

# cover CD



Introducing issue 11 of the interactive What CD? CD-ROM. As always, it has over 600Mb of videos, games, multimedia, resources and PC help for your enjoyment



This month some of the highlights on our disc include a full-screen video trailer of the soon-to-be released film *The Saint*; a full issue of *Xenos*, a publication for readers and writers; the wonderful Orly Draw-A-Story for children, and the addictive Flip Out! game.

## Multimedia and featured software

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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.



most creative and charming children's story drawing packages that we've ever used. *The Times Perspectives: Women's Rights* is full of fascinating research into the subject of women's struggle for equality from the nineteenth century to

the present day. And Print Master Gold Suite is a first-class card and stationery design package.

## Games

You can choose from a quartet of



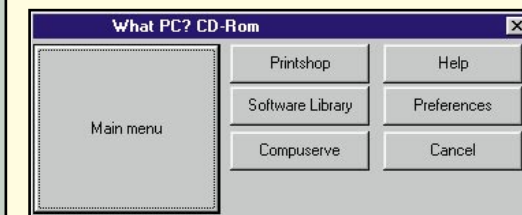
## Hardware requirements

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.



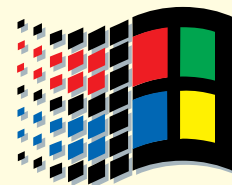
To run the main CD-ROM interface, just click on 'Main menu'. The loader will detect if your PC has Quicktime, Video for Windows, and Acrobat Search installed. If not, it will offer you the chance to install them before proceeding. Just follow the instructions. (If your CD doesn't auto-load, start Windows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



