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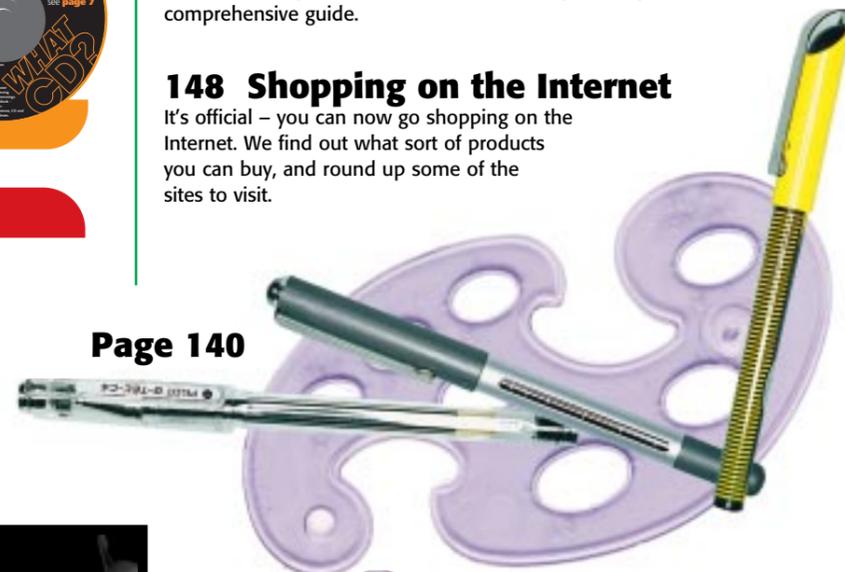
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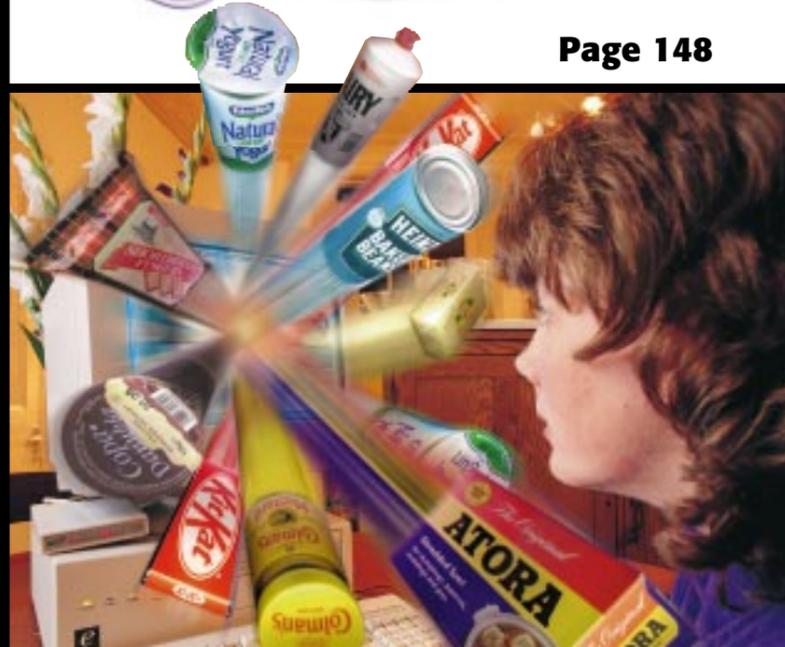
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Document scanner offering 24-bit colour scanning.

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Network-ready Pentium Pro desktop PC.

### Canon PowerShot 350

Easy-to-use pocket-sized digital camera.

### Psi-Sync for Microsoft Outlook

Synchronise your Psion with Microsoft's PIM.

### EasyPhoto Drive

Colour scanner that fits into a PC's 5.25in drive bay.

### NetAccelerator 1.0

Downloads linked Web pages to save modem time.

### Easy CD Creator Deluxe

Adaptec's data, audio and video CD creation kit.

### Panasonic CF-35

Well-made notebook, with optional CD-ROM drive.

### ThumbsPlus 3.0

Software to identify and manage images.

### Net2000 SpaceStation

Browse the Internet at home on your TV.

### HP Pavilion 3100

Multimedia PC for users with a limited budget.

### Kingston Datapak 520

PC Card with a lot of storage space.

### WinCheckIt 4.0

All-in-one problem-solving kit for Windows.

### Hewlett-Packard PhotoSmart suite

Home photo-imaging system including printer, scanner and camera.

### Solo Pro Classic

Voice-recognition software for your PC.

### Backer 32

Useful and cheap method of backup storage.

### Intel 200MMX OverDrive

Upgrade your Pentium PC to MMX.

### Dimension XPS D266

High-specification PC with AGP graphics card.

### Lotus Organizer GS

Updated personal information manager with a group scheduler for Notes users.

