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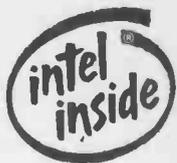
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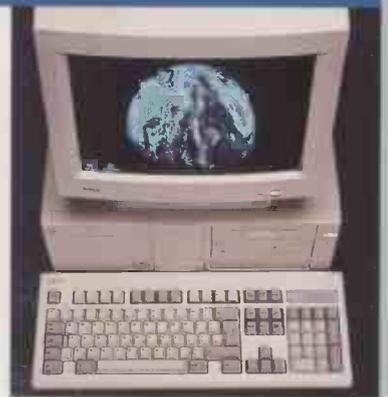
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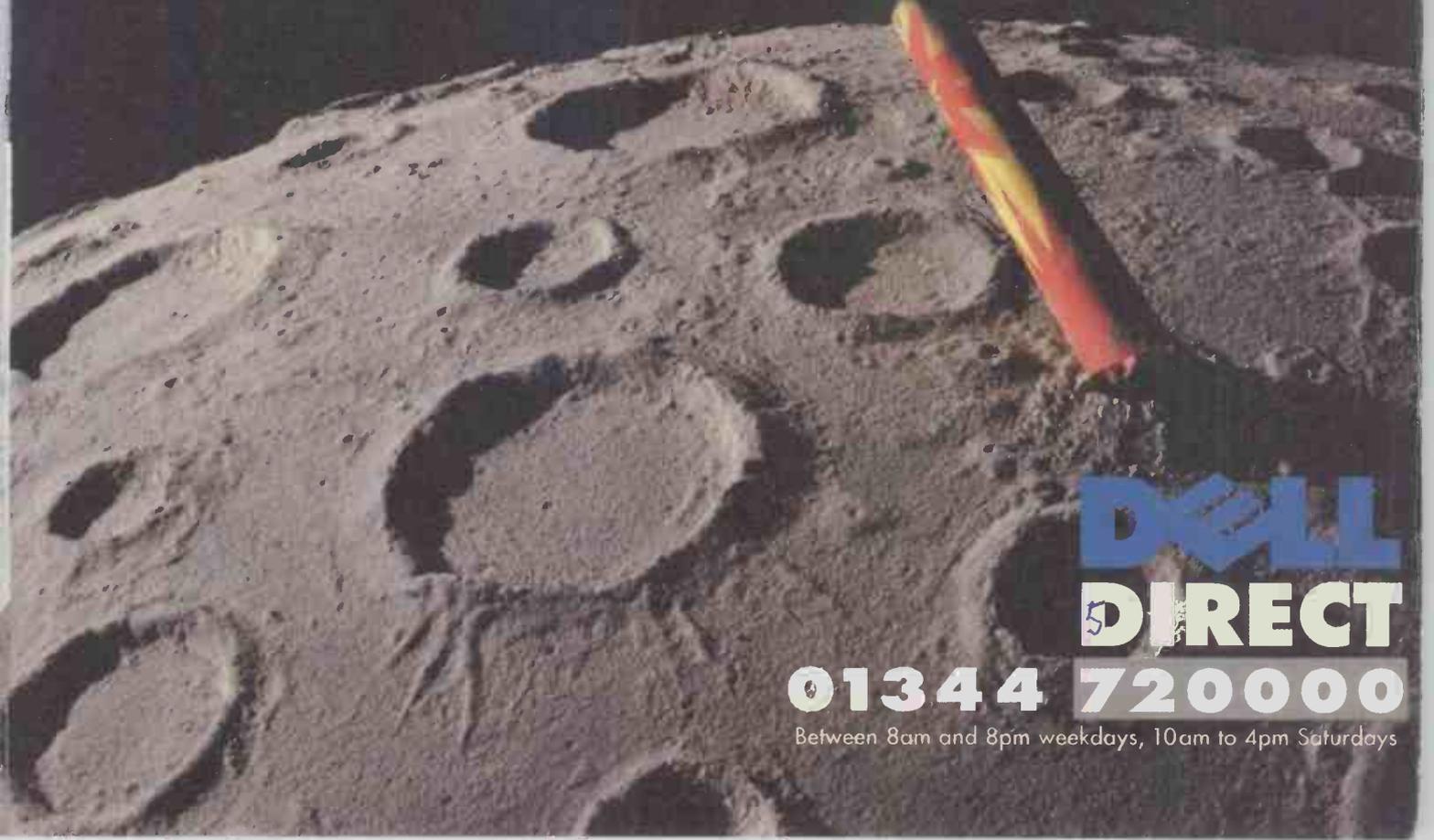
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It has now been confirmed that IBM's takeover of Lotus will go ahead. This is not the first time that Lotus has been up for acquisition. Just after the launch of Windows 3 in 1990, Lotus came very close to merging with Novell. The story goes that Lotus's president, Jim Manzi, was so confident the merger would go ahead that he disappeared to Disneyland with his family only to return to discover the deal had fallen through.

In the days before Windows was ubiquitous, the software market had a very different look to it: Lotus dominated spreadsheets, Ashton-Tate was on top with databases, WordPerfect's eponymous word processor was still top dog and SPC had the best-selling graphics program with Harvard Graphics. At the time it was inconceivable that five years later, Microsoft would have squeezed out all those companies to the point where Microsoft Office now completely dominates the mainstream shrink-wrapped PC applications market.

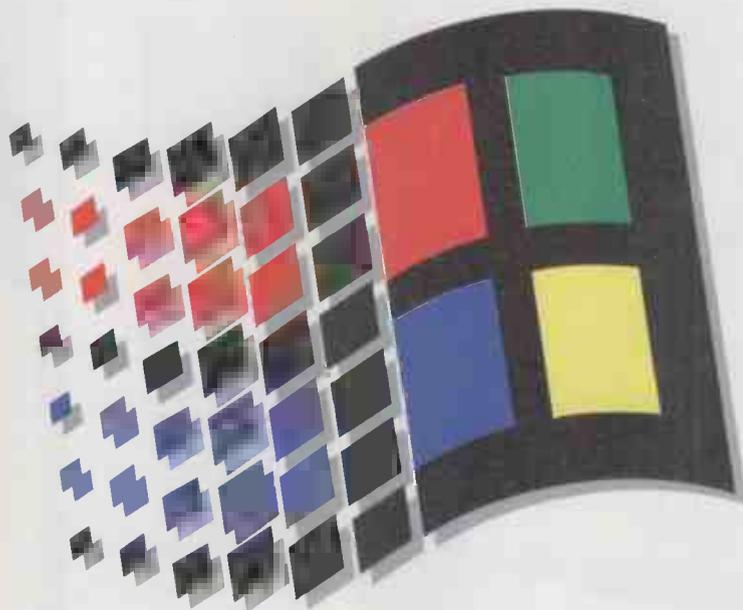
The real surprise about IBM's hostile bid for Lotus was that Manzi didn't go quietly. It's been obvious for a while that Lotus's only real hope for the future was Notes: 1-2-3, once a huge cash cow for Lotus, is now just a small portion of Lotus's dwindling share of the Office business. Yet Manzi was too proud, or too dumb, to accept Louis Gerstner's first offer, precipitating the first-ever hostile bid by IBM.

Perhaps Manzi was worried that he'd find Notes subsumed into part of OS/2, or that he'd find Lotus transformed overnight into a sleepy, jobs-for-life Behemoth. If he did he reckoned without the new Gerstner-run IBM, which has shed tens of thousands and become an altogether more dynamic company. Unfortunately, what Gerstner can't achieve is to undo five years of Windows and Microsoft domination. It's going to take more than just the acquisition of Lotus, however shrewd, to turn OS/2 from a lame duck into a market leader.

**Ben Tisdall**  
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# Next Month Windows 95



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# PCW Cover Disk

Chris Nixon introduces this month's Windows Shareware special, which features a fantastic new spreadsheet, a powerful clean-up utility for purging those unwanted DLLs and VBXs, a handy connection time monitoring system for modems, and an indispensable drag-and-drop printing utility.

## Installing and running the PCW Cover Disk

To install the programs, insert the disk in drive A: or B:, and from either DOS or Windows run the file RUNME.BAT in the root directory of that drive. Please note that to get more software on the disk, this is a DOS installer, and does not run the programs directly from the disk.

• **Drag And Drop Printing**  
[Minimum requirements: 386 Processor, Windows 3.1]  
Drag And Drop Printing adds the ability to print documents by dragging them from File Manager and dropping them over the Drag And Drop Printing icon. It's just like using Windows 95, except it's available today...

Of course, Windows File Manager already offers the ability to print any file directly without opening its parent application first. But it's so



much nicer to have a proper printer icon that sits permanently at the foot of your desktop!

When you run D&DP from Program Manager or File Manager its icon appears at the foot of the screen, which is fine.

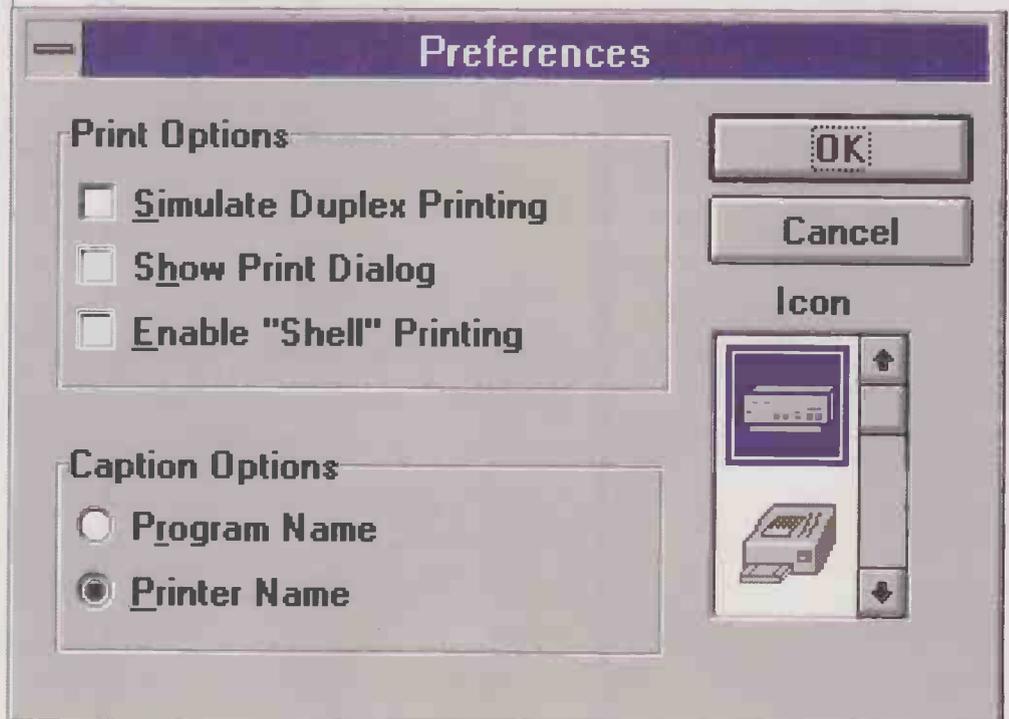
*Drag And Drop Printing: just like in Windows 95, but here now*

But because you always want it visible over any other programs you open, the first thing you should do is click on it once, and select "Always on top" from the pop-up menu. This will force it to float above anything else on screen.

To print a file, simply drag it from File Manager and drop it on the D&DP icon. Every-

*WinFormant lets you weed out and destroy all unwanted files*

thing will print properly as long as you have the Shell Printing option enabled from the D&DP preferences dialogue, and the file type is associated with an application. If there's no file association set for the file you are trying to





*The SmartSurf time and usage monitoring system for modems is completely automatic*

print, Drag And Drop Printing will treat the file as simple ASCII text, and no formatting codes will be obeyed.

### SmartSurf

[Minimum requirements: 386 processor, Windows 3.1, 2Mb RAM]

SmartSurf is a rather clever online time and usage monitoring system for modem users. Once installed you can forget it, because it's completely automatic; SmartSurf starts and stops in synch with your online programs.

Its tiny display can be stuck on any window caption to show the currently elapsed

time during a session, together with the true cost — including service charges.

SmartSurf understands most charging schemes, and has comprehensive analysis capabilities built in that can produce reports for exporting to spreadsheets, databases or word processors.

This program is a must for all cost-conscious surfers!

### WinFormant

[Minimum requirements: 286 processor, Windows 3.1]

This excellent utility is a rarity among Windows programs.

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*WinSheet: this shareware Windows spreadsheet certainly looks the part — and works well, too*

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It's a cleanup program that really works, and is a genuine pleasure to use. With WinFor-

mant's attractive floating toolbar you can quickly weed out and destroy those annoying DLLs, VBXs, HLPs and INIs thoughtlessly scattered across your system by long-dead programs.

You don't trust someone else's program near your precious system files? Don't worry. WinFormant is meticulous about warning you before touching anything. And you can "dry run" it simply as an exercise to see just what it does or doesn't identify as being surplus to requirements, without deleting a thing. The results can be quite remarkable.

### WinSheet

[Minimum requirements: 286 processor, Windows 3.1, 2Mb RAM]

Any shareware spreadsheet for Windows is a rarity, but one that looks as good as this has to be a bit special. It may be limited to 50 x 50 cells in its shareware form, but this should be more than sufficient for evaluation purposes, and you should be able to get some

serious use out of WinSheet during that time.

Try it for yourself, and don't be put off by the lack of help. If you've used any of the big-name Windows spreadsheets then you'll feel right at home in no time. In fact, it's fair to say you might even forget that you aren't using a certain famous alternative - the interface is that good!

### Shareware

Some of the programs on this month's cover disk are released as Shareware. This means you're free to evaluate the software for a certain period, normally of 30 days. If you wish to continue using the software after this time you must pay the author a registration fee, normally a modest amount, in return for which you will normally receive a copy of the latest full release, and often a printed manual too, as well as other benefits such as software support.

# PCW Interactive CD-ROM

Chris Nixon introduces this month's feature-packed CD-ROM, including the very best of the latest demos, utilities, games, animations, videos, music, and a whole lot more.

## Installing and running PCW Interactive

**[Minimum requirements: 4Mb free RAM (swapfile acceptable), 386SX/33 processor, Windows 3.1. Users with less than this should still be able to run all the DOS programs on the CD-ROM using the program DOSMENU.COM, though you may have to boot "clean" with no unnecessary TSRs or device drivers. Recommended for best performance: 8Mb installed RAM, 486DX/50 processor, Windows 3.11]**

To run PCW Interactive you no longer need to install any part of it to your PC (other than Video for Windows if you wish to view the movies). Just select your CD-ROM drive and run the file PCWI.EXE in the root directory for PCWI to run.

### • Using the CD-ROM from DOS

If you don't have Windows, or if you experience any problems running some of the DOS software from Windows, exit to DOS and run the program DOSMENU.COM which

you'll find in the root directory of the CD-ROM.

DOSMENU displays a simple menu, from which you can select any of the DOS programs and demos using either the cursor keys and Return, or a mouse.

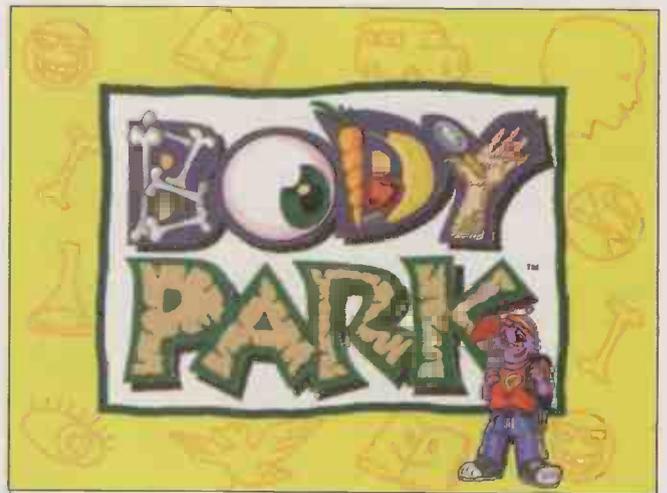
Although DOSMENU will run all the CD-ROM DOS programs in most cases, you may still need to perform a clean boot first to ensure you have the maximum possible amount of memory available. SMARTDRV in particular can steal huge amounts of RAM, and you may find that by removing it from memory, the resultant slowdown in performance is acceptable for the duration of a particular game.

### • Using PCW Interactive

The magazine has been designed to look and feel as though you're reading a printed publication. For example, at the bottom left and right of each page you'll find a Page Turn icon for turning backwards or forwards a page. In addition there's a set of ten tabs which appear down the left- and right-hand side of each page. Clicking on any of these will take you directly to the page in the magazine where the indicated magazine section begins.

### • Video for Windows

On the first page of PCW Inter-



*Body Park, one of the demos on this month's PCW Interactive*

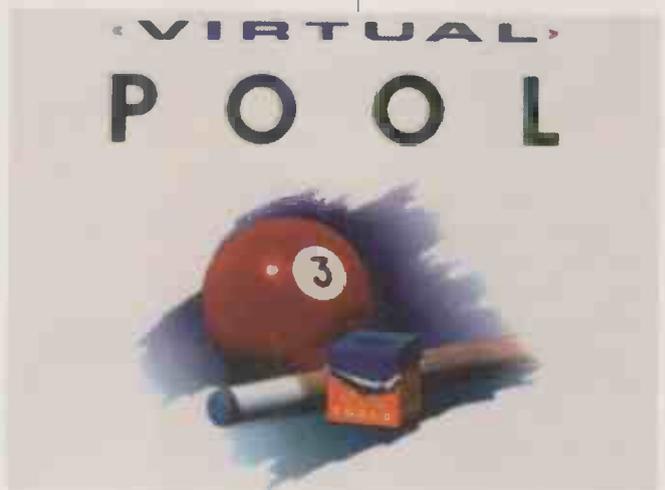
active you'll have the opportunity to install the latest version of Video for Windows Runtime, so that you can view the digital movies on the CD. If you haven't installed Video for Windows from a PCW Interactive CD before, then you *must* install this new version as it contains the latest drivers which deliver higher quality, a larger size and a faster playback rate. If you don't install the new ver-

sion, some videos will display the message "Cannot display this video", or similar warnings.

We strongly recommend you install V4W Runtime every time you use a new issue of PCW Interactive, as we always try to ensure the very latest programs and drivers are on the CD-ROM.

Throughout PCW Interactive you'll have the opportunity to run or install programs,

*Imagine yourself as Paul Newman in "The Hustler" with Virtual Pool*



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DEMONS

**Global Positioning System Software**

GPSS is a demonstration program that works with any Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver to pinpoint your position on the Earth's surface to within just a few metres.



GPS receivers are specialised pieces of equipment that can nevertheless still be bought over the counter (and quite legally) if you know the right shops.

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The GPSS software works in Windows 3.1 or later, and uses a custom database of local places to tell you verbally where you are at any time while you drive.

<-- Click on the movie opposite to see the system in action - but don't try this while driving!



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get further details on a particular program, try out demonstrations of programs, play videos, listen to audio files and much more. When any of these options is available an icon will be displayed indicating the fact. All you need to do is click once on it to activate the choice.

## In this month's PCW Interactive

**Magazine pages:** Video for Windows Runtime 1.1e

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Upgrade, CDTEST Utility, PowerLan free software.

**Demos:** Bioforge, Microsoft's Bob, Body Park, Frankenstein, GPSS, PinPoint, Pyrotechnica, Slipstream 5000, Star Trek: TNG, Super Street Fighter 2 Turbo, Ticonderoga, Tower Assault, Virtual Pool.

**Shareware games:** Depth Dwellers, Tag Quote, Vinyl Goddess from Mars.

**Shareware utils:** Drag And File, Snooper, SysChk, WinFormant.

### • MSCDEX

Microsoft's CD-ROM extensions (called MSCDEX.EXE) provide the interface between your PC and your CD-ROM drive. There are two versions in common use, 2.22 and 2.23. If you are using 2.22 you'll find that data is pulled off your CD-ROMs much more slowly than with version 2.23. Also, slightly faulty discs can be read using version 2.23, which 2.22 (with less sophisticated error correction)

*Where on Earth are you?  
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usually can't read.

Here are two ways you can upgrade to the new driver using this CD-ROM. If you have Windows, run the PCW Interactive front-end, and step through the on-screen magazine until you reach the MSCDEX page. Then click on the Run button and follow the simple instructions.

Alternatively, from the DOS prompt you can change to the MSCDEX directory of the CD-ROM and run the file RUNME.COM. This is in fact the program executed when you click the MSCDEX Run button from within PCW Interactive.

Whatever method you use will automatically install the new driver on your hard disk in the directory MSCDEX2.23. Your AUTOEXEC.BAT file will also be modified. However, the old MSCDEX driver will remain on your hard disk should you wish to return to it, while a backup copy of your AUTOEXEC.BAT file will be saved as AUTOEXEC.SAV.

We strongly recommend you upgrade to the new driver as it will enable you to run most CD-ROM programs you may have had trouble with. And as an added bonus you should find that most digital videos are less jerky, while loading data and running programs will be much quicker.

## CD-ROM advice & contacts

The PCW CD-ROM is virus checked at every stage of production. However, neither VNU nor Silver Disc Interactive can be deemed liable for any problems arising from its use. You are advised not to install software on a networked PC before checking the disc.

For technical support on the CD and the programs on it, call Silver Disc Interactive on 01233 665800. Initially this is a voice service manned by technical support staff, but it will progress to also include touch-tone selection of pre-recorded free advice and hints on a range of topics, a fax-back service, and an answerphone outside office hours. It is *not* a premium rate service and all calls are charged at the standard rate. You can also email [rnixon@cix.com](mailto:rnixon@cix.com), [compulink.co.uk](http://compulink.co.uk), or on CompuServe: 70007,5547.

### • Testing your CD-ROM

If you suspect your CD-ROM may actually be faulty (i.e. damaged) you can run the file CDTEST.EXE in the SYSTEM directory of the CD-ROM. The program will then examine every byte of data on the disc to see if it can be correctly read. The process lasts up to 35 minutes and generates a verification code if the disc passes the test. If the CD-ROM fails this test please contact the support hotline as you may need to send for a replacement.

### • Getting help

Detailed help on most of the programs is available when you run them. For further details on using the magazine itself click on the Help side tab at the top right of any page.

### • Troubleshooting

#### \* The videos are jerky

If you have a single-speed CD-ROM drive, consider upgrading to a double-speed or faster drive. You could also try selecting Control Panel | Drivers | Video for Windows. Then uncheck the "Skip frames if behind" entry. We would also suggest that seeing as the very latest version of Video for Windows is on this month's disc (version 1.1d, released less than 10 days before the CD-ROM was pressed), you should install it over your old copy in order to gain higher quality playback with less jerkiness.

\* **DOS programs will not run**  
You must have at least 575kb

free RAM in a Windows DOS box in order to run all the software on this CD. If you have less, much will work but some won't, so you may prefer to quit from Windows and (if you have DOS 6.0) use MEMMAKER.EXE to increase the free base RAM. If you don't have DOS 6.0, try removing all TSRs and unused drivers from your AUTOEXEC.BAT and CONFIG.SYS files by placing a REM command in front of them.

\* **The computer crashes or hangs**

\* **Sound effects and music stop playing**

Any unexpected problems can generally be corrected by simply exiting from and restarting Windows.

\* **PCW Interactive runs slowly**

We are now using Macromedia Director as the multimedia engine for PCWI as it offers a speed increase of several hundred per cent over the previous system. However, to achieve this speed it requires 4Mb free RAM. So, if you have 4Mb or less RAM you may experience delays when turning pages as up to half this RAM may already be in use by Windows and DOS. The solution is to add extra RAM to your PC (which will also make all your other CD-ROMs run faster) or, at least, to ensure you have a permanent swapfile of an additional 4Mb RAM. Also, make sure you read the section about MSCDEX in this article.

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The image displays several overlapping windows from the teletext software. One window shows a 'PORTFOLIO' with columns for stock names and prices. Another window shows 'Prices' with a list of various financial instruments. A third window displays a 'Sport Index' with categories like TV GUIDE, WEATHER, and HOLIDAYS. A fourth window shows a 'Teleshare' alert for 'EAST MID REACHED £594'. The software interface includes standard menu bars like 'File', 'Edit', and 'Format'.



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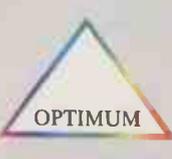
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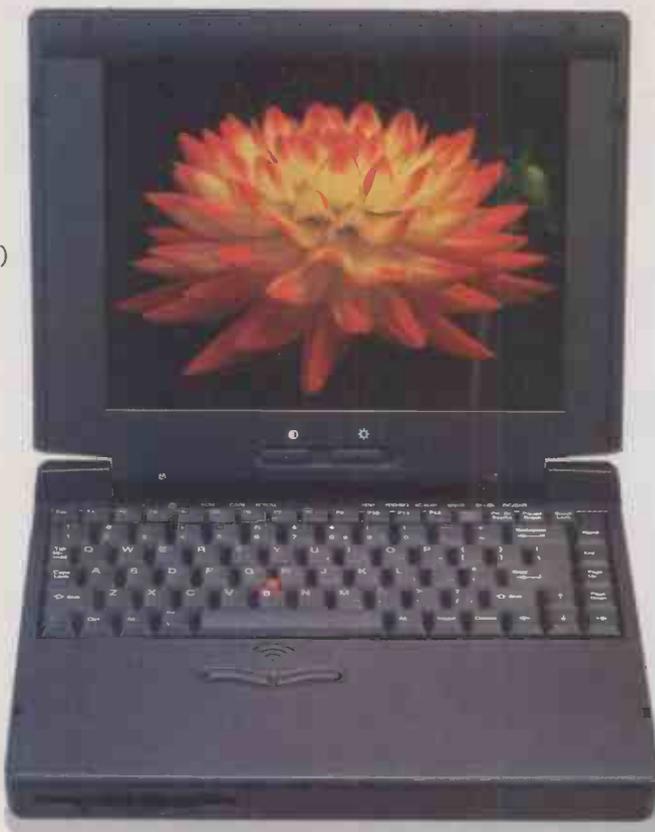


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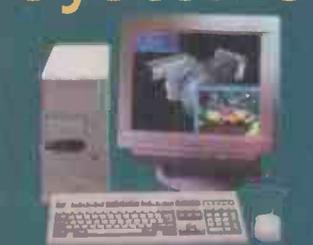
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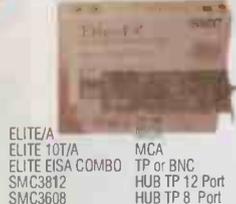
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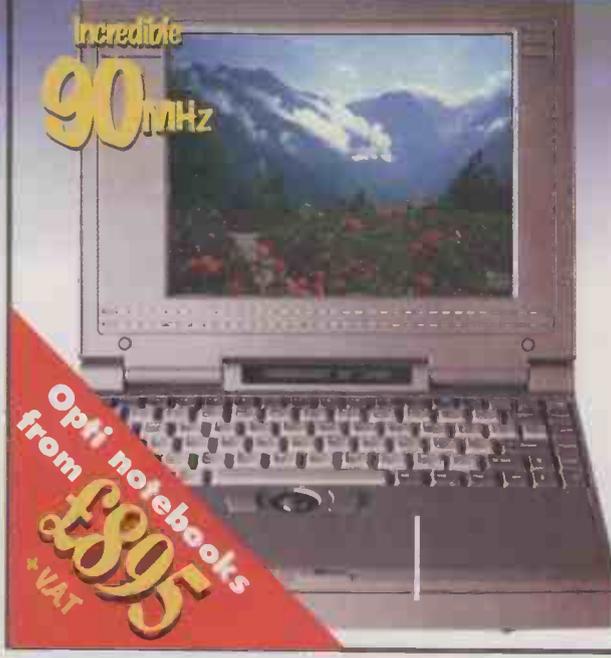
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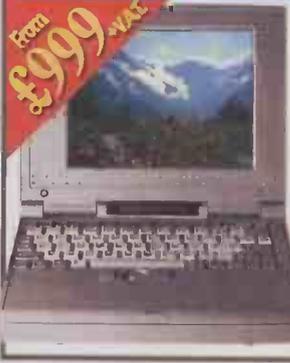
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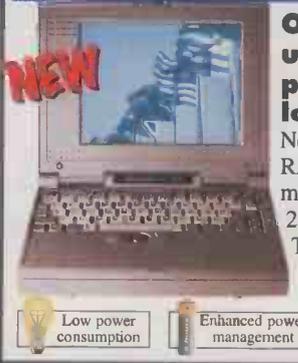


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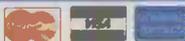
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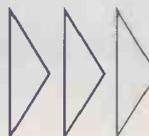
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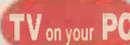
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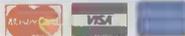
When a game or multimedia program calls for music or special effects, this sound card is in a league of its own. It uses wavetable synthesis and it has a special chipset that contains actual pre-recorded sounds called samples. Simply put, the audio tracks on your applications will sound like they are coming from an expensive home stereo and not your computer.

DX2/66 is Cyrix or IBM - DX4/100 is AMD. For Intel DX4/100 add £ 50

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Because of Novell's memory requirements, all dan Servers with a DAT Streamer or CD-ROM or more than 1GB HDD must be upgraded to 16MB. Servers with 4.1GB HDD must be upgraded to 32MB.



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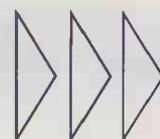
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"Although other system categories may seem more glamorous, the network file server is the most important machine for any company with a LAN, whether it has five or 50 PCs attached to it. While many direct vendors offer suitable systems, one in particular has carved out a niche for itself in the supply of file servers to the extent that it has won this category for the second time running. You voted its entry-level server as runner-up, but it was the dantium PCI Server which really caught your eye in 1994." *PC DIRECT HITS AWARDS, PC Direct June '95*

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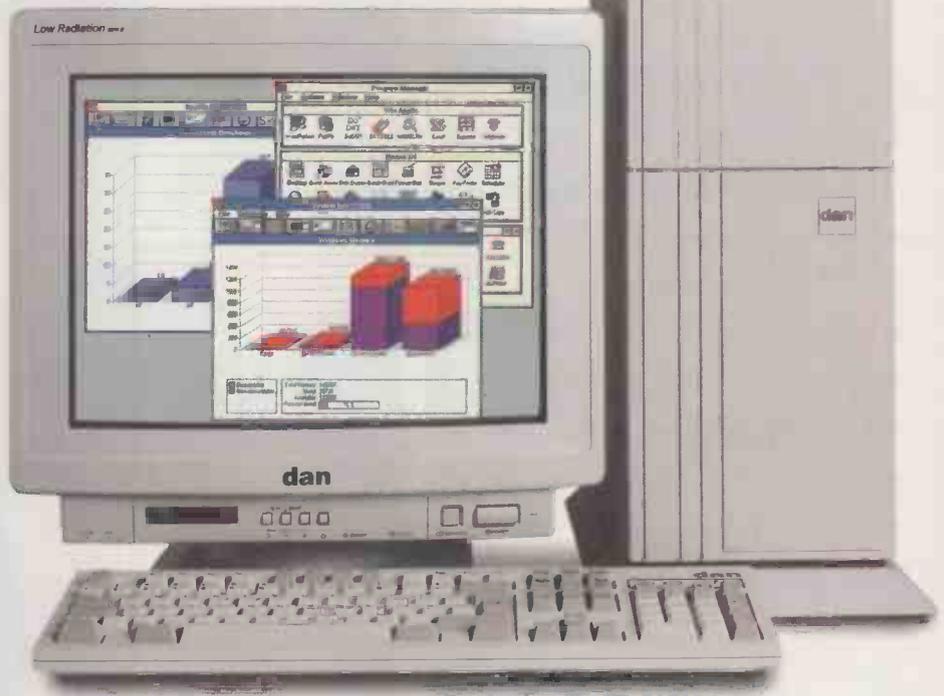
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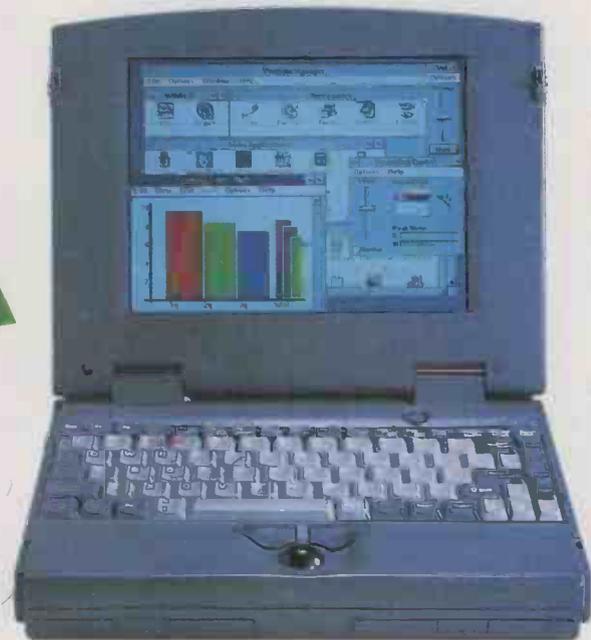
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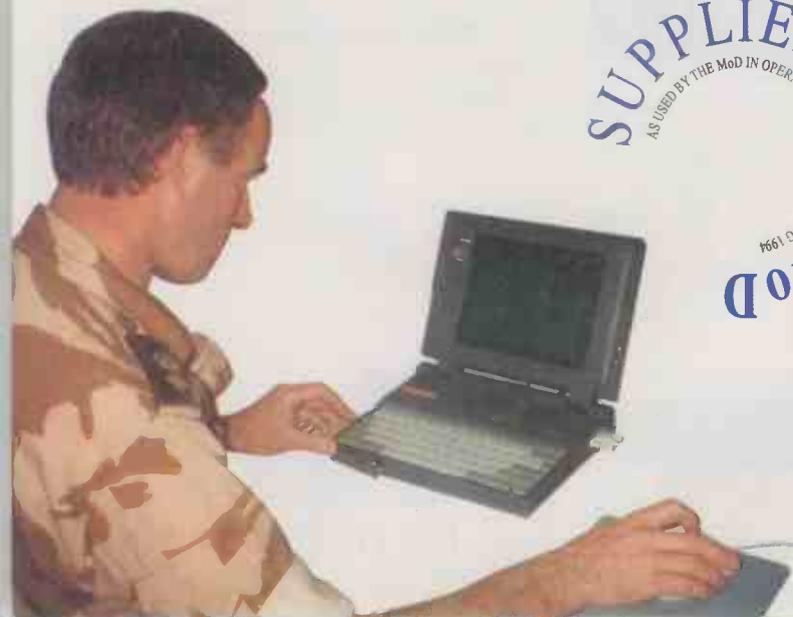


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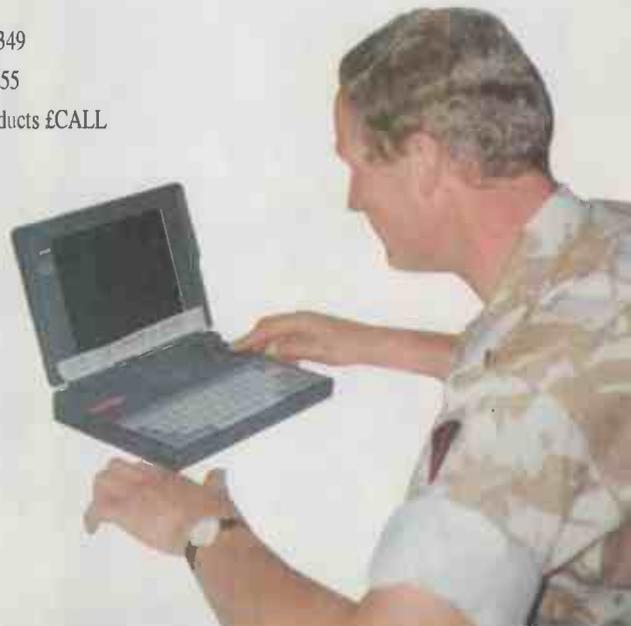


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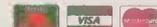
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- Keyboard and mouse
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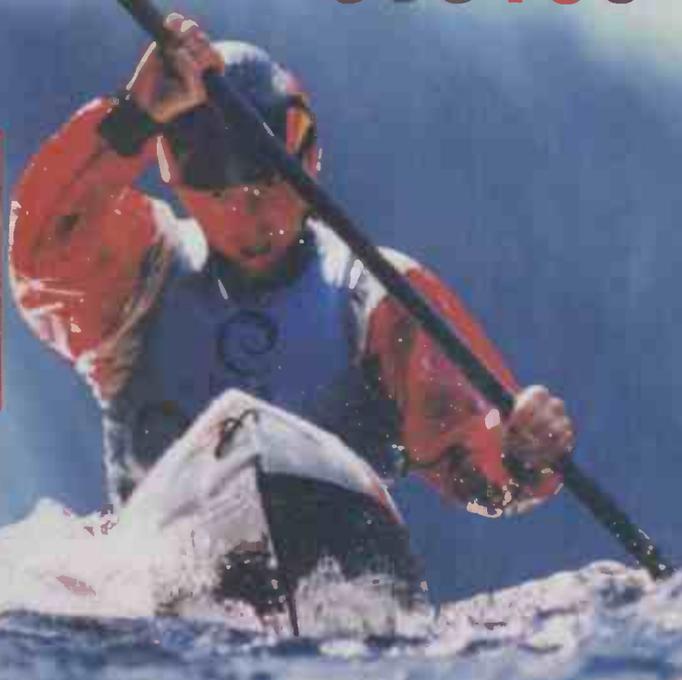
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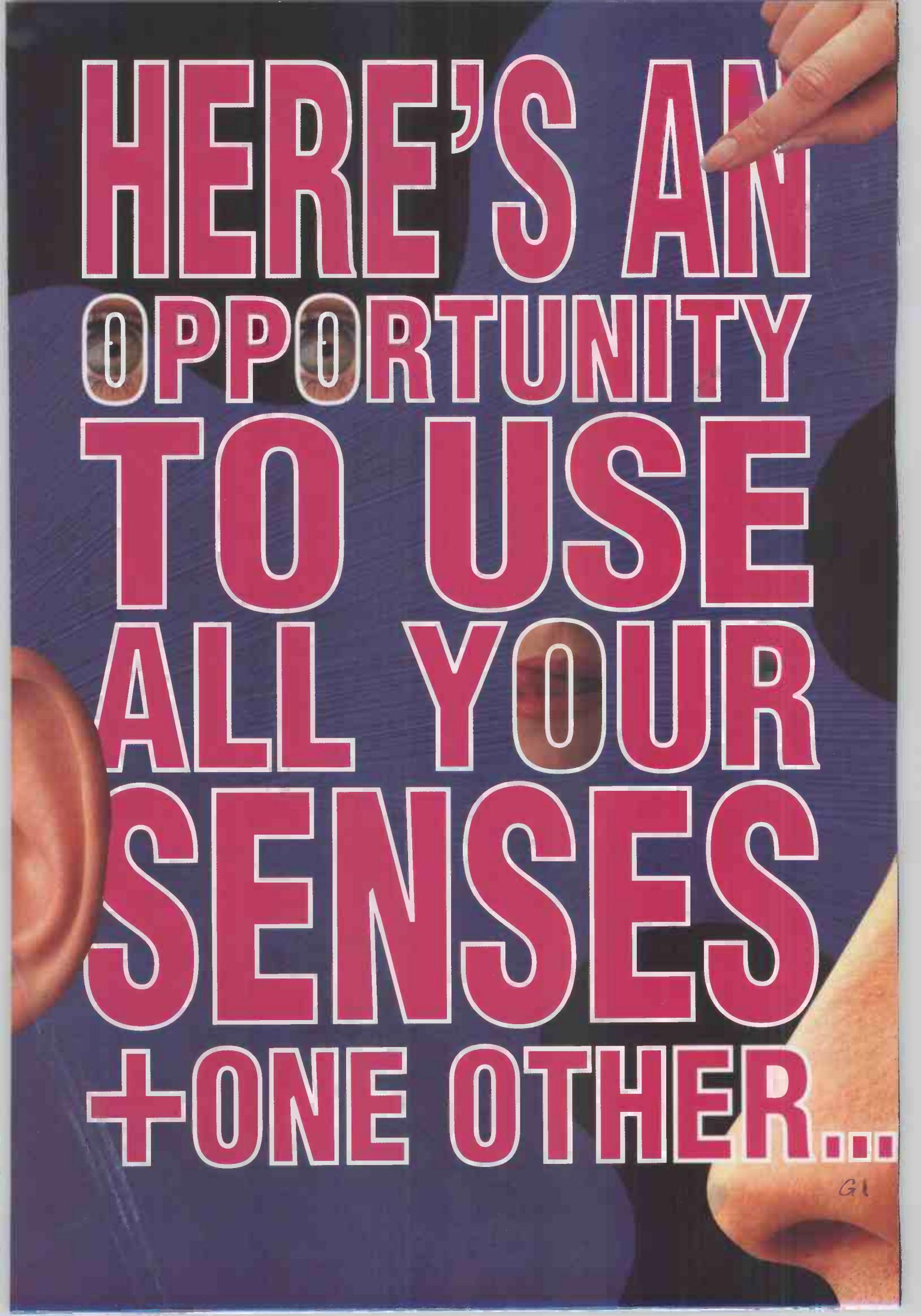
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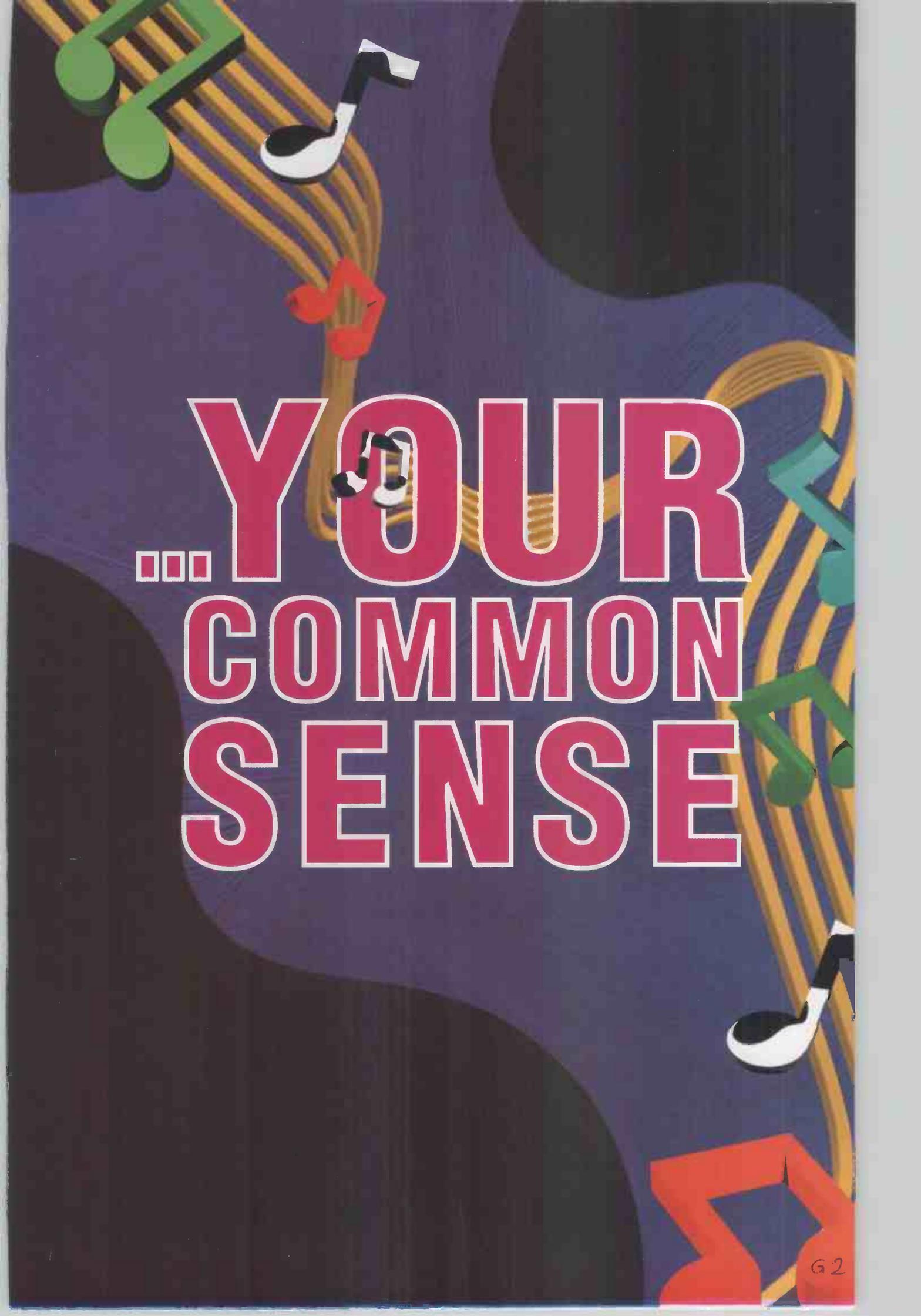
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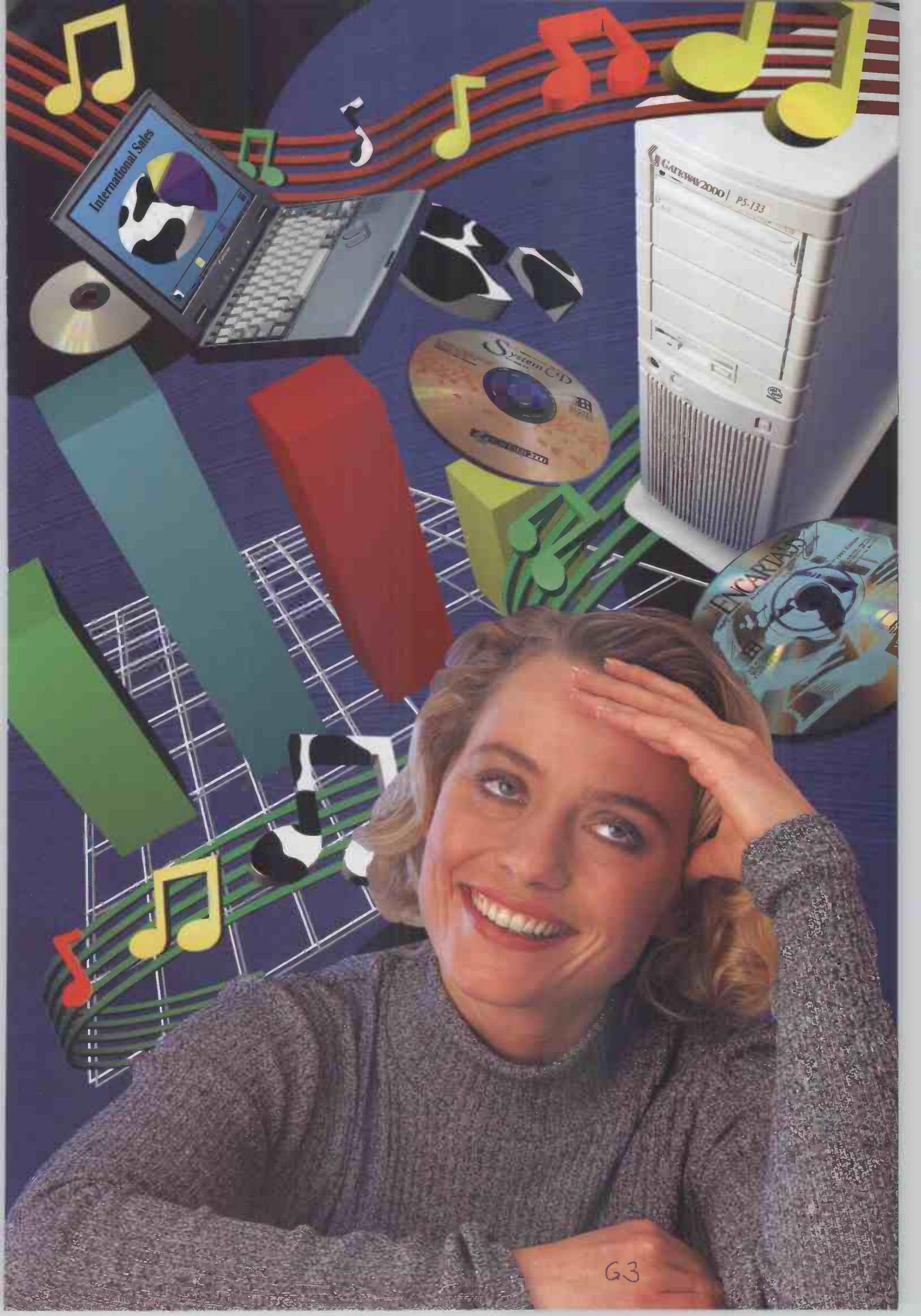
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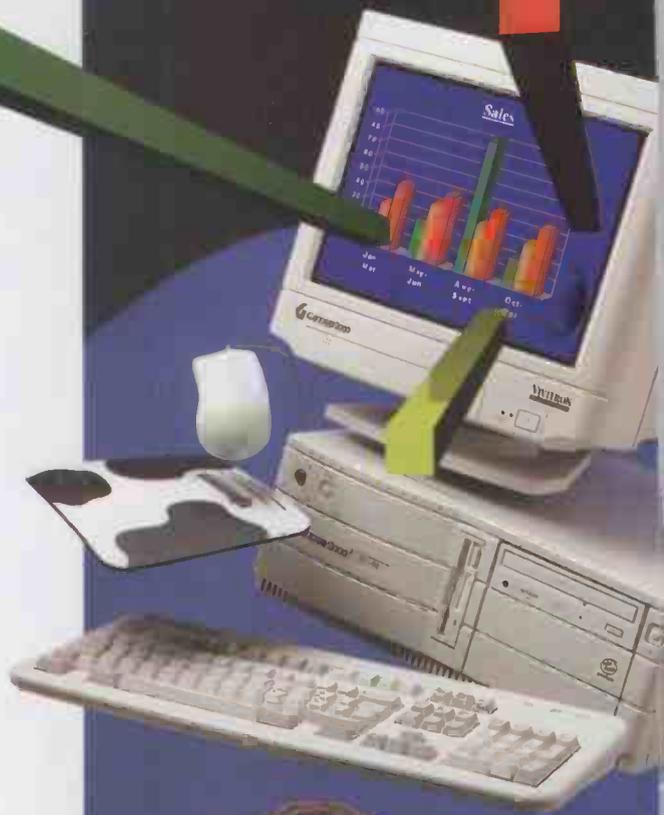
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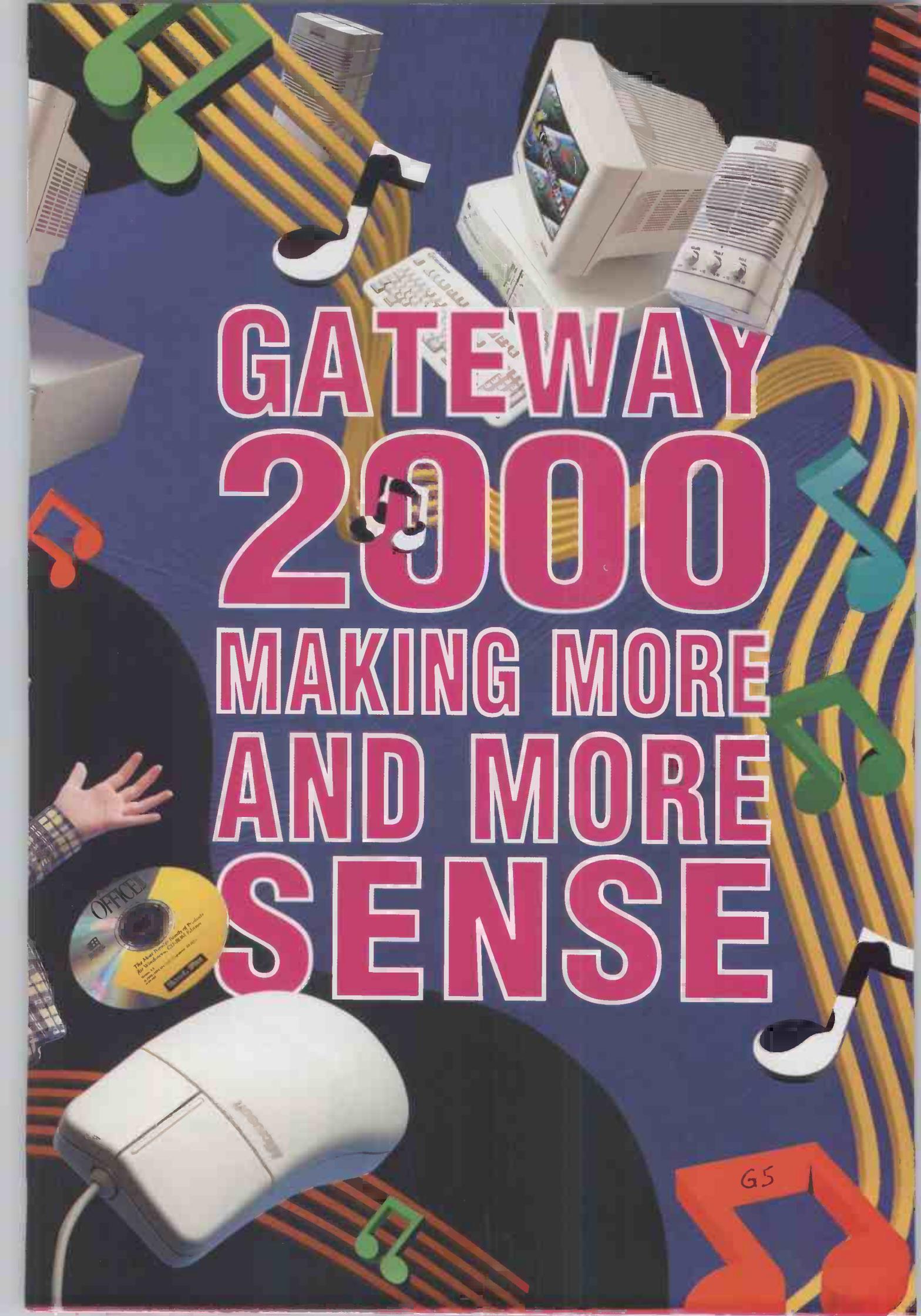


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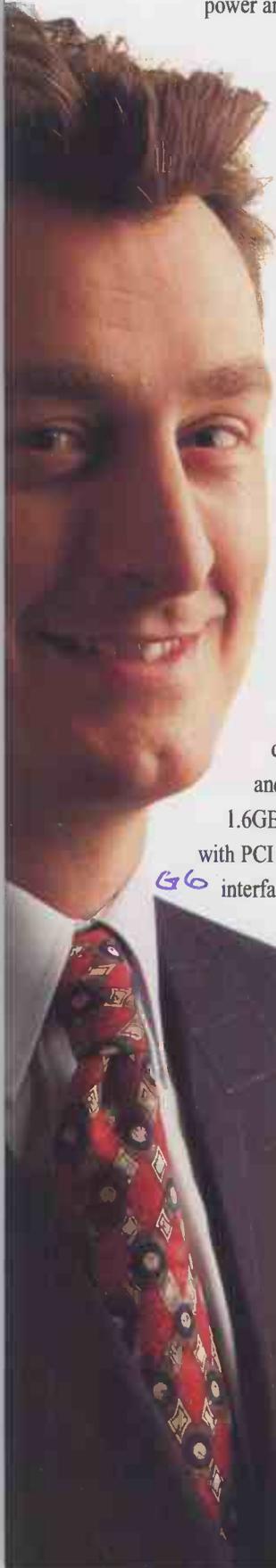


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It's said that seeing is believing, but Gateway's new P5-133 Elite and P5-120 Elite deliver such stunning power and performance, you'll hardly believe the evidence of your eyes! These

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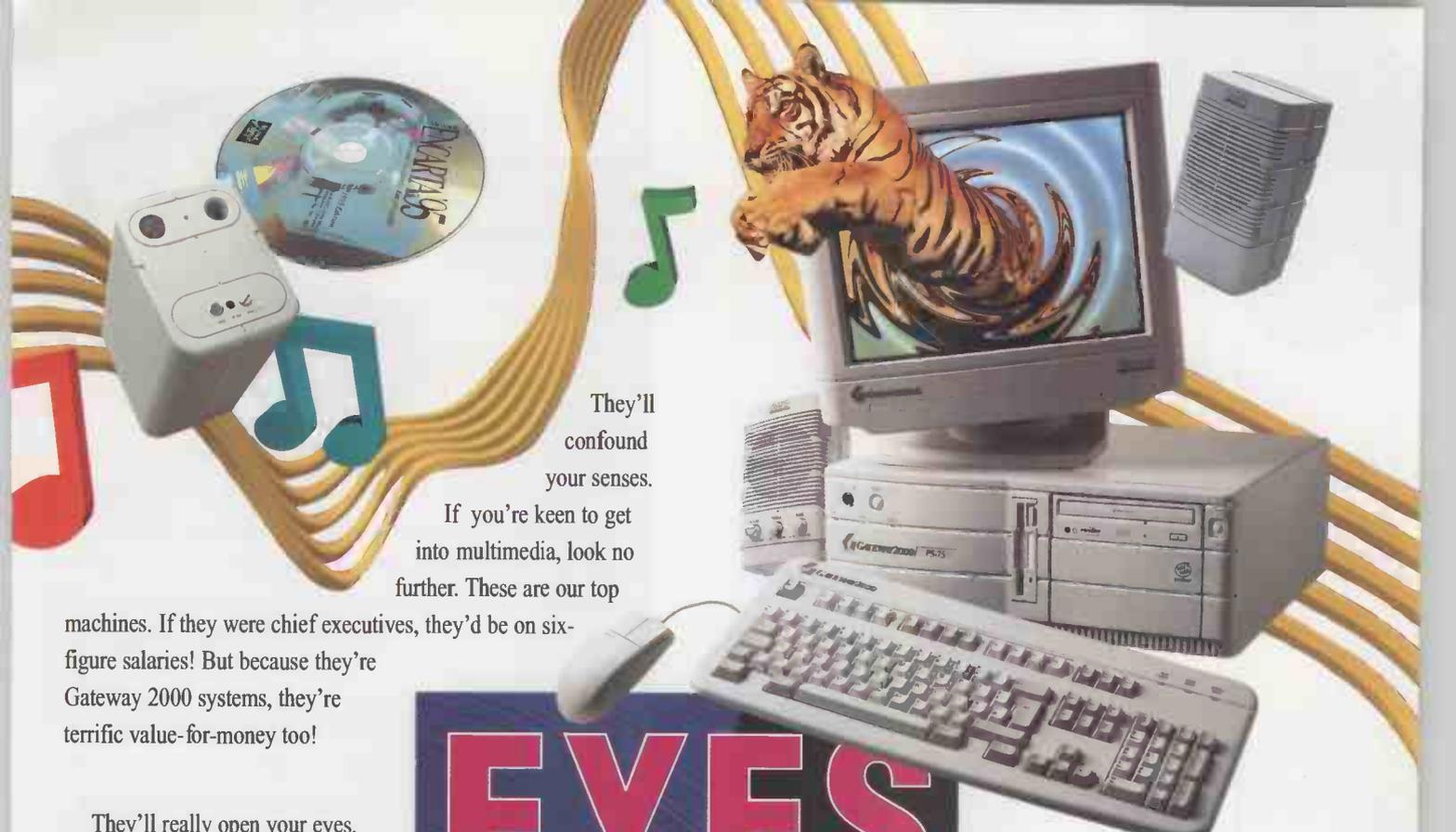
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shock to your senses. But perhaps the most pleasant shock is that Gateway offer you the P5-133 Elite for only £2,799 and the P5-120 Elite for just £2,599.

