

If colleagues and friends are on at you to tidy your desk then go one further – use iView Media to organise all the media files stored on your hard drive. You'll never lose an image, photo or MP3 again. Our other full program, Serif DrawPlus 4.0, will bring out the artist in you



iView Media LE

EXCLUSIVE FULL PROGRAM

With this *PC Advisor* exclusive full program you can quickly organise media files – such as digital snaps – on your computer. With support for over 70 file formats, this simple drag-and-drop application adds a small thumbnail of each media file to the iView catalogue.

Once you've imported the files you can label and categorise the media using standard or user-defined criteria. It takes no time at all to organise an iView catalogue and, once it's set up, browsing for a particular image, audio snippet or movie clip is a cinch.

iView Media LE does not, however, embed the original media file into the catalogue so remember to keep a copy on your hard drive.

It's also possible to create and customise your own slideshow using the catalogued media files, including any saved movie clips – perfect for showing off your latest holiday snaps. There's a variety of features including transition effects and you can even use your favourite MP3 track as background music.

Finally, iView Media LE can store, back up and burn files on to CD-ROM and other removable disks such as Iomega's Zip drive. Ideal for archiving your digital snaps, images, audio files and movie clips. ■

To install:

95 98 Me 2000 NT XP

iView Media LE

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

System requirements

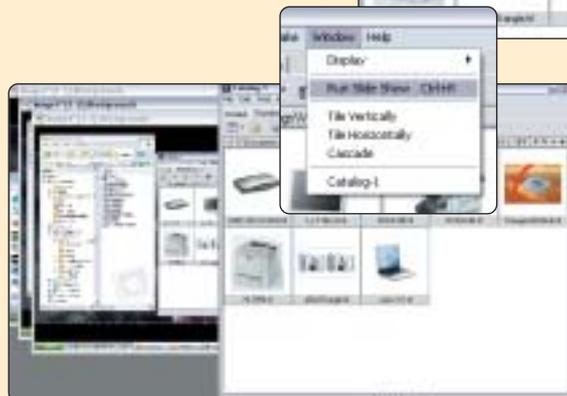
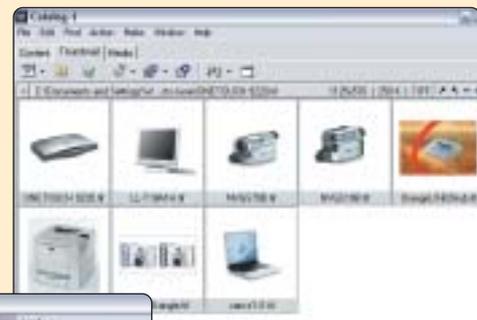
Pentium II PC or better; Windows 95/98/2000/Me/NT/XP; 128MB RAM; 5MB hard disk space; DirectX 7.0 or later

1 To create a catalogue, select the iView Media LE icon from the Start menu



2 Drag and drop any file, folder, hard disk, CD-ROM or other volume into the Media LE window. Your files will appear in an iView Media LE catalogue

3 Thumbnails of your media files should appear, so you can now begin to view and organise your catalogue



4 It's even possible to turn your favourite images into a slideshow

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Serif DrawPlus 4.0

FULL PROGRAM

We're going to create a simple text animation that can be exported and used on a website.

- From the Startup Wizard dialog box, click on Use a Design Wizard then select Animations

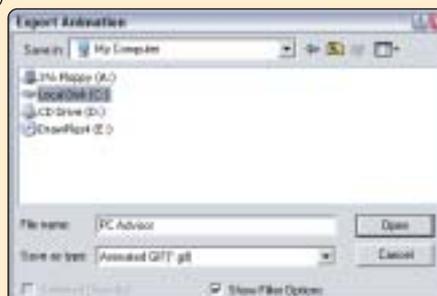


- We're going to use the Searchlight animation. Enter the text – in our case, PC Advisor – then click Finish. The wizard automatically creates the text animation



- On the Animation toolbar, click on the Preview Animation icon (fourth button from the right) to check that you're satisfied with the wizard's handiwork

- The far right icon on the Animation toolbar is the Export Animation option. Click on this and give your file a relevant name. It will be saved as an animated GIF, which can then be used on your website



For our dedicated readership of digital Michelangelos we have included a full version of Serif DrawPlus 4.0 on this month's cover disc. This simple application is easy enough for beginners to grasp while being powerful for the professionals. It brings together drawing, graphics and illustration capabilities and can be used for both web and print.

Of the many options available, you can create animated GIFs, edit pictures or just draw freehand. There's full transparency, blend and fill features. Even if your artistic skills are non-existent, the various design wizards will help you create a masterpiece.

