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There are some great programs on our cover disc this month. Get to grips with a foreign language with EuroTalk's Flying Start, and synchronise your computers with FileSync 1.0. For our DVD readers, there's an exclusive video about the history of the Nobel prize



FileSync 1.0 Home Edition

FULL PROGRAM

LapLink's FileSync is a handy way of transferring documents and files between two non-networked PCs or your PC and your notebook. In addition to being able to share the file, you can also keep both copies up-to-date by simply linking the two computers in question and synchronising the files, which means you can avoid going through the whole process of transferring again.

If you've read our workshop feature, *Synching feeling*, on page 158, you'll know how helpful it is to be able to transfer and synchronise files between two PCs that are not networked together or between your desktop and laptop. If you want to experience the benefits first hand, then we have the software you require on this month's cover disc.

The right equipment

Before you start synching, you will need to invest in a cable that will link the two systems together; these are available to buy from LapLink (0870 241 0984 or email sales@laplink.co.uk). There's a variety available, and the best cable for you depends via which ports you wish to connect the systems. If you want to use the serial or parallel ports on your PC, the necessary cable costs a reasonable £9.99. Alternatively, if both systems have USB ports then the faster USB network cable is ideal. See the offer

on page 217 for more details.

To install:

FileSync 1.0 Home Edition 95 98 NT 2000 Me

FileSync 1.0 should autorun from the CD menu. If not, go to Start, Run. Type d:\filesync\startup.exe (where D is the letter of your CD drive).

System requirements

Windows 95/98/Me/2000/NT 4.0; 16MB RAM; 18MB hard disk space.

The cables aren't that long so you'll need to have the systems set up close together, but this shouldn't present too much of a problem if you are transferring and synchronising files between your PC and notebook. Setting up the software is easy too – it's compatible with most operating systems so you'll be able to connect virtually any two machines that you choose. You must install FileSync on both of the systems to transfer files.

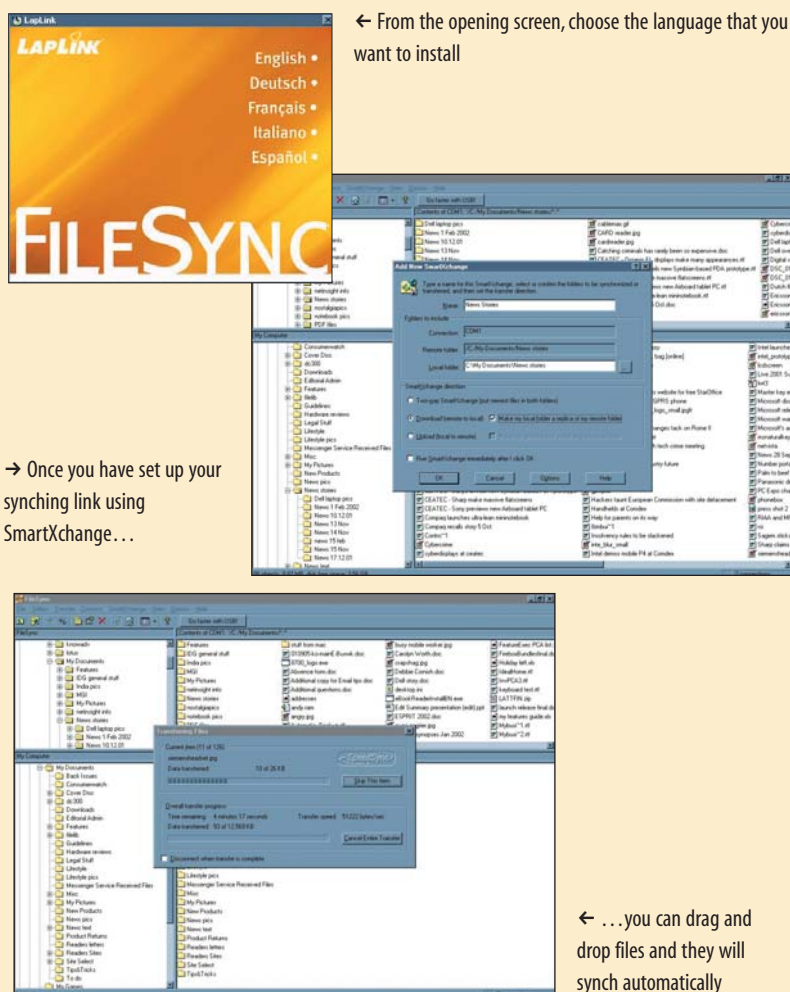
Transferring and synchronising the files couldn't be easier – simply drag and drop

