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number **seven**

Nine great regular sections

Featured games demos: Screamer 2; Amok; Beware of the Dog; 3D Ultra Pinball: Creep Night.
Multimedia & featured software: Easy Tutor Office 97; Little Monster at School; Solar System Explorer; Medi8or
Arts: Eight soundtracks from Co-Star, 32 graphic images from the Heart of Britain book; the first part of Zarnak – an interactive sci-fi comic.
Getting started: *What PC?*'s interactive guide to notebooks, printers and desktop PCs.
Focus on: The *What PC?* video guide to upgrading your computer's hard disk drive.
Hands on: A section containing over 500 fully-searchable pages of hints, tips and practical advice on every aspect of personal computing.
The Room: VNU's all-singing all-dancing e-zine, plus 'interactive radio'.
Resources: Zipback STD; Laplink v7.5 demo; Acrobat Reader v3.0; Terrapin FTP software; DeltaCad CAD software; Chameleon screen grabber; Net Toob media player; Font Presenter; Windows Conversion Software; Twisted Tales; Santa screensaver; Mighty Ducks lunchbag game; Patriot Command.
Reference: Glossary of computer terms; twelve-month past features index; plus the complete November issue of *What PC?* in Adobe Acrobat format.

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Over **600Mb** of fun family software see page 4

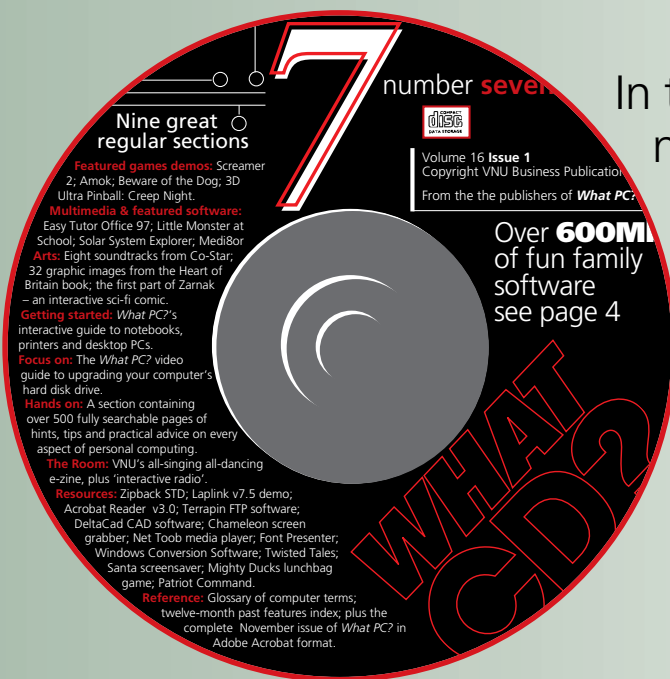WHAT CD 2

In the *What PC?* CD-ROM cover disc number 7 you'll find over 600Mb of games, multimedia, resources, arts and useful PC tips

ntroducing issue 7 of the *What PC?* interactive cover CD. This month, some of the highlights in the nine regular sections include four great games, some brand-new multimedia titles, a video about upgrading your hard disk, 32 graphic images, and our new music jukebox.

