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We've got a generous crop of full programs for you this month, including database whizz AskSam 3.0 Professional, an easy-to-use security suite from Steganos, an alternative to Microsoft's Office suite from OpenOffice.org and many more. Load them up and enjoy



AskSam 3.0 Professional

Managing information can be a complicated task in any working environment, particularly if you have to sift through a large amount of data to separate what is relevant from what is not. Load up this month's cover disc and you will find the ideal solution: AskSam 3.0 Professional is an easy-to-use database package that will quickly get your contacts in order. Whether you want to organise structured lists such as names and addresses or text-based data such as reports and correspondence, this handy

program helps you find the required information quickly and easily.

AskSam 3.0 Professional is an adaptable database program – you don't have to use predefined field types or lengths as the fields will expand to contain the information, so you will not run out of room. Importing data into AskSam is also a cinch. And once the information is there you will be able to retrieve required data in a number of different ways – you can do all sorts of searches from full text to Boolean. ■

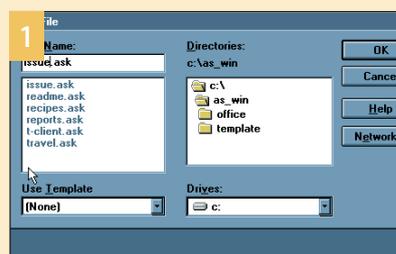
EXCLUSIVE PROGRAM

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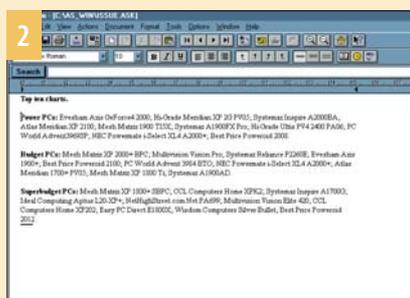
AskSam 3.0 Professional **OS/2 3.1 95 NT**
AskSam 3.0 Pro should autorun from the CD menu. If not, go to Start, Run. Type d:\asksam3\setup.exe (where D is the letter of your CD drive). Serial number required: 300-93358-96392.

System requirements

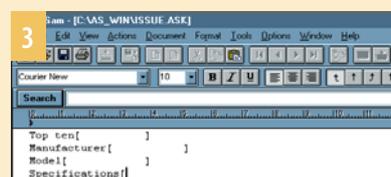
386 processor; Windows 3.1/95/NT/OS/2; 4MB RAM; 4MB disk space.



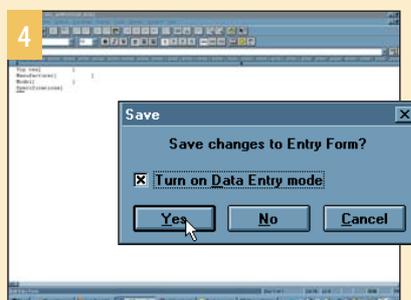
↑ You can create a new file with no structure or use an existing template. Choose New from the File menu and write a name for the new file



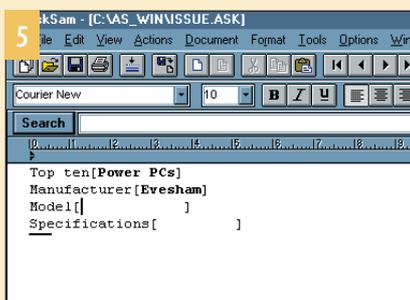
↑ You can now either enter information into the database straight away...



↑ ...or design an entry form. Choose Edit, Entry form, then enter the names for your fields. Use an open square bracket to denote the start of the field. Either end the space with a closed square bracket or leave it open-ended for unlimited field length



↑ Save the entry form by choosing Edit, Entry form. Choose Yes when asked if you want to save the changes. If you wish to start entering data straight away, leave the Data Entry mode option checked



↑ To enter a document using the entry form, press F5



↑ AskSam 3.0 Professional offers plenty of scope, so use the help file as a guide

