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## PhotoFX 2.0

## FULL PROGRAM

It's unfortunately that time of the year when tax return forms are looming, but our excellent selection of taxation software will take the strain. Once that's out of the way you'll be able to experiment with PhotoFX 2.0 and get some tips from our photo-editing guide

If you're after an easy-to-understand but comprehensive image-editing package that is jammed full of features, then we have the answer for you. PhotoFX 2.0 is an image editor that adds exciting effects to photographs without you having to spend hours figuring out how to use the program. Plus, the useful correction features let you touch up your images until they are picture perfect. The interface is extremely user-friendly but, should you need any extra guidance, the in-depth Help section is close at hand.

PhotoFX 2.0 gives you effortless control over your digital images. This full program includes basic but necessary functions such as cropping, cutting, straightening and removing red-eye. The advanced features are no more difficult to use – you can change the lighting effects and make adjustments to slightly out-of-focus images. Once you're happy with the results, you can save the image in a wide variety of formats including Jpeg and TIF.

Most image editors have masses of features known only to professional users, as they are hidden away in complicated submenus. PhotoFX 2.0, however, is completely different – all the options and effects are listed along the top of the window, so they are easy to find and apply. The results, on the other hand, are guaranteed to be stunning. ■

### To install:

PhotoFX 2.0 **95 98 NT**  
PhotoFX 2.0 should autorun from the main menu. If not, go to Start, Run. Type **d:\photofx\setup.exe** (where D is the letter of your CD drive).

System requirements  
**Pentium 90 or higher; Windows 95/98/NT; 16MB RAM; 14MB hard disk space.**

← You can rotate the picture, remove red eye...

↓ ...or adjust the lighting levels

↓ Live the image up by adding borders or frames

↑ You can even distort the image and alter the colour filters to enhance the photograph



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## Photo-editing guide, part II

## EXCLUSIVE EDITORIAL

Following on from this month's photo-editing workshop (see page 168), we bring you the second instalment of this easy-to-follow guide. More and more of us are investing in digital cameras but, unfortunately, not all of us are blessed with top-notch photographic skills. In part I of our guide, we show you how to get the most from your camera and improve your photos using image-editing software. Once you've mastered the basics, load up part II of the photo-editing guide, which is on both the CD and DVD. Here, we'll show you how to apply special filters and effects, as well as display your masterpiece on the web.

The first part of our photo-editing workshop, in this issue, looks at Adobe's Photoshop Elements – Photo-editing, part II is a detailed guide about how to use MGI's PhotoSuite 4.0. It covers the following topics: importing images, colour correction, altering image size, creating a web page, cropping and rotating images and using special effects. By following our step-by-step guide, you'll be producing professional images quickly and easily.

Photo-editing, part II is a PDF (portable digital format) document, viewed using Adobe's Acrobat Reader, which is available on our CD and DVD under the From the magazine... section. If you've never used a PDF before, don't worry – we have put together this guide to help you (see right).

You will also find evaluation versions of Adobe's Photoshop Elements and MGI PhotoSuite 4.0 in the trial programs section, along with a trial version of Jasc's Paint Shop Pro 7.0. ■

### To install:

Adobe Acrobat Reader 5.0 **95 98 NT 2000 Me**  
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System requirements  
**Pentium PC; Windows 95/98/2000/Me/NT 4.0; 64MB RAM; 24MB hard disk space.**

← First, if you don't already have it on your system, install Acrobat Reader. You'll find version 5.0 of Adobe's PDF reader under the From the magazine... section on both the CD and DVD

→ The next step is to find the PDF file that you want to open – you'll find the second part of the Photo-editing guide on the cover disc menu in its own section

← The front page of Photo-editing, part II will open in Adobe Acrobat Reader 5.0

→ There are two ways of navigating through this workshop. If you have a wheel on your mouse, simply scroll down to view the file page by page. Alternatively, you can use the icons in the bottom righthand corner to navigate forwards and backwards through the document

**ON THE COVER DISC** Taxing issues software

**FULL & EVALUATION PROGRAMS**

We have two recent editions of Smith's Taxation on the CD this month, both designed to help you fill in your tax return. Plus, there's TaxCalc 2001 Lite from Which? and evaluation versions of e-taxchecker and Instant Tax Refund. These programs and more are discussed in our *Taxing issues* feature (page 148), and we've prepared a short tax return tutorial here (see right).

**Full programs**

- **Smith's Taxation 103rd Edition** Smith's Taxation provides accountants, solicitors, students and businessmen with a comprehensive guide and reference to the British tax system. The 103rd edition of Smith's Taxation is here in PDF (portable document format) and will help you with the complicated but necessary task of completing your tax return.
- **Smith's Taxation 104th Edition** You'll need to either register online or over the phone to get up and running with the 104th edition of Smith's Taxation. It's absolutely free to register, and covers subjects such as the tax system, personal taxation, land and buildings, business taxation, capital gains tax, inheritance tax and VAT. Smith's has more than 50 years' experience of the tax system and bring out a new edition after every Finance Act.