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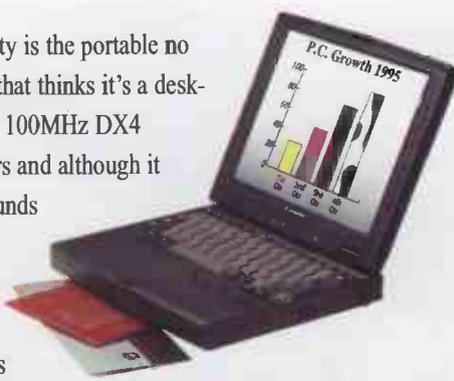
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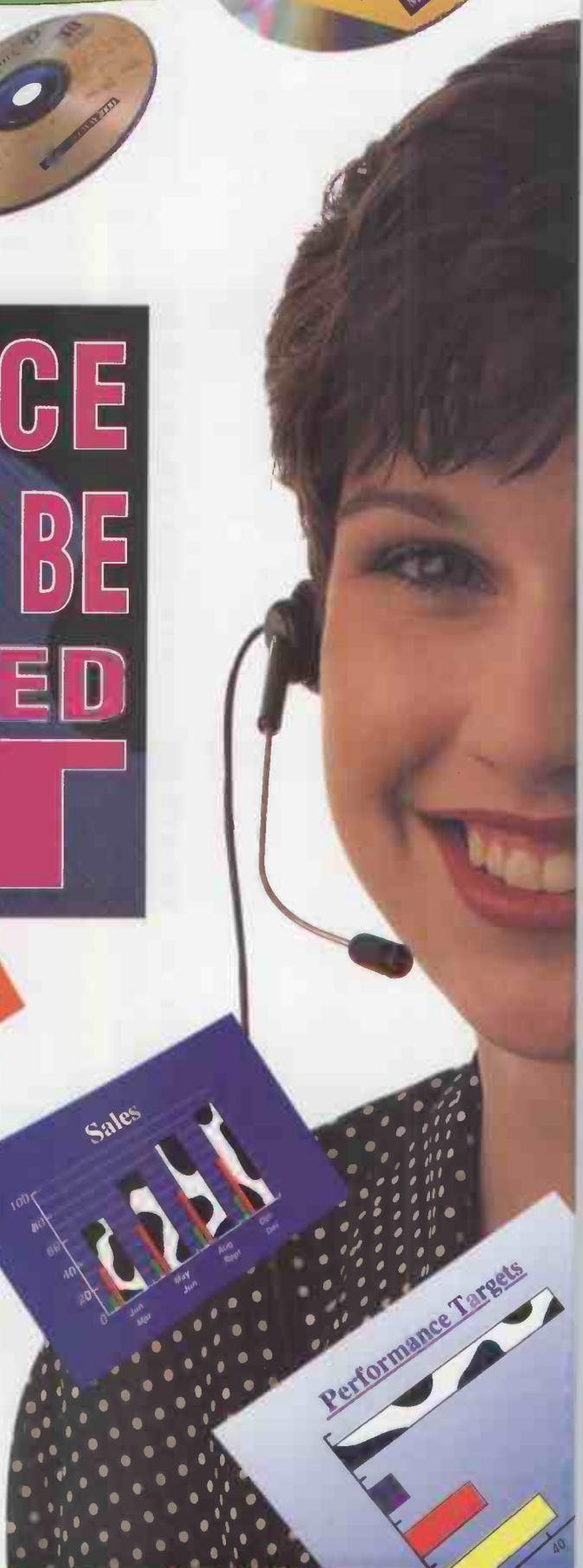
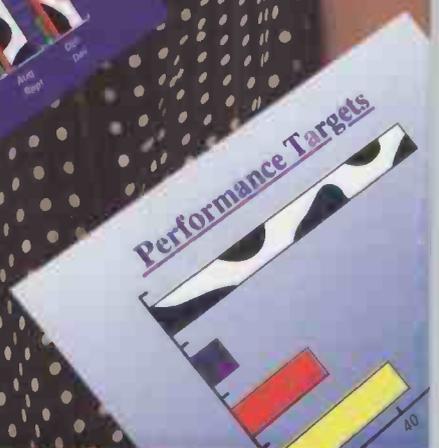
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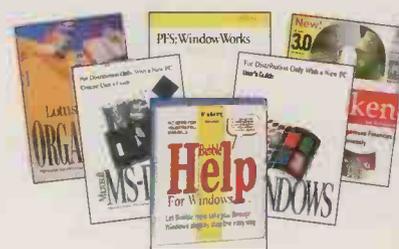
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- 3.5" 1.44mb floppy drive
- Fast PCI graphics card with 1mb RAM
- 14" Accuscan energy saving, MPR-II monitor, NI, max res 1024 x 768
- 2 serial (16550), 1 parallel port (EPP/ECP)
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- Power supply failure alarm
- Accutouch 102 key UK keyboard
- Microsoft Ergonomic Mouse
- 3 year parts and labour warranty (first year on site)
- Operating systems: OS/2 Lan Server SMP, SCO Unix with SMP extns, Windows NT 3.5 (not supplied).

## Adams service

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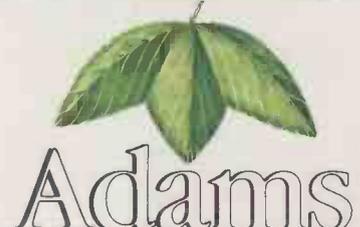


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Alain Menu on the way to victory in the Adams sponsored Williams Renault Laguna, in the British Touring Car Championship.

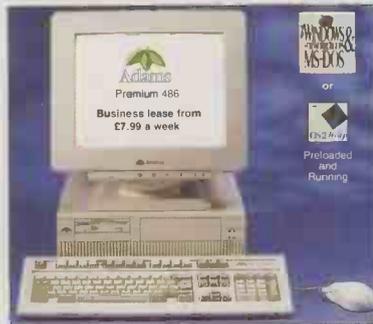
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- PCI local bus
- 256k external cache
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- 3.5" 1.44mb floppy drive
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- 2 serial, 1 parallel port
- Desktop case with 200w PSU
- Accutouch 102 key UK keyboard
- Microsoft Ergonomic Mouse
- 3 year parts and labour warranty (first year on site)
- Win OS/2 Warp or DOS 6.22/Win FWG 3.11 preloaded
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# What's on

**Portables** We've plenty more things on the Adams' menu this month. Helped by high sales volumes we are now able to offer some amazing new prices on our Accura 5000 and 6000 notebooks. Together with a new price on the TFT Accura Portable our notebook range represents the *best* value for money available.

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**Professional** For those speed freaks among you, our Accura Professionals now feature a new 133mhz model which also incorporates the Matrox Millennium graphics card capable of 85hz refresh at 1600 x 1200, also with new faster VRAM. This out paces VRAM and is upgradeable to 8mb

Adams offer a 3 year warranty with service support from ICL. We've many more delicacies to wet your appetite, so why not call sales now on **0161 877 8822** and find out what makes Adams different!

**PS:** Our new 133mhz Pentium is shipping this month. Please call for details.

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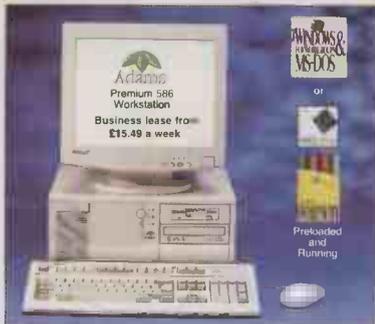
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- 256k pipeline burst synchronous SRAM
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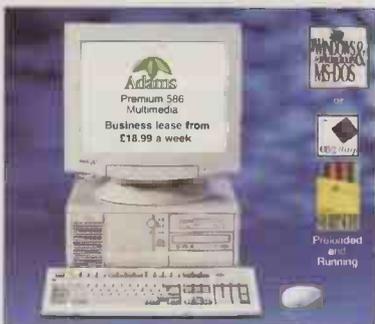


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- Fast PCI graphics card with 1mb RAM
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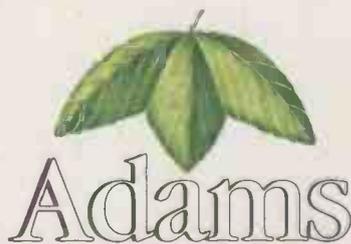
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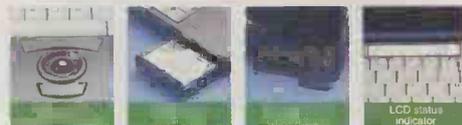
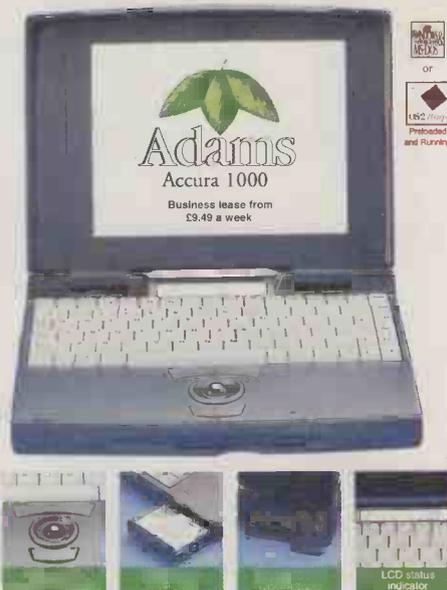
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- 3.3v 486DX2-66 CPU upgradeable to 486DX4-100
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- Sound Blaster® audio compatibility with built in speaker and microphone
- 9.5" Mono LCD with 64 grey levels, Dual Scan Passive Colour or TFT active colour displaying 256 colours, quickly interchangeable
- Local bus graphics accelerator with 1mb RAM giving simultaneous LCD/CRT display and CRT resolutions up to 1024 x 768
- 1.44mb floppy disk drive built in
- BIOS controlled power management with SMM stop clock, suspend to disk function and APM support
- Built in LCD status indicator
- 19mm trackball built in
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- Docking Station port
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- Weight 2.7kgs with hard drive and battery
- 1 year parts and labour warranty
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Accura 1000		prices	
Model	Price	Dual Scan Colour	TFT Active Colour
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- Removable 1.44mb floppy disk drive
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- Full function 86 key UK keyboard
- Multi voltage 90-240v charger power supply (1.5 hour charge time)
- Weight 2.4kgs mono, 2.7kgs colour
- Carry slip and utility disk included
- 1 year parts and labour warranty
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### Accura Portable Prices

Model	Price	Dual Scan Colour	TFT Active Colour
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486DX4-75	£1099	£1449	£1949
486DX4-100	£1199	£1499	£1999

## 486 Options

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Memory upgrade to 12mb	£325
Memory upgrade to 20mb	£699
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Upgrade HDD from 340mb - 810mb	£279
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Car power adaptor	£55
Docking station	£399
Deluxe carry case	£39
PCMCIA 9600/2400 modem	£139
PCMCIA V32bis fax modem from	£199
3 year on site warranty	£150

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Memory upgrade to 20mb	£699
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Upgrade HDD from 340mb - 810mb	£279
Upgrade HDD from 340mb - 1gb	£439
Additional main battery	£89
Docking station	£375
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PCMCIA V32bis fax modem from	£199
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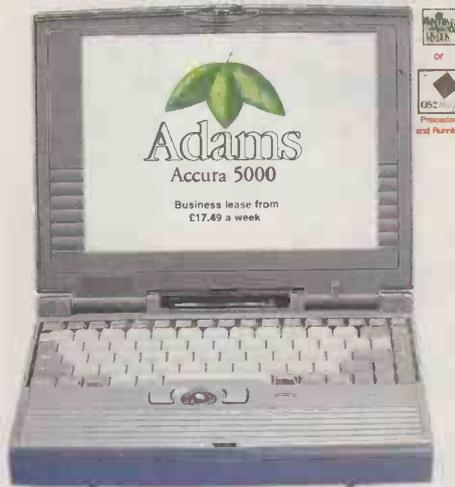
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- PCI 32 bit local bus graphics accelerator (C&T 65545) with 1mb RAM giving simultaneous LCD/CRT display and CRT resolutions up to 1024 x 768
- Built in 1.44mb floppy disk drive
- Jade GL829X chipset featuring BIOS controlled power management with suspend, suspend to disk function
- 16mm trackball built in
- 2 PCMCIA type 2 and/or 1 type 3 slot
- Infrared communications port
- Ni MH battery standard (quickly interchangeable)
- 1 serial port, 1 enhanced parallel port (EPP/EPS), external CRT port, external keyboard/mouse port, d/station port
- Full function 86 key UK keyboard
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## Pentium Options

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Memory upgrade to 32mb	£988
Memory upgrade to 40mb	£1358
Upgrade HDD from 340mb - 520mb	£99
Upgrade HDD from 340mb - 720mb	£279
Additional main battery	£95
Docking station (with speakers and floppy drive)	£399
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PCMCIA V32bis fax modem from	£199

Accura 6000 options	
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Memory upgrade to 32mb	£960
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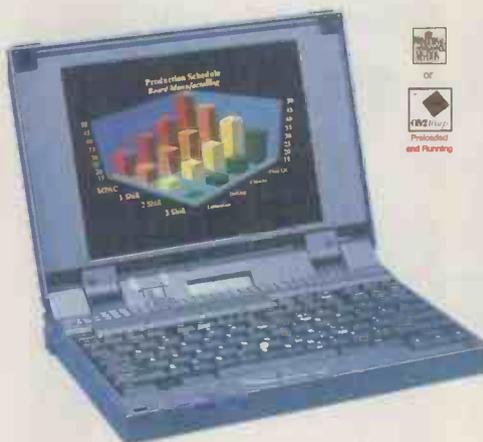
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- 8 mb standard memory upgradeable to 128mb (64 bit)
- 32 bit PCI local bus controller with 340mb 2.5" fast SCSI-II hard drive upgradeable to 810mb.
- Sound Blaster® 16 bit stereo compatibility with built in speakers and microphone
- 10.4" TFT active colour displaying 65,536 colours
- PCI 32 bit local bus graphics accelerator (WD90C24A2) with 1mb RAM giving simultaneous LCD/CRT display and CRT resolutions up to 1024 x 768
- External 1.44mb ultra-low profile floppy disk drive
- BIOS controlled power management with sleep, suspend & resume functions
- Trackpoint, pointing device integrated into keyboard
- 2 PCMCIA type 1/2 or 1 type 3 slot
- Ni MH battery standard (quickly interchangeable)
- 1 serial port, 1 enhanced parallel port (EPP/EPS), external CRT port, external keyboard/mouse port, d/station port
- Full function 82 key Lexmark UK keyboard
- Multi voltage 110-240v charger power supply (2.0 hour charge time)
- Dimensions(mm) 300w x 216d x 51h Weight 3.4kgs
- Leather carrying case included
- 1 year parts and labour international warranty

## Pentium 100 Superbook



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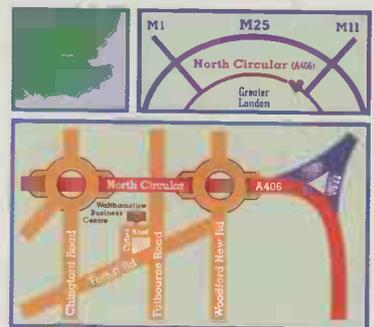
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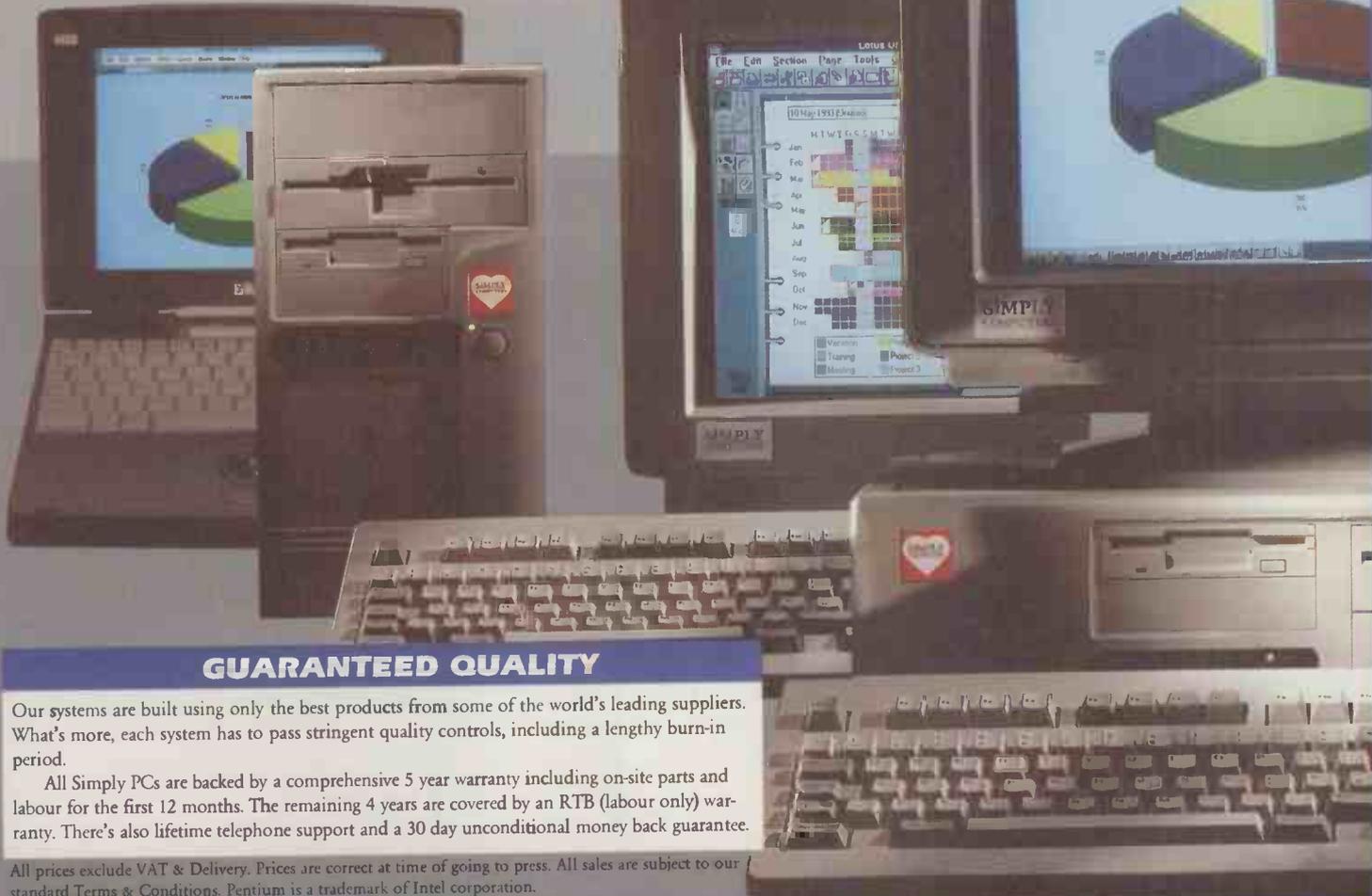
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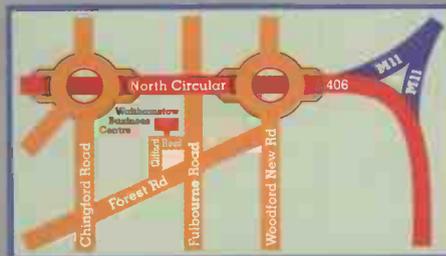
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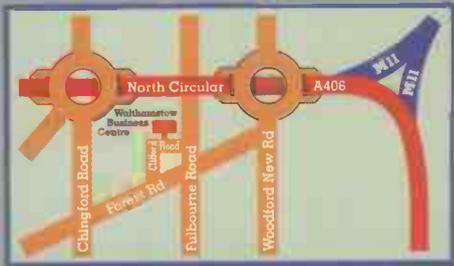
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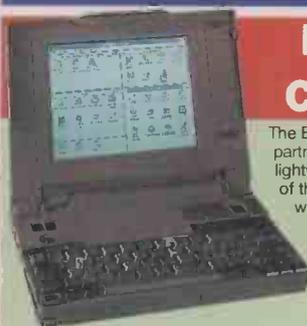
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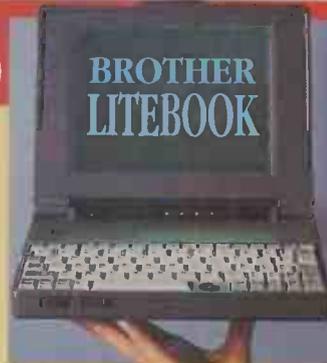
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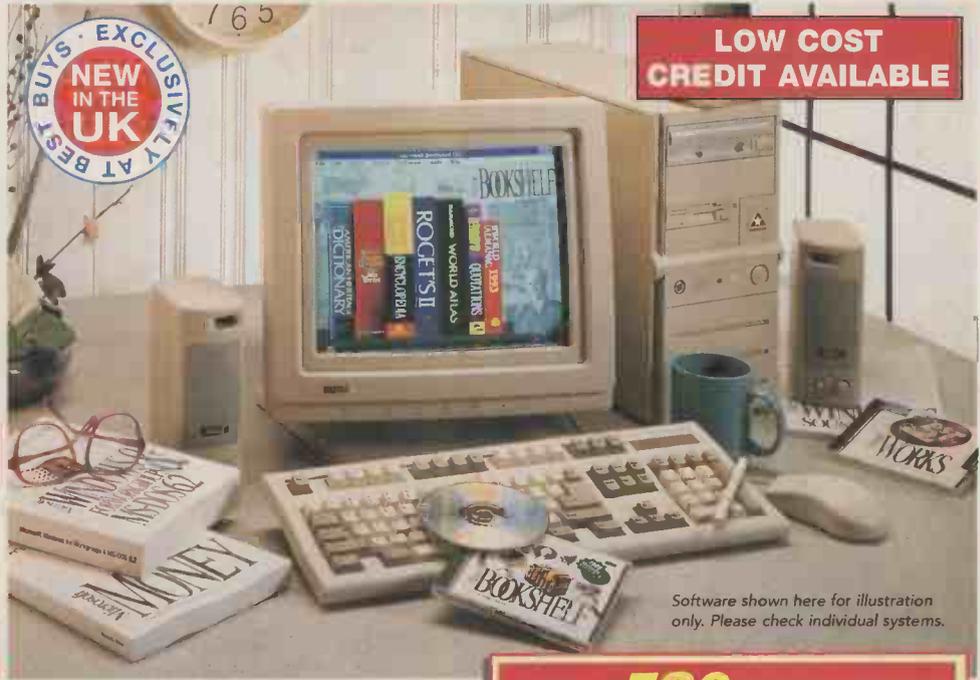
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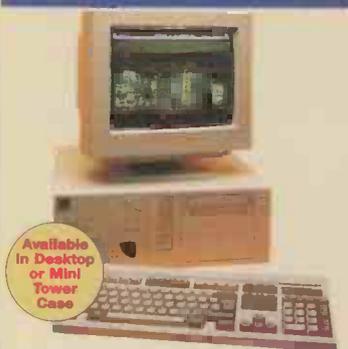
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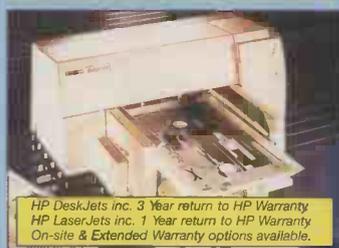
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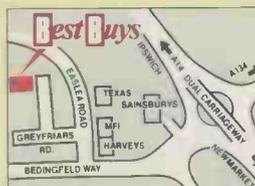
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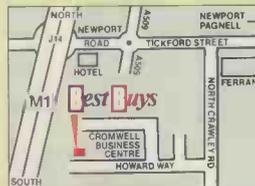
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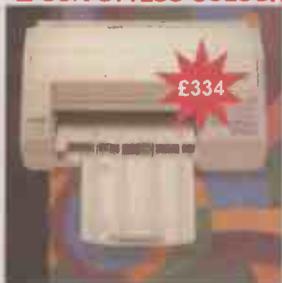
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### What are PCMCIA Cards?

Also called PC Cards, they are the size of a credit card. PC Cards enhance your computers capabilities. All PC Cards conform to the PCMCIA standard making it possible in theory to swap from one machine to another. In practice, as with any any evolving standard, there are some compatibility issues.

### What is Type I, II and III?

There are three types of PC Card with varying thicknesses, which determines its peripheral function.

**Type I Cards** - (3.5mm thick) are used for memory expansion (DRAM) to give your notebook extra memory to run programs. SRAM or Flash Cards give you additional data storage. These work in the same way as floppy disks.

**Type II Cards** - (5mm thick) are the most versatile. Generally used for products such as modems, network connections, sound cards and SCSI connections for CD ROM and Multimedia.

**Type III Cards** - (10mm thick) are the newest introduction to the PC Card technology. The extra thickness of this card allows it to have rotating parts, and are thus used for mini hard disks.

### What are Card and Socket Services?

In the same way that attaching a network card or another peripheral to your PC requires software to operate the device, Card and Socket Services are the software drivers which control the PC Cards.

There are three main vendors of this software: Phoenix, Systemsoft and Award. This software allows you to configure your card to suit your machine and system setup.

### My PCMCIA Modem can be installed without Card and Socket services, I thought I always needed Card and Socket Services?

Some PC cards have software direct enablers which mean they do not need Card and Socket Services. This makes installation even easier and also saves on system memory.

### Can I use my PC Card on my PC?

Simply add a PCMCIA slot to your PC with a card reader, either internally through an interface adaptor or externally through the parallel port. The slots act as additional drives, so you can copy and fax to your PC Card. To run Type II products through your PC you need an internal PCMCIA reader.

### How do I link my mobile system to a CD ROM using my PCMCIA slot?

Use a PCMCIA SCSI card link to a CD ROM drive or other SCSI devices such as scanners, cameras and multimedia products.

### What is the difference between SRAM and Silicon disk?

SRAM cards are battery backed storage cards with a battery life of over 2 years. Silicon disks have no battery and operate like mini hard disks.

### I have heard people mention 32 bit bus cards & Berlin. What's it all about?

The PCMCIA committee will soon issue the next release of specifications (Version 3, code-named BERLIN and now called the PC Card standard) and this will bring with it several new and exciting features. The most important of these are 32 bit card bus capabilities and dual function cards. Basically 32 bit will give faster throughput than the current cards which are 16 bit. As is implied, dual function cards will be able to perform more than one task.

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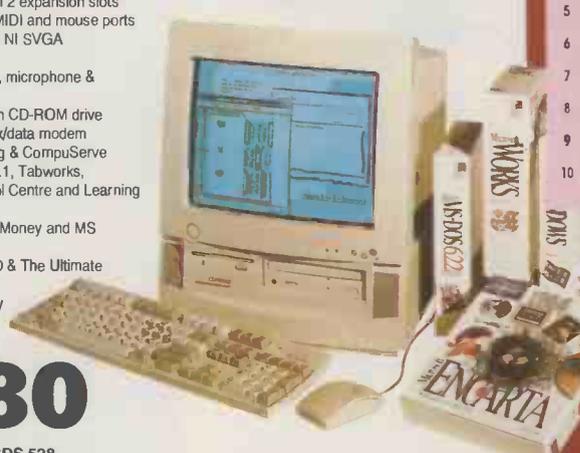
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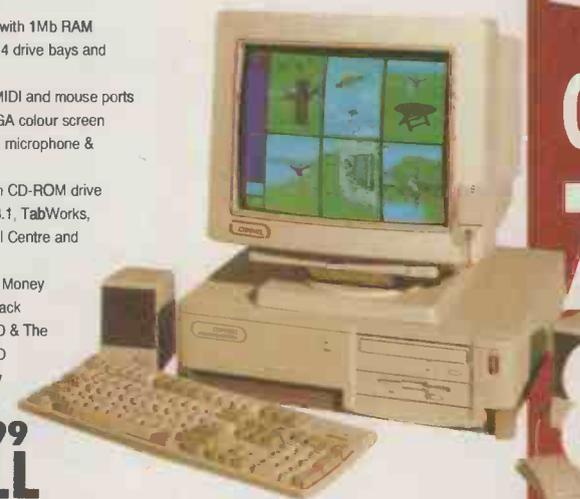
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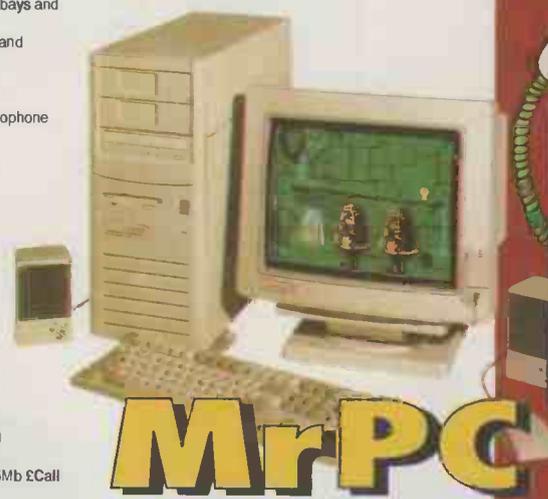
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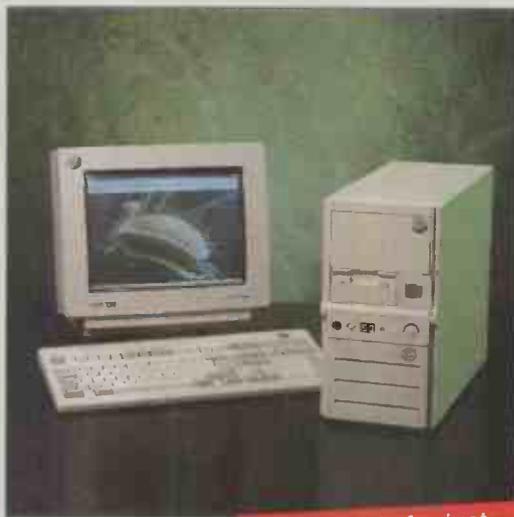


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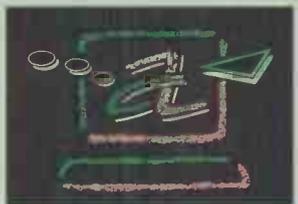
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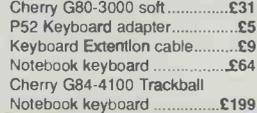
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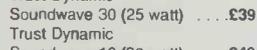
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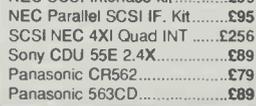
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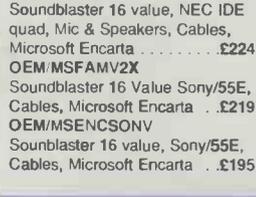
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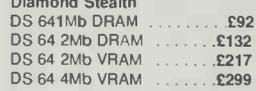
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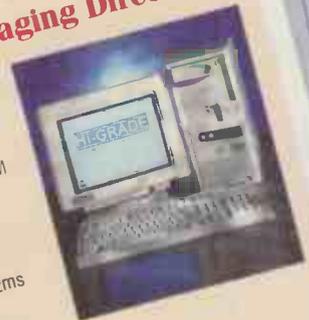


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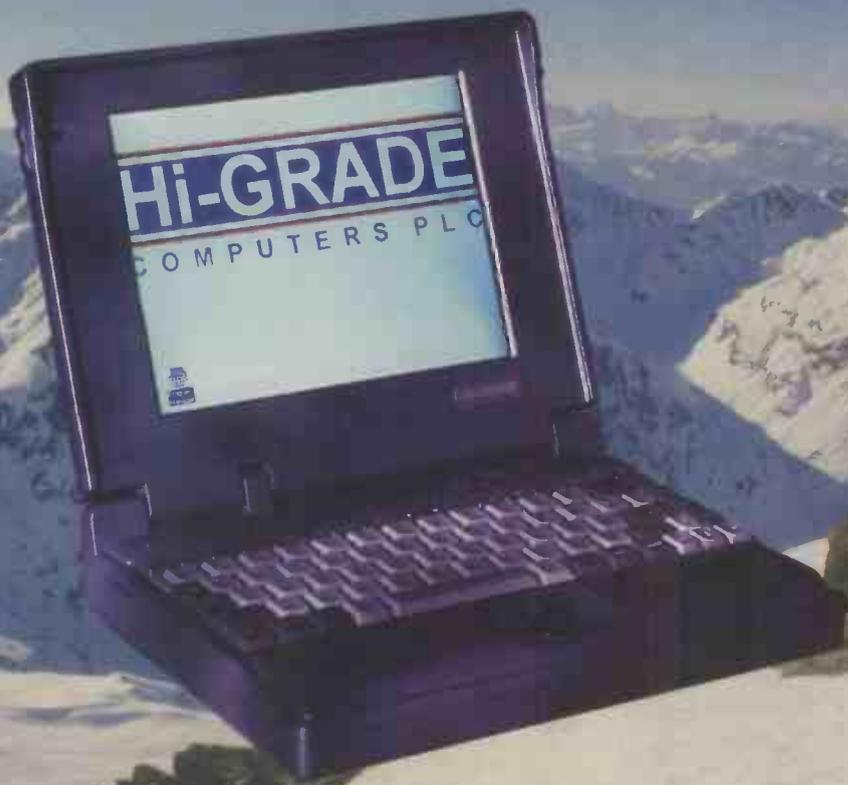
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1.0Gb	IBM	Pegasus	10ms	512k	•	5yr	£325
1.0Gb	Seagate	ST31230N	10ms	512k	•	5yr	£335
1.0Gb	Seagate	ST31250N	8ms	512k	•	5yr	£492
2.0Gb	Fujitsu	M2903S	11ms	512k	•	5yr	£685
2.0Gb	Micropolis	MIC4221	9ms	512k	•	5yr	£655
2.0Gb	IBM	Alleycat	9ms	512k	•	5yr	£725
2.1Gb	HP	C2490S	9ms	256k	•	5yr	£699
2.1Gb	Quantum	XP32150S	9ms	1Mb	•	5yr	£659
2.1Gb	Seagate	ST32430N	9ms	512k	•	5yr	£675
2.1Gb	Seagate	ST32550N	8ms	512k	•	5yr	£735
3.0Gb	Fujitsu	M2909S	11ms	512k	•	5yr	£859
3.0Gb	Micropolis	1936	13ms	256k	•	5yr	£815
4.0Gb	IBM	Wildcat	9ms	512k	•	5yr	£1449
4.0Gb	Seagate	ST15230N	10ms	512k	•	5yr	£848
4.0Gb	Seagate	ST15150N	8ms	1Mb	•	5yr	£1145
4.35Gb	Micropolis	MIC3243	9ms	512k	•	5yr	£959
9.0Gb	Micropolis	MIC1991	12ms	12ms	•	3yr	£1575
9.0Gb	Seagate	ST410800N	11ms	1Mb	•	5yr	£2099

### Audio / Video drives

These high-performance drives are designed to give higher data transfer rates for multimedia applications. Ideal for animations, audio and MIDI recordings, digital video editing etc.

Size	Manufacturer	Model	Access time	Cache / buffer	Fast SCSI-2	Warranty	Price
2.1Gb	Micropolis	MIC4221AV	8.5ms	512k	•	5yr	£694
4.0Gb	Seagate	ST15230N	10ms	512k	•	5yr	£848
4.0Gb	Seagate	ST15150N	8ms	1Mb	•	5yr	£1145
4.3Gb	Micropolis	MIC3243AV	8.5ms	512k	•	5yr	£993
9.0Gb	Seagate	ST410800N	11ms	1Mb	•	5yr	£2099
9.1Gb	Micropolis	MIC1991AV	12ms	512k	•	5yr	£1633

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PC version **£39**  
Macintosh **£29**

## 3.5" IDE hard disk drives

Size	Manufacturer	Model	Access time	Cache / buffer	E-IDE F-ATA	W/ranty	Price
270Mb	Quantum	MV270AT	14ms	128k	•	2yr	£102
365Mb	Quantum	LT365AT	11ms	128k	•	2yr	£112
420Mb	Conner	CFS420A	13ms	32k	•	1yr	£112
425Mb	Western Digital	AC2420A	12ms	64k	•	3yr	£117
428Mb	Seagate	ST3491A	14ms	120k	•	3yr	£103
532Mb	Fujitsu	M2684T	12ms	256k	•	2yr	£125
540Mb	Conner	CFS540A	14ms	32k	•	1yr	£115
540Mb	Western Digital	AC2540A	12ms	64k	•	3yr	£139
540Mb	Quantum	MV540AT	14ms	128k	•	2yr	£117
545Mb	Seagate	ST3660A	14ms	120k	•	3yr	£114
540Mb	Maxtor	7540A	12ms	32k	•	1yr	£133
730Mb	Quantum	LT730AT	11ms	128k	•	2yr	£157
730Mb	Western Digital	AC2700A	10ms	64k	•	3yr	£152
850Mb	Western Digital	AC2850A	10ms	64k	•	3yr	£159
850Mb	Seagate	ST5850A	11ms	256k	•	3yr	£158
850Mb	Maxtor	7850A	12ms	64k	•	2yr	£169
850Mb	Conner	CFA850A	12ms	256k	•	1yr	£192
1.0Gb	IBM	84G8998	11ms	512k	•	3yr	£219
1.0Gb	Seagate	ST31220A	12ms	256k	•	3yr	£209
1.0Gb	Western Digital	AC31000A	10ms	64k	•	3yr	£240
1.2Gb	Western Digital	AC31200A	10ms	64k	•	3yr	£247
1.2Gb	Conner	CFA1275A	12ms	256k	•	3yr	£259
1.2Gb	Maxtor	71260A	12ms	256k	•	2yr	£255

## 2.5" IDE hard disk drives

127Mb	Seagate	ST9150AG	16ms	32k		3yr	£145
172Mb	Seagate	ST9190AG	16ms	128k		3yr	£159
209Mb	Seagate	ST9240AG	16ms	64k		3yr	£177
262Mb	Seagate	ST9300AG	16ms	120k		3yr	£182
341Mb	Seagate	ST9385AG	16ms	120k		3yr	£221
455Mb	Seagate	ST9550AG	16ms	120k		3yr	£275
520Mb	Seagate	ST9655AG	10ms	120k		3yr	£325
543Mb	Toshiba	MK1924FC	13ms	128k		2yr	£325

## Controller Cards

### IDE

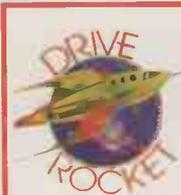
C&C ISA	ISA	2 devices	2 fdd	multi i/o	£15
C&C VESA	VESA	2 devices	2 fdd	multi i/o	£29
Seagate ST08A	ISA	2 devices	2 fdd		£25
DC-200 cache	ISA	2 devices	2 fdd		£89
DC-4030 cache	VESA	4 devices	2 fdd		£95

### EIDE

DC2300+	VESA	4 devices	2 fdd	enhanced i/o	£59
QD6580	VESA	4 devices	2 fdd	multi i/o	£29
T9003C	VESA	4 devices	2 fdd	enhanced i/o	£45
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#### Colorado Tracker

250Mb tape drive	£159
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700Mb tape drive	£249
Tracker carry case	£39

- Conforms to QIC standards
- Supplied with DOS and Windows backup software
- Up to 8Mb/min backup speed



#### Backpack CD ROM drive

#### Quad speed **£255**

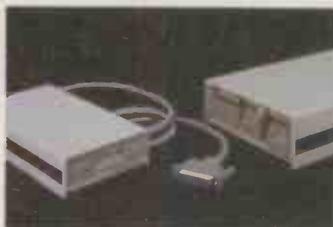
- Up to 300kb/s transfer rate
- 190ms access time
- Dust proof mechanism
- Built-in audio circuit with headphone and line out sockets
- Motorised tray loading
- Photo CD compatible
- Weights only 4lb



#### Backpack tape drive

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900Mb	£345

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- Macro recording for unattended backup
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Notes:  
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2.88Mb format requires special extra density diskettes



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Note: Termination not supplied with internal version. See SCSI hard disk drive page.

**For external versions of any HP DAT drive add £100**

#### HP external kits

These kits are direct JetStor equivalents and are supplied complete with Adaptec controller, backup software and all necessary cables and manuals.

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HP5000-25	4.0Gb	25 user	£1339
HP5000-UL	4.0Gb	Unlimited	£1679
HP6000-25	8.0Gb	25 user	£1559
HP6000-UL	8.0Gb	Unlimited	£1899

#### WangDAT



External versions add £100

#### 35470A £528

- 2Gb data storage capacity
- 183 Kb/s (max) transfer rate (11Mb per minute)
- Fastsearch feature finds any file in an average 30 seconds
- Supports both 60m and 90m cartridges

#### 35480A £609

- Up to 8Gb data storage capacity
- Up to 732Kb/s (max) transfer rate (44Mb per minute)
- Can store 1Gb in under 30 mins
- Fastsearch feature finds any file in an average 30 seconds

#### C1533A £737

- Up to 16Gb data storage capacity
- 1.5Mb/s (max) sustained transfer rate (90Mb per minute)
- 200,000 MTBF rating
- Files accessed in an average 40 seconds
- Fully compatible with all DDS, DDS-2 and DDS-DC format drives
- Can use 120m, 90m and 60m cartridges

Note: Termination not supplied with internal version. See page 4.

#### Jetstor drives

JS2000	2.0Gb	£619
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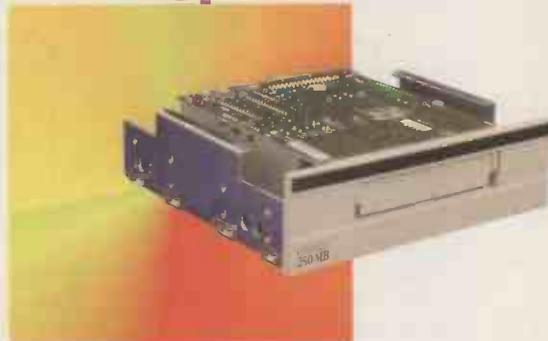
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## TAPE DRIVES

### Colorado Jumbo



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#### Jumbo accessories

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<b>T3300SL</b> 2Mb £88	
<b>T1200XE</b> 2Mb £85	

### IBM

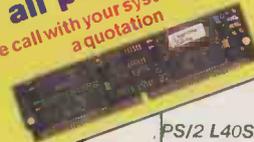
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<b>LaserJet III, IIIP, IIID, IIP</b> 2Mb £81 4Mb £148	<b>LBP-4SX</b> 2Mb £139	<b>Lexmark SE 6, 6A, 10, 10A, 10L, Winwriter 600</b> 1Mb £49 2Mb £78 4Mb £159
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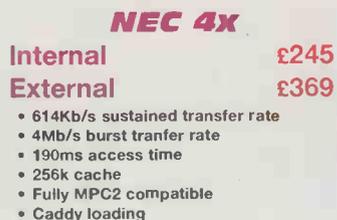
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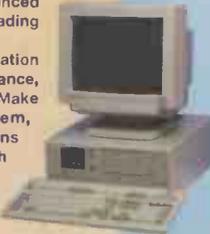
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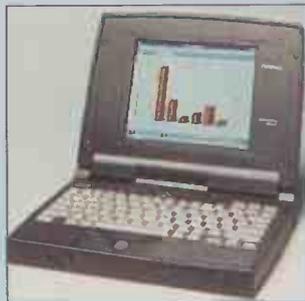
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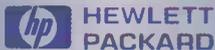
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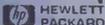
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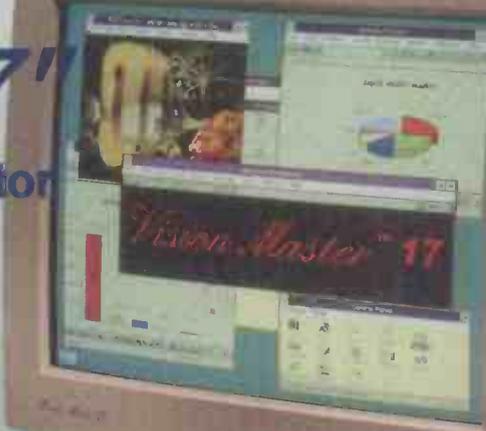
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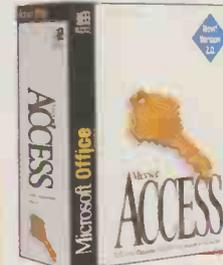
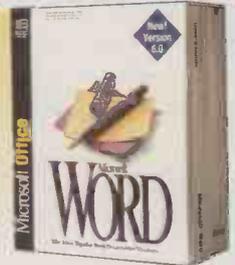
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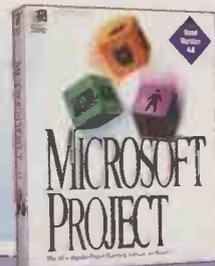
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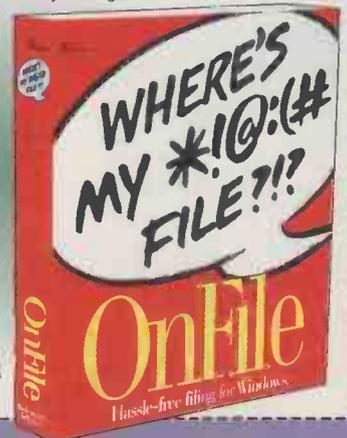
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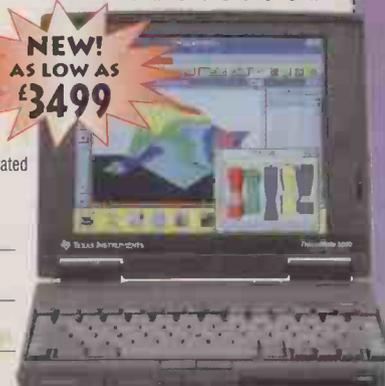
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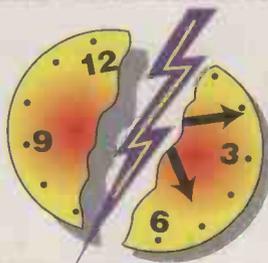
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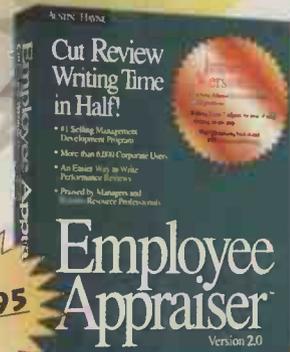
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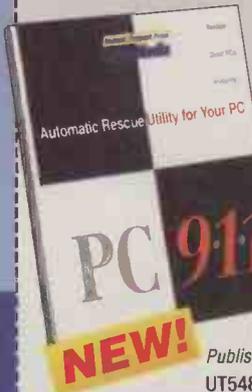
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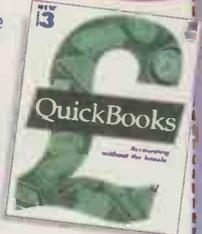
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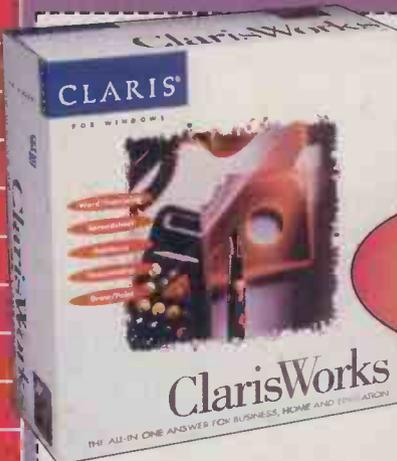
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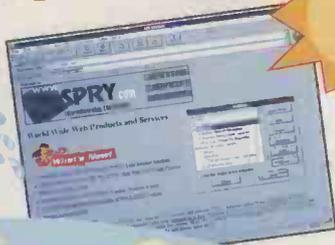
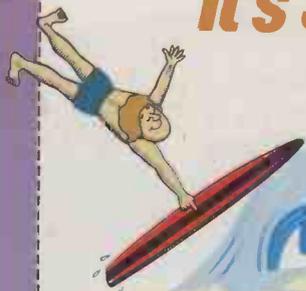
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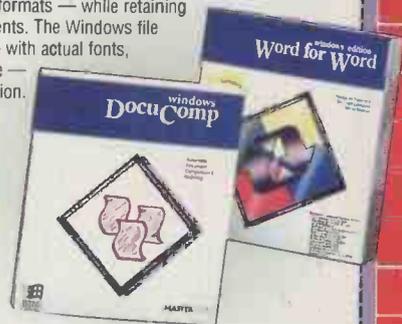
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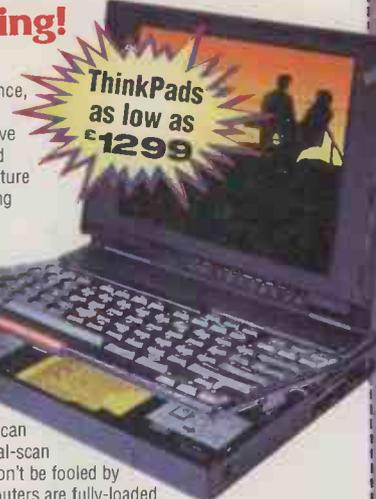
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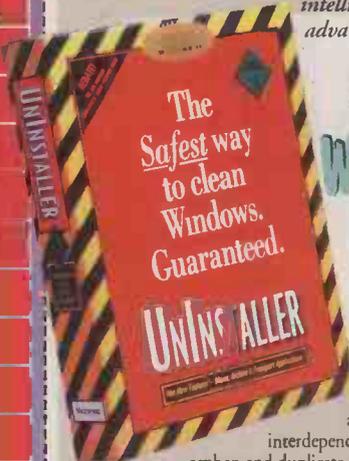


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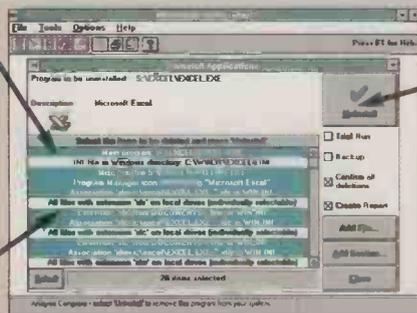
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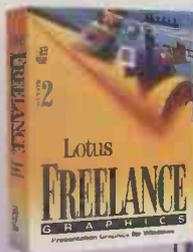
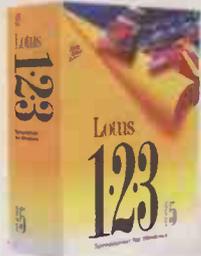
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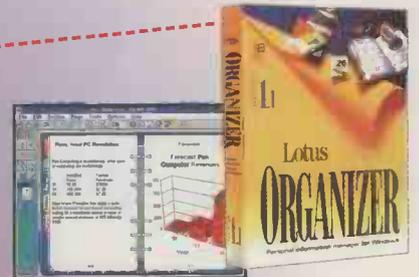
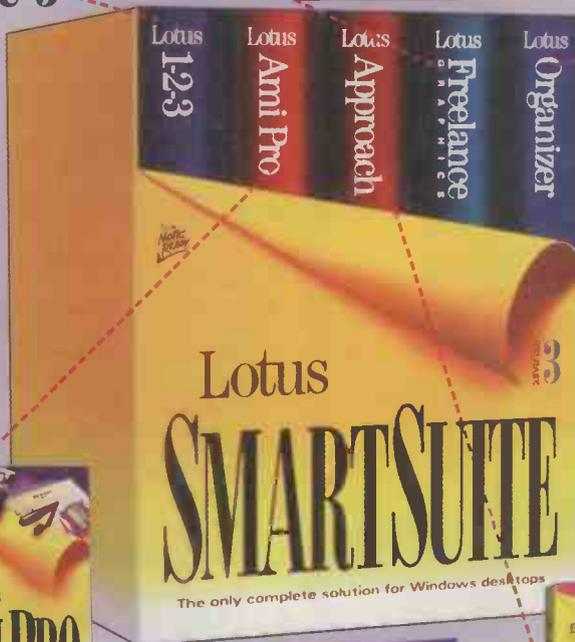
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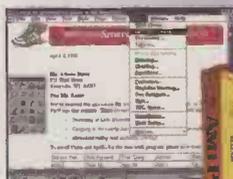
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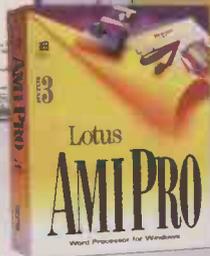
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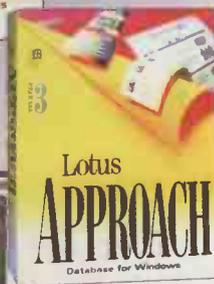
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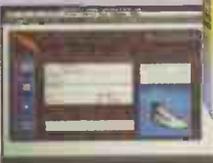
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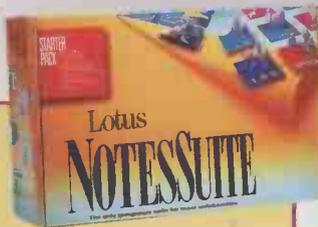


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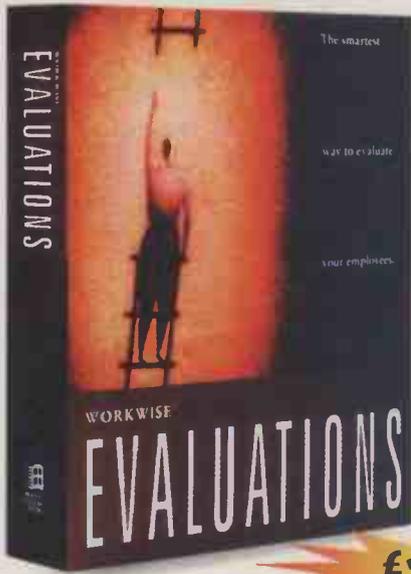


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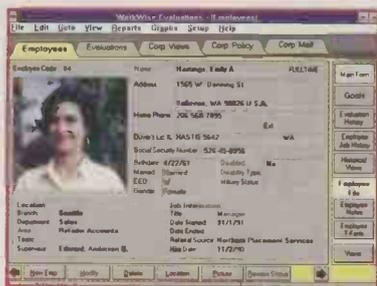
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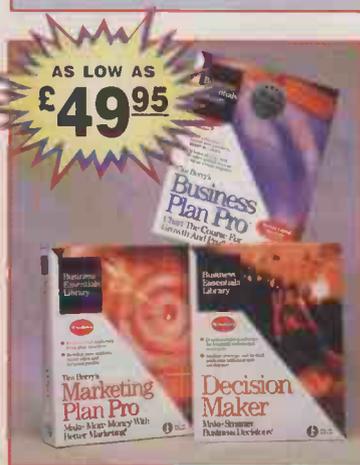
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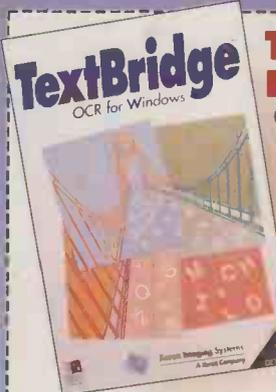
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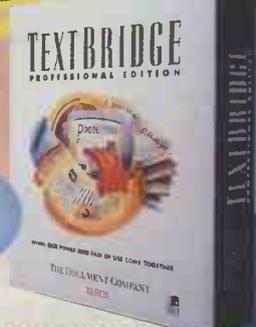
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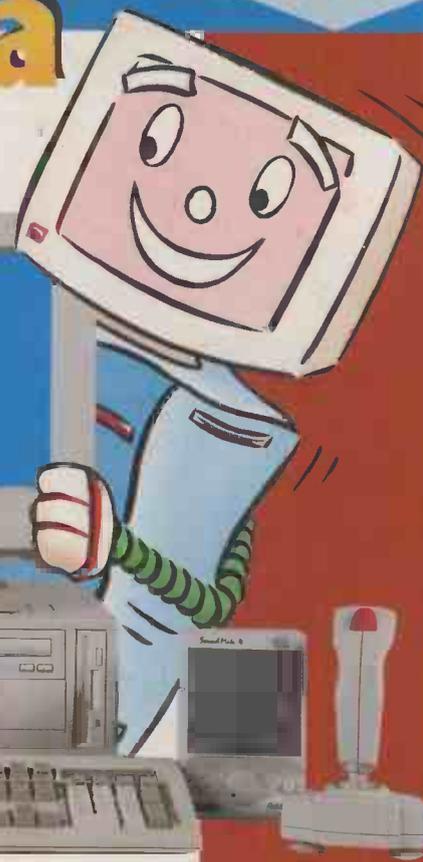
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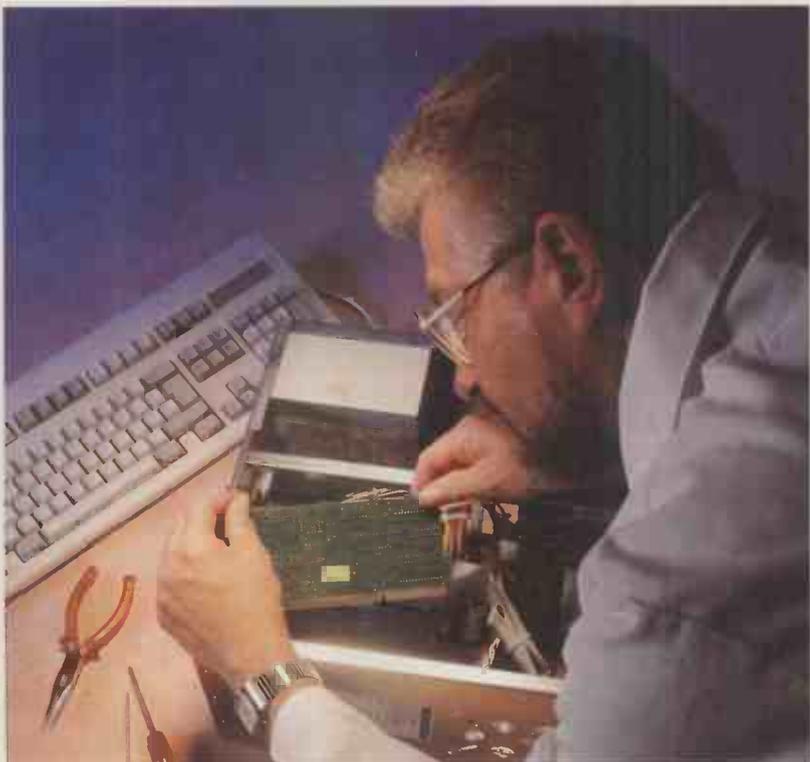


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Colossus 14" 0.28 SVGA N LR	£149
Compaq 14" SVGA Screen	£239
4Mb SIMM Upgrade	£160
SX-33 to DX2-66 Upgrade	£149

# £641

## CONTURA AERO



The ideal subnotebook with mono or colour screens and PCMCIA. 40% smaller and 33% lighter!

