

Welcome to issue 15 of the interactive What CD?. As always, we have over 600Mb of games, featured software, resources and PC tips for you to explore and enjoy



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Nine great regular sections

Featured games demos: Extreme Assault, Jack Nicklaus 4, Animal.

Multimedia and featured software: John Hedgecoe's guide to Photography, Inland Revenue's EVR, MS AutoRoute Express, Norton Antivirus, Desktop Lawyer.

Arts: 32 graphic images from the Image Bank. An issue of Xenos.

Getting started: *What PC?*'s interactive guide to notebooks, printers and desktop PCs.

Focus On: Computer reliability.

What PC? Printshop: Hints, tips and practical advice on every aspect of personal computing, plus the entire August issue of *What PC?*, all in Acrobat format.

The Room: VNU's exciting e-zine.

Software Library: DirectX 3.0 – essential drivers for playing all the latest games, Paint Shop Pro, Winzip, Commander – file management utility, Hlp2rtf – convert Help files to text documents, All Screen 95 Pro – screen capture, GTI Desktop – automate system sounds and wallpaper etc, MathsFlight – children's arithmetic tutor, Image Browser – thumbnail viewer and image utility, Superbase 95 v3.2, B-Plan Planner – build an extensive and detailed business plan, Lottery – pick your lottery numbers in novel ways, Newsflash ScreenSaver, SOLO – small business invoice and stock control, Steganos – encrypt and hide files inside other files, Winasks – questionnaire and survey creation, LetterRack, Exile II.

Indexes: Product reviews, CD & Ad Indexes.

**WHAT
PC?
AND SOFTWARE**



Cover CD

This month the highlights on our cover disc include five top quality featured software demos and three exciting games. There is also another issue of Xenos (the writers'/readers' journal) in Acrobat format, and a useful video about computer reliability.

Multimedia and featured software

This month we have five great Windows demos: John Hedgecoe's guide to Photography, the Inland Revenue's EVR, Microsoft's AutoRoute Express route-planning software, Norton AntiVirus and Desktop Lawyer.

John Hedgecoe's Guide to Photography is an interactive guide to taking pictures. See our Home and Entertainment section later in this issue for a full review. The **EVR** is an electronic version of the new self-assessment tax return for 1996-97 – see our review of tax software for more detail of the Inland Revenue's EVR package. **AutoRoute Express** is a demo of Microsoft's interactive route plan-

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.

Throughout the issue, you may come across this logo, which means you will find a demo or a related item on our cover CD.



- **Multimedia and featured software section**
John Hedgecoe's guide to Photography (Win 95) – comprehensive introduction to photography.
Inland Revenue's EVR – digital self-assessment.
MS AutoRoute Express (Win 95) – interactive route planner.
Norton AntiVirus – anti-virus software.
Desktop Lawyer Software – for creating legal documents.
 - **Games**
Extreme Assault – helicopter sim.
Jack Nicklaus 4 (Win 95) – interactive golf game.
Animal Adventure – starring the psycho sausage.
 - **Arts**
 32 top-quality graphic images from the Image Bank.
 An issue of the reader's/writer's magazine, Xenos.
 - **Getting started**
What PC?'s interactive exploration of notebooks, printers and desktop PCs.
 - **Focus on**
 A *What PC?* video about computer reliability.
 - **What PC? Printshop**
 The news, reviews and features
- (complete with text, photos and screens) from the August issue of *What PC?* plus hints, tips and practical advice on every aspect of personal computing.
- **The Room**
 Browse through VNU's e-zine.
 - **Software Library**
DirectX 3.0 – the essential drivers for playing all the latest games.
Paint Shop Pro – Windows-based shareware paint package.
VBRUN100,200,300,400.DLL – files without which many windows programs won't run.
Video for Windows – enables you to view .avi video on your machine.
Wincode – encoding and decoding for the Internet.
Winzip – the popular compression-decompression utility for Windows.
PKZIP,PKUNZIP – DOS-based compression suite.
Commander – file management utility.
Hlp2rtf – convert Help files to text documents.
All Screen 95 Pro – screen capture.
GTI Desktop – automate system sounds and wallpaper etc.
MathsFlight – children's entertaining arithmetic tutor.
Image Browser – thumbnail viewer and image utility.
 - **IceView** – image management utility.
Magpie – tool for synchronising sound and animation.
Superbase 95 v3.2 – exciting new version of versatile database program.
B-Plan Planner – build an extensive and detailed business plan.
Copyscan – convenient tray scan and print utility.
Lottery – pick your lottery numbers in novel ways.
Newsflash ScreenSaver – fun newspaper screen saver.
Soccer ScoreSheet – manage soccer league data.
SOLO – small business invoice and stock control.
Steganos – encrypt and hide files inside other files.
Winasks – questionnaire and survey creation program.
Sormore – logic games.
Axiom – problem-solving and strategy game.
LetterRack – popular style word board game.
Exile II – fantasy role-playing game.
Psion Series 3a Emulator for your PC, plus *What PC?* Mobile Pages for Series 3a, including the new Nicholson London Pages.
 - **Indexes section**
 Product Reviews index, CD index, Advert index.

