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Nine great regular sections

Over **600Mb** of fun family software see page 6

Welcome to issue 10 of our interactive *What PC?* CD-ROM. Yet again, we've packed it with over 600Mb of games, multimedia, music and resources

This month, some of the highlights within the nine regular sections are five exciting games to play, a video about Intel's Pentium MMX (multimedia extensions) technology, five multimedia and featured software products, plus 32 top quality images from the Image Bank to copy to your hard disk.

Multimedia and featured software

This month we have five great Windows demos: Picasso is an exploration of the life and works of the artist; the demo of Rosetta Stone: Russian Demo can help you teach yourself Russian; World War 2 gives you a picture of life in this period; QuickCards is for making your own special event cards; and

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For more information on Diablo or Ablac call 01626 332233

Diablo is a 3/4 top down adventure RPG from Blizzard. Diablo invites you to enter a world of dark gothic fantasy where you can play as a brave Warrior, cunning Rogue, or mysterious Sorcerer. It is currently available in all major game stores.

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Goldmine 3.2 (Win 95) is a contact management demo.

Games

There are five exciting games for you to play:

Diablo introduces you to a world of dark gothic fantasy where you have the option of playing a brave warrior, cunning rogue or a mysterious sorcerer. As you explore deep into the labyrinth, you'll discover weapons, armour and magical treasures. (*Sorry Windows 3.1 users, Diablo is Windows 95 only. Also, Diablo requires DirectX to run. You can find DirectX3.0 in the Software Library. In case of incompatibility with DirectX3.0, DirectX-2.0 can be installed from the Diablo* directory on the CD-ROM. You should ensure that your hardware – graphics card, sound card, etc – is compatible before attempting to install DirectX.)

Nascar Racing 2, by Sierra, is the first of two fast and furious driving game demos on this month's disc. It runs on a Pentium 75 or above, with 16Mb of RAM. The full product, which includes 16 officially licensed tracks, an arcade mode and an eight-player network play, allows you to customise your car and challenge, among others, Bobby Labonte.

Psygnosis's **Destruction Derby 2** is also a driving game which comes complete with realistic crashes, steep hills, jumps and banked corners. It plays as smooth-
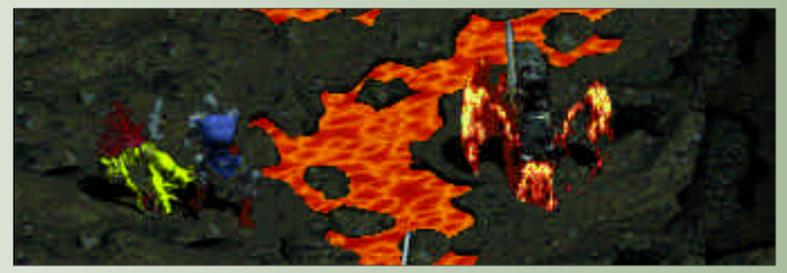

Hardware requirements

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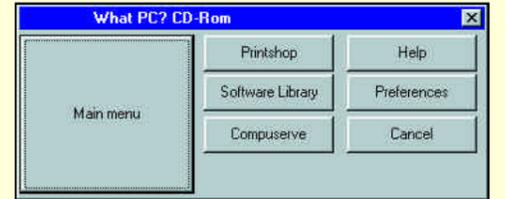
To run the main CD-ROM interface, just click on 'Main menu'. The loader will detect if your PC has Quicktime, Video for Windows, and Acrobat Search installed. If not, it will offer you the chance to install them before proceeding. Just follow the instructions.
(If your CD doesn't auto-load, start Windows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

Windows 3.1 users
From the menu in Windows Program Manager, choose File|Run. 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).
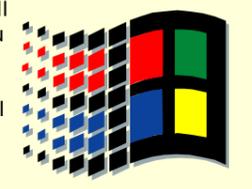
Navigation
Unlike most CD-ROMs, our disc is not based on a paper product, and therefore there's no 'home page'. Instead, you can get from any one of the nine sections to any other by means of a single click of the mouse. Buttons representing the sections are displayed on the screen at all times. If you 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.

ly and excitingly as the original, and now has a pit area for repairs.

The goal of Virgin's **TriTryst** is to place tiles on the screen in such a way that they disappear. This occurs when three or more tiles of the same colour are vertically or horizontally adjacent to each other.