- Intel 486SX-25 or 486SX-33 (SL versions)
- 4Mb RAM expandable to 12Mb
- 170 or 250Mb hard disk
- Includes FREE external 1.44Mb floppy drive
- 8" mono or 7.8" VGA colour screen
- PCMCIA 2.0 type II slot
- Serial, parallel & Compaq base ports
- MS DOS 6 & Windows 3.1
- Lotus Organizer & Winlink with cable
- Rechargeable NiMH battery, AC adaptor/charger & silpcase
- 3 year Compaq warranty

4/25 mono 250Mb	£718
4/33 colour 170Mb	£960
4/33 colour 250Mb	£1015

### Options

4Mb RAM module	£139
Intel PCMCIA modem	£99
Aero battery (DR19)	£382
Car adaptor	£45

# £718

## CONTURA 410



New 486DX2-50 model with mono, STN colour or TFT colour screens

- Intel 486DX2-50 processor
- 4Mb RAM upgradeable to 20Mb
- 3.5" 1.44Mb floppy drive
- 250Mb or 350Mb IDE hard disk
- SVGA Graphics with 1Mb Local Bus video
- VGA 9.5" TFT mono, 9.5" STN colour or 8.4" TFT colour screen
- 2 PCMCIA type II or one type III slot
- Parallel, serial & docking base ports (docking base includes other ports)
- Powered by NiMH battery with upto 5 hour life, advanced power management or AC/power adaptor
- Status panel with 'dashboard' display
- Dimensions: 22.6cm x 5.1cm x 30.4cm, Weight 2.7Kg
- DOS 6, Microsoft Windows 3.1, Lotus Organizer & Tabworks
- Integral Compaq trackball mouse
- 3 year Compaq warranty

410 mono 250Mb	£1195
410 STN 350Mb	£1525
410 TFT 350Mb	£1950

### Options

4Mb RAM module	£176
Docking base	£106
Docking base with Ethernet	£183
NiMH Battery	£35
Intel PCMCIA modem	£99

# £1195

## CONTURA TFT



The amazing high quality Compaq Contura TFT colour notebook with Intel 486DX processor and excellent TFT screen. Simply the best buy!

- Intel 486DX-25 processor
- 4Mb RAM upgradeable to 20Mb
- 3.5" 1.44Mb floppy drive
- 120Mb or 209Mb IDE hard disk
- Superb 8.4" VGA TFT active matrix colour screen with 256 colours
- Parallel, mouse, serial, ext. keyboard and ext. SVGA ports
- Integral Compaq trackball mouse
- Powered by battery with advanced power management or AC/power adaptor
- Dimensions: 22.6cm x 4.8cm x 29.7cm, Weight 3Kg
- DOS 6 & Microsoft Windows 3.1 pre-loaded
- Compaq Tabworks Software
- 3 year Compaq warranty

4/25cx 120Mb TFT	£1299
4/25cx 209Mb TFT	£1499
4/25cx 340Mb TFT (check availability)	£1699

FREE FAX / DATA MODEM

### Options

4Mb RAM module	£146
Contura car adaptor	£65
NICAD battery	£52

# £1299

## LTE ELITE



The high performance colour notebook with built-in AC adaptor, PCMCIA and advanced docking facilities

- Intel 486DX4-75 processor
- 8Mb RAM
- 3.5" 1.44Mb floppy drive
- 340Mb, 510Mb or 810Mb IDE hard disk
- SVGA Graphics with 1Mb Local Bus video
- 9.5" STN Dual Scan colour or 8.4"/9.5" TFT colour screen
- Two PCMCIA type II or one type III ports
- Parallel, serial, keyboard/mouse & docking base ports (docking base includes ports)
- Powered by battery with upto 5 hour life with advanced power management or integral AC/power adaptor
- DOS 6 & Microsoft Windows 3.1
- Integral trackball mouse
- 3 year Compaq warranty

486DX4-74 TFT 9.5" 340Mb 8Mb	£1971
486DX4-75 TFT 9.5" 510Mb 8Mb	£3141
486DX4-75 340Mb STN	£2376
486DX4-75 510Mb STN	£2546
486DX4-75 TFT CXL 510Mb	£3566
486DX4-75 TFT CXL 810Mb	£3821

### Options

4Mb RAM module	£207
Battery	£118
Ministation Base Ethernet	£209
Smartstation Base	£421
Intel PCMCIA modem	£99

# £1971

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## TEXAS INSTRUMENTS



### TravelMate 4000M

Multimedia ready notebook computers with built-in 16-bit soundcard. (shown with optional CD-ROM dock)

- Intel 486DX2-50, 486DX4-75, or DX4-100
- 4Mb expandable to 20Mb
- 1.44Mb floppy drive
- 340Mb, 455Mb or 520Mb hard disks
- 9.5" Advanced STN Dual Scan (DS) or TFT colour 8.4" 7.9.5" screens with simultaneous external SVGA output, 1Mb video and windows acceleration
- 16-bit soundcard with internal speakers & microphone
- Ports: audio in, audio out,
- Fast SCSI II, microphone, 16-bit MIDI with joystick port, PCMCIA type III (two type II), serial, parallel, SVGA, PS/2 mouse, PS/2 external key board ports
- 21.6 x 27.9 x 4.6 cm.
- Weight 2.7 to 2.9Kg
- MS DOS 6.2 & Windows for Workgroups 3.11 & utilities
- The point internal pointing device
- Battery charger/AC adaptor
- NiMH Battery life 3-5 hours

486DX4-75 455Mb Dual Scan 9.5" TFT	£1799
486DX2-50 455Mb 8.4" TFT	£1499
486DX-75 455Mb 8.4" TFT	£2299
486DX4-100 520Mb 9.5" TFT	£1799
P75 500Mb 10.5" DS, Call for Specification	£2499
P75 500Mb 10.4" TFT, Call for Specification	£3999

<b>Options</b>	
4Mb RAM	£149
16Mb RAM	£345
NiMH battery	£85
CD-ROM docking	£499
Leather case	£29

**£1499**

TFT Colour

## HEWLETT-PACKARD



### HP Omnibook 600

The new small, light colourful notebook PC from Hewlett Packard with incredible power

- Intel 486DX2-50 or 486DX4-75 processor
- 4Mb RAM or 8Mb upgradeable to 12/16Mb
- 3.5" 1.44Mb slim external floppy drive
- 170Mb or 260Mb 1.8" rugged removable PCMCIA IDE hard disk (upto 520Mb capacity)
- Vacant PCMCIA type III (two type II) slot
- Unique built-in pop-up mouse
- VESA Local Bus graphics with 1Mb RAM
- Full-size 85 key keyboard with 12 function keys
- Superb 8.5" Crisp Dual Scan VGA colour screen
- Parallel, serial, ext. SVGA, Infra-red, floppy drive and port replicator ports
- Powered by NiMH battery (4 hours) or AC/power adaptor. Suspend when closed & instant on feature when lid lifted
- Dimensions: 7.3x11.1x1.6 in, Weight 1.7Kg
- MS DOS 6.2 & Windows for Workgroups 3.11, Flash BIOS, Laplink remote access, appointments book & calculator
- 3 year HP warranty

600C 4/50 170Mb 4Mb	£1487
600C 4/50 260Mb 4Mb	£1687
600C 4/75 170Mb 8Mb	£1827
600C 4/75 260Mb 8Mb	£1942

<b>Popular Options</b>	
4Mb module	£239
8Mb module	£327
NiMH battery	£38
Car adaptor	£164A
Port replicator	£Call
Doble battery charger	£30

**£1487**

## HEWLETT-PACKARD



### HP Omnibook 4000

Superb new notebooks with built-in multimedia, modularity and docking options

- Intel 486DX2-50 or 486DX4-100
- 8Mb RAM expandable to 32Mb (260Mb 4/50 model has 4Mb)
- Removable 3.5" 1.44Mb floppy drive (can be replaced by second battery)
- 260, 340 or 520Mb removable hard disks
- 1Mb VESA Local Bus graphics
- 10.3" Dual Scan colour or 10.4" TFT colour screens
- 85 Key keyboard & large trackball with wrist rest
- Parallel, serial, Infra-red IRDA, PS/2 mouse/keyboard, PCMCIA type III (for two type II) and expansion bus for port replicator and docking station
- Multimedia: 16-bit soundcard with two built-in stereo speakers and microphone. Ports for audio in, audio out & microphone jack
- NiMH battery with advanced power management, standby and switchable battery charger/AC adaptor
- LCD status icons, Flash BIOS, Weight 3.2Kg
- MS DOS 6.2 and Windows for Workgroups 3.11, Laplink remote access, & information manager
- Automatic PCMCIA recognition with hot insertion
- 3 year HP warranty

<b>Dual Scan Colour Models</b>	
4000C 4/50 260Mb	£1687
4000C 4/50 340Mb	£1772
4000C 4/50 520Mb	£2010
4000C 4/100 340Mb	£2227
4000C 4/100 520Mb	£2387

<b>Options</b>	
Port Replicator	£177
NiMH battery	£77
4Mb RAM	£157
8Mb RAM	£315
16Mb RAM	£629
Removable hard disks	£Call

<b>TFT Colour Models</b>	
4000CT 4/50 340Mb	£2048
4000CT 4/50 520Mb	£2218
4000CT 4/100 340Mb	£2828

**£1687**

## COLOSSUS MONO



### Colossus DX4-75 or DX4-100

The amazing new high specification 486 DX4 -75 or DX4 - 100 notebooks from Colossus. With built in speakers and optional soundcard

- DX4-75 or 100 Processor
- 4Mb or 8Mb RAM expandable to 32Mb
- Removable 1.44Mb 3.5" floppy disk drive
- Removable 320Mb or 520 Mb hard disk drive
- Screen fully upgradeable.
- 9.4" monochrome LCD 64 grey with 1Mb VESA local bus
- 86 Key keyboard, 12 function keys
- One DB-25 pin parallel port. Bi-directional with EPP/ECP support. One 9 pin serial port (16550 UART), Keyboard, external monitor & mouse ports PS/2 type.
- Additional ports for docking and optional IRDA and TV tuner modules.
- Two speakers built-in (Sound Blaster & Windows Sound System 2.0 compatible).
- Optional - Soundcard
- Two type II, or one type III PCMCIA slot
- LCD icon indicators
- 1800mAh nickel metal hydride (NiMH) battery, 120/240 auto-switching adaptor. Full APM support. System supports suspend to RAM and suspend to disk functions.
- Phoenix Systems BIOS, Flash upgradeable. Includes setup support in ROM, user-defined power management options
- 8.85"(D) x 11.62"(W) x 1.97"(H).
- Weight 6.2 pounds
- MS DOS 6.2, Windows 3.1 & PCMCIA drivers are all Pre-loaded.

486DX4-75 320 / 4Mb Mono	£1099
486 DX4-100 520 / 8Mb, Mono	£1429

<b>Options</b>	
4Mb Ram upgrade	£140
8Mb Ram upgrade	£280
16Mb Ram upgrade	£560
12v DC Car Adaptor	£60
Additional NiMH battery	£99
Docking station	£329
SMART battery pack	£120
TV tuner module, Infra-red & Port Replicator	£TBA
Sound card Module	£80

**£1099**

## COLOSSUS DUAL SCAN



### Colossus DX4-75 or DX4-100 Dual Scan

Colossus dual scan colour notebooks utilise the latest technology to give you sharp crisp screens with 256 colours and superb performance

- 486DX4-75 or 100 Processor
- 4Mb or 8Mb RAM expandable to 32Mb
- Removable 1.44Mb 3.5" floppy disk drive
- Removable 320Mb, 540Mb or 720Mb hard disk drive
- Screen fully upgradeable.
- 10.4" Dual Scan colour screen with 1Mb VESA Local Bus 256 simultaneous colours
- 86 Key keyboard, 12 function keys
- One DB-25 pin parallel port. Bi-directional with EPP/ECP support. One 9 pin serial port (16550 UART), Keyboard, external monitor & mouse ports PS/2 type.
- Additional ports for docking and optional IRDA and TV tuner modules.
- Two speakers built-in (Sound Blaster & Windows Sound System 2.0 compatible).
- Optional - Soundcard
- Two type II, or one type III PCMCIA slot
- LCD icon indicators
- 1800mAh nickel metal hydride (NiMH) battery, 120/240 auto-switching adaptor. Full APM support. System supports suspend to RAM and suspend to disk functions.
- Phoenix Systems BIOS, Flash upgradeable. Includes setup in ROM, user-defined power management options
- 8.85"(D) x 11.62"(W) x 1.97"(H).
- Weight 6.2 pounds
- MS DOS 6.2, Windows 3.1 & PCMCIA drivers are all Pre-loaded.

486 DX4-75 520 / 8Mb, STN	£1469
486 DX4-100 520 / 8Mb, STN	£1799
486 DX4-100 720 / 8Mb, STN	£1999

<b>Options</b>	
4Mb Ram upgrade	£140
8Mb Ram upgrade	£280
16Mb Ram upgrade	£560
12v DC Car Adaptor	£60
Additional NiMH battery	£99
Docking station	£329
SMART battery pack	£120
TV tuner module, Infra-red & Port Replicator	£TBA
Sound card Module	£80

**£1469**

## COLOSSUS TFT



### Colossus DX4-100 TFT

The new high specification models from Colossus with TFT colour screen

- 486DX4-100 Processor
- 8Mb RAM expandable to 32Mb
- Removable 1.44Mb 3.5" floppy disk drive
- Removable 520Mb or 720 Mb hard disk drive
- Screen fully upgradeable.
- 9.4" TFT colour screen with 256 simultaneous colours
- 1Mb VESA local bus video display.
- 86 Key keyboard, 12 function keys
- One DB-25 pin parallel port. Bi-directional with EPP/ECP support. One 9 pin serial port (16550 UART), Keyboard, external monitor & mouse ports PS/2 type.
- Additional ports for docking and optional IRDA and TV tuner modules.
- Two speakers built-in (Sound Blaster & Windows Sound System 2.0 compatible).
- Optional - Soundcard
- Two type II, or one type III PCMCIA slot
- LCD icon indicators
- 1800mAh nickel metal hydride (NiMH) battery, 120/240 auto-switching adaptor. Full APM support. System supports suspend to RAM and suspend to disk functions.
- Phoenix Systems BIOS, Flash upgradeable. Includes setup in ROM, user-defined power management options
- 8.85"(D) x 11.62"(W) x 1.97"(H).
- Weight 6.2 pounds
- MS DOS 6.2, Windows 3.1 & PCMCIA drivers are all Pre-loaded.

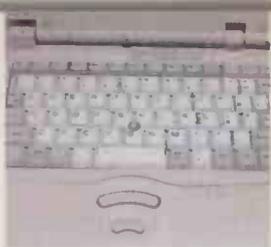
486 DX4-100 520 / 8Mb TFT	£2299
486 DX4-100 720 / 8Mb, TFT	£2499

<b>Options</b>	
4Mb Ram upgrade	£140
8Mb Ram upgrade	£280
16Mb Ram upgrade	£560
12v DC Car Adaptor	£60
Additional NiMH battery	£99
Docking station	£329
SMART battery pack	£120
TV tuner module, Infra-red & Port Replicator	£TBA
Sound card Module	£80

**£2299**



The new Microsoft Ballpoint V2.0 with Quickport is standard on T1900 and T1910 models (no cables)



The easy to use Integral Mousepoint on T4900, T2100, T2150 and T3600 models



All systems include PS/2 mouse, external PS/2 keyboard parallel printer, serial and external SVGA ports (no PS/2 mouse on T21 series)



Port replicator (mini docking station) option is available for the T3600, T2100 and T2150

## COMMON TOSHIBA FEATURES

Toshiba notebooks are unbeatable in terms of quality, advanced features, performance and ease of use. Do not consider a low quality clone-buy the best. The following common features are standard with all models:-

### SCREENS

Mono notebooks include a high quality sidelit Super Twist Nematic (STN) mono LCD capable of 64 grey scales and VGA resolution. STN colour portables utilise the latest advanced STN (Dual Scan) screens for enhanced contrast and faster response. Thin Film Transistor (TFT) or active matrix screens provide the best displays with 256 bright colours, ultra fast response and the ability to use motion video.

### KEYBOARD

Ergonomically designed 84 key full-size keys with 12 function keys and overlay numeric keypad. Dedicated cursor control keys.

### INTERFACES

Standard ports include centronics parallel, RS-232C serial, PS/2 ext. keyboard, PS/2 mouse and VGA/SVGA for ext. monitor. Either Quickport port with bundled Ballpoint mouse or Integral MousePoint device included. Other ports and PCMCIA details see individual notebook. (NB. PS/2 mouse port on T21 series via port rep)

### POWER

Autosensing AC adaptor (100 to 240V) suitable for world wide usage provides power for notebook and recharges batteries. Removable rechargeable batteries are standard (type of battery and life varies as shown).

### SOFTWARE

Microsoft MS DOS 6.2 with Toshiba notebook enhancements. Windows 3.1 (Rel 3.11) or WFWG 3.11 are pre-loaded. CardWare PCMCIA support provides transparent use of PCMCIA cards without incompatibility problems and supports 'insertion'.

### SPECIAL FEATURES

Intel 3.3v SL technology with low power consumption. Reset button for warm reboot. AutoResume puts your systems in standby mode for upto 7 days. AutoSave automatically saves your data if your battery power is running out. LIM EMS/XMS/Hard RAM support. MaxTime Power Management can be set to switch off your disk drive, screen, keyboard and CPU after a certain time. Advanced Power Management is also supported. Flash BIOS allows easy upgradeability in the future. Kensington Cable Lock Provision for physical security. Password/MultiSafe security with various levels of protection.

## COLOUR 486SX-33



T1910CS

The ideal entry level colour 486 notebook with fast 33MHz processor, 200Mb hard disk and PCMCIA

- Intel 486SX-33 processor
- 4Mb RAM expandable to 20Mb
- 200Mi.b IDE hard disk
- 3.5" 1.44Mb floppy drive
- VGA (640 x 480) Graphics
- 9.5" STN LCD VGA colour screen with 256 colour
- 84 key keyboard and standard ports
- PCMCIA Rel 2.0 Type III or type II slot
- 11.8" x 8.4" x 2" with 3.2Kg (6.9lb) weight
- NIH2 battery (4 hours use)
- 12mth warranty extendable to 3 years
- Microsoft Ballpoint quickport mouse
- MSDOS 6.2 and Windows 3.1

### Options

4Mb RAM (PA2012L).....	£170
8Mb RAM (PA2013L).....	£298
16Mb RAM (PA2014L).....	£745
NIH2 Battery (PA2429UR).....	£94

**£1270**

## MONO 486DX2-50



T2100

This powerful 486DX2 notebook combines ultra-fast 50MHz with innovative ergonomics. An advanced high-resolution 9.5" mono STN screen enhances the level of performance yet further.

- Intel DX2-50 processor
- 4Mb RAM expandable to 28Mb
- 260Mb Mib hard disk
- Internal 3.5" 1.44Mb floppy drive
- VGA/SVGA (640 x 480 pixel resolution) 9.5" diagonal display
- 84 key keyboard with mouseport and overlay numeric keypad
- Standard ports
- 11.8" x 8.9" x 1.9" with 3.0Kg (6.6lb) weight
- Built-in autosensing AC adaptor
- NIH2 removable battery. Up to 4 hours usage.

### Options

4Mb RAM (PA2012L).....	£170
8Mb RAM (PA2013L).....	£298
16Mb RAM (PA2014L).....	£745
NIH2 Battery (PA2429UR).....	£94

**£845**

## TFT COLOUR DX4-75



T2450CT

High performance TFT colour notebooks with fast 486DX-75 processor, 8Mb RAM, 320Mb or 500Mb hard disk and multimedia options.

- Intel 486DX4-75 processor
- 8Mb RAM expandable to 24Mb
- 320Mb or 500Mb IDE hard disk
- 3.5" 1.44Mb floppy drive VESA Local Bus
- VGA/SVGA Graphics
- 1Mb video RAM and Graphics Accelerator
- 9.5" TFT VGA colour screen
- 84 Key keyboard and Integral MousePoint device
- Standard ports, SCSI-2 ports and 120 pin replicator port (for mini-docking station)
- Sound card port for portable soundcard
- PCMCIA Rel 2.0 slots (one type III and one type II)
- 11.8" x 8.4" x 2.1" with 3.2Kg (6.9lb) weight
- NIH2 battery (3.5 hours use)
- 3 year warranty
- MS DOS 6.2 and MS Windows for work groups 3.11

T2450 CT 500Mb.....	£2460
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### Options

4Mb RAM (PA2019L).....	£192
8Mb RAM (PA2020L).....	£340
16Mb RAM (PA2023L).....	£745
NIH2 Battery (PA2429UR).....	£94
Soundcard (PA2807L).....	£102

**£CALL**

## COLOUR DX4-75 CD ROM



T2150CDS

The fast 486DX4-75 processor, is a high performance colour notebook, it includes a built-in full-size CD ROM drive and sound system enhancing its multimedia and reference capabilities.

- Intel DX4-75 processor
- 4Mb RAM expandable to 28Mb
- 260Mi.b and 520Mi.b hard disk
- Dual Spin Internal 5.25" CD-ROM
- External 3.5" 1.44MB floppy drive
- VGA/SVGA (640x480 pixel resolution) STN 10.4" diagonal display
- 84 Key keyboard with mouse point
- Standard ports, and port replicator
- Built in AC Adaptor
- PCMCIA Rel 2.0 two Type II or one Type III
- 11.8" x 8.9" x 2.1" with 3.2kg (7 lb) weight
- Soundblaster Pro compatible sound system
- NIH2 battery (3 hours use)
- MS DOS 6.22 and MS Windows for work groups 3.11

T2150CDS:520.....	£2167
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### Options

4Mb RAM (PA2026L).....	£215
8Mb RAM (PA2027L).....	£385
16Mb RAM (PA2028L).....	£745
Port Replicator (PA2708L).....	£128
Battery (PA2437L).....	£95
Battery charger (PA2436L).....	£149

**£2035**

## TFT COLOUR DX4-75 CD-ROM



T2150CDT

The DX4-75 notebook offers spectacular performance using a 520Mi.b hard disk drive and top of the range TFT colour LCD 10.4" screen

- Intel DX4-75 processor
- 8Mb Ram expandable to 32Mb
- 520Mi.b hard disk
- Dual Spin Internal 5.25" CD-ROM
- External 3.5" 1.44Mb floppy drive
- VGA/SVGA (640x480 pixel resolution) TFT 10.4" diagonal display
- 84 key keyboard and mousepoint
- Standard ports, and port replicator
- Built-in AC adaptor
- PCMCIA Rel 2.0 two Type II or one Type III
- 11.8" x 8.9" x 2.1" with 3.2kg (7 lb) weight
- Soundblaster Pro compatible sound system
- Built in speakers and microphone
- NIH2 removable battery 3 hours use
- MS Dos 6.2 and MS Windows for work groups 3.11

### Options

4Mb RAM (PA2026L).....	£215
8Mb RAM (PA2027L).....	£385
16Mb RAM (PA2028L).....	£745
Port Replicator (PA2708L).....	£128
Battery (PA2437L).....	£95
Battery charger (PA2436L).....	£149

**£2715**

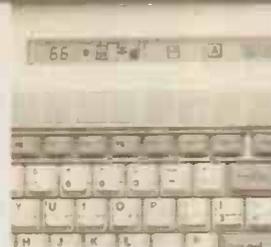
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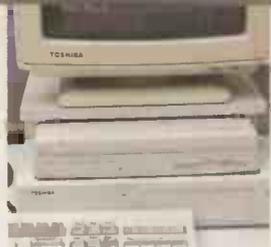
Two PCMCIA slots on all models provide ultimate expansion. Intel fax/data modem at an incredible £99 (except T1910 and T3600)



Built-in Microsoft Sound System on T4850, T4900 and T150CDS/CDT lets you record live



QuickRead 'Dashboard' LCD icons display on many models shows the status of your PC



Desktopstation IV turns your T4700, T4800, T4850 and T4900 notebooks into expandable desktop systems

### COLOUR 486DX2-50



#### T2100 CS

A superb large colour 10.4" dual scan screen. Local bus video makes this 486DX2-50 the ideal platform for high-quality graphics and mobile presentations.

- Intel DX2-50 processor
- 4Mb RAM expandable to 28Mb
- 350Mi.b hard disk
- Internal 3.5" 1.44Mb floppy drive
- VGA/SVGA (640 x 480 pixel resolution) STN 10.4" diagonal display
- 84 Key keyboard and
- Standard ports and port replicator
- PCMCIA Rel 2.0 one type III or two type II)
- 11.8" x 8.9" x 2.1" with 3.1Kg (6.8lb) weight
- NiH2 removable battery (4 hours use)
- MS DOS 6.22, MS Windows 3.11

Options

4Mb RAM (PA2026U).....	£215
8Mb RAM (PA2027U).....	£365
16Mb RAM (PA2028U).....	£745
Port Replicator (PA2708U).....	£128
Battery (PA2437U).....	£95
Battery charger (PA2436U).....	£149

# £1610

### TFT COLOUR DX2-50



#### T2100CT

This state-of-the-art 486DX-50 processor with TFT colour screen and two type II or one type III PCMCIA slots offer a choice of increased storage, communication and network capabilities.

- Intel DX2-50 processor
- 8Mb RAM expandable to 32Mb
- 350Mi.b hard disk
- Internal 3.5" 1.44Mb floppy drive
- VGA/SVGA (640x480 pixel resolution) TFT 8.4" diagonal display
- 84 Key keyboard and MousePoint device
- Standard ports, & port replicator
- Built in AC Adaptor
- PCMCIA Rel 2.0 two Type II or one Type III
- 11.8" x 8.9" x 2.0" with 3.1kg (6.8lb) weight
- NiH2 removable battery 4 hours use
- MS DOS 6.2 and MS Windows 3.11

Options

4Mb RAM (PA2026U).....	£215
8Mb RAM (PA2027U).....	£365
16Mb RAM (PA2028U).....	£745
Port Replicator (PA2708U).....	£128
Battery (PA2437U).....	£95
Battery charger (PA2436U).....	£149

# £1950

### TFT COLOUR SUBNOTE



#### T3600CT

Superb TFT colour ultra notebook with fast 486DX2-50 processor, 8Mb RAM, 520Mi.b hard disk, and just 2Kg Weight

- Intel DX2-50 processor
- 8Mb RAM expandable to 20Mb
- 520Mi.b IDE hard disks
- VGA/SVGA VESA Local Bus Graphics
- 1Mb video RAM and Graphics Accelerator
- 8.4" TFT VGA colour screen
- 84 Key keyboard and Integral MousePoint device
- Parallel, serial, & 72 pin replicator and single SIMM
- memory ports
- Port replicator (Mini-Docking Station) option with standard Ports
- PCMCIA Rel 2.0 Type II slot 9.8" x 7.9" x 1.8" with 2.0Kg (4.4lb) weight
- Lithium Ion battery (4 hours use).
- 3 year Toshiba Warranty
- MS DOS 6.2 and Windows 3.11 for Workgroups

Options

4Mb RAM (PA2019U).....	£192
8Mb RAM (PA2020U).....	£340
16Mb RAM (PA2021U).....	£745
Li Ion Battery (PA2841U).....	£175
External 3.5" FDD (PA2806R).....	£128

# £2120

### TFT COLOUR DX4-75



#### T4850CT

The DX4-75 has all the power you will ever need out on the road - even for multimedia applications. Whatever your requirements, the T4850CT is perfectly equipped to handle them all.

- Intel DX4-75 processor
- 8Mb RAM expandable to 40Mb
- 500Mi.b hard disk
- Internal 3.5" 1.44Mb floppy drive
- VGA/SVGA (640x480 pixel resolution) TFT 10.4" diagonal display
- 84 full size keys with overlay numeric keypad, 12 function keys
- Standard ports
- PCMCIA Rel 2.0 one Type II and one Type III
- 11.7" x 8.3" x 2.2" with 3.2kg (6.9 lb) weight
- NiH2 removable battery 3.5 hours use
- MS DOS 6.2 and MS Windows for work groups 3.11

Options

4Mb RAM (PA2012U).....	£170
8Mb RAM (PA2013U).....	£298
16Mb RAM (PA2014U).....	£745
NiH2 Battery (PA2429UR).....	£94
DeskStation IV.....	£374

# £2970

### TFT COLOUR PENTIUM



#### T4900CT

The T4900CT is the first notebook to have Intel 3.3volt 75MHz Pentium processor. It takes mobile computing into a spectacular new dimension offering unsurpassed performance for all power-hungry applications.

- Intel Pentium P75 processor
- 8Mb RAM expandable to 40Mb
- 810Mi.b hard disk
- Internal 3.5" 1.44Mb floppy drive
- VGA/SVGA (640 x 480 pixel resolution) TFT 10.4" diagonal display
- 84 key keyboard with mouse point
- Standard Ports
- PCMCIA Rel 2.0 one Type II and one Type III
- 11.7" x 8.3" x 2.2" with 3.1kg (6.8 lb) Weight
- Soundblaster Pro compatible sound system
- Built in speakers and microphone
- NiH2 removable battery 3 hours use
- MS DOS 6.2 and MS Windows for work groups 3.11

Options

4Mb RAM (PA2012U).....	£170
8Mb RAM (PA2013U).....	£298
16Mb RAM (PA2014U).....	£745
NiH2 Battery (PA2429UR).....	£94
DeskStation IV.....	£374

# £3395

### TOSHIBA OPTIONS

- External Battery Charger:**
- T3400/T3600 (2482U) ..£166
  - T2100 ..£149
  - T1910CS.....£107
  - Others (PA2422U-E).....£107

- ExtraUniversal AC Adaptor:**
- T1910, T4700CT, T4800 (PA2478U).....£56
  - T2400 (PA2430U).....£48
  - T4600 (PA2411U).....£48
  - T3400, T3600 (PA2426U-E).....£48

- Toshiba PCMCIAcards:**
- PCMCIA ethernet adaptor (PCE-10BC).....£192
  - PCMCIA V34 Modem ....£254

- Other Options:**
- Carry case T6600C (T239L).....£39
  - Carry case others (T202L).....£34
  - Ballpoint Quickport mouse (PA2805U).....£73
  - Deskstation IV.....£374 (Docking station for T4900, T4700 and T4800 models. It includes all standard ports, two full-size 16-bit slots, 5.25" drive bay, power supply and monitor stand)

### THIRD PARTY OPTIONS

- PCMCIA Options**
- Intel 2496 Fax/data Modem.....£99
  - New media Bus Toaster SCSI Adapter.....£173
  - New Media Visual SCSI adaptor.....£149
  - New Media 16-bit Soundcard.....£196
  - New Media Combo Ethernet Card.....£125
  - MiniStore 130Mb hard drive.....£399
- Parallel Port Devices**
- Backpack DS CD-ROM Drive.....£299
  - Backpack 5.25" floppy drive.....£149
  - Logitech Scanman Easytouch Scanner.....£142
  - Trakker 250Mb Tape backup.....£208

- Keyboards & Mice**
- External COL 130 key keyboard (needs PS/2 adaptor).....£29
  - PS/2 to DIN keyboard adaptor.....£9
  - Microsoft Natural keyboard.....£69
  - IMSI PC Stylus PS/2.....£29
  - IMSI Mini Thumbball.....£24
  - Logitech Trackman Portable.....£32

- Portable Printers**
- HP DeskJet 320.....£169
  - Canon BJ30.....£193

- Other Options:**
- Universal third party car adaptor.....£99
  - Laplink XL & serial cable.....£39
  - Laplink Pro v5 for Win.....£74
  - Time external speakers.....£18

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The keyboard flips up with easy access to memory slot, batteries, floppy drive and hard disks, all of which are removable on 360 & 755 models



Port Replicators I & II (mini-docking stations) provide standard ports and cable convenience (Replicator I also has additional PCMCIA III or two type II slots.)



The unique easy to use TrackPoint II or III pointing device provides better cursor control than any mouse! Equally good for right & left handers.



Portable Dock II has standard ports. SCSI, Speakers, one ISA slot, one 5.25" drive bay (suitable for CD-ROM) and a handle. Shown with ThinkPad attached.

## COMMON THINKPAD FEATURES

The IBM ThinkPad range of notebooks are the most advanced notebooks money can buy. In terms of quality, innovation, useability and technology, these systems are way ahead of the competition.

### CASE

Elegant yet robust case made from special carbon fibre re-inforced plastic for extra durability, yet incredible light weight.

### TRACKPOINT

IBM's innovative red device situated in the middle of the keyboard has no moving parts and responds naturally to your finger's pressure. Easier to use than any mouse or trackball!

### SCREENS

High quality screens open to 180 degrees and feature edge to edge display with contrast and brightness control.

-STN colour screens on some 360 & 755 models provide sidelet 9.5" diagonal, 256 colours

-TFT or active matrix screens (8.4" on 360; 10.4" on 370, 755 & 701/CS) provide the best displays with 256 bright colours.

-New Black Matrix on array 10.4" TFT colour screens on 755CE, LV, LX & 755CD reduce glare, give the brightest and clearest display and 65 thousand colours.

### GRAPHICS

All 360, 370 & 755 models include VESA Local Bus graphics with 1Mb RAM and Windows accelerator. Simultaneous display to external SVGA screen.

### MODULAR DESIGN

All models except 340 allow removable hard disk (340Mb to 810Mb), floppy drive and battery. The keyboard easily flips up for access.

### KEYBOARD

Ergonomically designed, quiet, 85 key full-size keys with 12 function keys and overlay numeric keypad.

### INTERFACES

Standard ports include enhanced centronics parallel, RS-232C serial, PS/2 ext. keyboard/mouse and SVGA for external monitor. One type III PCMCIA slot (also functions as two type II on 360/755 370, or one type II on 340).

### POWER & MANAGEMENT

Powerful rechargeable batteries coupled with Advanced Power Management and non-disruptive battery exchange allow you to work a whole day without being near a powerpoint. Fuel gauge provides an indicator of battery life. AC adaptor provides power for notebook and recharges batteries with quick charge facility (1.5 hours). Minimum battery life figure shown is for full use whilst top figure is for typical use with power management.

### SECURITY

Hard disk is removable (except 340) and lockable in the computer and can be protected by a password. Kensington Cable Lock Provision and security loop for physical security. Just send in the registration card to IBM for engraved nameplate personalised for you or your company.

### SOFTWARE

IBM PC DOS 6.3, Windows 3.1 plus additional software as shown. Various utilities including PC Card Director with Auto Configuration, Hot PCMCIA insertion (Easy Playing).

### DOCKING OPTIONS

360, 370 & 755 models have ability to use 4 docking stations; port replicator 1 for economical expansion and cable management, replicator 2 also has additional PCMCIA slots. Portable DOCK 1 and larger DOCK 2 full size docking stations provide extra drive bays and expansion slots and room for multimedia options in addition to port replication.

### IBM SERVICE & SUPPORT

12mth IBM HelpWare hotline support. 12mth warranty with 3 year warranty on 755 models.

## WHICH THINKPAD IS FOR YOU?

**ThinkPad 340.** The entry level ThinkPad with colour screen and 200Mb hard disk. Has limited expansion and modularity. Ideal for home annual business use.

**ThinkPad 360.** All the modularity, expansion capability, security and versatility of the ThinkPad range with a wide choice of screens, hard drives, processors and docking facilities.

**ThinkPad 701/701CS.** These two new subnote type models are designed to provide unique and powerful, lightweight solutions with full size 85-key keyboards & 10.4" Dual Scan or TFT displays.

**ThinkPad 755.** All the features of the ThinkPad 360 plus multimedia sound, larger screens and faster processors. Ideal for presentations and business uses where performance is important.

**ThinkPad 755CE & 755CD.** The ultimate mobile computers with innovative technology, the world's best BMA TFT screen, 100Mhz processor, full-featured multimedia and modem facilities, and InfraRed communications. Ideal for the top executive.

**ThinkPad 755CV & 755CX.** Two new ThinkPads with all the features of the ThinkPad 755CE. The 755CV model has a 10.4" TFT BMA screen with removable back panel, allowing it to be placed over an overhead projector, ideal for presentations. The 755CX model has 10.4" TFT BMA Screen and is powered by Intel's P75 Processor.

## THINKPAD 340CSE



### 340CSE

The ideal entry level 486 colour notebook with fast 50MHz processor, 200Mb hard drive PCMCIA and dual scan colour

- Fast IBM 486SLC2-50 processor
- 16K Internal CPU Cache
- 4Mb RAM expandable to 12Mb
- 200Mb IDE fixed hard disk
- 3.5" 1.44Mb floppy drive
- VGA (640 x 480) Graphics
- 9.4" (diagonal) dual Scan VGA colour display
- Quiet full size 85 key keyboard with TrackPoint III and built in numeric keypad function
- Standard Ports
- PCMCIA Rel 2.0 Type III Slot (or one type II)
- 48mm x 297mm x 210mm with 2.2Kg Weight
- ThinkPad 340CSE NiMH battery pack
- 35W worldwide AC/DC power adaptor, internal quick charger (1.5 Hrs)
- 12mth warranty extendable to 3 years
- Integral Trackpoint II pointing device
- Preinstalled IBM DOS 6.3, Windows 3.1 & diskette factory software

### Options

4Mb RAM.....	£186
8Mb RAM.....	£369
NiCad battery.....	£41
AC adaptor.....	£36

# £1336

## THINKPAD 701CS/755/755CX

### COMMON FEATURES

ThinkPad 755 range is available with a range of processors, large 9.5" Dual Scan or 10.4" TFT colour screens, various hard disks.

All systems have a modular design with multimedia capability included as standard. All the features of the 360 are included such as Trackpoint II, lightweight design and built-in modularity.

- 4Mb or 8Mb base RAM expandable to 20Mb using one 4, 8 or 16Mb IC DRAM card or 36Mb/40Mb (using DIMM adaptor which provides two slots, which can be fitted with two 16Mb DIMM modules)
- Removable 3.5" 1.44Mb floppy drive
- VESA Local Bus Graphics with 1Mb RAM, Windows Accelerator and Dual VGA support for external SVGA display (256 colours at 1024 x 768)
- 85 key keyboard (701 range has TrackWrite full size 85-key keyboard 19mm keys and advance TrackPoint III)
- Standard ports include enhanced parallel, serial, PS/2 for mouse, keyboard or external SVGA
- PCMCIA type III slot (can be used as two type II slots)
- Sound card is included as standard (701 range has SoundBlaster Compatibility)
- Expansion but port for dock 1, dock 2, port replicator 1 and port replicator 2 (701 range is Dock II Compatible, adaptor kit required)

Thinkpad 755CE and 755CD include 486DX4-100 processor, 8Mb base RAM, extra multimedia/modem features, Trackpoint III, Black Matrix on array TFT screens, motion video support, infra-red comms, and 5.25" CD on 755CD model

Thinkpad 701C & 701CS include IBM's new TrackWrite expandable full sized keyboard & 10.4" displays.

ThinkPad 755CV & 755CX Two new ThinkPads with all the features of the ThinkPad 755CE. The 755CV model has a 10.4" TFT BMA screen with removable back panel, allowing it to be placed over an overhead projector, ideal for presentations. The 755CX model has 10.4" TFT BMA Screen and is powered by Intel's P75 processor.

### Popular 755 Options

8Mb DRAM (35G2316).....	£405
16Mb DRAM (66G6574).....	£1031
DIMM Adaptor (provides 2 slots).....	£72
8Mb DIMM (TOMMD08).....	£599
16Mb DIMM (TOMMD16).....	£1031
750 NiMH Battery.....	£135
750 Battery Safety Cover.....	£12
NiMH Battery Pack II (755CE/CD).....	£117

Other options: See General Options

## 701CS 486 DX2-50/DX4-75 STN/TFT



### ThinkPad 701CS

Open a ThinkPad 701 and you'll find IBM's new TrackWrite expandable full sized keyboard. The display screen is equally uncompromising Dual Scan or TFT, both are 10.4" colour panels

- General specification as shown under common features
  - Intel DX2-50 or 486DX4-75
  - 4Mb or 8Mb RAM upgradeable to 20Mb
  - 360Mb, 540Mb or 720Mb hard disk
  - VGA/SVGA 1Mb VESA LB 10.4" diagonal display All models
  - External 3.5" 1.44Mb floppy disk drive
  - Trackwrite full size 85-key Keyboard, full size 19mm keys including 12 full-size
  - PF keys, TrackPoint III
  - Standard ports, and 160 pin expansion bus
  - Internal Super NiCad rechargeable battery pack 1.5 hour charge auto sensing AC adaptor
  - PCMCIA Rel 2.0 Two Type II or one Type III
  - 44mm H x 247mm W x 201mm D
  - Soundblaster & Soundblaster Pro compatible sound system
  - MS Dos 6.22 MS windows 3.11
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|---------------------------|-------|
| 701CS DX2-50 360/4Mb..... | £2551 |
| 701CS DX2-50 540/4Mb..... | £2772 |
| 701CS DX4-75 360/8Mb..... | £3209 |
| 701CS DX4-75 540/8Mb..... | £3430 |
| 701CS DS4-75 720/8Mb..... | £3645 |

# £2551

## 486DX2-50/DX4-100 TFT COLOUR



### ThinkPad 755C / 755CV

Powerful TFT colour ThinkPad 755 models with 486DX2-50, 486DX4-75 or DX4-100 Processor and a range of hard disks. (shown with Dock 2 & matching keyboard options)

- General specification as shown under common features
- 486DX2-50 processor or 486DX4-100
- 4Mb RAM to 36Mb maximum
- 10.4" TFT colour display with 256 colours and 100:1 contrast ratio (removable back panel on 755CV, allowing it to be placed over an overhead projector)
- 340Mb, 540Mb, 810Mb removable hard disks or 1.2Gb on 755CV
- 51h x 297w x 210d in mm
- 2.9Kg weight with battery and drives
- DOS 6.3, Windows 3.1, Lotus Organizer and PC Card Director (DOS 7 and IBM OS/2 Warp v3 on 755CV model)
- Battery life 3.1 to 8 hours
- 35 watt universal AC adaptor with 755CV
- Built-in soundcard with audio jacks, microphone and speaker (16-bit sound card on 755CV)
- Built in Infra-red Ports on 755CV
- IBM 3 year warranty

755C TFT 486DX2-50 340Mb.....	£2723
755C TFT 486DX4-75 340Mb.....	£3312
755C TFT 486DX4-75 540Mb.....	£3605
755C TFT 486DX4-75 810Mb.....	£4046
755CS DS2 486DX2-50 340Mb.....	£2916
755CS DS5 486DX4-75 340Mb.....	£3209
755CS DS6 486DX4-75 340Mb.....	£3501
755CV1 TFT DX4-100 540/8Mb.....	£4734
755CV2 TFT DX4-100 810/8Mb.....	£5013
755CV3 TFT DX4-100 1.2Gb/8Mb.....	£5431

# £2723

# IBM ThinkPad

Matching black monitor and black keyboard are available to complement your IBM ThinkPad. Shown with monitor stand and Dock 2 (2 ISA slots, 2 bays & PCMCIA slots).

Various nylon and leather cases are available for ThinkPad and Portable Dock I.

A plethora of high quality multimedia, comms & productivity software for the mobile professional comes pre-loaded on many models.

The Communicate Connexion 1440C PCMCIA type II fax/data modem attaches to the Motorola Micro TAC II mobile phone (and others e.g. BT Pearl, Vodac VP130, Ford Compact).

## THINKPAD 360 / 370

## MONO/DUAL SCAN COLOUR

## TFT COLOUR

### Common Features

ThinkPad 360 / 370 Range is available with a range of Processors, Screens, Hard Disks and Software Pre-loads. All systems have a modular design and full docking capabilities

- Standard Thinkpad features such as Trackpoint II, lightweight design and built-in modularity
- 4Mb base RAM expandable to 20Mb using one 4, 8 or 16Mb IC DRAM card (fits into memory slot). 4Mb to 36Mb on 370
- Removable 3.5" 1.44Mb floppy drive (to reduce weight)
- VESA Local Bus graphics with 1Mb RAM, Windows Accelerator and Dual VGA support for external SVGA display (256 colours at 1024 x 768). Active black matrix TFT 10.4" on 370
- 85 key keyboard which flips open to provide access to battery, removable hard disk and floppy bays
- Standard ports include enhanced parallel, serial, PS/2 for mouse or keyboard (adaptor allows use of both)
- PCMCIA type III slot (can be used as two type II slots)
- Soundcard port for optional soundcard (only to special order - factory fitted)
- Expansion bus port for dock 1, dock 2, port replicator 1 and port replicator 2
- Sizes, weights, battery (NiMH) life vary as show
- Pen model is also available

#### Popular 360 Options

4Mb RAM (TONPM04) .....	£186
8Mb RAM (TONPM08) .....	£369
16Mb RAM (TOMP16) .....	£923
360 NiMH battery #66G2846 .....	£95
750 NiMH battery #66G2846 .....	£135
750 battery safety cover #66G0027 .....	£12
Other options: See General Options	



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**ThinkPad 360/360CS/CE**  
Popular Dual Scan colour ThinkPad 360 models with 486DX2-50 processor and a range of hard disks. Shown with optional modem & mobile phone

- General specification as shown under common features
- 486DX2-50 processor
- 4Mb RAM upgradeable to 20Mb
- 9.5" STN Dual Scan colour display with 256 colours and 20:1 contrast ratio
- 340Mb removable hard disks
- 51h x 297w x 210d in mm
- 2.8Kg weight with battery & drives
- IBM PC DOS 6.3, Windows 3.1 & PC Card Director
- Lotus Organizer, Lotus ScreenCam, Lotus cc:Mail Mobile, OAG FlightDisk, Triton CoSession Host (Organizer only with 486SX-33 Models)
- Battery life 3 to 10 hours

Dual Scan Colour  
360CE DS4 486DX2-50 340Mb.....£1791

**£1791**



**ThinkPad 360C/CE/370C**  
Superb TFT Colour ThinkPad 360 / 370C models with 486DX2-50 or DX4-75 Processor and a range of hard disks

- General specification as shown under common features
- 486DX2-50 or 486DX4-75 processor
- 4Mb RAM upgradeable to 20Mb or 36Mb on 370C model
- 8.4" TFT active matrix colour display with 256 colours and 100:1 contrast ratio or 10.4" TFT Black Matrix on 370C
- 340Mb or 540Mb removable hard disks
- 47h x 297w x 210d in mm
- 2.8Kg weight with battery & drives
- IBM PC DOS 6.3, Windows 3.1 & PC Card Director
- Lotus Organizer, Lotus ScreenCam, Lotus cc:Mail Mobile, OAG FlightDisk, Triton CoSession Host
- Battery life 3.2 to 7 hours

360CE TF4 486DX-50 340Mb.....£2097  
370C TC1 486DX4-75 340Mb.....£2281  
370C TC2 486DX4-75 540Mb.....£2488

**£2097**

## P75 BMA TFT COLOUR

## 486DX4-100 BMA TFT COLOUR & MPC2

## GENERAL OPTIONS



### ThinkPad 755CX

The new Pentium Thinkpad from IBM with P75 processor, large TFT BMA screen, Advanced Multimedia / Modem and Infra red Comms.

- General specification as shown under common features
- 8Mb RAM upgradeable to 40Mb
- 10.4" TFT Black Matrix on array colour display with 65,000 colours, reduced glare and excellent visibility even in daylight. 100:1 contrast ratio
- Trackpoint III pointing device with improved rubber grip and drag & drop features
- 540Mb, 810Mb or 1Gb removable hard disks
- 50h x 297w x 210d in mm; 2.9Kg weight with battery & drives
- IBM PC DOS 7, IBM OS/2 Warp v3 & Windows 3.11
- Software Suite including Lotus Organizer 1.1, ScreenCam, cc:Mail Mobile, Audiofile TalkWorks, Asymetrix Presentation PE, Soundcard, microphone and speaker
- 35 watt universal AC adaptor with internal quick charger 1.5 - 2 hours
- Built-in IRDA compatible Infra-red ports

755CX P75/540/8Mb TFT CX1 .....	£4522
755CX P75/810/8Mb TFT CX2 .....	£4801
755CX P75/1.2Gb/8Mb TFT CX3 .....	£5220

**£4522**



### ThinkPad 755CD/755CE

Ultimate TFT colour fully MPC2 compliant multimedia notebook with 486DX4-100 processor, Large TFT BMA screen, advanced stereo multimedia/modem, and built-in CD ROM

- General specification as shown under common features
- 8Mb RAM upgradeable to 40Mb
- 10.4" TFT Black Matrix on array colour display with 65,000 colours, reduced glare and excellent visibility even in day light. 100:1 contrast ratio
- Trackpoint III pointing device with improved rubber grip and drag & drop features
- 340Mb, 540Mb or 810Mb removable hard disks
- 57h x 297w x 210d in mm; 2.9Kg weight with battery & drives
- IBM PC DOS 6.3, Windows 3.1, & PC Card Director
- Software Suite including Lotus Organizer 1.1, ScreenCam, cc:Mail Mobile, Audiofile TalkWorks, Asymetrix Presentation PE & Digital Video Producer, Puma TranXit, OAG flightDisk, Video for Windows runtime
- Built-in soundcard with audio jacks, headphone jack, MIDI/Joystick port, (no MIDI on 755CE) microphone and stereospeakers
- Video capture/overlay features and Composite (video) in; video out to TV ports (755CD only)
- Battery life 3.5 to 7 hours
- Built-in IRDA compatible InfraRed ports
- Built-in 5.25" double speed multi-session CD-ROM Drive (755CD only)

755CE CE2 486DX4-100 340Mb.....	£3595
755CE CE3 486DX4-100 540Mb.....	£3802
755CE CE4 486DX4-100 810Mb.....	£4081
755CD CD3 486DX4-100 540Mb.....	£4941
755CD CD4 486DX4-100 810Mb.....	£5220

**£3595**

#### Additional Removable

<b>Hard Drives</b>	
340Mb .....	£590
540Mb .....	£882
810Mb .....	£1323

#### PCMCIA type II Cards

Intel fax/data modem .....	£39
Communicate Connexion 1440C .....	£Call
IBM PCMCIA options	
-3270 Card .....	£269
-14.4 fax/data modem .....	£324
-Modem UK DAA for above .....	£63
-16/4 Token Ring card .....	£360
-10Base2 Ethernet card .....	£190
-10BaseT Ethernet card .....	£180

#### Docking Options (360 & 755)

Port Replicator 1 #66G3315 .....	£198
Port Replicator 2 #66G3302 .....	£72
Portable Dock I #66G3971 .....	£536
includes 5.25" bay, one ISA slot, one special slot for A to D adaptor for motion video, two stereo speakers	
SCSI port, and standard ports	
Dock I carry case #66G3385 .....	£77
Dock I display stand #66G3517 .....	£77
Ext. floppy enclosure #66G3697 .....	£32
Dock I CD-ROM kit #66G3506 .....	£414
Dock I Anal to Digit. video card #66G3509 .....	£563
Dock I audio cable #66G3321 .....	£18
Dock I SCSI install kit #66G3313 .....	£41
Dock I IDE install kit #66G3502 .....	£45
Dock II #T02002K .....	£500
Dock II display stand #T02002HEU .....	£50
Dock II 555Mb tape backup #T02002BUK .....	£473

#### Carry Cases

Deluxe leather overnight #B130922 .....	£176
Deluxe leather #B130921 .....	£104
Deluxe nylon #79F0961 .....	£72
Nylon #07G1530 .....	£38

#### Black Matching Extras

Black 15X FST SVGA screen .....	£432
Black external keyboard .....	£140
Black Keypad for keyboard .....	£45
Black mouse .....	£30

#### Other Options

Keyboard/mouse connector cable .....	£23
KeyGuard .....	£53
Numeric keypad .....	£22
AC adaptor 40W .....	£48
AC adaptor 50W .....	£106
Car battery adaptor .....	£48
Quick charger (can take 2 batteries) .....	£176
Microphone kit .....	£36
Laplink XL & serial cable .....	£39

#### 755CE/CD only options

Headset .....	£95
DAA/telephone kit .....	£104
FDD bay PCMCIA cartridge .....	£41

#### 701/701 CS Options

4Mb RAM SO-DIM .....	£169
8Mb RAM SO-DIM .....	£369
Super NiCad battery .....	£49
NiMH Battery pack .....	£59
Multiport II .....	£119
Dock II adaptor kit .....	£75
Leather portfolio case .....	£49
Leather carrycase .....	£11

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## MITAC 486



Mitac 486DX2-66 and 486DX4-100 stand alone and networked systems shown here include fast 540Mb hard drives, and superb 14" SVGA colour screens.

- 486DX2-66 or 486DX4-100 processor
- 4Mb RAM expandable to 64Mb
- 540Mb hard disk
- Quad speed CD-ROM drive (shown) is £120 extra
- Pentium technology ready
- 3.5" 1.44Mb floppy drive
- VESA bus graphics
- 14" SVGA colour screen
- IDE hard and floppy controller
- Parallel, 2 serial & keyboard ports
- Expandable Mitac desktop case
- 4 drive bays and 7 slots (2 VESA)
- 102 Enhanced keyboard
- Microsoft compatible mouse
- Select operating system from below.

486DX2-66 540/4Mb 14" ..... £599  
486DX4-100 540/4Mb 14" ..... £669

### Mitac Only Options

- RAM upgrade per 4Mb ..... £120
- MS DOS 6.22 & Windows 3.11 ..... £50
- MS DOS 6.22 & Windows 3.11 for workgroups ..... £70
- 16-bit ethernet combi card ..... £50
- 15" Screen ..... £110 Extra
- 850Mb hard drive ..... £50 Extra
- Double speed CD-ROM ..... £70
- Quad speed CD-ROM ..... £120
- Approved fax/data modem ..... £40

**£599**

## COMPAQ PROLINEA 486



New Compaq Prolinea models come with 3 case styles and PCI graphics. All except 486-50 include a minimum of 8Mb of RAM.

- 486DX2-50, 486DX2-66 or 486DX4-100 processor
- 8Mb RAM (4Mb on 486DX2-50 model)
- 128K Cache on 486DX4-100
- Integrated 1Mb PCI local bus graphics
- Triflex/PCI bus
- 270Mb, 420Mb or 720Mb
- PCI IDE hard disks
- User friendly: plug & play bios, easy to open with sliding motherboard & swinging drive cage.
- Compaq keyboard & mouse
- MSDOS, Windows 3.1 & Compaq utilities
- CDS models include quad speed CD & 16-bit business sound
- Slimline models : 3 bays & 3 slots
- Standard desktop: 4 bays & 4 slots
- Mini-Tower: 5 bays & 5 slots

### Select screens from below

<b>Slimline (3/3) Models</b>	
486DX2-50 (3/3) 270Mb	£710
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<b>Desktop (4/4) Models</b>	
486DX2-66 (4/4) 420Mb	£1016
486DX4-100 (4/4) 420Mb	£1177
<b>Mini-Tower (5/5) Models</b>	
486DX2-66 (5/5) 420Mb	£1058

### Options

14" 1024 NI Mitac	£170
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486SX-25 170Mb ..... £599  
486SX-33 270Mb ..... £699  
486DX2-66 540Mb ..... £899  
486DX4-100 540Mb ..... £999

### Aptiva Options

RAM upgrade per 4Mb	£130
16-bit ethernet combi card	£50
Approved fax/data modem	£40
Double speed CD-ROM	£80
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**£599**

## MITAC 586



Mitac Pentium processor based system include enhanced PCI IDE drives and superb PCI graphics. Prices shown here include 8Mb RAM, 540Mb hard drives and superb SVGA screens.

- Intel Pentium 75, 90, 100 processor
- 8Mb RAM expandable to 128Mb
- 256K external cache
- 540Mb enhanced IDE hard disk
- Quad speed CD-ROM drive (shown) is £120 extra
- 3.5" 1.44Mb floppy drive
- PCI bus with 4 PCI slots
- 1Mb PCI bus graphics exp to 2Mb
- 14" SVGA colour screen
- PCI IDE hard and floppy controller
- Parallel, 2 serial & keyboard ports
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- 5 drive bays and 7 slots
- 102 Enhanced keyboard
- Microsoft Compatible Mouse
- Select operating system from below.

Mitac P75 540Mb 8Mb 14" ..... £949  
Mitac P90 540Mb 8Mb 14" ..... £1049  
Mitac P100 540Mb 8Mb 14" ..... £1149

### Mitac Only Options

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- RAM upgrade per 4Mb ..... £120
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- 16-bit ethernet combi card ..... £50
- Approved fax/data modem ..... £40

**£949**

## COMAQ PROLINEA 586



Compaq 586 systems use Intel Pentium 75, 90 and 100 processors and come in 3 case styles.

- Intel Pentium 75, 90 or 100 processor
- 8Mb RAM (16Mb on 720Mb models)
- 256K Cache
- Integrated 1Mb PCI Local bus graphics. (Pentium 100 has Qvision 2000+ Matrox 2Mb 64bit card)
- Triflex/PCI bus
- 420Mb or 720Mb PCI IDE hard disks
- User Friendly: plug & play bios, easy to open with sliding motherboard & swinging drive cage.
- Compaq keyboard & mouse
- MS DOS, Windows 3.1 & Compaq utilities
- CDS models include Quad speed CD & 16-bit business sound
- Slimline models : 3 bays & 3 slots
- Standard desktop: 4 bays & 4 slots
- Mini-Tower: 5 bays & 5 slots

### Select screens from below

<b>Slimline (3/3) Models</b>	
Pentium-75 (3/3) 420Mb	£1262
<b>Desktop (4/4) Models</b>	
Pentium-75 (4/4) 420Mb	£1296
Pentium-90 (4/4) 420Mb	£1441
Pentium-90 (4/4) 720Mb	£1696

### Mini-Tower (5/5) Models

Pentium-75 (5/5) 420Mb	£1339
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Pentium-90 (5/5) 420Mb CDS	£1687
Pentium-90 (5/5) 720Mb	£1738
Pentium-100 (5/5) 720Mb	£2104

### Options

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## COLLOSSUS FILE SERVER



The Colossus file server is a true powerhouse with 10 drive bays, 400W power supply, multiple fans and secure covered cable routing. Ideal for demanding requirements.

- Intel Pentium 75, 90, 100 or 120 processor
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- 256K external Cache
- Heavy duty server case with 10 drive bays
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- Multiple fans and secured covered cable routing
- 3.5" 1.44Mb floppy drive
- PCI bus with 4 PCI and 3 ISA slots
- 1Mb 64-bit PCI bus graphics exp to 2Mb
- 14" SVGA 0.28dp colour screen
- PCI IDE hard and floppy controller
- Parallel, 2 serial & keyboard ports
- 102 Enhanced keyboard
- Microsoft compatible mouse
- 16-bit ethernet network controller (32 bit optional)

### Select hard drive & Novell operating system

P75 Server 16Mb	£1399
P90 Server 16Mb	£1599
P100 Server 32Mb	£2199
P120 Server 32Mb	£2499

### Server Options

850Mb IDE hard drive	£180
1GB IDE hard drive	£250
Adaptec 2940 PCI SCSI II controller	£200
1GB SCSI II drive	£300
2GB SCSI II drive	£600
4GB SCSI II drive	£1100
RAM Per extra 4Mb	£120
Fitted dual speed CD-ROM	£80
32-bit PCI network controller instead of 16-bit	£120

**£1399**

# DESKTOPS & NETWORKING

Popular networks can be divided into simple peer-to-peer (WorkGroup) networks or more complex client-server (Server based) networks. Frequently a combination of both is used.