Serif DrawPlus 4.0 can automate processes like replicating, transforming and creating borders. This will save you wasting effort on repetitive tasks, leaving you more time to exercise your own creativity. From decorative page elements and logos to full-page extravaganzas, Serif DrawPlus does it all.

This free software package combines powerful functionality, simplicity and professional quality output. What more could you want? Enjoy. ■

To install: 95 98 Me 2000 NT

Serif DrawPlus 4.0 should autorun from the CD menu. If not, go to Start, Run. Type `d:\setup.exe` (where D is the letter of your CD-ROM drive).

To register DrawPlus and have access to technical support and great value upgrades please install the program then freephone 0800 376 5467, quoting the installation number and registration code when prompted by the registration wizard screen.

• Note program must be installed for a registration number to be given.

UK: 0800 376 5467
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System requirements
Pentium PC; Windows 95/98/NT/Me/2000; 64MB RAM; 30MB hard disk space.

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You will be taken to a customised page on the iView Multimedia website. From here, you can download the Professional version or request a CD-ROM. Either way, you'll be paying significantly less than most other users.

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Shackleton – The Great Explorer

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Shackleton & Scott – Rivals for the Pole

The first documentary takes a look at the rivalry between explorers Robert Scott and Ernest Shackleton. It is the story of their battle for Antarctica – how they fought the ice, the snow and each other to reach the South Pole first. The two men were united by a common goal of venturing deep into the most inhospitable area of the Earth.

In 1899, the first wholly British expedition got underway with Scott leading the Discovery ship to unknown territory. Shackleton was among the seamen picked to accompany him. After nine months the men reached the shores of Antarctica. They stayed in wooden huts for winter and then pushed south to the Pole. However Shackleton became ill, the party returned to base without achieving their goal and the Irishman was sent home.

With resentment growing between the two explorers, Scott's published tales of his expedition infuriated Shackleton, saying he was a weak invalid who was to blame for the mission's failure. Shackleton decided the only way to salvage his pride was to beat Scott to the Pole. In 1904, Shackleton headed out on his own mission but, although he managed to beat Scott's record, he failed to reach the Pole.

Once again, Scott took up the challenge and vowed to complete the expedition. Having failed to learn from his mistakes, however, he continued to use ponies instead of dogs and wouldn't learn to ski. The Norwegians, having heard of his plan, arrived in Antarctica 10 days later with experienced skiers and over 100 dogs. Scott was now trying to win the race to the South Pole for his country.

Scott reached his destination on January 17 1912 only to discover that the Norwegians had been and gone 32 days before. The weary men realised they had been beaten and that their chances of getting home alive were non-existent. They were over 800 miles from base camp and one by one, during the return journey, the explorers died.



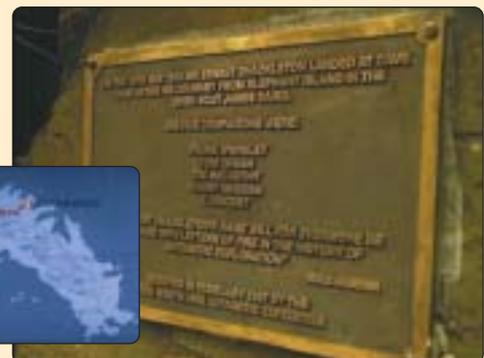
← On ice:
Shackleton's ship was wrecked in Antarctica before his voyage even began



→ To the rescue:
Shackleton risked life and limb to save his men



↓ Beaten to the Pole by Norway, Scott's men look despondent



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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Escape from Antarctica – On the Trail of Shackleton

This documentary takes a closer look at Shackleton the man and focuses on his courageous escape from Antarctica to save his stranded crew on Elephant Island. It also skillfully parallels the history with the story of four modern Irish explorers who set out to recreate the journey Shackleton undertook to save his companions. The Irishmen, a mix of sailors and climbers, are all reverent of Shackleton and their trip is a tribute to him.

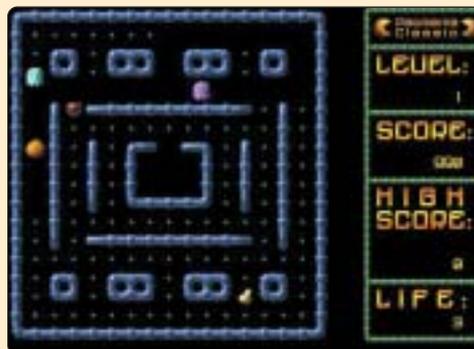
After the Norwegians reached the South Pole first, it was thought that Britain would be done with Antarctica. But Shackleton was not to be denied adventure. He set out on a quest to cross the entirety of the continent. Unfortunately it ended before it even began, with his ship becoming hopelessly stuck in ice.

The documentary highlights the peril of Shackleton's 800-mile journey to South Georgia to rescue his men stuck on Elephant Island and makes you appreciate his dedication to his crew. ■

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