cover CD

number six

Nine great regular sections

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Reference: Glossary of computer terms, 12-month features index of *What PC?*, plus **the complete November issue of *What PC?*** to read in Adobe Acrobat format.

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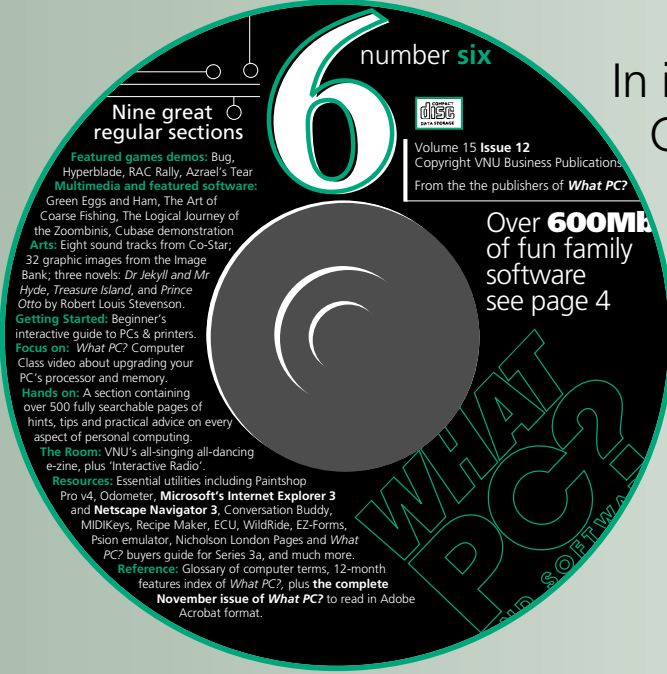
Over **600Mb** of fun family software
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In issue 6 of our new-look *What PC?* CD-ROM cover disk you'll find over 600Mb of games, multimedia, resources, arts and useful PC tips

Introducing issue 6 of the *What PC?* interactive cover disk. This month, some of the highlights within the nine regular sections are a video about upgrading your PC's processor and memory, Internet Explorer 3.0 and Netscape Navigator 3.0 to copy to your hard disk, 32 top-quality images from the Image Bank, and three great novels.

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 sec-

tion. Exit the disk by clicking on the 'Q' in the bottom left of the screen.

Multimedia and featured software

This month we have four great Windows demos: Green Eggs and Ham, The Art of Coarse Fishing, The Logical Journey of the Zoombinis and Cubase Demonstration. These demos range from an interactive knowledgebase of coarse fishing through a Living Book to a professional music sequencer.

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'.
(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).

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Multimedia section
Green Eggs and Ham – based on the Dr Seuss book
The Art of Coarse Fishing – multimedia encyclopaedia
The Logical Journey of the Zoombinis – edutainment adventure game for children
Cubase Demonstration – demo of 'version 3.0 Score', a sequencer which incorporates MIDI and Audio

Games section
Bug – a kind of 3D PACMAN from SEGA (Win95 only)
Hyperblade – a 3D hockey game reminiscent of Rollerball (Windows 95 only)
RAC Rally – high-quality graphics rally game
Azrael's Tear – a 'Doom'-like interface, in search of the Holy Grail

Arts section
A jukebox containing eight tracks from Co Star
32 graphic images from the **Image Bank**
Three novels: **'Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde'**, **'Treasure Island'** and **'Prince Otto'** by Robert Louis Stevenson

Getting Started
What PC?'s exploration of printers and desktop PCs

Focus on
A *What PC?* video about upgrading your PC's processor and memory

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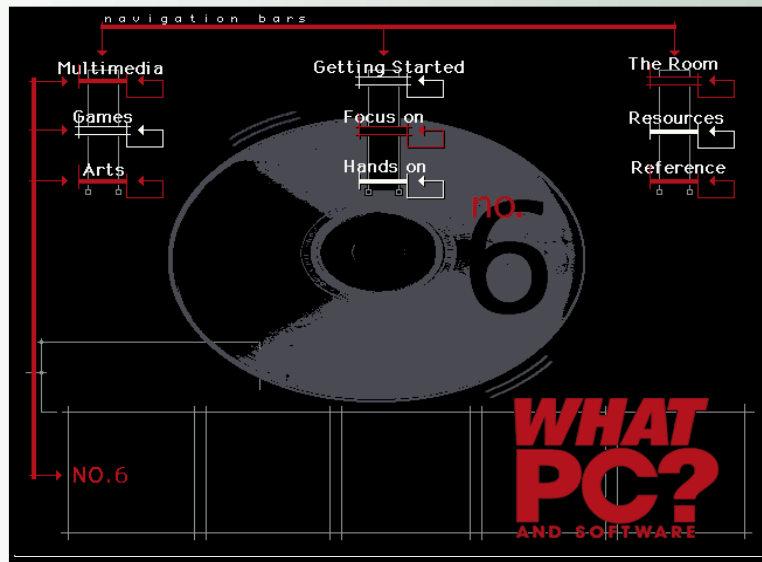
The Room
Browse through VNU's new e-zine and check out the featured interactive radio