White tiles are wildcards and match anything, while solid tiles are blockers and match nothing.

Helicop Investigates Words and Numbers, from Lander Software, provides hours of fun and is the ideal way to practise spelling and maths. It also can be used to

help develop and improve logic, memory and spatial awareness skills. (Helicop is Windows 95 only.) **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.**
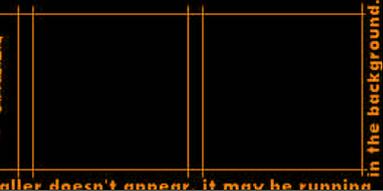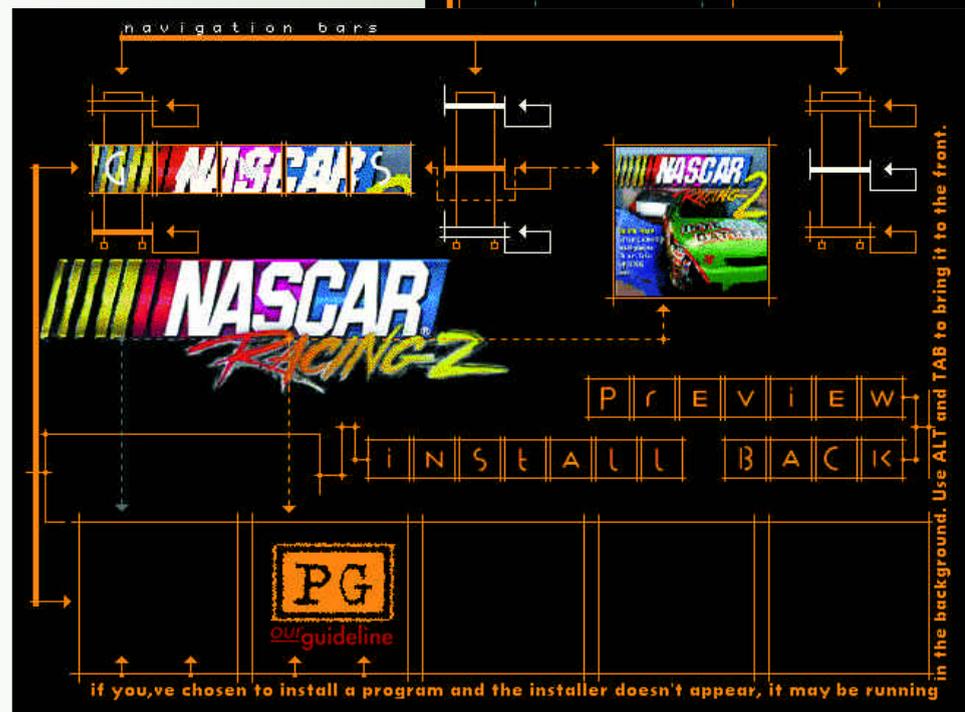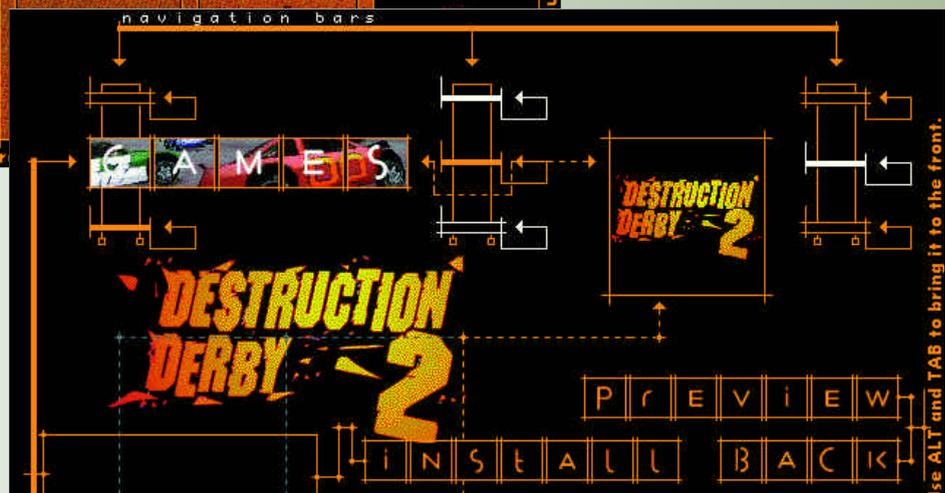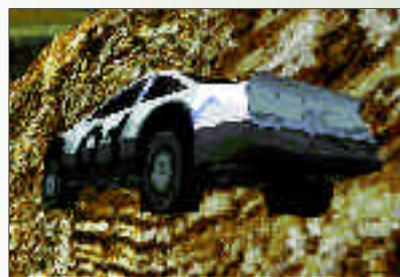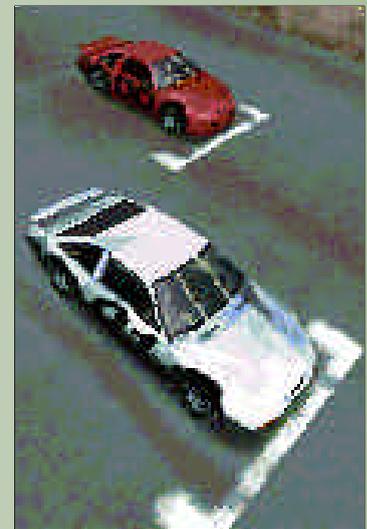
Buyer's guide for Psion 3a

