

# cover CD



Number 13 – unlucky for some, but not for *What PC?* readers. Issue 13 of *What CD?* is packed with 600Mb of fully playable action and adventure games demos, a complete sound track from The Dharmas, and much more for you to explore and download onto your hard disk

This month some of the highlights on the CD-ROM are a complete sound track, called Channel Hopper, from The Dharmas, fully playable games demos Interstate '76 and Goosebumps, as well as a demo version of Freehand 7 and Headliner.

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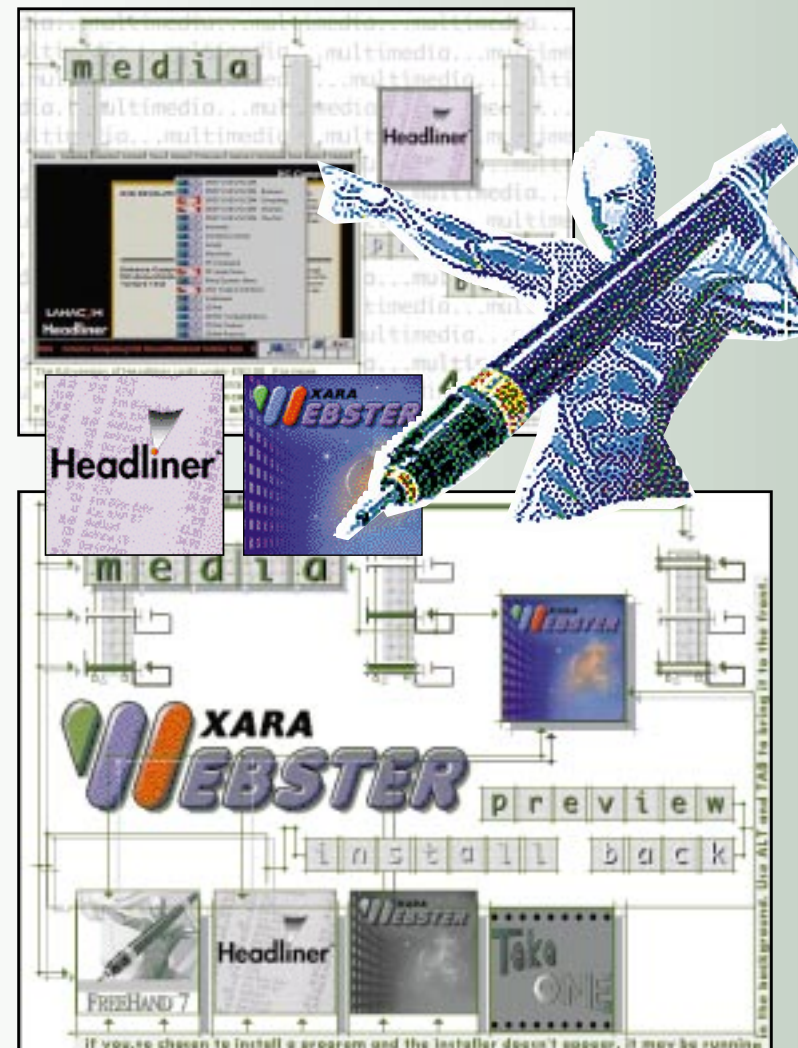
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Essential Utilities including **WinZip**; **Video for Windows**, **Paint shop Pro v4.12**; **Netscape Navigator 3**; **Internet Explorer 3.02**; **Adobe Acrobat Reader 3**.  
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*Note: Unless otherwise 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.*