**PEER-TO-PEER**

Peer-to-peer networks simply connect the PC systems together in your office/department and increase productivity by allowing you to:-  
 -Share files, directories, hard disks and access information from your colleagues  
 -Share peripherals such as laser printers, scanners, CD ROM drives and fax modems  
 -Use electronic mail for faster communication

Usually all systems will include network interface cards linked via ethernet cables. Network software (Windows for Workgroups 3.11 or Novell Personal Netware) will be required for each user. Peripherals (printers, scanners, plotters), storage devices and modems can be connected to any PC and can be shared by all or selected users.

**CLIENT SERVER NETWORKS**

Server based networks are essential for sharing data eg accounts/order processing systems as well as other resources and provide better security. Peripherals, modems and storage devices are normally attached to the server or workstations dedicated for this purpose. Many solutions are available. For most uses we recommend industry standard Novell Netware based ethernet solutions. These accounts for over 70% of networks, are tried and tested and provide the best value.

**SERVER**

Usually a tower system with fast hard disk controller, 32 bit network card, large fast hard disks, plenty of RAM and large power supply. Server performance is more related to hard disk system, RAM and network card and not the processor speed. A Pentium 90 system with network card can be slower than an optimised 486 purpose-built server.

**WORKSTATIONS**

These need to be powerful 486 (or Pentium) systems with network card, and good performance. We recommend at least 8Mb RAM, Local Bus graphics and 0.28dp screen if using Windows applications. Nowadays we strongly recommend a local hard disk in each workstation.

**SERVER BACK-UP**

An uninterruptable power supply with software monitoring

is essential for the server to allow it to shut down safely should there be a power failure.

**TAPE BACK-UP**

There are two options:-  
 -Network wide back-ups of server and local PC drives with tape streamer (usually SCSI DAT drive) installed in server together with Cheyenne ARCserve server software  
 -Fileserver back-up only via tape unit installed in a workstation.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

There are two options:-  
 -A fax/data modem installed in the fileserver together with network fax software eg Cheyenne FAXserve software  
 -Fax/Data modem installed in a workstation which functions as a dedicated fax server. This could also be used for remote support of the network using PC Anywhere software.

**PERIPHERALS**

These may be attached to the server, workstations which function as print servers or dedicated small network devices called print servers. Some network printers eg HP LaserJet with HP JetDirect card can also connect directly to the network without the use of a workstation/print server.

**CABLING**

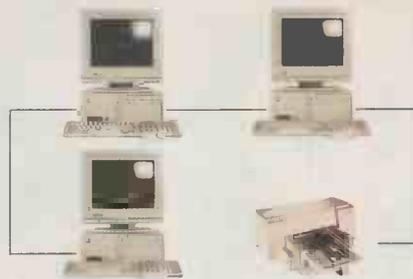
Thin co-axial ethernet for small networks. 10Base-T cabling provides better cable management and is recommended for larger networks.

**APPLICATIONS**

Popular network applications include wordprocessing, spreadsheets, databases, accounts and electronic mail. We can provide solutions from Lotus, Microsoft or Novell tailored to your requirements.

**SERVICES**

Purchasing the network components alone will not allow you to be functional with a networks system. Our experienced network services team will provide you with the complete solution tailored to your individual requirements. We can provide you with an initial quotation. Once you are happy with this, we can provide a more detailed plan taking account of your service requirements with final quotation and installation plan. This may involve a site survey. The simple example network prices shown here do not include service elements such as installation, cabling and training.



**WORKSTATIONS**

3 Mitac 486DX2-66 4Mb RAM, 540Mb 14" SVGA Workstations with 16-bit network card, MS DOS 6.2 & Windows 3.11 for workgroups

**APPLICATION SOFTWARE**

Each includes Lotus software bundle comprising of-  
 -Lotus 1-2-3 v5  
 -Lotus Ami Pro v3.1  
 -Lotus Organizer v2  
 -Lotus Approach  
 -Lotus SmartPics  
 -Lotus individual training for Ami Pro, 1-2-3 and Approach

**NETWORK SOFTWARE**

Peer-to-Peer software: Windows for WorkGroups 3.11

**PRINTER**

HP DeskJet 540 colour printer with autosheet feeder

**CABLES**

3 sets of 5m cables, connectors and two terminators.

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**COMPAQ SERVER NETWORK**

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**GENERAL OPTIONS**



**SERVER**

- Compaq Prosignia VS Fileserver with 1Gb SCSI II hard drive and 486DX2-66 processor  
 - 32-bit ethernet card, 8Mb RAM and SVGA colour screen

**NETWORK SOFTWARE**

- Novell Netware 4.1 5 User

**WORKSTATIONS**

- 3 Compaq Prolinea Workstations (486DX2-50 4Mb, 270Mb) with Compaq 14" SVGA screens

**APPLICATION SOFTWARE**

- Lotus software on each workstation including 1-2-3, Ami Pro, Approach, SmartPics, Organizer and Lotus training

**PRINTER**

- HP LaserJet 4 Plus 12ppm 600dpi laser printer with HP JetDirect card

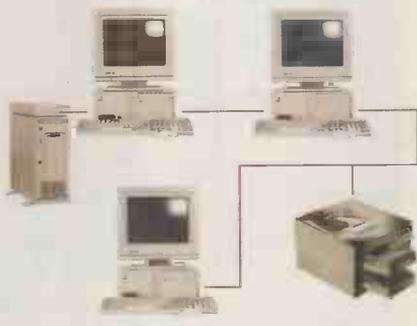
**CABLES**

- 5m cables, connectors and terminators

Additional Users  
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**SERVER**

Colossus Pentium 90 Server (see specification opposite) with 1GB hard drive and 16Mb RAM

**WORKSTATIONS**

Mitac Pentium 75 Workstations (850Mb, 8Mb, 15" SVGA NI Colour, MS DOS 6.22 & Windows 3.11 for WorkGroups with 16-bit ethernet cards)

**NETWORK SOFTWARE**

Novell Netware 4.1 5 user

**APPLICATION SOFTWARE**

Lotus software suite including Lotus 1-2-3, Ami Pro, Approach, Organizer 2 and SmartPics

**PRINTER**

HP LaserJet 4Si 16ppm 600dpi network laser printer

**CABLES**

5m cables, connectors and terminators

Additional P75  
 Workstations  
**£1399**

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**SERVER OPTIONS**

Novell Netware 4.1  
 - 5 user .....£479  
 - 10 user .....£949  
 - 25 user .....£1749  
 Cheyenne ARCserve 5 Tape backup software  
 - 5 user .....£249  
 - 10 user .....£499  
 - 25 user .....£899  
 - 2Gb SCSI DAT tape drive only .....£689  
 Cheyenne FAXserve software  
 - 5 user .....£299  
 - 20 user .....£499  
 - 14.4 fax data modem (server modem) .....£199  
 Uninterruptable Power Supplies  
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 - APC Smart-Ups 900 .....£399  
 - APC Smart-Ups 1250 .....£599  
 - PowerChute Plus for Novell .....£50  
 - DCB interface cable .....£19  
 - Mouse port interface cable .....£19

**WORKSTATION OPTIONS**

14.4 fax data modem .....£119  
 PC Anywhere host/remote for DOS .....£99  
 250Mb tape back-up unit .....£100  
 700Mb tape back-up unit .....£230  
 2Gb DAT back-up unit (drive only) .....£689

**CABLING & ACCESSORIES**

Lan Research Combi network card .....£50  
 5m thin ethernet cable with connectors .....£15  
 Terminators .....£5  
 10BASE-T ethernet hubs  
 - 8 port hub .....£299  
 - 16 port hub .....£499

**SERVICES**

Prices will vary on individual requirements  
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 -Application installation  
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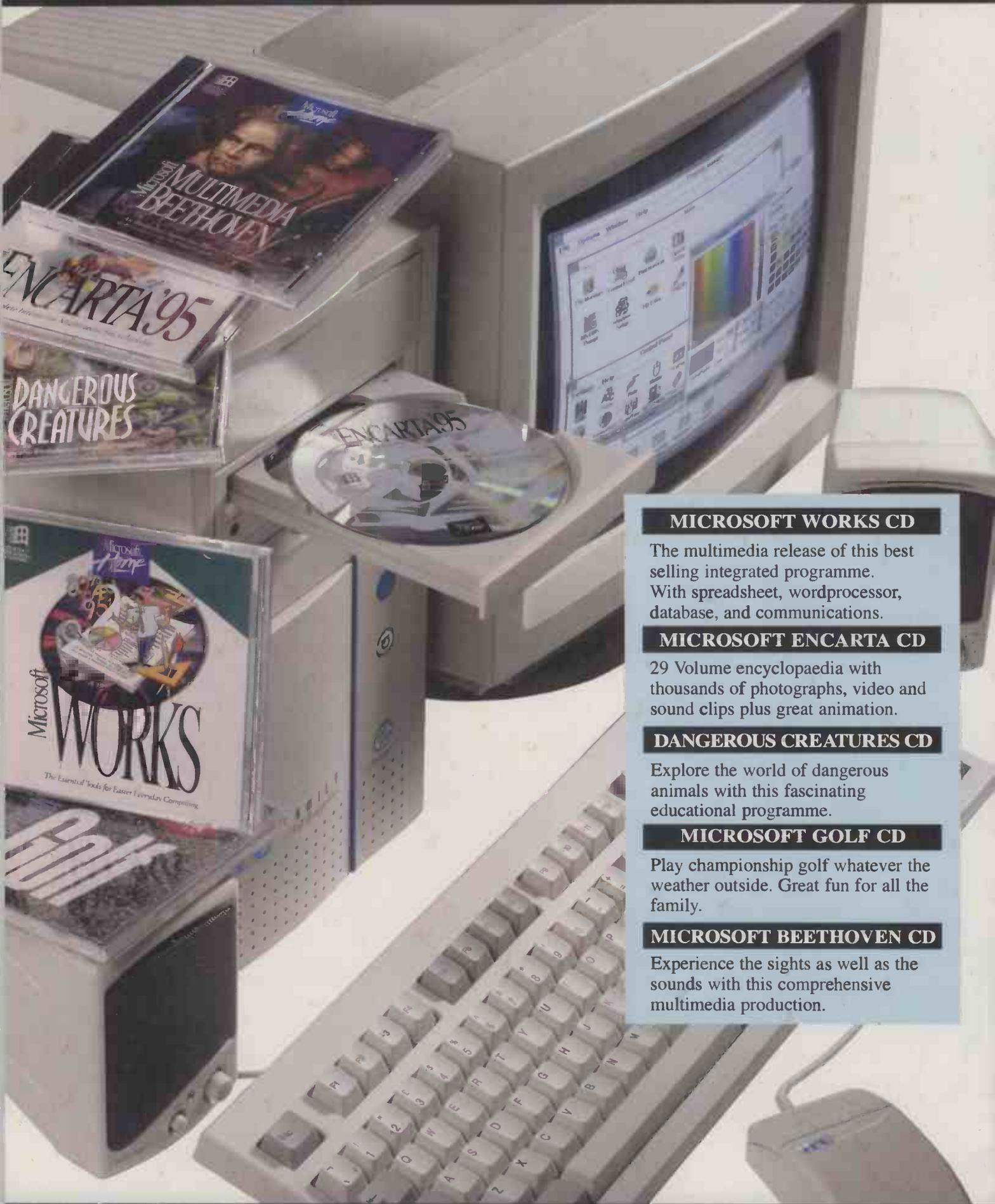
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<i>Accessories</i>	102 Keyboard & Mouse ISP16 Stereo Sound Card Twin Active Speakers Mini Tower Case only
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<i>Warranty</i>	12 Months

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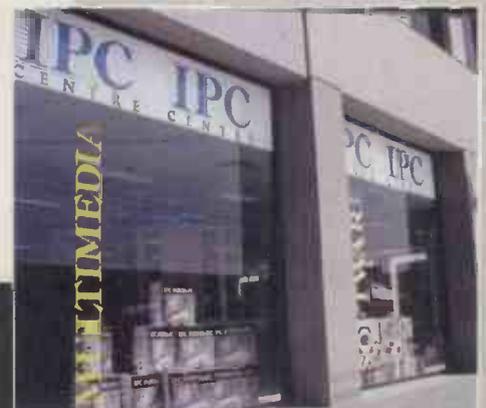
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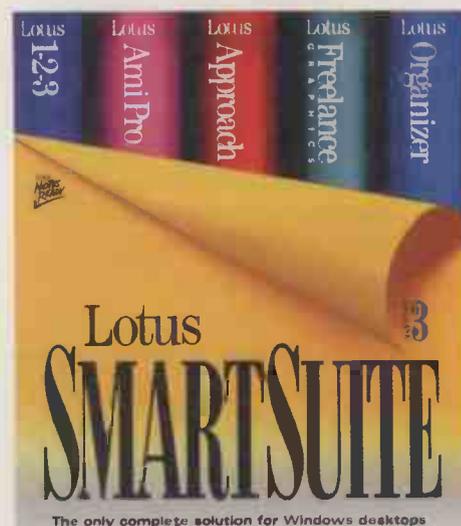
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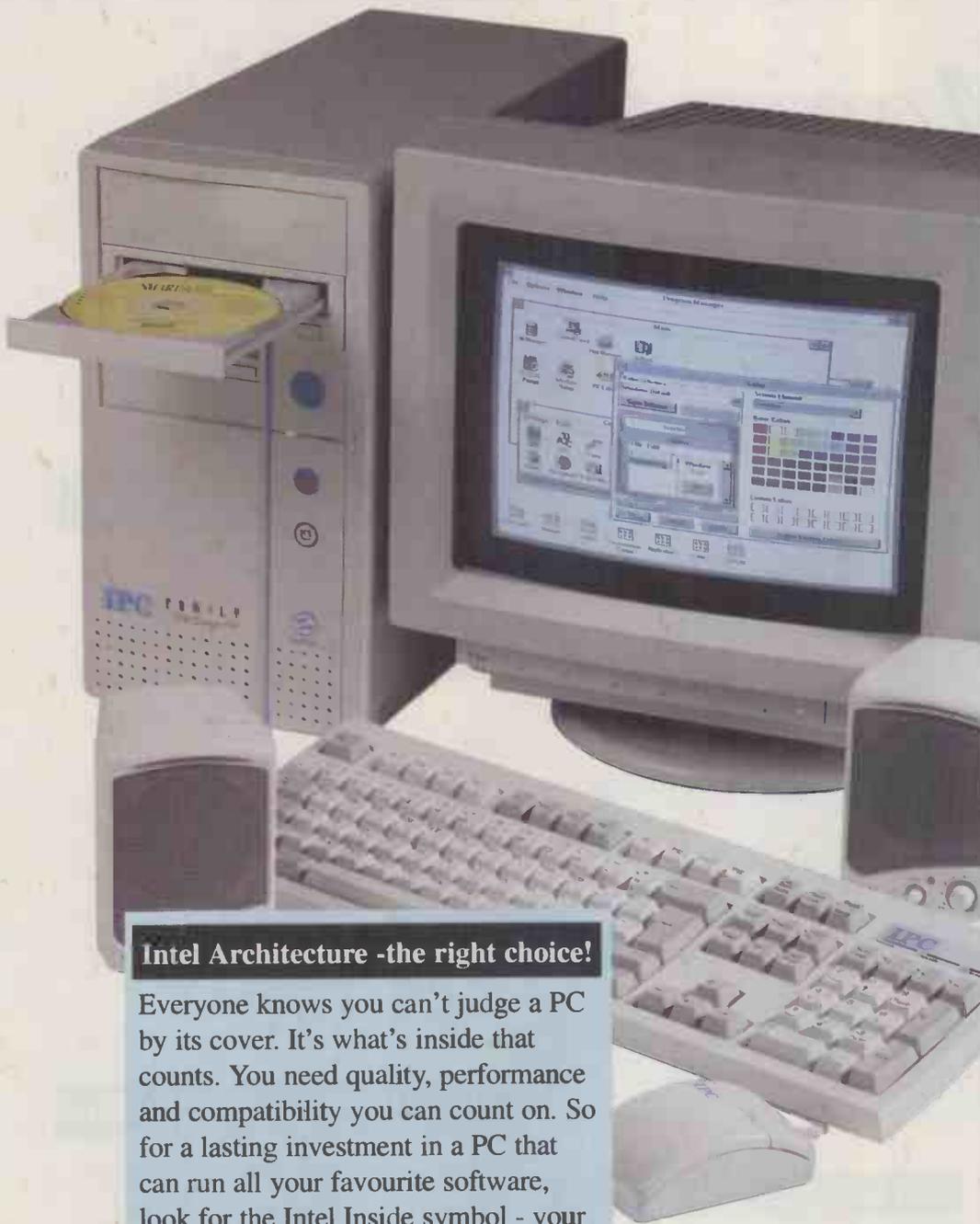
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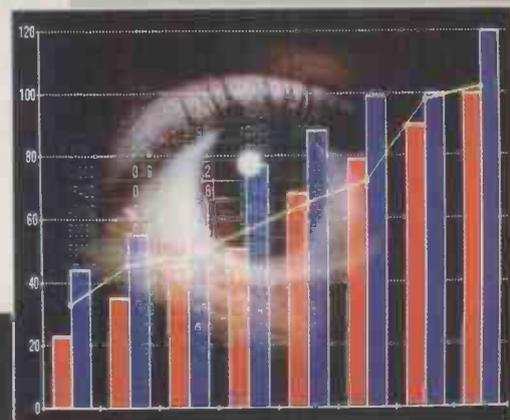


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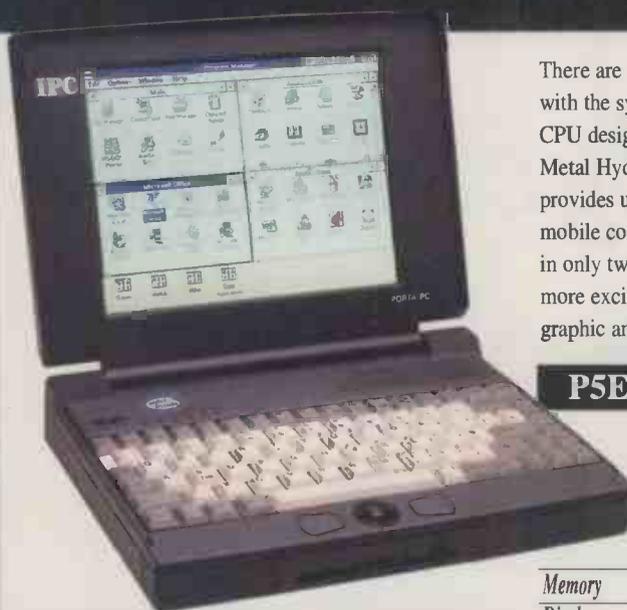
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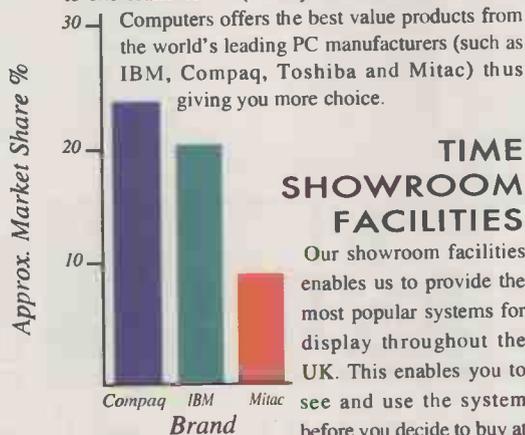
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### Business Software

- Lotus Software suite including Lotus 1-2-3, Ami Pro, Approach, Organizer 2, SmartPics and Lotus Training
- GST Pressworks 2 and Designworks 2
- TurboCAD for Windows
- Organize Your Way
- CV & Job Search Pro
- Pacioli 2000 Business Accounts
- Masterclips SE and Picture This!

### Educational Software

- Windows Training and Windexite
- Fun School 4, Fun School Maths and Typing Tutor
- Computerworks, Bodyworks and Autoworks
- EZ Language French, German and Spanish

### Leisure Software

- PC Paintbrush
- Arts & Letters Draw and Wired for Sound lite
- Doom, Blake Stone, Pinball and Raptor Shareware Games

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After 6 months pay just £44.80 per month for 24 months on interest free credit. APR 0% . (Time Machine E)

**Time Machine E**  
486DX2-66, 540Mb,  
4Mb RAM, 14" Screen

**£44.80**

£120.95 deposit, nothing more to pay for 6 months and then 24 monthly payments of £44.80. Total price £999+VAT = £1196.15 Inc Delivery & VAT. APR 0%

**Time Machine F**  
486DX2-80, 540Mb,  
8Mb RAM, 14" Screen

**£53.00**

£159.15 deposit, nothing more to pay for 6 months and then 24 monthly payments of £53. Total price £1199+VAT = £1413.15 Inc Delivery & VAT. APR 0%

**Time Machine G**  
486DX4-100, 850Mb,  
8Mb RAM, 15" Screen

**£62.00**

£178.15 deposit, nothing more to pay for 6 months and then 24 monthly payments of £62. Total price £1399+VAT = £1666.15 Inc Delivery & VAT. APR 0%

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# Multimedia

# Time Machines

## SYSTEM SPECIFICATION

### 486 Models

- 486DX2-66, 486DX2-80 or 486DX4-100 Processor
- 540Mb, 850Mb or 1.0 Gb fast IDE hard disks
- 4Mb or 8Mb RAM expandable to 64Mb
- 1.44Mb floppy drive, 256K external cache
- Pentium® Technology upgradeable
- VESA SVGA graphics controller with 1Mb
- 14", 15" or 17" SVGA non-interlaced low radiation colour screen with 0.28dp
- Desktop case (new design) with 4 drive bays and 7 slots
- 102 keyboard and mouse
- MS DOS 6.22 and Windows® 3.11
- Manufactured by Mitac in the UK
- 12mths warranty extendable to 5 years

### Pentium Models

- Intel Pentium® 60, 75, 90, 100 or 120MHz based processors
- 8Mb or 16Mb RAM expandable to 128Mb
- PCI Pentium board with PCI graphics and PCI IDE hard disks

Rest of specification as 486

### Multimedia HardWare

- Double or Quad speed IDE CD-
- 16-bit high quality soundcard
- Twin stereo speaker system
- PC joystick

### Fax & Internet Pack 1

- BABT approved data and fax modem
- Fax software
- Communications software
- Introductory subscription to CompuServe with Internet Mailbox



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Please see pages 12 onwards for details

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- Masterclips SE and Picture This!
- Quicken v4 personal finance

### Educational Software

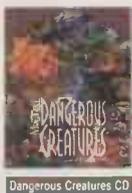
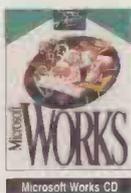
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  - Fun School 4, Fun School Maths and Typing Tutor
  - Computerworks, Bodyworks, EZ Language French, German and Spanish

### Leisure Software

- PC Paintbrush, Arts & Letters Draw and Wired for Sound Lite
- Doom, Blake Stone, Pinball and Raptor Shareware Games

### Microsoft® Multimedia Software

- Microsoft Encarta® '95 Encyclopaedia CD, Microsoft Works CD, Microsoft Golf CD, Microsoft Beethoven CD, Microsoft Dangerous, Creatures CD



Encarta 95 CD

Microsoft Works CD

Golf CD

Beethoven CD

Dangerous Creatures CD

The Multimedia Time Machines are powerful, high specification 486 and Pentium systems that provide the complete solution for the home and small business environment. They all come with excellent business software from Lotus and other leading manufacturers plus a range of educational and leisure software. All are fully multimedia ready with fitted CD-ROM drives, 16 bit soundcards and a superb range of CD Multimedia titles from Microsoft®. Also included is the Fax and Internet Pack

allowing these systems to function as a powerful fax machine and allowing you to get on-line to services such as CompuServe and the Internet. At these amazing prices with Interest Free Credit available for a limited period, these systems are without doubt the best computer solutions for the home and small business user. Add a quality Printer Pack or Scanner Pack (available on Interest Free Credit) for a complete solution.

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Multimedia Time Machine 1	Multimedia Time Machine 2	Multimedia Time Machine 3	Multimedia Time Machine 4	Multimedia Time Machine 5
<b>486DX2-66/DX2-80/DX4100</b>	<b>486DX4-100</b>	<b>Pentium 60</b>	<b>Pentium 75, 90, 100</b>	<b>Pentium 90, 100, 120</b>
486DX2-66 with 540Mb hard drive, 4Mb RAM, 14" screen and modem	486DX4-100 with 850Mb hard drive, 8Mb RAM, 15" screen and modem	Pentium 60 with 540Mb hard drive, 8Mb RAM, 14" screen and modem	Pentium 75 with 850Mb hard drive, 8Mb RAM, 15" screen and modem	Pentium 90 with massive 1.08Gb hard drive, 16Mb RAM, 2Mb PCI S3 64-Bit Video RAM, 15" screen and modem
<b>£39</b>	<b>£49</b>	<b>£59</b>	<b>£69</b>	<b>£79</b>
£159.15 deposit and 24 monthly payments of £53.00 OR £495.15 deposit and 24 monthly payments of £39.00 Total price £1199.00+VAT = £1431.15 Inc delivery & VAT. APR 0%	£199.65 deposit and 24 monthly payments of £66.00 OR £607.65 deposit and 24 monthly payments of £49.00 Total price £1499.00+VAT = £1783.65 Inc delivery & VAT. APR 0%	£186.40 deposit and 24 monthly payments of £69.00 OR £426.40 deposit and 24 monthly payments of £59.00 Total price £1549.00+VAT = £1842.40 Inc Delivery & VAT. APR 0%	£229.40 deposit and 24 monthly payments of £77.00 OR £421.40 deposit and 24 monthly payments of £69.00 Total price £1749.00 +VAT = £2077.40 Inc delivery & VAT. APR 0%	£278.15 deposit and 24 monthly payments of £97.00 OR £562.65 deposit and 24 monthly payments of £79.00 Total price £2199.00 +VAT = £2606.15 Inc delivery & VAT. APR 0%
Model 1B 486 DX2-80.....£50 Extra Model 1C 486DX4-100.....£100 Extra RAM Upgrade to 8Mb.....£Call	15" to 17" Upgrade.....£250		Pentium 90 Upgrade.....£79 Pentium 100 Upgrade.....£179 15" to 17" Upgrade.....£250	Pentium 100 Upgrade.....£79 Pentium 120 Upgrade.....£399 15" to 17" Upgrade.....£250



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These amazingly low prices are achieved by allowing you to select the software you need. For most home and small business users looking for a system with top quality software, our PowerStation and Time Machine bundles still provide the best value.

If you do not see the hardware configuration you are looking for, please give us a call and we will configure a system to your requirements.

## MITAC 486DX2-66

### SYSTEM SPECIFICATION

- 486DX2-66 Processor
- 4Mb RAM expandable to 64Mb
- Pentium® Technology upgradeable
- 127Mb, 340Mb or 540Mb IDE hard disk
- 3.5" 1.44Mb floppy drive
- Local Bus VESA graphics with Windows® accelerator
- 14" SVGA colour screen
- IDE hard and floppy controller
- Parallel, 2 serial, joystick and keyboard ports
- Expandable desktop case
- 4 drive bays and 7 expansion slots (2 VESA)
- 102 Enhanced keyboard
- Microsoft® compatible mouse

**£499**  
+ VAT

340Mb Model .....£549 +VAT  
540Mb Model .....£599 +VAT



\*Please note case design may vary  
CD-ROM drive shown is only £70 extra

## MITAC 486DX4-100

### SYSTEM SPECIFICATION

- As above but with
- 486DX4-100 Processor
  - RAM
  - 540Mb IDE hard drive

**£669**  
+ VAT

## CD MULTIMEDIA MODELS

These also include double or quad speed CD-ROM drive, 16-bit stereo sound card and twin stereo speakers.

Double Speed Kit .....£150 +VAT  
Quad Speed Kit .....£200 +VAT

## MITAC 486DX4-100 S

### SYSTEM SPECIFICATION

- 486DX4-100 Processor
- 256K external cache
- 540Mb IDE hard disk
- 8Mb RAM expandable to 64Mb
- Pentium® Technology upgradeable
- 3.5" 1.44Mb floppy drive
- 1Mb VESA bus graphics with Windows accelerator
- 14" SVGA colour screen
- IDE hard and floppy controller
- Parallel, 2 serial, joystick and keyboard ports
- Expandable desktop case
- 4 drive bays and 7 expansion slots (2 VESA)
- 102 Enhanced keyboard
- Microsoft compatible mouse

**£799**  
+ VAT

850Mb Model .....£849 +VAT

## MITAC P75

### SYSTEM SPECIFICATION

- Intel 75MHz Pentium® Processor
- 8Mb RAM expandable to 128Mb
- 850Mb enhanced IDE (Fast ATA) hard disk with 256K hard disk cache
- 256K external SRAM cache
- 3.5" 1.44Mb floppy drive
- PCI Bus with 4 PCI slots
- PCI bus graphics with 1Mb Video RAM and super-fast 64-bit 3 Windows accelerator - the best (other suppliers only offer slower cards with their Pentium systems)
- 14" SVGA colour screen
- Enhanced PCI IDE hard and floppy controller
- Parallel, 2 fast serial and keyboard ports
- Expandable desktop case
- 4 drive bays and 7 expansion slots (3 PCI)
- 102 Enhanced keyboard
- Microsoft compatible mouse

**£999**  
+ VAT

## MITAC P90

### SYSTEM SPECIFICATION

- As P75 model but with
- Intel 90MHz Pentium® Processor

**£1099**  
+ VAT

## MITAC P100

### SYSTEM SPECIFICATION

- As P75 model but with
- Intel 100MHz Pentium® Processor

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1.08Gb Model .....£1249 +VAT

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# Compaq Presario Multimedia PowerStations

## SYSTEM SPECIFICATION

- 486DX2-66 or 486DX4-90 processor
- 8Mb RAM expandable to 64Mb
- 420Mb hard disk
- 3.5" 1.44Mb floppy drive
- Local Bus SVGA graphics
- Compact 3 bay case with 2 expansion slots shown (Standard Desktop model with 3 bays & 3 slots and Mini-Tower Models with 5 bays & 5 slots also available)
- Serial, parallel, joystick, MIDI and mouse ports
- 14" Low radiation NI SVGA colour screen
- 16-bit stereo soundcard, microphone & speakers
- Quad Speed Multisession CD-ROM drive
- Integrated 9600/2400 Fax/Data Modem with telephone answering & CompuServe.
- MS DOS 6.2, Windows® 3.1, Tabworks, Welcome Centre, Control Centre and Learning Centre
- PowerStation Model A features 486/SX2-66, 4Mb RAM and double speed CD

**Compaq Presario PowerStation 4:**  
Pentium 75 Model includes 720Mb hard drive, 256K Cache, Mini-Tower case, PCI Bus graphics but no modem. Rest of specification as above.



## SOFTWARE

Pre-loaded or on CD

- Lotus 1-2-3 v5 spreadsheet
- Lotus Ami Pro v3.1 wordprocessor
- Lotus Approach v3 database
- Lotus Organizer v2
- Lotus SmartPics graphics
- Lotus Training for 1-2-3, Ami Pro and Approach
- New Intuit Quicken v4 personal finance pack
- GST Pressworks 2 desktop publishing pack
- GST Designworks 2 art & graphics pack
- Pacioll 2000 Business Accounts
- Microsoft® Works v3 all-in-one package
- MS Money finance pack
- MS Entertainment pack
- Microsoft Encarta® '95 Encyclopaedia
- EZ Language French, German, Spanish & more
- The Ultimate Human Body

Compaq Presario Multimedia PowerStations provide you with famous brand, high quality solutions for home and business use. Only systems from Time come with additional software including the Lotus Business Suite, GST Graphics & DTP packages and New Quicken v4 personal finance pack. Also included are some excellent CD titles including Microsoft Encarta, EZ Language and The Ultimate Human Body. Most systems feature high quality Quad Speed Multimedia and 486 system also include fax & data modem with answerphone facilities.



Compact Model  
**Presario PowerStation A**  
486SX2-66, 4Mb, double speed **£999<sup>+VAT</sup>**  
**Presario PowerStation 1**  
486DX2-66, 8Mb, quad speed **£1299<sup>+VAT</sup>**



Standard Desktop Model  
**Presario PowerStation 2**  
486DX4-90, 8Mb, quad speed **£1399<sup>+VAT</sup>**



Mini-Tower Model  
**Presario PowerStation 3**  
486DX4-90, 8Mb, quad speed **£1449<sup>+VAT</sup>**



Mini-Tower Model  
**Presario PowerStation 4**  
Pentium 75, 8Mb, quad speed **£1799<sup>+VAT</sup>**

## Compaq

The superb Compaq Contura TFT Colour models with Pace portable modem. Simply the best buy in TFT colour notebooks.

- Intel 486DX-25 processor
- 4Mb or 8Mb RAM
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- Superb VGA TFT colour screen
- Built-in Trackball mouse
- 1.44Mb floppy drive
- All standard ports
- MS DOS 6.2 and Windows® 3.1
- Pace portable fax & data modem with software
- Compaq 3 year warranty

486DX-25 120Mb TFT colour .....£1299  
486DX-25 209Mb TFT colour .....£1499

RAM Upgrade 4Mb to 8Mb .....£155



## Toshiba

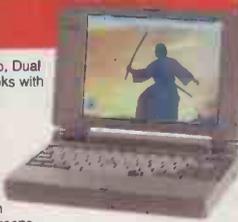
The new T2100 range of Mono, Dual Scan and TFT Colour notebooks with built-in AC adapter.

- Intel 486DX2-50 or 486DX4-75 Processor
- 4Mb or 8Mb RAM
- 260Mb, 320Mb or 520Mb IDE hard disk
- VGA STN Mono, Dual Scan STN Colour or TFT Colour Screens
- Mousepoint mouse & 1.44Mb floppy
- PCMCIA slots and standard ports
- Built-in AC adapter & battery
- MS DOS 6.22 and Windows® 3.11

**T2100 486DX2-50 Models**  
T2100 4Mb 260Mb 9.5" Mono .....£899  
T2100CS 4Mb 350Mb 10.4" DS Colour .....£1699  
T2100CT 8Mb 520Mb 8.4" TFT Colour .....£2149

**T2150 CD 486DX4-75 Models**  
2150CD models include built-in soundcards, speakers, microphone and internal double speed CD ROM Drive! External 3.5" floppy is included.  
2150CDS 4Mb 260Mb CD 10.4" DS Colour .....£2249  
2150CDS 4Mb 520Mb CD 10.4" DS Colour .....£2399  
2150CDT 8Mb 520Mb CD 10.4" TFT Colour .....£2999

4Mb RAM Module (PA2026U) .....£215  
8Mb RAM Module (PA2027U) .....£385  
16Mb RAM Module (PA2014U) .....£875



## Texas Instruments

Texas instruments latest 4000M models with built-in Multimedia. The CD-ROM portable dock option converts it into a full-feature multimedia PC.

- Intel 486DX2-50, 486DX4-75 or 486DX4-100 Processor
- 4Mb RAM upgradeable to 20Mb
- 455Mb or 520Mb IDE hard disk
- VGA Dual scan or TFT colour screen
- 1Mb VESA Video
- Built-in 16-bit Soundcard, microphone and speakers
- Built-in point mouse
- Adaptec fast SCSI-II port
- Optional CD-ROM Drive
- 1.44Mb floppy drive
- PCMCIA I/II and all standard ports
- MS DOS 6.2 and Windows® 3.1

486DX4-75 455Mb Dual Scan STN .....£1799

486DX2-50 455Mb TFT Colour .....£1499  
486DX4-75 455Mb TFT Colour .....£1799  
486DX4-100 520Mb TFT Colour .....£2499

4Mb RAM Module .....£149  
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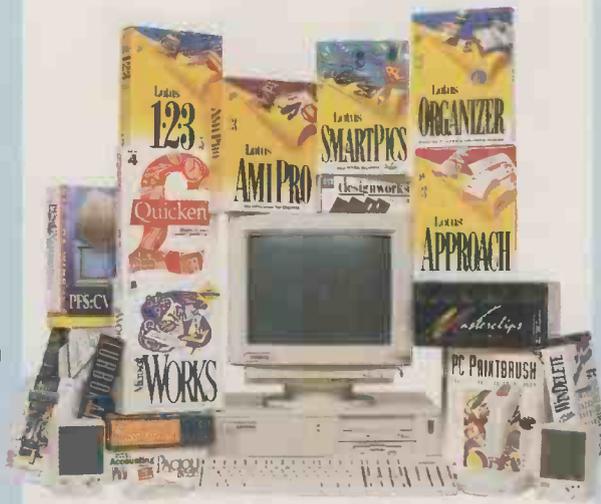


# Compaq Multimedia Time Machines

## SYSTEM SPECIFICATION

- 486DX2-66 or 486DX4-90 Processor
- 8Mb RAM expandable to 64Mb
- 420Mb hard disk
- 3.5" 1.44Mb floppy drive
- Local bus SVGA graphics
- Standard desktop case with 3 bays and 3 expansion slots shown (Compact and Mini-Tower models also available)
- Serial, parallel, joystick, MIDI and mouse ports
- 14" Low radiation NI SVGA colour screen
- 16-bit stereo sound card, microphone & speakers
- Quad speed multisession CD-ROM drive
- Integrated 9600/2400 fax/data modem with telephone answering & CompuServe
- MS DOS 6.2, Windows® 3.1, TabWorks, Welcome Centre, Control Centre and Learning Centre
- PC joystick is included
- Model A features 486SX2-66, 4Mb RAM and double speed CD-ROM drive

**Compaq Time Machine 4:** Pentium® 75 model includes 720Mb hard drive, 256K cache. Mini-Tower case, PCI bus graphics but no modem. Rest of specification as above.



Microsoft® & Additional Multimedia Software

## SOFTWARE

Pre-loaded or on CD  
Please see pages 12 onwards for details

### Business Software

- Lotus Software suite including Lotus 1-2-3, Ami Pro, Approach, Organizer 2, SmartPics and Lotus Training
- GST PressWorks 2 and DesignWorks 2
- TurboCAD for Windows
- Organize Your Way
- CV & Job Search Pro
- Quicken v4 personal finance pack
- Pacioli 2000 Business Accounts
- Masterclips SE and Picture This!

### Educational Software

- Windows® Training and Windelete
- ComputerWorks and AutoWorks
- Fun School 4, Fun School Maths and Typing Tutor

### Leisure Software

- PC Paintbrush
- Arts & Letters Draw and Wired for Sound file
- Doom, Blake Stone, Pinball and Raptor Shareware Games

### Microsoft Software

- Microsoft® Works v3 all-in-one package
- Microsoft Money finance pack
- Microsoft Encarta, '95 Encyclopaedia CD
- Microsoft Entertainment pack
- Microsoft Golf CD
- Microsoft Beethoven CD
- Microsoft Dangerous Creatures CD

### Additional Multimedia Software

- Time Almanac CD
- BodyWorks 3 CD
- EZ Language CD
- Play & Learn CD
- UFO for Windows CD
- Dinosaur Museum CD
- The Ultimate Human Body CD



Compaq Multimedia Time Machines are powerful multimedia systems that come with all the software you are ever likely to need. These systems include extra business, educational and CD multimedia titles not included with some of our other systems. All systems are exclusive to Time Computer

Systems and feature high quality high speed multimedia with a PC joystick as standard. 486 systems also include a fax & data modem with answerphone facilities. These systems are also available on Interest Free Credit and monthly payment examples are shown below.

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Compact all-in-one model features 3 drive bays and 2 slots



Mini-Tower models feature 5 drive bays and 5 slots

### Compaq Time Machine A

**486SX2-66**

Compact Model

420Mb, 4Mb RAM, double speed and Modem

# £399

£156.65 deposit and 24 monthly payments of £58.00 OR  
£612.65 deposit and 24 monthly payments of £39.00  
Total price £1299.00+VAT = £1548.65  
Inc delivery & VAT. APR 0%

### Compaq Time Machine 1

**486DX2-66**

Compact Model

420Mb, 8Mb RAM, quad speed and Modem

# £499

£186.40 deposit and 24 monthly payments of £69.00 OR  
£666.40 deposit and 24 monthly payments of £49.00  
Total price £1549.00+VAT = £1842.40  
Inc delivery & VAT. APR 0%

### Compaq Time Machine 2

**486DX4-90**

Standard Desktop Model

420Mb, 8Mb RAM, quad speed and Modem

# £599

£207.90 deposit and 24 monthly payments of £73.00 OR  
£543.90 deposit and 24 monthly payments of £59.00  
Total price £1649.00+VAT = £1959.90  
Inc delivery & VAT. APR 0%

### Compaq Time Machine 3

(Mini Tower Model) is £50 + VAT Extra

### Compaq Time Machine 4

**Pentium 75**

Mini Tower Model

720Mb, 8Mb RAM, quad speed

# £799

£245.90 deposit and 24 monthly payments of £91.00 OR  
£533.90 deposit and 24 monthly payments of £79.00  
Total price £2049.00+VAT = £2429.90  
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# Multimedia Family PC

## SYSTEM SPECIFICATION

- 486DX2-66, 486DX2-80 or 486DX4-100 Processor
- Massive 540Mb fast IDE hard disk
- 4Mb RAM or 8Mb (optional extra) RAM expandable to 64Mb
- 1.44Mb Floppy drive
- Pentium® Technology Upgradeable
- 32-bit Local Bus SVGA graphics controller
- 14" (monitor shown is 15" digital, available at extra cost) SVGA colour screen
- Desktop case with 4 bays and 7 slots
- 102 Keyboard and Microsoft® compatible mouse
- MSDOS 6.22 and Windows® 3.11
- Made by Mitac in the UK

### Multimedia Hardware:

Double Speed CD-ROM drive (quad speed optional), 16-bit high quality soundcard and Twin stereo speaker system.

Free software with 8Mb RAM models only

**Included FREE for a limited period until end of month**



## PRE-LOADED SOFTWARE

See page 12 onwards for details

### Business Software Suite

- Lotus Software suite including Lotus 1-2-3 Spreadsheet, Lotus Ami Pro Wordprocessor, Lotus Approach Database, Lotus Organizer 2, Lotus SmartPics graphics
- New Quicken v4 personal finance package
- TurboCAD v2 for Windows® CAD & design package

### Training Software

- IMSI Windows Training
- Lotus Training on 1-2-3, Ami Pro and Approach

### Educational Software

- EZ Language French, German and Spanish
- Play & Learn Educational CD

### Leisure Software

- Doom, Blake Stone, Pinball and Raptor Shareware Games
- Wired for Sound Lite

These powerful, high specification 486DX2-66 and 486DX4-100 CD Multimedia Systems provide the complete solution for the home. They all come with excellent business software from Lotus and other leading manufacturers plus a

range of educational and leisure software titles. All are fully multimedia ready with fitted CD ROM drives, 16-bit soundcards and stereo speaker system. At just £798 this is the best home multimedia deal in the UK!

**Multimedia Family PC**

486DX2-66

**£798** +VAT

486DX2-80 £848 +VAT

486DX4-100 £898 +VAT

8Mb models with extra software £160 +VAT

## WHAT WILL IT DO FOR YOU!

Our Multimedia Family PC includes everything you need now and is designed to be upgradeable and future-proof as your needs grow. These are just some of the things you can do:-

### General Business

Lotus Software Suite includes 5 leading software packages with an RRP over £800 that provide all your general business needs for wordprocessing, financial reports, database filing, organizing and graphics.

### Home/Business

TurboCAD is a full-feature CAD package that lets you design your home, garden, floorplans and much more. Quicken personal finance pack manages all your personal accounts

### Training

Training programs show you how to get the most out of your PC with comprehensive training on Microsoft Windows®, Lotus 1-2-3, Lotus Ami Pro and Lotus Approach.

### Education

Play & Learn educational CD provides programs that include essential elements of the National Curriculum whilst Language programs teach French, German and Spanish.

### Leisure

Superb games e.g DOOM come as standard with this PC and a quality Joystick option is available.

### CD Multimedia & Sound

Our Multimedia PC uses the fastest CD ROM drives providing around 650MB of data on each CD! and high quality 16-bit sound with stereo Speaker system. You can also play your standard music CDs

### Fax & Internet Option

Our low cost Fax & Internet option converts your PC into a full-feature fax machine and allows you to connect to services such as CompuServe and the Internet.

## Why Multimedia PC from Time

We are confident that at just £798, our Multimedia Family PC offers the best value in the UK. Here are just some reasons why:-

### 1. 540Mb Hard Drives

Forget 270 or 420Mb drives, 540Mb is the minimum you should consider. Lack of hard disk space is the most common reason for system upgrades.

### 2. Quality Components

Our Mitac systems feature top quality components and are designed to be future-proof and upgradeable.

### 3. Fastest Processors

You should not consider anything less than 486DX2-66 or 486DX4-100 Processors. The 486DX4-100 Processor is faster than the Pentium P60 processor on many benchmarks

and represents the best performance per £.

4. **Lotus Software Suite**  
Lotus Software suite alone has a combined RRP over £800 and is the best collection of business software available.

### 5. Home, Educational & Leisure Software

Quicken v4 Personal Finance, TurboCAD v2 CAD, IMSI EZ Language Training Pack, Paciolli 2000 Business Accounts and Play & Learn Educational Pack are leading packages in each field and allow your PC to be used for these purposes.

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# 486 & 586 PowerStations

## SYSTEM SPECIFICATION

- Intel Pentium® 60, 75, 90, 100 or 120 processor on 526 models
- 486DX2-66, 486DX2-80 or 486DX4-100 processor on 486 models
- 540Mb, 850Mb or 1.2Gb fast IDE hard disks
- 4Mb, 8Mb or 16Mb RAM
- CD-ROM drive (shown) is £100 extra
- 1.44Mb FD. 256K external cache
- Local Bus SVGA graphics with 1Mb or 2Mb Video RAM
- 14", 15" or 17" SVGA NI low rad colour screen with 0.28dp
- Desktop case (new design) with 4 bays and 7 slots
- 102 keyboard and mouse
- MS DOS 6.22 and Windows® 3.11
- Manufactured for Time by Mitac in the UK



## PRE-LOADED SOFTWARE

Included with all systems.

See page 12 onwards for details

- Lotus 1-2-3 v5 spreadsheet
- Lotus Ami Pro v3.1 wordprocessor
- Lotus Approach v3 database
- Lotus Organizer v2
- Lotus SmartPics graphics
- Lotus Training for 1-2-3, Ami Pro and Approach
  - Pacioli 2000 Business Accounts
- GST Pressworks 2 desktop publishing pack
- GST Designworks 2 art and graphics pack
- New Quicken v4 for Windows personal finance package

## Mitac 486 & 586

The Mitac PowerStation is an incredible high performance PC system ideal for the business user and professional. It features fast 486 and Pentium processors with a choice of high performance hard disks, and superb graphics. These systems are very expandable and can be tailored to your requirements with additional CD and multimedia options,

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- Double Speed (standard) or Quad Speed IDE CD-ROM drive
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### Fax & Internet Pack 1

- BAPT approved Data and Fax Modem
- Fax software
- Communications & On Line software

### Multimedia CD Software

- EZ Language Multimedia CD
  - World Atlas CD
  - Play & Learn Educational CD
  - Shareware
- More CD titles available (at extra cost)

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- Intel Pentium™ 100 or 120 (optional extra) processor
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- Quad speed IDE CD-ROM drive
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- Super-fast 28.8 V.34 approved fax & data modem with fax & internet pack
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- 1.44Mb floppy drive
- 16-bit high quality sound card
- Twin stereo speaker system
- PC joystick
- Microphone
- Desktop case with 4 drive bays and 7 slots
- 102 Keyboard and Microsoft® compatible mouse
- MS DOS 6.22 and Windows® 3.11
- Manufactured by Mitac in the UK
- 12m warranty extendable to 5 Years



## PRE-LOADED SOFTWARE

The Ultimate Time Machine comes with virtually all the software listed on pages 12 to 15!

### Business Software

- Lotus software suite including Lotus 1-2-3, Ami Pro, Approach, Organizer 2, SmartPics and Lotus Training
- GST Pressworks 2 and Designworks 2
- TurboCAD for Windows®
- Organize Your Way
- CV & Job Search Pro
- Pacioli 2000 Business Accounts
- Masterclips SE and Picture This!
- Quicken v4 finance pack

### Educational Software

- Windows Training and WinDelete
- Fun School 4, Fun School Maths and Typing Tutor
- Computerworks, Bodyworks and Autoworks
- EZ Language French, German and Spanish

### Leisure Software

- PC Paintbrush
- Arts & Letters Draw and Wired for Sound lite
- Doom, Blake Stone, Pinball and Raptor Games

### Microsoft Multimedia Software

- Microsoft Encarta® Encyclopaedia CD
- Microsoft Works CD
- Microsoft Golf CD
- Microsoft Beethoven CD
- Microsoft Dangerous Creatures CD

### Additional CD Software

- TIME Almanac CD
- EZ Language CD
- Play & Learn CD
- Bodyworks 3 CD
- UFO for Windows CD
- Dinosaur Museum CD



The Ultimate Time Machine is the most powerful PC system you can buy today. This system, manufactured for Time by Mitac comes with a truly incredible specification and high quality components that are ideal for the power user.

Take a closer look at the specification which includes the fastest Intel Pentium™ processors, 1Gb Enhanced IDE hard drives, a minimum of 16Mb RAM, the fastest 64-bit s3 PCI graphics with 2Mb video RAM, superb 17" screen, superfast 28.8 modem, 680Mb tape backup and quad speed full-feature multimedia.

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- 28.8 Fax/data modem
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# Lotus General Business Applications

# Educational And Leisure Software

The following pages describe the software applications which may be included with your PC system. Please refer to the individual system offer to see which applications are included. In most case software is pre-loaded with on-line help with an easy to use menu system enabling you to be productive instantly. Printed manuals and back-up disks are available as options.

We firmly believe that the Lotus Suite of products is the best you can buy at ANY price and we recommend this range for your general business applications.

## Lotus Ami Pro for Windows

Lotus Ami v3.1 for Windows is the latest version of this superb easy to use and powerful wordprocessing package that lets you write letters, produce documents and even write books. It includes advanced features such as advanced spellchecker, Thesaurus, Grammar checker, index/contents generation, 55 style sheets, compatibility with Wordperfect or Microsoft Word documents, outlining, drawing, charting, DTP like page layout plus much more.

## Lotus 1-2-3 for Windows

Lotus 1-2-3 Release 5 for Windows (RRP £ 365 +VAT) multi-dimensional spreadsheet is one of the most flexible applications available and will enable you to do virtually anything with numerical information. Lotus 1-2-3 is the world's most widely used spreadsheet and includes database functions as well as a wide range of scientific and financial ones. Its macro language will enable you to automate operations when performing complicated calculations and it can generate charts or graphs automatically, simply by highlighting an area of data.

## Lotus Approach for Windows

New Lotus Approach v3 for Windows is basically a computerised filing cabinet but with very advanced features which allow you to handle any information with ease. You don't have to be a programmer to use Lotus Approach. Lotus Approach includes SmartMaster templates for popular database applications and Assistants to quickly build your reports, mailing labels, forms, crosstabs and charts. Now anyone can keep comprehensive records of products, customers, members etc.

## Lotus Organizer for Windows

Manager that allows you to manage your time & work. It is effectively your own personal secretary with some very advanced features. The Calendar lets you arrange appointments and confirm meetings. The To Do List helps you keep track of every last detail. The Planner gives the broader picture, making it easier to plan and monitor long term projects. The Address book can store up to 65,000 names, addresses and telephone numbers - all available in an instant. The Notepad lets you jot down free-form ideas.

## Lotus SmartPics for Windows

Lotus SmartPics Graphics consist of the finest Clipart, i.e. high quality images that can cover a wide range of topics and which can be easily incorporated into documents created by a wordprocessor, Spreadsheet, Desktop Publishing or Drawing Package. Use these amazing colourful and versatile images when you need to add that extra sparkle to business presentations, or enhance memos, reports, overheads and handouts. Thirty general business categories include: realistic people, business symbols, international icons, computers, military, medical illustration, backgrounds and memorable cartoons - just to name a few.

## Lotus Training for 1-2-3

## Lotus Training for Ami Pro

## Lotus Training for Approach

Individual Training Packages are provided for Lotus 1-2-3, Lotus Approach and Lotus AmiPro. The packages cover up to the previous version of each of the Lotus products. Lotus On-Line help and Smart-text online documentation covers the latest information on the new Lotus releases.

The PC is quickly becoming the ideal vehicle for education. The latest educational programs provide all the information needed by children and make learning fun. Preloaded software is shown here whilst the CD Multimedia educational and leisure titles are shown on page 15.

## Bodyworks

Bodyworks v3 for Windows is the best selling interactive science adventure that lets you explore the human body. For all the fascinating "inside" information - how the eye sees, the inner workings of the heart, the different stages of pregnancy, experience Bodyworks and discover the miracle of the human machine. Includes colourful, photoquality graphics and vast database lets you study different internal systems (skeletal, muscular, respiratory, reproductive etc). Text and graphics can be exported from this and most other applications to a wide range of printers for creation of customized reports for school and college.

## Computerworks

Computers have revolutionised the way we work, learn and play. Now you can explore the universe of microchips and megabytes on your own computer. From hard disks to software, Computerworks is your high-tech tour guide. Colourful animated graphics and comprehensive information highlight each component of the computer system, including the inner workings of monitor, drives, printers, CD-ROM, mice and other peripherals.

## Autoworks

Explore the world of spark plugs and pistons, fan belts and brakes, all without getting your hands greasy. Three-dimensional animated graphics bring to life the systems, structures and functions of your car with full-view displays, including top and side angles, show entire systems and how their parts interact. -Detailed sections cover: Engine (pistons, timing chain, camshaft, engine block) Drive train (Automatic transmission, Manual transmission, clutch, differential); Steering/Suspension; Exhaust/Emissions control; Fuel system; Cooling system, brakes, Electrical System and much more.

## Fun School for Windows

Fun School 4 for children aged 7 to 11, contains six of the best selling Fun School series which will delight, entertain and, most importantly, educate your children in a wide variety of skills. Each of these programs has been designed by a team of educationalists following guide-lines laid down by the National Curriculum. There are three areas covered by this pack, Mathematics, Geography and History.

## Fun School Merlin Maths

Fun School Maths (Merlin's Maths) has been carefully designed to help children aged 7 and over with simple mathematical concepts and calculations whilst at the same time, having fun playing the six games. Each of the games has three difficulty levels and within each level the questions get harder the longer the child plays.

## EZ Language

Preloaded suite covers French, German and Spanish. EZ Language is the fun and easy vocabulary and pronunciation tutor. In just minutes you'll be learning over 400 new words and phrases. It's like having your own personal language instructor available at your command. See pictures with the words and listen to native speakers' voices. This interactive program makes learning fun, fast and easy. Perfect for travelers, students, and others wishing to communicate in a new language.

## Flying Fingers Typing Tutor

Flying Fingers is an interactive typing course which operates within Windows. It is designed to improve your keyboard skills with the minimum of effort. It's built in family of tutors will give advice, encouragement so that you can develop your word processing skills.

## Arcade/Graphics Games

These leisure titles include some of the best shareware games available. Doom is the ultimate 3D adventure, bringing virtual reality action to your PC. This version includes 9 levels of 3D action and superb graphics. DOOM is the world's best selling graphics game! Also included are Blake Stone, Raptor and Epic Pinball.

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# Other Business Software Applications

In addition to the main-line business application (such as Word-processing, Spreadsheet, Database etc.) there are other programs which are very useful for business and professional use. We have selected the best products to be included with some of our systems.



## GST Designworks v2 for Windows

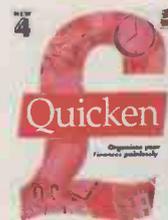
GST Designworks v2 for Windows (RRP £ 149 +VAT) is a powerful drawing package like CorelDRAW that allows you to create logos and other business graphics. Drawings created can also be used in other applications such as a Desktop Publisher or a Wordprocessor.

DesignWorks is the ideal design tool for adding flair and impact to your work. Whether you want to create a logo for your newsletter, add professional graphics to presentations and reports, or create a colourful poster or eye-catching invitation. DesignWorks gives you the power to do all of this quickly and easily.



## GST Pressworks v2 for Windows

PressWorks v2 (RRP £ 149) is a full-feature Desktop Publishing Program (DTP) with a wealth of powerful features and lets you produce full colour reports, memos, presentations, advertisements, brochures and catalogues. In fact, just about any printed page where good presentation is important. PressWorks supports OLE2, text, graphics, colour, word processing, spell check with thesaurus, paragraph styles, powertext, typefaces, templates, language support, clip art, text run-around, typography, photo CD and screen snapshots.



## New! Quicken Uk 4.0 for windows

Quicken is the fastest, easiest way to organise your home and small business finances. It manages bank and credit card accounts, mortgages, loans and investments, in any currency. It calculates VAT automatically and provides detailed analysis with its customisable reports and graphs. Quicken is easy to use and quick to update. Standing orders are entered automatically and your transactions are memorised, ensuring you never have to type an entry twice. From the records you enter, Quicken gives you the 'big picture' view of your finances, using the indicators of your choice. And with this information at your fingertips, planning your financial future is easy!



## AutoRoute Express UK v3 for Windows

Autoroute Express for Windows (RRP £ 99 +VAT) is a colourful, computerised road atlas, with simple-to-read maps and easy-to-follow directions. Forget fumbling with fold out maps or messing with mileage charts. Autoroute takes all the trouble out of travel. Just tell Autoroute when and where you're starting and where you're heading. Just set your driving style and speed. Autoroute takes it from there, showing the quickest routes, fastest routes, country routes, most economical routes - in fact, which ever route is right for you. So before you hit the road on business or head off on holiday, check the route with Autoroute.



## Pacioli 2000 Business Accounts

Pacioli 2000 is a full featured accounting software package that combines ease-of-use with the power and features required by most businesses. Help is given so that people who are not fully fledged accountants, can use this program. Pacioli features eight fully featured modules including Nominal Ledger, Stock Control, Invoicing and Budgeting. This package outperforms many accounting systems costing over £500.



## IMSI TurboCAD v2 for Windows

TurboCAD v2 for Windows (RRP £99 +VAT) is a full-featured desktop drawing and drafting (CAD) software that will have you creating professional drafting, plans and drawing with ease and with incredible speed. It is very advanced and powerful yet very easy to use. Now everyone can do Home Designs (Kitchens, Bathrooms) Business Floorplans, Landscapes and much more. Optional extra libraries of drawings are available for specialist use. Unlike other CAD programs, a maths co-processor is NOT required to run this excellent CAD program.



## Microsoft Office CD Bundle

Microsoft Office CD Bundle consists of excellent Microsoft applications on CD and is available with any system fitted with a CD drive for a small extra charge. Applications include Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Word, Microsoft PowerPoint, Microsoft cc:Mail Licence, Microsoft Works, Microsoft Encarta 95, Microsoft Dangerous Creatures, Microsoft Multimedia Beethoven and Microsoft Golf. Various bundles are available. Please call for details

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## IMSI Masterclips SE

IMasterclips SE Intro is not an application but a collection of drawings. It includes some of the highest quality and creative clip art available. This can be used to highlight and enhance presentations, reports, proposals newsletters and other materials. Images are provided for use with most graphics software applications. The images are full colour and vector art files which allows the graphics to be recoloured, rotated, manipulated, and resized without jagged lines.

