

Welcome to What PC? CD

This CD Help/Info file is a supplement to both the cover disk notes that are written each month in the magazine and the help notes that are located within the main What PC? CD-ROM interface.

The new What PC? & Software CD-ROM is divided into 4 main sections:

Software Library

Jargon Buster

Getting Started

Getting Started:

Getting Started takes a look at the latest PCs, printers and notebooks.

Buying a personal computer (or PC, for short) can be a worrying experience. Even though today's computer is more powerful, sophisticated, and better value than ever before, it still represents a major item of expenditure in most peoples budgets. Knowing how a computer works and what each part of it does makes it easier to cut through the jargon in the adverts and brochures - and you can avoid getting saddled with yesterdays technology.

To get your computer work on to paper, you will need a printer. Choosing the right printer is not just a question of how much you are prepared to pay to get your words and pictures onto paper. Each printer has its strengths and weaknesses. There are only three different types of printer (provided we ignore the expensive or specialist devices that do not belong in the home or office). These are dot-matrix, inkjet and laser printers.

A notebook computer is generally comparable with a desktop model, but only weighs a few pounds, is about the same size as a large book and runs on batteries. In order to run your favourite desktop applications on the move you will need one with similar amounts of RAM, hard disk space and an adequate processor chip.

Jargon Buster:

Written in plain English, the What PC? Jargon Buster is an easy to use and comprehensive guide to popular computing terms.

Simply click on the index tabs on the right to access a list of terms and their definitions.

Software Library:

The Software Library opens and you are presented with the first selection of five demos. To access the next selection of five demos, you can click on the down arrow.

To view the Games, multimedia programmes and screensavers, select Entertainment

To view the development Software (including Music, Graphics and authoring tools) select Internet

To view the authoring and Development software, select Development

To view the Utilities, select the Utilities button.

Once you have decided which demo you wish to include, click on the relevant banner. You will then be presented with a screen offering screenshots, dound clips, uninstall information, System Requirements, Technical Support (where relevant) etc. as well as an Install button.

