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The PC Advisor Designer Toolkit 2

FULL PROGRAM

The PC Advisor Designer Toolkit 2 brings you a raft of images, sound files and clip art to add a crucial flair to your work. There's also MoneyBox32 to order your finances and Globex 1.51 to keep you in touch with currencies, time zones and city info around the world

If you purchased the October 2001 issue of PC Advisor, then you will already have experimented with the first instalment of our Designer Toolkit. This month, we bring you The PC Advisor Designer Toolkit 2, so you can either add to your own archive of images, icons and artwork or start a brand new collection of designs that will brighten up everyday documents, presentations and even your website.

You can create impressive, professional designs with the aid of The Designer Toolkit 2 – there are even sound files and GIF (graphics interchange format) files, which are ideal for use on a website whether it is a personal or business-oriented site. Just like the original Designer Toolkit, this full program is really easy to use – simply click on the graphic or icon that you want to use and save it into a directory of your choice. Alternatively, you can copy and paste the desired design to the Clipboard so it's quicker to transfer logos, sounds or icons to your documents.

The PC Advisor Designer Toolkit 2 has even more high-quality images and artwork to use, royalty-free, in your documents. For a guide to browsing, saving and using the designs in this great program, follow the screenshots and instructions shown right. ■

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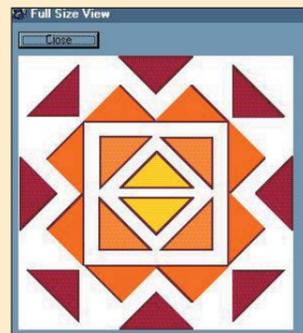
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System requirements
486MHz IBM-compatible PC; Windows 95/98/NT 4.0; 16MB RAM; 16MB hard disk space.



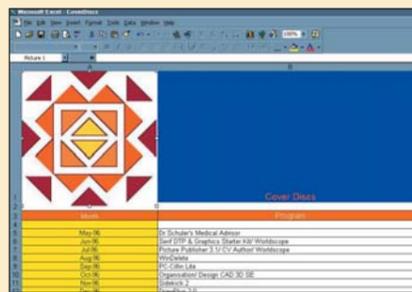
↓ Select an image or design and click on the View button at the bottom of the window to see the full-size image – we've chosen a lively, colourful pattern. If it is a sound file you have selected, you can listen to the sound by clicking on Play

↑ Click on a category from the buttons along the top of the window. Underneath these buttons you'll find icons for the various subcategories. Once you've selected one of these, you can search for the ideal design using the scrollbar under the thumbnail images at the bottom of the window



↑ Click on Save to save the image or sound file into a directory of your choosing – for example, you could create a folder on your hard drive

→ Click on Copy to Clip to paste the image on to the Clipboard so you can insert it quickly and easily into a Word document or Excel spreadsheet, for example



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MoneyBox32

FULL PROGRAM

MoneyBox32 is the ideal program if you need to keep an eye on your finances but don't want to get bogged down with confusing spreadsheets and formulas.

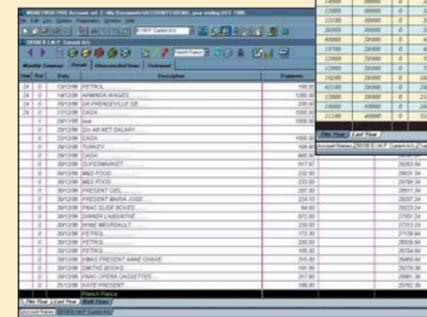
This accounting program presents its information in an easy-to-understand way, keeping you up to date with what your

bank balance is at any given time – you'll know what your bank statement says before it even arrives. If you enter your payments and receipts, MoneyBox32 will keep your bank and credit card balances up to date, with regular outgoings such as rent or mortgage payments automatically

entered on their due dates. This application is sensibly laid out and, should you get stuck or need a particular function explained, MoneyBox features a useful Help file.

MoneyBox32 isn't just for home use either – it can also organise your business accounts. If you had a nightmare filling in your tax return in January, then don't let it happen next year. Get your accounts into order and keep them that way with this handy software. ■

→ MoneyBox lets you find out exactly where your money vanishes to each month



← Know the state of your account before even the bank does, with MoneyBox32

To install:

MoneyBox32 **95 98 NT 2000**
MoneyBox32 should autorun from the CD menu. If not, go to Start, Run. Type `d:\money\smb32setup.exe` (where D is the letter of your CD drive)

System requirements
Pentium II processor; Windows 95/98/NT/2000/XP; 32MB RAM; 20MB hard disk space.