Resources section
Essential utilities including **Video for Windows, Paintshop Pro 4.1, Microangelo, Thunderbyte Anti-virus**
The Windows 95 Service Pack – Windows 95 update
Conversion Buddy – extensive unit conversion package
Maths Snatchers – mathematics game for children aged seven and upwards
Fish Keys 3.1 – computer activities for the very young
Eudora Light 1.54 – an e-mail package
Microsoft Internet Explorer 3.0 and Netscape Navigator 3.0 – two leading Internet browsers
Web Seek – a program that lets you perform Web searches from your desktop
EZ-Forms Plus – form creation/editing program
Smart Draw – a flow charting/table design package
MIDIkeys – play MIDI instruments on your sound card by clicking a graphic keyboard with your mouse
Wild Ride – a 3D surfing game
Recipe maker 2.0 – to help you plan your meals
Super Marble Solitaire – 3D solitaire fun
Psion Series 3a Emulator – for your PC, plus *What PC?*
Mobile Pages – for Series 3a, including the new Nicholson London Pages

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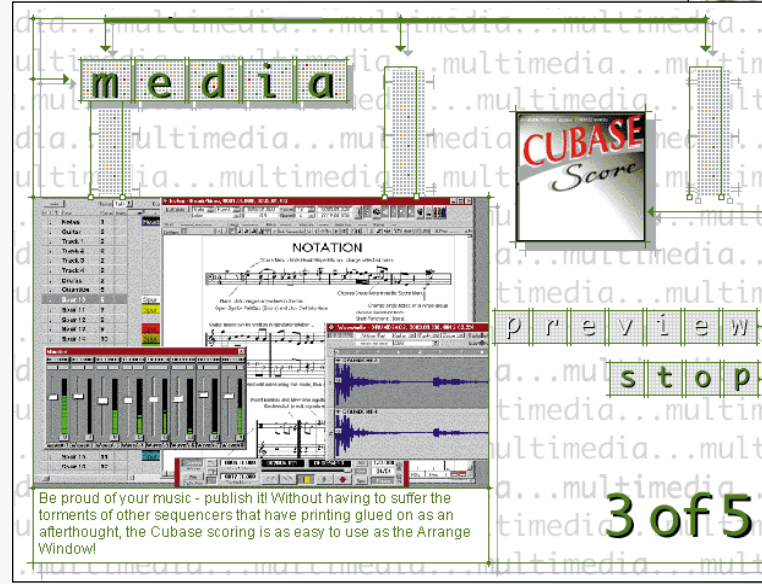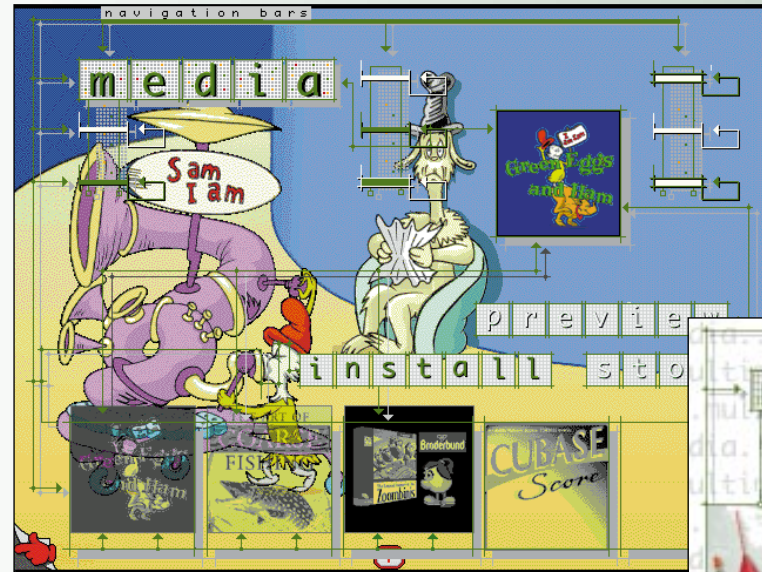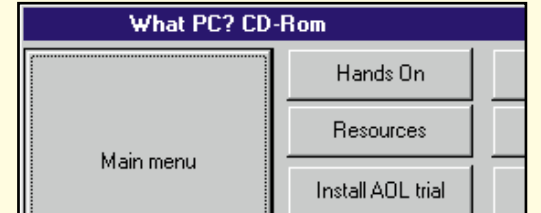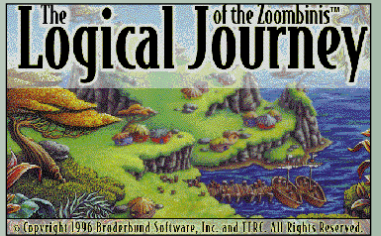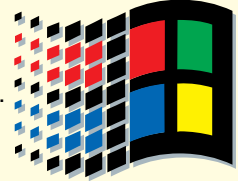