Competitions

This month we have two competitions for you to enter. Answer the following questions to enter either or both competitions.

Microsoft is giving away 10 copies of the full version of its AutoRoute Express CD-ROM.

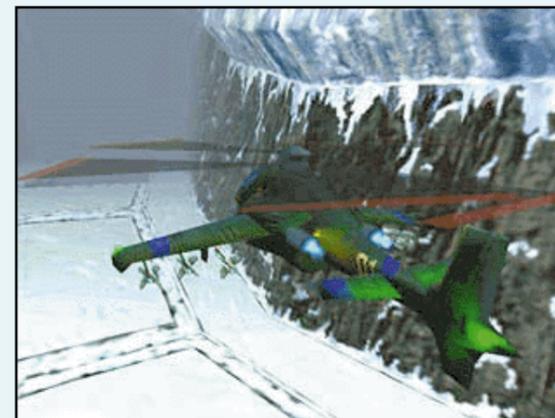
- **How many miles of roads throughout Great Britain are covered in AutoRoute Express?**
 a: 559
 b: 85,000
 c: 200,000

Symantec is offering 10 free copies of Norton AntiVirus, demonstrated on this month's disc.

- **Does Live Update, a feature of Norton AntiVirus, allow you to:**
 a. Get monthly virus definitions free forever over the Internet;
 b. Get free luncheon vouchers every Sunday morning for the next 15 years;
 c. Freephone Virus Doctors after 6pm on weekdays.

Send your answers on **SEPARATE** postcards marked clearly **AutoRoute** or **AntiVirus** Competition, and send to: *WhatPC?* Editorial, VNU House, 32-34 Broadwick Street, London, W1A 2HG. Closing date for entries is 30 September 1997. (Employees of VNU Business Publications, Microsoft, Symantec and their agents are not eligible to enter the competition.)

Games



Extreme Assault
 Go on the prowl for aliens, free some prisoners and collect weapons.

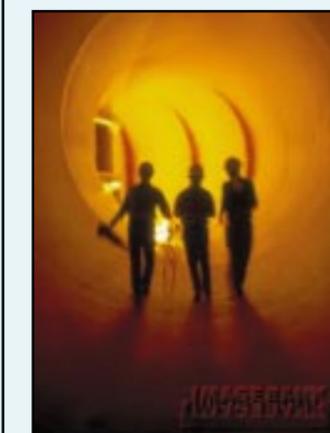


Jack Nicklaus 4
 Sink a few holes with Jack Nicklaus in the comfort of your own home.

Arts



Xenos Increase your literary skills with this journal.



32 top-quality images for you to download onto your PC.

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>\ACROFILE\LASTWPC\ 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.

ner. See the following page for details of our AutoRoute Express competition.

Norton AntiVirus is an up-to date time-limited demo of Symantec's anti-virus software, which will be updated and put in our Software Library each month over the next year. Check out our Symantec competition above.

