

# competition



This month, two lucky winners will each receive a double prize – Microsoft's SideWinder Game Pad games controller plus Creative Labs' Family MultiMedia Upgrade Kit. Another four SideWinders are on offer for the second-prize winners and 10 runners-up will be awarded a Hutchinson Multimedia Encyclopaedia



**T**his month, we're in festive mood, with lots of goodies to give away. Since Christmas is coming, we've got two first prizes to delight serious games players. We've bundled up Microsoft's SideWinder Game Pad with Creative Lab's Family MultiMedia Upgrade Kit. Four more winners get a SideWinder. And 10 runners-up will win Hutchinson's Multimedia Encyclopedia.

## First and second prizes

New from Microsoft, the SideWinder Game Pad is the ultimate games controller. You can use it to play any game that supports a standard PC joystick. Designed for maximum comfort, it's easy to hold and features an 8-way directional pad, trigger and gaming buttons.

The SideWinder comes with a Game Device Profiler that enables you to create personalised settings for a particular device and game. So, for instance, you can assign keyboard strokes to the SideWinder and avoid having to use a keyboard, or you can record sequences of game pad presses and assign these, in a macro, to a game pad button. You can also plug together up to four SideWinders for group play where a game supports this. It all adds up to faster, more enjoyable gaming.

The Family MultiMedia Upgrade Kit from Creative Labs will transform a tired-looking PC into a multi-purpose computer for the whole family. The kit includes the Sound Blaster 32 Plug and Play sound card for the latest in wavetable sound technology. A pair of high-performance stereo speakers lets you hear the sound at its best. There's also Creative's 8-speed CD-ROM drive, with

its high-speed transfer rate. Software is not forgotten in this upgrade kit, with a selection of Microsoft titles to kick-start your CD-ROM collection. Everyone in the family could use Works 3.0 for Windows 3.1 while Creative Writer 1.0 is especially for the kids. Fine Artist 1.0 and the Wine Guide 1.0 will appeal to connoisseurs and Autoroute Express: Europe 1.0 is handy for motorists. With other titles besides, this is a great way to get you started.

## Runners-up

For 10 runners-up we have the Hutchinson Multimedia Encyclopedia 1996. Compiled in the UK, it is particularly good on British social matters and political biographies. Hutchinson's interface is slick, bright and uncluttered. It has a broad range of content and lots of handy features. You can search for words and topics, look at a timeline and an atlas. There's an 'on this day' section and a quiz. This is an encyclopedia that's great for browsing and dipping into, as well as being ideal to back up homework and projects.

## How to win

Simply answer these three questions, and complete the tie-breaker.

1. How many SideWinder Game Pads can be plugged together?
2. What sort of sound technology does the Sound Blaster 32 feature?
3. In which country was the Hutchinson Multimedia Encyclopedia compiled?

## Tie-breaker

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