## IMSI Windows Training

IMSI Wind Ease allows you learn Windows in less than One Hour. Wind Ease is perfect for beginners, allows you to start with the basic lessons and move to advanced Windows features at your own pace. There are dozens of tips and techniques that even the experienced Windows user can learn from. You will find loads of information on features you may never have used before. You are shown how to Install and use other applications, how to set up printers and fonts, how to create time saving macros, and how to set up and run a DOS application under Windows.

## Arts & Letters Draw

Arts & Letters Draw for Windows is another drawing package that is remarkable easy to use and which has a complete set of drawing tools, allows curve editing, 300 clipart images, 8 True Type fonts, and symbol libraries. WinDelete

## WinDelete

WinDelete is the safe and simple Windows Uninstaller. When windows applications are installed, files may be placed in several directories. WinDelete tracks and logs all the files placed on your hard disk and allows you to uninstall these programs easily thereby making room for new programs and speeding up Windows performance. Incorporates easy point and click options with context-sensitive help.

## Picture This! for Windows

Picture This! is the complete professional image manager and editor for anyone working with any type of images. It is the fastest, easiest way to organize and enhance your images. This one package helps you keep track of your image files; organize them into albums; convert graphics files between popular formats (E.g. BMP, GIF, JPEG, PCX, TIFF and more); capture screen images on your computer; even do professional photo retouching (overlay, edge, sculpt, emboss and adjust colour and sharpness) and special effects. It supports Photo CDs and TWAIN scanners.

## Organize your Way

Things to Do! Places to Go! & People to See!  
Organize your Way v4 for Windows bridges the gap between personal information managers (e.g. Sidekick) and complex contact managers by combining both of these functions to produce an easy, yet powerful information and contact manager. It includes a database, calendar, to-do-list, and a contact manager that offers unmatched ease-of-use and flexibility.

## PFS: CV & Job Search Pro

CV & Job Search Pro for Windows enables you to tackle those job interviews with confidence. Create impressive CVs and cover letters that stand out. It incorporates a flexible CV Builder, a Job Search Manager as well as comprehensive wordprocessing features.  
CV Builder automatically formats entire CV and includes templates for Business, Academics, Recent Graduates and more. Job Search Manager includes prospects database and allows scheduling of interviews and follow-ups.

## PC Paintbrush for Windows

PC Paintbrush for Windows is the latest version of this classic professional painting package that includes very advanced features. This superb package is the ultimate in creativity and lets you create, edit, manipulate, colorize, texturize and Paint anything you can imagine! It ranks as No.6 on the IDC list of best selling software of all time. Other painting programs only give you a small taste of how much fun painting can be. PC Paintbrush is the ultimate and the art form of the future. Includes 87 painting tools; 14 kinds of paintbrushes, 5 kinds of air brushes, 4 spraycans, 6 pens, 4 markers, 4 crayons and much more

# Fax & Internet Packs

# Printer Packs APR 0%



Our Fax and Internet Packs will be very useful to all PC users and we strongly recommend this option to enable you to get the most out of your PC. We offer a choice of 4 packs. All are also available on Interest Free Credit (With IF Systems only). All packs contain:-

### 1. A FAX AND DATA MODEM

- Pack 1:** Includes a V.22 bis Data and Fax modem. This comes complete with powerful Fax and Comms software and provides all the facilities you need.
- Pack 2:** Includes a 14.4 V.32bis internal Fax and Data Modem. This is faster and more suited to prolonged data communications.
- Pack 3:** Includes a 14.4 V.32bis Fax and Data Modem with Voice Facilities. In addition to the Fax and Comms software, this also comes with voice software with automatic switching between Data, Fax and Voice. Your PC can function as a powerful answering machine with multiple mailboxes, a mini-bulletin board as well as a Fax machine and Comms station.
- Pack 4:** Includes a 28.8 V.34bis Superfast Fax and Data Modem.

### 2. FAX SOFTWARE

Powerful fax software included with each modem will convert your PC into a full-feature advanced Fax machine. You can receive faxes from other modems and standard Fax machines. These faxes are saved as a file on your hard disk and the software informs you automatically which faxes have arrived. These can then be looked at. Inserted into other documents, printed or deleted. You can also send faxes created on your PC to other modems and fax machines directly without printing out anything.

### 3. COMMUNICATIONS SOFTWARE

Comms software will allow you to communicate and exchange information and software with other modem users. It will also enable you to link to other computers with access to many on-line services such as CompuServe and also link to the Internet. The Internet is the name given to the Information Super-Highway which consists of many computers all over the world linked together via standard telephone lines. The Internet is essentially a public electronic mailing system but also includes other services. Worldwide communications over the Internet are very cost effective as you only pay local telephone rates.

### 4. MEMBERSHIP OF COMPUSERVE ON-LINE SERVICES WITH INTERNET MAILBOX

- a. CompuServe Introductory Membership for the first month
- b. Usage credit of £10 to explore the chargeable services available
- c. WinCIM Windows Software that allows linking to CompuServe and enables you to use the services easily.
- d. CompuServe user booklet (Membership Guide for Windows)

CompuServe is the leading commercial provider of on-line information for PC users and has more than 2 million users worldwide who can access a huge range of global & local services and electronic mail usually by a local phone call. The range of services is wide and as well as CompuServe commercial and support services, members can also access the Internet (the world wide electronic mail system with mainly public domain services). Here are just some examples of the CompuServe services available:-

- Electronic Mail, Communications and Bulletin Board facilities
- Links to Internet with Internet mailbox
- CompuServe Support Forums with free support & updates provided by major software and hardware companies such as Lotus, Microsoft, IBM and Novell.
- News, Weather and Sports Services which is updated continually and access to Newspapers such as The Daily Telegraph, Guardian, Times etc.
- Travel services with updated information on Airline schedules and fares with flight booking option. Information also provided on world-wide hotel rates, Car hire, AA information on accommodation in UK, and advice on Visas, Immigration etc.
- Electronic shopping allows you to buy virtually anything
- Money matters, Markets and Information Services with data on stocks, commodities and Money Markets.
- CompuServe's on-line brokerage facility allows you to buy and sell
- Entertainment and Games with access to many programs and multiplayer games
- Research, Reference and Health with access to over 900 databases including services such as MEDLINE, and the complete Grolier's Academic Encyclopaedia.

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## Scanners

A scanner allows you to input printed graphics and text into your applications. Logitech hand held scanners provide a convenient way to scan images as graphics files and text into word-processors via OCR software (Optical Character Recognition Software).



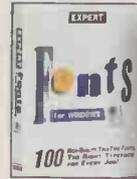
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The new HP DeskJet 540 600 x 300 dpi inkjet printer with flexibility of the option of upgrading to colour later on. Our Pack includes DeskJet 540 Printer with autosheet feeder, 3 year HP warranty, a shielded printer cable and the above software.

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Total price £334.00 + VAT = £410.08 Inc Delivery & VAT. APR 0%.



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New HP DeskJet 850C Pack.....£564

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The Epson Stylus Colour is the only colour InkJet to offer an amazing true 720 x 720 dpi resolution. This colour printer is simply superb, producing crisp text in solid black or colour. If you are looking for the best quality from your printer, this is the printer for you. Our includes Printer with autosheet feeder, 3 year Epson warranty, a shielded printer cable and the above software.



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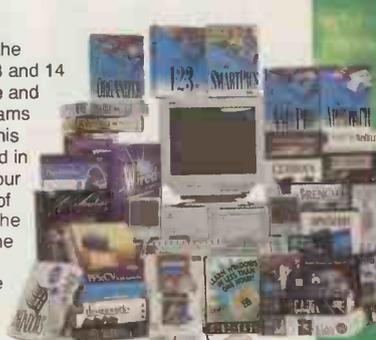
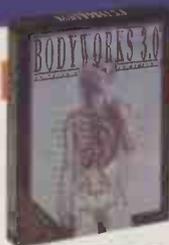
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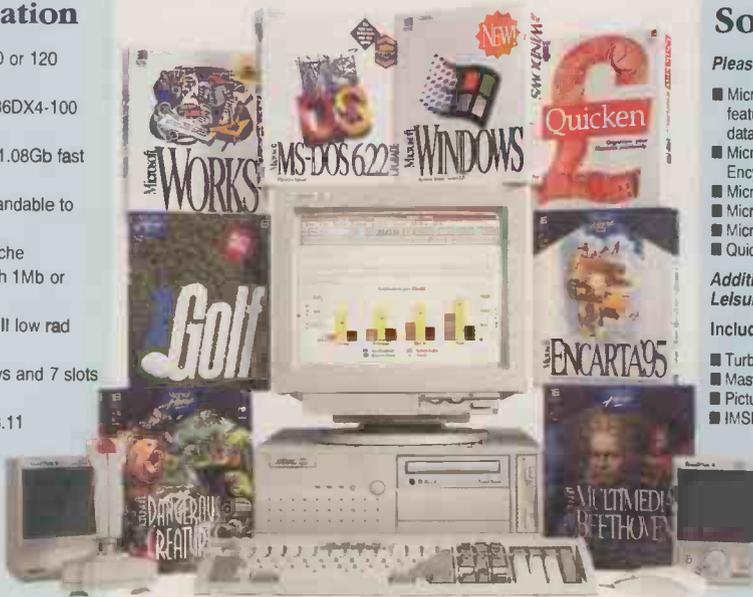
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- 486DX2-66, 486DX2-80 or 486DX4-100 processor on 486 models
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- 1.44Mb FD. 256K external cache
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### Multimedia HardWare

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- 16-bit high quality soundcard
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## Software

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- Microsoft Encarta Multimedia Encyclopaedia CD
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- Microsoft Multimedia Beethoven CD
- Microsoft Multimedia Golf CD
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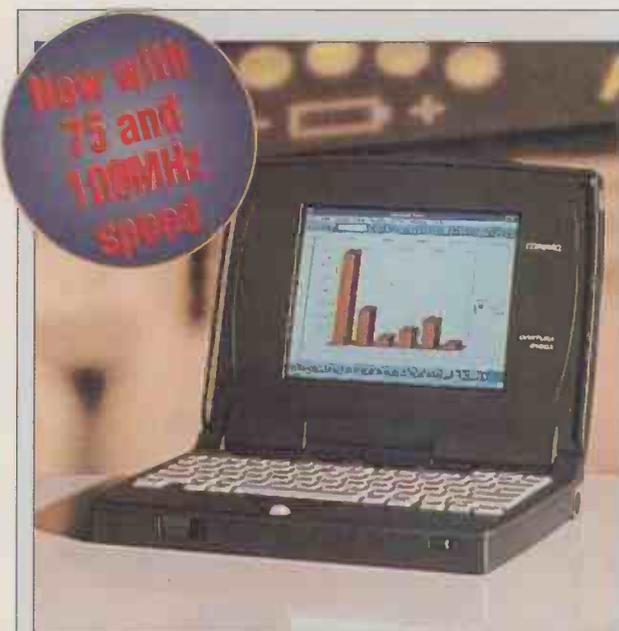
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PROLINEA V3 5/75	8MB/270MB	77345-W	£1199
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BT DF400, Alpine	76117-W *£325
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Panasonic KX-F2400E	93682-W *£299
Panasonic UF-V60	93939-W *£344

Model	Price
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Canon B340	76343-W *£775
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Model	Price
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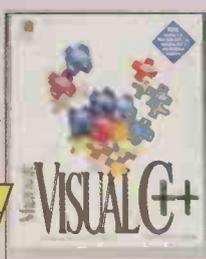
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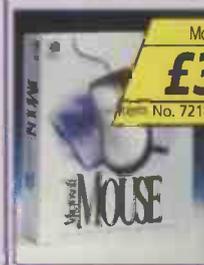
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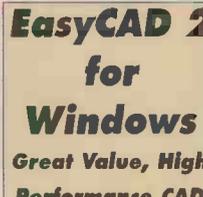
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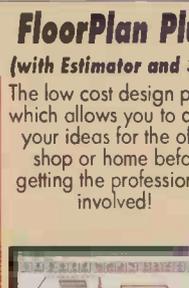
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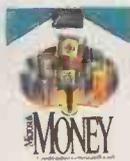
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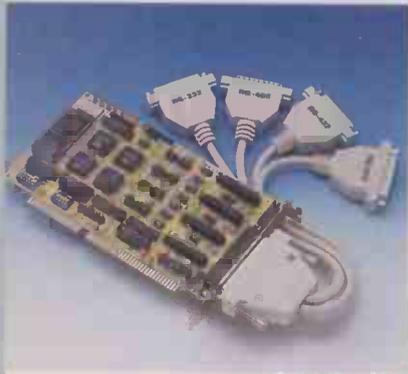
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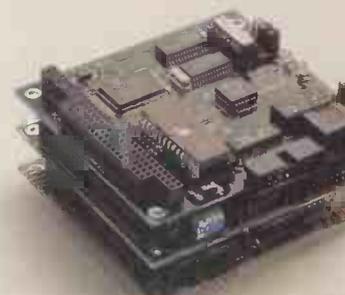
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Adaptec ISA SCSI Master Kit	£220
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Adaptec PCI SCSI Master Kit	£240
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CPU Card 386SX/25	£240
CPU Card 386SX/33	£290
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CPU Card 486DX4/100	£520
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CPU Card 486DX2/66 256K cache	£450
CPU Card 486DX4/100 256K cache	£550

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- ▼ Simple installation
- ▼ No software required

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Rack Mount Kit for 14" Monitor	£250
ISA SVGA Display Card 1Mb	£80
PCI S3 Display Card 1Mb	£90
Rack Mounted Compact Keyboard	£199
Compact keyboard	£60
Standard Keyboard	£40

## Memory Components

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SIMM 1Mb 72pin	£50
SIMM 4Mb 72pin	£140
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Full range of accessories on page 14

## HP DESIGNJET



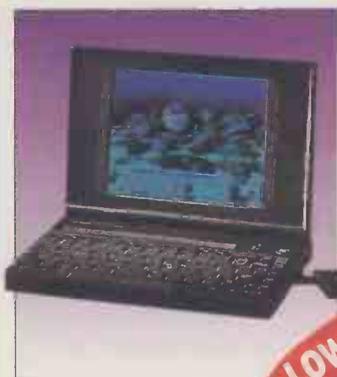
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### HP Omnibook 600

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- ☆ Highly portable
- ☆ 3yr RT-HP warranty

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HP Omnibook 600C	4/50, 4, 170, colour	<b>£1499(a)</b>
HP Omnibook 600C	4/75, 8, 260, colour	<b>£1999(a)</b>
HP Omnibook 4000C	4/50, 8, 340, DSCol	<b>£1799(a)</b>
HP Omnibook 4000CT	4/50, 8, 340, TFTCol	<b>£2099(a)</b>
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QIC-80	R/W	R/O	R/W	
QIC-80XL	R/W		R/W	
QIC-3010		R/W		R/W
Normal Cap.(MB)	170	340	170	340
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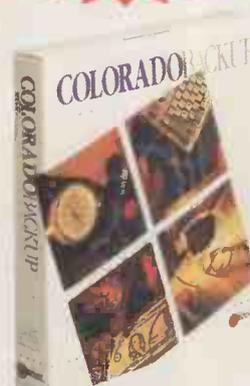
Colorado	3-pk 3M	each	5-pk
DT-250 fme'd	£45	DC2120 unfme'd	£9.75 £45
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VL2 4/50e	4/340/DWW	£719(a)
VL2 4/66e	4/210/DWW	£719(a)
VL2 4/66e	4/340/DWW	£749(a)

### STANDARD RANGE

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VL2 4/50	8/540/DWW	£930(a)
VL2 4/66	8/270/DWW	£899(a)
VL2 4/66	8/540/DWW	£949(a)
VL2 4/100	8/270/DWW	£1040(a)
VL2 4/100	8/540/DWW	£1095(a)
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- ☆ 3 year OSM by HP

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- ☆ Client/Server Applications
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- ☆ PCI, EISA & SCSI-2
- ☆ Drive array options
- ☆ 3 year OSM by HP

### HP NETSERVER LM

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  - ☆ Intel 486DX2 & Pentium® CPUs
  - ☆ EISA, Fast SCSI-2, & IDE
  - ☆ ECC Ram, Hot-Swap array options
  - ☆ 3 year OSM by HP
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HP Netserver	4/66LC-540	8/540/-	£1645
HP Netserver	4/100LC-1050	8/1Gb/-	£1875
HP Netserver	4/100LF-1050	8/1Gb/CD	£2545
HP Netserver	5/66LF-1050	16/1Gb/CD	£2945
HP Netserver	5/66LM-1050	16/1Gb/CD	£3975
HP Netserver	5/100LM-1	16/None/-	£4450

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HP Netserver	4/100LF-1 Array	8/Chassis/CD	£3235
HP Netserver	5/60LM-2000	16/2*1'Gb/CD	£6075
HP Netserver	5/66LM-1 Array	16/Chassis/CD	£4799
HP Netserver	5/66LM2-1	16/None/-	£5599
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- (Prices do not include monitor)

Model	CPU	RAM(MB)	HD(MB)	I/O Bus	Price
HP Vectra VE 5/75	P/75	8	270	ISA	£1039(a)
HP Vectra VE 5/75	P/75	8	540	ISA	£1099(a)
HP Vectra VL 5/75	P/75	8	420	PCI/ISA	£1195(a)
HP Vectra VL 5/75	P/75	8	840	PCI/ISA	£1280(a)
HP Vectra VL 5/90	P/90	8	420	PCI/ISA	£1460(a)
HP Vectra VL 5/90	P/90	8	840	PCI/ISA	£1549(a)
HP Vectra VL 5/100	P/100	8	840	PCI/ISA	£1685(a)

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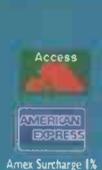
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Model	CPU	RAM(MB)	HD(MB)	Case	Price
4/50	486DX2-50	4	270	3x3	<b>£725(a)</b>
4/66	486DX2-66	8	270	3x3	<b>£939(a)</b>
4/66	486DX2-66	8	420	4x4	<b>£1049(a)</b>
4/100	486DX4-100	8	270	3x3	<b>£1099(a)</b>
4/100	486DX4-100	8	420	4x4	<b>£1265(a)</b>
5/75	Pentium-75	8	270	3x3	<b>£1129(a)</b>
5/90	Pentium-90	8	420	4x4	<b>£1459(a)</b>

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Contura 410	486DX2-50(SL), 4MB Ram, 250MB HD, 9.5" mono STN	<b>£1075(a)</b>
Contura 410C	486DX2-50(SL), 4MB Ram, 350MB HD, 9.5" col STN	<b>£1599(a)</b>
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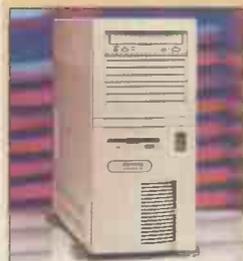


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Model	CPU	RAM(MB)	HD(MB)	Case	Price
4/66	486DX2-66	8	270	3x3	<b>£1099(a)</b>
4/100	486DX4-100	8	270	3x3	<b>£1295(a)</b>
4/100	486DX4-100	8	420	4x4	<b>£1395(a)</b>
5/75	Pentium-75	8	270	3x3	<b>£1475(a)</b>
5/75	Pentium-75	8	420	4x4	<b>£1579(a)</b>
5/90	Pentium-90	8	420	4x4	<b>£1750(a)</b>
5/90	Pentium-90	16	720	5x5	<b>£2100(a)</b>

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- ☆ 3 year On-site repair warranty (via Compaq)

ProSignia 300 5/75	Pentium-75, 16, 1GB, CD-ROM	<b>£2455(2b)</b>
ProSignia 300 5/75	Pentium-75, 16, 2GB, CD-ROM	<b>£2989(2b)</b>
ProSignia 300 5/90	Pentium-90, 16, 1GB, CD-ROM	<b>£2715(2b)</b>
ProSignia 300 5/90	Pentium-90, 16, 2GB, CD-ROM	<b>£3240(2b)</b>

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Proliant	from £4239(a)	ProSignia VS	from £1499(a)

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17" SVGA colour	£675(a)		

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	CPU	Screen	RAM	HD	Price
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ThinkPad 755	4/75	9.5" DSC	4	340	<b>£2968(2a)</b>
ThinkPad 755	4/75	10.4" TFT	4	340	<b>£3339(2a)</b>
ThinkPad 755CE	4/100	10.4" TFT	8	540	<b>£4275(2a)</b>
ThinkPad 755CD	4/100	10.4" TFT	8	540	<b>£5499(2a)</b>
ThinkPad 701CS	4/50	10.3" DSC	4	360	<b>£2595(2a)</b>
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Aptiva 788	4/66, 4, 540, Sp	<b>£885(2a)</b>
Aptiva 792	4/66, 8, 540, Sp	<b>£1055(2a)</b>
Aptiva 798	P/60, 8, 540, Sp	<b>£1345(2a)</b>
MULTIMEDIA		Price
Aptiva 855	4/50, 4, 270, Sp + MMI - Call for spec.	<b>£959(2a)</b>
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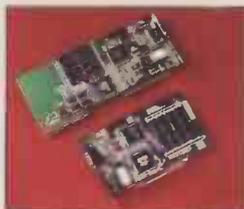


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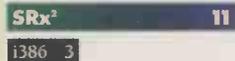


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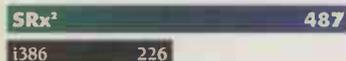


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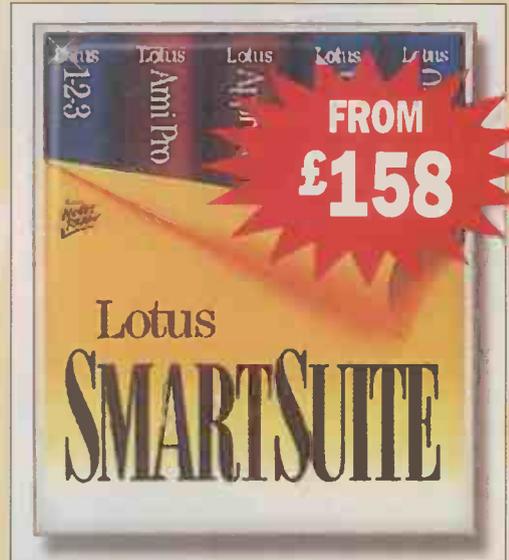
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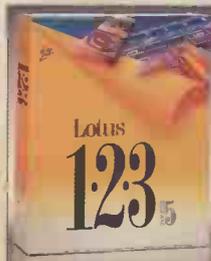
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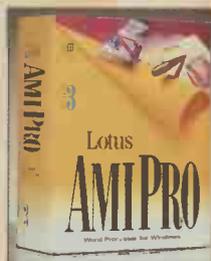
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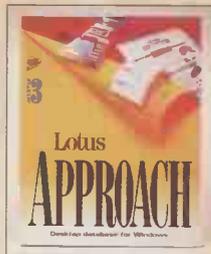
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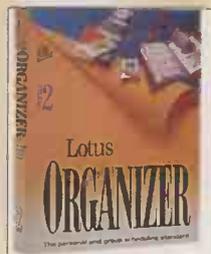
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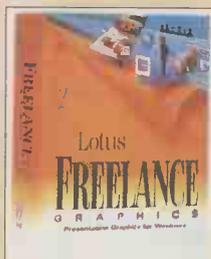
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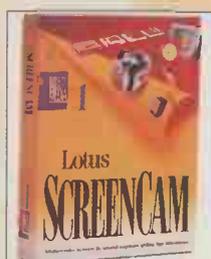
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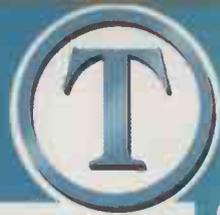
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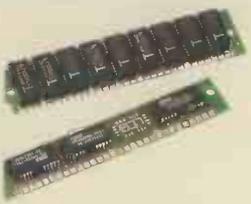
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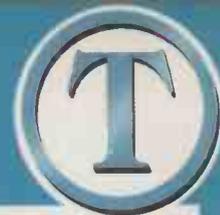


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<b>ST31230N</b>	1050	£349	
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NEC 4xile (NE)	220ms	600kb (4X)	£42 (16b)	Caddy	£229	£359	£271	£401
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Toshiba XM3501 (TS)	170ms	614kb (4X)	YES	Caddy	£229	£289	£289	£349
Toshiba XM3601 (TS)	150ms	660kb (4.4X)	YES	Tray	£219	£289	£264	£341
Toshiba XM5201 (TS)	190ms	510kb (3.4X)	YES	Tray	£134		£195	
Toshiba XM5301 (TS)	190ms	600kb (4X)	YES	Tray	£170		£250	
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Panasonic CR562 (PA)	320ms	300kb (2X)		Tray	£71	(+cables+s/w)	£79	
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Mitsumi FX400 (MT)	230ms	600kb (4X)	YES	Tray	£108		£119	
NEC Quad 4X (NE)	220ms	600kb (4X)	YES	Tray	£130		£141	
Pioneer DRU124X (PN)	150ms	600kb (4X)	YES	Tray	£135		£146	
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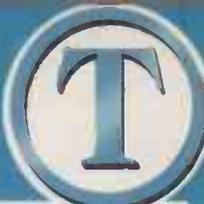


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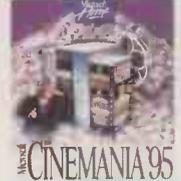
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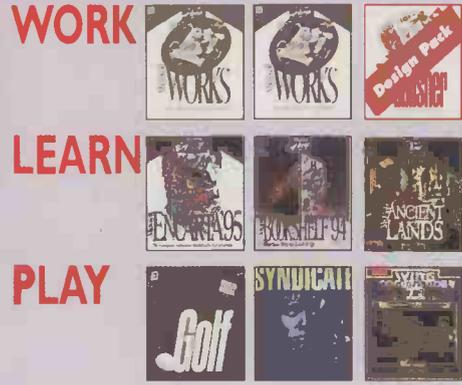
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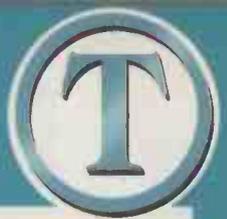
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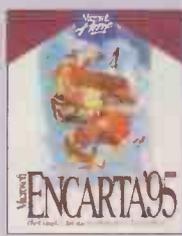
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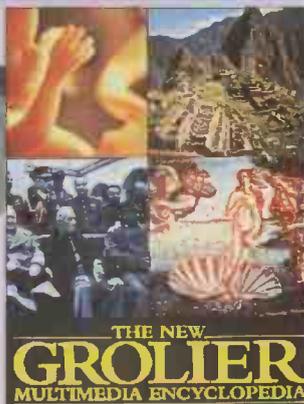
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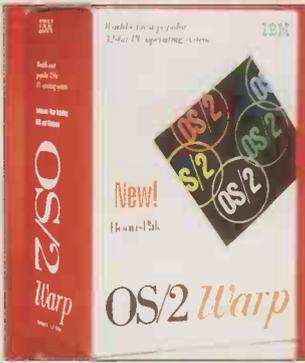
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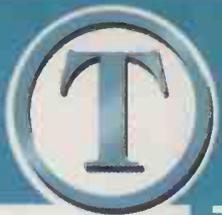
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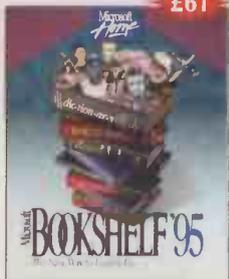
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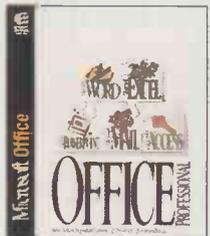
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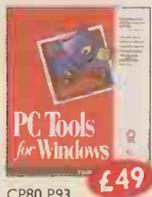
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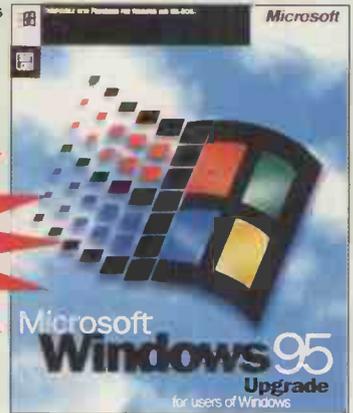
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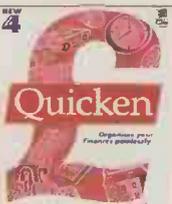
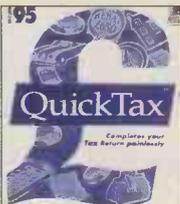
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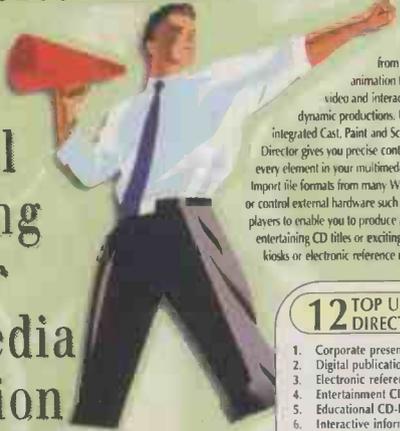
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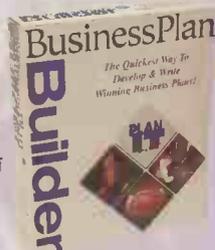
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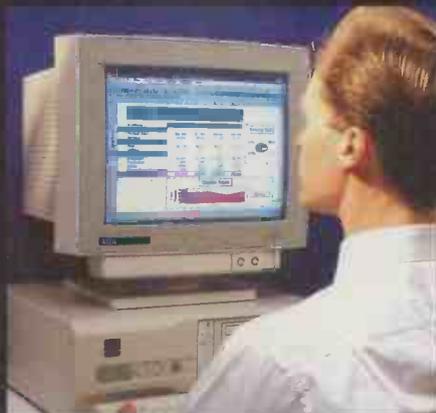


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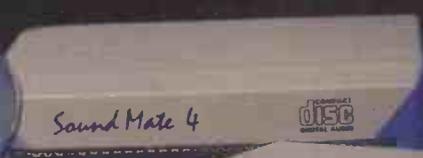
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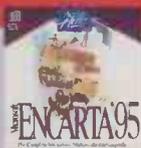
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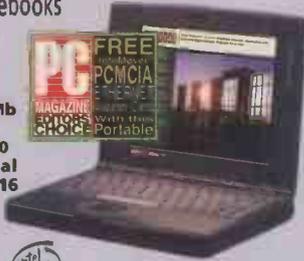
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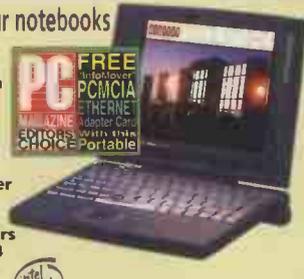


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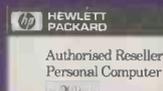
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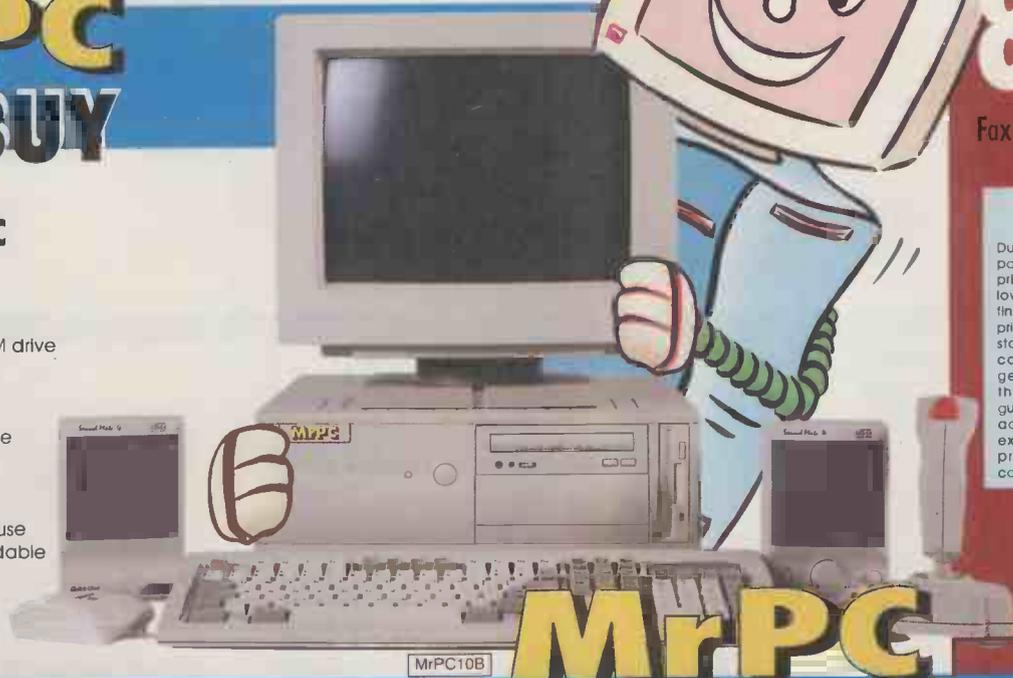
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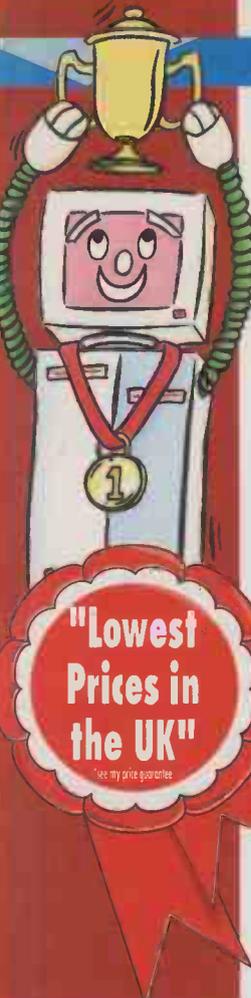
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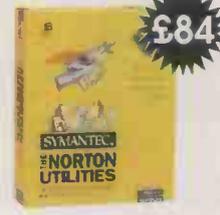
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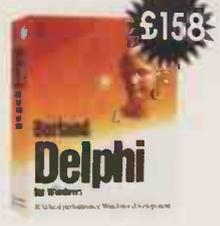
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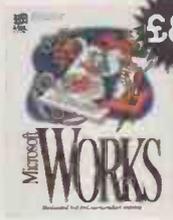
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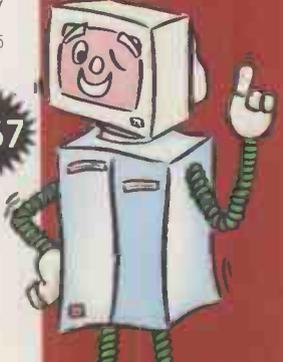
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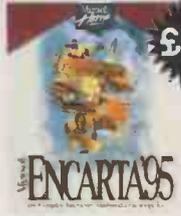
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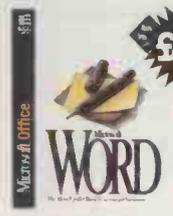
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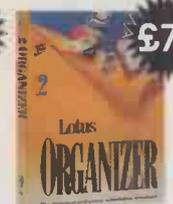
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**VIRUS CHECKED**  
For your peace of mind all Vale PCs are thoroughly virus checked and have Iris Anti-virus software installed.

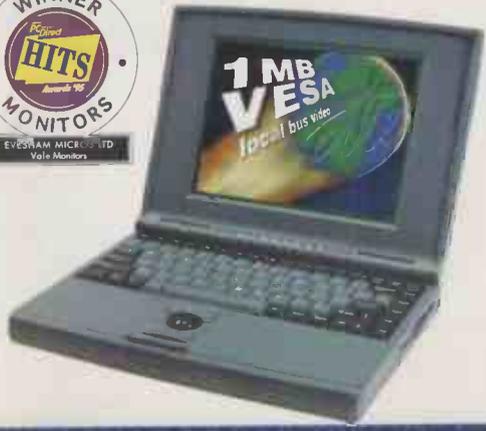
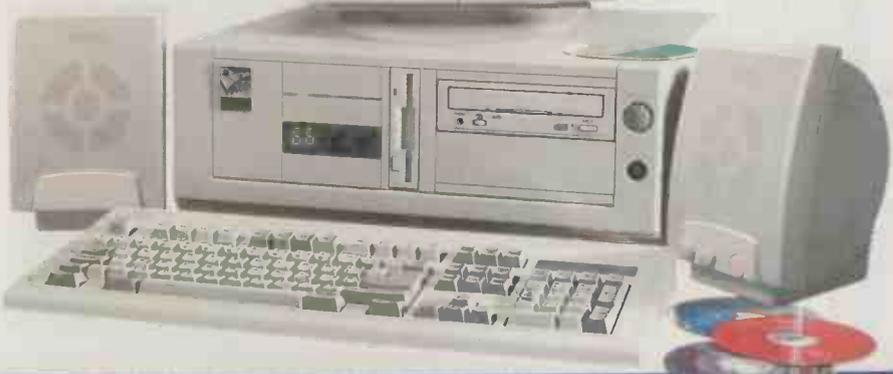
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**'486 PCs**  
We offer a range of '486 desktop PCs from the modestly priced *Popular* models to the top of the range *Premier*.

**PENTIUM MODELS**  
Cost effective Pentium computing is now available from the *Popular* range, while in the *Platinum* range we offer a computer optimised specifically to provide state of the art Pentium performance.

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# Popular PCI

FULL SPEC  
PENTIUM  
FOR ONLY £1079+VAT

**At last PCI becomes a popular standard.**

**The new Vale Popular PCI makes the latest technology available in a highly upgradeable package at a budget conscious price.**

Quite simply most PCs in this price range do not compete with the performance, features and quality of components offered with the Popular PCI. The motherboard is a bang up to date integrated design that incorporates a fast PCI hard disk controller, a ZIF socket for processor upgrades and 256kb cache RAM coupled with the latest energy saving technology.

The Vale Viewsonic 6E monitor is non-interlaced in all modes including 1024x768. More importantly it is able to display SVGA mode (800x600) at 72Hz refresh rate which

is flicker free and does so while using the full screen area (most budget monitors shipped with low cost systems have a huge border which uses up a large percentage of total screen area). It meets the stringent MPR II safety requirements as well as surpassing the EPA Energy Star power saving standard, so you can be assured of a relaxing flicker-free display that is kind to your eyes.

The 1Mb Diamond Stealth SE PCI video card bestows the Popular with astonishingly fast video performance for such a moderately priced computer (see the graph on page 5).

- ◆ Integrated motherboard with Flash BIOS
- ◆ On-board fast PCI hard disk controller
- ◆ ZIF socket for processor upgrades, including Pentium OverDrive\*
- ◆ 4Mb RAM (486 models) or 8Mb RAM (Pentium models) – expandable to 128Mb
- ◆ 256kb external processor cache
- ◆ 2xPCI, 1xPCI/16-bit & 4x16-bit expansion slots
- ◆ 1 EPP parallel port and 2 serial ports with 16550 UART
- ◆ 1Mb Diamond Stealth SE PCI video card
- ◆ Fully non-interlaced 14" MPR II monitor (0.28mm dot pitch)
- ◆ 3.5" 1.44Mb Floppy Disk Drive
- ◆ TÜV approved Power Supply with low noise fan
- ◆ EPA Energy Star compliant ◆ Low profile desktop case – 486 models
- ◆ Standard desktop or mini-tower case – Pentium models (see Premier range)
- ◆ MS-DOS 6.22, Windows for Workgroups 3.11, Mitsumi Mouse and Iris Anti-virus software
- ◆ 102-key Mitsumi keyboard ◆ 30 day moneyback guarantee
- ◆ 1 year On-Site Maintenance for parts and labour
- ◆ Lifetime technical support hotline ◆ Lifetime labour warranty

**— 486 MODELS (4Mb RAM) —**

486DX2-66	486DX4-100
528MB £799+VAT	528MB £859+VAT
1GB £899+VAT	1GB £959+VAT

**— PENTIUM MODELS (8Mb RAM) —**

P75	P90
528MB £1079+VAT	528MB £1169+VAT
1GB £1179+VAT	1GB £1269+VAT

**POPULAR OPTIONS**

- 8Mb RAM instead of standard 4Mb (486) .....£120.00 +VAT
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  - Fully non-interlaced 15" monitor (as Vale Premier) .....£69.00 +VAT
  - Internal High Density 5.25" 1.2Mb Drive .....£49.00 +VAT
  - Second year on-site maintenance .....£69.00 +VAT
  - Second and third year on-site maintenance .....£149.00 +VAT
- PLEASE SEE PAGE 7 FOR VALE ACCESSORIES

FULL SCREEN  
DISPLAY IN  
ALL MODES



A Vale Popular Media '95 PC

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**Popular Media '95**

486DX2-66/528Mb with Media '95 kit (Double speed CD-ROM).

Ready to Ship **£969+VAT**

**Popular Lotus Office**

Pentium P75/528Mb with Lotus Multimedia kit (Double speed CD-ROM).

Ready to Ship **£1299+VAT**

**DIAMOND**  
MULTIMEDIA  
**Stealth SE**  
1Mb video card  
See the Platinum page for details

**Microsoft Media '95**

- ◆ MS Encarta
- ◆ MS Works
- ◆ MS Golf
- ◆ MS Scenes
- ◆ MS Money
- ◆ MS Dangerous Creatures
- ◆ PhotoCD software

With double speed CD-ROM drive **£170+VAT**

With quad speed CD-ROM drive **£220+VAT**

**TWO GREAT MULTIMEDIA OFFERS AVAILABLE WITH ANY VALE PC:**

Like the Vale PCs they are fitted to, our multimedia kits are quality conscious! We definitely do NOT offer any old CD-ROM drive along with a so called "compatible" sound card, a pair of nasty cheap speakers and some end of line software.

- ◆ Choice of Panasonic double speed or Toshiba quad speed CD-ROM drive;
- ◆ Genuine Creative Labs SoundBlaster 16 sound card for great sound and total compatibility;
- ◆ ZyFi 2 amplified stereo speaker system for crystal clear audio;
- ◆ Choice of Microsoft Media '95 software or Lotus Multimedia Office.





# Premier PCI

"Recommended" January 1995

In a group test with PCs from Compaq, Elonex & Hewlett Packard.

"Without hesitation we recommend the Vale Premier from this group."  
Vale Premier Media '95 PC



## The "Recommended" option for serious performance.

If you are looking for a top specification 486 the Vale Premier PCI has class beating credentials.

The secret of success is quality. The Vale Premier range offers high performance, high specification computers that have received top ranking reviews and phenomenal sales success. We have been meticulous in our choice of components in an effort to offer the best value for money. The specification is identical to our equally well received Platinum range with the exception of motherboard and processor.

The Vale EcoScan 15 that is supplied with the Premier and Platinum ranges is a superb quality micro-processor controlled 15" monitor. It's dark non-glare FST screen with 'Edge-to-Edge' display gives as much as 30% greater useable picture area than most 14" models. Complete control over all display adjustments is obtained via an ingeniously simple digital push button system, with on-screen representation of the settings. As it complies with the stringent Swedish MPR II safety standards and can display up to 1024x768 at a flicker-free 72Hz refresh rate it is especially kind to your eyes.

Our careful selection process even includes the keyboard and a Logitech mouse! The keyboard with the Premier & Platinum ranges is a full 102-key unit with proper tactile switches and a sturdy metal base. It has consistently impressed reviewers: "...almost traditional in its weight and touch. A deeply desirable device." Computer Buyer, June 1994.

- ◆ Integrated motherboard with Flash BIOS
- ◆ On-board fast PCI hard disk controller
- ◆ Type 3 ZIF socket for processor upgrades, including Pentium OverDrive®
- ◆ 8Mb RAM (expandable to 128Mb)
- ◆ 256kb external processor cache
- ◆ 2xPCI, 1xPCI/16-bit & 4x16-bit expansion slots
- ◆ 1 EPP parallel port and 2 serial ports with 16550 UART
- ◆ 2Mb Diamond Stealth 64DRAM 64-bit PCI video card
- ◆ Microprocessor controlled 15" non-interlaced 0.28mm dot pitch monitor
- ◆ 3.5" 1.44Mb Floppy Disk Drive
- ◆ TÜV approved Power Supply with low noise fan
- ◆ EPA Energy Star compliant
- ◆ Choice of desktop or mini-tower case
- ◆ Full-tower case available at extra cost
- ◆ 102-key tactile keyboard
- ◆ MS-DOS 6.22, Windows for Workgroups 3.11, Logitech Mouse and Iris Anti-virus software
- ◆ 30 day moneyback guarantee
- ◆ 1 year On-Site Maintenance for parts and labour
- ◆ Lifetime technical support hotline
- ◆ Lifetime labour warranty

486DX2-66	486DX4-100
528MB £1049 <sup>+VAT</sup>	528MB £1109 <sup>+VAT</sup>
1GB £1149 <sup>+VAT</sup>	1GB £1209 <sup>+VAT</sup>

### PREMIER OPTIONS

16Mb RAM instead of standard 8Mb	£240.00 +VAT
32Mb RAM instead of standard 8Mb	£600.00 +VAT
1Gb SCSI hard disk instead of 1Gb IDE	£229.00 +VAT
2Gb SCSI hard disk instead of 1Gb IDE	£580.00 +VAT
Diamond Stealth 64VideoRAM card (2Mb)	£100.00 +VAT
Diamond Stealth 64VideoRAM upgrade to 4Mb	£130.00 +VAT
Double speed CD-ROM drive	£89.00 +VAT
Quad speed CD-ROM drive	£119.00 +VAT
Internal high density 5.25" 1.2Mb Drive	£49.00 +VAT
Full-Tower case	£50.00 +VAT
Second year on-site maintenance	£69.00 +VAT
Second and third year on-site maintenance	£149.00 +VAT

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### Premier MEDIA '95

486DX2-66/528Mb with Media '95 kit (Quad speed CD-ROM).

Ready to Ship **£1269<sup>+VAT</sup>**



We offer a full range of multimedia packs and products, any of which can be specified with your Vale PC, see page 9 of our advert for full details. Please note that bundled software does not feature full retail packaging. When ordering double speed CD-ROM installations in Vale computers the Panasonic CR-571 enhanced IDE drive may be used.

### Premier Lotus

486DX2-66/528Mb with Lotus Multimedia kit (Quad speed CD-ROM).

Ready to Ship **£1319<sup>+VAT</sup>**



- ◆ Lotus 1-2-3, Lotus AmiPro, Lotus Approach, Lotus Screencam, Lotus Smartpics
- ◆ Software Toolworks Grolier Encyclopaedia for 1995 - version 7
- ◆ FIFA International Football, Supervoice, Dragon Lore, MegaRace, Theme Park
- ◆ Professor Windows, Professor Training Suite, Professor Multimedia, Typing Tutor
- ◆ Pilot Multimedia including 'Interlude' and 'Get Organized'

**NO DEPOSIT  
PERSONAL FINANCE**

Example: Premier Lotus  
Multimedia Office PC  
(Cash price £1349.83 inc VAT).

**£55.39<sup>inc VAT</sup>**  
per month. No deposit.  
36 monthly payments.  
APR 18.5%. Total payable  
£1994.04 inc VAT.

**DIAMOND**  
MULTIMEDIA  
Stealth 64DRAM  
2Mb video card  
See the Platinum page for details

A Vale Premier Media '95 PC

"Recommended" March 1995

"When you take into consideration the price and the one year on-site warranty, the Vale offers excellent value for money."  
Vale Premier



### BUSINESS FINANCE

Example: Lease the Premier Lotus Multimedia Office PC for

**£46.69<sup>+VAT</sup>** per month.  
3 year term, payable quarterly.

15" MONITOR  
WITH EASY TO  
USE DIGITAL ON-  
SCREEN SETTINGS

### MONITOR UPGRADES

17" CTX SVGA colour, see Platinum plus page	£229.00 +VAT
17" Panasonic TX-D1732 SVGA colour, illustrated on Platinum page	£299.00 +VAT
17" Idek iiyama Vision Master SVGA colour (see Platinum Editors' Edition)	
PC Magazine "Editors' Choice" April 1995	£379.00 +VAT
20" Tatung SVGA	£699.00 +VAT
21" Idek iiyama SVGA colour (up to 92kHz scan, 1600x1200 max)	£1149.00 +VAT

# Lotus MULTIMEDIA Office



With double speed CD-ROM drive  
**£220<sup>+VAT</sup>**

With quad speed CD-ROM drive  
**£270<sup>+VAT</sup>**

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# Platinum PC



January 1995  
Vale Platinum  
Media '95 PC

## Vale Platinum... the Editors' Choice - twice!

Four 1995 magazine accolades already - stunning success for a stunning performer.

A true giant killing act, the Vale Platinum has already received four magazine accolades this year including the highly prestigious PC Magazine "Editors' Choice" on two occasions!! This is no mean feat; both times computers from 30 different manufacturers, including the giants of the industry, were compared and examined in minute detail. The only computer to earn the title "Editors' Choice" was the Vale Platinum. At our attractive prices there is no need to compromise.

- ◆ Pentium® processor, upgradeable via Intel socket 5
- ◆ Integrated motherboard with 2x PCI, 1xPCI/16-bit & 4x16-bit expansion slots
- ◆ 256kb external CPU write-back cache
- ◆ 8Mb RAM (expandable to 128Mb)
- ◆ Fast PCI IDE hard disk controller (528Mb and 1Gb IDE models)
- ◆ Flash BIOS ◆ EPP and ECP capable printer port
- ◆ Two 16550 compatible UART driven high speed serial ports
- ◆ Diamond Stealth 64DRAM 2Mb 64-bit video card
- ◆ Microprocessor controlled 15" non-interlaced monitor (as Premier range, see previous page)
- ◆ Full Microsoft Windows 95 'plug and play' support
- ◆ 3.5" 1.44Mb Floppy Disk Drive
- ◆ TÜV approved Power Supply with low noise fan
- ◆ CPU cooling fan ◆ EPA Energy Star compliant
- ◆ 102-key tactile keyboard (as Premier range)
- ◆ MS-DOS 6.22, Windows for Workgroups 3.11, Logitech Mouse and Iris Anti-virus software
- ◆ Choice of desktop or mini-tower case
- ◆ Full-tower case available at extra cost
- ◆ 30 day moneyback guarantee
- ◆ 1 year On-Site Maintenance (next working day response) for parts and labour
- ◆ Lifetime technical support hotline
- ◆ Lifetime labour warranty



"The Evesham Vale Platinum delivers excellent performance, a good feature set and an affordable price—a combination which is the hallmark of a PC Magazine Editors' Choice. In a market where compromise is all too common, the Evesham Vale Platinum is a winner." **January 1995**



"The Platinum took the top spot in our performance tests. The Diamond Stealth video system had a chance to show its true colours...Not only is the Platinum a top class machine, it's also good value for money." **February 1995 Vale Platinum P90**



"The combination of an excellent multimedia platform and high all-round DOS and Windows performance, at a good price, makes the Vale Pentium an excellent multimedia PC, and a worthy Editors' Choice" **May 1995**

- Vale Platinum P90 with:
- ◆ Diamond Stealth 64VRAM video upgrade
  - ◆ Panasonic CM-17MCR monitor upgrade
  - ◆ Toshiba XM-5302B quad speed CD-ROM
  - ◆ Creative Labs SoundBlaster AWE32 sound card and Zyi 2 speaker system

### NO DEPOSIT PERSONAL FINANCE

Example: Buy the Platinum Lotus Multimedia Office PC (1Gb)  
(Cash price £1949.33 inc VAT).

**£69.66 inc VAT per month.**  
No deposit. 36 monthly payments. APR 18.5%.  
Total payable £2507.76 inc VAT.

### BUSINESS FINANCE

Example: Lease the Platinum Lotus Multimedia Office PC (1Gb) for

**£58.73 + VAT per month.**  
3 year term, payable quarterly.

**Platinum Media '95**

P90 model with Media '95 kit (Quad speed CD-ROM).

528Mb..£1509 +VAT    1Gb..£1609 +VAT

**Platinum Lotus Multimedia Office**

P90 model with Lotus Multimedia kit (Quad speed CD-ROM).

528Mb..£1559 +VAT    1Gb..£1659 +VAT

**P75**

528MB	£1199 +VAT
1GB	£1299 +VAT
2GB	£1879 +VAT

**P90**

528MB	£1289 +VAT
1GB	£1389 +VAT
2GB	£1969 +VAT

**PT20**

528MB	£1519 +VAT
1GB	£1619 +VAT
2GB	£2199 +VAT

**PLATINUM OPTIONS**

16Mb RAM instead of standard 8Mb	£240.00 +VAT
1Gb SCSI hard disk instead of 1Gb IDE	£229.00 +VAT
Diamond Stealth 64VideoVRAM card (2Mb)	£100.00 +VAT
Diamond Stealth 64VideoVRAM upgrade to 4Mb	£130.00 +VAT
Double speed CD-ROM drive	£89.00 +VAT
Quad speed CD-ROM drive	£119.00 +VAT
Internal high density 5.25" 1.2Mb Drive	£49.00 +VAT
Full-Tower case	£50.00 +VAT
Second year on-site maintenance	£69.00 +VAT
Second and third year on-site maintenance	£149.00 +VAT

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**MONITOR UPGRADES**  
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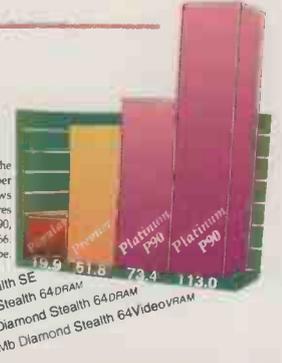
## Why Diamond Video Cards ?

The highly acclaimed Stealth range has won many press accolades including the coveted PC Magazine "Editors' Choice". Now a new range of stealth cards is available, giving a wide choice of graphics performance. They are all based around S3 chipsets for superb Windows acceleration as well as class leading DOS performance, and come with the renowned InControl Tools utility for setting up the Windows environment. Remember that Diamond are continually striving to optimise the performance and compatibility of their video cards; and you therefore have the assurance that driver support is ongoing.

- STEALTH SE (Vale Popstar).** The latest addition to the range continues the tradition of delivering the best price/performance available. It displays 24-bit True Colour at 640x480 with 1Mb DRAM or at 800x600 with 2Mb DRAM.
- STEALTH 64DRAM (Vale Premier and Platinum).** The Stealth 64DRAM is the world's fastest DRAM accelerator, its S3 Vision864 controller setting a new standard in affordable 64-bit graphics performance. Supplied with full AutoCAD drivers.
- STEALTH 64VideoVRAM (Option).** The new Stealth 64VideoVRAM is the ultimate graphics and video accelerator. It is supplied with full AutoCAD drivers and its 2Mb high speed VRAM can be expanded to 4Mb, giving 24-bit colour at 1280x1024!
- It has driver support for all popular video formats, including MPEG - you can scale video playback up to full screen, or view video clips in full-motion (30 fps). The optional Motion Video Player accessory provides hardware MPEG decoding, allowing full-screen full-motion video, as well as accepting video input from camcorder, VCR, laserdisk etc.



Source: PC Labs Winmark 3.1. The figures represent megapixels per second over a variety of Windows related tasks. Last two figures produced on a Vale Pentium P90, all others on a Vale 486dx2-66. Figures vary with processor type.



A Vale Platinum P90 PC with the optional Panasonic 17" monitor and Panasonic CD-ROM drive



May 1995



# Platinum PCI



## Vale Platinum Editor's Edition... the Editors' Choice – three times!

A Vale Platinum P90 Multimedia PC has just received a 2nd PC Magazine "Editors' Choice". We are so proud of our winning PC that we have decided to commemorate its success by producing a limited edition of 500 machines, individually numbered, built around the winning specification. Not content with two Editors' Choice awards we have added the Idek iiyama Vision Master 17" monitor, itself the proud owner of an "Editors' Choice" award. With an unprecedented Ed-count of three, and a saving over our normal price, we are sure this is a classic in the making!

### The Platinum Editors' Edition features the following upgrades:

- ◆ 90MHz Pentium® processor
- ◆ 1Gb IDE hard disk ◆ 16Mb RAM
- ◆ Diamond Stealth 64 VideovRAM 2Mb PCI video card
- ◆ Idek iiyama Vision Master 17" microprocessor controlled non-interlaced monitor
- ◆ Toshiba XM5302-B Quad Speed CD-ROM drive
- ◆ Zy-Fi 2 PRO amplified stereo speaker system
- ◆ Genuine Creative Labs SoundBlaster AWE32 sound card
- ◆ Media '95 software bundle

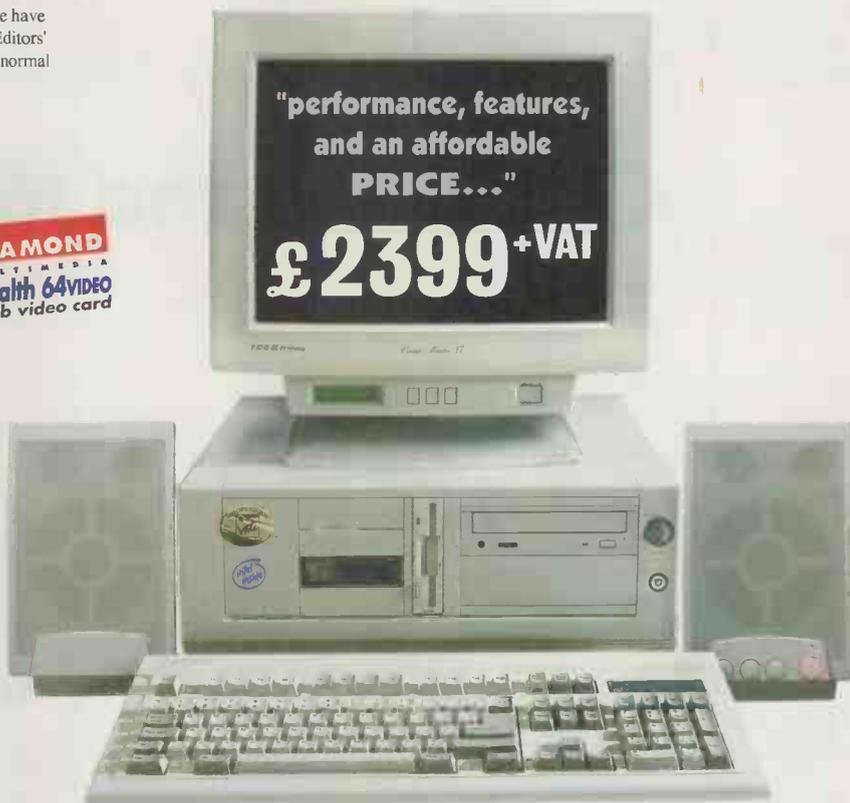
**DIAMOND**  
MULTIMEDIA  
Stealth 64VIDEO  
2Mb video card



"At 86 kHz, the Vision Master 17's rated maximum horizontal scanning frequency was the highest of all 21 monitors we reviewed. This means that for any given screen resolution it should be able to support a higher refresh rate than the competition. Image quality is excellent up to 1,024 x 768, with a bright and sharp display showing consistent colour registration, good power supply regulation and minimal ghosting or streaking." **April 1995**

"performance, features,  
and an affordable  
PRICE..."

**£2399+VAT**



A Vale Platinum P90 Editors' Edition PC with Idek 17" monitor, Toshiba CD-ROM drive and Zy-Fi 2 PRO speakers.