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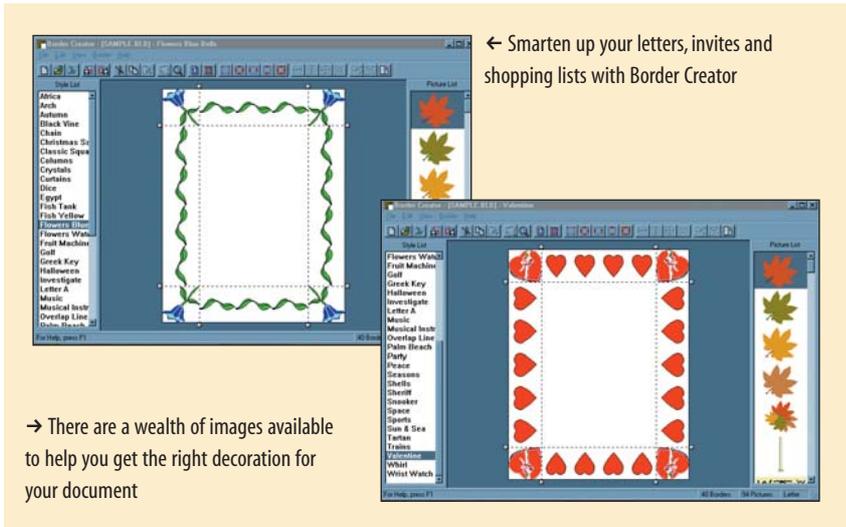
Border Creator 1.5

EXCLUSIVE PROGRAM

Add a stylish finishing touch to your documents with Greenstreet's Border Creator 1.5. You can jazz up all sorts of documents with this great exclusive program, such as newsletters, party invitations and posters. Border Creator is incredibly easy to use with an intuitive

interface and a comprehensive help file. The program allows you to create and edit decorative borders, store collections of borders in libraries and export borders as metafiles for use in other programs. Libraries can be stored on your hard drive so you can open borders at a later date.

Creator offers loads of predesigned borders to choose from and there's plenty of pictures that you can make into unique borders. If none of the supplied designs take your fancy then you can even import your own pictures, too. You can save the borders as WMF files (windows metafiles – a widely used format associated with Microsoft Windows, although many applications on other platforms support it) to export them into other programs such as Greenstreet's Pressworks. ■



← Smarten up your letters, invites and shopping lists with Border Creator

→ There are a wealth of images available to help you get the right decoration for your document

To install:

Border Creator 1.5 95 98
Border Creator 1.5 should autorun from the CD menu. If not, go to Start, Run. Type d:\setup.exe (where D is the letter of your CD drive).
 System requirements
486 processor; Windows 95/98; 8MB RAM, 5MB hard disk space.



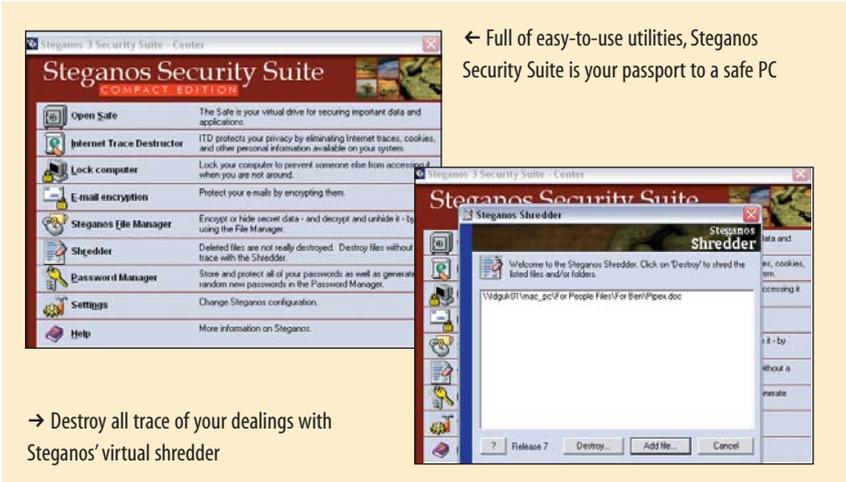
Steganos 3.0 Security Suite Compact Edition

FULL PROGRAM

Steganos 3.0 is an intuitive and comprehensive security solution for your PC. Security software can often be difficult to understand and use, so we have brought you an alternative – a suite of applications that can easily be utilised to protect your PC and data. Steganos takes care of all your security issues, from

encrypting emails to destroying files beyond recovery. Not only can you lock your PC so no unauthorised persons can use it, you can also delete all traces of your surfing habits. Encrypting outgoing emails is easy – simply write the mail and, before you press send, copy the text on to the

clipboard by highlighting the text and pressing Ctrl, C. Select the Encrypt email option from the Steganos menu. You will have to choose a password and inform the intended recipient of the email what the password is via another secure channel so they will be able to open it. Enter the password and click ok, then switch back to your email composition. Delete the plain text and press Ctrl, V to enter the encrypted text. ■



← Full of easy-to-use utilities, Steganos Security Suite is your passport to a safe PC

→ Destroy all trace of your dealings with Steganos' virtual shredder

To install:

Steganos 3.0 Security Suite 98 NT 2000 Me
Steganos 3.0 Security Suite should autorun from the CD menu. If not, go to Start, Run. Type d:\steganos\s3en_compact.exe (where D is the letter of your CD drive).
 System requirements
Pentium; Windows 98/2000/Me/NT; 32MB RAM; 9MB hard disk space.