Navigation
Unlike most CD-Roms, our disc isn't 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 a single click of the mouse. Buttons representing the sections are displayed on the screen at all times. If you aren't 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-hand side of the screen.
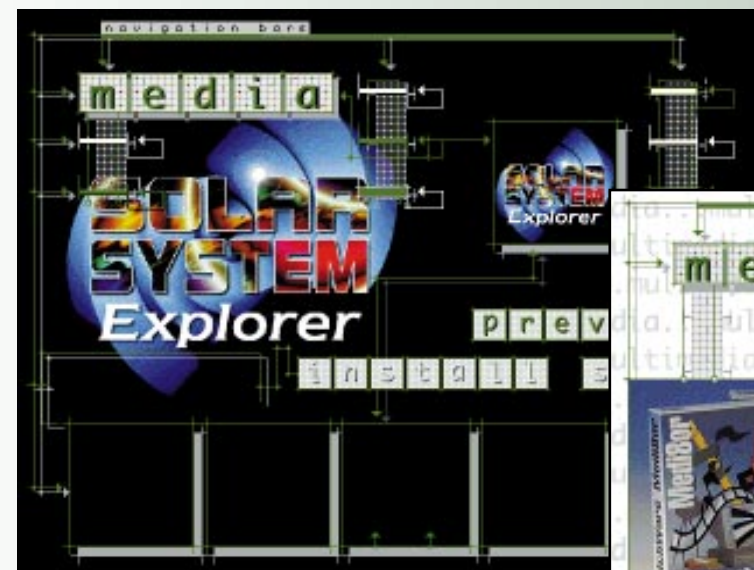
Multimedia and featured software
EasyTutor Office 97: Interactive training for MS Word, Excel and Powerpoint for Windows 95. The 17 modules of the full product provide comprehensive coverage of Microsoft's Office 97, including Getting Around, Layout and Design and Graphs and Charts. Requires Windows 95.
Little Monster at School: The latest interactive storybook from Living Books. This demo gives you the first scene to explore as Little Monster wakes up and gets ready for his first day at school.
Solar System Explorer: The

Russians didn't make it to Mars, but you can explore the solar system with this scientifically accurate simulator. You plot your course in the Navigation room and plan pioneering missions or recreate famous past voyages. Look up data relevant to your mission in the Library and the museum and then head to the bridge and leave orbit. Solar System Explorer also includes interactive de-briefings on historic space missions as well as surface maps of Mars, Earth, the Moon and Venus.
Medi8or: The easy way to create interactive multimedia presentations. You can add pictures, sound, video and text to your creations without the need for programming skills. The software allows you to make 'runtime' versions of your presentations which can be distributed and executed on PCs that don't have Medi8or installed. ▶

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EasyTutor Learn Office 97 is the fastest and easiest way to learn Word, Excel and Powerpoint for Windows 95. It's features include 17 modules which provide comprehensive coverage including Getting around, Layout and Design, Features and Functions and...

Medi8or contains a tool for making runtime-versions of your presentation which can be distributed and executed on another computer that does not have Medi8or installed. There is no royalty to pay on runtime version distribution.
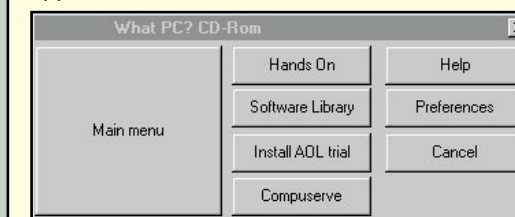

Hardware requirements
To run the CD-ROM you will need a PC with Windows 3.1 or later, and a colour VGA display. We recommend a multimedia 486 PC or Pentium, with a minimum of 8Mb of RAM. The optimum configuration is a Pentium PC with 16Mb of RAM.

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 FileIRun. 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).
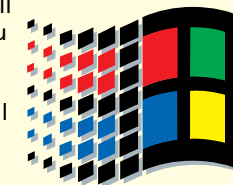
Games