### OPTIONS

120MHz CPU upgrade .....	£230.00 + VAT
1Gb SCSI hard disk instead of 1Gb IDE .....	£229.00 + VAT
2Gb SCSI hard disk instead of 1Gb IDE .....	£580.00 + VAT
Video card upgrade to 4Mb VRAM .....	£130.00 + VAT
Internal high density 5.25" 1.2Mb Drive .....	£49.00 + VAT
Full-Tower case .....	£50.00 + VAT
Second year on-site maintenance .....	£69.00 + VAT
Second and third year on-site maintenance .....	£149.00 + VAT

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# Platinum plus PCI

## Vale Platinum plus offers the following enhancements over the standard Platinum:

- ◆ Pentium® processor, upgradeable to 133MHz via Intel socket 7
- ◆ Enhanced IDE mode 4 hard disk controller and drive, giving huge performance increase (1Gb models)
- ◆ Fast SCSI-2 hard disk (2Gb models)
- ◆ 16Mb RAM, upgradeable to 512Mb
- ◆ Support for EDO RAM
- ◆ CTX 17" microprocessor controlled monitor (75Hz flicker free at 1024x768)

### P90

1GB £1749+VAT  
2GB £2329+VAT

### P120

1GB £1979+VAT  
2GB £2559+VAT

### MONITOR UPGRADES

17" Idek iiyama Vision Master SVGA colour (see Platinum Editors' Edition)  
PC Magazine "Editors' Choice" April 1995 ..... £150.00 + VAT  
20" Tatung SVGA ..... £470.00 + VAT  
21" Idek iiyama SVGA colour (up to 92kHz scan, 1600x1200 max) ..... £920.00 + VAT



The CTX 17" monitor supplied with the Vale Platinum plus

## Platinum plus MEDIA '95

P90/1Gb with Media '95 kit (Quad speed CD-ROM).

Ready to Ship **£1969+VAT**

## Platinum plus Lotus Office

P90/1Gb with Lotus Multimedia kit (Quad speed CD-ROM).

Ready to Ship **£2019+VAT**

### NO DEPOSIT PERSONAL FINANCE

Example: Buy the Platinum plus P90

Lotus Multimedia Office PC

(Cash price £2372.33 inc VAT).

**£84.78 inc VAT per month.**

No deposit. 36 monthly payments. APR 18.5%.

Total payable £3052.08 inc VAT.

### BUSINESS FINANCE

Example: Lease the Platinum plus P90

Lotus Multimedia Office PC for

**£71.47+VAT per month.**

3 year term, payable quarterly.







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# TWO GREAT MULTIMEDIA BUNDLES

OFFERED WITH A VARIETY OF PACKS



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**Microsoft Works** The integrated productivity suite: Word Processor, Spreadsheet, Database, Graphics, Communications.

**Microsoft Golf** Experience the true-to-life challenges of the game of golf.

**Microsoft Scenes** Superb screen saver.

**Microsoft Money** All you need to take control of your finances.

**Microsoft Dangerous Creatures** See extraordinary creatures come to life in more than 100 exciting narrated videos.

**PhotoCD software.**



**Superb Lotus Suite:**

- Lotus 1-2-3
- Lotus AmiPro
- Lotus Approach
- Lotus Screencam
- Lotus Smartpics



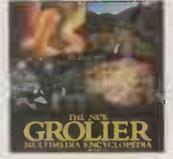
**Top Games Titles:**

- Superoice, Dragon Lore, MegaRace, Theme Park, FIFA International Soccer



**Grolier Encyclopaedia:**

- Software Toolworks Grolier Encyclopaedia for 1995 - version 7



**Plus:**

- Professor Windows, Professor Training Suite, Professor Multimedia, Typing Tutor, Pilot Multimedia including 'Interlude' and 'Get Organized'

See the CD-ROM drives (below and right) for details of the complete packs. When ordering please quote pack number. We recommend a minimum 486sx33 system for these packs. Please note that bundled versions of software and sound cards are not full retail packs, and the software features on-line documentation.

## PANASONIC CD-ROM DRIVE

CR-562 Double Speed, multi-session drive

limited offer at only **£62.99+VAT**

Includes cables and driver software



- 1E** £70.00+VAT CR-562 with AT-bus driver card
- 1F** £99.99+VAT CR-562 bundled with Soundplus 16 card

- Double speed 300kb/sec data transfer rate
- Multi-session mechanism - compatible with Kodak Photo CD Standard
- Motorised loading tray - no need for a caddy
- High speed 320ms access
- White book (CDi) compatible for video CDs
- MPC compatible
- Mounts in 5.25" drive bay
- Output from audio CDs via headphone socket
- Requires SoundBlaster or compatible card with Panasonic CD Interface

- 1C** £139.99+VAT CR-562 with genuine SoundBlaster 16 ASP card

**SPECIAL OFFER!** "Software Toolworks Grolier Encyclopaedia for 1994 - Version 6" with any of our multimedia packs for only... **£15+VAT**

## PANASONIC CR-562 MULTIMEDIA PACKS

Complete multimedia packs featuring the Panasonic CR-562 with a genuine SoundBlaster 16 sound card, ZyFi 2 active speakers, and either of our two software bundles. The speakers can be upgraded to ZyFi 2 PROs for a surcharge of £20+VAT.



- 7C** £150.00+VAT CR-562 with Media '95 pack, ZyFi2 speakers and Soundplus 16 card
- 7B** £190.00+VAT CR-562 with Media '95 pack, ZyFi2 speakers & genuine SoundBlaster 16 ASP
- 9C** £200.00+VAT CR-562 with Lotus Multimedia Office, ZyFi 2 speakers and Soundplus 16 card
- 9B** £240.00+VAT CR-562 with Lotus Multimedia, ZyFi2 speakers & genuine SoundBlaster 16 ASP

## CREATIVE LABS, INC.

- SoundBlaster 16 Value pack**..... £67.00+VAT with Panasonic only CD-ROM interface
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- SoundBlaster AWE32 Value card**..... £135.00+VAT Integrated design combining SB16 MCD with WaveBlaster. Bringing the power of Advanced WaveEffects Synthesis Has 512kb RAM (not upgradeable) for sampling.
- SoundBlaster AWE32 card** - as above but with Advanced Signal Processing chip, and 512kb RAM (upgradeable to 28Mb with SIMMs)..... £179.00+VAT
- MIDI Kit**..... £59.00+VAT
- VideoBlaster SE** The ultimate in video versatility for multimedia computing for only..... £189.00+VAT
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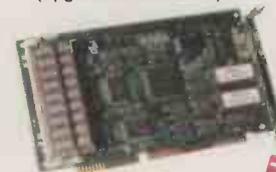


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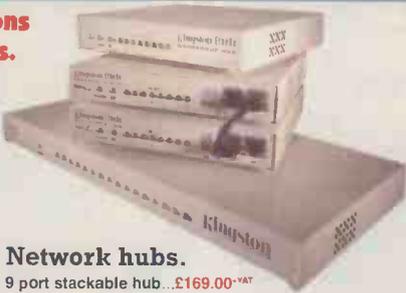
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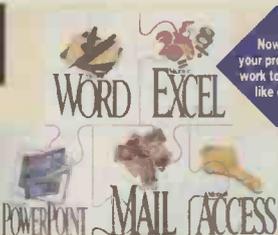
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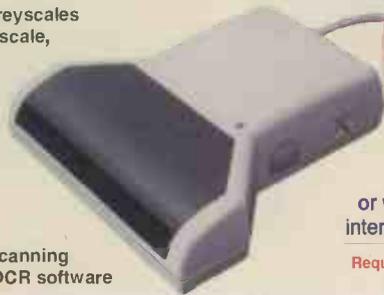
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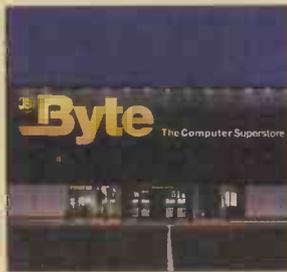
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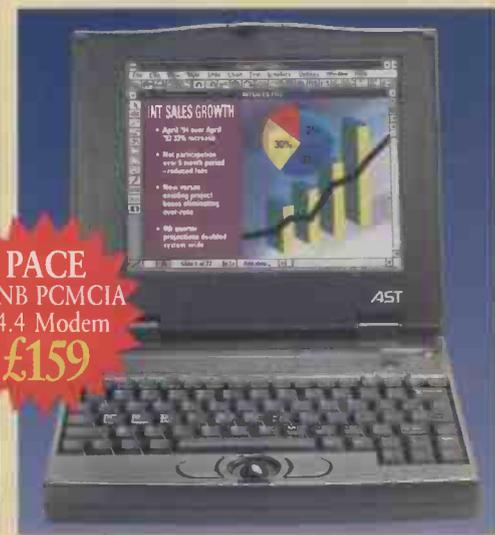
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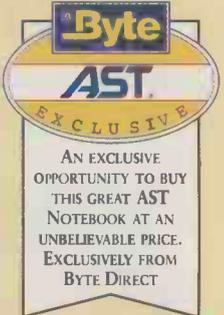
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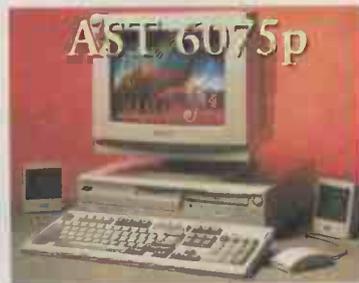
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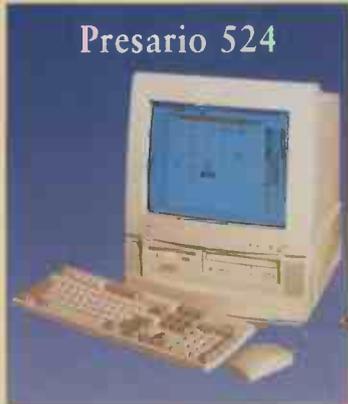
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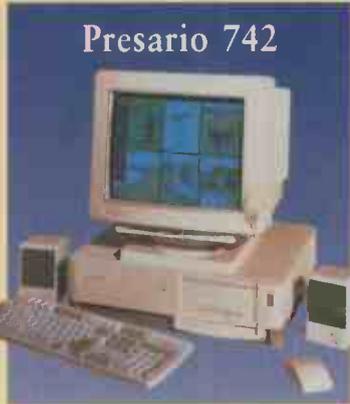
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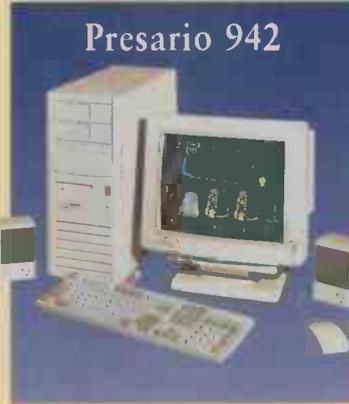
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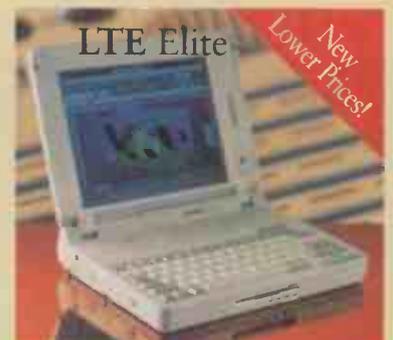
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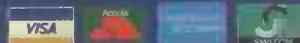


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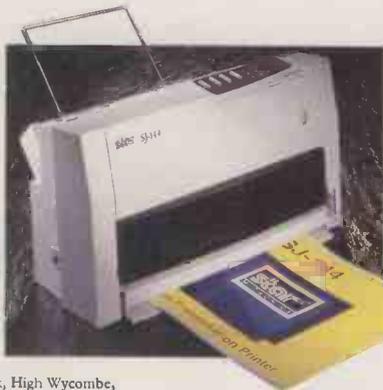
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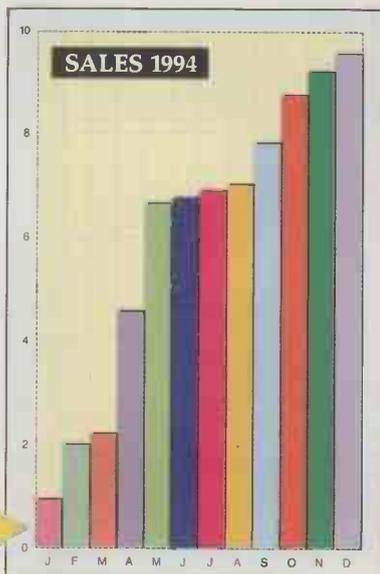
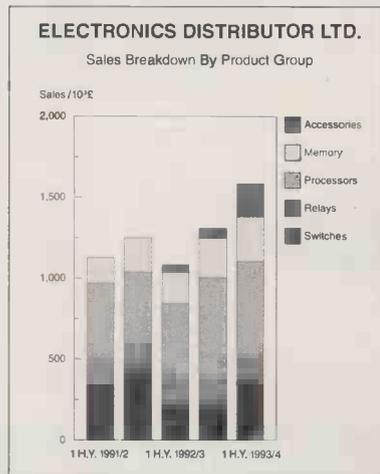
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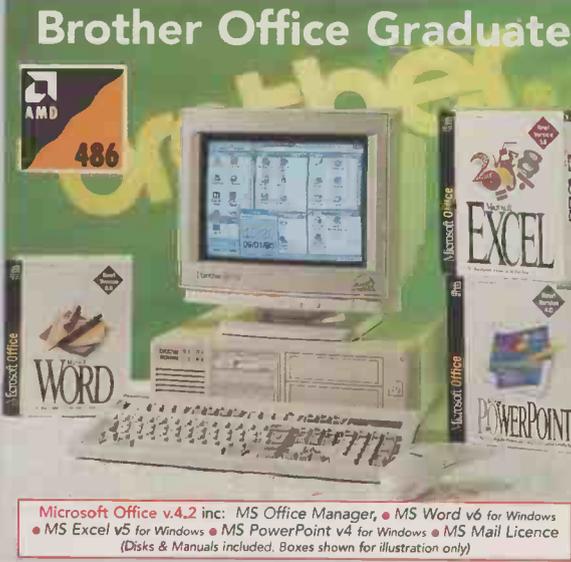
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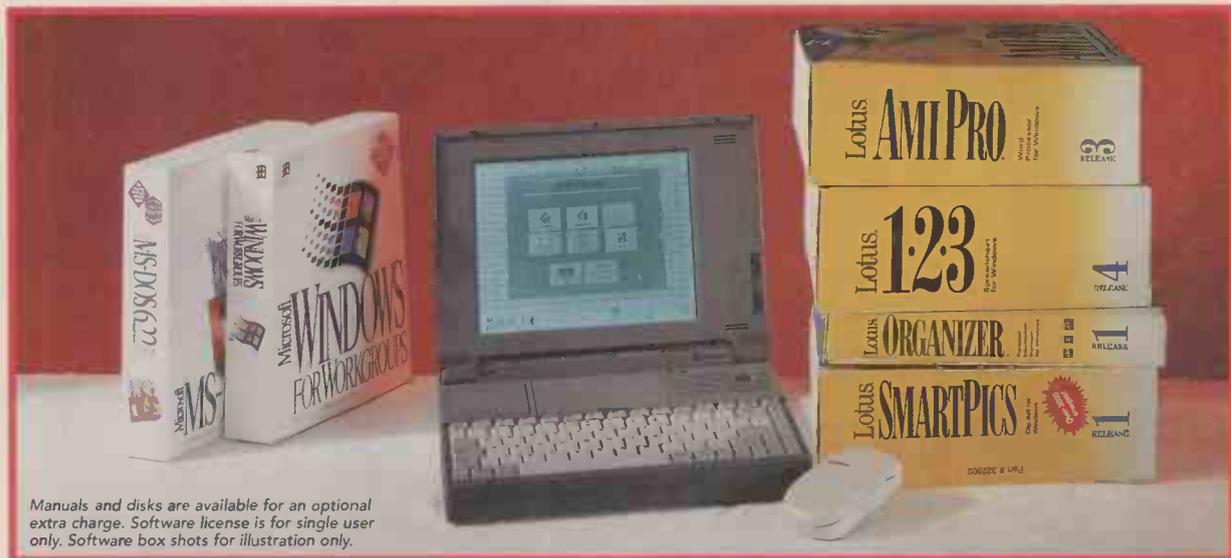
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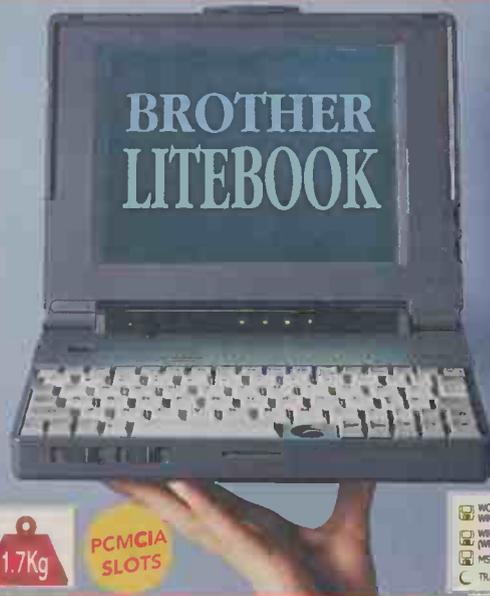


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- External colour (1024 x 768) port
- Ports: 1 serial, 1 parallel, 1 SVGA + External keyboard, 1 External Floppy Disk Drive
- Built-in Micro Trackball with left/right buttons
- Microsoft Works 3.0 package includes Word Processing, Spreadsheet, Database and Communications
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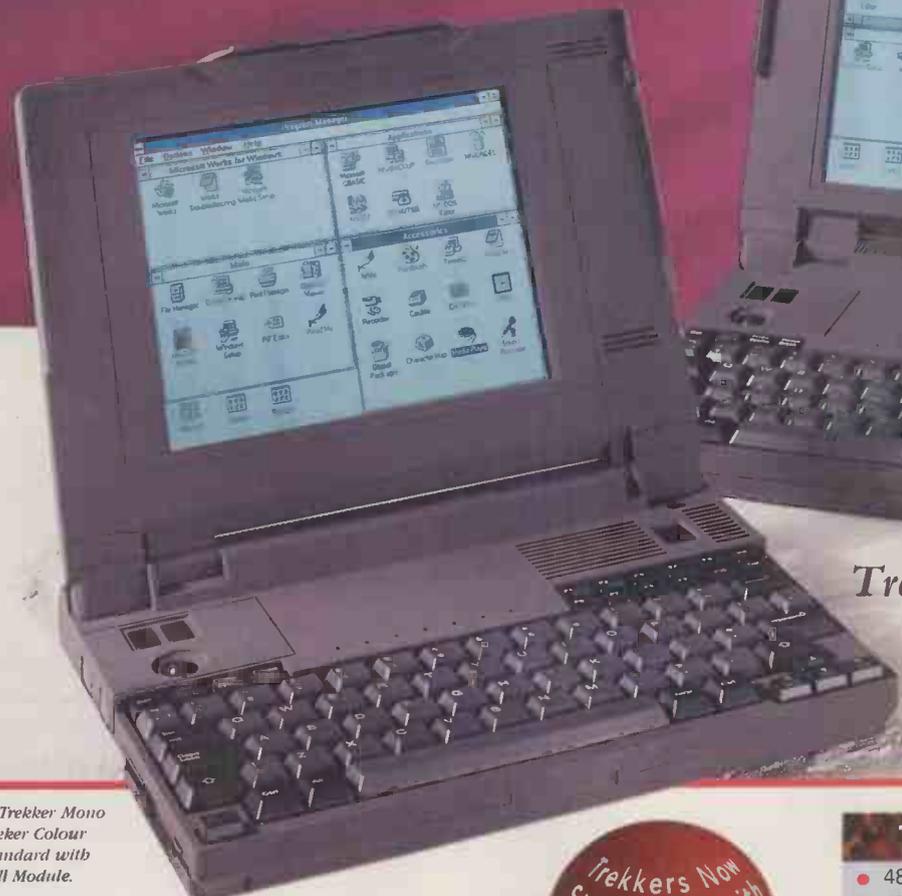
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Trekkers Now Standard with **250Mb** Hard Disk

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Weighing a mere 2.3Kg and approximately the size of an A4 sheet, the Brother Trekker combines the most advanced technology with superb portability enabling it to readily perform as your primary computer, as well as being your perfect portable companion.

## TREKKER SPECIFICATIONS

- 486SLC2 50MHz processor
- 4Mb RAM expandable to 8Mb
- 250Mb hard disk
- Built-in 3.5" 1.44Mb floppy disk drive
- Mono: 9.5" VGA LCD 64 greyscales
- Colour: 8.25" passive matrix colour LCD
- External colour (800 x 600) SVGA port
- Micro Trackball module with left/right buttons
- 80-key keyboard with embedded numeric keypad
- Suspend/Resume feature
- Ports: 1 serial, 1 parallel, 1 SVGA + external keyboard
- 2-4 hour fast charge NiCd battery
- Microsoft Works v3.0 integrated package includes Word Processing, Spreadsheet, Database, Communications
- Microsoft Windows for Workgroups 3.11, MS-DOS 6.2
- 279mm x 210mm x 40mm
- Weight 2.3kg
- 12 Months on-site warranty

## TREKKER OPTIONS

Brother Trekker with 250Mb Hard Disk and Lotus Bundle 1\*  
(Lotus 123 v5, Lotus Ami Pro 3.1, Lotus Organiser 1.0, Lotus Smart Pics, Lotus ScreenCam)

Mono: **£818**  
Colour: **£999**

Brother Trekker with 250Mb Hard Disk and Lotus Smartsuite 3.0\*  
(Lotus 123 v5, Lotus Ami Pro 3.1, Lotus Organiser 1.0, Lotus Approach 3.0, Lotus Freelance Graphics)

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## Software worth over £200



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RS232 Module **£13** Executive Carry Case **£49**

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The New Brother Pro'Book 700 Series represents the next generation in portable computing. Now you can have more power in your notebook than you have on your desktop. Choose from DX2/66 and the lightning-fast IntelDX4™ processor running at 100MHz.

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New to the 700 Series is built-in 16-bit stereo sound, the revolutionary GlidePoint® trackpad that makes pointing and clicking a dream, plus a larger 420Mb standard hard disk.

Convenient upgradability has arrived with the modular design Pro'Book: the hard disk is removable allowing infinite storage and security; the LCD displays are exchangeable, easy access to the motherboard allows simple upgrades of memory, even the processor chip is even upgradable.

In addition the 3.3V technology design enhances the efficiency of the removable battery which features a 5-level remaining capacity display.

To enhance the Pro'Book, PCMCIA slots give access to versatile applications including Fax/Modem, networking, SCSI devices and hard disks.

Along with your Brother Pro'Book you get excellent support, 12 months on-site warranty and a 30-day money-back guarantee. Superb ergonomics, an extensive list of features, outstanding performance and superb pricing - the Pro'Book is the professionals choice.

### Pro'Book BCP700 Series

All prices are for standard 420Mb Hard Disk.

Model	Processor	9.5" Mono	9.5" Dual Scan	9.5" TFT Colour
BCP 741	486DX2-66	£1159	£1459	£2059
Business Rental Per Week		£10.70	£13.34	£18.59
BCP 761	486DX4-100	£1319	£1619	£2219
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### Pro'Book Options

Upgrade from 4Mb to 8Mb RAM	£159	Brother Pro'Book 486DX2-66 Mono/420Mb and Lotus Bundle 1* inc: • Lotus 123 v5 • Lotus Ami Pro 3.1 • Lotus Organiser 1.0 • Lotus SmartPics • Lotus ScreenCam
Upgrade from 8Mb to 16Mb RAM	£299	
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Docking Station	£399	Brother Pro'Book 486DX2-66 Mono/420Mb and Lotus Smartsuite 3.0* £1229
NiMH Battery Pack	£73	
Car Adaptor	£49	
Executive Carry Case	£49	Brother Pro'Book 486DX2-66 Mono/420Mb and Microsoft Office 4.2 £1339
Upgrade Hard Disk from 420Mb to 810Mb	£250	

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### Pro'Book Specifications

- **Choice of Display:**  
Mono 9.5" VGA LCD 64 greyscale  
Dual Scan Colour 9.5"  
Colour Active Matrix TFT 9.5"
- **Choice of Processor:**  
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486DX4 100MHz
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- GlidePoint® trackpad with dual buttons
- 84-key keyboard with embedded keypad
- Ports: 1 serial, 1 enhanced bi-directional parallel, 1 SVGA + external keyboard
- 2 hour fast battery charge
- Microsoft Works v3.0 integrated package includes Word Processing, Spreadsheet, Database, Communications
- Microsoft Windows for Workgroups 3.11, MS-DOS 6.2
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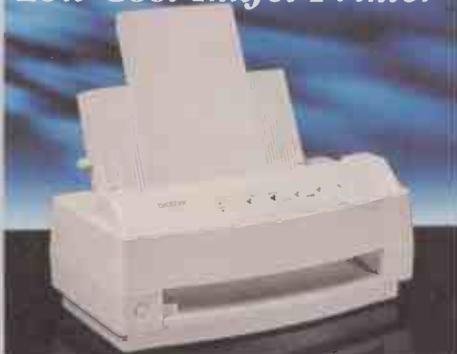
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Bravo 4/33(Original); 486/25; Premium-486/25, 486/25E; 486/33; 486/33E;					
386/33TE, 486/25TE; 486/33TE; Premium-II 386/25; 386/33; 486/33; 486SX/20					
Power Premium 3/33; 4/33; 4/33s; 4/50; 4/66; Premium Server SE 4/33					
Advantage Pro 486DX/33; 486SX/25;	115	220	400	800	
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Bravo MT 4/33; 4/66					
ADV. + 486DX/33; 486DX/20; 486DX/266	115	220			
Bravo 286; 386/16; 386SX/20; 386SX/25	70	210			
Bravo 3/25s; 3/33s	54	210			
Premia 4/33; 4/33s; 4/50; 4/66	140	240	460	800	
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Premium 386/25; 386/33; 386SX/16;	120				
386/33T; Premium II 386SX/20;	140				
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486DX/250M; 486DX/266M; Desktop XE-433s;					
450; 466; Enhanced Proline; Proline 4/25s;					
4/33; 4/33s; 4/50; 4/66; 4/66s; 4/33s;					
CDS; Not 1/25s; 1/25s; 1/25s; Proline-MT					
4/33s; MT 4/50; MT 4/66; Prosigna-400;					
600/800 Series; Prosigna PC Server 486/33;					
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486P/50; 486P/66; Precision-486 Series					
Performance 425SL; 425ME; 433L;	115	400			
433M; 433T; 433SL; 433ME; 450L;					
450M; 450T; 466L; 466M; 466T					
Performance 425ME; 433ME; 433ME;	230	800			
450ME; 466ME; 4000XE Series 486/33;					
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System 425TE; 433TE; PowerLine-Workstations	80	140	240	460	800
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Vectra 386/25 PC; 486/25VL; 486/33VL;	70	120	230	400	800
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486/33U PC; 486/50U PC; 486/66U PC;					
486/33ST; 486/66ST; 486/33XM;					
486/50XM; 486/66XM; 486/33XM;					
NetServer LE Series 486DX/33;					
486DX/266; 486SX/33; NetServer LM-					
Series 4/33 LM; 4d/66 LM; 5/60 LM	70	280			
Vectra 386/16N PC; 386/20N PC;					
386/25N PC; 386/33N; 386/33N					

IBM	1Mb	2Mb	4Mb	8Mb	16Mb
PS/1 286 (2011); PS/1 386SX (1211)	75	140			
PS/1 PRO 386SX (1213); (2133-72PIN);	36	62	120	230	400
(2155-72PIN); (2168-72PIN);					
PS/ValuePoint (6381); (6382); (6384-72PIN);					
(6387)					
PS/1 (2133-30PIN); (2155-30PIN);	110	420			
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PS/2 25/286; 30/286	83				
PS/2 35LS; 35SX; 40SX; 50Z; 55LS;	40	70	120	230	
55SX; 56SLC; 56SLC LS; 56SX; 56LS;					
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95 XP 486 (9505); E (9533); Server 85;					
Premier PS/2 56; 57; 76; 77; Ultramedia-457; M77					
PS/2 95 XP 486 (9505); Server 95 (9505);	140	260	460		
Server 95 Army (9505)					
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425SH; 433DX; 420SEH; 420SEH;					
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9000 Series 8075; 8175; 8275; 8375;					
8475; 8575; 8675; 8775; 8875; 8975	140	240	460	880	
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SPARCstation Classic LC (4/15);	240	900			
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SPARCserver 630MP; 670MP; 690MP					1920



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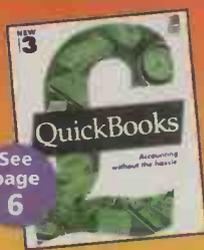


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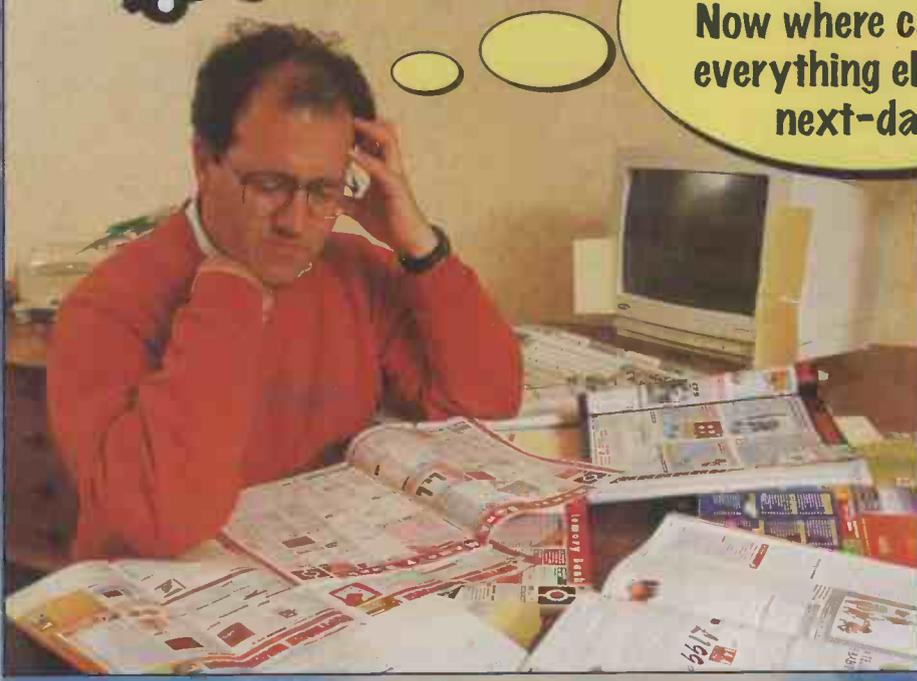
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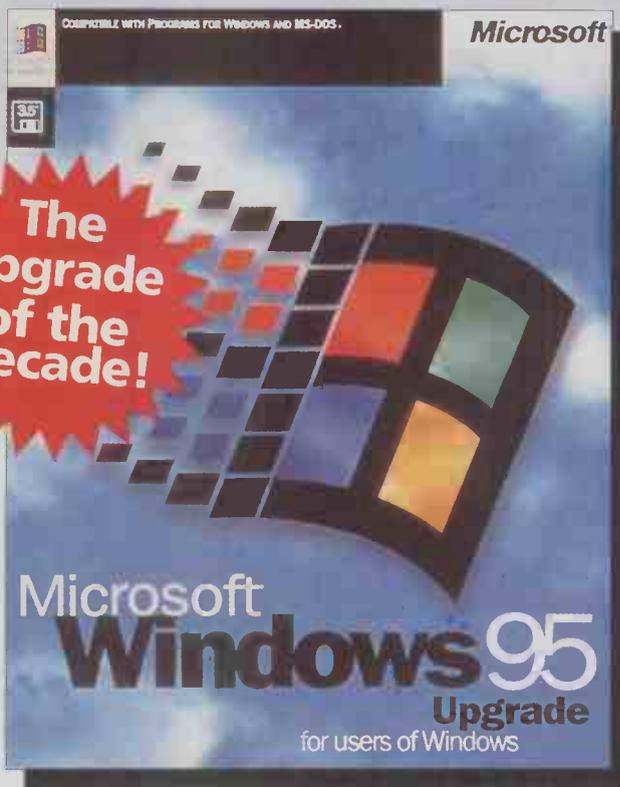
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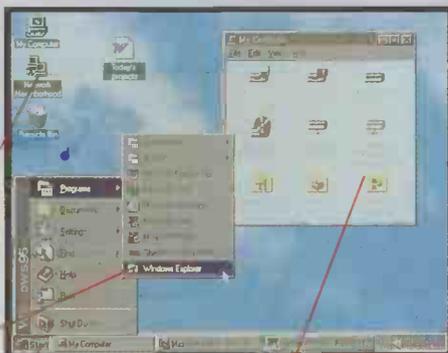
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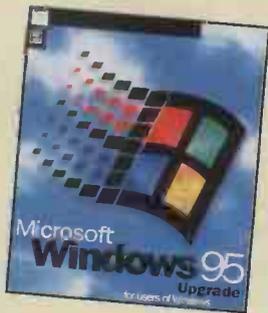
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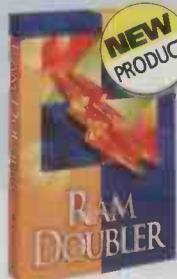
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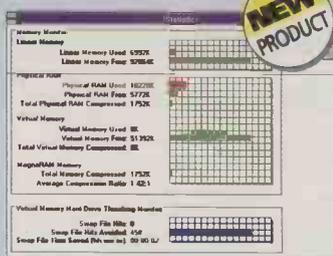
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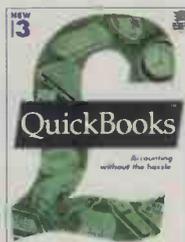
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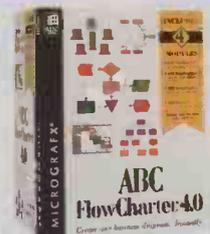
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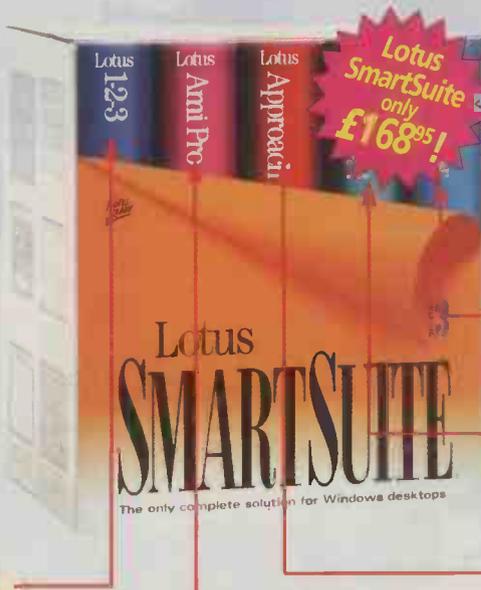
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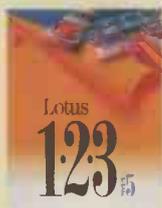
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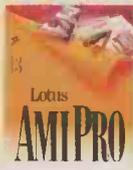
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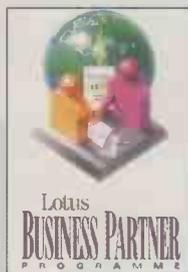
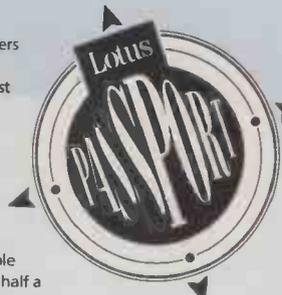
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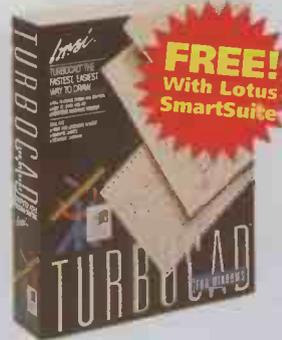
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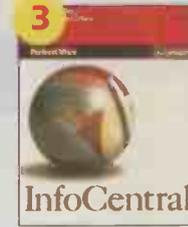
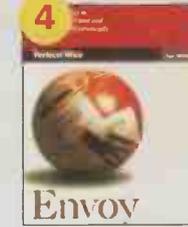
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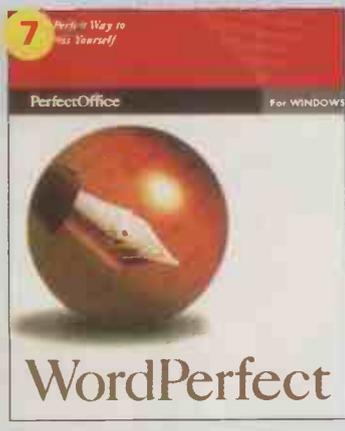
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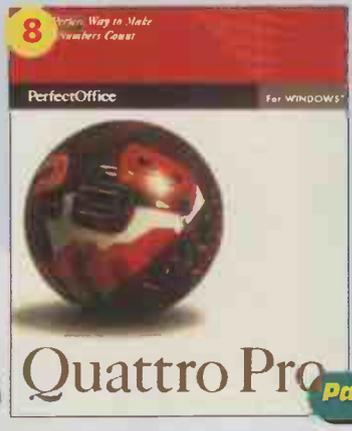


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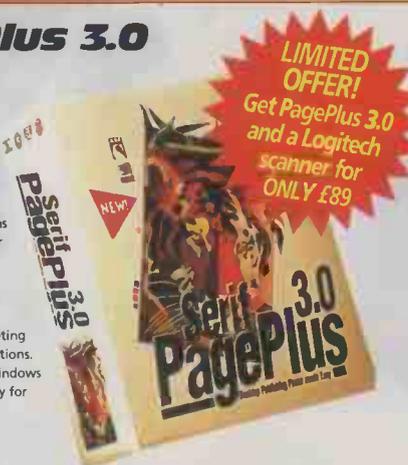
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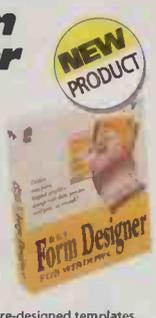


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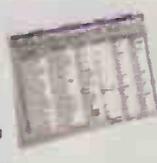
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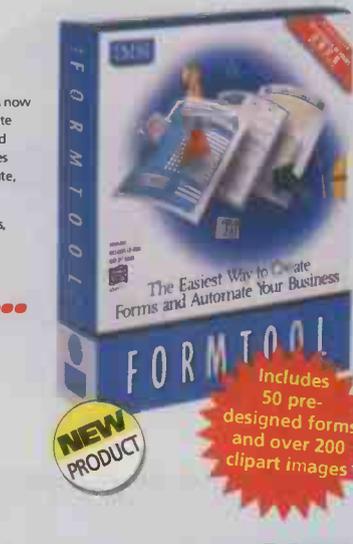
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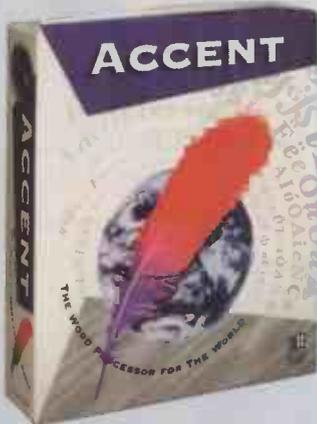
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Business Plan Builder is an easy to use package that creates structured business plans for any size of company. It provides users with relevant questions and sample answers from which to create a business plan. It automatically formats it with headlines and subheads, even inserting your company details throughout. Simply answer the questions and fill in the blanks - Business Plan Builder does the rest!

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- Contact Database
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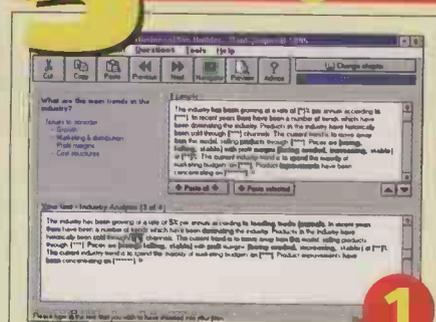
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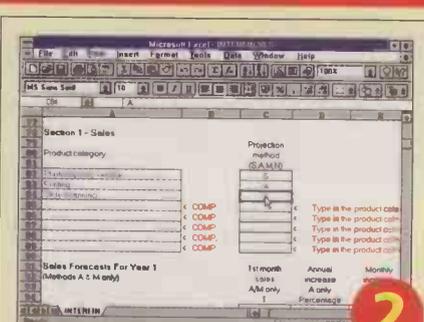
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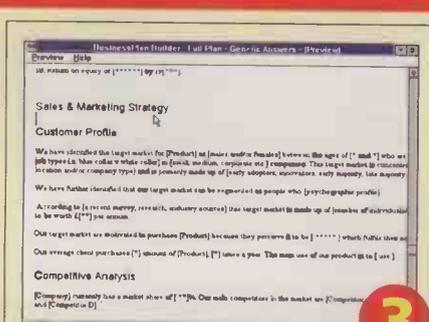
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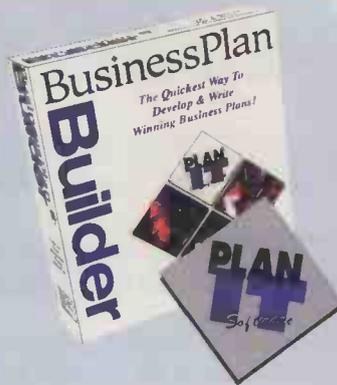
Users of Business Plan Builder are entitled to 90 days to free access to Plan-IT's on-line business forum, B.I.F., which contains extensive information on business subjects. B.I.F. covers topics such as:

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- Exporting
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- incorporate your C programs into XCAD. XDS is simple to use, you don't have to be an accomplished programmer to learn how to create your own commands.

### ✓ Advanced CAD for Windows

XCAD is a revolutionary CAD software application that makes the most of the simplicity and flexibility offered within the Windows working environment.

### ✓ More File Types

Now you can use XCAD files in conjunction with a much wider variety of third party products, including renderers, modellers, and CAM systems. DWG Read/Write and IGES Import/Export complement DXF as the major file standards throughout the CAD world.

### ✓ Extended Functionality for the Professional

The XCAD Development System gives programmers the power to build sophisticated, customised CAD applications. Similarly, 3D Symbols Libraries provide high-quality 2D and 3D symbols that cut drafting time for the architectural and mechanical designer.

### ✓ Enhanced Usability

Industry experts have called XCAD "simplicity itself to use" and Version 3.0 raises usability to new heights. Command Manager allows users familiar with AutoCAD, GenericCADD, or MicroStation to use keyboard commands from these programs to create XCAD drawings. Customisable Toolbox and Menu let you tailor the XCAD interface to your specific requirements, and new Macro capabilities streamline often-repeated tasks.



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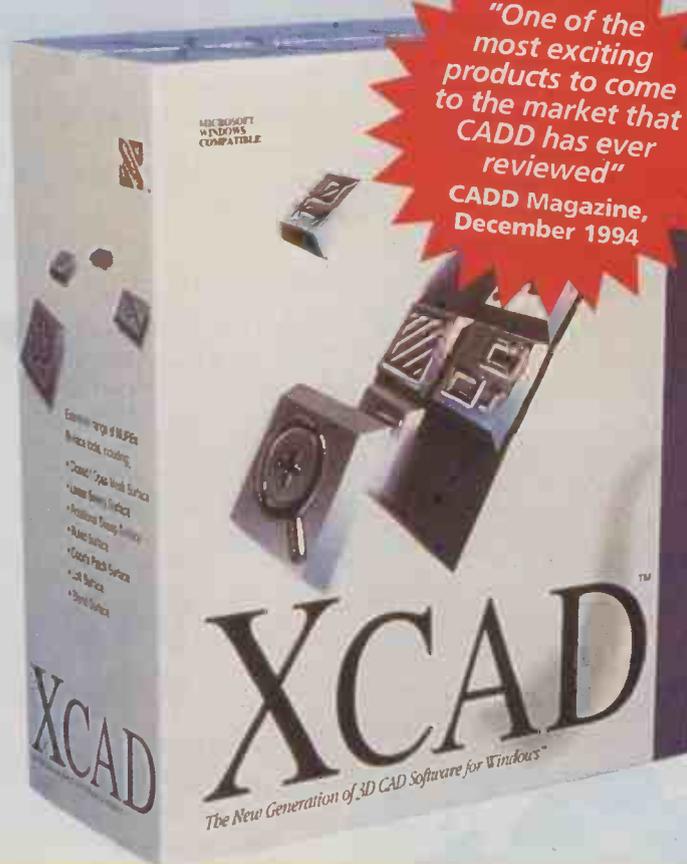
### ✓ Powerful 3D Surface Drawing Facilities

The facilities available in XCAD allow you to create complex entities with little effort. Use lines, arcs, circles, ellipses and NURBS (Non-Uniform Rational B-Spline) curves as basic entities, and advanced surfacing features like planes, cylinders, cones, spheres, toroidal and NURBS surfaces, help in creating complex geometric entities with little effort.

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ADVANCED SURFACING OPTION	YES	NO	YES
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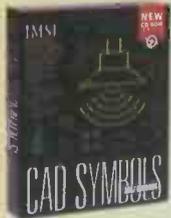
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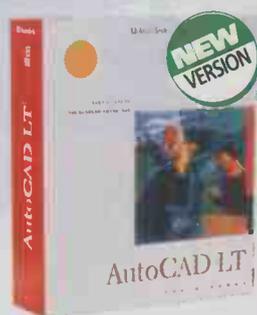
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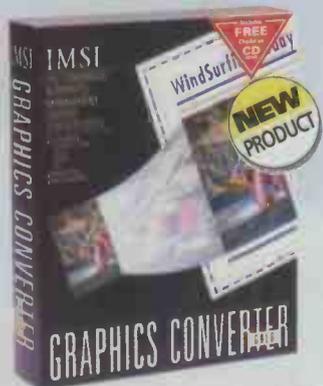
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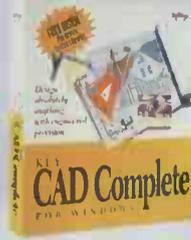
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DataFlex HyperGem Pocket	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	DAT022	<b>£185</b>
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DAT020 DataFlex HyperGem Internal ..... **£179**

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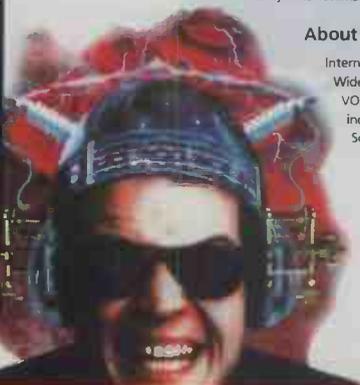
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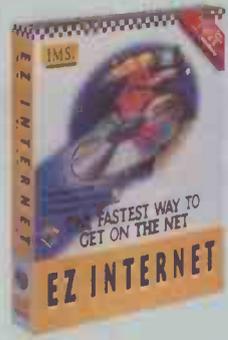
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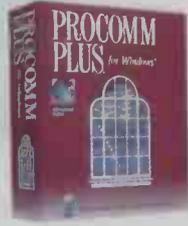
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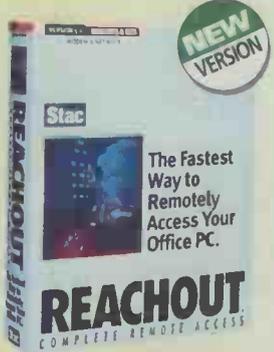
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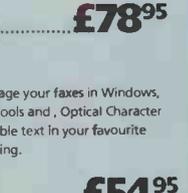
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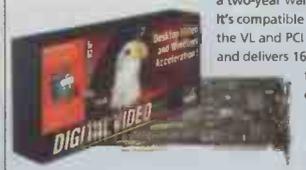
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Just as a conventional pen needs paper, Ultra-Pen needs a tablet - tablets are available in a 6" x 8" version, through to a 35" x 47". The Ultra-Pen is extremely rugged and has a lifetime of at least ten million cycles.

The UC-420 is a cordless and battery-free four-button Cursor that's precise, versatile and ergonomic. It has a cross-hair thickness of 0.1mm and is perfect for designing, constructing and manipulating graphics. The four button are user-programmable, it has a switch activation pressure of 150g and switch reliability of ten million operations.

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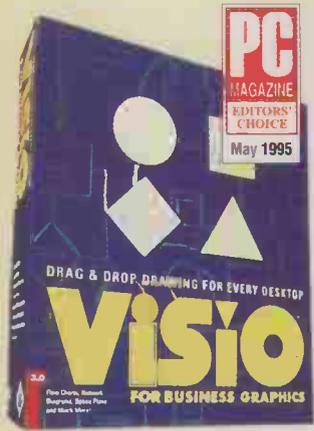
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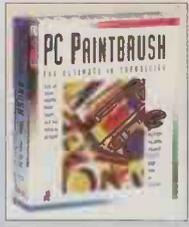
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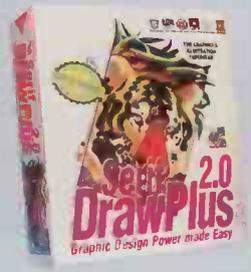
The easiest to use drawing package available!

DrawPlus 2.0 by Serif is an easy to use drawing package, which can be used to create original artwork and edit existing clipart. For ease of use there are two user levels - Intro and Designer - a Hint Line, Tool Hints, and QuickHelp. Serif DrawPlus 2.0 also has QuickShapes for instant creativity and total flexibility to colour, stretch, slant, rotate, mask or envelope any object - including text! It's an excellent add-on to Serif's PagePlus, however, it has been designed to be equally effective as a standalone application, and having OLE support, it works with any Windows application.

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Until now, 3D modelling, rendering and animation was really 2D, enhanced with orthogonal views. Unlike other programs using direct manipulation, trueSpace actually mirrors the real world. Working in full 3D perspective you can manipulate 3D objects directly and interactively in real time.

- **Model, Render and Animate!**  
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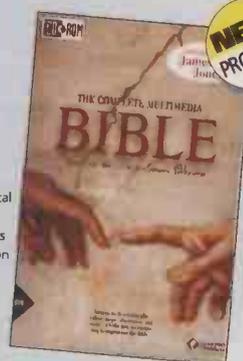
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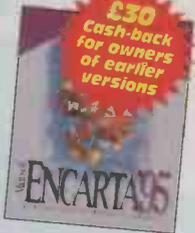
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500 Nations lets you learn at your own pace with over 2,000 vivid images of North American people, dozens of animated sequences (including many recreations of ancient Indian cities), listen to authentic music, songs and stories from dozens of tribes, experience Indian customs and cultures through their art and architecture.



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Version 4 now includes full multimedia features.

This new version includes actual video footage of various operations and includes a three-minute movie of actual childbirth and more than 50,000 new text entries. BodyWorks 4 is exclusive on CD-ROM and its text content is now in excess of 300,000 words - and, in addition, there is now a glossary of 1,000 entries. Two new major sections include nursing and diseases. Users can now make use of an on-line medical database for storing all of their medical records, and a phonetic SmartSearch which can direct you to any part of the body.



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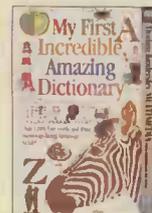


DOR009 Encyclopedia of Nature.....**£49<sup>95</sup>**

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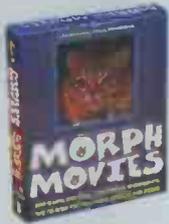


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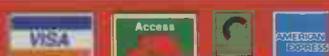
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VID038 Video Director 2 .....



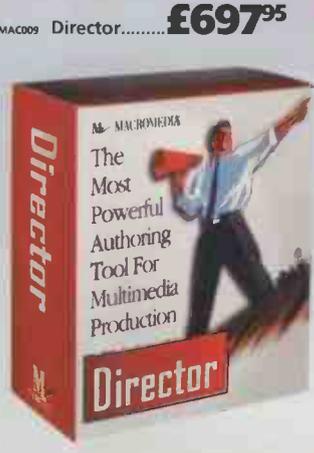
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### Macromedia Director V4

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**What the press say about WinMail!**

"Win Mail is an excellent product. It is easy to install, has excellent manuals and is easy to use..."  
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### Powerful mail management

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Remote WinMail is a fully mobile E-mail system which allows any remote PC to access via a modem their LAN WinMail box, allowing you to keep in touch with your office while travelling or at home.

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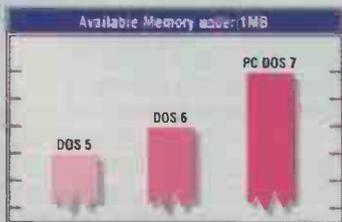
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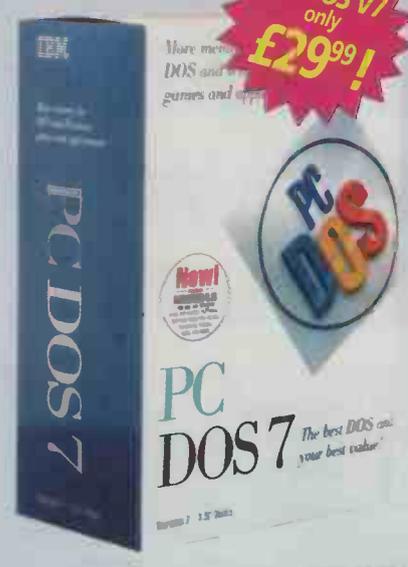
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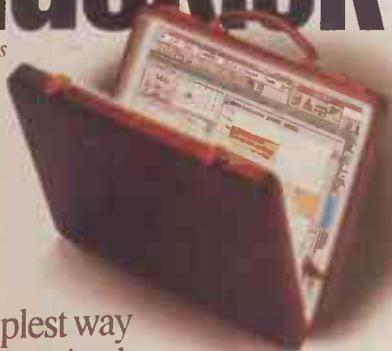


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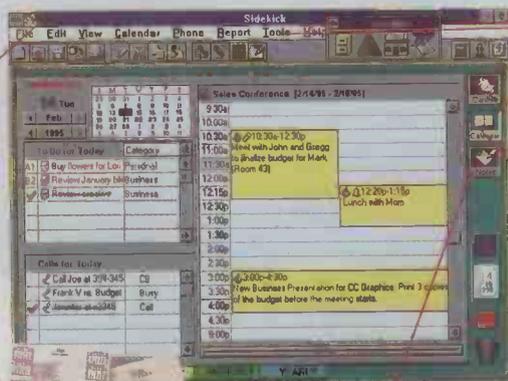
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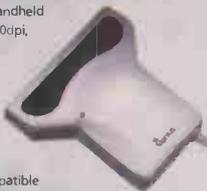
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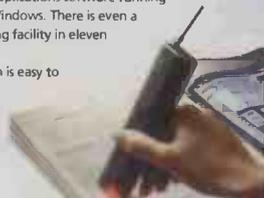
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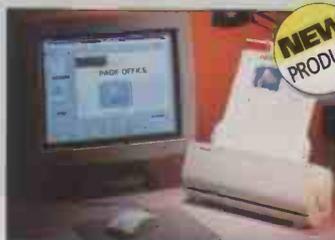


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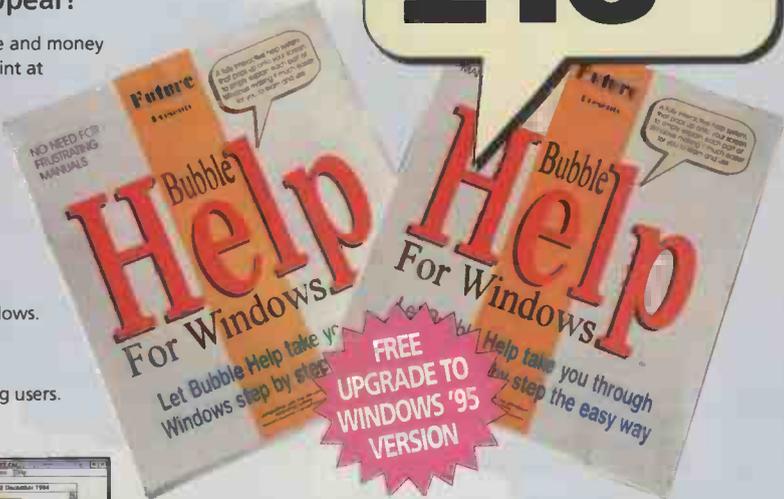
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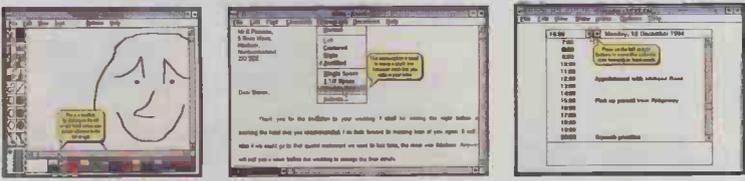
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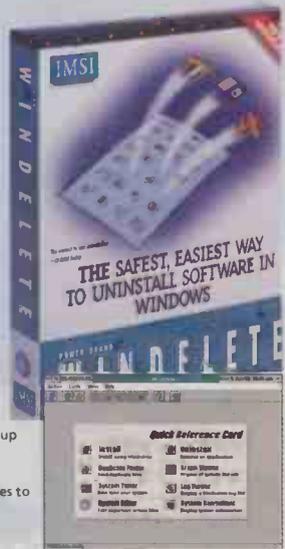
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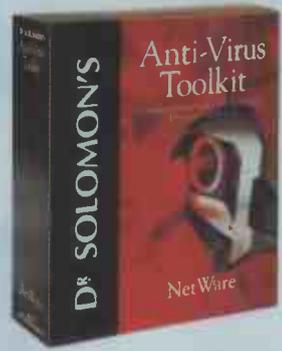
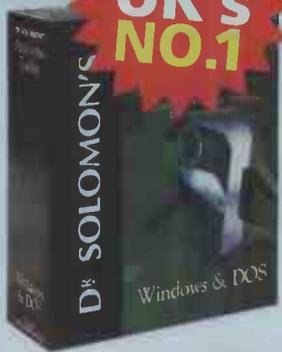
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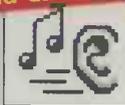
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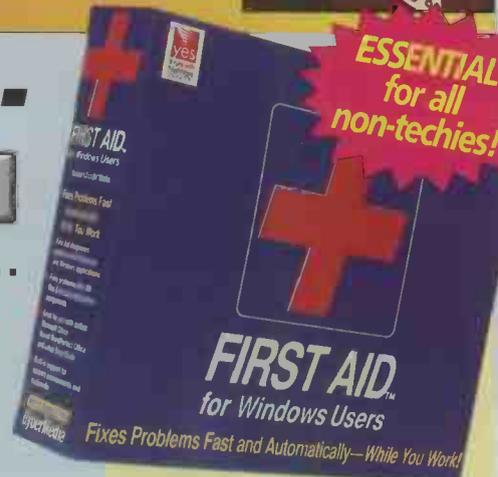
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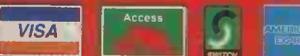
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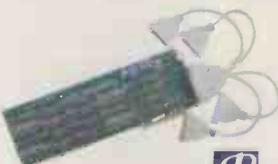
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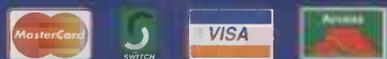
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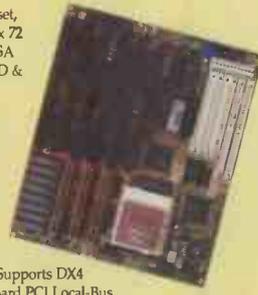


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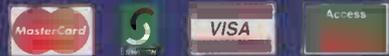
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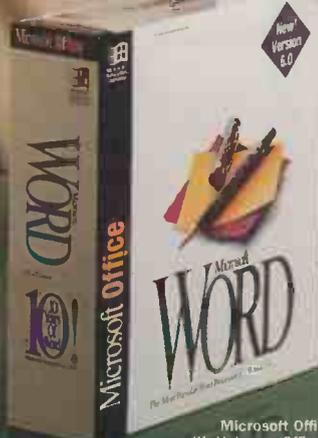
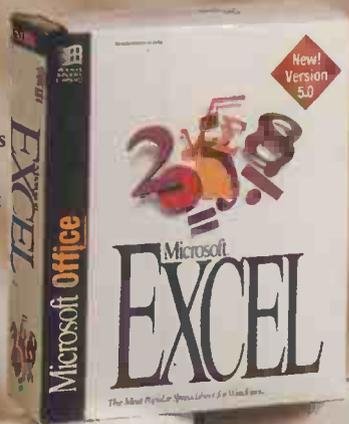
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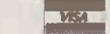
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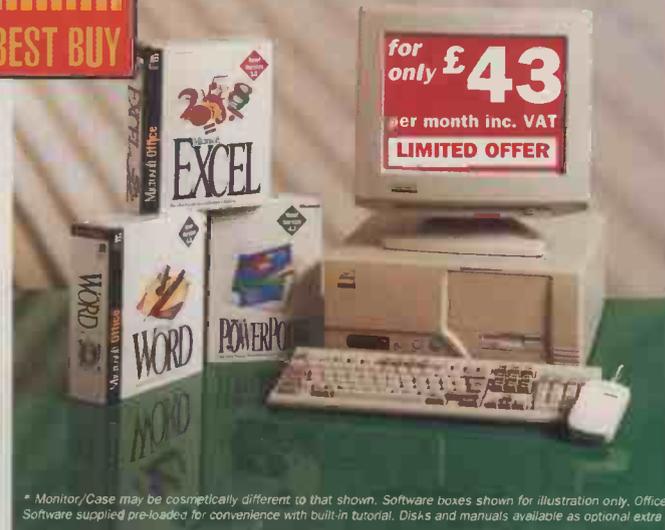
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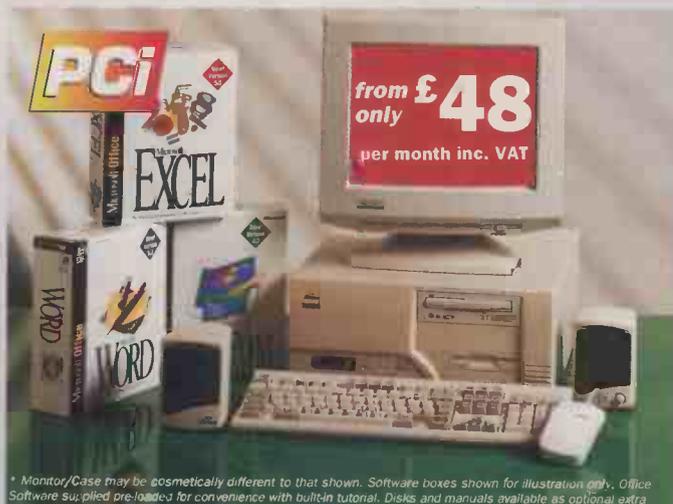
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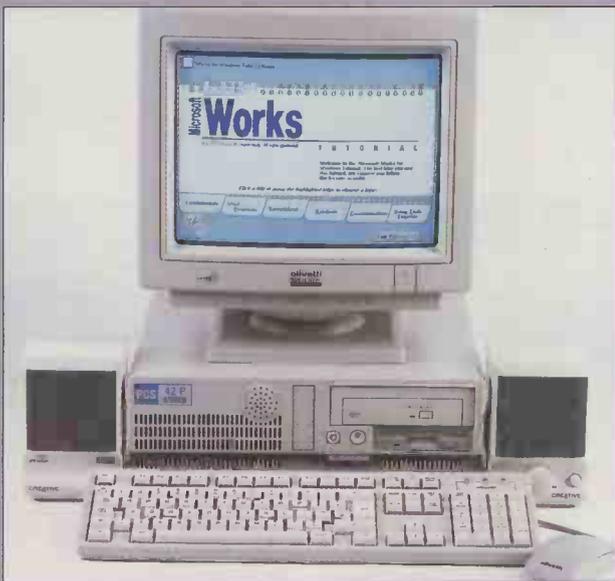
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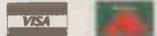


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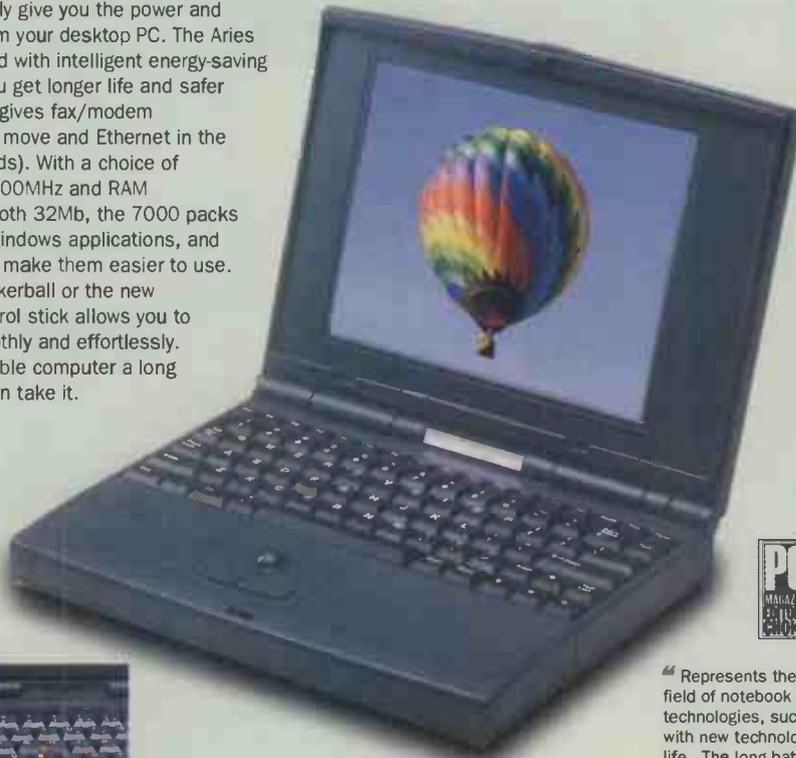
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<b>i486sx™-33</b> TFT Colour	<b>£1799</b>

"With plenty of processing power, (and) enough battery life to handle a transcontinental flight easily, ...a value winner." "...the lightest full-size notebook in the roundup; it also had excellent battery life..., optional audio and a good price..."

