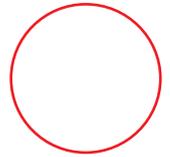


Letters



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Wrong comparison

Articles about ClarisWorks 4.0 for Windows 95 all agree it is an excellent package, scoring its features, flexibility and integration higher than those of its main rival Microsoft Works 4.0. I have used both and agree.

But what articles also tend to agree on, thus putting off potential buyers of the Claris product, is that it's rather expensive compared to its rival. In your November issue, for example, after giving ClarisWorks higher scores for performance and features, you give Microsoft Works a higher score for value for money. This, however, is based on an extraordinarily wrong price comparison.

You quote Microsoft Works at £79.99 incl VAT and ClarisWorks at a staggering £151.58 incl VAT. But go no further than the advert placed



in the November issue by Watford Electronics, who quote Microsoft Works 4.0 at £88 or £105 including Bookshelf (incl VAT). It quotes £110 for ClarisWorks 4.0. Another supplier, Software Warehouse, quotes £101 with VAT for ClarisWorks, and MS Works with Bookshelf at £108, including VAT.

As an enthusiastic user of ClarisWorks, I find your comparison quite misleading.

Joe Ortiz, London

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What's in a name?

Has Corel finally lost it? In your November issue, you reviewed Corel Click & Create. What a surprise it was to me to find out that this is exactly the same program as Europress Klick [sic] & Create.

I have nothing against Corel buying the rights to sell the program, but I would like to know how they can justify the £540 price increase. I never realised that changing a 'K' for a 'C' in the name of the program would cost so much.

OK, I realise that Corel added some sound files and video clips to the original program, but for such a price increase you would expect more.

Personally, I am glad I bought the original program. It may not have a lot of video and sound samples, but it does what it is supposed to do brilliantly.

I am sorry that Corel probably destroyed the potential of an easy-to-use multimedia creation program by over-pricing it. 'Emmanuel' <epetit@netcomuk.co.uk>



Well spotted. Europress did launch a cheaper program called Klik [no 'c'] & Create last year, but the product was quickly withdrawn from sale because Corel stepped in and bought the rights to it. Europress and Corel then worked together on a much more professional version which became known as Click & Create.

There are a large number of technical differences between the two products, and Corel added so many new features, clip-art and fonts that the product now comes on two CDs. Click & Create also comes with a developer's licence - available free on application to Corel.

A parent's point

I agree with Anton Allen (November letters) that it is up to the parent to vet products before child consumption. However, I also agree with Paul Mayoh (letters August) that adult versions of games should not be on cover CDs.

The problem is that par-

ents have to be aware that there is a risk. And with this country's current restrictive censorship laws I do not anticipate having to check a magazine freely on display and available for sale to anyone.

Unless *What PC?* intends to restrict its sales to the over 18 age group it should seriously consider its legal liability when supplying adult material to children without their parents' knowledge or supervision.

Yours, a computer-illiterate struggling parent.
Gail Ramsden, Worthing,
West Sussex

September competition winners

Congratulations to our three first-prize winners this month: Stephen Fox of Warminster, Mr B Johnston of Aberdeen and Miss K J Presland of Harlow. They each receive a pilot™ 1000 personal organiser from U.S. Robotics. Five runners-up will soon be on line with their Sportster Voice 33.6 fax modems. They are T Allsop of London, Mrs P Cox of Oxford, O Fitchie from Edinburgh, Colin McLean, also of London, and Ian Shirriff from Crumlin, County Antrim.

Live '96 prizewinners



The two lucky winners of the competition run by *What PC?* at the Live '96 show in September, are **M A Philips** of Slough, who receives an AST 7301 PC (above), and **J T C**



Kipping from Windsor, who has won a Comet voucher worth £50. Congratulations to both our winners.

