

CD HELP/INFO

Welcome to the February issue of PCW

This CD Help/Info file is a supplement to both the cover disk notes that are written each month in the magazine and the help notes that are located within the main PCW CD-ROM interface. The aim of the file is threefold:

- (1) To provide you with a full contents **index** list for this months CD-ROM cover disk.
- (2) To give you the **locations** of the demos, PDF files, HTML files, videos etc in case you would prefer to access these things outside of our main interface.
- (3) To produce some **help** concerning the cover disk, and the main applications that are used.

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The main PCW CD interface is divided into nine sections:

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Locations

A fair proportion of the content of the CD can be accessed outside of the main interface:

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Index: Games

This months games included on the CD cover disk are:

Realms of the Haunting

This first person perspective adventure allows you to investigate your father's mysterious death in an eerie haunted house.

Microsoft Soccer

This new football game from Microsoft has realistic crowd chants and excellent player control.

Screamer 2

This fast action racing game involves some fancy driving as you "scream" around the British countryside feeling every bump along the way.

Tomb Raider

Join this adventurer as she battles evil and solves the mystery of Atlantis

Index: Multimedia

This months multimedia included on the CD cover disk are:

Acacia's Revise Series

Just in time for the GCSE Mock's, the Revise series gives an in-depth revision program. This demo gives examples for Biology, Physics, Chemistry and Maths.

The Evolution of Life

Dr. Richard Dawkins, distinguished evolutionary biologist and author, uses the brilliance of CD-ROM to answer commonly asked questions such as "Why is there sex?" as he guides us through The Evolution of Life.

EasyTutor Office 97

EasyTutor Office 97, developed by industry experts and former Microsoft employees, will teach users the characteristics and underlying concepts of Office 97.

Index: Arts

The Arts section this month is divided into three subsections:

Music

Interactive juke box containing the track *Changes* from Triggerfish

Images

32 Images from the Image Bank

Note: these images can also be downloaded from MEDIA in the RESOURCES section.

Zarnak

The second instalment in the interactive Sci. Fi. comic by Denova

Index: Getting Started

This section contains our easy-to-use interactive guide to PCs, printers and software. This month we cover the basics of notebooks, printers and the desktop PC.

Index: Focus On

This part is where you will find news, views and videos to take you into the VNU Labs and find out what our reviewers really think about products tested in the magazine.

Note: Although we have made every attempt to ensure that the quality of the video is as high as possible for monitors that only have 256 colours, all video will look remarkably better when played with 16bit monitors.

Index: Hands On

This section contains a selection from the magazine Personal Computer Worlds own regular Hands On feature. It enables you to fully search hundreds of pages of priceless hints, tips and solutions to technical problems.

Note: the application that is used to enable you to search the files is Acrobat Search for CD. This must be installed to your hard disk and you should be asked to do this if the PCW loader detects that it is not present.

For more information about using Acrobat, see the [Using Acrobat](#) page.

Index: Software Library

Hands On

Programs, utilities, etc relating to this month's Hands On section in the magazine.

Essential Utilities

Utilities you just can't be without.

Utilities

Utilities you shouldn't be without.

Internet

Programs to make your surfing more productive.

Kids

Software for children, including games and educational programs.

Graphics

Here you'll find image-editing and drawing utilities

General

This category is for software that doesn't fit into any of the other categories.

Psion

The Series 3a emulator, plus Mobile Software's Mobile Pages, the What PC? buyer's guide for Psion, and more.

Media

This is where you will find any graphic images, MIDI files, etc included on the CD, ready for downloading.

note: The resources section of the CD is viewed through Netscape. If you are unfamiliar with this browser, or not used to uncompressing (unzipping) files, see the

Help page.

Alternately, if you would prefer to use your own browser, see the **Locations** page to find out where the resources home HTML file is situated on the disk.

Index: Reference

Glossary of computer terms.

A 15-month products and features searchable database.

This months advert index.

General info about the CD.

Locations: Games

Installing and/or playing the demos from outside of the Games section from Windows file manager or Explorer:

The Realms of the Haunting

Run **<CD>:\GAMES\ROTH\INSTALL.EXE**

Microsoft Soccer (Windows 95 only)

Run **<CD>:\GAMES\SOCCER\SOCTRIAL.EXE**

Screamer 2

For **Win 3.X**

Quit to DOS

Type **<CD>:\GAMES\SCREAMR2\INSTALL.BAT**

For **Win95** Run **Instl.exe** in the directory **<CD>:\GAMES\SCREAMR2**

Tomb Raider

For **Win 3.X**

Quit to DOS

Type **<CD>:\GAMES\TOMBRAID\SETUP.EXE**

(After running Setup.exe, type TOMB.EXE to run the game)