to transfer the files, and the synchronising is done by setting up a SmartXchange, as explained in *Synching feeling* which starts on page 158.

Also on the CD is a trial version of PDAsync, for synchronising files between your PC and your PDA (personal digital assistant). The software is easy to use, allowing you to update calendars, contacts, tasks and email between your mobile devices and applications on your PC. PDAsync works with all major personal organiser software applications. ■

← From the opening screen, choose the language that you want to install

→ Once you have set up your synching link using SmartXchange...



← ...you can drag and drop files and they will synch automatically



EuroTalk Flying Start

FULL PROGRAM

If our feature *Foreign exchange* (on page 152) has made you want to start learning a language yourself, then we have the ideal program on our cover disc. Flying Start from EuroTalk Interactive is the perfect tool for anyone beginning a new language, whether for a business trip or a holiday. It covers 19 different European languages, so even if it's Catalan or Manx you want to learn you can do it with Flying Start.

The software itself is incredibly easy to use. Once it's loaded up, you choose the language you want to take a starter course from the 19 languages on offer. The

interface is intuitive and you'll find the animations a good memory aid. You can also print out a picture dictionary that you can refer to when you need it, or stick the printouts up around your home or office desk to help you remember the words.

There's a broad selection of commonly used words for each of the languages covering topics from local currencies to foods you might find on a menu.

You need sound on your PC – either speakers or headphones – in order to hear pronunciations, and use a microphone to record your own attempts to say each word and play them back. There are also

quizzes that help you rate your success in picking up the basics of each language. ■

To install:

Flying Start

95 98 NT 2000 Me

Flying Start should autorun from the CD menu. If not, go to Start, Run. Type d:\instal32.exe (where D is the letter of your CD drive).

System requirements

Windows 95/98/NT 4.0/2000/Me; 16MB RAM; colour display; microphone.

←↓ Choose from among 19 European languages and different learning activities

Learn Irish! Ben

First words Food

86 Ben

Sorry! Your score is not yet high enough for an award. Try some more games.

86 Ben

↑→ Play the quizzes to see how well you are progressing in your new foreign language



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From the magazine...

As if the two full programs on the cover disc weren't enough to keep you occupied, our *From the magazine...* section brings you a selection of utilities mentioned in *PC Advisor*. To save you the bother of downloading them, we've included the memory testing utility, Memtest86, recommended in our Helpline pages and several indispensable packages prescribed to fix problems in the *Top 50 Helpline queries answered* on page 140.

In this section you'll also find our usual essentials, from the WinZip compression utility to Acrobat Reader 5.0, our searchable Glossary and the popular firewall ZoneAlarm.

• **GetGlobalTime 2.1** If your PC's clock has the irritating habit of losing or gaining time, keep it synchronised with Greenwich Electronic Time's GetGlobalTime 2.1. This utility runs in your System Tray to keep your PC's clock telling the right time, and will even update saving times so you won't need to worry about altering it when the seasons change.

• **Twiga Remote Disconnection Utility** If you have a network setup managed by one PC with a modem, you can control that modem from any of the PCs on the network with Twiga's free Remote Disconnection Utility. Once you chose to disconnect, the other connected systems are prompted to approve or cancel the request.