Desktop Lawyer, from Kindware gives you over 25 interactive legal documents. This demo, which gives you two uses of the Will document and permanent use of the Introduction Agreement, offers the chance to instantly win a full working version. Just install the software to find out if you are a winner.

Games

We have three exciting games for you:

If you are looking for a good adrenaline rush, you are sure to enjoy **Extreme Assault**, an intense action game. This demo contains the first half of Operation Level One and Two. Aliens have secretly set up operations on Earth and it's up to you to put a stop to their sinister plans.

Jack Nicklaus 4 is an exciting interactive golf game. The demo lets you play three holes of golf, using one animated golfer. Extra features with the full game include five Jack Nicklaus-designed golf courses, five golfers to play and multi-player gaming. (Sorry Windows 3.1 users, Jack Nicklaus 4 is Win95 only.)

Take a look at our Home and Entertainment section later in this issue for full reviews of both Extreme Assault and Jack Nicklaus 4.

The psycho sausage from the cult Pepperami TV ads explodes in to action in the **Animal** demo. The adventure takes place in Snackopolis, the capital of Snackland. The aims of the game are to save Pepperami's creator Peppereinstein, to reinstate Pepperami productions, to destroy the evil political contenders and restore snackland to its peaceful self.

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

There are 32 downloadable top-quality images from the Image Bank (copyright of the Image Bank), and an issue of Xenos, the writer's and reader's journal in Acrobat format.

Getting started

The beginner's interactive guide to the basics of desktop PCs, notebooks and printers. Point and click on parts of the images or keywords in the explanations. Buying tips are also included here.

Focus on

In this section you'll find news, views and videos which will take you into the VNU Labs and find out what our reviewers really think about products tested in the magazine.

How to use the CD-ROM

Windows 95

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.)

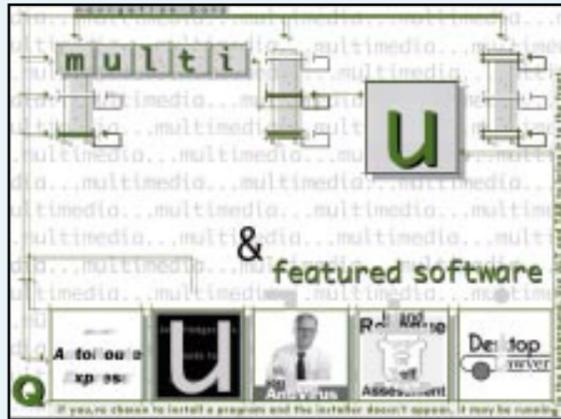
Windows 3.1 users

From the menu in Windows Program Manager, choose File|Run. Then type: <CD Drive>:\WHATPC.EXE and press Enter. The *What PC?* loader will appear. 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).

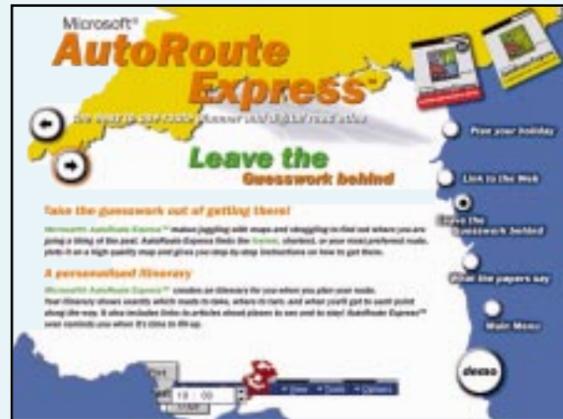
Navigation

Unlike most CD-ROMs, our disc is not based on a paper product, and there's no 'home page'. You can get from any one of the sections to any other by a single mouse click. Buttons representing the sections are displayed on-screen at all times. If you're not sure which section is where, roll over the buttons, and the section name 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.

● Multimedia & featured software



Five interactive demos to explore, for travellers, photographers, legal eagles, virus-busters and those who have to fill in tax returns.



