cover disc

Brainpower already at optimum levels? Test Your IQ won't just tell you how clever you are – it will also help you improve on your mental abilities. Alternatively, try out our website creation packages, including 505 photo-realistic images and software for making buttons and Flash animations. And with exclusive DVD footage, Fury in the Skies, your leisure time is sorted for another month

The easy way to load the programs

1 Insert the disc into your CD-ROM drive. The *PC Advisor* main menu screen should appear after a few seconds.
2 Click Continue at the Welcome screen. Running along the top of the next screen are the tabs which you click on to access the various sections.
3 Click on the section you want to view and then select the program you want to install. You will then see an Install button; click this to load up the program.
4 If you experience any problems, refer to the manual instructions given or see the Read Me file. If the program still won't load visit our website or call the helpline. Please remember that *PC Advisor* can only assist with installation problems. For DVD instructions see page 258.

Problems with the cover disc?
Visit www.pcadvisor.co.uk or call 0870 739 7630

If you've missed any of our DVDs, order them for £2.99 each inc p&p Call 01795 414 939 to order using your credit card (UK only, subject to availability).

Here at *PC Advisor* we're committed to bringing you quality programs every month. November's cover disc is, as ever, full of interesting and functional software that will provide you with hours of entertainment.

Firstly, if you think you might be the next Einstein but need reassurance then you can test your intelligence with The Times: Test your IQ – Volume One. However, if you find you're not quite the genius you thought you were then there's no need to fret as this program isn't just for rating your IQ – it can actually help you improve it as well.

If you've always fancied designing your own website or you want to give an existing site a makeover then there's an absolute plethora of possibilities at your fingertips – photo-realistic artwork is available from Hemera with PhotoObjects and GraphicsDesk, which will also allow you access to loads more clip art online. If that isn't enough, there's a collection of applications from CoffeeCup that will help you to create buttons, Flash content and password-protected areas for your site.

And don't forget our Broadband section which brings you essential internet utilities for managing downloads, stopping cookies and protecting your PC from hackers and viruses.

DVD extras
This month we have another exclusive video for you: Fury in the Skies. It has loads of exciting and dramatic footage of some of the most extreme weather conditions ever recorded. The DVD also contains everything that's on the CD-ROM, plus a few extra demos and utilities. In our DVD-only Games domain, for instance, you can try out some demos of the latest titles, many of which are reviewed in full in the Lifestyle section.

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cover disc: CD

Once again we have packed as many programs as we possibly can on to the *PC Advisor* cover disc for you to use and enjoy. There's a great program for testing and improving your mental muscles, and a whole collection of useful full and trial programs which will prove indispensable for creating a website.

→ There are 505 fantastic PhotoObjects, covering everything from flora and fauna to baseballs and bats

↘ GraphicsDesk will help you manage your PhotoObjects, and provides access to an online library of further images

↓ Think you're the brain of Britain? Pit your wits against Mensa's best with The Times: Test Your IQ

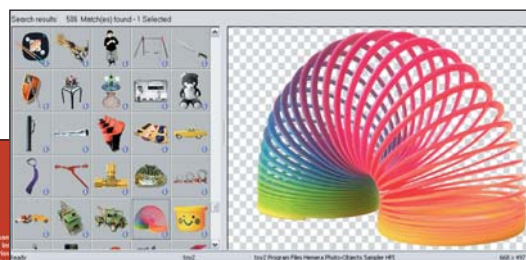## The Times: Test Your IQ – Volume One

Find out how well you'd do in a Mensa test from the comfort of your own home with Test your IQ. There are dozens of questions to work your brain cells, and you can either mull them over at your leisure or take a proper 40-question exam against the clock.

This program won't just rate your IQ but will also help you improve it – the more practice you have with these questions the better your powers of logic and lateral thinking will become.