Eye2Eye Dorset and Eye2Eye Highlands

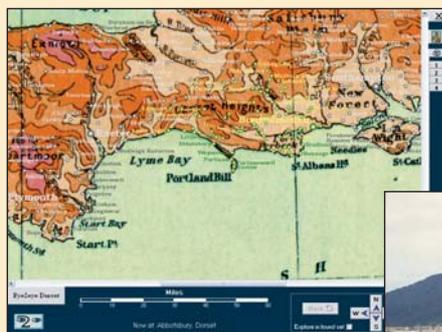
FULL PROGRAMS

If there weren't enough crammed on to our cover disc already, we have also brought you not one but two full programs from Eye2Eye. Explore two of the UK's most beautiful and interesting regions with Eye2Eye Dorset and Eye2Eye Highlands.

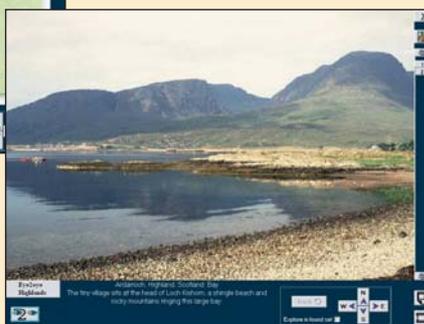
• Eye2Eye Dorset Take a virtual tour of this county and the South West of England: why not visit the harbour at Lyme Regis or head for the rolling hills of Ibberton? Eye2Eye features maps of the region, takes you to places of interest and there's

plenty of fantastic scenery to take your breath away.

• Eye2eye Highlands This beautiful and diverse region offers stunning views, many of which you will appreciate in Eye2Eye Highlands. Check out the sights at John O'Groats or go as far south as Lochaline, then use the slideshow function to view the images of each of the areas in turn. ■



← Explore the countryside of Dorset in detail with Eye2Eye Dorset



→ With images of all the regional points of interest and beauty, Eye2Eye Highlands will tell you all about Northern Scotland

To install:

Eye2Eye full programs **95 98 2000 Me XP**

Eye2Eye Dorset and Eye2Eye Highlands should autorun from the CD menu. If not, go to Start, Run. Type d:\eye2eyedorset\setup.exe or d:\eye2eyehighlands\setup.exe (where D is the letter of your CD drive).

System requirements

Pentium 166; Windows 9x/Me/2000/XP; 16MB RAM; 20MB hard disk space.



OpenOffice.org 1.0

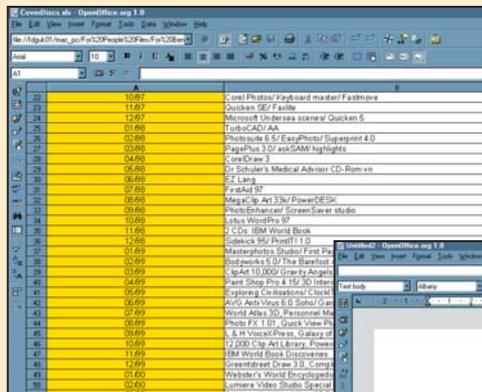
FULL SUITE

If you're looking for a non-Microsoft office suite then OpenOffice.org 1.0 is the perfect program. This full suite has several great utilities that will help you fulfil all your computer tasks, be it in the

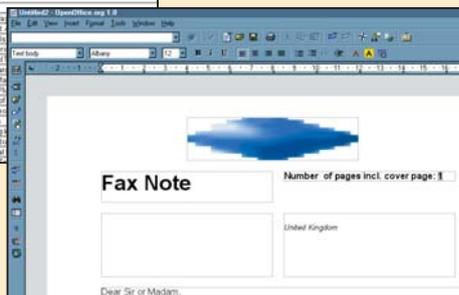
office or at home. OpenOffice.org 1.0 is incredibly simple to use and features programs similar to Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint. These applications work in a very similar way to their Microsoft

counterparts, so you will feel comfortable using them. OpenOffice.org 1.0 can open Microsoft files, so you can choose to save documents either in a Microsoft or OpenOffice format. There's an HTML editor as well, which will come in handy if you are putting a website together.