PC MAGAZINE, Cover Story: Notebooks

"...A great Windows PC, and an excellent value." "...the fact that you get the amount of performance we did from a battery charge speaks highly of the engineering."

LAPTOP BUYERS GUIDE & HANDBOOK, First Look



"Ranks above many famous-name notebooks. And in terms of pointing devices, it's definitely got them outnumbered." "...deserves a spot on your short list."

COMPUTER SHOPPER, PC Reviews

"Represents the best kind of innovation in the rapidly changing field of notebook computers. It keeps the best of proven technologies, such as a sharp display, and complements them with new technologies, such as those employed to stretch battery life. The long battery life makes it a good choice for anyone who needs a basic notebook that also delivers solid performance."

WINDOWS MAGAZINE, WinLab First Impressions  
Reviews done on identical Notebook in the USA



Ergonomical designed sloping palm rests



Notebook shown here with Optional TrackPoint Control Stick

Notebook shown here with 19mm Trackball with 2 buttons supplied as standard

**LOW POWER 3.3V**  
All the components in the notebook run at 3.3V, giving up to three times longer life.

**SOUND PLUG-IN**  
Mono/Stereo sound system with built-in speaker/microphone by adding a soundcard.

**SUSPEND TO DISK**  
Suspend to memory or suspend to disk ensures data is never lost when you leave the notebook.

**SUPERB PERFORMANCE**  
CPU Upgrade up to Intel DX4-100 and 512KB of level 2 Cache! External connectivity enhanced by use of 16C550 Serial Port and Parallel Port with support for EPP/ECP

**INTERNAL STATUS INDICATOR PANEL**  
12 distinct icons will display, flash or change appearance to give you a complete report on the state of the machine including a 5 step graduated remaining charge gauge.

**ADVANCED POWER MANAGEMENT**  
Complete with a comprehensive set of 16 features that will allow you to customise the operation of the machine to your benefit.

**REPLACEABLE HARD DISK DRIVE**  
Running out of space? Replace the Hard Disk Drive easily. The system BIOS will automatically detect the new HDD

**EXTERNAL STATUS INDICATOR**  
"At a glance" multi colour indicator on the top cover shows if machine is charging, charged, suspended with battery charging or charged.

**FLEXIBLE PCMCIA**  
Compartment for two type I/II or one type III PCMCIA slot with removable cover.

**UP TO 32Mb RAM**  
If your applications demand it, then we can supply it.

### Aries *Perfecta* 7000 Series Notebooks

- ◆ Intel SL-Enhanced CPU
- ◆ 4Mb RAM expandable to 32Mb
- ◆ 340Mb Hard Disk Drive
- ◆ Advanced Power Management
- ◆ LCD Status Indicator
- ◆ Fully Modularised Design - Upgradable CPU, LCD, Removable Hard Disk & Keyboard
- ◆ VESA Bus Video with GUI accelerator
- ◆ Advance PMU Function
- ◆ Mono/Stereo 16 bit Sound System (Optional)
- ◆ Audio Line (In/Out) with volume control
- ◆ Built-in Speaker/Microphone (requires sound system)
- ◆ 1.44Mb 3.5" Floppy Drive
- ◆ 82 key QWERTY Keyboard
- ◆ 19mm Trackball (Optional Track-point device)
- ◆ PCMCIA slots (2 x Type II/1 x Type III)
- ◆ Hi-Speed 16C550 Serial Port
- ◆ Enhanced Parallel Port (EPP/ECP support)
- ◆ External Super VGA Monitor Port
- ◆ External Keyboard/PS/2 Mouse connector
- ◆ Optional Internal 14.4K Fax/Modem
- ◆ Rechargeable Ni-MH Battery Pack
- ◆ MS-DOS v6.22 & Windows v3.11
- ◆ Weight: 3Kg
- ◆ Carrying Case

### PERFECTA 7000 OFFICE COMMUNICATIONS UPGRADE

Turn your Aries 7000 notebook into a complete voice mail system with the Aries Office Communications Workstation Kit. Suitable for home or business, supporting multiple mail boxes, Fax on Demand, and data communications. The Aries Office Communications Workstation Kit contains high speed V32bis (14400 baud) Voice/Fax Modem and software package, providing users with remote access to voice, fax and data messages. Record and play your own voice files through the Perfecta 7000 notebook's own internal mic and speaker, or play back voice files through either the 8- or 16-bit sound card modules available as an option.

**SPECIAL OFFER £125**

All prices are for standard 340Mb Hard Disk Supplied with **FREE Carrying Case**

Display	10" Mono 64 Grey Scale	10" Colour Dual Scan	10" Colour TFT Active Matrix
<b>7000 Series</b>	<b>7100</b>	<b>7300</b>	<b>7400</b>
SL i486SX™-33	£999	£1299	£1799
SL 486DX2™-66	£1069	£1369	£1949
SL i486DX4™-75	£1095	£1395	£1979
SL i486DX4™-100	£1145	£1445	£2029

#### ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

4 to 8Mb RAM Upgrade*	£159	PCMCIA Ethernet Card	£99
4 to 16Mb RAM Upgrade*	£525	Spare NiMH Battery Pack	£69
4 to 32Mb RAM Upgrade*	£1089	Spare AC Mains Adaptor	£49
Track-point device	£25	Car Lighter Adaptor	£29
8 bit Internal Sound Card	£25	Docking Station	£339
16 bit Internal Sound Card	£49	External Keyboard	£25
Aries HiFi Speakers	£29	Internal V32bis 14.4K Fax/Modem	
PCMCIA 9600 Fax/Modem	£59	(non-approved) with software	£125
PCMCIA 14400 Fax/Modem	£109	*Requires module exchange	

#### 7000 Notebook Hard Disk Upgrades

(Prices valid when purchasing Notebooks only)

UGA0530/A	340Mb to 540Mb HDD	£125
UGA0540/A	340Mb to 800Mb HDD	£249

**BUSINESS LEASING** Low Cost Leasing - Call for details

#### 1 YEAR SUPPORT

All Perfecta Notebooks are covered by a FREE 12 Months Warranty in mainland UK.

#### 2 YEAR GOLD CARE

For 12% of the cost, we will collect, repair and return your notebook within mainland UK for the first 24 months.

#### HOTLINE SUPPORT

All Perfecta Notebooks are covered by Hotline Support. We want you to get the best from your machine, so we offer a comprehensive support package over the phone.

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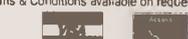


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# AMAZING Notebook Offers

**HURRY!**  
While Stocks  
Last



**Perfecta\*** 486SLC 33 Mono **£699** **Perfecta\*** 486SLC 33 Colour **£899**

**AMAZING FEATURES AMAZING VALUE**

Open the lid and immediately you see what sets the Perfecta 3000 and 4000 apart. Ergonomically designed palm rests provide more comfortable use; the built-in trackball and dedicated numeric keypad allow easier and more productive work in confined spaces; then switch on and watch the display leap to life. The bright 64 greyscale mono or vivid Dual Scan colour display make using your notebook a pleasure.

But what sets these new ranges apart is the simple upgradability. As your needs grow the notebook has been designed to allow key elements of the system to be upgraded within seconds. Simply clip-in a new display, slot-in a new hard disc, plug-in extra memory and on the Intel 486 models simply drop-in a new processor.

Never has so many features, processing power, usability, convenience, flexibility and security been available in a notebook.

**CHECK OUT THESE NEW LOW PRICES!**

Display	10" Mono 64 Grey Scale	10" Colour Dual Scan
<b>3000 Series</b>	<b>3100</b>	<b>3300</b>
486SLC-33	<b>£699</b>	<b>£899</b>
<b>4000 Series</b>	<b>4100</b>	<b>4300</b>
486SX-33C	<b>£799</b>	<b>£999</b>
486DX2-66C	<b>£869</b>	<b>£1069</b>



Please note purple buttons  
now supplied as black



- ◆ Co-Processor supported
- ◆ 1Kb Cache RAM
- ◆ 128K Cache RAM (4000 series)
- ◆ 4Mb RAM internally expandable to 20Mb (up to 8Mb on 3000 series)
- ◆ 120Mb Removable Hard Drive (250/340/540Mb options)
- ◆ 1.44Mb 3.5" Internal Floppy
- ◆ 84 Key Qwerty UK Keyboard
- ◆ 16mm Logitech Trackball
- ◆ 16 Key Built-in Separate Numeric Keypad
- ◆ 1 x 9-pin D Type Serial Port
- ◆ 2 x Parallel Port (1 enhanced bi-directional)
- ◆ Future Domain SCSI Port (3000 Series)
- ◆ Adaptec SCSI Port (4000 Series)
- ◆ 15-pin VGA D type External Monitor Port
- ◆ External Modes Supported: 800 x 600 256 colour, 1024 x 768 16 colour
- ◆ Simultaneous Display - LCD and External Video (not 3300/4300 models)
- ◆ Intelligent Power Management
- ◆ Security Password
- ◆ 5-level Power Meter
- ◆ External Keyboard Port
- ◆ Rechargeable Battery Pack
- ◆ 80-250V Universal Mains Adaptor/Charger
- ◆ 70 Minute Turbo Charge
- ◆ Car Battery Adaptor option
- ◆ Optional Fax Modem up to 28,000 baud
- ◆ Carry Case included
- ◆ Dimensions 226 x 295 x 52
- ◆ Weight (inc. battery) 3Kg

## Affordable Business Printing From OKI

### OL400ex - LED Page Printer



The ideal personal printer for use at home, in small businesses and large corporations, HPIIP™ compatible

- ◆ Serial and parallel Interfaces
- ◆ 0.5Mb memory upgrades to 4.5Mb
- ◆ Optional 2nd paper tray and multi bin feeder
- ◆ Works in DOS applications where GDI printers fail
- ◆ Offers better print quality and lower running costs than Inkjets
- ◆ Small footprint
- ◆ 4 pages per minute
- ◆ 1 Year on-site warranty

**£279**

Also Available

### OL410ex - LED Page Printer

Ideal for business users in both the home and working environment.

- ◆ 600dpi from Oki's MicroRes 600
- ◆ 1Mb memory upgrades to 5Mb

**£385**

### Okijet 300c - Colour Inkjet



**NEW**

Oki's first colour capable inkjet printer. The OKIJET 300c is a general purpose printer providing high quality text and graphics printing on envelopes, single sheet paper, labels, index cards and transparencies.

- ◆ Colour printing with the colour print cartridge or low cost mono with the mono cartridge
- ◆ 3 pages per minute equivalent
- ◆ 300 x 300dpi text and graphics resolution and high resolution mode for transparencies
- ◆ 167cps letter quality, 300cps draft mode
- ◆ Ink saver mode for both text and graphics when printing with either the colour print cartridge or a black print cartridge
- ◆ Special OKI drivers available for easy Windows installation

**£232**

### OL810ex - LED Page Printer



The OL810ex is the new high quality, professional personal page printer, from Oki, offering excellent print quality with high speed printing and superb paper handling capabilities.

The 8 ppm OL810ex is the desktop page printer offering a true 600 dpi LED array to produce the very best print quality text and graphical images.

- ◆ HPLJ4P™ compatible (PCL6)
- ◆ 600 x 600dpi resolution for outstanding print quality
- ◆ 8 ppm printing speed with a fast RISC based microprocessor
- ◆ 35 Intellifont fonts, 10 TrueType fonts
- ◆ 2Mb as standard. User upgradeable to 34 Mb
- ◆ Bi-directional parallel and RS232C serial with auto switching

**£649**

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# New Olivetti Ultralight Colour Notebooks



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## Olivetti Echos 20C Ultralight

Echos 20/C is a truly ultralight colour portable, weighing in at only 1.8kg. Its compact dimensions are: 264 x 190 x 38mm. Just wide enough not to skimp on the keyboard, just deep enough to mount the biggest screen in its class, and slim enough to contain all the features you need.

This ruggedly elegant little package outperforms many bulkier machines. Your graphics really move thanks to a Fast IDE interface and Vesa local bus, and Echos' 4Mb of RAM easily expands to 20Mb. With HDU ranging from 170 to 240Mb and top-performing Intel 486 CPUs, Echos is a no-compromise solution for your business.

- ◆ i486SX/33MHz Processor
- ◆ 170/240Mb Hard Disk
- ◆ 4Mb RAM
- ◆ PCMCIA Type III slot with Phoenix driver
- ◆ VESA Local Bus Video
- ◆ 9.4" DSTN colour Display
- ◆ Interfaces-serial, parallel, docking connector
- ◆ Dimensions: 264 x 190 x 38mm
- ◆ Weight: 1.8kg
- ◆ External FDU included

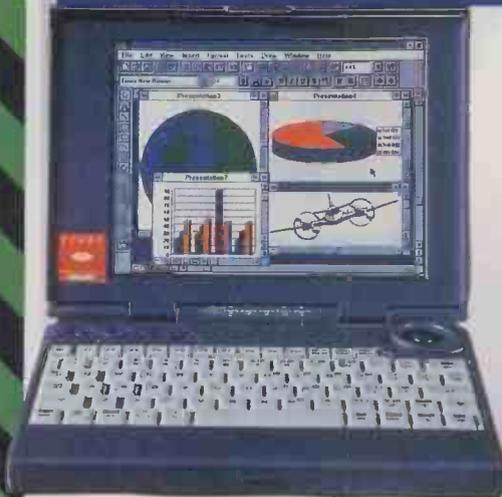
### Echos 20C Colour

170Mb **£1289**  
240Mb **£1385**

**Also available:**  
Echos 24C Colour  
with DX2-50MHz  
Processor  
**£POA**

#### OPTIONS

- ◆ VGA adapter
- ◆ Port replicator
- ◆ Car adapter
- ◆ Spare battery
- ◆ RAM expansion modules



## Olivetti Echos 44 Colour Notebook

State of the art technology and processing power that go where you go. Echos matches the experience accumulated by Olivetti, the leading European PC player, with the requirements of the business user. A portable PC that meets the ever growing need to boost output through affordable investments.

Echos incorporates leading-edge information technology facilities in an ergonomic, essential solution designed to ensure maximum cost-effectiveness

**£1649**

"Light, very well built, well configured, good value for money."

**PC USER VERDICT**

- ◆ 486DX2-50 Enhanced 40MHz processor
- ◆ 4Mb RAM
- ◆ 2 Type II or 1 Type III PCMCIA slot
- ◆ VESA Local Bus Video
- ◆ 9.4" DSTN colour display
- ◆ 256 Colours
- ◆ 6 hours battery life
- ◆ Dimensions: 286 x 216 x 42.8mm (W x D x H)
- ◆ Weight: 2.4kg
- ◆ Integrated trackball

## Olivetti JP50 Portable Inkjet Printer



- ◆ 300dpi resolution
- ◆ 100cps LQ print speed
- ◆ 30 resident fonts
- ◆ 25 scalable fonts
- ◆ 15 auto sheet feeder
- ◆ 1.7ppm max
- ◆ PCL 3+ language
- ◆ Battery powered

**£217**

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the Award Winners  
**PRICE**  
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Watford Electronics can now offer you a solution to your networking requirements, no matter how large or small. You can be confident that we will give the best advice and support that you have come to expect from Watford. We stock a wide range of Ethernet products from manufacturers such as SMC, 3Com, Intel, Genius and others, and we also have our own Aries branded products.

## ETHERNET ADAPTERS

16-bit ISA Bus Adapters	Connection	Single Card Pack Part No.	Price	5 Card Pack Part No.	Price
3Com Etherlink III	BNC/AUI	CNA0610	£66	CNA1900	£319
3Com Etherlink III	UTP/AUI	CNA0620	£65	CNA1910	£319
3Com Etherlink III	BNC/UTP/AUI	CNA0630	£74	CNA1920	£355
Aries NE2000 II	BNC/UTP	CNA0040	£28	CNA1710	£135
D-Link DE-220CT	BNC/UTP	CNA1570	£65	CNA1730	£379 (6pk)
Genius GE2000 II	BNC/UTP	CNA1130	£32	CNA0940	£145
Genius GE2000 PnP	BNC/UTP	CNA2130	£18	CNA2140	£18
Intel EtherExp. 16C Pro	BNC/UTP	CNA1260	£63	CNA1270	£289
Intel EtherExp. 16C Pro Flash	BNC/UTP	CNA1280	£66	CNA1290	£319
Novell NE2000 Plus	BNC	CNA1510	£48	CNA2070	£215
Novell NE2000T Plus	UTP	CNA1250	£48	CNA2080	£215
SMC Elite 16 Ultra	BNC	CNA0910	£58	CNA1200	£310 (6pk)
SMC Elite 16T Ultra	UTP	CNA0880	£58	CNA0900	£310 (6pk)
SMC Elite 16C Ultra	BNC/UTP/AUI	CNA0890	£62	CNA1210	£350
SMC EtherZ	BNC	CNA2600	£62	CNA2640	£302
SMC EtherZ	UTP	CNA2610	£62	CNA2650	£302
SMC EtherZ	BNC/UTP	CNA2620	£69	CNA2660	£335
<b>32-bit EISA Bus Adapters</b>	<b>Connection</b>	<b>Single Card Pack</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>5 Card Pack</b>	<b>Price</b>
3Com Etherlink III	BNC/AUI	CNA0710	£140	CNA1950	£699
3Com Etherlink III	UTP/AUI	CNA0720	£140	CNA1960	£699
Genius E1320	BNC/UTP	CNA1370	£169	CNA0960	£1830
Intel EtherExpress 32 Flash	BNC/UTP/AUI	CNA1420	£189		
SMC Elite 32C Ultra	BNC/UTP/AUI	CNA1780	£149	CNA1740	£829
<b>MCA Bus (PS/2) Adapters</b>	<b>Connection</b>	<b>Single Card Pack</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>5 Card Pack</b>	<b>Price</b>
3Com Etherlink III	BNC/AUI	CNA0730	£146	CNA1930	£709
3Com Etherlink III	UTP/AUI	CNA0740	£146	CNA1940	£709
D-Link DE-320	BNC/UTP	CNA1580	£99		
Genius E1162M	BNC/UTP	CNA1360	£159	CNA0960	£779
SMC Elite/A	BNC	CNA0350	£122		
SMC Elite 10T/A	UTP	CNA0790	£122		
<b>VESA Local Bus Adapters</b>	<b>Connection</b>	<b>Single Card Pack</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>5 Card Pack</b>	<b>Price</b>
Aries CE3200-VL	BNC/UTP/AUI	CNA1880	£99	CNA2670	£475
D-Link DE-500CT	BNC/UTP	CNA1750	£189		
<b>PCI Bus Adapters</b>	<b>Connection</b>	<b>Single Card Pack</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>5 Card Pack</b>	<b>Price</b>
SMC EtherPower	BNC/UTP	CNA1240	£96	CNA2700	£579
D-Link DE-530CT	BNC/UTP	CNA2710	£95		
Genius GE2500	BNC/UTP	CNA2110	£89	CNA2120	£439
3Com Etherlink III	BNC/UTP	CNA0430	£124	CNA0440	£439
<b>Parallel Port Adapters</b>	<b>Connection</b>	<b>Single Card Pack</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>5 Card Pack</b>	<b>Price</b>
Genius E3000 II	BNC/UTP	CNA1145	£73	CNA1230	£360
D-Link DE-620CT	BNC/UTP	CNA1660	£129		
SMC EliteNote	BNC/UTP	CNA1630	£159		
<b>PCMCIA Adapters</b>	<b>Connection</b>	<b>Single Card Pack</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>5 Card Pack</b>	<b>Price</b>
3Com Etherlink III	BNC/UTP	CNA1490	£145		
D-Link DE-650CT	BNC/UTP	CNA2720	£135		
Genius ME3000 II	BNC/UTP	CNA1620	£99	CNA1770	£489
SMC EliteCard	BNC/UTP	CNA2630	£149		

### Genius® Ethernet Products



**GE2000 II**  
Ethernet Card

**£32**



**E3000 II**  
Parallel Port Adapter

**£73**

The GE2000 is a 16-bit Ethernet card which is 100% NE2000 compatible. Installation is simple - just plug in and run the software.

- ◆ BNC and UTP connections as standard
- ◆ 35% faster than Novell NE2000 cards
- ◆ Support for Netware, WFWG & TCP/IP

**Single: £32 3 Pack: £89 5 Pack: £145**

The E3000 II Ethernet adapter offers higher performance than any other similarly priced model available.

- ◆ BNC and UTP connections as standard
- ◆ Through connector for local printer
- ◆ Support for bi-directional and enhanced parallel port
- ◆ PS/2 mouse port power cable included.

**Single: £73 3 Pack: £215 5 Pack: £360**

**Personal Netware Card Pack**  
-Genius GE2000 II Ethernet card  
-Novell Personal Netware  
**Special Offer Price £49**

yes  
NetWare  
Tested and  
Approved

### NOVELL NETWORK

No of Users	5	10	25	50	100	250	Manuals
Network 3.12	£395	£965	£1442	£1945	£2540	£4560	£155
Network 4.1 (CD)	£415	£946	£1495	£2035	£2865	£5950	£135

Call for prices on Netware Upgrades and also for Educational Discounts

### Network 4.1 Upgrades - from any previous version

Upgrade From	Upgrade To	5	10	25	50	100	250
5 User	10 User	£239	£879	£1429	-	-	-
10 User	25 User	-	£459	£1169	£1639	-	-
25 User	50 User	-	-	£699	£1289	£2249	-
50 User	100 User	-	-	-	£939	£1799	£4179
100 User	250 User	-	-	-	-	£1249	£3879
250 User		-	-	-	-	-	£2339

## Personal Netware Networking Kits



Link up to 30 PCs with Novell's new Peer to Peer networking software, and have shared access to files, printers and CD ROM drives, all at the push of a button. With support for DOS and Windows, Personal Netware is the ideal low cost solution for small scale installations.

- ◆ 2 User Pack £89
- ◆ 5 User Pack £210
- ◆ 10 User Pack £425
- ◆ Extra User Pack £55
- ◆ Notebook Pack £119
- ◆ PCMCIA Pack £179

**NOVELL**

All kits contain Ethernet card, 5m cables, software\* and connectors



## Microsoft® Windows for Workgroups Networking Kits

Now, Windows 3.1 users can have easy access to shared resources - such as printers, fax modems, CD-ROM drives and data files, all at the click of a mouse button. Send messages to other users or even have 'live' conversations over the network.

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| <b>For users without Windows 3.1</b> | <b>For users with Windows 3.1</b> |
| ◆ 2 User Starter Kit £235            | ◆ 2 User Add-On Kit £149          |
| ◆ 5 User Starter Kit £595            | ◆ 5 User Add-On Kit £375          |
| ◆ Extra User Starter Kit £115        | ◆ Extra User Add-On Kit £69       |
| ◆ Notebook Starter Kit £155          | ◆ Notebook Add-On Kit £119        |

All packs contain Ethernet card, 5m cables, software and connectors.

## ETHERNET CABLING

Length	1m	3m	5m	10m	15m	20m	30m	50m	100m	300m
Thinnet	£3	£5	£6	£8	£10	£15	£21	£29	£35	£115
UTP	£2	£4	£6	£9	£13	£16	£22	£30	-	£149

\*Software supplied will be cosmetically different from that shown

## HUBS/REPEATERS

3 Com	UTP	BNC	AUI	SMNP	Price
LinkBuilder TP/12	12	opt	1	-	£259
LinkBuilder FMS II	12	opt	1	opt	£399
<b>Aries</b>	<b>UTP</b>	<b>BNC</b>	<b>AUI</b>	<b>SMNP</b>	
EH-8	8	1	-	-	£129
EH-16	16	1	1	-	£279
EH-32	32	1	1	-	£459
<b>Genius</b>	<b>UTP</b>	<b>BNC</b>	<b>AUI</b>	<b>SMNP</b>	
GH4080	8	1	-	-	£115
GH4160	16	1	-	-	£180
GH1000	12	1	1	opt	£249
GR5050	1	3	1	-	£180
<b>Hewlett Packard</b>	<b>UTP</b>	<b>BNC</b>	<b>AUI</b>	<b>SMNP</b>	
AdvanceStack 8	8	opt	opt	opt	£135
AdvanceStack 12	12	opt	opt	opt	£369
AdvanceStack 24	24	-	1	opt	£619
AdvanceStack 48	48	-	1	opt	£1159
<b>SMC</b>	<b>UTP</b>	<b>BNC</b>	<b>AUI</b>	<b>SMNP</b>	
Elite 3812TP	12	1	1	opt	£399
Tiger TP6	6	-	1	-	£155
Tiger TP6B	6	1	-	-	£299
Tiger CX3	-	3	1	-	£219

## UPS SYSTEMS

- Upsonic Standby UPS**
- ◆ Station 28 - 280VA Backup UPS £84
  - ◆ Station 40 - 400VA Backup UPS £129
  - ◆ Station 60 - 600VA Backup UPS £155
  - ◆ System 60 - 600VA On-line UPS £360
  - ◆ System 100 - 1kVA On-line UPS £499
- American Power Conversion UPS**
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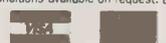


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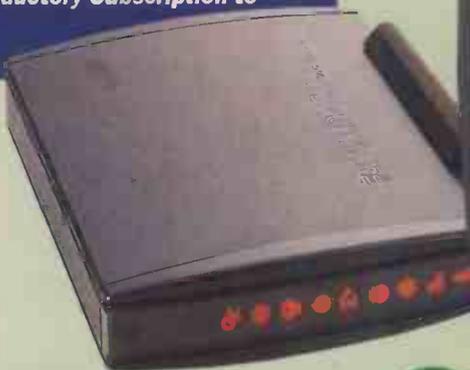
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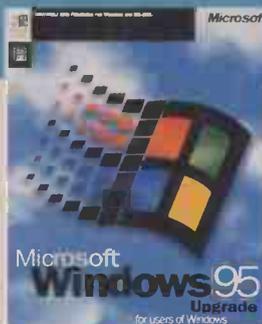


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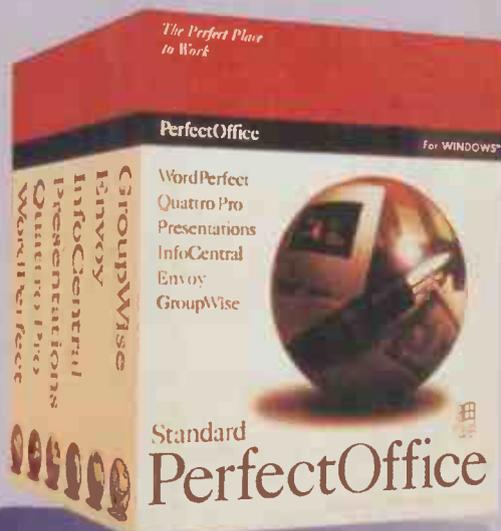
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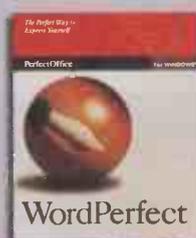
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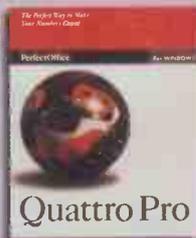
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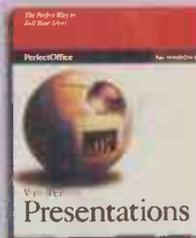
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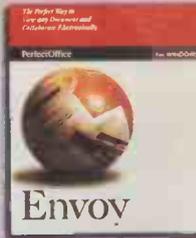
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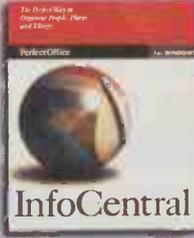
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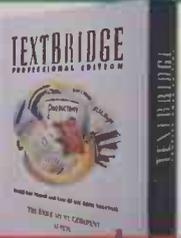
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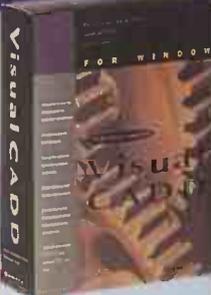
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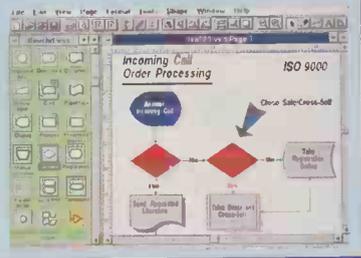
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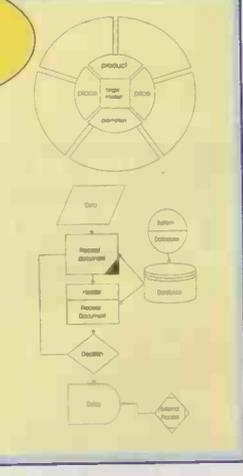
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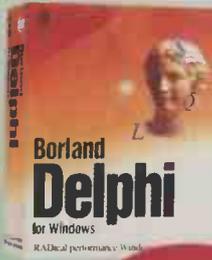


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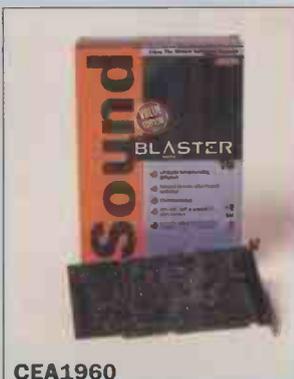
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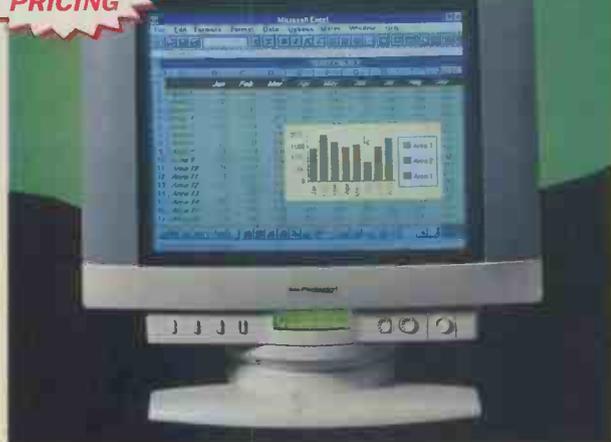
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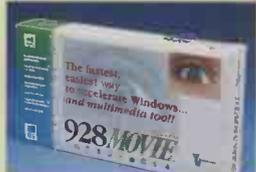


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- USA Wars - Operation Desert Storm £15
- USA Wars - World War II £11
- War in the World £9
- Windows £8
- Windows Collections £6
- World of Windows £9
- World View £9
- World Vista Atlas £7
- Worlds of Empire (Mindscape) £9
- Wrath of the Demon £8
- Zoo Guides: Mammals of Africa v3 £12
- Any FIVE from this section £35

## SOUND CARDS

- Creative Blasterkeys £115
- Creative Blasterkeys Kit £299
- Creative MIDI Blaster £89
- Creative Wave Blaster £93
- Sound Blaster v2 Value £24
- Sound Blaster Pro Value £35
- Sound Blaster 16 IDE £64
- Sound Blaster 16 Pro IDE £87
- Sound Blaster 16 Value £57
- Sound Blaster 16 Multi CD £79
- Sound Blaster ADSP Multi CD £106
- Sound Blaster 16 Pro IDE ADSP £110
- Sound Blaster 16 SCSI II Value £103
- Sound Blaster 16 ADSP SCSI II Value £124
- Sound Blaster AWE 32 Value £124
- Sound Blaster AWE 32 (Full Pack) £169
- Sound Blaster AWE 32 IDE £171
- ADSP Upgrade £39
- DIGISPEECH Portable Sound Plus £109
- GRAVIS UltraSound £98
- UltraSound Max £135
- UltraSound MIDI Kit £29
- LOGITECH SoundMan Wave £139
- ORCHID SoundDrive 16 EZ £61
- SoundDrive 16 EZ SCSI £76
- GameWave 32 £69
- SoundWave 32 £132
- SoundWave 32 Pro £133
- SoundWave 32 Pro SCSI £148
- SoundWave 32 SCSI £139

## SPEAKERS & ACCESSORIES



- Ideal for Multimedia PC's Magnetically shielded
- Aries Stereo Speakers £6
- Aries HiFi Speakers £19
- Aries HiFi Pro Speakers £28
- Aries Digital Speakers £39
- Aries Digital Plus Speakers £48
- Aries ScreenMicrophone £4.50
- Aries Headphones £4.50

## CREATIVE MULTIMEDIA KIT

- Discover 2X Value £139
- Discovery CD 16 Dual Speed £205
- Discovery 4X Kit £268
- GameBlaster CD16 Dual Speed £209
- GameBlaster AWE32 £287
- Multimedia Home CD 4X £279
- Digital Edge 3X Multimedia Pack Offer whilst stocks last £248

## CD ROM DRIVES

Model	Access ms	Speed	Transfer Kb/s	I/F Type	Inter Bare	Exter Bare	Inter Kit	Exter Kit
Aries Dual Speed	250	Dual	307	IDE	£75*			
BackPack Dual Speed	250	Dual		PAR				£314
BackPack 4S		Quad		PAR				£349
Creative CR563	320	Dual	300	Pana	£83*			
Goldstar GCDR402B		Dual		IDE	£83			
Goldstar GCDR5404B		Quad		IDE	£83			
ICD CD952	350	Dual	307	PCMCIA				£249
Mitsumi FX400	250	Dual	600	Quad	£106			
Nakamichi MBR-7	380	Dual	300	SCSI	£275		Holder up to 7 Cds	
NEC 4X-IDE	190	Quad	600	IDE	£119			
NEC 4Xe	180	Quad	600	SCSI		£342		
NEC 4Xi	180	Quad	600	SCSI	£245			
NEC 4Xp	180	Quad	600	SCSI	£495			
Panasonic CR562	320	Dual	300	Pana	£72*		£95	
Panasonic PD Optical					£649		Accepts rewritable Cd's	
Pioneer DRUA124X		Quad		IDE	£145			
Sony CDU55E	250	Dual	340	IDE	£95			
Teac 1.44Mb (Combo)	195	Quad	600	PAR		£POA		
Teac CD-55A	195	Quad	600		£149			
Toshiba 3601B	150	Quad	660	SCSI	£213		£269	£309
Toshiba 5302B	195	Quad	600	IDE	£149			
Wearnes CDD120X		Dual		IDE	£79			
Wearnes CDD220		Quad		IDE	£129			

\*Audio & Data Leads supplied

# PRINTERS & ACCESSORIES

## LASER PRINTERS

Brother HL630	6ppm	<b>£324</b>
Brother HL660	6ppm	<b>£464</b>
Brother HL 1260*	12ppm	<b>£910</b>
Canon LBP430W	4ppm	<b>£363</b>
Canon LBP1260	12ppm	<b>£909</b>
Epson EPL3000*	4ppm	<b>£389</b>
Epson EPL5200+	5ppm	<b>£471</b>
Epson EPL9000	8ppm	<b>£1199</b>
Epson EPL9000PS	8ppm	<b>£1362</b>
Fujitsu VM600	6ppm	<b>£299</b>
HP LaserJet 4L	4ppm	<b>£355</b>
HP LaserJet 4MV	16ppm	<b>£1989</b>
HP LaserJet 4V	16ppm	<b>£1368</b>
HP LaserJet 4+	12ppm	<b>£935</b>
HP LaserJet 4M+	12ppm	<b>£1258</b>
HP LaserJet 4Si	16ppm	<b>£2085</b>
HP LaserJet 4Si MX	16ppm	<b>£2967</b>
HP LaserJet 5P	6ppm	<b>£587</b>
HP LaserJet 5MP	6ppm	<b>£704</b>
HP LaserJet Colour	8ppm	<b>£4199</b>
NEC SuperScript 610+*	6ppm	<b>£289</b>
NEC SuperScript 660i*	6ppm	<b>£565</b>
NEC SuperScript Colour 3000*	6ppm	<b>£649</b>
OKI OL400ex*	4ppm	<b>£279</b>
OKI OL410ex*	4ppm	<b>£385</b>
OKI OL810ex*	8ppm	<b>£649</b>
OKI OL850 PS*	8ppm	<b>£1199</b>
Panasonic KX-P4430**	5ppm	<b>£479</b>
Panasonic KX-P4440**	10ppm	<b>£679</b>
Panasonic KX-P6100	5ppm	<b>£265</b>
Star Win Type 4000	4ppm	<b>£288</b>

\* 1 years on-site warranty  
\*\* 2 years on-site warranty

## LASER RAM UPGRADES

Type	1M	2M	4M	8M
Brother HL630	<b>£85</b>	-	-	-
Brother HL631	<b>£70</b>	-	-	-
Canon LBP4+	<b>£139</b>	-	-	-
Canon LBP4i	<b>£109</b>	-	<b>£279</b>	-
Canon LBP8 IV	<b>£119</b>	-	<b>£299</b>	-
EPL4100/4300	<b>£62</b>	<b>£110</b>	<b>£205</b>	-
EPL5200/5600	<b>£49</b>	<b>£115</b>	<b>£199</b>	-
HP II/III/IIID	<b>£59</b>	<b>£95</b>	<b>£150</b>	-
HP II/IIID	<b>£65</b>	<b>£95</b>	-	-
HP IISi	-	<b>£85</b>	<b>£158</b>	<b>£229</b>
HP 4/4M/4P/4MP	-	<b>£84</b>	<b>£115</b>	<b>£229</b>
HP 4L/4ML	<b>£65</b>	-	-	-
KX-P4410/4430	<b>£89</b>	<b>£129</b>	-	-
KX-P4420/4450i	<b>£89</b>	<b>£109</b>	<b>£165</b>	-
KX-P4400/5400	<b>£75</b>	<b>£109</b>	<b>£175</b>	-
OKI OL400e	<b>£99</b>	<b>£118</b>	-	-
Star LP8	<b>£138</b>	<b>£225</b>	-	-
Star LS5	<b>£75</b>	-	-	-

## LASER CONSUMABLES

Type	Toner	Drum	Dev
Brother HL600 Series	<b>£22</b>	<b>£99</b>	-
Canon/Star 4s	<b>£46</b>	-	-
Canon LBP-8 IV	<b>£70</b>	-	-
Canon LBP-8III	<b>£46</b>	-	-
EPL4000/4100/4300	<b>£64</b>	<b>£89</b>	-
EPL5200	<b>£82</b>	-	-
EPL7100/7500/8100	<b>£117</b>	-	-
Fujitsu VM600	<b>£85</b>	-	-
Fujitsu VM800	<b>£115</b>	-	-
Fujitsu VM4	<b>£29</b>	<b>£149</b>	<b>£89</b>
HP II/III/IIID	<b>£47</b>	-	-
HP IIP/IIIP	<b>£46</b>	-	-
HP IISi/4Si/MX	<b>£77</b>	-	-
HP 4/4+/4M	<b>£67</b>	-	-
HP 4L/4ML/4P/4MP	<b>£44</b>	-	-
HP 4V/MV	<b>£91</b>	-	-
HP 5P/5MP	<b>£60</b>	-	-
NEC 610	<b>£75</b>	-	-
NEC S60/60P/62P/90/95	<b>£105</b>	-	-
OKI OL400/800	<b>£19</b>	<b>£189</b>	-
OKI OL400e	<b>£17</b>	<b>£129</b>	-
KX-P4410/30	<b>£28</b>	<b>£80</b>	<b>£90</b>
KX-P4440	<b>£32</b>	<b>£108</b>	<b>£115</b>
KX-P4420	<b>£24</b>	<b>£57</b>	<b>£55</b>
KX-P4450/50i/51/55	<b>£18</b>	<b>£75</b>	<b>£60</b>
KX-P4400/5400	<b>£14</b>	<b>£55</b>	-
KX-P6100	<b>£12</b>	<b>£98</b>	-
Qume Crystalprint	<b>£99</b>	<b>£189</b>	-
Star LS-5	<b>£83</b>	-	-
Star Wintype	<b>£68</b>	-	-

## LASER ACCESSORIES

JetPage Postscript Cartridge - IIP/IIIP	<b>£169</b>
Postscript Upgrade for LaserJet 4	<b>£270</b>
Postscript Upgrade for LaserJet 4P	<b>£225</b>
LaserJet 4 Lower Paper Cassette	<b>£205</b>
LaserJet 4 JetDirect Ethernet Card	<b>£339</b>
LaserJet IIP Paper Cassette	<b>£115</b>
Ozone filter for KX-P4420	<b>£9</b>
Ozone filter for KX-P4450/4455	<b>£20</b>
LaserJet 4Si Duplex Unit	<b>£475</b>
Envelope Feeder for LaserJet 4	<b>£199</b>
LaserJet III FX/IBM Emulation Cart	<b>£79</b>
Lower Paper Tray for Canon LBP-4	<b>£98</b>
A5 Paper Feeder for LaserJet 4P	<b>£85</b>

## 9PIN MATRIX PRINTERS

Citizen 1200+Parallel	80col	<b>£90</b>
Citizen 120D+Serial	80col	<b>£105</b>
Epson LX100	80col	<b>£98</b>
Epson LX300	80col	<b>£98</b>
Epson LX1050	132col	<b>£187</b>
Epson FX870	80col	<b>£245</b>
Epson FX1170	132col	<b>£304</b>
Epson DFX5000+	132col	<b>£1188</b>
Panasonic KX-P1150	80col	<b>£89</b>
Panasonic KX-P3696	80col	<b>£259</b>
Star LC15	132col	<b>£177</b>
Star LC100C	80col	<b>£89</b>
Star LC90	80col	<b>£78</b>
Star ZA200	80col	<b>£265</b>
Star ZA250	132col	<b>£329</b>

## 24PIN MATRIX PRINTERS

Citizen ABC Mono	80col	<b>£103</b>
Citizen ABC Colour	80col	<b>£125</b>
Citizen Swift 200 Mono	80col	<b>£138</b>
Citizen Swift 200 Colour	80col	<b>£146</b>
Citizen Swift 240X	132col	<b>£217</b>
Epson LQ 100	80col	<b>£99</b>
Epson LQ 150 Mono	80col	<b>£112</b>
Epson LQ150 Colour	80col	<b>£158</b>
Epson LQ300	80col	<b>£150</b>
Epson LQ570+	80col	<b>£217</b>
Epson LQ870	80col	<b>£381</b>
Epson LQ1070+	132col	<b>£303</b>
Epson LQ1170	132col	<b>£441</b>
Epson DLQ3000	132col	<b>£805</b>
NEC P2Q	80col	<b>£98</b>
NEC P3Q	132col	<b>£178</b>
NEC P62	80col	<b>£315</b>
NEC P72	132col	<b>£372</b>
Panasonic KX-P2023	80col	<b>£108</b>
Panasonic KX-P2124	80col	<b>£198</b>
Panasonic KX-P2135 Colour	80col	<b>£124</b>
Panasonic KX-P3626	132col	<b>£252</b>
Star LC24-15 II	132col	<b>£232</b>
Star LC240 Mono	80col	<b>£90</b>
Star LC240 Colour	80col	<b>£103</b>
Star X824-200 Colour	80col	<b>£329</b>
Star X824-250 Colour	132col	<b>£395</b>

## RIBBONS/INK CARTRIDGES

### Manufacturers Original Ribbons Only

Type	Black	Colour
Canon BJ10ex/BJ10sx	<b>£14</b>	-
Canon BJ30	<b>£10</b>	-
Canon BJ200/BJ230	<b>£16</b>	-
Canon BJ300/BJ330	<b>£11</b>	-
Canon BJC70	<b>£9</b>	<b>£14</b>
Canon BJC600	<b>£7</b>	<b>£8</b>
Canon BJC800	<b>£6</b>	<b>£22</b>
Canon BJC4000 Ink Tank	<b>£7</b>	<b>£13</b>
Citizen 120D+	<b>£4</b>	-
Citizen Swift 200/240/ABC	<b>£4</b>	<b>£13</b>
Citizen Swift 24X	<b>£8</b>	<b>£18</b>
Epson LX100	<b>£4</b>	-
Epson LX400/LX850/FX870	<b>£4</b>	-
Epson LX1050/FX1170	<b>£5</b>	-
Epson LQ100	<b>£4</b>	-
Epson LQ150	<b>£4</b>	<b>£12</b>
Epson LQ570/870	<b>£5</b>	-
Epson LQ1070/1170	<b>£8</b>	-
Epson LQ2550	<b>£8</b>	<b>£16</b>
Epson SQ870/SQ1170	<b>£23</b>	-
Epson Stylus Colour	<b>£12</b>	<b>£27</b>
Epson Stylus 300	<b>£12</b>	-
Epson Stylus 800/1000	<b>£10</b>	-
Fujitsu DL1150/DL1250	<b>£5</b>	<b>£7</b>
Fujitsu DL3600	<b>£6</b>	<b>£12</b>
Fujitsu B100/B200	<b>£18</b>	-
HP DeskJet 500 Series	<b>£19</b>	<b>£21</b>
HP DeskJet 660	<b>£20</b>	<b>£23</b>
HP DeskJet 850	<b>£22</b>	<b>£20</b>
HP DeskJet 310/320	<b>£13</b>	<b>£21</b>
HP DeskJet 1200C	<b>£19</b>	<b>£21</b>
HP PaintJet	<b>£16</b>	<b>£18</b>
HP PaintJet XL300	<b>£16</b>	<b>£18</b>
Kaga/Taxan KP810/815	<b>£5</b>	-
NEC P3Q/P32Q	<b>£8</b>	-
NEC P62/72/90	<b>£8</b>	<b>£14</b>
Panasonic 1150/1170/1180	<b>£7</b>	-
Panasonic 2180/23/24/35	<b>£7</b>	<b>£14</b>
Panasonic 1624/2624	<b>£8</b>	-
Panasonic KXP3626/3696	<b>£11</b>	-
Star LC10/LC20/LC100	<b>£5</b>	<b>£9</b>
Star LC100/200	<b>£5</b>	<b>£11</b>
Star LC24-20/24-100/24-200	<b>£5</b>	<b>£12</b>
Star LC24-30	<b>£8</b>	<b>£12</b>
Star XB24/ZA200/ZA250	<b>£5</b>	<b>£12</b>
Star SJ48	<b>£15</b>	-
Star SJ144 Thermal	<b>£6</b>	<b>£8</b>

## INKJET PRINTERS

Canon BJ200ex	80col	<b>£170</b>
Canon BJ30	80col	<b>£153</b>
Canon BJ230	132col	<b>£239</b>
Canon BJ300	80col	<b>£351</b>
Canon BJ330	132col	<b>£390</b>
Canon BJC70	80col	<b>£225</b>
Canon BJC600e	80col	<b>£335</b>
Canon BJC800	32col	<b>£1065</b>
Canon BJC820 (Mac)	132col	<b>£1228</b>
Canon BJC4000	80col	<b>£232</b>
Citizen ProJet IIC	80col	<b>£198</b>
Epson Pro XL Colour A3	132col	<b>£1349</b>
Epson Stylus 1000	132col	<b>£311</b>
Epson Stylus Colour	80col	<b>£350</b>
Epson Stylus Pro	132col	<b>£1475</b>
Epson SQ870	80col	<b>£453</b>
Epson SQ1170	132col	<b>£609</b>
HP DeskJet 320	80col	<b>£164</b>
HP DeskJet 320 & CSF	80col	<b>£180</b>
HP DeskJet 660C	80col	<b>£294</b>
HP DeskJet 850C	80col	<b>£387</b>
HP DeskJet 1200C	80col	<b>£630</b>
HP DeskJet 1200C PS	80col	<b>£985</b>
HP DeskJet 1600C	80col	<b>£830</b>
HP PaintJet XL300+ A4	80col	<b>£1599</b>
OKi OJ300 Colour	80col	<b>£232</b>
Star SJ144	80col	<b>£178</b>
Star Wintype 800C Thermal	80col	<b>£592</b>

## SHEET FEEDERS

Canon BJ10ex/BJ10sx	<b>£40</b>
Canon BJ300	<b>£86</b>
Canon BJ330	<b>£96</b>
Citizen Swift 24/200/240	<b>£75</b>
Epson LX400	<b>£89</b>
Epson LQ570/LQ870	<b>£87</b>
Epson LQ1070/LQ1170	<b>£49</b>
HP DeskJet 310/320	<b>£48</b>
NEC P20/P220	<b>£59</b>
NEC P3Q/P32Q	<b>£85</b>
Panasonic 1170/1180/1123	<b>£59</b>
Panasonic 1124i/1124/2124	<b>£79</b>
Panasonic 1824/2824	<b>£128</b>
Panasonic KX-P2135	<b>£30</b>
Star LC100	<b>£69</b>
Star LC24-20	<b>£69</b>
Star LC200/LC24-200	<b>£69</b>

## INKJET REFILL PACKS FOR

◆ Canon BJ10ex/BJ10sx - 2 pack	<b>£10</b>
◆ Canon BJ10ex/BJ10sx - 5 pack	<b>£24</b>
◆ Canon BJ10ex/BJ10sx 1 Original Cart & 3 refills	<b>£36</b>
◆ Canon BJ200 2 refills	<b>£34</b>
◆ Epson SQ870/1170 - 2 refills	<b>£9</b>
◆ HP DeskJet Std capacity - 2 pack	<b>£8</b>
◆ HP DeskJet Std capacity - 5 pack	<b>£20</b>
◆ HP DeskJet Std capacity black Cart +3 Std capacity refills	<b>£30</b>
◆ HP DeskJet Hi-capacity - 2 pack	<b>£17</b>
◆ HP DeskJet Hi-capacity - 5 pack	<b>£35</b>
◆ HP DeskJet Colour Cart & 1 each (3) colour refills	<b>£39</b>

## ACCESSORIES

Citizen Swift 200/240/ABC Colour it	<b>£32</b>
Canon BJ10sx Battery Pack	<b>£32</b>
Epson OK Serial Interface	<b>£29</b>
Epson 8K Serial Interface	<b>£75</b>
Epson 32K Serial Interface	<b>£95</b>
Epson LQ100 Tractor Unit	<b>£29</b>
Epson LX300 Colour Kit	<b>£29</b>
HP DeskJet FX Emulation Cartridge	<b>£49</b>
HP DeskJet IBM Emulation Cartridge	<b>£57</b>
HP DeskJet 500 256K RAM Cartridge	<b>£75</b>
HP DeskJet 320 Battery Pack	<b>£33</b>
HP DeskJet 320 CarryCase	<b>£49</b>
HP DeskJet 320/540 Colour Kit	<b>£28</b>
HP DeskJet 320 Parallel Cable	<b>£12</b>
HP DeskJet 1200 Postscript Upgrade	<b>£499</b>
HP DeskJet Prestige Elite Fonts	<b>£55</b>
HP DeskJet Letter Gothic Fonts	<b>£56</b>
Panasonic Serial Interface	<b>£49</b>
Panasonic 32K Buffer	<b>£16</b>
Panasonic 2180/2123 Colour Kit	<b>£30</b>
Star 8K Serial Interface - LC Range	<b>£52</b>
Star 8K Serial Interface - XB Range	<b>£39</b>
Star 32K Buffer - LC24/XB24	<b>£52</b>
Dustcovers for 80col printers	<b>£6</b>
Dustcovers for 132col printers	<b>£9</b>

## SPECIAL OFFERS

◆ 80 col Perspex Printer Stand	<b>£7</b>
◆ 132 col Perspex Printer Stand	<b>£10</b>
◆ 80 col Printer Stand	<b>£8</b>
◆ 132 col Printer Stand	<b>£12</b>

## LUTON SHOP

Finway, Dallow Road, Luton, Beds  
Tel: 01582 745555

## WATFORD SHOP

250 Lower High Street, Watford, Herts.  
Tel: 01923 237774

## HP On-Site Warranty Packs

Model	1yr	3yr
Mono DeskJet/Deskwriter	<b>£32</b>	<b>£40</b>
Colour DeskJet/Deskwriter	<b>£45</b>	<b>£65</b>
LaserJet 4L/ML/DJ1200/1600	<b>£78</b>	<b>£90</b>
LaserJet 4+/4M+	<b>£135</b>	<b>£160</b>
LaserJet 4V/4MP	-	<b>£200</b>
LaserJet 5P/5MP	-	<b>£130</b>

## PRINTER SHARER/BUFFER

### Manual Printer Sharers

Type	Serial	Parallel
2in/1out	<b>£12</b>	<b>£13</b>
2in/2out	<b>£28</b>	<b>£29</b>
3in/1out	<b>£15</b>	<b>£17</b>
4in/1out	<b>£24</b>	<b>£26</b>

# MONITORS & VIDEO CARDS

## MONITORS

**Aries VGA Monitors**  
14" Mono VGA - Paper White **£85**  
**EnergyPro 14" LR SuperVGA**  
0.28mm dot pitch, EnergyStar compliant, supports up to 1024x768 resolution **£149**

### Aries Multiscan Monitors



The NEW Aries Multiscan monitors with Horizontal Frequency ranging from 29KHz to 75KHz providing rock solid images at resolutions of upto 1280 x 1024. Non-interlaced, coupled with the 0.28mm dot pitch Picture Tube provides the Ultra High Image that is expected from the Aries range of Low Radiation Swedish MPRII Standard Monitors. Supplied complete with tile and swivel base.

