

cover CD



Here comes summer, and we're celebrating with a sizzling selection of software. There's something for every member of the family: great games, the latest multimedia demos, powerful utilities and stunning screensavers

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Welcome to the June issue of the *What PC?* CD. You'll find the very best new playable demos, games, multimedia presentations, shareware, utilities, videos, and much more.

Using the CD-Rom

If you are using Windows 3.1, you should insert the CD into your CD-Rom drive, call up File Manager and then double-click on the program WHAT-PC.EXE, which will appear in the root directory of the disc. (Please note that it is NOT possible to run the CD-Rom using Program Manager's File/Run option.)

If you are a Windows 95 user, insert the CD-Rom into the drive and a short loader program will appear, from which you can choose to either exit back to Windows 95, or continue running the CD. To insert the CD without calling up the loader, hold down the Shift key while inserting the disk, and keep it held down until the CD-Rom drive light goes out.

Dos games

Apache Longbow

Take a flight with the Apache gunship helicopter in Apache Long-

bow. There are realistic cockpit views and a mass of viewing angles to check your flight from. Select your desired weapon, go full-throttle and attack the enemy before they get you!

Cyril Cyberpunk

Platform games have come in all shapes and forms in the past, and this excellent platformer is up with the best of

dies. With super-smooth scrolling and fabulous gameplay, this is sure to be one of your favourites.

Virtual Snooker

Not so many months ago Virtual Pool was released and was an instant hit. Virtual Snooker has followed hot on its heels, looking much the same but, you guessed it, based on snooker. The game offers an infinite number of views from which to



position and pot your shot – even the sounds are spot on. Designed with the help of Steve Davis, Virtual Snooker is extremely realistic and addictive.

Windows 3.1 demos

Gearheads

Bored with board games? Well...Gearheads is different. You're given a toy box

brimful of wind-up toys and the aim



Minimum system requirements

To run this CD-Rom, you will need 4Mb of free Ram (some of this can be in a permanent swapfile), a 386SX/33 processor or faster, Windows 3.1, and a VGA graphics card.

Users with less than this should still be able to run all the Dos programs on the CD-Rom directly from Dos or Windows (rather than using the *What PC?* menu). For best performance we recommend: 8Mb or 16Mb of installed Ram, a 486DX2/50 processor or faster, Windows 3.11 or Windows 95, and a SuperVGA graphics card.



of the game is to get your clockwork army across to the other side of the kitchen table without hitting your opponent's oncoming stream of toys. With great animated characters and exciting gameplay, this is guaranteed to wind you up!

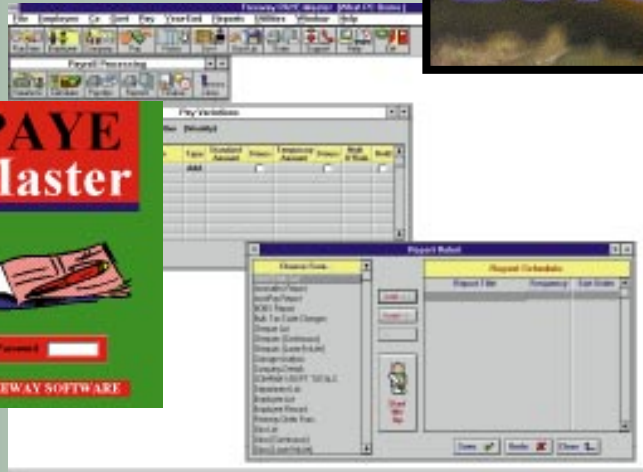
Haunted House

This is a spooky interactive children's adventure set in a haunted



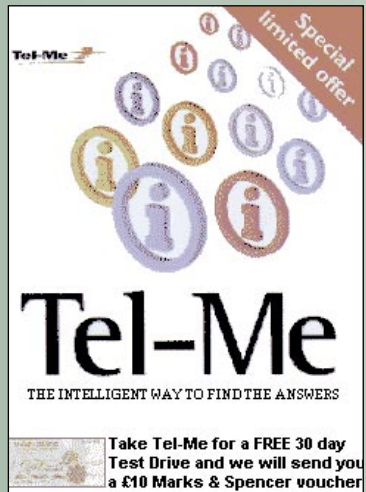


house, where strange things are going bump in every nook and cranny. This demo is restricted to just one room of the house, but is nevertheless packed with amusing animations – and there's even a game hidden away. Designed for children,



check out the mellow music. **PAYE Master** PAYE Master is a superb payroll utility that will help you keep your records in order. It incorporates all the usual features associated

but great fun for all the family. **Koan 2** An audio player designed to play the new koan files, this has all the usual features as well as a spectrum analyser to indicate the frequencies being played. Also, if you fancy chilling out,

