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Internet Security Suite and Web-Guard will help protect your personal data both online and on your desktop, while WebCompiler is a nifty tool for creating a self-contained program from your website and Ritz 2002 can help you balance the books

Internet Security Suite

EXCLUSIVE FULL PROGRAM

As we never tire of telling you, the internet is a great resource but its open nature means it's vulnerable to abuse. Although the chances of somebody intercepting your email are slim, if you're sending personal information of any sort – whether it's your address, details of when you'll be away on holiday or, most obviously, financial data – you want to be sure it's secure.

E-commerce sites use secure servers to encrypt information in order to protect customers' credit card numbers. Similar protective measures are built in to sites that ask for data that could identify you. But there's plenty you can also do to secure your online experience.

Antivirus and firewall software will protect you from many potential risks and will do much to reduce the likelihood of personal information stored on your hard drive leaking to the outside world. Cosmi's Internet Security Suite provides yet another level of activities.

Internet Security Suite contains a number of useful programs designed to make surfing the web safer. Firstly, the Stealth software lets you encrypt your outgoing emails and attachments so they cannot be read by anyone who does not have the free Stealth Encryption Free Reader and, of course, the necessary encryption key to unlock your email.

→ Make your emails invisible with Stealth Encryption. Messages can be viewed by recipients using the included reader

You can send a copy of the included reader to your email recipients (ignore the warnings about this only being licensed for US and Canadian PC users as the rules regarding encryption have changed since this software was developed).

A wizard takes you through the simple encryption process. The resulting files are cunningly hidden within a 24bit bitmap or Tiff image file of your choosing. Suitable images are provided with the software, which will not allow you to choose an image file that isn't large enough to hide your message or document.

Messages themselves can be hidden and an authentication code added or you can opt to encrypt a file without it having to be hidden in an image.

Further useful utilities in this suite include File Shredder, Stealth Password Database – where you can safely store all your passwords and codes – and Stealth Encrypted Backup plus an app that controls cookies. There's also a children's version of Internet Explorer which will shield your offspring from accessing unsavoury content. ■

← Encrypted files are hidden within a 24bit BMP or TIF image for added security

To install: 95 98 Me 2000 NT XP

Internet Security Suite

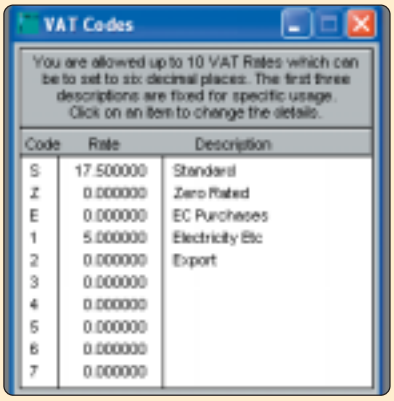
Internet Security Suite should autorun from the CD menu. If not, go to Start, Run. Type d:\cdsetup.exe (where D is the letter of your CD-ROM drive).

System requirements

Pentium PC; Windows 95/98/NT4/2000/Me/XP; 32MB RAM; 25MB hard disk space.

Ritz 2002

EXCLUSIVE FULL PROGRAM



← VAT's the way I like it: Ritz 2002 makes it easy to calculate the value added tax you can claim back from the Inland Revenue

If you're running a business, there are plenty of overheads and the last thing you need is to spend yet more paying an accountant or bookkeeper. There's a plethora of financial management and accountancy packages on the market, some with very limited features and a correspondingly small price tag and others that are more suited keeping tabs on the finances of large corporations and which cost many hundreds of pounds.

Ritz 2002 is an easy-to-use financial management package that, uniquely, works with both PCs and Macs. This makes it particularly useful to offices that have computers running both Windows and MacOS.

The core features of the package include sales and purchase ledgers, an invoicer and a nominal ledger. Its flexibility means that depending on the type of business you run and your expanding needs, you can add to Ritz's functionality by unlocking features such as job costing, contact management, order processing and stock control.

Ritz 2002 provides multiuser capabilities and is powerful enough to support financial data relating to a range of currencies and to automatically calculate trade discounts for loyal customers. For tardy payers, Ritz can generate invoice reminders, saving you time and trouble chasing them up. ■

To install: 95 98 Me 2000 NT

Ritz 2002

Ritz 2002 should autorun from the CD menu. If not, go to Start, Run. Type d:\ritz\install.exe (where D is the letter of your CD-ROM drive).

System requirements

Pentium PC; Windows 95/98/NT/Me/2000; 16MB RAM; 50MB hard disk space.

WebCompiler 2000

EXCLUSIVE FULL PROGRAM

This is a nifty online companion that enables you to create a range of documents from your web pages. Having created your HTML pages using a website creation package, you can use WebCompiler to make a new file as the basis of other documents, ranging from newsletters, surveys and catalogues.

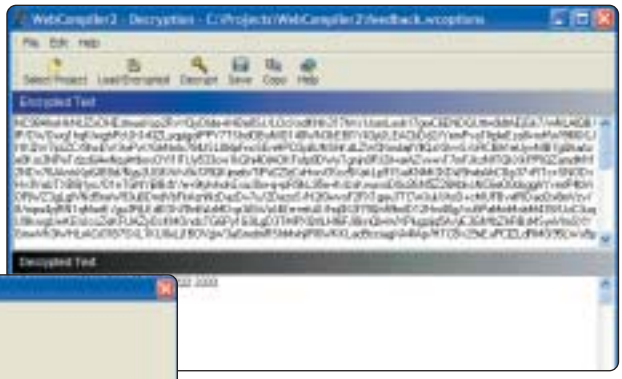
This means there's no need to duplicate work in order to produce a range of documents based on the same content. To compile pages browse to and open the file in WebCompiler, choose a name for the EXE file you want to create from it and use the Compiler Options to select the required output and security options. You can even add a screensaver, icon or company logo.

