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Java for 3D and VRML Worlds

The CD-ROM for *Java for 3D and VRML Worlds* is a tremendous resource for users of this book. Most of the CD-ROM content is in HTML format, making it easy to click-and-go to the various CD contents, and to explore VRML worlds.

CD-ROM QUICK START INSTRUCTIONS

If you have Netscape (v3 or later) installed on your machine, you should install the Community Place Plug-in for Netscape. Two versions of the Community Place Plug-in are available:

- ◆ [Click here to install the Community Place Plug-in with DirectX support.](#) (Recommended for most users.)
- ◆ [Click here to install the Community Place Plug-in without DirectX support.](#) (Choose this option if DirectX is already installed on your computer.)

If you do not have Netscape, or do not wish to install a plug-in, click here for information about the [standalone versions](#) of the [Community Place Browser](#), included on this CD.

The readme.html document in the root directory of the CD-ROM provides links needed to explore the CD-ROM thoroughly. It also directs you to VRML and JAVA resources on the Internet. We hope that you enjoy Java for 3D and VRML Worlds, and invite you to [contact New Riders Publishing](#) with comments and feedback.

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The Sony Community Place VRML 2.0 Browser - Letter from the Sony Development Team

[Click here to install the standalone version of Community Place Browser **with** DirectX support.](#)
[Click here to install the standalone version of Community Place Browser **without** DirectX support.](#)

Our goal is the creation of a Virtual Society, an online, electronic, three-dimensional CyberSpace. CyberSpace will be full of interesting places to visit, fun things to do and most importantly, other people to meet.

The Community Place Browser is the window into this online world. It enables you to enter 3D worlds, to navigate around them, to interact with objects in these scenes, and to meet and chat with other users.

To allow this, the Community Place browser is a full VRML 2.0 browser with Java language support that enables you and others to build and experience interactive, multimedia 3D worlds. However, Community Place is more than a stand-alone VRML2.0 browser; it's part of a sophisticated multiuser shared 3D CyberSpace. Each browser, when connected to a multiuser server, the Community Place Bureau, will enable you to choose your 3D representation in that world, your avatar, and will use that avatar to represent you in the shared worlds.

Once connected to the Community Place Bureau, you enter the shared world. Within it, you can see other people, wave to them, chat in groups, or even have private conversations. The browser and server support it all. In this software package you will find all you need to allow you to enter this world. The Community Place browser works well as a stand-alone VRML 2.0 browser, and we've provided some demo files for you to load and enjoy. We've also provided a shared VRML world, Circus Park, that automatically connects to a public server when loaded.
Enjoy!!

The Sony Community Place development team

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