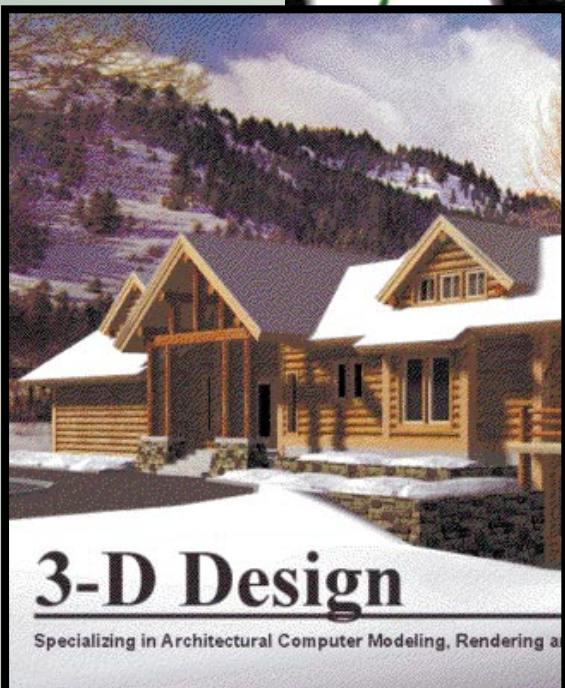
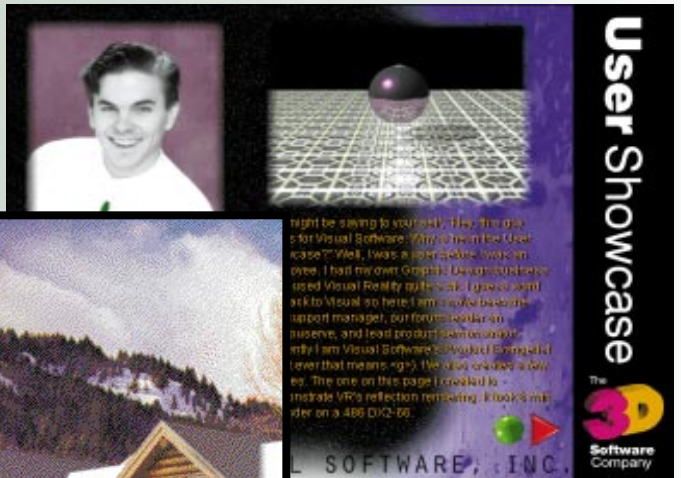


with running a payroll into an easy-to-use interface.



Tel-Me Tel-Me is an online information service which uses 'Hardly Online Technology', which means you are on line for an average of just 20 seconds. It provides access to a vast database of information, including Ordnance Survey maps, hotel and restaurant guides, train timetables, e-mail and much more – even directory enquiries is available for just 12p (compare that to BT or other services). Plus, you get to try the system free for 30 days. **3D Software** Feast your eyes on this superb multimedia demo – it really shows what today's computers are capable of.

Windows 96 demos **Cinemania 96** Are you interested in films? Do you



want facts and figures on films, stars and directors? Or perhaps you're looking for certain types of films or film reviews? Check out this updated demo of the top-selling package. **Music Central 96** Another superb multimedia demo, this time featuring some fab music.

Computer Class/Regulars **Gif Construction Kit** If you use Netscape 2 when you surf the Web, you can't have failed to notice those animated graphics

sprouting up all over the sites. At one time the only way of achieving this was to program in Java or C++. But, with this utility, you can join in with the craze and create professional-looking pages with ease.

Hot Metal 2 This is the latest version of one of the best HTML (Hypertext Mark-Up language) editors to help you create your own Web pages. It has a host of features which will have you creating professional-looking Web pages in no time – painlessly. **I-View** A simple but easy-to-use and fast Web browser, with which you can view the Web pages you create.

Images A number of Gif files for you to use in the construction of your pages.

Paintshop Pro 3 A very powerful image-manipulation package that allows you to change graphics formats, resize, increase or decrease colour depth, design your own graphics – and much more.

Psion Files (See box on page 9) Psion emulator and files. Turn your £1,200 PC into a £199 Psion Organiser! Seriously though, if you have a Psion, the emulator is a great way of backing up your files, or checking them before uploading them to your organiser. In addition, if you look in the APP directory you'll find the latest *What PC?* and *Software Buyer's* guides.

