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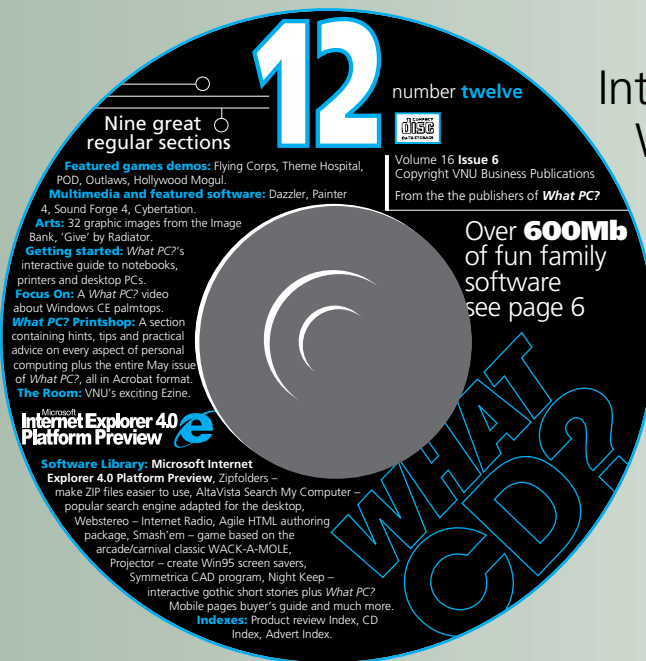Index, Advert Index.

Over **600Mb**
of fun family
software
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Introducing issue 12 of the
What CD? interactive CD-ROM.
You'll find hours of enjoyment
playing and exploring over
600Mb of games, music,
software demos and valuable
hints and tips for your PC

This month's highlights include playable demos of the
latest games releases, plus a chance to try out the bril-
liant Painter 4. There is also a video tour of Hewlett-
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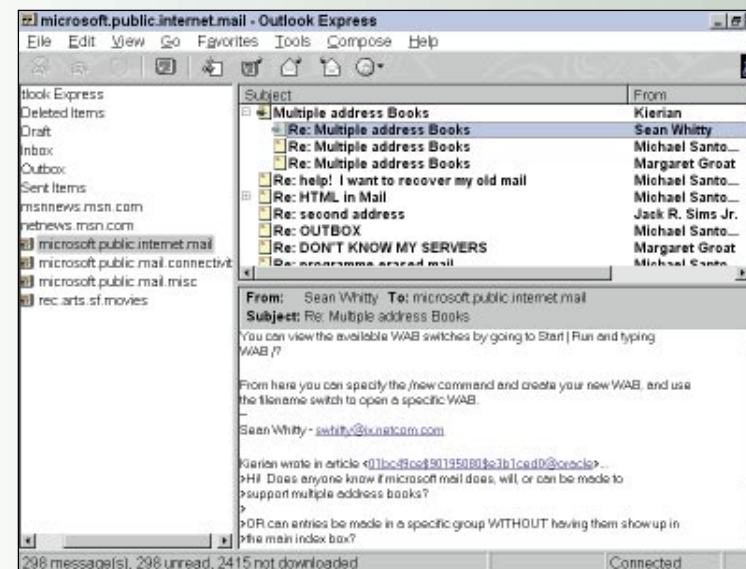
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Platform Preview; AltaVista Search My Computer** – famil-
iar search engine adapted for your desktop or network;
Stay Connected – making sure the link stays active even
when you're not doing anything; **Agile HTML** – HTML
authoring package; **Webstereo** – Internet Radio from
around the world to your PC; **Mastery Learning Grammar**
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Smash'em – game based on the arcade/carnival game
Whack-A-Mole; **Symmetrica** – powerful new CAD pro-
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using the Win95 screen saver engine; **Calmon 95** – clock,
alarm, scheduler and performance monitor; **Night Keep**
– interactive gothic short stories; **WReport** – hilarious busi-
ness entertainment utility; **Business Cards** – create your
own cards; **Fiction Magician** – make computer writing and
creativity assistance more accessible; **Blood** – DOS-based
multi-level combat game; **Ultimate Logic** – challenging
questions that make you think; **Wordgames** – crossword
games; **Mordor** – complex adventure 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.