Hemera PhotoObjects & GraphicsDesk

Hemera brings you two graphics programs on this month's CD. PhotoObjects and GraphicsDesk are great applications for anyone who is compiling a website, or documents of any sort which require images. PhotoObjects is a collection of 505 clip art items and photography that will add impact to any project, while GraphicsDesk will help you manage and search through your image collections, while also giving unlimited access to a variety of online image subscriptions for a limited period. The online collections are constantly updated, so you'll have no trouble finding great royalty-free artwork for your site.

CoffeeCup Button Factory, FireStarter, HTML Editor & Password Wizard

CoffeeCup's software selection includes one full program and three trials to help you put your site together – you can also upgrade the trial programs to full versions if you decide you like them (see page 255 for details). Button Factory will let you create buttons for your site in either Java or Flash and FireStarter will help you out with creating Flash content. The fully featured, powerful HTML Editor is also one of the most intuitive HTML authoring programs there is, and the Password Wizard will help you restrict access to certain areas of your site.

Full CD contents

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Full programs	Essentials selection
The Times: Test Your IQ – Volume One	**Acrobat Reader 5.05**
WebExpress 2.0	**Glossary**
CoffeeCup Button Factory	**WinZip 8.1***
Hemera GraphicsDesk	
Hemera PhotoObjects 505	Trial programs
SureThing Labeller LE	**SmartDraw Photo***
OrgPlus 4.0 Professional 50	**SmartDraw 6.0***
Web special	Broadband: Ditch your dialup
CoffeeCup Button Factory	***PC Advisor* Online Broadband Checker**
CoffeeCup FireStarter*	**TweakMaster***
CoffeeCup HTML Editor*	**PPPShar 1.9***
CoffeeCup Password Wizard*	**Internet Turbo***
WebExpress 3.0*	**Accelerate 2K2***
WebQuiz*	**RapidBrowser***
	Cookie Crusher*
Internet toolbox	**Offline Explorer**
Internet Explorer 6.0	**ZoneAlarm 3.1***
Tiscali	**Gigabyte Express***
Netscape 6.2	**WinHT Track Website Copier***
Opera 6.03	all programs also on the DVD *trial or shareware

cover disc: DVD

The DVD is a real treat this month – there's over 45 minutes of uncut footage on the exclusive video – Fury in the Skies – plus a host of demos and utilities to make your life easier. The Games domain includes demos of several of the titles reviewed in the Lifestyle section on page 241. Of course, there's also everything that's on the CD-ROM too.

Fury in the Skies – exclusive video

This great video is 47 minutes long and contains some spectacular recordings of hurricanes, electric storms and water spouts. This film is about more than just the weather – it's about those who are passionate and brave enough to follow and record the storms.

• Hurricane hell Hurricanes are a regular occurrence in Florida, and they hold no fear for Jim Leonard and Mike Theiss who make a career of filming these brutal storms. Leonard has filmed 45 hurricanes but still remains realistic about the danger he puts himself in – which is perhaps why he has survived so many.
• Lightning Alley The sunshine state is also well known for lightning strikes and David Stillings, a professional photographer, reckons that Orlando, right at the centre of an area known as 'Lightning Alley', is the home of the "greatest light show on Earth". This man is incredibly passionate about what he does and when you see the results of some of his photoshoots then you'll understand why.
• Water spouts The low-lying thunderclouds and high temperatures common in Florida can cause the beautiful but dangerous phenomenon of water spouts, where thousands of gallons of water are sucked up at speed.
• Cyclones Down Under Geoff Mackley chases cyclones around the world at the drop of a hat – if there's a hint of a storm brewing he's straight on a plane with his cameras. He uses a laptop to get up-to-the-minute information on the path of the storm and isn't frightened to take a risk or two or even break the law to get his footage.