Computer Class: how to install these files

A slight glitch in the production of the cover CD has affected the Web page design tools for this month's Computer Class (page 140). Although all the software you need is on the CD, it cannot be installed automatically, so here's how to install it yourself:

Windows 3.1 users

- Start File Manager
- Highlight C:\ in the left-hand pane of File Manager
- Choose File, Create Directory and call it Homepage
- Highlight the new directory called Homepage
- Choose File, Create Directory and call it Images
- Highlight the new directory called Homepage
- Choose File, Create Directory and call it Iview

Windows 95 users

- Start Windows Explorer
- Highlight (C:) in the left-hand pane of Explorer
- Choose File, New, Folder and call it Homepage
- Highlight the new directory called Homepage
- Choose File, New, Folder and call it Images
- Highlight the new directory called Homepage
- Choose File, New, Folder and call it Iview

All users

The CD contains exactly the same directories (folders) as you have just created on your hard disk. The main one is called Homepage, and inside this are two others called Images and Iview.

- Use File Manager or Explorer to drag the entire contents of Homepage\Images from the CD (usually designated as D:) into Homepage\Images on drive C:
- Use File Manager or Explorer to drag the entire contents of Homepage\Iview from the CD into \Homepage\Iview on drive C:

That's all there is to it. The other programs used in our Computer Class – Hot Metal 2 and Paintshop Pro – can be installed from our CD menu program.



Dos shareware

Boxer Back in the days before Windows become the standard operating system, good Dos utilities could be found by the handful. Nowadays, most programmers only ever seem to write software for Windows, making good old Dos utilities rare. But good Dos programs are still available and this text editor is one of the best. **Breeze** A fast and easy-to-use word processor/text-editing package – as its name suggests, it truly is a breeze to use!

The Colour Wizard

A children's electronic colouring book that is both fun and easy to use. Simply choose the colour you want and click on screen where you want to colour the picture. You can also change the colours in the picture or, for perfectionists, start all over again.

Chinese Checkers

Try to outsmart your opponent in this animated version of the classic board game, Chinese Checkers.

Sound Club

Software for creating music – it'll have you dancing on your desktop.

Easybook

Create your own electronic books – loads of fun and practical too.

Enigma

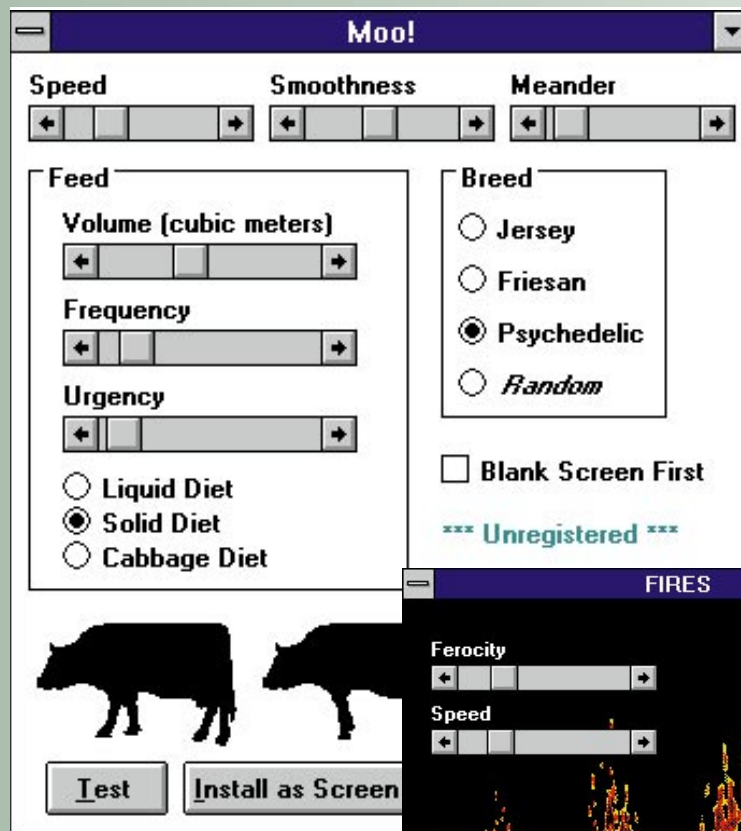
Bat and Ball games were particularly popular in the '70s, making a comeback in the '80s with Ark-anoid. Now Enigma brings this genre bouncing back into the '90s. You'll soon get the hang of it again as you concentrate on hand-to-eye co-ordination in this fast and exciting game of skill and luck.

Phantom Screen

A super new screensaver – keep your files hidden from prying eyes.

Redhook's Revenge

Redhook's Revenge is an animated adventure/strategy game that will keep you on your computer for hours ▶



as you solve the various puzzles.

Steel Shot

An addictive Pinball game. Just shoot the ball and use the flippers to hit the targets, go along passages and disappear down holes to boost up your score. Fun for everyone.

