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Topping the bill this issue is Alpha Five 4.5, a database that's so easy to use you'll be cataloguing your CD collection in no time. Plus add turbopower where it's needed most with PC Booster and design a website to be proud of with Xara Webstyle

The easy way to load the programs

1 Insert the disc into your CD-ROM drive. The *PC Advisor* main menu screen should appear on your screen after a few seconds.

2 Click Continue at the Welcome screen. Running along the top of the next screen you will see a set of tabs, which you click on to access the various sections.

3 Click on the section you want to view and then select the program you want to install. You will then see an Install button; click this to load up the program.

4 If you experience any problems, refer to the manual instructions given or see the Read Me file. If the program still won't load visit our website or call the helpline. Please remember that *PC Advisor* can only assist with installation problems. For DVD instructions see page 164.

Problems with the cover disc?

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(UK only,
subject to availability)



Database is a word which strikes fear into many, but load up Alpha Five and you'll soon be wondering why you ever worried. This powerful, easy-to-use package will have you producing all manner of work- and leisure-related databases, reports and invoices in minutes. You can even create letters and mailing labels.

You'll need to register your copy of Alpha Five 4.5 and 250 of those who do so will receive version 5.0 absolutely free.

If you want to get a website up and running quickly our next full program has all you need to get you started. Xara Webstyle 2.0 has a huge variety of templates for those with little time or inspiration, or you can create your own from scratch.

The software also has libraries of essential elements such as buttons, logos, menus, photos and backgrounds which will give your pages a professional, cohesive look. With its simple interface and helpful walkthroughs, Webstyle makes web design child's play.

If you're worried your office PCs are sapping energy unnecessarily, take a look at EnergyScout. And if you're hungry for more power, load up PC Booster. Finally, don't forget to try our selection of recommended trial, demo and shareware applications.

DVD extras

Readers with the DVD edition of the magazine can enjoy all of the above as well as our games domain demos and exclusive video, *Incredible Inventions*, brought to you in association with newsreel archive supremo British Pathe. ■



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cover disc: CD

Better productivity is the keyword for the great line-up of giveaways we have on this month's cover disc. Thanks to our four full programs, you're a few mouse clicks away from becoming a high-output operative while expending less energy on getting the task done.

Alpha Five 4.5

Improve your IT performance at home and work thanks to the powerful database package Alpha Five 4.5. If you thought FileMaker and Microsoft's Access were the be-all and end-all of database applications and development tools then think again. Try the hugely versatile Alpha Five 4.5 and it won't be long before you're scripting away using menu-driven coding.

Xara Webstyle 2.0

For those of you not sure how to improve your web pages we have Xara Webstyle. This complete web design package was designed specifically for users with little knowledge of producing websites. It sports easy-to-use icon-driven menus that will have you arranging great web pages in no time at all.

PC Booster 1.0

Looking for the simplest way to optimise your PC's performance? Try PC Booster. This handy tool troubleshoots problematic hardware so that, nine times out of 10, you won't have to pay out for expensive component upgrades. Best of all, it only takes a couple of clicks to get the job done. This option might not be enough for those of you who like to get their hands dirty. Don't worry, though, as PC Booster has a manual mode so you can tweak configurations yourself.

EnergyScout 1.0

If you are getting concerned about the ever-mounting costs of running your office then we've got a utility that can help slash costs. EnergyScout is a Windows 2000 and XP tool which discreetly monitors each workstation and provides a report showing how often they are used.