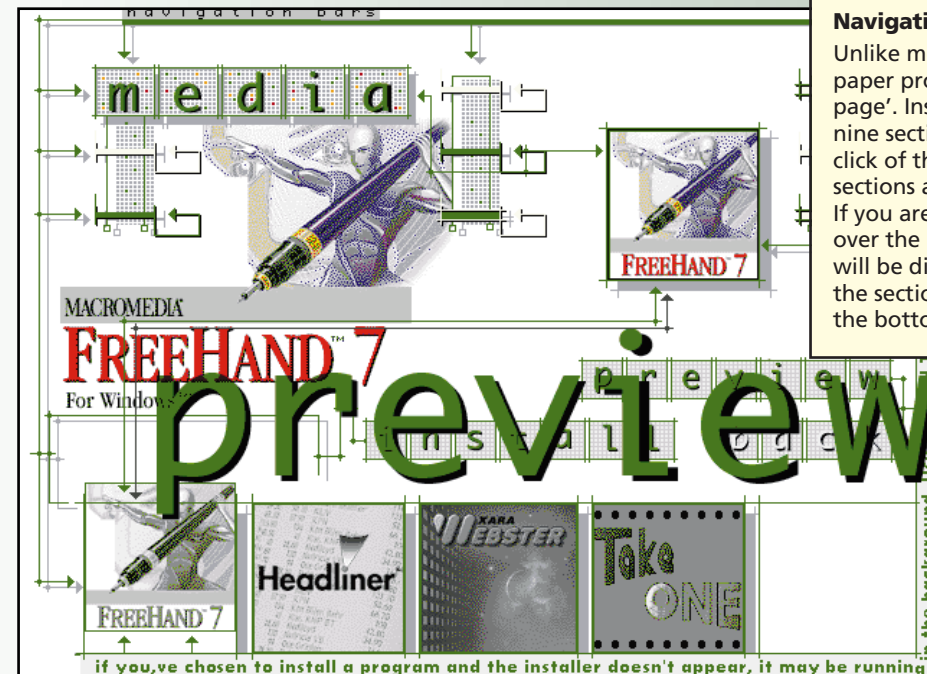
### Multimedia and featured software

The four great Windows demos we have for you this month are: Freehand V7, Headliner, Webster V1.0 and Take One V3.5. Freehand is a popular vector-based drawing package, Webster is a useful Web

design tool, Take One is a graphics and animation program and Headliner is an on-line news service.

### Games

There are also four exciting playable games demos for you to try:



## 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

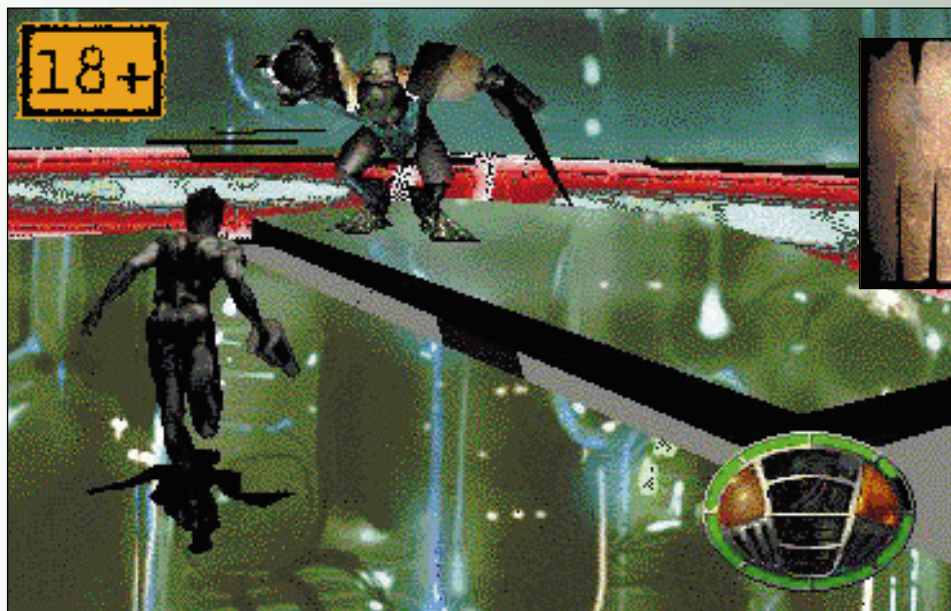
From the menu in Windows Program Manager, choose FileRun. Then type: <CD Drive>:\WHATPC.EXE and press Enter. The *What PC?* loader will appear (as above). If you don't have Video for Windows or Quicktime, the *What PC?* loader will give you the option to install them before proceeding (follow the on-screen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







**Goosebumps: Escape from Horrorland** is from Dreamworks Interactive. In this demo you are plunged into the scary 3D Horrorland where your mission is to rescue characters named Lizzy, Luke and Clay.

**Interstate '76**, by Activision, is a 3D automotive combat action-simulation. It successfully uses the technology of the 1990s to bring to life the cars, music and soul atmosphere of the 1970s.

*This game requires you to have DirectX installed on your machine. If you do not have DirectX, you can download it from the Software Library section of the CD.*

Lucas Arts' **Yoda Stories** is the first adventure offering in the Star Wars universe. In this game you play Luke Skywalker as he trains to become a Jedi Knight. This demo includes one mission, where your mission is to destroy an imperial arms factory on the planet of Neshtab.

*This game also requires DirectX.*

Sorry Windows 3.1 users, *Interstate '76*, *Goosebumps* and *Yoda Stories* all require Windows 95.

**MDK** from Interplay is an action adventure game which challenges both your mind and reflexes. You play Kurt Hectic, returning after a five-year orbit, heavily armed and ready to rid the Earth of aliens.

MDK and *Interstate '76* are reviewed in our After Hours section this month.

**To find out how to play and install the games and multimedia demos from outside the main What PC? inter-**





## 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)

## 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.

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

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?* video about budget digital cameras.

## What PC? Printshop

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

## The Room

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

## 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 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.

## 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.



## 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](http://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](http://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.



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## Arts

There are 32 downloadable, top-quality images from the Image Bank (copyright of the Image

Bank), together with an interactive jukebox containing the musical track entitled Channel Hopper from The Dharma's.

## Getting started

This is the beginner's interactive

## 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.