# cover CD

Issue 5 of our *What CD?* cover disk contains hours of enjoyment ranging from resources and searchable PC help pages to Games, Multimedia and the Arts

Introducing issue 5 of the *What PC?* interactive cover disk. This month, we have four great games, a video interview about colour inkjet printers, three novels, 32 high-quality images from the Image Bank, numerous resources to download, and much more. We have also included a help/info file on the root of the disk.

## 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 any one of the nine sections to any other by means of a single click of the mouse. Buttons representing the sections are displayed on the screen at all times. If you are not 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 disk by clicking on the 'Q' in the bottom left of the screen.

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**Labels, Cards and More** – a program for creating labels, business cards, etc
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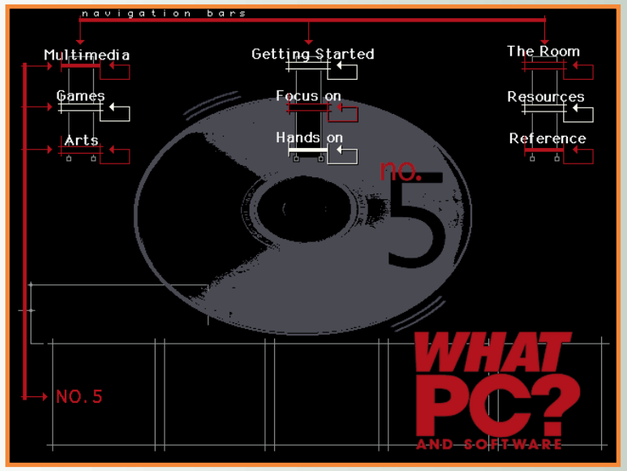
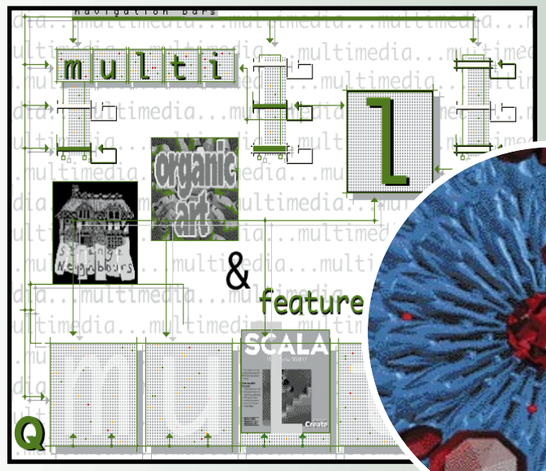
**Psion Series 3a Emulator** for your PC plus **What PC? Mobile Pages** for Series 3a

**Reference section**
Glossary of terms, a 12-month products and features back-issues index, ad index, info about the magazine, plus all the news, reviews & features from October's *What PC?*




## Multimedia and featured software

This month we have three great Windows demos: Organic Art, Scala and Strange Neighbours. The demos range from the exploration of the Cat Family, one of the strange households in Strange Neighbours, to Scala which is a multimedia package that enables you to build presentations without the knowledge of a scripting language. ▶

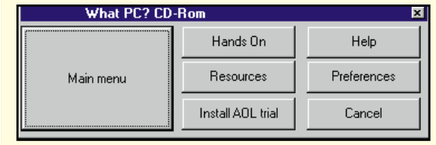


## Hardware requirements

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`**.)

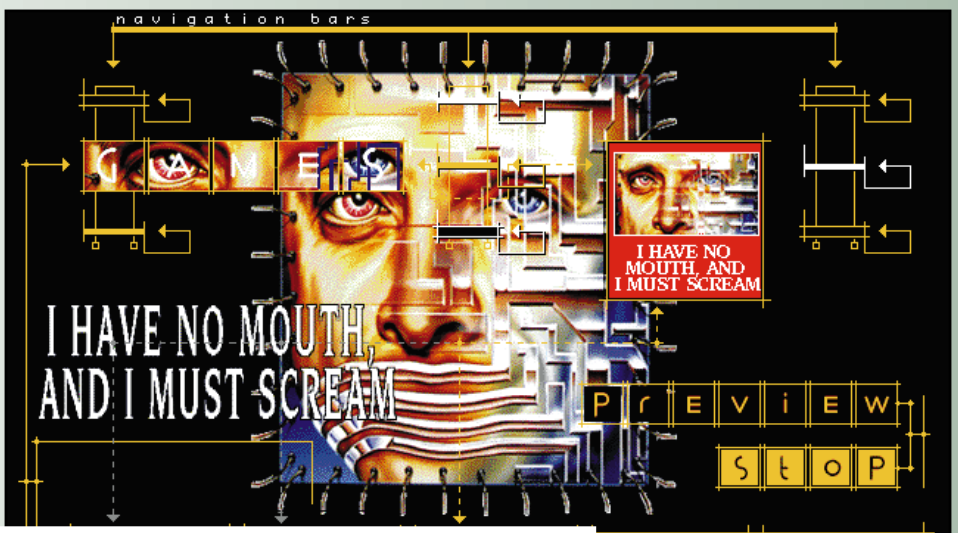
**Windows 3.1 users**
From the menu in Windows Program Manager, choose File|Run. Then type:
**`<CD Drive>:\WHATPC.EXE`** and press Enter.
The *What PC?* loader will appear (as above). If you don't have Video for Windows or Quicktime, the *What PC?* loader will give you the option to install them before proceeding (follow the on-screen instructions).

