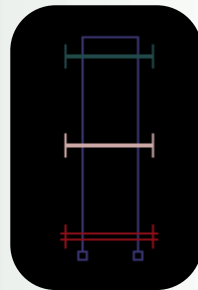


# cover CD



Games, multimedia, exciting software, music, photos, videos, useful utilities and helpful PC hints and tips – all seamlessly integrated into the new-look interface, and guaranteed to engage you for hours



Introducing issue 2 of our new-look cover disk, the most interactive CD-Rom ever. This month, within the nine regular sections, highlights include: the latest games and multimedia; resources to download; an interactive guide to notebooks; selected poetry; classical Midi compilations; last month's magazine in electronic form; a video interview about fax-printer-copiers and over 500 searchable pages about the PC.

## Navigation

Unlike most CD-Roms, our disk is not based on a paper product, and therefore there's no 'home page'. Instead, you can get from

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**Truckology** – a fun guide to the biggest trucks in the world  
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**The Art of Singing** – entrance to the Academy of Song

### Games section

**Virtua Fighter** – an exciting rendition of the original martial arts arcade game  
 (note: this game requires Windows 95)  
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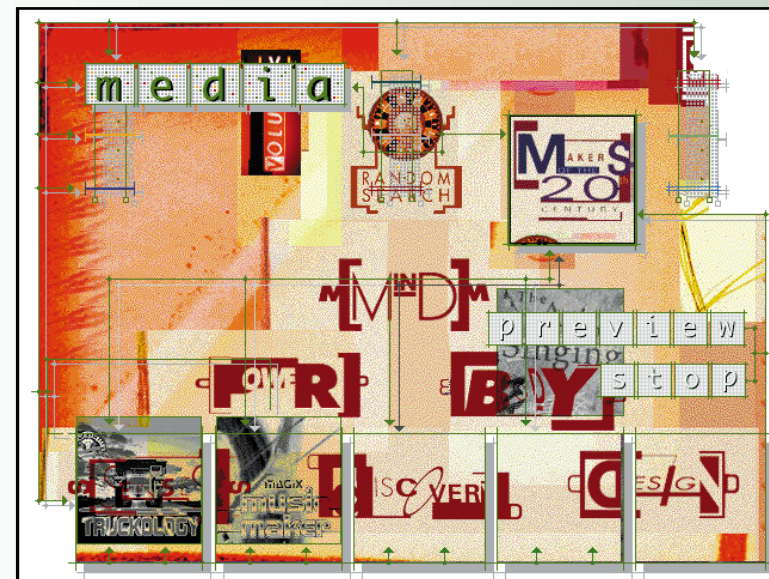
A glimpse at VNU's new e-zine featuring, this month, the first Stoney Blokes cartoon.

### Resources section

**Sysmon, Hotline, Trayday, Whiskers, BMPUTILS, Winzone 95, Duke Nukem screensaver**  
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**Storymaker + VGA** – multimedia kit  
**World Wacko** – Word substitution program  
**Earth Words For Alien Dinosaurs** – interactive picture dictionary and quizzes  
 Six essential utilities, including **Paintshop Pro**  
**Epic Pinball, IMO, Winbrick**  
**Tritryst** – a Tetris-type game  
**Threeview** – viewer for 3D objects  
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### Reference section

In this section, you'll discover a glossary of technical terms, a 12-month products and features back-issues index, an ad index and information about the magazine. In addition, we've packed in all the news, reviews and features (complete with text, photos and screens) from the July issue of *What PC?*



any one of the nine sections to any other by a single click of the mouse.

Buttons representing the sections are displayed on the screen at all times. If you're not sure which button goes to which section, roll over the 'Q' located at the bottom left of the screen, and the section headings are revealed.

## Multimedia

This month's disk contains four great interactive Windows demos for your enjoyment. The programs range from **Truckology**, a fun foray into the world of trucks, aimed at seven-year-olds and above, to **Magix Music Maker**. The latter is a software package that enables the most musically-

## 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

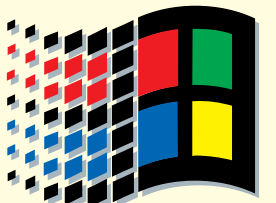
Just put the CD-Rom into the drive. A few moments later the *What PC?* loader should appear.

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).



challenged user to easily create tune-ful tracks and co-ordinating rhythms. Note: for Windows 3.1 users, the installation instruction for **Makers of the 20th Century** is incorrect. See below for the correct procedure.