This office suite is an ideal alternative to Microsoft's offering and will do everything you need it to do and more. Load up the cover disc and give it a try. ■



← OpenOffice's database offering is easy to use and performs all the functions of Microsoft Excel



→ Design striking documents in OpenOffice's word processing application

To install:

OpenOffice.org 1.0 **95 98 2000 XP NT**

OpenOffice.org 1.0 should autorun from the CD menu. If not, go to Start, Run. Type d:\OOo_1.0.0_Win32Intel_install\install\setup.exe (where D is the letter of your CD drive).

System requirements

Pentium; Windows 9x/2000/XP/NT; 64MB RAM; 250MB disk space.



PDF interactive tutorial and feature

We're really spoiling you this month with not one but two PDF (portable document format) interactive features on the cover disc.

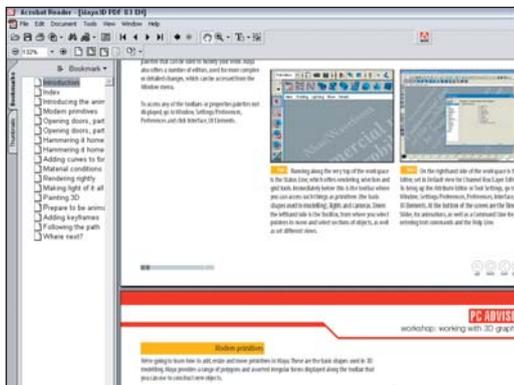
- **Working with 3D graphics** This tutorial shows you how to create 3D graphics using Maya Personal Learning Edition, which is also featured on the cover disc. Maya is one of the most powerful graphics packages available and has been used to create some of the latest animated films, including *Shrek*.

- **Tips & Tricks** – brand new magazine If you haven't yet got your copy of Tips & Tricks, you only have until 4 July to buy it in the shops. If you haven't heard about, then check out this PDF for a brief peek at what it has to offer. It is full of helpful tips, shortcuts and advice on topics

→ Start creating 3D models and animations with our Maya PLE tutorial

such as Windows, hardware, software and the internet. Available from all good newsagents for just £3.99 or online at www.pcadvisor.co.uk/tips&tricks.

- **Acrobat Reader 5.0** To view both of these PDF features you will need Acrobat Reader installed on your PC. If you don't have this application already, simply access it from this month's cover disc. As PDF has become an increasingly popular way to archive and distribute documents you will find it an essential utility for your PC. ■



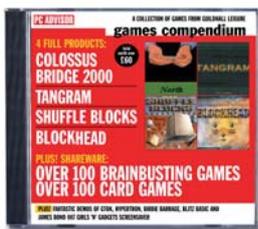
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Every completed questionnaire will be entered in our prize draw to win a 4Mp (megapixel) digital camera, courtesy of Canon. The £748 (inc VAT) PowerShot G2 is currently our number three intermediate digital camera, which proves its mettle as a sharp shooter for professionals or advanced amateur photographers.

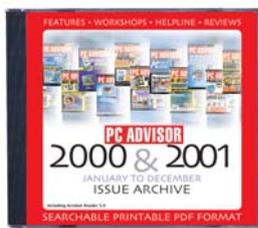
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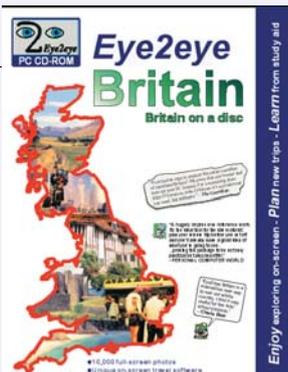
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If you've enjoyed the contents of our cover disc this month then our excellent range of exclusive deals on software packages and PC accessories are sure to grab your attention. With great reductions, you'd be mad to go shopping without our voucher page

Eye2Eye Britain

If you've enjoyed exploring Dorset and the Highlands in our two full Eye2Eye programs this month, why not try Eye2Eye Britain? This software package covers the whole of mainland Britain from Land's End to John O'Groats. It includes 10,000 photos of 3,000 places, all for £39.99 inc VAT and p&p. You can order by phone on 01223 293 886, or on the web at www.eye2eyesoft.co.uk.

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LapLink cables and accessories

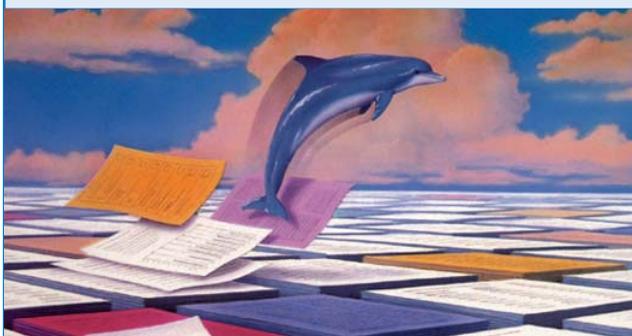
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AskSam 5.0 Professional



If you're wondering how you ever managed to stay organised before discovering AskSam 3.0 Professional on this month's cover disc, why not take advantage of this great opportunity? *PC Advisor* readers can upgrade to the latest version, AskSam 5.0 Professional, for the exclusive price of £295 – that's a saving of £58.68. Alternatively, the Standard version is available for £100 inc VAT and delivery – a saving of over 20 percent.

