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## WIN! 14 competition

Our competition prizes are as enticing as ever this month. There are three Brother multifunction devices for starters, not to mention the latest in desktop ergonomics, a Logitech Internet Navigator keyboard and mouse. With web design graphics software up for grabs as well, you'd better turn to page 14. Quickly!



## 117 Brand Awareness Survey 2003

WIN!

We want your views on any IT manufacturers you've had the joy or misfortune of dealing with. What companies have you liked? Who have you hated? What brand would you recommend? Fill out our Brand Awareness Survey and we'll tell any slacking suppliers to buck their ideas up. We'll also give you the chance to win a raft of PC goodies, so it'll definitely be worth your while.



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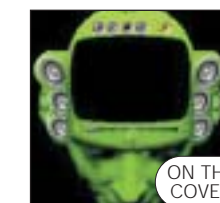
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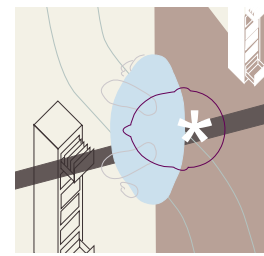
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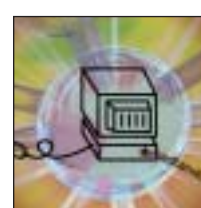
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