

While CD readers can improve their mental muscle and take advantage of customer database management and PC-to-mobile text messages, the DVD edition offers the chance to try out the Linux operating system and create and burn your own movies

## The Times Psychometric Tests

EXCLUSIVE FULL PROGRAM

While exams may not be the best reflection of one's ability or talent, psychometric testing is becoming increasingly popular among employers as a means of screening candidates. And we warn you, the questions aren't easy. Most of them are highly cryptic, so prepare for a good cerebral workout.

Through a carefully devised set of multiple-choice questions, experts are able to determine your IQ, aptitude, interests and personality type based on your responses. The tests are divided into three main categories – numerical, verbal and mechanical. For each one you have the option of specifying a time limit and

choosing between 20 or 40 questions a go, depending on how adventurous you are feeling.

The main advantage of computer-based testing is convenience: no more waiting around for an examiner to mark your paper. It's all done instantly at the click of a mouse. ■



← Got what it takes? Be prepared, the questions can be very cryptic

To install: **95 98 Me 2000 XP**

The Times Psychometric Tests  
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System requirements  
**133MHz Pentium processor; Windows 95/98/Me/2000/XP; 32MB RAM; 100MB hard disk space; 800x600 screen resolution**

## 1 Cool Menu FX Tool Lite

EXCLUSIVE FULL PROGRAM

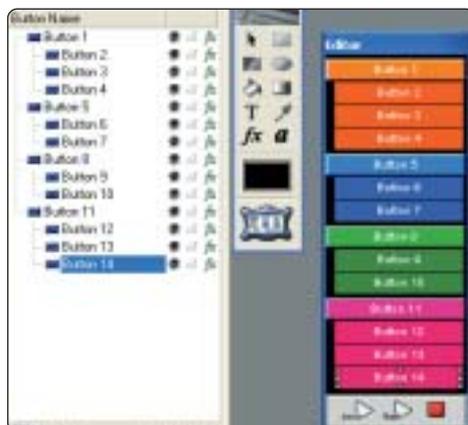
Ever wanted to design menus for your website but haven't a clue about HTML coding? With 1 Cool Menu FX Tool Lite, the process is simple. Choose from one of the Quickstart templates (or design one of your own) then customise it further with an extensive selection of colour schemes and button types.

Adding labels, positioning and linking your buttons couldn't be simpler either. In the Design area you have complete control over the way your buttons behave by adding effects, transitions and even animation loops. Every stage is accompanied by a preview window, which lets you see how the items will look fully rendered.

To install: **95 98 Me 2000 XP**

1 Cool Menu FX Tool Lite  
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System requirements  
**300MHz Pentium PC; Windows 95/98/Me/2000/XP; 128MB RAM; 50MB hard disk space; Internet Explorer 4.0 or later**



Once you're satisfied with the results, click the Output tab and your HTML code will be generated automatically. All that's left to do is upload it to your website. Voila! A great menu that took virtually no effort. ■

← An extensive gallery of styles is provided making the process very simple

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### Editorial survey

Fill in our editorial survey and an AOpen DVD drive could be yours. There are no right or wrong answers – simply tell us what you think about this month's issue for a chance to win. Your answers will help us improve *PC Advisor*.

### How to enter

1. Log on to [www.pcadvisor.co.uk/editsurvey](http://www.pcadvisor.co.uk/editsurvey) or click the link from the CD or DVD.
  2. Answer the questions – this should take about 15 mins – then fill in your name, address and email for entry in our draw.
- Survey closes 30 September 03. Draw subject to usual



DVD video & VCD playback

competition terms and conditions (see page 12 for details).

### The prize

AOpen's DVD-1240 is a 12-speed DVD-ROM drive and 40-speed CD drive with a 512KB memory buffer. It will read DVD and CD formats, including writable and rewritable discs, and its tray loading mechanism supports vertical or horizontal mounting in a PC.

The drive features CAV technology to keep discs on track, while the dynamic damping system soaks up vibration to minimise errors and to improve the stability of disc reading.

This drive is the perfect start for those about to enter the world of DVD, allowing you to watch films on your PC.



## DriverWizard 1.0

## FULL PROGRAM

Weighing in at a mere 1.39MB, this handy little utility will prove invaluable for any self-respecting technophile who wants to keep up with the latest hardware releases. The menu screens are very basic, in keeping with the understated simplicity of the program.

You would be hard-pushed to find a more comprehensive pool of drivers on the web. Searching takes a matter of seconds and provides the necessary links to your requested drivers. Choose 'self help' membership for unlimited access to



the Driver Magic FAQs and the ability to request a specific driver that's not already on the website.

### How to find drivers

1. Choose a device from a list of components on your system. This list looks similar to the Device Manager in Windows' Control Panel.
2. Connect directly to Driver Magic's website to perform a manual search for a driver or browse by manufacturer. ■

To install: **95 98 Me 2000 XP**

### DriverWizard 1.0

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### System requirements

Pentium PC; Windows 95/98 SE/Me/2000/XP; 56Kbps modem or ADSL internet connection

← Keep all your hardware drivers up to date with minimum effort



## SMS Press 2.0



Sending text messages has never been more popular. But pressing away on fiddly buttons is slow and more often than not our messages

are littered with mistakes and bizarre abbreviations.