## Games

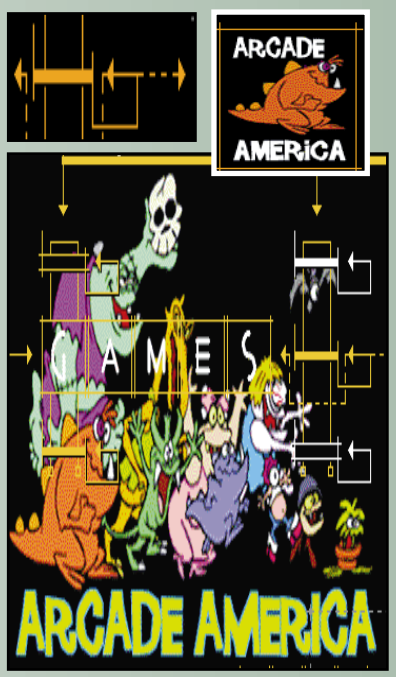
**I have no mouth, and I must scream:** Based on a short story by Harlan Ellison, this compelling game takes you into the tortured and hidden past of five characters. You have to delve into their darkest fears and outwit AM – the master computer.

**Shattered Steel:** This high-action game with an empasis on gameplay, is an intense experience in mehanized warfare. Assuming the role of a freelance mercenary, your mission is to rid the planet of aliens.

**Z:** This is an action-packed game of strategy and a hair-raising race for territory and resources. Your goal ▶



**To find out how to play/install the Games and Multimedia demos from outside of the main *WHAT PC?* interface click on the HELP button on the *WHAT PC?* loader.**



is to lead your robot army to destroy your opponents before they destroy you.

**Arcade America:** *What PC?* is pleased to reintroduce you to the classic Arcade America. It is the wackiest platform game in the country.

## Arts

This month, the Arts section is divided into 3 parts: Music, Images and Literature. 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.

The artwork contained in the Images subsection have again been supplied by the Image Bank (one of the world's largest and most respected professional image libraries). In the Literature subsection are three novels: *The Tenant of Wildfell Hall* by Emily Bronte, *Great Expectations* and *A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens.

## Getting started

This is the beginner's interactive guide to the basics of desktop PCs and printers. Point and click on ▶

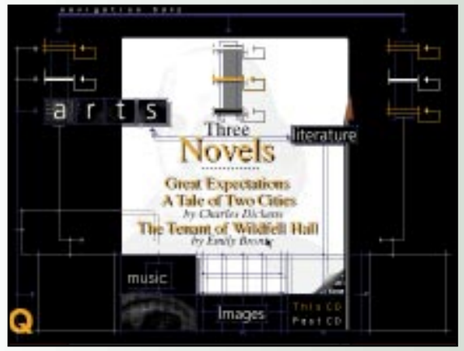
## Using Acrobat

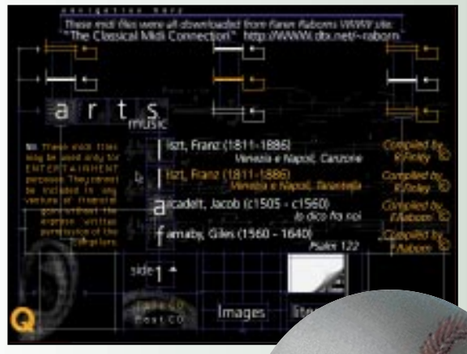
In order to view the pages, in both the Hands On section and the Last Issue (Reference) section, it is necessary that you install the Acrobat Reader software, which includes the Search plug-in, from the *What PC?* loader (if the loader detects that it is not already installed). After launching Acrobat Reader from the Hands on section, if you cannot 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.








parts of the images or keywords contained in the explanations. Buying tips are also included.

## Focus on

This part 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 products tested in the mag- ▶

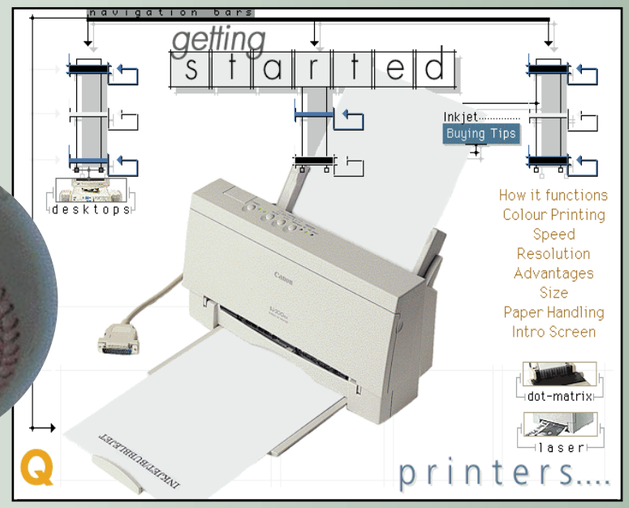
## Using Netscape

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 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.