Installing and/or playing the demos from outside of the multimedia section, from Windows' File Manager or Explorer, do the following:

**Truckology** – double-click the file **TRUCDEMO.EXE** in the directory **D:\MULTNTRUCK\**

**Magix Music Maker** – double-click the file **SETUP.EXE** in the directory **D:\MULTMUMADEMO\**

**Makers of the 20th Century** – double-click the file **INSTALLM.EXE** in the directory **D:\**

**The Art of Singing** – double-click the file **DEMO.EXE** in the directory **D:\MULTSINGING\**

## Games

**Virtua Fighter** – Made for Sega, Vitua Fighter Remix is an exciting





new martial arts game. It is based on the original Virtua fighter arcade version, but with even more interactive moves, including kicks, slams and head-butts, to name but a few.

To play Virtua Fighter from outside of the games section, from Windows' File Manager or Explorer, double-click the file SSP.EXE in the directory D:\.

Note: The installer for this game asks for 60Mb of free memory – this is not true.

Unfortunately for Windows 3.1 users, this game requires a computer that has Windows 95.

**The Settlers II** – This game is made by Bluebyte software. It is a great new variation on the Sim City-style of game, set in the last century.

To play The Settlers II from Windows or Dos, run the file S2.EXE which you will find in the directory D:\GAMES\SETTLER2\ (assuming D: is your CD-Rom drive letter).

**World Rally Fever** – Another fun, fast-action driving game. In the full game you can choose from eight World Cup circuits and a selection of Manga-style drivers. You get one complete circuit in this demo.

To play/install World Rally Fever from outside of the games section, from Windows' File Manager or Explorer, double-click the file RALLINST.BAT in the directory D:\GAMES\.

**Zone Raiders** – Set in a nuclear-ravaged future, with three levels of difficulty, the object is to collect two pieces of the Atomic Power Coupling, then get out as fast as possible.

To install Zone Raiders from Windows' File Manager or Explorer, double-click the file INSTALL.EXE in the directory D:\GAMES\ZONE\.

## Compuserve Easy Internet Access CD

What PC? readers are the first to try out Compuserve's brand-new Easy Internet Access CD. As well as ten hours free on line, you get a selection of the latest software utilities for the Web. Programs include WinCim 2.01 (the latest Windows software for accessing Compuserve), Internet Phone, Shockwave, Worlds Away, Home Page Wizard, and Netscape Navigator 2.01 (the award-winning software recently chosen as Compuserve's new Web browser). There's also a multimedia guided tour which tells you all about what Compuserve has on offer.

With Compuserve's Worlds Away, on-line chatting takes on a new realism. Up to six 'avatars' can meet and exchange news and views. Participants appear as cartoon-like figures, helping you 'see' who you're chatting to.



Home Page Wizard is just about the easiest way to create your own page on the Web. Compuserve members can then 'publish' their personal home pages on the Web for everyone to visit.

Shockwave is an add-in for Netscape Navigator which allows Director multimedia movies to be played directly from pages on the Worldwide Web.

There's also a 30-day evaluation version of VocalTec's Internet Phone, which lets you converse with other

Internet users, anywhere in the world, for the cost of local connection.

Netscape Navigator has recently been chosen by Compuserve as its browser for the Web.

To run the CD, double-click the file DEMO.EXE on the CD, using Windows File Manager or Explorer. (If you have Windows 95 the CD will 'auto-run'.)



Image Bank, one of the world's largest and most respected image libraries, and Image Bank/China Tourism Photo Library Alliance.

The Image Bank is also the source for the Classic Showreel featured in our new video subsection.

Finally, in this month's Literature subsection, you will find poetry from Oscar Wilde and Walt Whitman.

Note: Window 3.1 users may ▶



## Arts

The arts section is divided into four parts: Music, Images, Literature and Video.

To get the most out of the 12 classical Midi compositions, 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.

This month's images have been supplied by the



## 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.

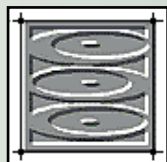
Make sure the file is in the correct directory or folder (if in doubt, make a directory for it, called something like 'temp' or 'wpctemp').

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.