Screamer 2: Virgin Interactive and Milestone have created the hardest, fastest racing action ever unleashed. You get to race highly detailed performance cars, with realistic handling, across the most realistic country roads you've ever seen on your PC screen. Screamer 2 uses intelligent computer-controlled opponents. In this demo you get a short spell behind the wheel, in one of the six courses supplied with the full product. A Pentium processor is recommended for this game.
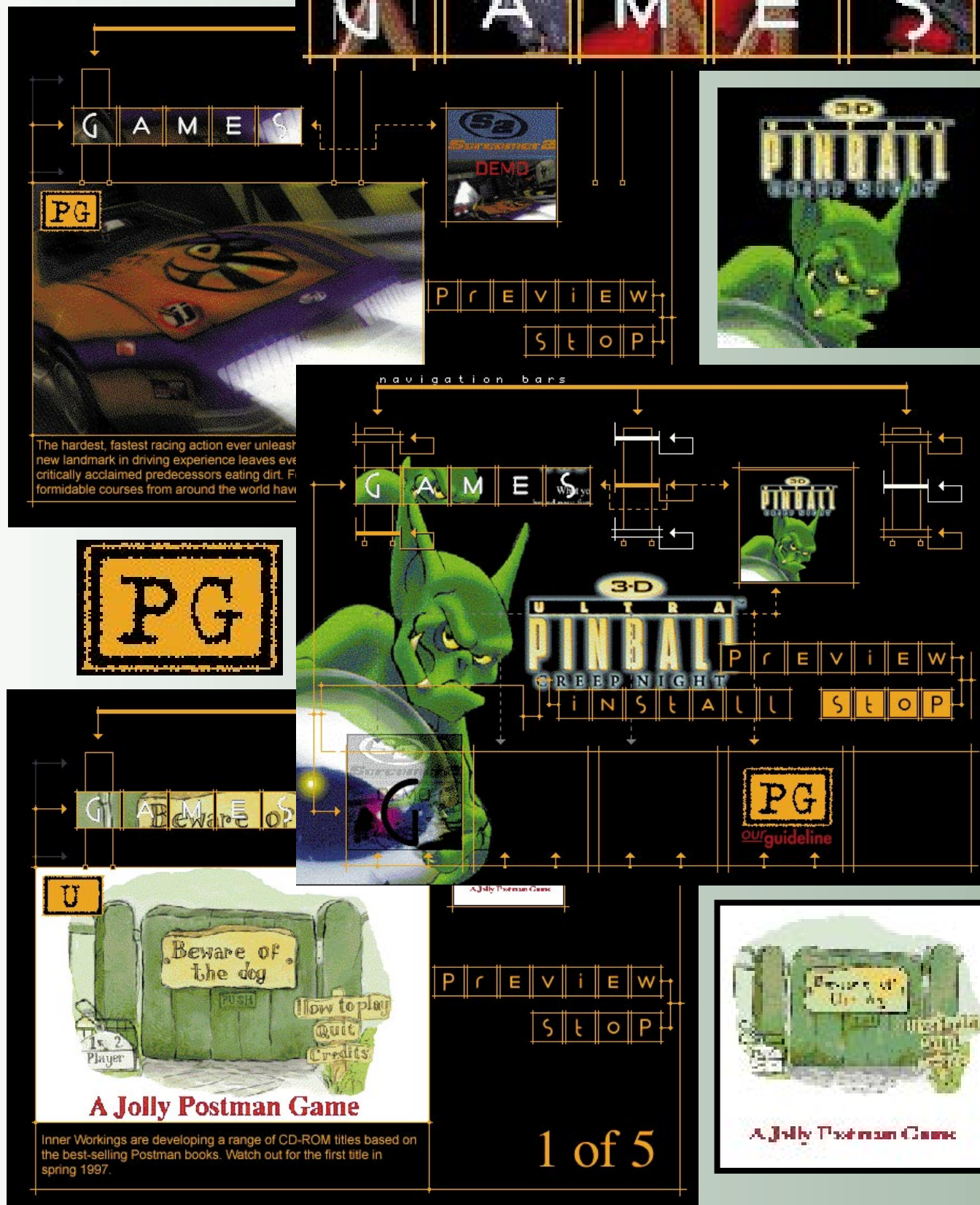
Amok: After 47 years, the war has come to an end. But the Bureau is desperate to provoke a new conflict and has employed the dangerous mercenary, Gert Staun, who pilots a modified Battle Walker called Slambird. You must confront him in your high-tech battle mech. This fast-paced shooter uses the latest 3D techniques to provide realistic action on land, underground and underwater. This game requires Windows 95. ▶

The hardest, fastest racing action ever unleash
new landmark in driving experience leaves eve
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A Jolly Postman Game

Inner Workings are developing a range of CD-ROM titles based on the best-selling Postman books. Watch out for the first title in spring 1997.