Be proud of your music - publish it! Without having to suffer the torments of other sequencers that have printing glued on as an afterthought, the Cubase scoring is as easy to use as the Arrange Window!

Games

This month we have four great games for you to play:

Bug – (Sorry Windows 3.1 users, Bug is Windows 95 only.)

This game takes you through an exciting and fun journey in the Island of Bug. In each of the island's six areas, Bug has to jump and hop between three levels. You can judge Bug's strength at any one moment by the Bug Juice can.
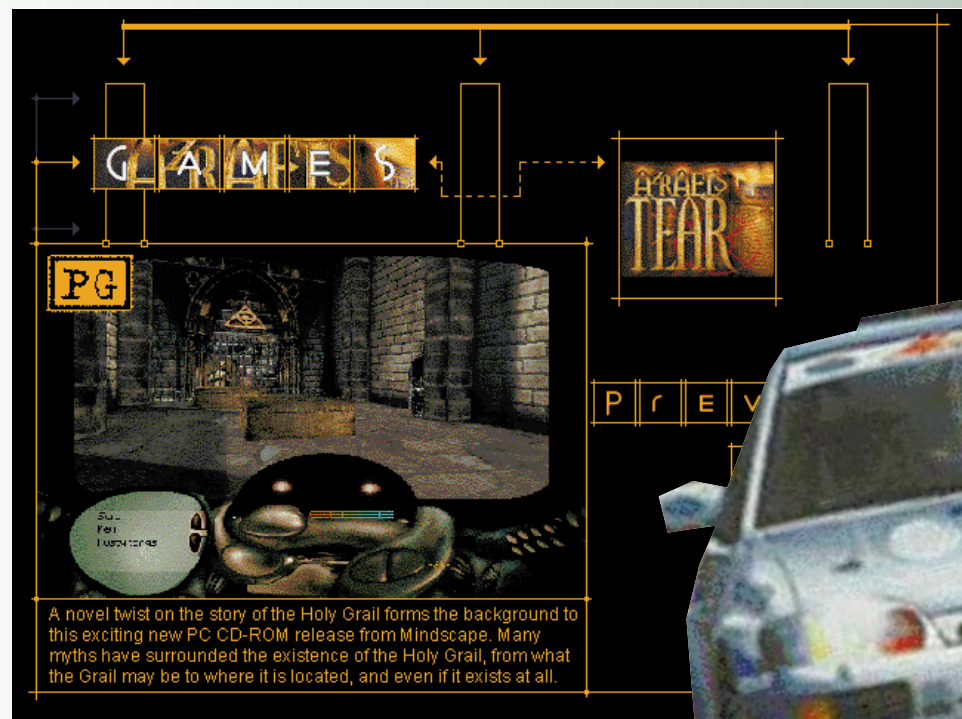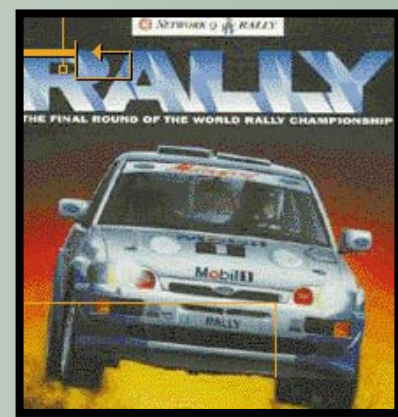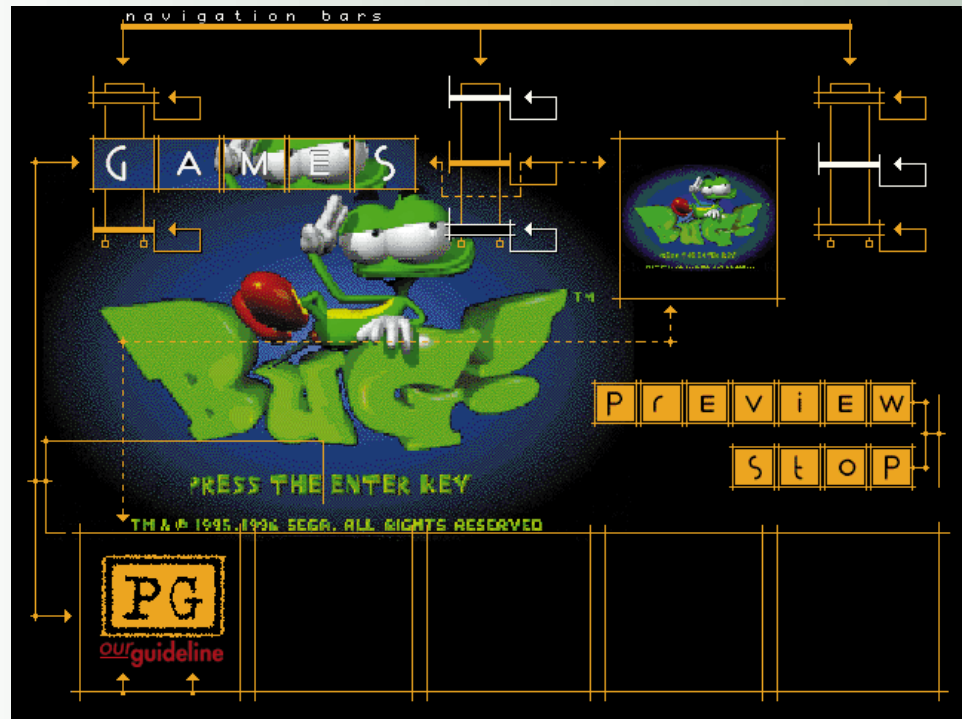
Hyperblade – (Sorry Windows 3.1 users, Hyperblade is also only for Windows 95.)