SMS Press 2.0 allows you to compose and send messages to mobile phones from your PC and adds a whole host of advanced features so you can schedule when to send messages and decide who to send them to. There's also the benefit of using a full-size keyboard and the speed of your internet connection to whizz your texts off to the recipients. You can even build up a database of individual contacts and groups then simply click on those you want to send your message to.

To use SMS Press you must register your details at [www.dynmark.com](http://www.dynmark.com), once you have done this you will be credited with 30 free messages – after that you will have to pay for any more that you want to send. ■



## WinShark crm Lite

WinShark is an effective CRM (customer relationship management) software package aimed to keep track of all your clients. It

provides a centralised place for storing contacts' email, postal and telephone details. It also logs all customer activity, from the first sales call to payment of the final invoices – keeping your leads hot. An ideal way to keep in touch with your customers and ensure your business remains at the front of their minds is to design a mailshot. WinShark crm provides you with every tool you'll need to create mailouts in Microsoft Word.

Because it takes care of all your wheelings and dealings, WinShark crm leaves you the time to concentrate on building up your business. The Lite version is ideal for smaller firms as it can hold details on up to 50 companies or individual customers.

Before you start using WinShark you will be asked to complete a questionnaire so that the software can be tailored to your business' specific needs. ■

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## DVD CyberLink PowerProducer 1.0

## FULL PROGRAM

CyberLink's PowerProducer is an excellent package for authoring and burning video files on to recordable DVD or CD (VCD, SVCD) formats. Any video file that you can capture on your PC can be transferred to disc, so this opens up a huge range of possibilities for the program – for example, you can transfer camcorder or VHS videos to DVD. Alternatively, let PowerProducer turn your stills into albums or slideshows and transfer these to disc instead.

The program is extremely user friendly and takes you through the process in a series of stages. Look out for the Extra Features sections – click on these to access more advanced options such as slideshows and authoring facilities. You can also alter the layout, change the colours, add music or special effects, as well as divide the disc into individually accessible chapters.

Follow our tutorial for a quick lesson on putting together a disc. Should you want to delve further, however, there's a host of in-depth PowerProducer 1.0 tutorials on CyberLink's site at [www.gocyberlink.com](http://www.gocyberlink.com). ■

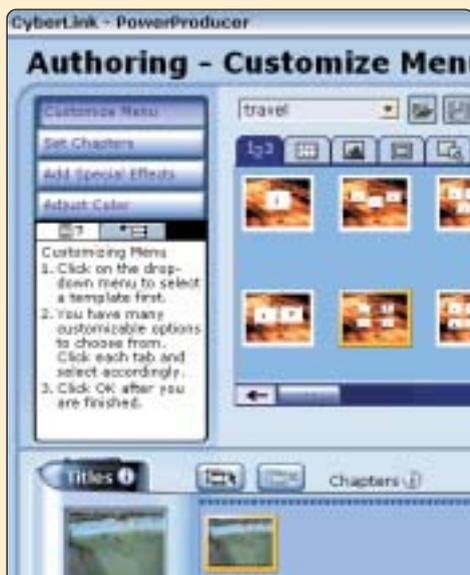


- 1 Click the Produce Movie Disc option on the main menu then specify whether you're creating a DVD, VCD, SVCD or MiniDVD. You also need to select which country the disc will be played in, since the PAL format used in the UK or Europe is incompatible with America's NTSC format. Use the arrow buttons at the bottom of the screen to move between sections

- 2 Here we'll load up a video file. Existing files can be loaded using the Import Video Files option underneath the Video Files heading at the left of the screen (XP users will find a clock.avi file in the Windows directory). Alternatively, those with a video camera or webcam connected can click on its name under the Video Devices heading to capture video straight from here



- 3 Test the video from this screen. If you have several video files loaded, you can use this opportunity to see how they fit together. Then click the Authoring button under Extra Features



- 4 Use this screen to apply special effects, customise the introductory menu or break up the file into chapters so that viewers can flick to the section they want to see rather than watching the entire video from beginning to end

### To install:

98 Me 2000 XP

CyberLink PowerProducer 1.0  
The software should autorun when you click Install on the CD menu. If not, go to Start, Run. Type D:\powerproducer\pp\_isales\_1323\_enu.exe (where D is the letter of your DVD-ROM drive).

System requirements  
450MHz Pentium II PC; Windows 98 SE/Me/2000/XP; 32MB RAM; 128MB hard disk space; DVD drive

## DVD Mandrake Linux 9.1

## FULL PROGRAM

Windows might be the dominant PC operating system, but increasing numbers of users are taking tentative steps towards the open-source alternative, Linux. Mandrake Linux has long been accepted as one of the easiest examples



of Linux. Version 9.1 is the perfect package for anyone who wants to find out what all the fuss is about.