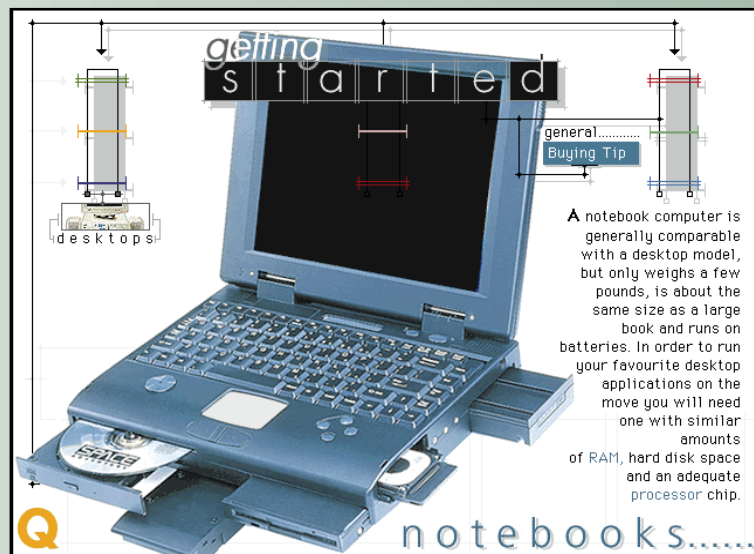
find problems playing the video from within the Arts section. If so, you can also view it in Windows File Manager or Explorer by double-clicking on CLASSICS.AVI, which you will find in the directory D:\VIDEO\.



## Getting started

In addition to last month's easy-to-use interactive guide to the basics of the desktop PC, this month we have provided information all about the notebook PC.

To use the guide, simply point and click and you will be given explanations of the different parts of the notebook, complete with useful 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 the products tested in the magazine. This month, we feature an interview about fax-printer-copiers.

## Hands on

This section contains a selection from a regular feature, Hands On, which appears in our sister magazine *Personal Computer World*. It enables you to search through hundreds of pages of priceless hints, tips and solutions to technical problems.



## 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.

## Buyer's 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 *Expotel 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.

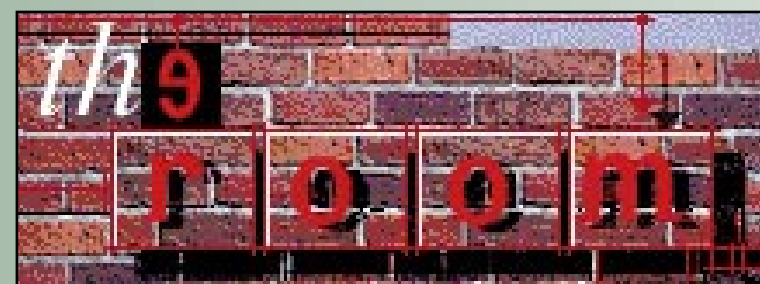
We've also included the Psion

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.



Note: In order to view the pages, it is important to install the Acrobat Reader software, which includes a special search plug-in, the first time you run the CD. During installation you should accept the default location for copying the Acrobat files.

waiting to be downloaded onto your hard disk.

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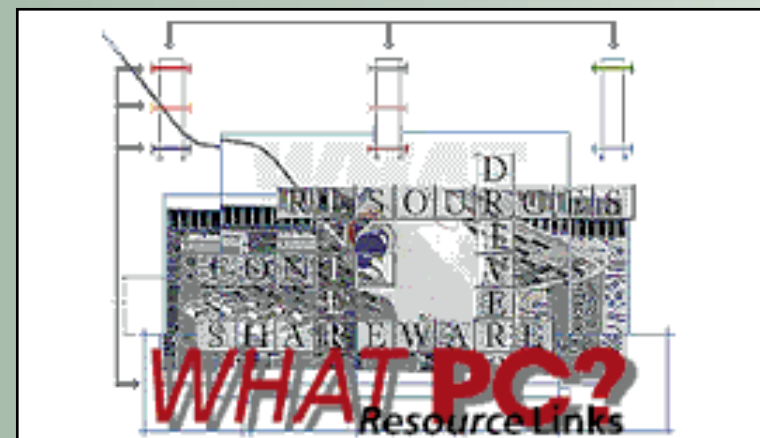
A glossary of computer terms; a 12-month features index; plus the complete July issue of *What PC?* in Adobe Acrobat format.

## The Room

Browse through VNU's Web e-zine, without the need for a modem!, and view the first episode of the cartoon Stoney Blokes.

## Resources

Here you'll find scores of great utilities, games, fonts and more, just



## 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.



## Last month's CD

If you experienced problems running Netscape Navigator from last month's cover CD, it may have been because the file MFCOLEUI.DLL was not present on your system. A solution is to run the Autodesk Animator Studio setup (MULTIMEDIA\ANIMATOR\SETUP.EXE on that CD) from within File Manager or Explorer. This will install the required file. You can then delete the \ANIMATOR\ directory from your hard disk.

## 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.