*Note: Unless otherwise stated, applications supplied on this
CD-ROM are demonstration versions. This may mean that
they are time-limited, have restricted functionality, or (esp-
ecially with games) are only a limited number of levels.*

Internet Explorer 4 – warning

**This is a pre-beta release of Internet Explorer 4 intended for
developers and advanced users only. Neither *What PC?* nor
Microsoft can offer any support on the product. Nor can we
assume any responsibility for loss or damage caused as a result
of using IE4. Before downloading this software, please care-
fully read the information provided.**

Multimedia and featured software

This month we have four great
Windows demos: Dazzler, Painter 4,
Sound Forge 4 and Cybertation.
Dazzler is a multimedia authoring
program by Linotype-Hell, Painter 4
is a powerful and popular paint
package, Sound Forge 4 is a digital
sound editor and Cybertation is a 3D
exploration into the nature of life.

Games

There are five exciting games for
you to play:
   Flying Corps from Empire
Interactive is a highly addictive flight
simulator. It has unparalleled his-
torical accuracy and attention to
detail, generated using aerial
photos taken during the First World
War.
   To run Flying Corps you'll need

*at least a Pentium P90 processor
with 16Mb of RAM and a 4x CD-
ROM drive.*
   Bullfrog's **Theme Hospital** is
an imaginative Sim-city style game
set in hospital surroundings. Your
goal is to build a hospital that func-
tions smoothly and efficiently. You
have to heal the injured, cure the
psychiatric patients and interact
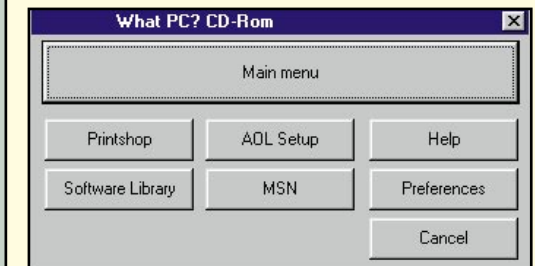with the other characters.   ▶

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
FileRun. 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).

Navigation
Unlike most CD-ROMs, our disc 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 disc by clicking on the 'Q' in
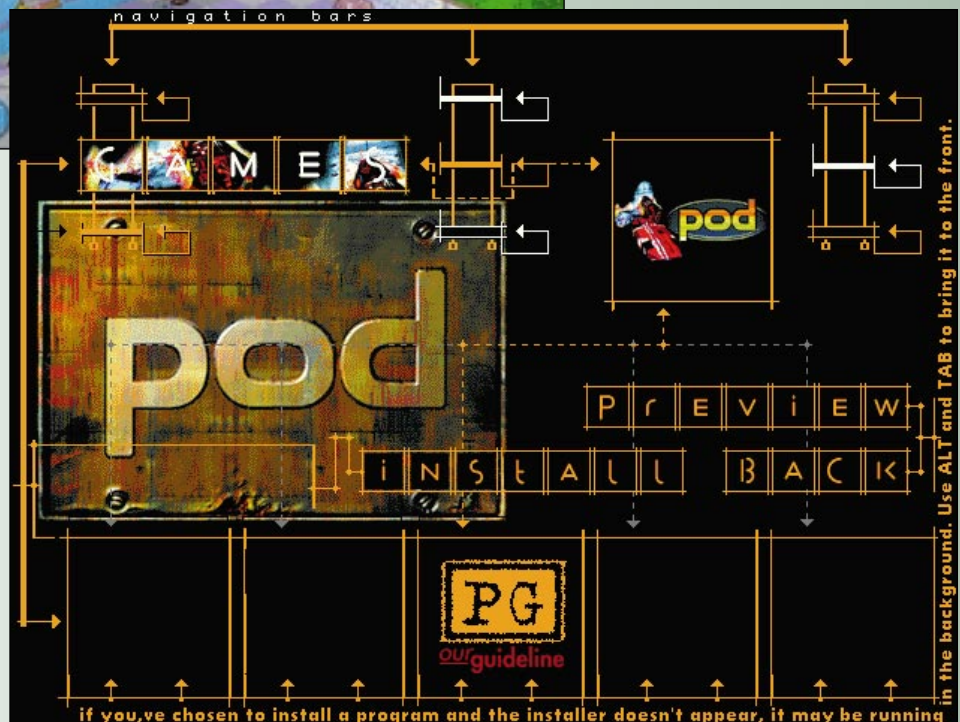the bottom left of the screen.

POD is a futuristic racing game from Ubi Soft. It claims to redefine racing and revolutionize Internet-direct multi-player gaming for an experience that is out of this world.