Past versions of Linux have often been considered unattractive and text-heavy, but the new MandrakeGalaxy theme produces a clean, eye-catching and consistent user interface that immediately draws the user in. Indeed, the fonts are anti-aliased, so the smooth character definition shouldn't strain the eyes.

And you needn't worry about incompatibility problems, since Mandrake Linux supports all the latest devices and standards, from USB 2.0 and Wi-Fi to full hot-plug facilities. The latter allow you to plug in new devices and have them automatically recognised and configured while the system is running.

← MandrakeGalaxy's smooth visuals dispel the myth that Linux operating systems can't be easy on the eye

Mandrake Linux 9.1 comes with plenty of built-in software. So whether you want to run off a few text documents or spreadsheets, manage your finances or retouch some images, the operating system will take care of your needs. And with this being Linux, more experienced users will enjoy the enormous potential for writing their own programs and apps. ■

### To install:

Mandrake Linux 9.1  
**Create a bootable CD-ROM from the ISO files on this cover disc. Go to Start, Run. Type D:\mandrake\mandrakeiso9660.htm (where D is the letter of your DVD-ROM drive) and follow the instructions.**

System requirements  
**Pentium PC; 64MB RAM; 100MB hard disk space; DVD drive; SoundBlaster-compatible sound card**

## DVD Astrosell Small Store

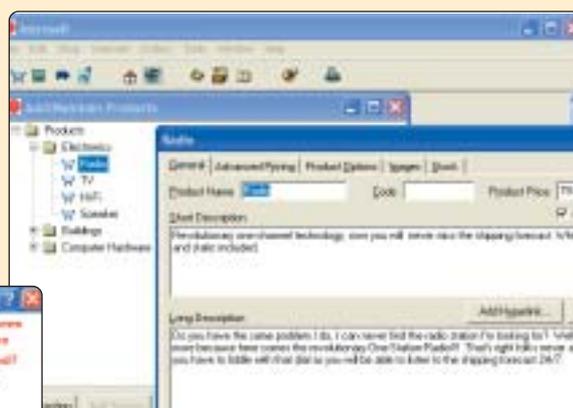
## FULL PROGRAM

Thanks to Astrosell's e-commerce package, it's never been easier to advertise your wares to a global audience. This special one-year version of Astrosell lets you turn your product list (up to a maximum of 20 items in this version) into an interactive online catalogue. The results are then converted into HTML and uploaded to your website without requiring you to go anywhere near a programming language.

The Quick Start Wizard is the best guide for newcomers, but it won't be long before you're confident enough to go off by yourself and explore the vast array of settings and options on offer.

The program will make it easier for you to manage your stock and Astrosell can even notify you by email when stock levels of a particular item get too low. A database of suppliers can be maintained and the program's bias towards Britain means that you shouldn't have to tinker with the standard currency and tax features. ■

↕ You don't have to tap into Astrosell's most complicated features. Work your way through the Quick Start Wizard to fully explore the package



### To install:

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Astrosell Small Store  
**The software should autorun when you click Install on the CD menu. If not, go to Start, Run. Type D:\astrosell\setup.exe (where D is the letter of your DVD-ROM drive).**

System requirements  
**266MHz Pentium II PC; Windows 95/98/Me/NT 4.0/2000/XP; 32MB RAM; 60MB hard disk space; internet connection**

## DVD ADS CameraView 1.0

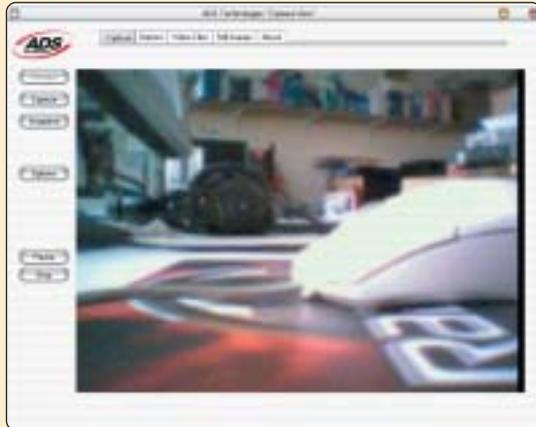
## FULL PROGRAM

If you thought your webcam's sole purpose in life was to beam you into Aunt Doris' house on the other side of the country, ADS Technologies' CameraView will make you think again. Turning even the humblest webcam into

a full-motion video camera, this program lets you churn out action videos and still photographs to your heart's content.

It's extremely simple to use – just turn on the capture feature when you're ready and click the stop button when you have

finished recording. CameraView dumps the finished AVI file into a directory of your choice. Audio is supported and you can even browse through the completed clips and stills and choose which ones to keep. ■



← Click Preview to switch on your camera then activate the Capture button to start recording and use Stop to write the file. The Snapshot button allows you to take stills

To install: **95 98 Me 2000 XP**

CameraView 1.0

The software should autorun when you click Install on the CD menu.

If not, go to Start, Run. Type D:\ads\camview.exe (where D is the letter of your DVD-ROM drive).

System requirements

Pentium PC; Windows 95/98/Me/2000/XP; 32MB RAM; 20MB hard disk space; webcam, digital camera or DV camcorder

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