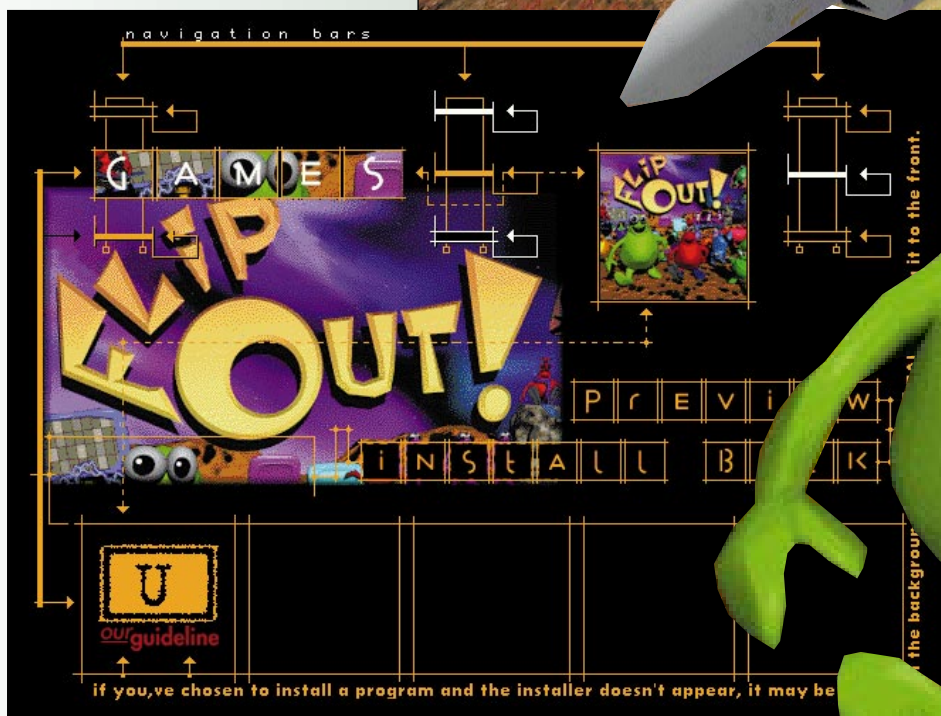
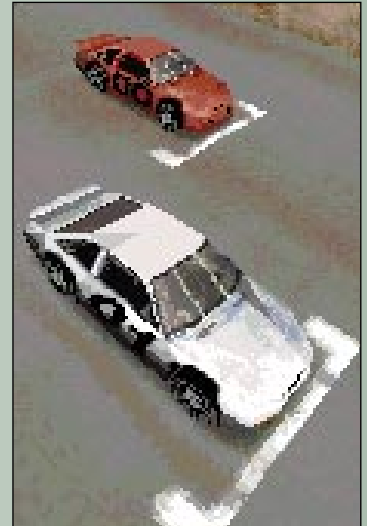
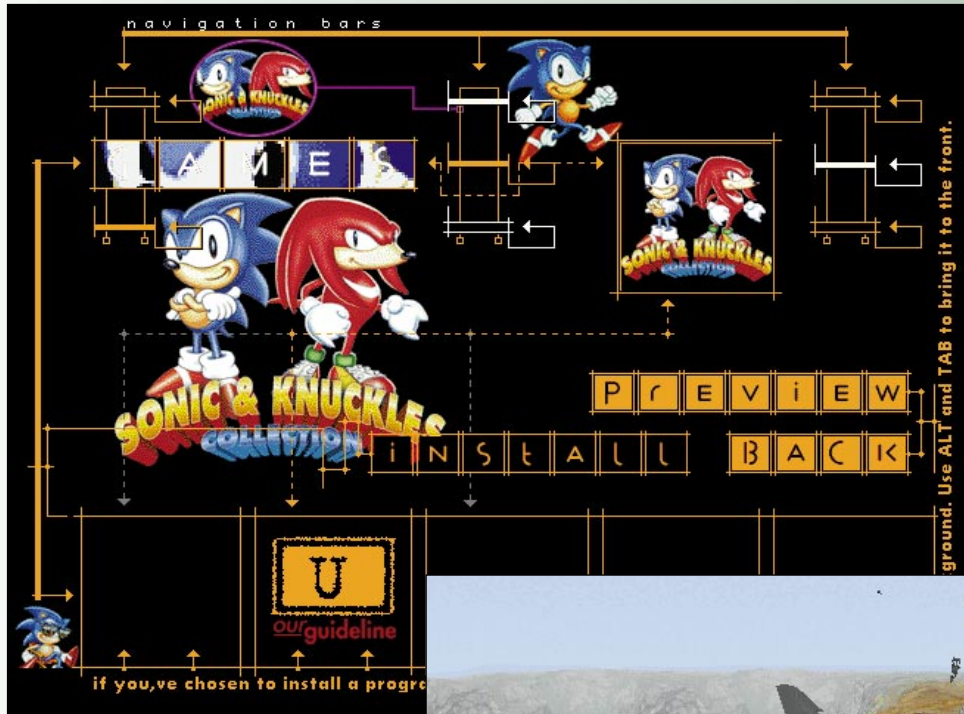


exciting games to play this month: **Flip Out!** is an addictive, entertaining puzzle game set on the planet Phrohmaj where you join the aliens' annual Great Tile Flipping Festival. Along with the standard tile flipping, you can visit Mount Rushmore for a bit of mountain face

flipping, and Jellystone National Park for some alien flipping. Sorry Windows 3.1 users, *Flip Out!* is Windows 95 only. Also, you need to have DirectX installed on your PC. You can download DirectX from the Software Library section of the CD-ROM. Please check your

hardware for compatibility.