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A Jolly Postman Game

Beware of the Dog: Based on the best-selling *Postman* books, this game is a taster of some CD titles due out soon from Innerworkings.
**3D Ultra Pinball: Creep Night**: A pinball table with a difference, Creep Night is based on a spooky mansion, complete with ghosts and goblins. Your only weapons are your seven flippers. This time-limited demo gives you five minutes of play each round. This game requires Windows 95.
To find out how to play/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 month, the Arts section is split into three parts: Music, Images and Zarnak. The photos in the Images subsection are from the Heart of Britain book. The royalties from this book are being donated to The Royal Brompton Hospital. Zarnak is a new interactive sci-fi comic which will be serialised each month.
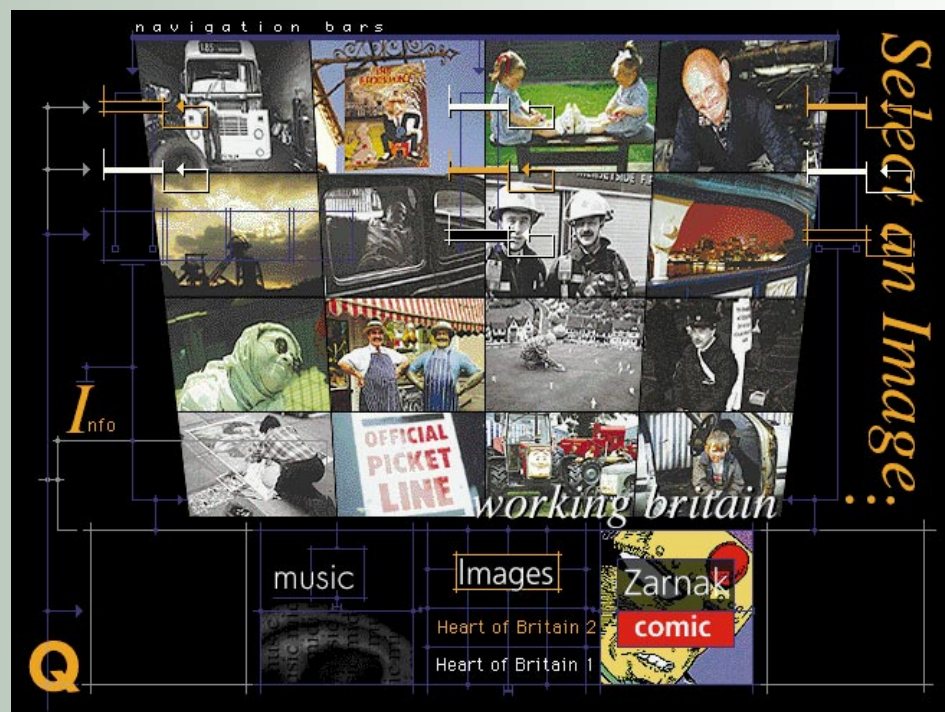
Getting started
This is the beginner's interactive guide to the basics of desktop PCs, notebooks and printers. Point and click on parts of the images or key-words contained in the explanations. Buying tips are also included.

Focus on
Here, you will find news, views and videos to take you into the VNU Labs and find out what our reviewers really think about the products that are tested in the magazine. This month we have a *What PC?* video about upgrading your PC's hard disk drive.
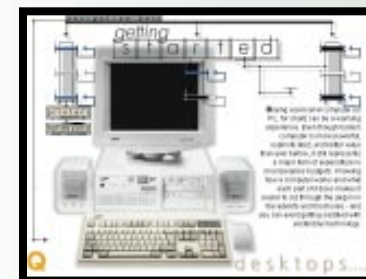
Using Netscape
Netscape Navigator is used in several of the sections of the *What PC?* CD-ROM. It is a convenient way to deliver text, images, and downloadable files, and runs on top of the main *What PC?* menu program.