For **Win95** Run **Setup.exe** in the directory **<CD>:\GAMES\TOMBRAID**

Locations: MULTIMEDIA

Installing and/or playing the demos from outside of the Multimedia section from Windows file manager or Explorer:

Acacia's Revise Series

Run **PCDEMO.EXE** in the directory **<CD>:\MULTI\ACACIA**

The Evolution of Life

For **Win 3.X**

Run **EVOL311.EXE** in the directory **<CD>:\MULTI\NOTTING**

For **Win95**

Run **EVOL95.EXE** in the directory **<CD>:\MULTI\NOTTING**

EasyTutor Office 97 (Windows 95) only

Run **SETUP.EXE** in the directory **<CD>:\MULTI\OFFICE97\32BITVER**

Locations: HTML Files

If you would prefer to use your own browser, rather than the Netscape browser that is used on the disk, to access the sections that use HTML the home pages are:

Resources :

RESOURCE.HTM that is located in the directory <CD drive>:\HTML\RES\

The Room:

INDEX.HTM that is located in the directory <CD drive>:\HTML\ROOM\

Locations: Acrobat Files

The Acrobat Home Page that is used to introduce the Hands On section of the CD is: **PCWHELP.PDF** that is located in the directory **<CD drive>:\ACROFILE\PCWPDF**

Note: if you would like to install Acrobat (which contains the search Plug-in required to be able to word search across files), and you do not wish to install it from the PCW Loader (Which will detect whether it is present), then from Windows file manager or Explorer: double click on **SETUP.EXE** which is located in the directory **<CD drive>:\ACROREAD\ENGLISH\DISK1**

For more information about using Acrobat, see the [Using Acrobat](#) page.

Locations:Video

This months videos from the main PCW interface are located in the directory
<CD drive>:\VIDEO

Note: Although we have made every attempt to ensure that the quality of the video is as high as possible for monitors that only have 256 colours, all video will look remarkably better when played with 16bit monitors.

Help: Hardware Requirements

To run the CD-Rom you will need a PC with Windows 3.1 or later, and a colour VGA display. We recommend a multimedia 486 PC or Pentium, with a minimum of 8Mb of Ram. The optimum configuration is a Pentium PC with 16Mb of Ram

Help: How to use the CD Rom

If you've got Windows 95

Just put the CD-Rom into the drive. A few moments later the PCW loader should appear. To run the main CD interface which gives you access to all the nine sections, just click the 'Main menu' button. The loader will detect if your PC has Quicktime, Video for Windows, and Acrobat Search installed. If not, it will offer you the chance to install them before proceeding. Just follow the instructions.
(If your CD doesn't auto-load, start Windows Explorer and double-click PCW.EXE.)

Windows 3.1 users

From the menu in Windows' Program Manager, choose File|Run. Then type in <CD Drive>:\PCW.EXE and press Enter. The PCW loader will appear (as above). If you don't have Video for Windows or Quicktime, the PCW loader will give you the option to install them before proceeding (follow the on-screen instructions).

Help: Navigating and using the main CD Interface

Unlike most CD-Roms, our CD is not based on the format of a book or magazine; consequently, there's no 'contents' or 'home page'. Instead, you can get from any one of the nine sections to any other by means of a single click of the mouse. Buttons representing the sections are displayed on the screen at all times. If you are not sure which section is where, roll over the buttons, and the name of that section will be displayed, along with a textbox that shows the content of that section. Exit the disk by clicking on the 'Q' in the bottom left of the screen.

Help: Using Acrobat

In order to view the pages, in the Hands On section, it is necessary that you install the Acrobat Reader software, which includes the search plug in, from the PCW loader (if the loader detects that it is not already installed). This installation should be to the default location shown on the installer.

IMPORTANT: To go back to the main PCW menu program, quit Acrobat using the File/Exit menu or by clicking the Quit button at the top of the screen.

Help: Using Netscape

Netscape Navigator is used in a few of the sections of the PCW CD-Rom. It is a convenient way to deliver text, images, and downloadable files, and runs on top of the main PCW menu program in the Software Library section and the Room section.

Readers with access to the World Wide Web will be familiar with the way Netscape works. Just click on a hypertext or image link to jump from page to page. You can go backwards or forwards through the pages you have already visited by clicking the Back or Forward buttons on the toolbar.

Netscape has a special feature called 'frames', which divides the screen into separate areas. When frames are used, the Back and Forward buttons may not work. Instead, click the right mouse button, then select 'Back in Frame' or 'Forward in Frame', from the pop-up menu.

IMPORTANT: To go back to the main PCW menu program, quit Netscape Navigator using the File/Exit menu or by clicking the Quit

Note: Once Netscape has launched in the Software Library section, there is a link to a help page explaining more about Netscape and downloading and expanding files.

