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Knowledge is power and our two CDs bring you both in spades this month. Once you've mastered PC basics with Modules 1&2 of the internationally recognised ECDL course, there's troubleshooting and housekeeping advice on disc two and a great tool to hide your web trail



European Computer Driving Licence

EXCLUSIVE FULL PROGRAM

The European Computer Driving Licence is a study pack for the ECDL qualification recognised throughout Europe. The disc gives you easy links to the company's website, where typing in your postcode you can find your nearest test centre. But if tests aren't your cup of tea this package is ideal for reference.

A spreadsheet on the main screen keeps track of which areas you've viewed, how long you spent there and how many times you have visited each section.

Within each section is a step-by-step explanation for common computer terminology, such as bits and bytes. It is extremely informative for those who don't already know and provides a refresher for those who do. You can take your time reading through each section; simply clicking the arrow will take you on to the next bit of information, and go back as many times as you need – extremely handy when it comes to revising.

When you've completed each section you can take a mock examination, which lasts about 15 minutes and covers about 60 questions from all sections. For pricing information on tests contact your local information centre, details of which are available on the CD.

- 1 You can view really basic information such as computer applications



Computers, like the one you are using, range in size from room-sized mainframes to hand-held computers like a Palm Pilot.

You will also find computers in household appliances, like microwave ovens and DVD players, in cars that use electronic fuel systems and cruise control, and toys, such as Game Boys and Nintendo consoles.

Click the button to continue.



- 2 Each of the seven subject areas, including basic concepts of IT, word processing and information and communication, offers fully illustrated step-by-step tips

- 3 As you complete sections, ECDL records your progress in a spreadsheet

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- 4 At the end of the package is a 15-minute interactive test, which allows you to show off the knowledge you have learned or make you realise what you need to re-read

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98 Me 2000 XP

ECDL Modules 1&2
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System requirements
Pentium II; Windows 98/Me/2000/XP; 8MB RAM; 20MB hard disk space; QuickTime 5.05 or higher; Internet Explorer 5.5



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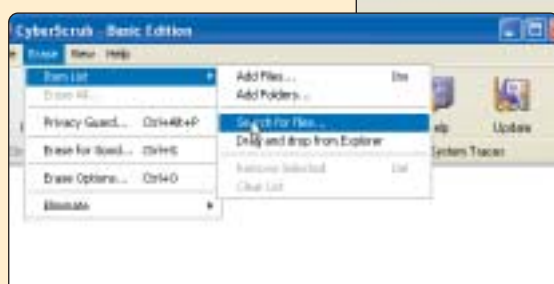
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CyberScrub Basic 3.0

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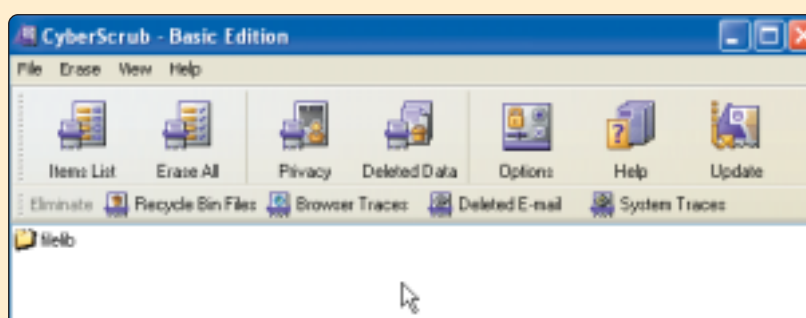
1 CyberScrub gives you two easy options for locating and deleting files. Either method works perfectly well, but the more complex option allows you to search for files which is often easier than searching through your PC yourself



2 To find files click on the Erase icon at the top of the screen and then click Item List and go down to the Search for document option



3 Simply type in the name or type of file you are hunting for and let the software work its magic



4 Once you have highlighted the files you want deleted simply drop and drag them into the main box. Make sure you have only selected the files you want to get rid of and that they all appear correctly in the box

5 Finally click on the Erase All button and the folders will vanish without trace before your eyes. If you change your mind, press the Cancel button



If you want to clean up files your PC but can't be bothered to trawl through all of your folders to weed out the documents in question then CyberScrub Basic 3.0 is for you. This data erasing tool makes it easy to delete unwanted or sensitive files, folders, emails and cookies at the touch of a button.

CyberScrub allows you to keep whatever you store on your PC private and importantly lets you clear out all those old documents lurking on your hard drive taking up valuable space. Just be sure to check and double-check that you really do want to rid yourself of the files specified for deletion as once they're gone there's no getting them back.

CyberScrub wipes a file's content beyond recovery, scrambles its name and then removes it from the system. One of the most important functions of CyberScrub, as its name suggests, is removing internet history.

This means, for example, that people who are using P2P sites, which often contain spyware, are able to delete records of the pages they have visited so that no one can follow their web trail. The software is fully integrated into Windows allowing files to be dragged from Explorer (and Windows alike) and deleted at the click of a button.

Although such delete functionality already exists within Explorer, CyberScrub lets you drop all your files – whether internet- or Windows-related – into one box to delete, saving you the bother of switching between your browser and operating system.

To install:

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CyberScrub Basic 3.0
CyberScrub 3.0 should autorun from the CD menu. If not, go to Start, Run. Type d:\cyber\cybbasic0999.exe (where D is the letter of your CD-ROM drive).

System requirements
Pentium PC; Windows 95/98/NT/Me/2000/XP



Essential utilities toolkit

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