Tell 'n' Show

This lets you to construct and organise your photos into a virtual photo album. Sure to be a family favourite.

Windows 3.1 shareware

Animaze

A Windows screensaver collection.

Edit Partner

A Windows Notepad replacement.

While Notepad is reasonable at what it does, Edit Partner gives you a great deal more.

ESF

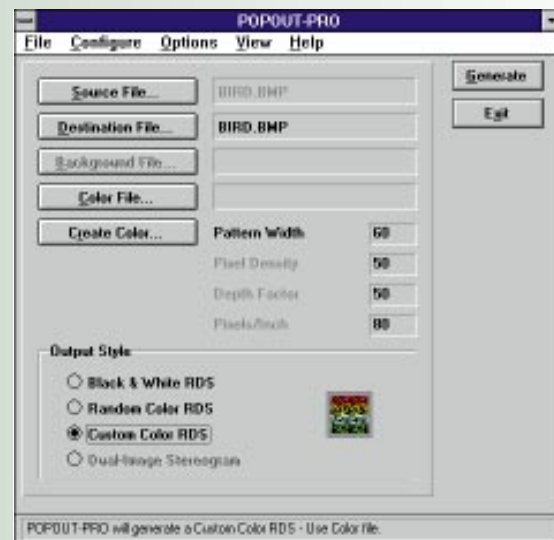
A superb Truetype font collection.

Peeper

An invaluable multi-document viewer.

Popout Pro

Looking at Stereogram ('Magic Eye') pictures is not easy to master but,



once you get the hang of it, the results are quite entertaining. With the aid of this utility, you can even create your own 3D pictures.

Smartboard

A Windows clipboard enhancement utility. You'll be amazed at the improvement this makes to your Windows clipboard!

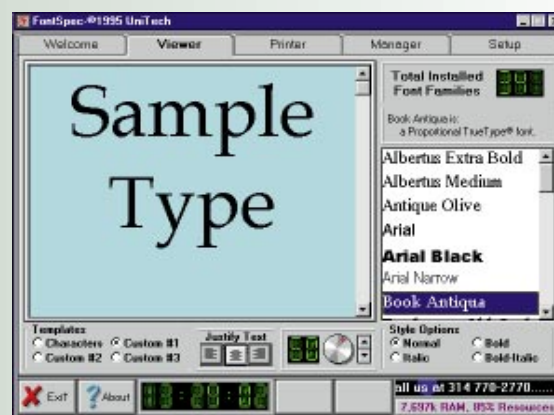
Sharespell

A spell-checker that can check text in either the clipboard or straight from a file. Great for programs that don't have a built-in spell-checker.



Word Wrestle

Come up with as many words as you can from the letters available, within the time limit - mind-boggling!



What PC? buyers guide for Psion 3a

Mobile Software is a British company specialising in reference information that can be carried 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 *Exptel Pages*: a hotel database and reservations service, with details on nearly 3,000 hotels worldwide. (You'll find demos of both of these on this month's CD.)

Mobile Software, in collaboration with *What PC?*, now brings you the *What PC? Pages* - the complete PC buyers guide, just like the one at the back of the magazine - but, 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.

detailed instructions on using the *What PC? Pages* for the Psion 3a.

You can contact Mobile Software on 0181 906 0002.



Quickmenu Mailbox

Handy e-mail utility.

Win U

A powerful security menu system.

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 the use of the disk or the programs on it.

Ensure that you have adequate backup copies of all important programs and data files, and remember that it is not advisable to try out new programs on a networked PC.

CD-Rom problems

Your CD-Rom doesn't load

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 616444. Calls cost 39p/min off-peak and 49p at all other times. This is a computerised advice system giving hints and tips to help with a wide range of problems. During office hours, you can page technical support staff by pressing the '0' key when prompted. If we are unable to answer your query, rather than keep you on the line, we will endeavour to phone you back (at our expense) within 60 minutes.

Before you call...

Information on the system used to author the CD-Rom (Macromedia Director) can be

found in the file README.WRI in the root of the CD. It contains details on hardware tested with Director, notes on which driver versions you should have loaded, and some useful contact addresses.

Video for Windows

If the Video for Windows installation fails and you receive an error such as 'xxxx cannot be updated as it is a shared file', the answer is to delete the file 'xxx' (or whatever it is called) and reinstall Video for Windows.

General Protection Faults

If you get General Protection Faults when running the menu, or playing digital videos, it is probably because your graphic display driver may not be 100 percent Microsoft-compatible.

The CD-Rom is slow to load or runs slowly

You need at least 4Mb of free Ram to use the menu. If necessary, you can obtain this by creating a permanent swap-file of up to 4Mb.