Having run your pages through WebCompiler you can then secure them using the Password Generator. The Feedback Decrypter lets you unlock encrypted user feedback, plus an advanced search engine helps you find information in a trice – even across documents several hundred pages long.

WebCompiler is a useful addition to your online toolbox, especially as it works in conjunction with any HTML-based content including JavaScript, Flash and VBScript. However, some web elements cannot be 'compiled', depending on how the original HTML pages were created. ■

→ Customising logos for your website is easy thanks to Webstyle's simple menus

↓ To create a graphic, first choose which type you want from the main menu



To install: 95 98 Me 2000 NT XP

WebCompiler 2000

WebCompiler 2000 should autorun from the CD menu. If not, go to Start, Run. Type d:\wcfreebie.exe (where D is the letter of your CD-ROM drive).

System requirements

Pentium PC; Windows 95/98/2000/NT/XP; 16MB RAM; 8MB hard disk space; Internet Explorer 4.0 for NT4, Internet Explorer 5.0 for NT5.

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Web-Guard

EXCLUSIVE FULL PROGRAM

Web-Guard helps secure your data by locking files and preventing unauthorised users from accessing, modifying or deleting them. Files are protected using 128bit encryption and, just to be sure, Web-Guard keeps a record of everything that happens on your desktop and stores it as an event log.

If you're working on sensitive data you can use the Web-Guard screensaver to hide it from nosy colleagues and a Spy Mode can be activated to capture all keyboard activity so you know exactly who's been writing what using your PC. You can also see whether someone has been surfing the internet thanks to the URL history tracking feature.

When checking for intrusion, Web-Guard automatically looks at your C drive but you can use it with any or all of your hard drives and partitions. When the program loads up, simply click on 'Other browsers' and navigate to the drive you want to be protected. If your PC is violated, you can be alerted audibly (as long as your PC has speakers) with a siren or, if you're away from the office, by pager or email. ■

← Keep track of what your PC's being used for – a keyboard log even tells you exactly what's been typed

To install: 95 98 Me 2000 NT XP

Web-Guard

Web-Guard should autorun from the CD menu. If not, go to Start, Run. Type d:\com-guard\web-guard.exe (where D is the letter of your CD-ROM drive).

System requirements

486DX PC or better; Windows 95/98/2000/NT4/Me/XP; 32MB RAM; 20MB hard disk space.

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Marvel Comics Superheroes

EXCLUSIVE VIDEO

Look, up in the sky! Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No! It's this month's exclusive DVD video. Gasp in amazement and gaze in wonder as we take you through the history of superheroes

In a technicolour extravaganza of film clips, graphic art and in-depth interviews, *Marvel Comics Superheroes* records the story so far of the comicstrip characters that expressed the dreams of ordinary people the world over.

Introduction

Do the comicbook superheroes embody a modern mythology or are they a bit silly? Whatever you think, their unashamedly populist graphic stories have struck a chord with millions for several generations.

Backgrounds

The American comicbook industry grew up in New York, so its no surprise that the superheroes all migrated there sooner or later. The austere blocks and enthusiastic criminal fraternity would give the heroes readymade backdrops and keep them busy for decades to come.

Superman

The man of steel burst on to the front of a comicbook in 1936 and changed cartoons forever. He didn't just drive cars, he tossed them through the air. He also sold a million copies of his debut story.

Critics and new heroes

After a success for comics in the 1940s, the 1950s saw a backlash. McCarthyist morality found the strips too violent, leading to a self-imposed code of practice that dulled the edge of the superheroes' stories. It wasn't until the 1960s when they could really flex their muscles again.

Spiderman

Stan Lee and Jack Kirby at Marvel led the way for the new, punchier superheroes, giving them private lives and a contemporary relevance. Spiderman, the first teenage schoolboy with more than just lead in his pencil, became one of the most enduring cartoon characters.

← One of the Caped Crusader's early full-colour comicbook appearances

↑ Find out how superheroes go from the drawing board to comicbook and feature film

↑ Captain America thwarts the Nazis…

→…while Spiderman nabs the Green Goblin

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:\master.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 you want. Please read the licence and any Read Me files for any special instructions that may relate to the individual products.

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Villains

After decades of sending its super-powered characters after burglars and mob bosses, Marvel invented the super-villain – just add a mask, a mutation and a grudge.

Superheroes

Endurance is the comic's real superpower, thanks to characters with distinct traits and the ability to move with the times.

Artwork

Comics have continually updated their artwork and formed a symbiotic relationship with cinematographers.

Merchandise

It all comes back to profits, and the superheroes have created a lot of those. The American dream really is embodied by these money-spinning icons. ■

• Please note: owing to last-minute changes, we were not able to include the editorial relating to the programming utilities on the disc.

Games domain DEMOS

• Delta Force Black Hawk Down Overcome stiff native opposition as you join the US special operations forces for 10 months in Somalia.

• Delta Force Land Warrior This first person shooter is Developed from the same engine used to train the US army elite Land Warrior Soldiers.

• Scrabble 2003 Test your mettle against your PC in this classic word game. A range of games accompany the traditional version.

↑ The latest virtual Scrabble board is demoed this month, along with five other great games

• Medal of Honour Allied Assault The various missions in this WWII first-person shooter will have you sniping, going undercover, driving a tank and, most of all, engaging in bloody and frenetic combat with enemy soldiers.

• Splinter Cell In the shadowy world of US covert operations, you are secret agent Sam Fisher. You must infiltrate high-security strongholds, seize critical intelligence, destroy threatening data and neutralise the enemy, all without leaving a trace.

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