Globex 1.51

FULL PROGRAM

Do you regularly need to know what time it is in another part of the world, convert money into another currency, or calculate interest on an amount of money? Perhaps you deal with clients worldwide, and need this information at your

fingertips. If so, then our third full program, Globex 1.51, is right up your street. This useful application is incredibly easy to use – at the startup screen, you choose from Currency Exchanger, World Clock, Countries Info or Interest Calculator.

Globex is bang up to date, so it's no problem if your European dealings require you to convert UK sterling into euro. In the World Clock section, you can choose from dozens of cities worldwide, and have up to eight of them displayed on your screen at once. You can access vital information about a variety of countries, including dialling codes and currencies. Alternatively, the Interest Calculator can work out the interest on any amount of money. ■

→ Globex 1.51 has many useful features if you're a regular traveller or need to keep in contact with clients around the world, including the Exchange Currency option...



← ...and the Country Information feature

To install:

Globex 1.51 **95 98 NT 2000 XP**
Globex 1.51 should autorun from the CD menu. If not, go to Start, Run. Type `d:\globex\globex151.exe` (where D is the letter of your CD drive)

System requirements
Windows 95/98/NT/2000/XP; 32MB RAM; 1MB hard disk space.

ON THE COVER DISC Workshop: using Pinnacle Studio 7.0

EXCLUSIVE EDITORIAL

If you enjoyed perusing our video-editing software round-up (see *Lights, camera, action!* on page 140) and fancy trying your hand at some movie making, then take the time to load up our exclusive step-by-step

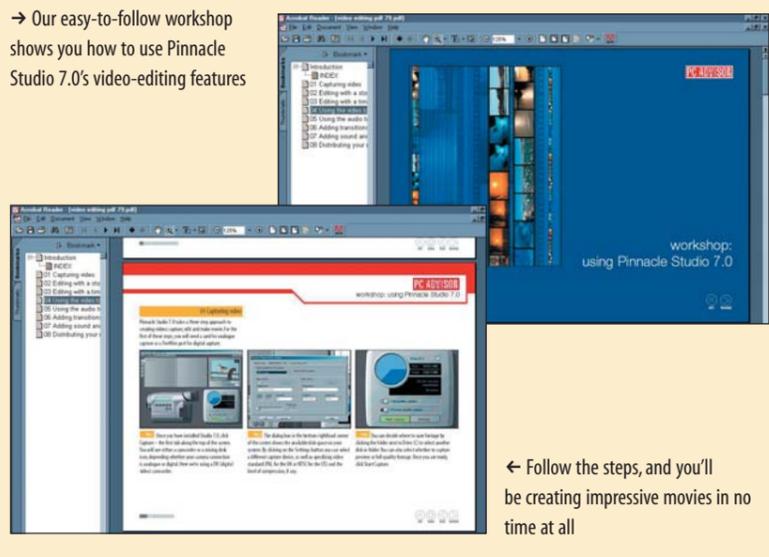
guide to using Pinnacle Studio 7.0's video-editing tools.

This beginner's guide leads you through Pinnacle's basic features, which you'll need to learn if you're to become a

budding movie director. You'll find out how to master the storyboard, timeline and edit list, and use the various toolboxes efficiently. Our exclusive workshop also leads you through the process of adding transitions, titles, sound and music. Finally, once you're satisfied with your movie masterpiece, we show you how to distribute it to your friends, family and clients. There's a trial version of Pinnacle Studio 7.0 on the cover disc, as well as Adobe Acrobat Reader 5.0, which you'll need to open this PDF (portable digital format) workshop.

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→ Our easy-to-follow workshop shows you how to use Pinnacle Studio 7.0's video-editing features



← Follow the steps, and you'll be creating impressive movies in no time at all

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DVD Cosmos, part III

EXCLUSIVE VIDEO

Discover the universe with our third chapter of the Cosmos series, brighten up your website with an even larger array of clip art and images, and take a break with our *Games domain*, which features demos of some of the most exciting and recent games

If you were enthralled by the first two parts of our Cosmos series, then you'll know that the third chapter will be a real treat. The archive footage and computer-generated images are stunning, while the commentary remains both interesting and informative. If you've ever looked up at the sky on a starry night and wondered what goes on up there, then this exclusive video will help you understand it better.

Chapter one: Pioneers

We look at the birth of astronomy. Ancient civilisations such as the Egyptians and Greeks were heavily influenced by the stars, but failed to recognise the fact that the Earth revolved around the sun and not vice versa. It was Nicolaus Copernicus who first realised this in the early 16th century, and you'll find out about his work in this chapter. There's also an interactive link to the Dawn of the Space Age, which reveals more about the first rockets and the early days of space exploration.