• **Memtest86 2.9** When memory chips go bad, it can cause all sorts of strange error messages. Memtest86 will detect many of the failures that Bios-based memory tests can miss. What's more, it is a standalone program so it will run on any PC regardless of its operating system.

• **Outlook Express 5.0 Tweak'r 2.0** Remove unwanted graphics installed by ISP software with Tweak'r, which works with Outlook Express 5.0 and earlier versions.

• **Internet Explorer Personalizer 3.0** When you install ISP software it can make unwanted changes to Internet Explorer as well as Outlook Express. Personalizer 3.0 will help you return IE to the way it used to be. ■

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DVD Nobel's Greatest Hits

EXCLUSIVE VIDEO

Alfred Nobel, and the technological discoveries his prize winners pioneered, is the subject of July's exclusive DVD film. In addition there are 40 Photoshop textures and 60 filters accompanying the usual generous helping of games demos, utilities and shareware

We have crammed almost half an hour of video on to our DVD, featuring the world-famous Nobel awards and their founder, Alfred Nobel. As you watch the film, look out for the Nobel medals on your screen. When you spot them click on them to go to our interactive links. Aside from the video, the DVD contains everything that is on the CD, plus a horde of filters and textures from Sapphire Innovations for use, royalty-free, with the trial version of Photoshop 6.0 which is also on the cover disc.

• Chapter 1 – Nobel the Man Alfred Bernhard Nobel was born in 1833 and was best known for his work with nitroglycerine, developing it for use as a safe explosive. However this was by no means an easy task – Alfred's younger brother, Emile, was tragically killed in an explosion when an experiment went wrong. Despite the setbacks, Nobel discovered that mixing nitroglycerine with a certain type of sand

made it behave in a more stable way, making it safe to use in industry. The new substance was dynamite.

However, Nobel is by far better known for giving his name to the Nobel Prizes for Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Literature, Peace and Economic Sciences, although it was only after his death on 10 December 1896 that these awards came into being. Nobel stipulated in his will that he wished his fortune to fund this series of awards annually. His relatives contested the will, but Nobel had

his wish, and each year in Stockholm, on the anniversary of his death, the Nobel Prizes recognise the most gifted and diligent people in the world.

• Chapter 2 – Wired Exploring the work of some of the past Nobel Prize winners in the field of Physics, this chapter covers a host of recognisable names including Marconi and Einstein.

Often the award goes to people whose inventions or discoveries have become so commonplace that we take them for granted today, the radio being an obvious

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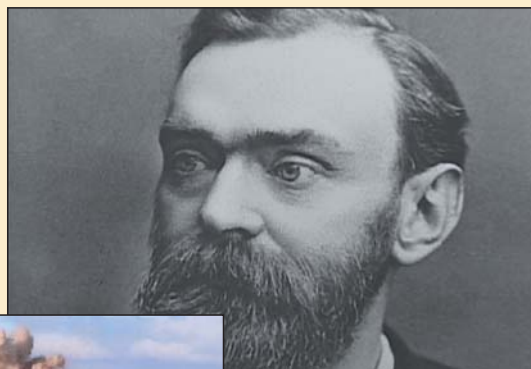
To watch the video, load your desktop DVD player and press Play to bring up the chapter menu. To load the PC Advisor software interface, follow these instructions.

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If you are unable to access the DVD even manually or experience problems with the disc call our DVD helpline on 0870 739 7630.