Published by Activision, this should be available in shops now. This demo version provides you with a small sample of the hard-hitting action and scoring excitement of the full version. It is set in the year 2065, and in it, you are a player in the transnational Hyperblade league.

RAC Rally: Published by Europress, RAC Rally is so close to the real thing you'll feel the bruises. The game recreates different road surfaces, handling of top rally cars and, if you're not careful, you'll also have to deal with damaged suspension! When installing RAC Rally, choose either the normal or full installation.

Azrael's Tear: This game leads you into a stunning 3D adventure based on the story of the Holy Grail. It is set in an immense medieval underground temple, where you, the player, become a futuristic thief with a mission to untangle a web of dark mysteries. ▶

A novel twist on the story of the Holy Grail forms the background to this exciting new PC CD-ROM release from Mindscape. Many myths have surrounded the existence of the Holy Grail, from what the Grail may be to where it is located, and even if it exists at all.

Arts

This month, the Arts section is divided into three parts: Music, Images and Literature. The artwork contained in the Images subsection has 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 by Robert Louis Stevenson: *Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*, *Treasure Island* and *Prince Otto*.

Select an Image...

flowers

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literature

Three
Novels

Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde
Treasure Island
Prince Otto
by Robert Louis Stevenson

music

Images

Errata

(1) If you select the 'Hands On' button from the *What PC?* loader and an error message pops up, or you click on 'Launch Acrobat' from within the main *What PC?* CD Interface and nothing happens, this is probably because you do not have Acrobat Reader (with the search plug-in), installed on your PC. To install Acrobat, quit out of the main *What PC?* interface and then from Windows Explorer, or File Manager, double-click on SETUP.EXE, in the directory <CD drive>:\ACROREAD\ENGLISH\DISK1\

(2) If you have an older version of Windows (pre-Windows 95), you may need to install Video for Windows first before running the main menu. You should click the Resources button on the loader menu and go to the Essential Utilities section, and click on 'Video for Windows'. Then click 'Click here to copy Video For Windows'.
    At the prompt for a directory name type C:\WPCVFW and click OK.
    Select DECOMPRESS FILES ONTO HARD DISK and acknowledge the copy.
    Exit from Netscape.
    In Windows Explorer or File Manager go to C:\WPCVFW and double click SETUP.EXE.
    This will install Video for Windows and ask you to restart your machine.
    When your machine has restarted, start the *What PC?* CD again.
    This time the loader will find Video For Windows but may prompt for Quicktime to be loaded. In this event deselect Quicktime and click continue. You will not need Quicktime for this CD.
    You may delete the directory C:\WPCVFW. Restart Windows.