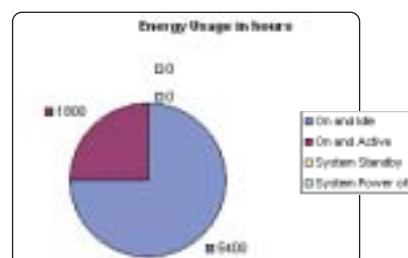
← Xara Webstyle has libraries chock-full of buttons, effects, templates and more to give your website the edge



↑ Databases made easy, courtesy of Alpha Five 4.5

← Give your system a tune-up with PC Booster

↓ Idle PCs use power too. See how many of them are adding to your office electricity bill



Those PCs that aren't being accessed or are idling for a long time can then be switched off or powered down into hibernate mode to save you cash as well as helping the environment by reducing energy waste. ■

Full CD contents



Full programs

Alpha Five 4.5*
PC Booster 1.0
EnergyScout 1.0
Xara Webstyle 2.0

Trial software

Alpha Five 5.0*
PC Booster 2.0*
Xara Webstyle 3.0*

Internet toolbox

AOL 7.0
Tiscali 10.0
Internet Explorer 6.0

From the magazine...

Helpline
Times IQ test patch
VirtualCD*
MaximusDVD 1.2*
QuickMix*
WinZip 8.1*
VirtualDrive*
Adobe Acrobat Reader 5.1
ZoneAlarm 3.1*

Best software for 2003

Adobe Illustrator 10.0*
Greenstreet Publisher 4.0*

Xara Webstyle 3.0*
OpenOffice.org 1.0.1*
Ulead VideoStudio 6.0*
Adobe Premiere 6.0*
MYOB Accounting Plus 11.0*

*trials, demos or shareware
*requires registration
all programs also on the DVD

→ To discover more about the CD programs, see pages 160-162

cover disc: DVD



We've delved into Pathe's newsreel archives to bring you a DVD packed with 40 minutes of film looking at technological innovations from the fascinating to the funny. The footage is split into three sections and some of the earlier clips are silent.

- **Communications** From the early days of telephones and televisions, and the first attempts at making them a convergence device, this chapter gives you an idea just how comparatively basic communications were around 50 years ago. You'll never take your mobile phone for granted again.
- **Inventions** The Inventions chapter is a treat, with some side-splittingly funny ideas that never made it into mass production. The hilarious buffer belt is designed to "keep your partner at bay", while the humming washing machine sings as it cleans. The fuel-guzzling, and somewhat unstable, one-man jetpack is a must-see. Finally, don't miss the glass car – a 50mph vehicle that must be a nightmare to keep free of streaky handprints.
- **Crazy computers** The digital PDP computer composes and plays music – of sorts. Beethoven it certainly isn't, but in its day this computer was groundbreaking. Railways also get a look-in in this chapter. Find out how trains progressed from steam to electricity, thanks to a few rather clever computers. ■



↶↷↶ Clockwise from top left: the sonic washing machine; glass car on the road... and in the shop; the first TV telephone in use

Full DVD contents



Exclusive video

British Pathe's Incredible Inventions

- Communications
- Inventions
- Crazy Computers

Full products

Alpha Five 4.5[†]
PC Booster 1.0[†]
EnergyScout 1.0[†]
Xara Webstyle 2.0[†]
Liquid Player Promo 6.1

Trial software

Alpha Five 5.0^{*†}
PC Booster 2.0^{*†}
Xara Webstyle 3.0^{*†}

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Adobe InDesign 2.0^{*}
Greenstreet Publisher 4.0^{*†}
Adobe GoLive 6.0^{*}
Macromedia Dreamweaver MX^{*}
Xara Webstyle 3.0^{*†}
OpenOffice.org 1.0.1^{*†}
Adobe Premiere 6.0^{*†}
Ulead VideoStudio 6.0^{*†}
MYOB Accounting Plus 11.0^{*†}

Internet toolbox

AOL 7.0[†]
Tiscali 10.0[†]
Internet Explorer 6.0[†]
Opera 6.03
Netscape 6.1

Games domain

Toca Race Driver^{*}
James Bond 007: NightFire^{*}
Medal of Honour Allied Assault: Spearhead^{*}
Knight Rider^{*}
The Gladiators^{*}
Earth 2150^{*}
Tennis Masters^{*}
Dragon Throne
DirectX 8.1

^{*}requires registration
^{*}trial, shareware or demo
[†]also on the CD

➔ To discover more about the DVD programs, see pages 164-165