In the arcade action game demo **Sonic & Knuckles** you can control one of three characters: Sonic, Tails or Knuckles. Your goal is to collect as many coins, gold rings or emeralds as possible, discovering various Power Ups on the way. ▶





## 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](http://www.mobilepages.com)

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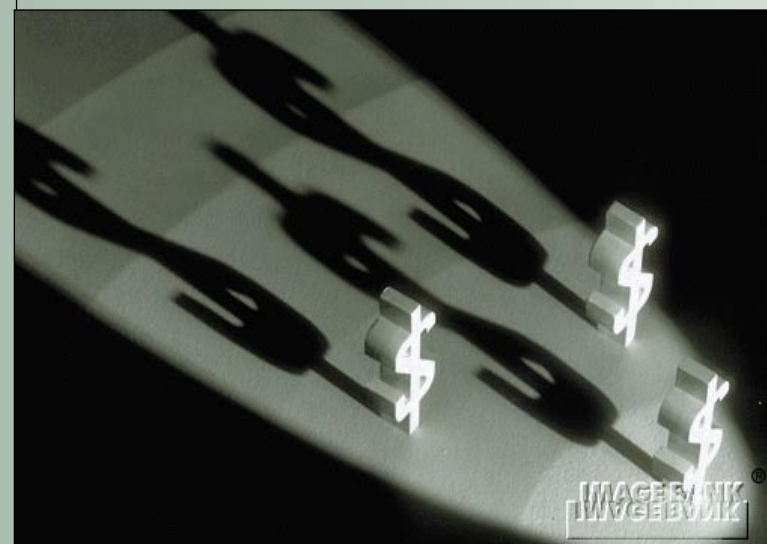
**F22 Lightning II** is a flight simulator where you take control of the Air Force's newest air superiority weapon, the F22. You engage in missions around the world in different environments, including desert, jungle, island and coastline, facing deadly enemies as you fly.

The fourth game you can try out is **Star Command Revolution**, a space strategy game which allows you to take part in real-time battles throughout the cosmos. As

well as fighting, you get the chance to manage resources, create space-ships and learn new technologies. **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

This section has four parts: Music, Images, Literature and Film. There are 32 downloadable top quality



## 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.

images from the Image Bank, a track entitled Jellyfish Hearts from The Way Out, an issue of the writers' and readers' magazine *Xenos* and a full-screen video trailer for *The Saint*, by In Chair Viewing (ICV). Together with the trailer for the film, check out the information about the great 'Saint' competition on the Internet.

## 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 will find news, views and videos to take you into the VNU Labs and find out what our review-

## 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.

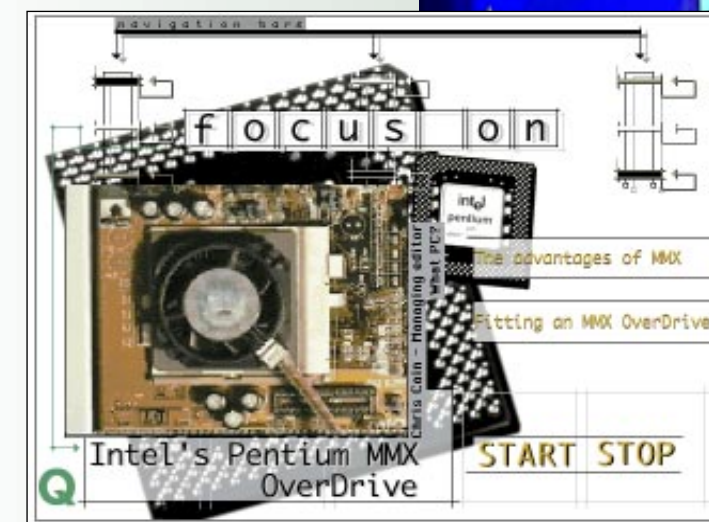
ers really think about products tested in the magazine. This month we feature a *What PC?* video about Intel's Pentium MMX OverDrive.

## What PC? Printshop

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## 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.



hard disk. If you're not familiar with Netscape, just click the help button once you have launched the browser in the section, or click the help button from the *What PC?* loader.

## Indexes

The Indexes section 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.

## Software Library

In this section you'll find scores of great utilities, games and more, just waiting to be downloaded from Netscape onto your

## 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

- Copy the file only, from the CD to a destination of your choice, with no further action, for you to 'unzip' (decompress) later.
- 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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