Help: Downloading and installing files from the Software Library section

Most files in the Software Library section are compressed Zip files or self-extracting archives. If you are using the Netscape browser on the CD, you will be able to download and decompress these files in one action. Alternatively, other types of files, for example midi files, or images can be downloaded in the same way as you would get them from the Worldwide Web (except that these are downloaded from the CD to your hard disk).

Downloading ZIP files and self extracting EXE files using Netscape on the CD:

Click on the hypertext link (underlined next the program's description). A box will appear notifying you of the name of the file being copied and requesting a destination directory. Accept the default destination or replace it with a new one of your own. It is recommended that you use a separate directory for each file as there is the possibility that files from different archives will overwrite each other.

Click on OK and another box will appear. This will give you the option to

- i) Copy the file only, from the CD to a destination of your choice, with no further action
- ii) Decompress the files contained in the archive into the destination of your choice

By selecting both of the above you can copy the file and decompress it into your chosen location.

Once the files have been copied, you will receive further confirmation of the actions performed. Click on OK and you will be taken back to Netscape.

If you have to abort the copy, and subsequent attempts to download the same file give an unexpected filename, go to c:\vnu\netscape and delete the copy of the file contained therein. Next time you click on the hypertext link the transfer should work OK.

Downloading Other type of files:

Click on the hypertext link (underlined next to the program's description). A file dialog box will appear.

Choose where you want to copy the file (make sure you don't try to copy the file to the CD itself, or you will get an error message). It's a good idea to create a directory or folder for it first (using Windows File Manager or Explorer). AVOID copying into your Windows directory or into the root of your C: drive.

Installing a downloaded file:

Later, using File Manager or Explorer, locate the file on your hard disk. If you need to uncompress a zip file, then read [Installing PKUnzip](#).

If the file is already uncompressed then run the program or its installer just by double-clicking the filename. The most likely filenames are SETUP.EXE or INSTALL.EXE. If you cannot find which file to double click in order to run the program, click on the associated readme file (if one exists).

Note: Once Netscape has launched in the Software Library section, there is a link to a help page explaining more about Netscape and downloading and expanding files.

Installing PKZIP

If you choose to copy the resources zip files on to your Hard disk, and decompress them later, You will need to install PKUnzip or Winzip before you can "unzip" them. Go to the Essential Utilities section and click the link PKZip/PKUnzip or Winzip.

Winzip:

Choose Winzip and a new page will appear, offering you Winzip for Win95 and Winzip for Windows 3.11. Select the appropriate platform and save it to a location of your choice. If you have less than 16Mb of RAM it's probably a good idea to quit Navigator and the PCW CD next. Then use File Manager or Explorer to find Winzip95.exe or wz60wn16.exe.

PKUnzip:

Choose PkUnzip and save pkz204g.exe onto your hard disk. The C:\DOS\ folder is as good a place as any to save it. After you've quit Navigator and the PCW CD, double-click on the file to expand it into 16 separate files (if you have chosen not to decompress and save it to your HD in one action).

Associating the file:

Unless you intend to use DOS to unzip files (laborious and tricky) you need to associate .zip files with PKUnzip. From File Manager choose File Associate to associate *.zip files with PKUNZIP.EXE. Under Windows 95, zip files will be associated automatically.

Help: Buyers guide for Psion 3a

Mobile Software specialises in reference information that you can carry around in your palmtop computer. Guides currently available include Transmedia Pages: a worldwide restaurant directory, which includes savings of up to 25 percent in over 6,000 participating restaurants; and Expotel Pages: a hotel database and reservations service, with details on nearly 3,000 hotels worldwide.

Mobile Software, in collaboration with What PC?, now brings you the What PC? Pages - the PC tables that appear at the back of the What PC? magazine in a compact form that can be taken with you inside your Psion 3a palmtop computer.

We've included the Psion Series 3a emulator on this month's CD. Which means that, even if you don't own a Psion, you'll be able to try out the world's best-selling palmtop computer using your PC.

From the Resources section, download and run the installer file PSION.EXE. Please note that you will not be able to run the emulator using Windows. Instead, restart your computer, and run the emulator from Dos.

Make sure you read the documentation that's displayed when you install the emulator. This tells you how to install and run the software. You will also find a Word document giving detailed instructions on using the What PC? Pages for the Psion 3a.

You can contact Mobile Software on **0181 906 0002**.

Help: Technical Helpline

If you have problems with the CD-Rom, you can phone for help on the VNU 24-hour Helpline on : **0891 715929**. Calls cost 39p/min off-peak and 49p at all other times.

A searchable index of PCW cover disk content since the September 1996 issue.