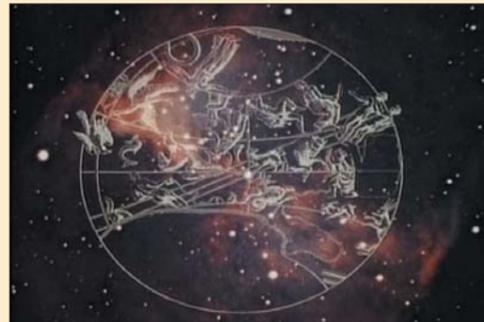
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→ Stunning computer-generated footage is accompanied by in-depth commentary



← The Egyptians also studied the stars, although some of their findings have now proved incorrect

→ The ancient Hindu view of the universe is truly bizarre. Before you ask, yes, that's four elephants, on the back of a turtle, surrounded by a sea of milk, with a serpent coiling around them



← Explore the galaxy with Cosmos, part III

↑ In Multimedia Creations, simply click on the subject that you're interested in...

→ ...and double-click on the relevant image

↑ Send text messages from your computer to other mobile phones with the handy full program, SoftMessage 1.6

Chapter two: Realm of the Comets

We tell the story of Pluto's discovery in 1930, and the subsequent findings of several comets such as Shoemaker-Levy 9, which found itself drawn into the magnetic field of the planet Jupiter with spectacular effects. Other comets, such as Halley's Comet, have been known of since the days of the Norman conquests. There's also an interactive link to Comet Impact, where you'll find out about the craters on the surface of the moon and how they were made.

Chapter three: Robots

Robots play an important role in space exploration, as they can get to parts of the universe that man will never be able to reach. The data they send back is of great benefit to us, as it helps us understand more about the make-up of other planets. The Mars Pathfinder mission is chronicled in this chapter, and you'll see footage of the first motor vehicle accident on Mars.

The interactive link takes you to video footage entitled Descent into Hell, which tells the story of a probe sent into Jupiter to explore its atmosphere. After an hour's descent on a parachute to the surface of the planet, the immense pressure it was under destroyed the probe.

PC Advisor Multimedia Creations

In addition to The Designer Toolkit 2, you'll find PC Advisor Multimedia Creations. Laid out in exactly the same way as the Toolkit, it is equally easy to use. This full program offers plenty of designs that could perfect your website. There's also loads of sound effects and music, not to mention some stunning clip art and graphics. It's easy to save the artwork or sound files to a directory of your choosing, and all the clip art and graphics can be copied on to the Clipboard and pasted directly into practically any type of document. Take time to have a look through all that is on offer in Multimedia Creations, because you really will be spoilt for choice.

BuzzSoft SoftMessage 1.6

SoftMessage provides a quick, easy and secure method of sending text messages to mobile phones using the internet. This BuzzSoft application has been designed so that you can SMS from any PC in the world, provided it is connected to the internet.

How does it work? You must set up a personal account, comprising an email address, password and account name. Your account will be compatible with all

the major worldwide networks, and it's much easier to type your messages using a keyboard than the fiddly little buttons on your mobile phone. Once your account is up and running, you simply buy text messages in advance, which are then attached to your account. No information is stored on your computer so it's completely secure, and it adds an identity tag to your messages, so the recipients know who the message is from and can reply to it easily.

Games domain

- Rally Trophy If you've got Rally fever now the new season is underway, and you fancy taking on defending World Champion Richard Burns, then have a crack at this demo and see if you've got what it takes.
- Spiderman One for all you comic book fans – become Peter Parker as the part-man, part-arachnid takes on all sorts of villains in this great RPG (role-playing game).
- Midtown Madness 2 Tear around some of the world's busiest cities in this thrilling racing game. You must complete various bizarre challenges while dodging other vehicles and, of course, pedestrians.
- Soul Reaver 2 The demo of this chilling RPG will be more than enough to scare the wits out of the hardest gamer, so if you're a



↑ → Choose the terrain that best suits your driving style: race around cities while carrying out various challenges in *Midtown Madness 2*, or take to the country and indulge in some rallying in *Rally Trophy*



↑ You've read the comic, seen the cartoon, now become the man/spider himself – beat the baddies and scale those walls in *Spiderman*



naturally jumpy person then you might want to give *Soul Reaver 2* a miss.

- *New York Racer* Race through New York in a variety of flying cars in this futuristic game,

which features vehicles based on those in the film *The Fifth Element*.

- *Ballistics* The increasing demand for hazardous entertainment has given birth

to a new form of racing. Ballistic pilots – that'll be you, then – must ride hover bikes on magnetic fields inside a track that allows full 360-degree movement. ■

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