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FACT SHEET – MICROSOFT ENCARTA
INTERACTIVE WORLD ATLAS 2001

What type of program is Microsoft® Encarta Interactive World Atlas 2001?

- Encarta provides a unique educational tool, combining numerous maps, statistics and information on 1.8 million places with insight into the world's cultures through comprehensive articles, sounds and video clips
- Encarta Interactive World Atlas is the number one atlas on the interactive reference world market

What features make Encarta Interactive World Atlas 2001 so good?

- NEW Flat Maps offer global perspectives on climates, eco regions and other trends at a glance
- Dynamic, detailed maps show the world in 21 styles and show the locations of 1.8 million places!
- NEW Dynamic Place Names show the local spellings and pronunciations of place names around the world
- Multimedia maps show the sights and sounds of the world with 600 images, world music and more!
- In-depth articles cover topics including cultures, geography and other issues
- Map treks allow you to discover geographical phenomena on the spot as you explore the world

What makes Microsoft® Encarta Interactive World Atlas 2001 such a good program?

- The American Library Association gave Encarta Interactive World Atlas 2000 the Notable Software for Children award
- World Atlas 2001 reflects the needs of Australian users, offering more Australian content than ever
- For the first time, Encarta Interactive World Atlas allows you copy the complete atlas to your hard drive
- Countries have their own home pages with local statistics, points of information links to related websites

Who is most likely to enjoy Microsoft® Encarta Interactive World Atlas 2001?

- Families with school-aged children and home PCs, which they view as valuable learning tools
- Adults interested in culture and exploration of the world, looking to inform themselves on world geography and “visit” places they may not physically go in their lifetime

How good does your computer need to be for Microsoft® Encarta Interactive World Atlas 2001 to work?

- You must have a multimedia PC with Pentium 133 MHz or higher processor
- If your PC's operating system is Windows 95 Windows 98, you need 24 MB of RAM (memory). If you have Windows NT or Windows ME, you need 32 MB of RAM. If you have Windows 2000 Professional, you need 64 MB of RAM
- 100 MB of hard disk space is required for installation
- Internet Explorer 5.5 software (which is included on the cd). Up to 45 MB of hard-disk space and an additional 25 MB is needed during installation. You must have Internet access to use Internet functions
- A local bus video with 1 MB or more of video memory is necessary
- World Atlas 2001 requires an MPC-level 2 compliant quad speed CD-ROM or DVD-ROM drive or faster
- World Atlas 2001 requires a Super VGA, 256 colour monitor supporting 640x480 or higher resolution
- Microsoft® Mouse, Microsoft® Intellimouse or a compatible pointing device is required
- A 16-bit sound card with speakers or headphones is recommended
- To use Encarta Researcher, you need up to 10 MB of hard-disk space
- A 14.4K or High-baud modem and a Web browser are required to use Encarta Web Links
- To use the World Atlas Copy to Hard Drive feature, you need up to 1.4 GB of additional hard-disk space

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