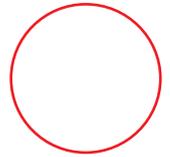


Letters



Write to *What PC?* Editorial, 32-34 Broadwick Street, London W1A 2HG. We offer a £20 book token for the best letter each month

Not so fast

In November last year I bought a copy of your magazine, filled out the free facts card and sent it off. Result? Zilch, zero, nothing – not a single fact or piece of information.

Was I downhearted? No. I'm made of stronger stuff than that. So I bought another copy in January, filled out the free facts card and sent it off. Result? Zilch, zero, nothing – not a single fact or piece of information.

Which brings me to my question: when is a service not a service? Answer: when it doesn't work.

A second question: will I buy a copy of your magazine again? Answer: why?

M Norris, Ludlow, Shropshire

You will be pleased to know (assuming you still read *What PC?*) that we have now dropped the 'free facts' card.

Violence protest

I would like to express my concern that you put the game Duke Nukem 3D on the cover CD of the April issue of *What PC?*. An 'adult' game such as this should not be included on a CD that advertises itself as '600Mb of family fun'.

I understand this game features bikini-clad gogo dancers who expose their breasts in return for money and, when shot, can be seen to die in a fountain of blood.

Almost every computer magazine sold with a cover CD regularly features violent adult games. I am sure that there must be a market for CDs containing truly family material.

I do hope you will consider producing cover CDs that do not include these adult games.

Paul Mayoh, Farnborough



New tricks for old games

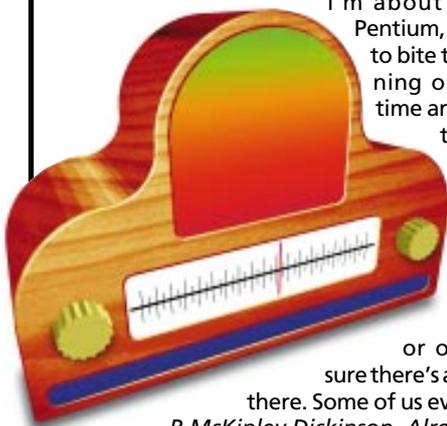
Are either of the old Sinclair games you mention in May's Back Page comment – *The Hobbit* and *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* – still available?

Back in the early 1980s, computers were (I believed) strictly for another sort of fruitcake than I was – the techno-competent kind. I write fantasy – wizards, dragons, enchanted swords (no, really) – and had science fiction-writing friends who had computers. I met, and was enchanted by, both those games you talk about. Hadn't thought of them in years.

I'm about to buy a (modest) Pentium, as my 386 is preparing to bite the dust, and I'm planning on being impure this time around – which is to say that I'm going to invest in a few games.

I would like to know whether anyone has transferred those '78s', so to speak, onto CD – digitally remastered or otherwise? I'm quite sure there's a nostalgia market out there. Some of us even listen to the radio.

R McKinley Dickinson, Alresford, Hampshire



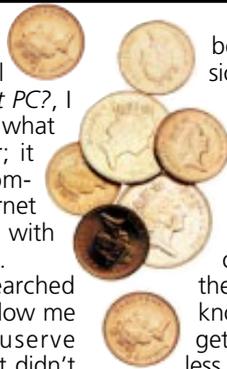
There are several shareware Sinclair Spectrum and ZX emulators which allow you to run the old 8-bit games on your PC. If you have access to the Web, why not visit <http://www.accessone.com/~mcoward/specsoft.htm> where you will find one of the best emulators available, as well as a selection of classic Spectrum games.

No comparison

When I saw the Special Report in June's *What PC?*, I thought: 'This is just what I've been looking for; it will enable me to compare my present Internet Service Provider costs with all the others.' Wrong.

It was a well-researched report, but it didn't allow me to compare Compuserve against other ISPs as it didn't even mention Compuserve's hourly rates.

What could have been an excellent report turned out to



be a much paler version of the truth, and anyone reading it could have been forgiven for thinking that maybe Compuserve's costs had the edge on others. In spite of the report, I still don't know whether I could get a similar service for less than I'm paying.

Paul M Dunkley, 100553,3474

You are right that more detail would have been a good idea. Compuserve's charging structure is complicated, which means it is difficult to make a straightforward value-for-money comparison. If all you want is access to the Web, then, yes, it is possible to get



a cheaper connection elsewhere. But Compuserve does offer a number of services and facilities that aren't easily duplicated.

May competition winners

Congratulations to our first-prize winner, Canu Ludo of Whetstone, who will receive the Tulip Universa multimedia PC, along with an Internet-To-Go starter kit.

The 15 runners-up, who each win a copy of Serif's PagePlus Home Office software, are: S M Richards of Tenby, Mrs J Emery of Bath, Mrs J Rousseau of Chester, Mr D Corner of Radcliffe, Miss C Gunter of Dedham, V Patten of Basildon, Mr P Jones of Calverley, Ms R Rees of Hammersmith, Ms C Cave of Southampton, Mr J Chapman of Cambridge, S Williams of Stourbridge, Mr D Daykin of Oldham, Ms J Townley of Battersea, Mr G Siwicki of Stourport-on-Severn, M J Bishop of Kingstanding.

July CD problem

We discovered, when it was too late, that some readers' systems did not have the file MFCOLEUI.DLL in their \WINDOWS\SYSTEM directory (required by Netscape) and we had omitted to include it in the Netscape directory on the July CD. Fortunately, the file can be found on the CD, and will copy automatically to your SYSTEM directory if you run SETUP in the \MULTIMEDIA\ANIMATOR directory on the CD (Autodesk Animator Studio – not mentioned in the documentation). After SETUP has finished, you can delete the directory ANIMATOR from your hard disk, if you wish, as this takes up around 20Mb – MFCOLEUI will be unaffected.

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