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

Arts

The Arts section is divided into two parts; Music and Images. There are 32 downloadable top quality images from the Image Bank, the track entitled Alive from Triggerfish, and What's your Poison? from the band The Way Out.
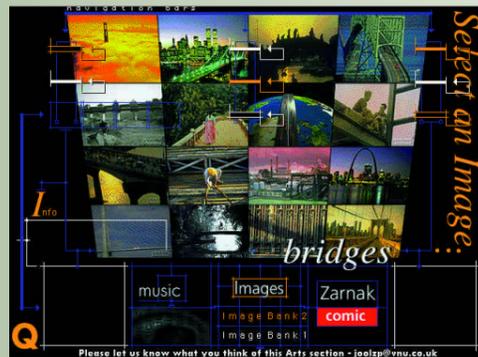
Using Acrobat

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 *WhatPC?*, 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.

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.

Focus on

Here you'll find news, views and

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.

videos to take you into the VNU Labs and find out what our reviewers really think about products that are tested in the magazine. This month we have a video about Intel's new Pentium MMX (multimedia extensions) technology.

What PC? Printshop

We have put all the Acrobat pages in an easy-to-use section.

It comprises a selection from the magazine *Personal Computer World's* own regular Hands on feature (enabling you to fully search hundreds of pages of priceless hints, tips and solutions to technical problems), and the complete March issue of *What PC?*.

The Room

Browse through VNU's redesigned e-zine and check out the second winner of our 'Write an episode for The Stoney Blokes' competition.

Software Library

In this section 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've launched the browser 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

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. 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.
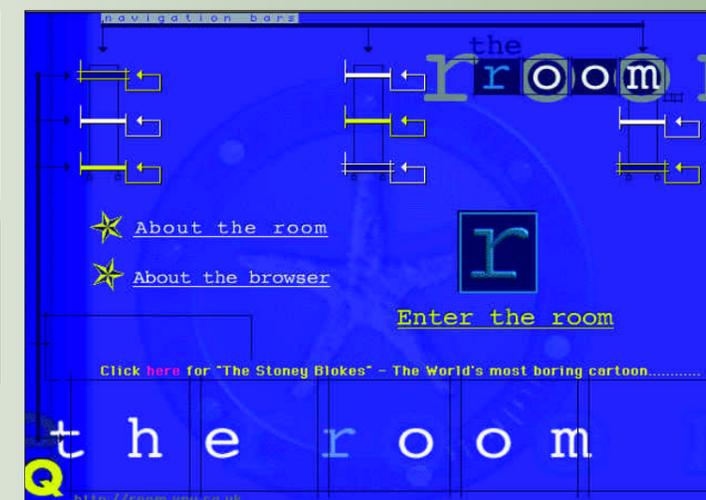
What CD? cover discs to date, and our regular advert index.

Important notice

The publisher, VNU, has checked this CD for known viruses at all stages of production, but cannot accept liability for loss or damage resulting from its use. Please ensure 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:\html\res\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.

From another file type:
Later, using File Manager or Explorer, locate the file on your hard disk. To run the program or its installer, just double-click the filename.