Getting started

This is the beginner's interactive guide to the basics of desktop PCs and printers. Point and click on 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 magazine. This month we have a *What PC?* video about upgrading your PC's processor and memory.

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.

focus on
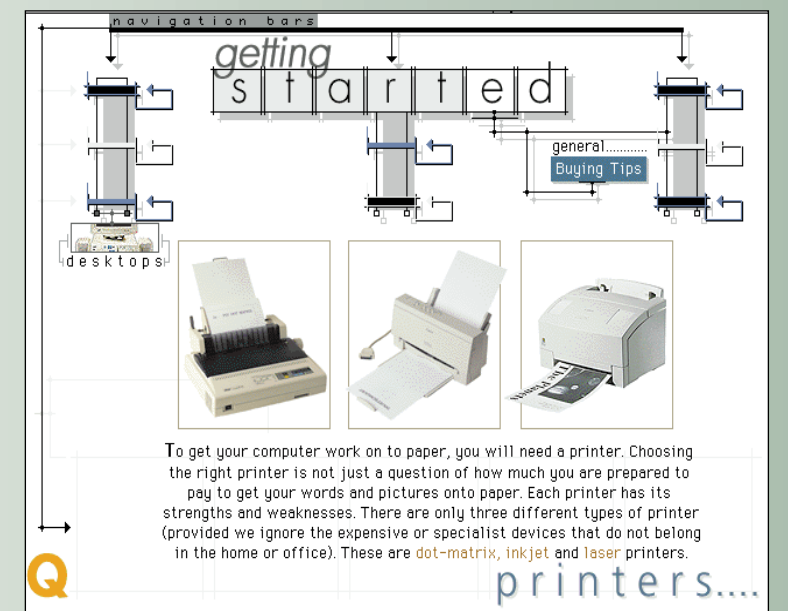*Upgrading your PC's processor and memory*   *START STOP*

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.

getting *s t a r t e d*
general *Buying Tips*
desktops

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.

printers....

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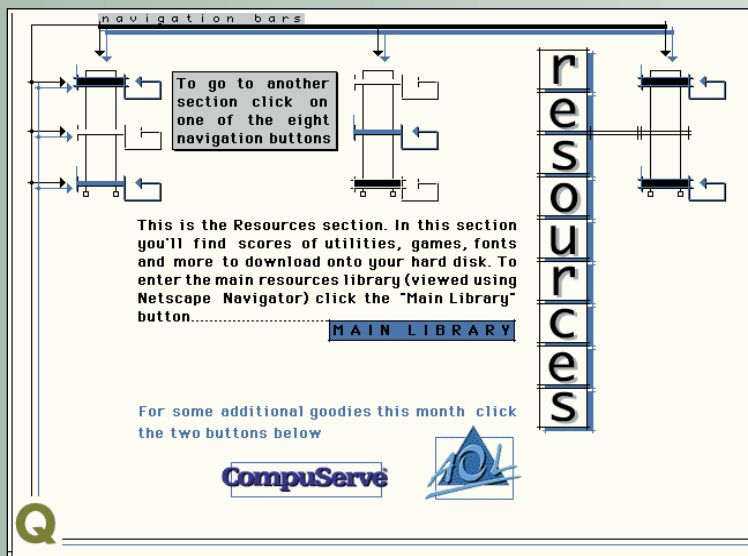
We've also included the new Nicholson London Pages, offering comprehensive information on over 3,100 venues and services in London, together with other guides from Mobile Software includ-ing CNN Pages, Expotel Pages and Transmedia Pages.

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

Using Acrobat

In order to view the pages, in both the Hands on section and the Last Issue (Reference) 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 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.

The Room

Browse through VNU's Web e-zine and check out the interactive radio that is also featured in this section.

Resources

In this section you'll find scores of great utilities, games and more, just waiting to be downloaded onto your hard disk (see box on the previous page for help installing files).

Reference

A glossary of computer terms; 12-month features index; plus the complete November issue of *What PC?* in Adobe Acrobat format (see box above for information on using Acrobat).

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 made 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.