→ The Nobel Prize was not established until after the death of its namesake Alfred Bernhard Nobel

↓ An inventor himself, Nobel worked with the highly explosive chemical nitroglycerine



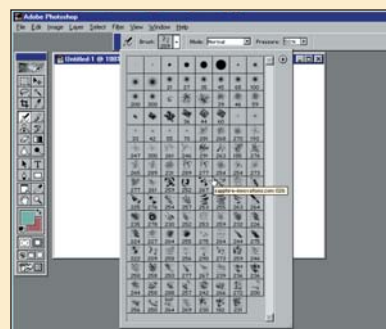
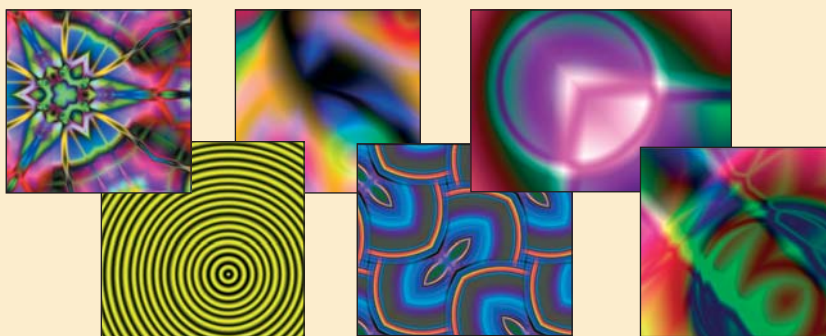
↑ Jack St Clair Kilby, inventor of the integrated circuit. The medal in the bottom righthand corner denotes an interactive link in the video. Click on it to jump to this part of the film

← The mouse was first produced by Apple Macintosh in 1984



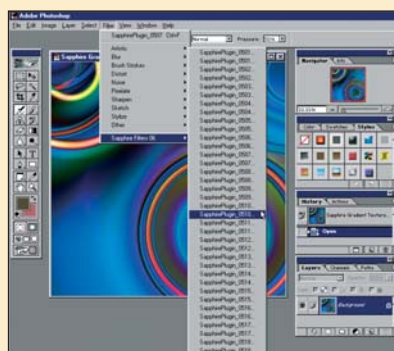
Sapphire Innovations: Photoshop textures and filters

Practise your design skills using our selection of textures and filters. To use the filters, you'll need a copy of Photoshop (a try-out of version 6.0 is included on the DVD); or develop backgrounds to create professional results.

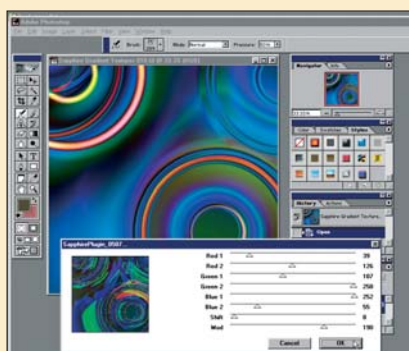


1 There are 40 funky textures to choose from and you'll be able to use them in many applications, not just Photoshop as they are stored as Tiffs (tagged image file format). They're royalty-free, too, which means you can use them as you wish

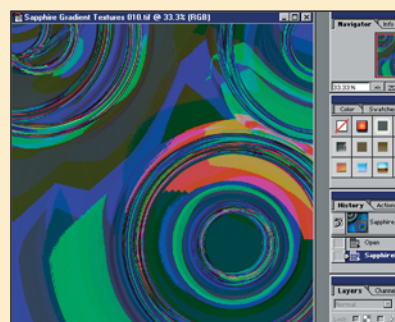
2 There are also dozens of different brushes you can use so you can create many kinds of different effects and patterns. They can be used with all the brush tools such as blur and pattern stamper



3 Open one of the textures in Photoshop, then choose one of the Sapphire filters from the Filter menu



4 When you select a filter, the Plug-in dialog box will appear. Use this to adjust the texture to create a completely different effect



5 And here's our finished texture. You can use textures in a number of different ways – perhaps as a background on your website, or simply as a piece of artwork in its own right

example. It was Marconi who won the Nobel Prize for physics with his work on radio transmissions. This chapter will give an explanation of exactly what Marconi did and how his work won him the prize.

Another significant invention, which increased the versatility of the radio, was the transistor. It enabled both radios and televisions to be more cheaply manufactured, and it wasn't long after the invention of the transistor that the first portable television was made.

