3,000 hotels worldwide.

Mobile Software, in collaboration with *What PC?*, now brings you the *What PC? Pages* – the PC tables that appear at the back of the magazine in a compact form that can be taken with you inside your Psion 3a palmtop computer. In the coming months we'll be bringing you further categories of tables, too.

We've also included the Psion

Series 3a emulator on this month's CD. Which means that, even if you don't own a Psion, you'll be able to try out the world's best-selling palmtop computer using your PC.

Please note that, although the Psion emulator is installed from the *What PC?* menu, 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.

Installing PKUnzip

PKUnzip is a valuable utility that is used to uncompress 'zip' files, a file-compression format widely-used on the Web and elsewhere. Before you can 'unzip' most of the resources in this section, you will need to install PKUnzip, as follows:

Go to the Resources Essentials section (click the button marked 'NEEDS').

Click the link marked 'PKZip/PKUnzip' (a new page will appear).

Click the link marked 'copy PKZip'.

A dialog box will appear, so that you can choose where to copy the file to. (The file to be copied is called **PKZ204G.EXE**, and it's a self-extracting archive file.) A good place for PKUnzip to reside is inside your **C:\DOS** directory (where it's easy for your system to find it when it needs to).

Navigate through the directories window until you are inside the Dos directory, then click 'Save'.

At this stage, you might like to quit from Navigator, and from the *What PC?* menu (unless your PC has plenty of memory).

Next, using Windows File Manager (or Explorer if you have Windows 95), find your **C:\DOS** directory, then double-click on the file **PKZ204G.EXE**. It will expand into sixteen separate files.

Associating the file

The first time you double-click on a compressed file with the .ZIP extension, Windows won't know what it's supposed to do with that file, and will pop up a dialog box asking which program you want to use to run it. Browse until you find **PKUNZIP.EXE** (in Windows 95 you may have to press the 'Other' button to find it).

Once you've done this once, Windows will remember that all Zip files need to be extracted using PKUnzip.

Errata

In the Resources section, you will encounter errors if you try to download the following files: Chromazone screensaver, ASAP, and WS Archie. You can copy these files to your hard disk using File Manager (in Windows 3.1) or Explorer (in Windows 95). They can be found on the CD in the following folders/directories:

D:\HTML\RES\RESOURCE\GENERAL\CZ_DEMO.EXE
D:\HTML\RES\RESOURCE\INTERNET\WSARCH.ZIP
D:\HTML\RES\RESOURCE\GENERAL\ASAP.ZIP

The classical Midi files can all be copied from:

D:\HTML\RES\RESOURCE\MIDI

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 616444**. Calls cost 39p/min off-peak and 49p at all other times.



Design your own Web page

In the first part of a step-by-step guide to creating your own home page on the World Wide Web, Jane Dörner looks at the basics and then takes you through a dress rehearsal for the real thing



Service
 Everyone wants to be on the Internet these days. Like mobile phones, getting connected is cheap; but to know who will give the best



Words, words, Words
 Word processors are becoming increasingly sophisticated. Features such as grammar checking, automatic page layout, and 'smart' auto-correction allow you to process your words as perfectly and painlessly as possible. Tim Knott evaluates eight of the latest Windows packages.