POD requires Windows 95, 16Mb of RAM and a 16-bit sound card. It features Dolby surround sound and MMX technology. It also requires you to install DirectX which is located in the Software Library section of the CD-ROM.

Outlaws is an adventure game set in the Wild West. You take on the role of Marshal James Anderson, on a mission to retrieve your

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if you,ve chosen to install a program and the installer doesn't appear, it may be running

in the background. Use ALT and TAB to bring it to the front.

Buyer's guide for Psion 3a

Mobile Software specialises in supplying software tools to allow you to access subsets of your company's information on your Psion 3a/3c palmtop computer. It also uses these tools to produce information-based products of interest to Psion owners.

Mobile Software, in collaboration with *What PC?*, now brings you *What PC?* Pages – the PC tables that appear at the back of this magazine, in a compact form that can be taken with you inside your Psion palmtop. Every month, we'll bring you new and updated sections from these tables.

We've also included the new Nicholson London Pages, offering comprehensive information on over 3,100 venues and services in London, together with other guides from Mobile Software includ-

ing CNN Pages, Expotel Pages and Transmedia Pages.

From the Software Library 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* or visit its World Wide Web site at www.mobilepages.com

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daughter who has been kidnapped by an evil land baron.

Computer Strategy's **Hollywood Mogul** is a complex business simulation of movie studios and movie-making. Your task is to run a movie studio worth $5 billion. This demo allows you to create three movies, although the full version lets you produce 100 movies per game.

To find out how to play and install the games and multimedia demos from outside the

main *What PC?* **interface click on the HELP button on the *What PC?* loader.**

Arts

This month, the Arts section is divided into two parts: Music and Images. There are 32, downloadable top-quality images from the Image Bank (*copyright of the Image Bank*), and an interactive jukebox containing the track entitled Give from Radiator.

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.

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 contained in the explanations. Buying tips are also included.

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 50p a minute.
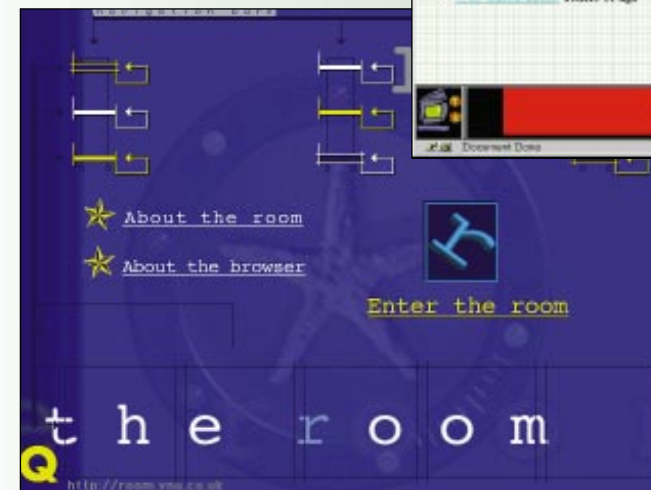

Focus on

Here 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 magazine. This month we have a *What PC?* video about Windows CE palmtops.

What PC? Printshop

All the Acrobat pages are in one easy-to-use section.

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

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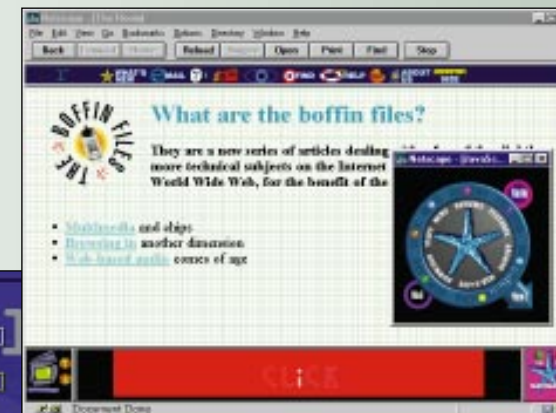
Using Netscape

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.

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.

The Room

Browse through VNU's redesigned e-zine.

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, just click the help button once you have launched the browser in the section, or click the help button from the *What PC?* loader.

Indexes

The Indexes section contains a searchable product reviews index from the magazine, a CD index for all the new-look *What CD?* cover disks up to date, and our regular advert index.

Important notice

The publisher, VNU, has checked this CD 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 important programs.

Downloading and installing files from the Software Library section

Netscape allows you to download files from the Software Library section on the CD to your hard disk. Alternatively, you can use your own browser, provided it supports 'frames'. The Software Library home page is 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.