There are many more significant inventions mentioned in this chapter, such as the integrated circuit, the microprocessor and the computer mouse, invented by Apple Macintosh in 1984.

• Chapter 3 – SuperCool Physics is inextricably linked to temperature. Atomic activity can have a significant effect on how substances act and this chapter explores the practical applications of this.

Semiconductors are substances that allow electric currents to flow through them much more efficiently at low temperatures. If you don't have much of an idea about what superconductors are or what they do, then this chapter will provide you with an explanation. From levitating trains in Japan that can travel at 500kmph to incredibly efficient electric cables, superconductors have many practical uses in today's world. Find out more in the final chapter of Nobel's Greatest Hits.

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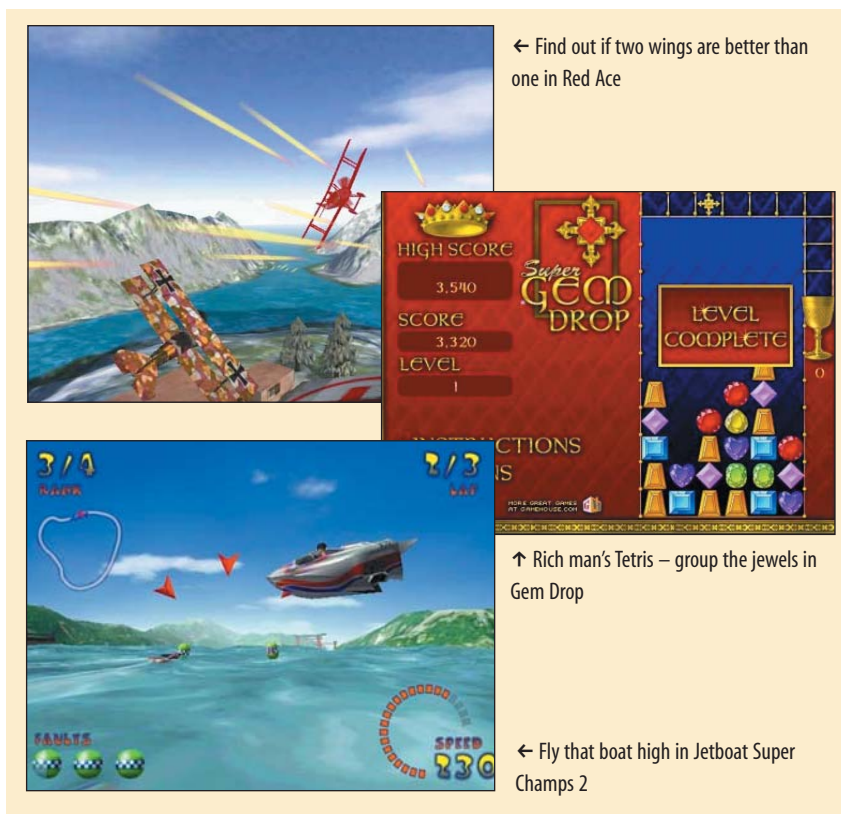
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Games domain

- **Red Ace** Test your flying skills and experience aerial combat in a World War I bi-plane. Red Ace is all about flying – no jets, no computers, just spinning propellers and blazing machine guns. And in case your flying skills aren't quite up to standard, there are docking areas where you can get your bird patched up.
- **Gem Drop** This compulsive game is quite similar to Tetris: you have to drop gems (hence the name) into groups of three or more and then keep them from overflowing onscreen. But you have to be quick or the impatient gems start dropping themselves where you don't want them.
- **Jetboat Super Champs 2** If you've ever fancied speeding across the waves at 300mph then this is the game for you. The rules are simple: be fastest and be first. There are eight Manga-inspired jetboats to drive and 30 races to compete in. The game has fantastic special effects including realistic wave motion, semi-transparent water effects and particle spray, it almost feels like you are getting wet. ■



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