**Evaluation and Lite programs**

- **e-taxchecker** This evaluation version, which will help you calculate your tax return, has been put together by a team of tax experts, with experience in all aspects of personal taxation matters. We've used e-taxchecker in our guide to completing an electronic tax return form, shown right.
- **Instant Tax Refund** If you are an employee – that is, not self-employed – and your job necessitates working from home one or more days a week, you could be entitled to an income tax refund. Check out this evaluation version of Instant Tax Refund to see if you're entitled to a reimbursement.
- **TaxCalc 2001 Lite** This lite version of the popular self-assessment program will gather your personal data, tax details, income and expenditure information using a series of data input screens. ■

← Load up your tax software – we've used e-taxchecker in this example. Enter your personal details and the official information from the front of your tax return. Some data fields have drop-down boxes from which selections may be made

→ When entering details of your earnings, include 'unearned' income such as that from shares. You can only add supplementary data to questions that you have answered yes to. You can call up helpful notes, usually based on Inland Revenue forms

← e-taxchecker will check you have answered each question before calculating the amount of tax you need to pay. If you omit an answer, you will be taken back to that question

→ Once the tax return form has been completed, you can submit it using the FBI (filing by internet) feature. You'll need to register with the Inland Revenue first

← Your tax summary can be printed out for your records or so you can submit it by post. Remember to recalculate your return if you change any details

**ON THE COVER DISC** Comdex 2001

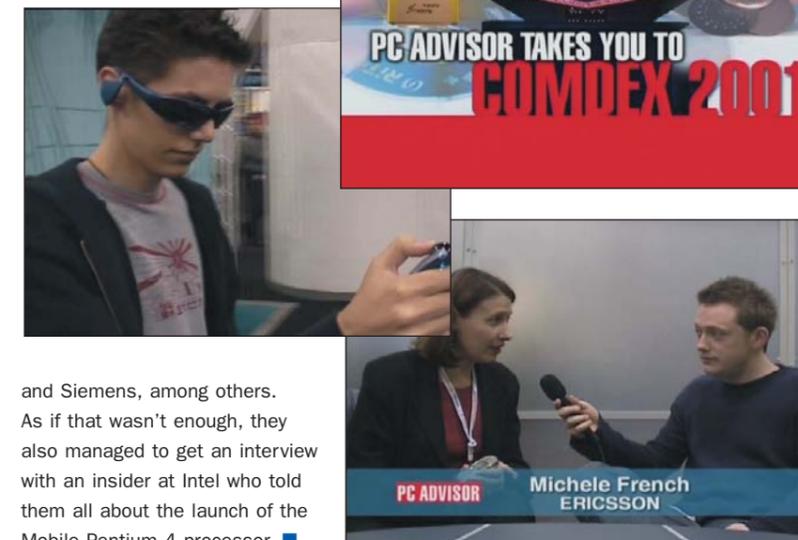
**EXCLUSIVE VIDEO**

If you usually purchase the DVD edition of *PC Advisor*, then you are accustomed to being spoilt with exclusive video footage every month. If you don't, then here's our treat to you. Two of the *PC Advisor* staff were lucky enough to visit the USA this month, to see what the future holds for the IT industry at the Comdex show, and we got them to record all the action.

Comdex, held in Las Vegas, is one of the year's major IT shows, and this year, news editor Rupert Collins-White and deputy reviews editor Will Head went along to see what was going on. Of course, it wasn't just a cushy all-expenses-paid holiday for Rupert and Will – there was plenty of work for them to do.

With all the speeches and launches our hard-working duo attended, we wonder how they had time to put together this interesting video. Not only did Rupert and Will try their hands at using the latest digital editing gear, they also viewed interesting and innovative new products from Ericsson

and Siemens, among others. As if that wasn't enough, they also managed to get an interview with an insider at Intel who told them all about the launch of the Mobile Pentium 4 processor. ■



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## DVD NASA The Big Missions

EXCLUSIVE VIDEO

We've taken a giant leap with this month's video – NASA The Big Missions guides you through the USA's part in the race to put the first man on the moon. Plus, we've got plenty in our Games domain, including a demo of FIFA Football 2002

With games, full programs and trial versions galore, you'll have a hard time tearing yourself away from your PC this month. On top of this, there's our fantastic video, which offers detailed and exciting footage regarding key American space missions and includes official NASA film records.

• Chapter one – Preparing for the moon Before man could be put into space, every precaution was taken to protect the astronauts. Sally, Amy and Mo were the three lucky mice chosen to go into space in a miniature capsule, launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida. When the capsule ditched safely in the Atlantic and the three mice emerged unscathed, many of the mission's objectives – particularly making a safe re-entry into the atmosphere and an accurate landing – were proved.