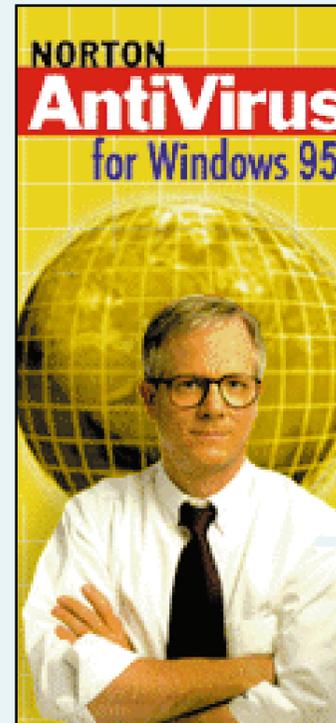
Microsoft AutoRoute Express Great Britain 98 Planning your journey the easy way – 10 free copies to be won.



John Hedgecoe's Guide to Photography Find out how to take better and more interesting photos.



Desktop Lawyer A chance to win instantly by trying out this interactive legal document creator.

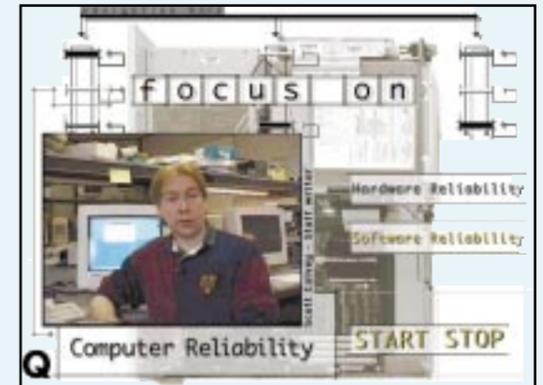


Norton AntiVirus for Windows 95 Keep your PC virus-free each month with our upgrade. And check out our competition.



EVR Help from the Inland Revenue with tax returns.

● Focus on



Focus on reliability Reliable advice from What PC? following our reader survey.

● Getting started



Getting started PCs, printers and notebooks and lots more explained.

This month we have a *What PC?* video about computer reliability.

What PC? Printshop

We have placed all the Acrobat pages in one new easy-to-use section. To view these pages you need to install Acrobat Search for CD-ROM. If this is not installed on your C drive, you will be asked to install it from the *What PC?* loader.

The section comprises a selection from the magazine *Personal Computer World's* own regular Hands on feature, enabling you to fully search hundreds of pages of priceless hints, tips and solutions to technical problems, plus the complete August issue of *What PC?*.

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, or require information regarding downloading and installing files from this section, Click the help button from the *What PC?* loader.

Indexes

This 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.

Free trial with ClaraNET

This month we have also included the latest versions of ClaraNET's Atlantis software for Windows and a licenced version of Microsoft's Internet Explorer Web browser. For more information click on the ClaraNET button on the *What PC?* main loader. ClaraNET offers full Internet access, including e-mail, the World Wide Web and newsgroups. ClaraNET offers access to over 28,000 newsgroups and all the programs you need are included as part of the Atlantis

software. The packages include free 24-hour technical support, 100 percent local call access in the UK, no connection or start-up fee and free technical help to set up your Web pages.

The software on the CD-ROM will allow you to try out ClaraNET FREE for one month, with no obligation to buy. Just register with ClaraNET on line, quoting the package you are trying and credit/debit card details where applicable. If you decide to continue, you will be billed at the end of your trial month. If you decide to cancel your subscription, just notify ClaraNET in writing (letter, fax or e-mail) by the end of your trial period and there will be nothing to pay.

For more information on this offer please read ClaraNET's Terms and Conditions on line at: www.clarinet.com

For installation instructions please read: README.TXT in <CDDrive>:\CLARANET/

Important notice

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

CD-ROM problems

If you get a message on screen like 'Not ready reading drive D', return your cover CD-ROM (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.