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.

Downloading and installing files from the Resources section
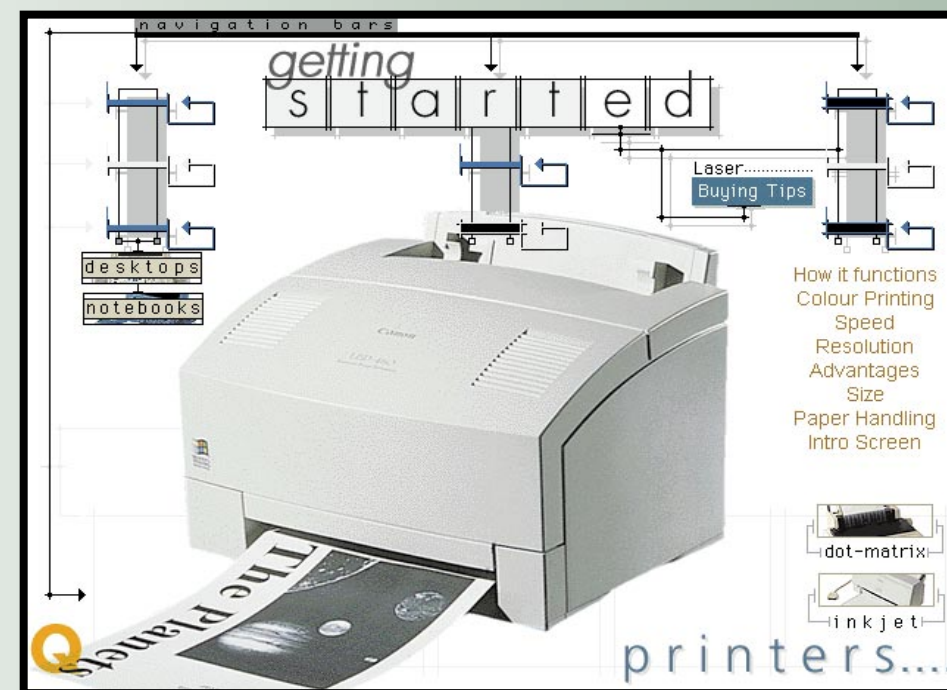
Netscape allows you to download files from the Resources section on the CD to your hard disk. Alternatively, you can use your own browser, provided it supports 'frames'. You will find the Resources home page at D:\html\res\resource.htm

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

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.

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 Resources 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

Over 500 fully searchable pages of hints, tips and practical advice on every aspect of personal computing

Using Acrobat

In order to view the pages, in both the Hands on section and the Last Issue (Reference) 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 Hands on section, if you can't see all of the search indexes when clicking on indexes, then click ADD, and add all additional indexes which have the prefix PDX and are located in:
<CD Drive>\ACROFILE\PCWPDF\
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.

RadioActive is just one of the shockwave features in The Room.

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Important notice

The publisher, VNU, has checked this CD for known viruses at all stages of its production, but cannot accept liability for loss or damage resulting from its use. Please ensure that you have made adequate backup copies of all important programs.

Hands on

A selection from *Personal Computer World* magazine's own regular Hands on feature. It enables you to fully search hundreds of pages of priceless hints, tips and solutions to technical problems.

The Room

Browse through VNU's Web e-zine and check out the interactive radio also featured in this section.

Resources

In this section you'll find scores of great utilities, games and more, just waiting to be downloaded onto your hard disk (see the box on the previous page for help).

Reference

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

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 39p/min off-peak and 49p at all other times.