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The Hidden Truth, Nobel's Greatest Hits and many many more. To order a copy using your credit card, telephone 01795 414 939 and select the DVD you want.



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DVD The Bible Code

EXCLUSIVE VIDEO

Hebrew scholars have argued that concealed in the original scriptures are profound secrets, among them predictions of the future.

This month's exclusive video investigates the claims of these researchers, and asks whether the bible could record our fate

If you're a fan of conspiracy theories and unexplained mysteries then we have a real treat for you this month on the DVD video. The Bible Code is an investigation into the hidden pattern that supposedly exists in the Hebrew texts of the original great book. This pattern seems to predict significant events in history hundreds of years before they occurred. Whether you think that the Bible Code is irrefutable proof of the existence of God or just another barmy theory dreamt up by a bunch of crackpots you will find this video, presented by Paul Ross, fascinating.

- Chapter 1 – Religion vs Science? Since the pattern in the Bible Code was discovered, members of the scientific and religious community have been arguing over the reason for these patterns. The religious co-operative believe the patterns revealed by the code are messages from God and that there can be no other explanation for them. The scientific community,

however, are much more sceptical and claim that changes made to the original Hebrew manuscripts of the Torah invalidate the research.

- Chapter 2 – How computers broke the code The patterns or ELS (equidistant letter sequences) in the original text conform to a simple formula: words are spelled out when every letter that occurs at a fixed interval is taken from the original text. For example, if every 50th letter of a certain passage is taken out of the text it spells out words that supposedly relate to events that occurred a long time after the text was written. This chapter looks at the programs used to find the patterns and talks to the scientists who were involved in the process.
- Chapter 3 – World events predicted When Michael Drosnin discovered that the name of Yitzhak Rabin occurred in the text of the Hebrew version of the Bible, very close to the words 'assassin will assassinate', he went to the head of the Israeli secret service and informed him. Drosnin was

naturally worried as the code had made some startlingly accurate predictions before, and the information was passed on to Rabin. However, the prime minister disregarded the information, and in 1995 was assassinated. This was just one of the events that the Bible Code seemed to predict – to find out about others, watch this third chapter.

- Interactive link: Enigma – World War II code breakers Codes have had all sorts of uses throughout history, notably in the second World War with the Enigma code, and the Japanese version, Purple. US mathematician William F Friedman spent 20 months working on Purple, only to suffer a complete mental breakdown once he had finally cracked it. The Japanese wouldn't believe that someone had managed to crack the code and continued to use it right up until Pearl Harbour, when messages were intercepted by the Americans about the impending attack. However, they failed to act upon these messages, with dire consequences.

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:\pcacover.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. Read the licence and any Read Me files for any special instructions that may relate to the individual products.

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



↑ Researcher Michael Drosnin claims that equidistant letter sequences in the Bible predicted the assassination of Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin

← Who knows what other secrets the Hebrew text of the Bible may hold?

Games domain

- **Divine Divinity** Take on the role of warrior, wizard or survivor in this RPG (role playing game). Divine Divinity is superbly detailed and a must for die-hard RPG fans and RPG virgins alike.
- **FIFA 2002 World Cup** If the World Cup wasn't enough for you, then continue the footie magic with this demo. If you've kicked ass in a FIFA virtual tournament before then you'll know what great games they are. If you haven't then you're in for a real treat.
- **Sum of all Fears** In this action-packed arcade-style shooter based on the forthcoming movie you lead a three-member FBI hostage rescue team around the globe to thwart a conspiracy against the USA.
- **Sudden Strike** Set in WWII, Sudden Strike sees you undertaking missions from either the British, French, Russian, German or American perspective.
- **Star Wars Star Fighter** web demo An epic journey featuring beautifully rendered 3D starships and incredible environments.
- **GP4 trailer** This is a trailer for arguably the best Grand Prix game so far. Check it out. ■



← Travel the galaxy in Star Wars



↑ Cinema violence once more brought to the small screen in Sum of all Fears



← FIFA 2002 – you know the score

How to buy the DVD-ROM and subscribe



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