→↓ Dangerous planet: weather phenomena such as ligtning and water spouts are the subject of our exclusive DVD video

Full DVD contents

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• **Lightning Alley**
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Full programs
The Times: Test Your IQ – Volume One†
WebExpress 2.0†
CoffeeCup Button Factory†
Hemera GraphicsDesk† **and**
Hemera PhotoObjects 505†
SureThing Labeller LE†
OrgPlus 4.0 Professional 50†

Web special
CoffeeCup Button Factory†
CoffeeCup Firestarter†*
CoffeeCup HTML Editor†*
CoffeeCup Password Wizard†*
WebExpress 3.0†*
WebQuiz†*

Trial programs
SmartDraw Photo†*, **SmartDraw 6.0**†*

Internet toolbox
Internet Explorer 6.0†
Tiscali†
Opera 6.1
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Internet Turbo†*
Accelerate 2K2†*
RapidBrowser†*
Cookie Crusher†*
Offline Explorer†*
ZoneAlarm 3.1†*
Gigabyte Express†*
WinHT Track Website Copier†*

Games domain
Operation Flashpoint: Resistance＊
POW trailer
NewNovelist＊
X-Plane 6.25＊
Delta Force: Land Warrior＊
Sid Meier's SimGolf＊
ZooTycoon＊
Sum of all Fears＊
TombRaider to go＊
DirectX 8.1

†**also on the CD** ＊**trial programs**

→ To discover more about the DVD programs, see pages 257-258

editorial survey

Fancy winning a digital camera? This £580 Nikon Coolpix 4500 could be yours if you fill in our survey. There are no right or wrong answers – our easy-to-complete online questionnaire simply asks your opinions about the contents of this month's magazine

Editorial Tracking is a monthly survey that gives our readers a chance to let us know their thoughts and opinions of each issue of *PC Advisor.* For the past few years, the survey has been conducted over the phone but, as from this month, it is accessible online to any of our readers who'd like to take part via the URL printed below.

The aim of the survey is to allow us to track our readers' opinions of the editorial content of the magazine over time, as well as investigate which sections were most popular in an individual issue.

What you are asked

The questionnaire, which takes about 15 minutes to complete, asks you to rate the issue overall, tell us why you bought the magazine and what you liked or disliked about it, and to say which sections you read. You are also asked to rate the cover disc that came with the magazine and let us know what type of CD or DVD content you would be interested in seeing on the discs in the future.

How to fill in the survey

All you have to do is point your browser to the URL below to be taken to the questionnaire, or click on the link on our cover disc. It is simple to fill out. Just click on the answer or answers that best apply to you and then click on the Next button to go on to the next question. There is a bar at the bottom of each page that tracks your progress through the questionnaire.

At the end of the survey, you will be asked to fill out your name, address and email if you would like to enter our competition to win a Nikon Coolpix 4500. Please note that *PC Advisor* will not link your answers to any personal details you give us, nor will we use your details for any marketing or sales activities that either we or a third party might run.

Win this camera worth over £580!

Your opinions are important to us – so much so that you could actually win something for your trouble. The Nikon Coolpix 4500 is a 4Mp (megapixel) digital camera designed around a swivelling split chassis that makes it easy to take pictures from difficult angles. The flash has also been carefully positioned away from the lens to reduce the risk of that photographer's scourge, red-eye.

The camera features a host of options that should please all levels of user, from novice to advanced. There's a 4x optical zoom as well as macro with autofocus down to a quarter of an inch, making it one of the best mid-priced digicams around for macro work. More experienced users will love the vast array of manual configuration options that allow you, among other settings, to select aperture, exposure and choose between 16 different scene modes. These are easy to use thanks to the the ergonomic arrangement of the controls.

With a list of accolades like that, it's hardly surprising that the Coolpix 4500 is our Best Buy intermediate digital camera. Topped off with a battery recharger, 16MB CompactFlash card and a one-year warranty, what more could you want?

Complete the survey for your chance to win!

How to enter in three easy steps

1. **Log on to www.pcadvisor.co.uk/editsurvey.**
2. **Answer the questions – this should take about 15 minutes.**

3. **Fill in your name, address and email for entry in our prize draw. That's it! Your comments and suggestions will be used to help us improve the magazine.**

👆 Fill in the questionnaire online at www.pcadvisor.co.uk/editsurvey