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*.

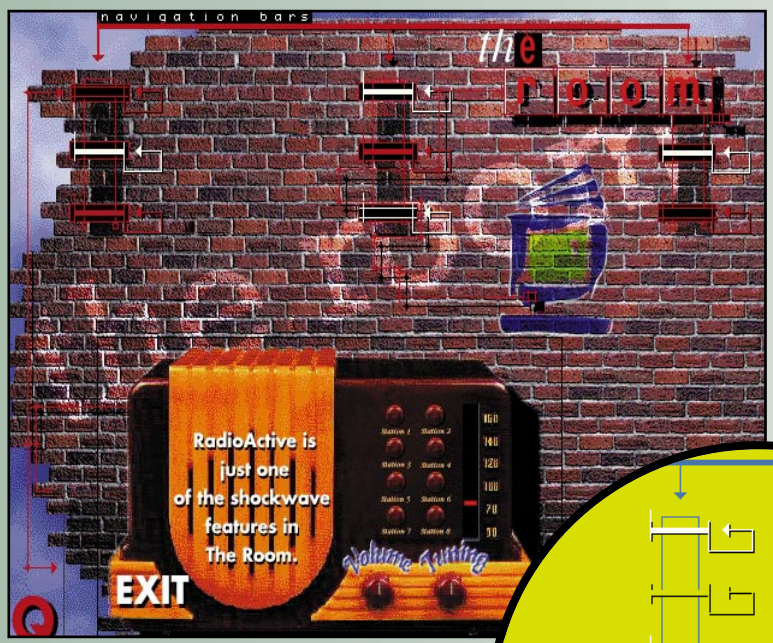
## Installing PKUnzip

PKUnzip is a valuable utility that is used to uncompress 'zip' files, a file-compression format widely used on the Web and elsewhere. In the Resources section, if you have chosen not to uncompress a zip file as it is copied to your hard disk, then you will need to 'unzip' it using PKUnzip. Before doing this, you have to install PKUnzip, as follows:

Go to the Resources section (click the left-hand button marked 'Essential Utilities').
Click the link marked 'PKZip/PKUnzip' (a new page will appear)
Click the link marked 'copy PKZip'
Copy the file ( which is a self-extracting archive) on to your hard disk as explained on the previous page. A good place for PZUnzip to reside is inside your C:\DOS\ directory (where it's easy for your system to find it when it needs to).
At this stage, you now might like to quit from Navigator, and from the *What PC?* menu (unless your PC has plenty of memory).
If you chose not to uncompress the file as it was copied to your HD, then, 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).
After you've done this once, Windows will remember that all Zip files need to be extracted using PKUnzip.

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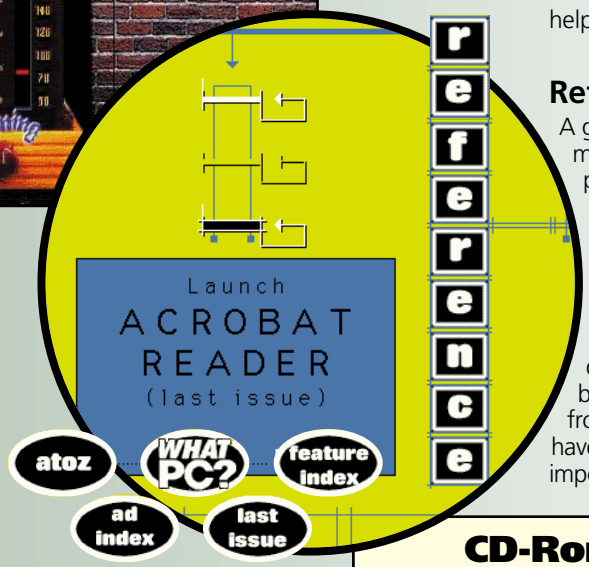
### Hands on

This section contains a selection from the magazine *Personal Computer World*'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 view an episode of the 'Stoney Blokes'. After seeing the cartoon, watch out for our competition to win a copy of Macromedia Director 5.0. Just click on the forward and backward text at the bottom of the first screen to find out about the competition details. Check out the interactive radio as well.




### 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 preceding page for information to help you copy and install your files).

### Reference

A glossary of computer terms, 12-month features index, & the complete October issue of *What PC?*.

### 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 adequate backup copies of all important programs.

## 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.