This chapter also covers Commander Shepard's journey on Freedom 7, which was sent into space on 5 May 1961.

### To install:

To watch the video, load your desktop DVD player and press Play to bring up the chapter menu. To load the PC Advisor software interface, follow these instructions.

Go to Start, Run. Then type d:\pcacover.exe (where D is the letter of your DVD drive). Or go to Start, Programs, Windows Explorer to locate the relevant EXE file. Follow the onscreen instructions to install the program. Read the licence and any Read Me files for any special instructions that may relate to the individual products.

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He travelled to a height of 115 miles at a speed of 5,000mph and, when he returned to Earth safely, was commended by President Kennedy for his 'outstanding contribution' to the ongoing quest to explore outer space, and was decorated for his bravery.

Preparing for the moon also explores the USA's battle with the USSR to get to the moon first. Friendship 7 was an exploratory project launched on 20 February 1962 to investigate the possibilities of making a safe landing on the moon. The Gemini project also involved a number of missions into space, which proved invaluable to the USA in their quest to get to the moon. The USA gained more than 2,000 man hours in space, and learnt much about bringing spacecraft down to a desired landing point safely.

• Chapter Two – Telstar satellite On 10 July 1962, the Telstar satellite was launched into space and signalled a new beginning in communications networks. This chapter tells the story of how the Telstar satellite was constructed, launched and tracked

while in space. This was a massively expensive and logistically complex project, but this section of our exclusive video describes it in easy-to-understand terms.

• Chapter Three – Apollo Missions Apollo 7, launched on 11 October 1968, was a manned mission into space that required a great deal of preparation – the astronauts went through hours of simulations and practice drills of how to escape the landing craft at sea. Four ships and five aircraft around the globe kept track of Apollo 7, a mission that proved invaluable in the race for the moon.

If you were alive on 16 July 1969, chances are you were one of the 600 million people that saw the action unfold on television as Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first men to set foot on the moon. If you weren't lucky enough to see it, then you have a chance to witness the excitement in this chapter.

The mission of Apollo 14 was to bring back lunar samples – moon rock to you and me. The clues provided by these samples, not only about the evolution of



Join the Apollo 14 mission to the moon, one of the most important moments of the last century



→ Alan Shepard, the first American in space, is honoured by John F Kennedy



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the moon but about that of the Earth as well, led to many interesting conclusions and advances in knowledge. One of these was that the moon had once been similar to a highly evolved planet – until it was hit by a 50-mile wide asteroid.

### Games domain

• FIFA Football 2002 You can enjoy the latest game in the FIFA series with this demo, and it certainly impressed our publisher –

see his review in *Lifestyle* on page 255. If you want to construct your dream team with Barthez in goal and Owen up front, then this game gives you the chance.

• Sky Sports Football Manager trailer In this online multiplayer football management sim, players must compete against

thousands of other budding football managers. Get a taster for this truly immersive and challenging game with our trailer of Sky Sports Football Manager.

• Double Top If you'd like a go at this virtual dart throwing game there's no need to have a beer gut, or even a man with a loud voice standing by you bellowing out your score as you play. You'll find a review for Double Top on page 258.

• Rock Manager Fancy yourself as a manager for a hit band? Be prepared for some hard slog, though. You must select suitable band members, buy a song and record it in a studio. Once you've played a few gigs and released a record, you'll hopefully get your band into the charts.

• MechCommander 2 This RTS (real-time strategy) game is about the quest for power through combat and treachery and is set in the BattleTech universe. Players take command of an entire company of mercenary MechWarriors and deploy them in a battle for territorial supremacy against three warring noble houses. See the review on page 257. ■

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### NASA The Big Missions

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*PC Advisor* readers are able to purchase the full 105th edition of Smith's Taxation (RRP £37.99 plus £3.00 p&p) at almost half the original price. To purchase your copy for only £19.99, follow the instructions below.

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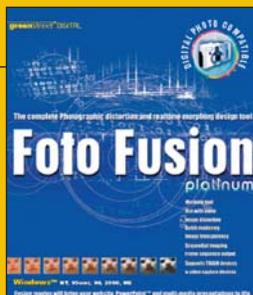
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### Foto Fusion Platinum

Our friends at Greenstreet, the publishers of PhotoFX 2.0, the main full program on our cover disc this month, are offering *PC Advisor* readers another of their great photo-editing tools at a superb price. Foto Fusion Platinum, the complete photographic distortion tool, is packed with features to create morphing masterpieces and is incredibly easy to use. Any image can be morphed into another, resulting in stunning movies and sequences. The normal price for Foto Fusion Platinum is £29.95, but *PC Advisor* readers can purchase it for only £14.99 (plus £2.95 p&p).



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