**Aries Alphascan Pro LR**  
1024 x 768/72Hz (NI) H-Sync 70KHz, Front Mounted user controls. **£189**

**Aries EnergyPro 6000I LR**  
15" Colour Display, 0.28mm dot pitch, 1280 x 1024/60Hz NI, Microprocessor Control with digital display, Inc. Pincushion, Trapezoid, Rotation settings. EPA EnergyStar Compliant. **£239**

**Aries EnergyPro 7560I LR**  
17" Flat Screen 0.26mm, 1280 x 1025/4/70Hz (NI) H-Sync 80 KHz Microprocessor Controls Include, Pincushion, Trapezoid, Rotation & individual RGB Colours, EnergyStar Compliant. **£419**

**CTX Multiscan Monitors**  
1451LR 14" **£169**  
1565GN 15" **£235**  
1765GM 17" **£449**  
1785GM ??\* **£495**

**Hitachi Multiscan Monitors**  
17MXV 17" **£495**  
20CM2096 20" **£1025**

**NEC Multiscan Monitors**  
XV15 15" **£279**  
XV17 17" **£559**  
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# MEMORY



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*Mark Simon*

Mark Simon  
Chairman

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- All staff are rigorously trained and tested as part of the Powermark Academy.
- Every 3 months we have a fancy dress day. A magician comes in and we donate £1 to charity for every megabyte of RAM sold on that day.
- A bottle of champagne is always awarded to any member of staff who receives an unsolicited letter of praise.



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- Run more than one application at a time, enabling true multi-tasking

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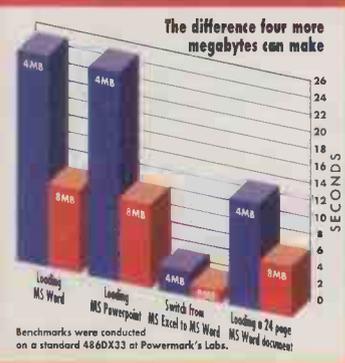
The amount of memory made an even greater difference when we tried features like dragging and dropping between applications. The system was very slow with 4MB, significantly faster with 8MB, and faster still with 12MB.

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PC Magazine, February 1995

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Personal Computer World, January 1995



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- full installation instructions
- anti-static wrist strap
- dedicated support hotline
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- switching off PC
  - removing lid
  - locating SIMM sockets
  - installing SIMMs
  - closing lid
  - switching back on

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**30 PIN SIMMS**  
• 5 year warranty on all SIMMS listed here

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1M x 8	1MB	80ns	£33
1M x 9	1MB	80ns	£33
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1M x 9 (9cs)	1MB	70ns	£33
1M x 9	1MB	60ns	£36
4M x 8	4MB	80ns	£125
4M x 9	4MB	80ns	£128
4M x 9	4MB	70ns	£119
4M x 9	4MB	60ns	£125
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• Specified by many PC manufacturers  
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512K x 36	2MB	70ns	£82
1M x 32	4MB	80ns	£121
1M x 32	4MB	70ns	£125
1M x 36	4MB	80ns	£135
1M x 36	4MB	70ns	£129
1M x 36	4MB	60ns	£145
2M x 32	8MB	80ns	£265
2M x 32	8MB	70ns	£259
2M x 36	8MB	80ns	£265
2M x 36	8MB	70ns	£275
2M x 36	8MB	60ns	£279
4M x 32	16MB	70ns	£499
4M x 36	16MB	70ns	£429
4M x 36	16MB	60ns	£529
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8M x 36	32MB	70ns	£949
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### HOW MUCH MEMORY DO YOU NEED?

Operating System	Minimum Requirement	Comfort Level	Optimum Performance
Windows 3.1	1MB	8MB	16MB
Windows 95	1MB	12MB	16MB
Windows NT	12MB	16MB	32MB
Windows AS	16MB	2MB	48MB
OS/2 Warp	4MB	12MB	20MB
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Source: manufacturers' figures

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1MB SRAM £122

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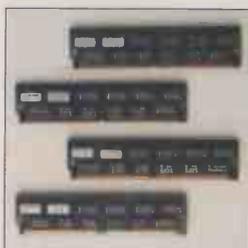
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### MATCHED MEMORY FOR AMSTRAD

PC1286/PC1386/PC3286/	
PC3386/PC5286	
1MB → 4MB	£132
ALT286/386SX	
1MB → 4MB	£149
1MB → 4MB (Zero-wait state)	£199
NC100	
256K Card	£58
512K Card	£89
1MB Card	£129
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4MB	<b>POWERCUT!</b> £129
PC7486 SLC	
8MB Kit	£229
16MB Kit	<b>POWERCUT!</b> £459
PC9486	
4MB Module	£139
16MB Module	£499
ANB386SX	
4MB Module	<b>POWERCUT!</b> £179
386SX25	
MEGA PC	
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2MB Kit	£424
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2MB Module	£109
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1MB	£114
2MB	£408
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8MB Module	£279
Z-SPORT	
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4MB Kit	<b>POWERCUT!</b> £144
LEGEND 600, 900	
4MB Kit	<b>POWERCUT!</b> £129
8MB Kit	<b>POWERCUT!</b> £279
486 LOCAL BUS	
2MB Module	£85
4MB Module	£149
FORCE RANGE	£Call
XL410/416/486	
16MB Kit	<b>POWERCUT!</b> £459

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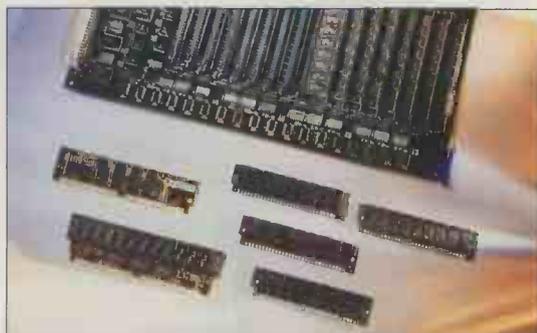
• Authorised HP dealer	
VECTRA 386/25 PC, 486 PC, 486s/20	
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8MB Kit	£336
HP VALUELINE 486, NETSERVER SERIES	
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16MB Module	£599
HP95	
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1MB → 6MB	<b>POWERCUT!</b> £209
1MB → 8MB	£272
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8MB Kit	£336
M290	
2MB Kit	<b>POWERCUT!</b> £74
4MB Kit	<b>POWERCUT!</b> £149
M486/CP386	
2MB Kit	£99
4MB Kit	£168
PCS33	
2MB Kit	<b>POWERCUT!</b> £66
M300-30	
4MB Kit	£168
8MB Kit	£299
M400-10/40/60	
4MB Kit	£156
16MB Kit	£539
QUADERNO	
512K	£89
1MB Kit	£149
MODULO & SUPREMA RANGE	
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2MB	£66
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4MB Card	£149
8MB Card	£299
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16MB	£649
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8MB Card	£359
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2MB Card	£89
4MB Card	£169
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4MB Module	£162
8MB Module	£329
T3200	
3MB Card	£169
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4MB Card	£165
8MB Card	£329
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8MB Module	£329
16MB Module	£629
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8MB	£325
T5200/C & T8500/ 6400/6600	
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6MB Kit	£219
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16MB Module	£479
32MB Module	£1199
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32MB Module	£1199
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64MB Kit	£2622
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8MB Kit	£249
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4MB Kit	£139
8MB Kit	£279
16MB Kit	£469
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8MB Kit	<b>POWERCUT!</b> £279
16MB Kit	<b>POWERCUT!</b> £499
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4MB Kit	£129
8MB Kit	£279
16MB Kit	£469
LT386SX/P	
2MB Kit	£64
4MB Kit	£139
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16MB Module	<b>POWERCUT!</b> £479
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### MATCHED MEMORY FOR IBM



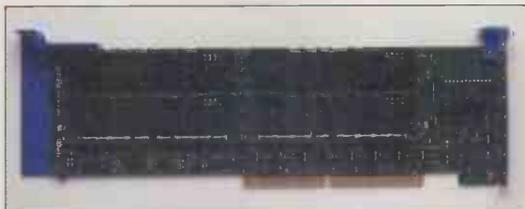
- Planar memory plugs directly onto system board
- Price instability - check latest offers on IBM matched memory before ordering

<b>PS/2 351S, 355X, 40SX</b>	
4MB	£159
8MB	£299
<b>PS/2 55SX, 60, 65SX/57SX/M57</b>	
4MB	£168
<b>PS/2 70, Portable 70/75</b>	
4MB	POWERCUT! £159
8MB	£289
<b>PS/2 80</b>	
4MB	£239
<b>PS/2 140SX, N335SX, NSL</b>	
4MB Card	POWERCUT! £149
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4MB Module	£168
<b>PS/2 195 &amp; 295</b>	
32MB Module	£Call
<b>PS/2 95 ARRAY PENTIUM</b>	
16MB Kit	£679
<b>VALUEPOINT 6381, 6382, 6384</b>	
4MB	£139
8MB	POWERCUT! £259
<b>PENTIUM VALUEPOINT PERFORMANCE SERIES</b>	
4MB Kit	£149
8MB Kit	POWERCUT! £285
16MB Kit	£529
<b>THINKPAD 300, 350, 355, 360, 500, 700, 710, 720, 750, 755c</b>	
2MB	£179
8MB	£349
<b>THINKPAD 730T</b>	
4MB	£179
8MB	£349
<b>PC466DX2, 100DX4</b>	
8MB Module	£299
<b>CL57SX</b>	
4MB	£189
8MB	£383
<b>TREKKA</b>	
2MB	£89
<b>HURDIA, SPRINTA</b>	
4MB Kit	£149
16MB Kit	£476
<b>PS/1</b>	
2MB	£85
<b>PS/1 - 386</b>	
4MB	£149
<b>PS/1 - PRO 486</b>	
4MB	£149
8MB	£289
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4MB	£149
8MB	£279
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<b>PC 300 SERIES</b>	
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80387 DX (40 MHz)	-	-	£51
80386 RapidCAD	£189	-	-



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- Completely user expandable
- |                                  |      |
|----------------------------------|------|
| <b>PS/2 50, 50Z, 60 &amp; 65</b> |      |
| 16MB Board with 4MB              | £295 |
| 16MB Board with 8MB              | £425 |
| <b>PS/2 70, 80, 90 &amp; 95</b>  |      |
| 64MB Board with 4MB              | £295 |
| 64MB Board with 8MB              | £465 |

### MATCHED MEMORY FOR VIGLEN

- Complete range for Executive, Professional and Tower
- |  |                |
|--|----------------|
| <b>GENIE 386SX</b>                               |                |
| 2MB Kit  | £64            |
| 4MB Kit  | £128           |
| <b>VIG II ELITE</b>                              |                |
| 2MB Kit  | £98            |
| 4MB Kit  | £196           |
| <b>VIG III LS (Type 1)</b>                       |                |
| 4MB Kit  | £169           |
| 8MB Kit  | £399           |
| <b>VIG III/25, III/33</b>                        |                |
| 4MB Kit  | £139           |
| 8MB Kit  | £279           |
| 16MB Kit   | £469           |
| <b>VIGLEN EX PENTIUM SERIES</b>                  |                |
| 8MB Kit  | £269           |
| <b>VIGLEN EX 4DX33/50</b>                        |                |
| 4MB  | £149           |
| 8MB  | £269           |
| <b>VIGLEN PENTIUM SERIES</b>                     |                |
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| 4MB Kit  | £139           |
| 8MB Kit  | £279           |
| 16MB Kit   | POWERCUT! £469 |
| <b>CONTENDER RANGE</b>                           |                |
| 4MB  | £149           |
| 8MB  | £269           |
| <b>GENIE 486VLB RANGE</b>                        |                |
| 16MB Module                                      | POWERCUT! £479 |
| 64MB Kit   | £2396          |
| <b>GENIE PCI RANGE</b>                           |                |
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| 2MB Kit                   | £69            |
| 4MB Kit                   | £155           |
| <b>ERGOPRO C4, D4</b>     |                |
| 8MB Kit                   | £149           |
| 16MB Kit                  | £539           |
| <b>DRS M95</b>            |                |
| 4MB Kit                   | POWERCUT! £169 |
| 32MB Kit                  | £1199          |
| <b>VALUEPLUS DL RANGE</b> |                |
| 4MB                       | £168           |
| <b>ZENO SERIES</b>        |                |
| 4MB Kit                   | £149           |
| 16MB Kit                  | £539           |



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|---|------|
| <b>XEN 486SX-25, 486DX2-50, 486 DX2-66, PCM</b> |      |
| 4MB Module                                      | £168 |
| 16MB Module                                     | £599 |

### MEMORY EXPANSION BOARDS

- |                           |      |
|---------------------------|------|
| <b>KINGSTON ATA BOARD</b> |      |
| 16MB Board with 4MB       | £239 |
| 16MB Board with 8MB       | £349 |
| 16MB Board with 16MB      | £649 |

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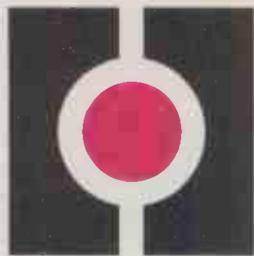


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2MB	<b>POWERCUT!</b> £79
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4MB	<b>POWERCUT!</b> £149
8MB	<b>POWERCUT!</b> £339
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- In what game did Mario make his debut?
- What year was Powermark formed?

Answers on fax form page

### MATCHED LASERPRINTER MEMORY

• Price instability - check latest offers on laser printer memory before ordering

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4MB	£149
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4MB	£179
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4MB	£149
<b>BROTHER HL8/E/V, HL10, DPS</b>	
2MB	£129

<b>CANON NOTEJET 486, BN22/BJC-880</b>	
4MB Module	£149
<b>CANON LBP4, 4+, LITE, SX</b>	
2MB	£159
<b>CANON LBP8II</b>	
2MB	£109
<b>CANON LBP8IV</b>	
4MB	£144
<b>CANON LBP 860</b>	
16MB	£Call
<b>CANON LPB-1260</b>	
4MB	£149
<b>COMPAQ PAGEMARQ 15/20</b>	
8MB	£299
16MB	£599
<b>DEC LASER 2200/2100</b>	
1MB	£79

<b>EPSON EPL4000/4100/4300/8100</b>	
2MB	£109
<b>EPSON EPL7000</b>	
4MB	£199
<b>EPSON ACTION LASER 1600/1100</b>	
4MB	£149
8MB	£279
<b>KYOCERA F800</b>	
2MB	£129

<b>NEC SILENT WRITER 95/95FX/97/97FX</b>	
2MB	£85
<b>OKI LASER 400</b>	
2MB	£99
<b>OKI 800/820</b>	
2MB	£109
<b>OKI LASER 830/840/850</b>	
2MB	<b>POWERCUT!</b> £109
<b>PANASONIC 4420</b>	
2MB	£109
<b>PANASONIC 5410, 4440</b>	
2MB	£117

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2MB	<b>POWERCUT!</b> £99
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1MB	£119

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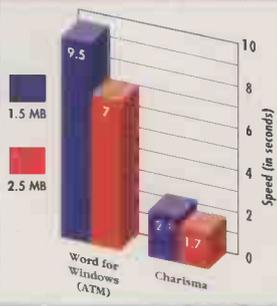
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Increasing memory in your laser printer will enable it to print large, graphics intensive documents. Additional benefits include faster print spooling, faster printing speed and multiple font downloading.

This chart shows the improvement a single megabyte of printer memory can make. "Speed" represents the amount of time required to spool the document into the printer and get the full use of your PC back.

How much memory do you need?

Full page graphics	1MB - 2MB	4 - 5 PostScript fonts	2MB
Soft fonts	1MB	8 - 10 PostScript fonts	4MB
PostScript cartridge	1.5MB	Network printer sharing	4MB



### MATCHED MEMORY FOR HP PRINTERS



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2MB	<b>POWERCUT!</b> £89
4MB	£159

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2MB	<b>POWERCUT!</b> £82
4MB	£149

#### LASERJET 5P, 5MP

4MB	£189
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#### LASERJET IIIsi, 4, 4M, 4si, 4MV, 4MP, 4P, 4V

4MB	£149
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#### LASERJET 4L

1MB	£79
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#### DESKJET 500, 500c, 550

256K	£39
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4MB	£149
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#### DESKJET 660C/PS

8MB	£275
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8MB	£275
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#### JET DIRECT

EX PRINT SERVER	£Call
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#### NETSERVER SERIES

32MB Module	£1399
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#### DESIGNJET 600/650

4MB	£142
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#### PAINTJET XL300

HP COLOUR LASERJET	£Call
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#### HP COLOUR LASERJET

4MB Module	£149
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16MB Kit	<b>POWERCUT!</b> £968
32MB Kit	£2384

#### ENVIZEX RANGE

16MB Module	£699
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### MEMORY FOR SILICON GRAPHICS Workstations

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32MB Kit	£2030
<b>PROFESSIONAL IRIS</b>	
4MB	£265
<b>INDIGO, 4D/30, 4D/35533</b>	
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CHALLENGE SERIES	£Call

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• Workstation experts available

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16MB Kit	<b>POWERCUT!</b> £489
<b>SPARC LX</b>	
32MB Kit	£1199
<b>SPARC 330, 370 &amp; 390</b>	
16MB Kit	£1294
32MB Kit	£1802
<b>SPARC SERVER 630, 670, 690</b>	
64MB Kit	£2812
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128MB	£5402
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448MB Kit	£17,384

#### POWERSTATION/POWERSERVER 200

8MB Kit	£298
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#### X STATION

6MB Kit	£228
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ST9550AG 455MB 16ms £359

ST9655AG 524MB 16ms £373

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ST3491A Powerpack 428MB 14ms £99

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M2684T POWERCUT! 532MB 12ms £130

#### SCSI

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M2684S 532MB 12ms £145

M1606SA 1.0GB 10ms £349

### IBM

#### IDE

Pegasus 1.05GB 9ms £383

#### SCSI

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Ultrastar 4.3GB 8ms £1698

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MK2628FC 810MB 12ms £499

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#### IDE

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LPS420AT 420MB 12ms £128

LT540 540MB 10ms £139

LT730 730MB 10ms £167

#### SCSI

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LT540S 540MB 12ms £169

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LPS1225S 1.2GB 10ms £599

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AC31200 POWERCUT! 1.28GB 10ms £289

AC31600 1.62GB 10ms £489



### MICROPOLIS

#### SCSI

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Half Height

4221 2.05GB 8.5ms £865

1936 POWERCUT! 3.02GB 12ms £1280

3243 POWERCUT! 4.3GB 8.5ms £1320

1991 POWERCUT! 9.1GB 12ms £2260

#### AUDIO VISUAL

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4221AV POWERCUT! 2.05GB 8.5ms £844

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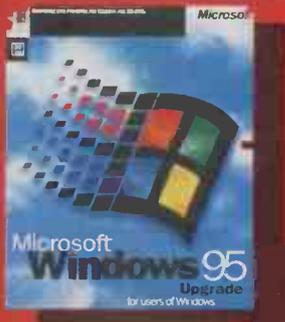
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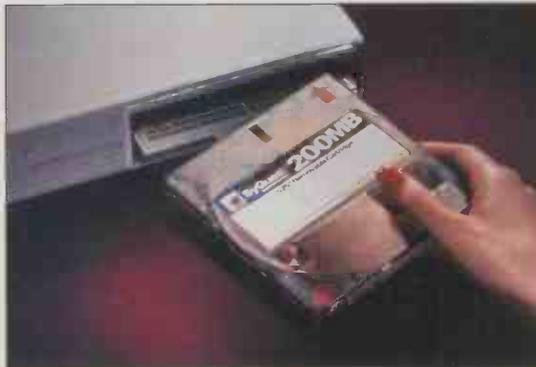
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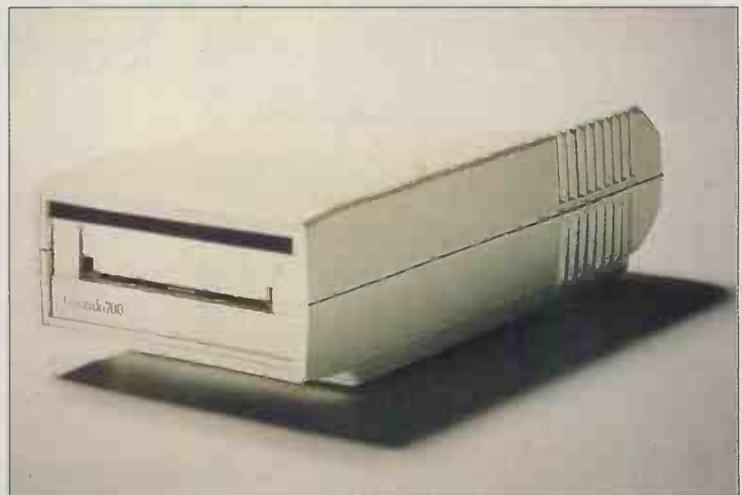
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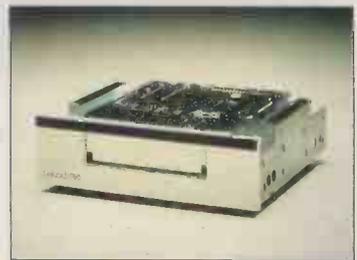
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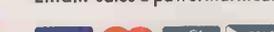
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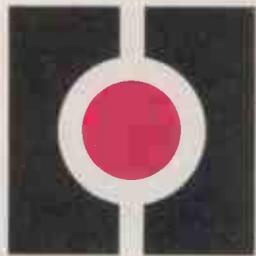
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MT1932ZDX	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	<b>POWERCUT!</b> £110
MT1432LTI PCMCIA	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	£198
MT2834LTI PCMCIA	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	£Call
MT1432MK Pocket	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	£347
MT1432BLK	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	£309
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Sportster 28.8 V.34 + Fax	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	£191	£189
Sportster 28.8 V.34 Mac + Fax	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	<b>POWERCUT!</b>	£209
Courier Dual V.34 + Fax	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	£265	-
Courier Dual V.34 + Fax	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	<b>POWERCUT!</b>	£262
WorldPort Dual Standard Cellular + Fax	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	-	£168
WorldPort PCMCIA	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	<b>POWERCUT!</b>	£191
WorldPort PCMCIA V.34	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	-	£259

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### ZOOM MODEMS

Model	V21	V22	V22bis	V23	V32	V32bis	V34	MNP2-5	V.42	V.42bis	Fax	Internal	External
14.4X	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	POWERCUT!	£95
14.4I	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	POWERCUT!	£89
14.4X MacPak	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	POWERCUT!	£109
28.8X	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	POWERCUT!	£169
28.8I	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	POWERCUT!	£149
28.8X MacPak	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	POWERCUT!	£179

**Personal Computer World:**  
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**Windows User:**  
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### ZOOM 14.4 MODEMS

- Remote configuration and callback security
- High speed 14,400 bps fax and data transmission with V.42bis and MNP 2-5
- Extended status reporting with 15 LED lights (14.4X only)
- 5 year warranty
- Buffered 16550 UART to prevent data overruns (14.4I only)

Get ready for... **Windows 95**



with... **MODEMS** to join the Microsoft Network

## LASAT MODEM FEATURE

### LASAT MODEMS

Model	V21	V22	V22bis	V32	V32bis	V.34	MNP2-4	MNP5	MNP10	Fax	External
Unique 144	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	£219 <del>£202</del>
Safire 144 (Mains only)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	£133 <del>£199</del>
Credit 144 PCMCIA	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	£169 <del>£324</del>
<b>NEW!</b> Credit 288 PCMCIA	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	£249
Safire 288	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	£199 <del>£299</del>

# LASAT

### UNIQUE 144

The LASAT Unique 144 is a V.32 bis desktop fax modem that is also easy to use as a portable.

- 10 year warranty
- Quality modems manufactured in Denmark
- All LASAT modems feature MNP10 for cellular use
- Winfax Lite software included with all modems
- All modems are BABT approved and come complete with cable

### CREDIT 144

The LASAT Credit 144 is a fully featured PCMCIA V.32 bis fax modem. It has a built in high speed serial port emulator to give your notebook the highest possible data throughput capability.

- MNP 10 for cellular use
- Autosync
- Callback security
- Remote configuration
- Two-wire leased line
- V.25 bis dialling
- V.17 - 14,400 bps fax

"A very good modem at a remarkably low price"

Personal Computer Magazine, June 1995



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"We were wrong to expect a good looking modem to perform badly. The Unique 144 displayed perfect data performance... and its throughput was excellent."  
Computer Shopper, April 1994

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- Helps PCs to keep up with fast modems
- Recommended for all 288 and 144 modems
- Can run at speeds up to 921,600bps

ESP Card - 1 Port £74  
ESP Card - 2 Port £108

**CABLES**

2 metre 9F to 25M £8  
2 metre 25F to 25F £8

Call for modem/serial cables and adaptors not listed here.

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## MOTOROLA MODEM FEATURE



**MOTOROLA MODEMS**

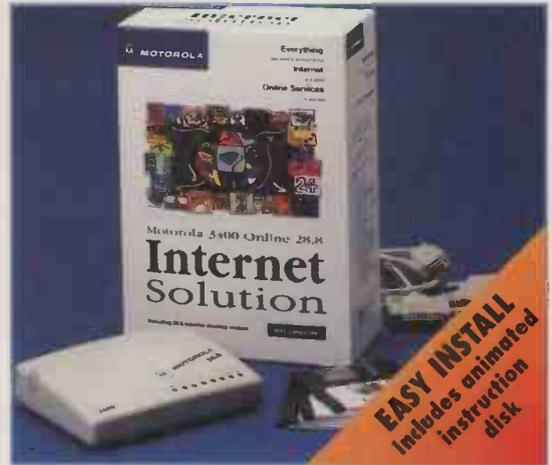
Model	V21	V22	V22bis	V23	V32	V32bis	V32terbo	V34	MNP2-4	V42	V42bis	MNP5	Fax	Voice	Internal	External
<b>NEW!</b> 3400 Online	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	-	£199
<b>NEW!</b> 3400 Pro Mac	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	-	£183
<b>NEW!</b> 3400 Pro PC	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	-	£183

**3400  
ONLINE & PRO  
MODEMS**

- Motorola RISC Technology
- Twice the speed of V.32bis 14.4bps technology
- Automatically selects the fastest possible line speed
- Robust performance over standard telephone lines
- Data error correction and data compression
- Fax error correction
- Phone number directory

- Speed 28,800 bps the fastest standard available
- True V.34 worldwide compatibility
- Complete with all necessary cabling
- Includes popular fax and communications software
- Comprehensive user manual included
- Telephone support helpline

*Easy install - includes animated instruction disk*



Motorola 3400 Online 28.8 Internet Solution comes complete with all hardware and software that you need to get your PC online to the Internet!

- Internet software
- Protocol software
- File transfer software
- WorldWide Web browser software
- Electronic mail software
- Newsgroup software
- Interactive online game
- Internet phone software licence

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**EASY INSTALL**  
Includes animated instruction disk

## DATAFLEX MODEM FEATURE



**DATAFLEX MODEMS**

Model	V21	V22	V22bis	V23	V32	V32bis	V34	MNP2-4	V42	V42bis	MNP5	MNP10	Voice	V17Fax	Internal	External
PC SuperGEM	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	£99	-
Portable SuperGEM	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	-	£119
Comms Office	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	£134	£175
PC HyperGEM	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	£205	-
Portable HyperGEM	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	-	£205
Desktop HyperGEM	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	-	£242

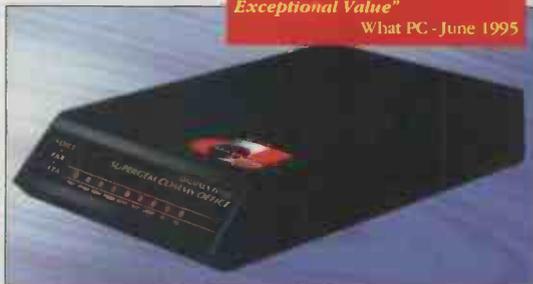
**SuperGEM  
Comms Office**

Combines voice recording, message taking, automatic touch tone response, fax, modem and comms management in one box. Easy to use Windows software enables your PC to become an answering machine with automatic voice, fax and data detection.

- Touch tone selection
- Voice mail
- Pager notification
- Call screening
- Sound card support
- Fax broadcasting
- Faxback/Faxforward
- Super Voice 2.0 software
- Windows fax and comms software

*"Versatile modem combining answering machine with fax and data functionality - Exceptional Value"*

What PC - June 1995



**HyperGEM**

Available as portable, PC card or desktop  
• V34 (28,800bps)  
• Ideal for Internet  
• Windows fax and comms software



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**FAMOUS COMMUNICATORS**

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## RACAL MODEM FEATURE

### Racal-Datacom

#### RACAL MAXAM RANGE

**RACAL MAXAM MXF1432**  
The Maxam MXF1432 from Racal-Datacom provides a powerful combination of capabilities and performance for all data, facsimile and IBM host access requirements.

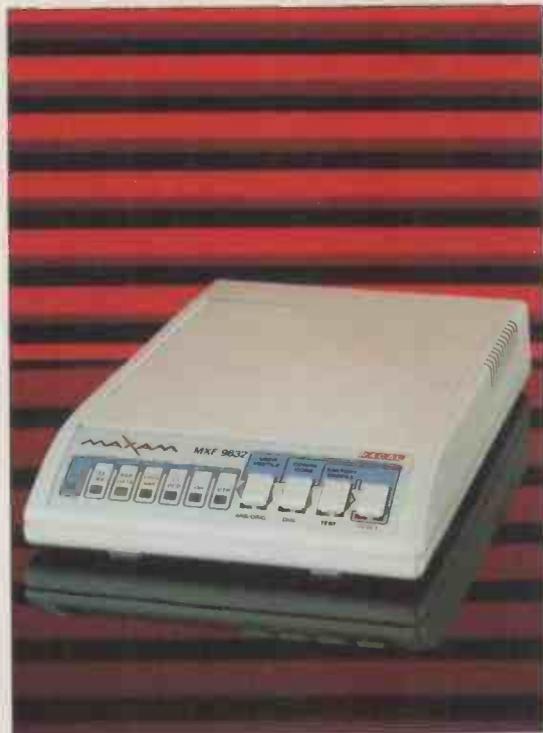
- 14400, 9600, 2400, 1200 and 300bit/s
- Send and receive Group 3 fax
- PSTN and leased line operation
- Dial-back and link security communications features
- IBM 3270/5250
- Local and remote configuration



RACAL MAXAM MXF1432

#### RACAL MAXAM MODEMS

Model	V21	V22	V22bis	V32	V32bis	MNP2-4	MNP5	Fax	Internal	External
MXF2422	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	-	£153
MXF9632	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	-	£257
MXF1432	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	-	£369



RACAL MAXAM MXF9632

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ISDN represents a fundamental change in wide area communications, providing fast reliable switched digital communications and delivering substantial cost savings to those who adopt it. ISDN applications are expanding rapidly, ranging from dial-in host access with short access times and higher speeds to multinational LAN networking.

##### RACAL DAP4100

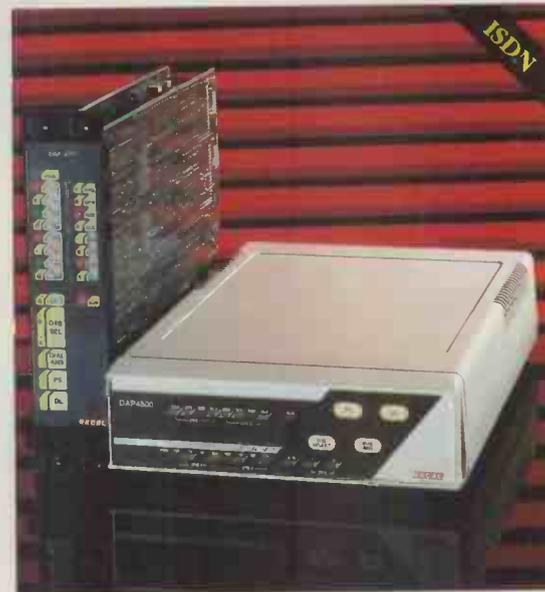
- Exploits power of ISDN
- Dial modem replacement
- Digital leased circuit replacement
- Single or dual port, standalone or nest
- User selectable interface V.24, V.35, X21
- AT, V.25Bis & X.30/X.21 autodialling
- 64Kbit/s-2400bit/s with V110 rate adaption
- CMS400 network management
- CLIP, MSN & subaddress support

RACAL DAP4100 SINGLE £649  
RACAL DAP4100 DUAL £719

##### RACAL DAP4500

- Reduces cost of digital leased network resilience
- Automatic high speed back-up & restoral
- Up to 64Kbit/s back-up bandwidth over ISDN
- Single or dual channel, standalone or nest
- Disaster recovery facility
- Time windows minimises ISDN call costs
- User selectable interface: V.24, V.35, X21
- CMS400 network management
- CLIP, MSN & subaddress support
- Terminal adapter capability

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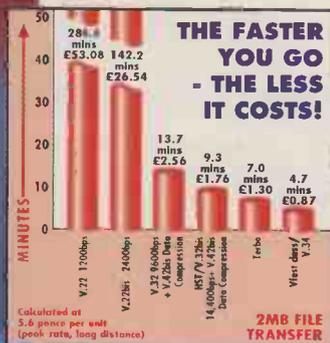
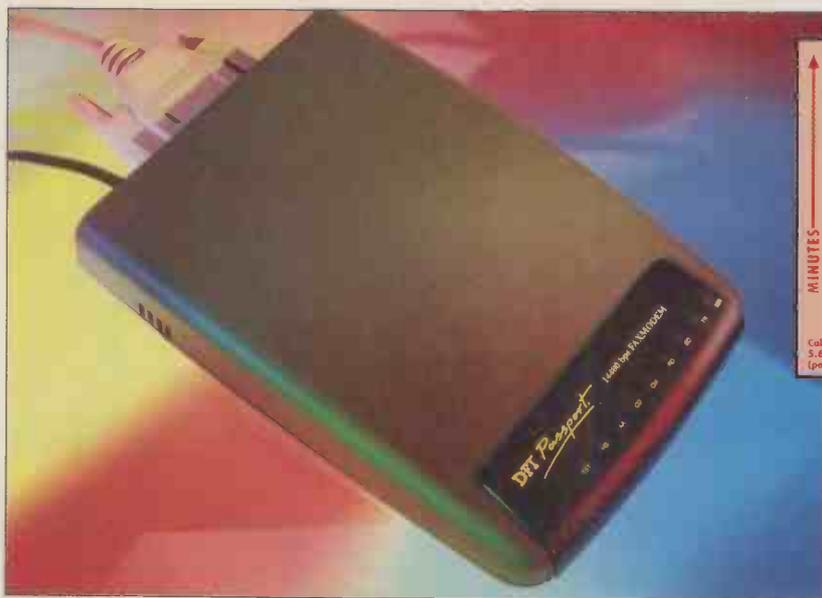


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# MEMORY

## DFI MODEM FEATURE



### F1114V

- Features**
- Data/Fax speed: 14,400 bps
  - Call back security
- Accessories included**
- Serial cable
  - Telephone lead
  - User's manual
- Software**
- Delrina's 4 in 1 Win/DOS Fax Lite and Comit Lite DOS/Win Access
  - Introductory membership to CompuServe
- Warranty**
- 5 years

### DFI MODEMS

Model	V21	V22	V22bis	V32	V32bis	V32terbo	V34	MNP2-4	V42	V42bis	MNP5	HST Cellular Fax	Internal	External
Passport F1114V	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	£84	£84
Passport F1128V+	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	<b>POWERCUT!</b> £159	£159

# DFI®

DFI manufactures a comprehensive line of high quality PC components which are the strength behind it's custom-built desktop and notebook PCs.

To supplement this product line, DFI have now moved into the data communications arena, launching the passport range of BAPT approved fax modems. This complete package offers you state of the art technology and incorporates everything you need to gain access to the information super highway at a highly competitive price.



### F1128V+

- Features**
- Data/Fax speed: 28,800/14,400 BPS
  - Call back security
- Accessories included**
- Serial cable
  - Telephone lead
  - User's manual
- Software**
- Delrina's 4 in 1 Win/DOS Fax Lite and Comit Lite DOS/Win Access
  - Introductory membership to CompuServe
- Warranty**
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J Bolton  
Lancs

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## HAYES MODEM FEATURE



ACCURA 288

ACCURA+FAX

Low cost fax modems with all of the quality and ease-of-use that comes with the Hayes name.

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OPTIMA 288

# Hayes™

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The industry standard

Model	V21	V22	V22bis	V32	V32bis	V32terbo	V34	MNP2-4	V42	V42bis	MNP5	Fax	Internal	External
ACCURA 144 + Fax	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	-	£137
ACCURA 288 + Fax	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	-	£172
OPTIMA 144 + Fax	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	-	£249
OPTIMA 144 PCMCIA	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	-	£197
OPTIMA 288	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	-	£342
OPTIMA 288 bundle	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	2 pack with free accelerator cards and upgrade to V.34	£699
ULTRA 96	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	-	£429
ULTRA 144	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	-	£499
ULTRA ISDN 64K System Adapter	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	-	£795

ESP high speed serial card, 1 port £74, 2 port £108

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### POCKET ETHERNET ADAPTER III



### CREDIT CARD TOKEN RING ADAPTER IIps

- High-performance, memory-saving SmartRing software
- 16 or 4 Mbps software selectable ring speed
- Windows and DOS based installation program automatically configures PC and NOS setup
- Intuitive Windows based user utility for easy adapter management
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- Supports both shielded & unshielded twisted pair Token-Ring cabling
- Compatible with the widest range of platforms

PS-CT2-16CTP (TP) £299



### CREDIT CARD ETHERNET + MODEM II

- Simultaneous Ethernet/803.2 LAN plus 19,200 bps data and 14,400 bps send/receive fax modem operation in one slot
- Modem software configurable to support localised telephone requirements in US and 14 European countries
- Supports advanced PCMCIA features including HotSwap, Suspend/Resume and Integrated Power Management

- Serial port/UART emulation provides increased compatibility with all popular terminal and fax software
- Performance modem communications via Xircom's Modem Application Programming Interface (XMAPi)
- Includes terminal and fax software for Windows
- Support for remote node access applications
- Includes Windows terminal and fax software

CEM2-10BT (TP) £395  
CEM2-10B2 (BNC) £396  
CEM2-10BC (COMBO) £425

## NETWORK ACCESSORIES FEATURE

### CABLES

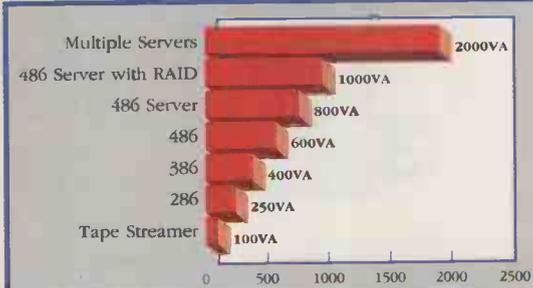
	Unit 10 Pack	
1.5m Thin Ethernet Cable	£9	£89
5m Thin Ethernet Cable	£11	£95
10m Thin Ethernet Cable	£15	£135
35m Thin Ethernet Cable	£33	£320

	Unit 10 Pack	
BNC T-Piece	£3	£26
BNC Terminator	£3	£22
BNC In-Line Coupler	£3	£28

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Rating (VA)	Av. backup time (mins)	
SU250	250	8 £179
SU400	400	7 £209
SU600	600	7 £239
SU900	900	7 £409
SU1250	1250	7 £549
SU2000	2000	7 £939

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CU250	250	7 £89
CU400	400	6 £129
CU600	600	8 £169
CU900	900	7 £299
CU1250	1250	7 £369



Powerchute Netware £59  
Powerchute Windows £65  
Powerchute Unix £99

UPS units are measured by a VA rating, typical VA requirements are shown above

## PC GUARDIAN FEATURE

### PC Guardian

#### SECURITY PRODUCTS

A complete range of security devices to safeguard your notebooks, PC's and data.

### FLOPPY DRIVE LOCK

Installed in any 3.5" drive in seconds.

MODEL 7350 FLOPPY DRIVE LOCK £14.95  
10 PACK £139.50

### NOTEBOOK PROTECTION

Secures all notebooks with 3.5" drive. Complete with 5' security cable, disk drive lock, two keys and carrying case. Installed and removed in seconds.

MODEL 7350+ NOTEBOOK PROTECTION £34.95

### ENCRYPTION PLUS

Software automatically encrypts/ decrypts data and prevents unauthorised access

ENCRYPTION PLUS £45



### ANTI-THEFT KIT

Secures all PC's, monitors, keyboards and external drives. Each kit contains 3 - 3"x3" Perma Plates (2,000 PSI), 6' security cable, case-hardened padlock and two keys.

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*Thank you for your prompt service and advice after my original mistake in my order.*

*It is now only Monday morning and I already have my extra 4MB memory installed and working.*

*I will certainly use your Company again when I get round to further upgrades.*

Capt A.M.E Spencer  
Bucks

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Another chance to read...

*The Treasure of High Sierra Madre Format*

*A Star Laser Is Born*

*The Forbidden Planar*

*In The Heat Sink Of The Night*

*Buffa-lo Bill*



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simply,  
networking**

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- LANTASTIC ADD-ON 1 NODE KIT £109

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### LANTASTIC FOR OS/2 NETWORK OPERATING SYSTEM

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  - ARTISAVE £149



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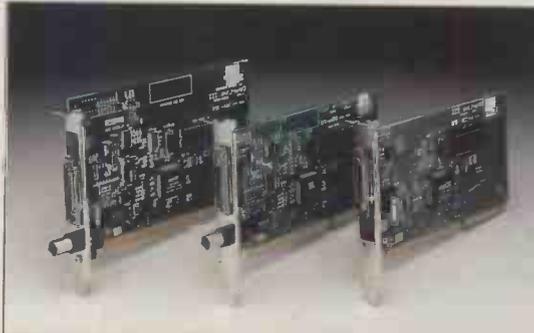
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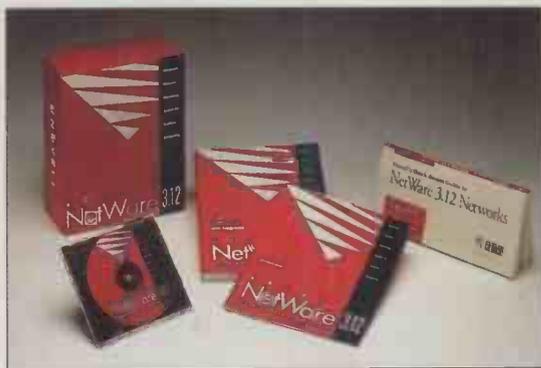
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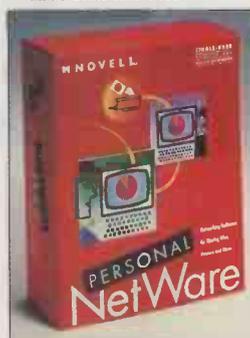
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EP16C	•	•	•	£71	£329

### ETHEREXPRESS FLASH PRO 10 (PLUG & PLAY)

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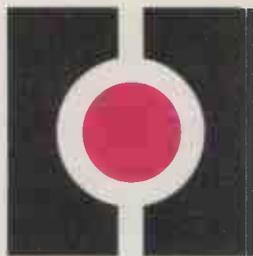
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- Comes in a choice of single or five pack options

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24 AND 50 PACKS ALSO AVAILABLE

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### SMC ETHERCARD ELITE 32C ULTRA

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TP12	12	1	1	0	£304
CX6	1	6	1	0	£499
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## FISKARS UPS FEATURE

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#### Power Management Software for Networks

LanSafe III, used in conjunction with a Fiskars UPS, provides a sequenced network shutdown in the event of an extended mains power failure. LanSafe III ensures the integrity of data by instructing the workstations to send their cached data to the hard disk, before sequentially closing down the network.

- Automatic reboot when power returns
- Power events stored in log file for analysis



- Automatic orderly shutdown of entire network in case of power failure

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WINDOWS/NETWARE £69

### LANSAFE III FOR

NOVELL NMS £119

### LANSAFE III

WINDOWS NT £69

LANSAFE OS/2 £69

LANSAFE III UNIX £69

### FAILSAFE III

#### Power Management Software for Stand-Alone PC's

- For Windows, Windows NT and OS/2
- Self-guided installation
- Automatic orderly shutdown of computer in case of power failure
- Automatic reboot when power returns
- Power events stored in log file for analysis

FAILSAFE III WINDOWS £49

FAILSAFE III WINDOWS NT £49

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PS10/1.0	1000VA	700W	10	£479
PS10/1.4	1400VA	980W	10	£599
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- Advanced battery management (ABM) gives 30% longer battery life
- Supported by LanSafe III and FailSafe III power management software (400VA and 600VA models)

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**AUTOMATIC DOCUMENT FEEDER** £139  
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  - 30-bit colour gives you 1 billion colours
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  - Includes HP DeskScan II, ScanJet copier utility, Corel PhotoPaint and Calera Wordscan
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  - SCSI interface kit
  - 16.7 million colours
  - Adobe Photoshop LE
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  - SCSI interface kit
  - 16.7 million colours
  - Adobe Photoshop LE
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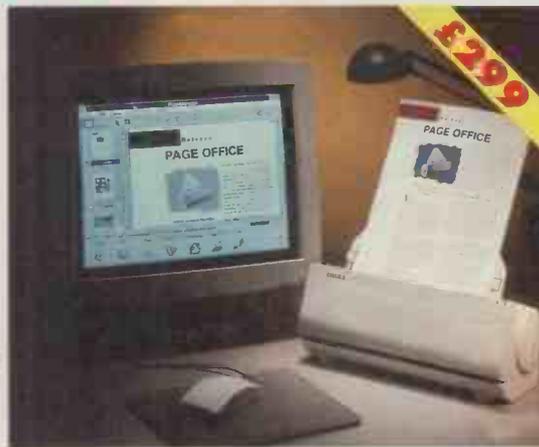
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**3 YEAR ON-SITE WARRANTY** £39

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- 600 x 300 dpi
- Up to 6 pages per minute in black

**HP DESKJET 1200C** £644  
**HP DESKJET 1200C/PS** £999

**HP DESKJET 660C**

- 800 x 600 dpi in black
- 14 TrueType fonts

**HP DESKJET 660C** £315

**HP DESKJET 1600C**

- 800 x 600 dpi in black
- 4MB RAM

**HP DESKJET 1600C** £849



**HP LASERJET 5P**

- 6 pages per minute
- 26 seconds first page out
- 600 dpi, REt, microfine toner
- 2MB RAM, up to 50MB

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- 16 pages per minute
- 600 dpi
- Includes 1 year on-site warranty

• Delivery: £27 on this printer  
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**3 YEAR ON-SITE WARRANTY** £459



HP DESKJET 540

**HP DESKJET 540**

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- Up to 3 pages per minute
- 100 sheet paper handling
- 3 year warranty

**HP DESKJET 540** £219  
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- Up to 6 pages per minute in black
- 45 TrueType fonts

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HP LASERJET 5P

**HP LASERJET 4L**

- 4 pages per minute
- 300 dpi
- 1MB RAM

**HP LASERJET 4L** £369  
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**3 YEAR ON-SITE WARRANTY** £95



HP DESKJET 1600C

**HP LASERJET 4V**

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- 8 pages per minute in A3, 16 in A4

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**HP COLOR LASERJET**

- Up to 10 pages per minute in black
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- 300 dpi
- 1 year on-site warranty

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- Up to 600 dpi
- 2MB RAM

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**HP DUPLEX UNIT** £499  
**3 YEAR ON-SITE WARRANTY** £159

## PRINTER ACCESSORIES FEATURE

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LBP 8III	NECS60/60P/62P/90/95	LaserJet II IIP/IIIP+/IIIP
LBP 8IV		LaserJet II IIISI/4Si/4MX
EPSON		LaserJet II 4/4+/4M/4M+
EPL 4100/4300		LaserJet II 4L/4ML/4P/4MP
EPL5200		LaserJet II4V/4MV
PANASONIC		Drums and developers for Panasonic range also available
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KX-P4420		
KX-P4450		

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- 256K buffer

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## KYOCERA PRINTER FEATURE

### KYOCERA FS-400

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Other features include industry standard LaserJet III and optional PostScript emulations, single and multi-protocol network connectivity expansion and full compatibility with Windows applications.

<b>KYOCERA FS-400</b>	<b>POWERCUT!</b>	£447
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<b>TONER KIT</b>		£16
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KYOCERA FS-400

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<b>KYOCERA FS-1550</b>	<b>POWERCUT!</b>	£882
<b>NETWORK-SPECIFIC ETHERNET INTERFACE</b>		£279
<b>TONER KIT</b>		£51
<b>3 YEAR ECOSHIELD ON-SITE WARRANTY</b>		£199

Also available - KYOCERA FX1600 £1099



KYOCERA FS-1550



KYOCERA FS-1500 WITH ACCESSORIES

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  - PCL 5
  - Low cost of ownership
  - On-site warranty
- OKI 410ex £385



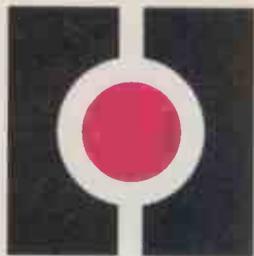
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• Includes Indy 500 and Lemmings

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Includes SoundBlaster Pro card, dynamic microphone, amplified speakers, joystick and 1 in/1 out MIDI interface

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**SOUNDBLASTER 16 ASP MULTICD VALUE EDITION** £110

**SOUNDBLASTER 16 ASP SCSI VALUE EDITION** £125

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- Includes EZ-SCSI software

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- Full 16 channels, 128 instruments, 6 drum kits, 32 voice polyphony
- Microphone included
- Comprehensive software bundle including Creative VoiceAssist, Creative TextAssist, WaveStudio, Creative Sound Panel, Creative Mosaic, Creative Ensemble and more

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- Programmable Advanced WaveEffects generator

**MIDIBLASTER** £95

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- Bundled software included

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- Plays synthesised music in the background and control start, stop, tempo and real-time transposition
- Converts English text strings to digitised speech

**EXTERNAL SCSI CONNECTOR** £29

- Add-on for SoundBlaster 16 SCSI card

### MULTIMEDIA KITS

**GAMEBLASTER CD 16** **POWERCUT!** £219

- Includes Creative 563 internal double speed CD ROM drive, SoundBlaster 16, stereo speakers, joystick and comprehensive games bundle

**CD ROM UPGRADE KIT** £89

**SOUNDBLASTER CD 16** **POWERCUT!** £195

- Includes SoundBlaster Pro 16, double speed multiresolution internal CD ROM drive, amplified speakers and top selling CD titles

**DISCOVERY QUAD SPEED KIT** £275

**CD-16 DISCOVERY EXTERNAL KIT** £319

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- Speakers
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- MS Cinemania '95
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- MS Dangerous Creatures
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**Amazing value!**

**NEW! SMART QUAD KIT** £247

- Mitsumi FX4 quad speed drive
- SoundBlaster 16 Pack
- 10 CD ROM bundle
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- Screenbeat speakers

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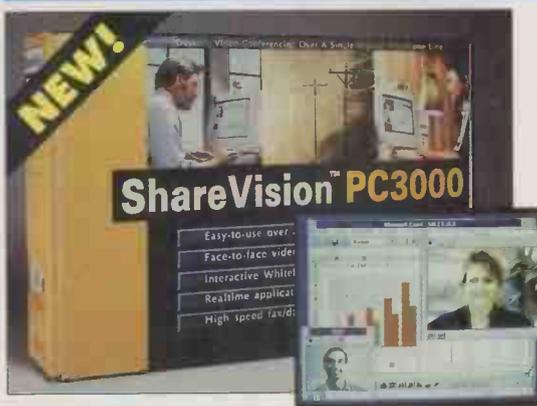


### VIDEO BOARDS

- VIDEOBLASTER SE100** £189
- Live full motion video
  - Capture single frames in BMP, TIFF, GIF, MMP, PCX, TGA or JPEG
- VIDEOBLASTER RT300** £275
- Intel i750PE chip inside

- VIDEOBLASTER MP400** £185
- Displays full motion MPEG video in a scalable window up to full screen
- 3DO BLASTER** £289
- Requires CR-563 CD ROM drive and SoundBlaster with CD audio connector
- TV CODER INTERNAL** £99
- TV CODER EXTERNAL** £129

## SHAREVISION



- PC3000**
- Easy to use video conferencing over a single regular telephone line
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- PC300**
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## FUTURE DOMAIN FEATURE



### SCSI CONTROLLER KITS

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## GOLDSTAR CD ROM FEATURE

# GoldStar

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Goldstar CD-ROM drives are on the leading edge of multimedia excellence. Each one is designed and built to take you into the next generation of personal computing.

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- 250ms access time
- 64Kb buffer
- IDE interface
- Motorised tray loading
- Volume control and headphone jack

**GCD-R420B** £85



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- 600Kb/sec
- 220ms access time
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**Punchlines  
to old, old,  
old favourites**

**Take your hand off  
the laserprinter!**

**I left my harp in  
Sam Frank's Disco**

**A pig like that - you  
don't eat all at once!**

*If you can't remember the  
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## TAXAN FEATURE

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- Up to 100Hz refresh rate in VGA
- Installation via menu driven software for fast and simple setup

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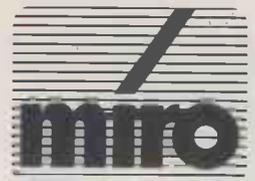
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VLB	2MB VRAM	£205
VLB	4MB VRAM	£345
PCI	2MB VRAM	£205
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#### GTS WINBOOST

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VLB	2MB DRAM	£139
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- Full motion CD video playback

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- Plug and Play
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### miroVIDEO 20SD TWIN

- Spread your Windows workspace across two monitors
- Two 64 bit graphics processors

### MIRO PCMCIA PRO BUNDLE

- NEC 4X CD ROM drive
- Novell PerfectOffice
- Sound card

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PRO BUNDLE

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VIDEO STUDIO £499

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ADOBE PREMIER £599

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& VMC Controller	£159

### GrafixStar 700

- Fastest performance
- 64-bit - S3 Vision968
- 110+ million Winmarks
- Up to 1600 x 1200 resolution
- Expandable with VMC multimedia options
- Built-in AVI acceleration DCI drivers
- Free Xing software MPEG playback

<b>GRAFIXSTAR 700</b>	
VLB/PCI 2MB	£269

### 928MOVIE

ISA 1MB	
928MOVIE	£189
928MOVIE with sound	£255
VLB 1MB	
928MOVIE	£189
928MOVIE with sound	£255
928MOVIE with MPEG	£425

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PC Magazine, June 1994

### MPEG PLAYER

The quality solution for Video CD playback	
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### CAPTIVATOR PRO TV

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### CAPTIVATOR

Low cost Video for Windows capture card	
CAPTIVATOR	£164

### PCIMOVIE

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PCIMOVIE	£271

### GrafixStar 300

- Entry level graphics card
- 64-bit - S3 Trio64
- 85+ million Winmarks
- Up to 1280 x 1024 resolution
- Expandable with VMC multimedia options

<b>GRAFIXSTAR 300</b>	
VLB/PCI 1MB	£99

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### GrafixStar 500

- Best all-round graphics card
- 64-bit - S3 Vision868
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## DIAMOND MULTIMEDIA FEATURE

### DIAMOND

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  - ISA bus
- |                              |      |
|------------------------------|------|
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  - VLB bus
- |                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
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| <b>STEALTH SE VLB 1MB</b> | £78 |

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  - PCI or VLB bus
- |                            |      |
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### STEALTH 64 VIDEO VRAM

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### WIN/TV CELEBRITY

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...the best choice for Multimedia Video!  
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- Square Pixel (CCIR 601) support
  - Teletext feature is Reuters 1000 ready, supporting dynamic data exchange (DDE) see page 876 on CNNext, for updated news
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| <b>WIN/TV CELEBRITY</b>                      | £269 |
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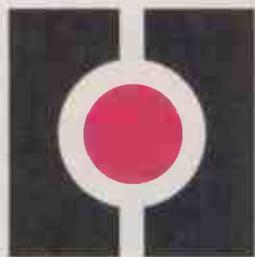
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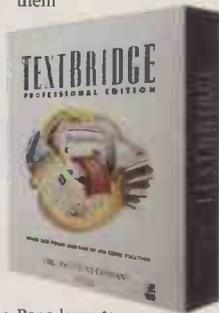
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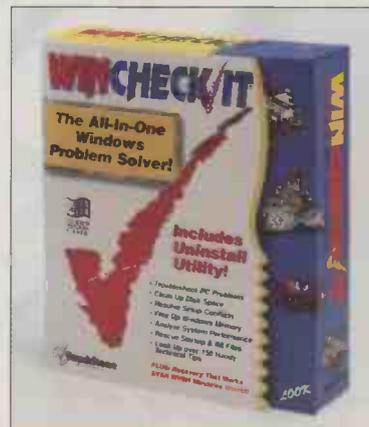
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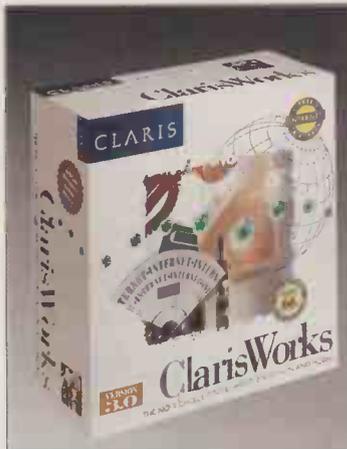
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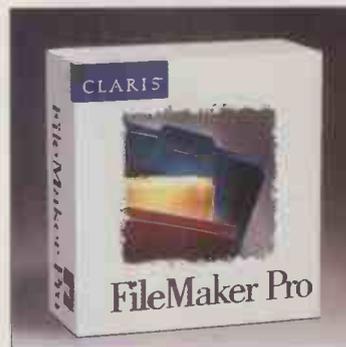
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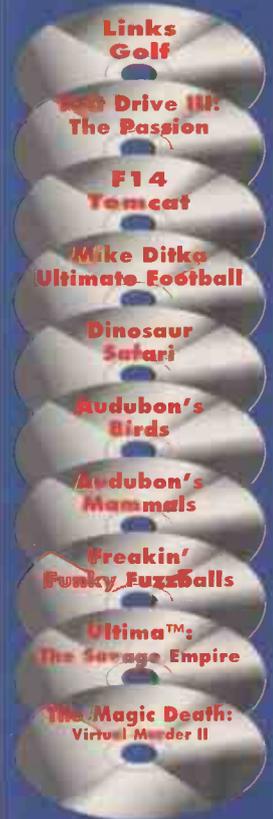
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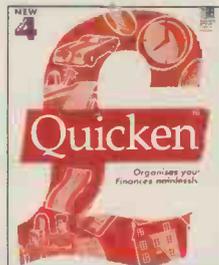
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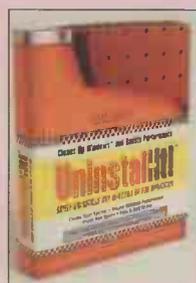


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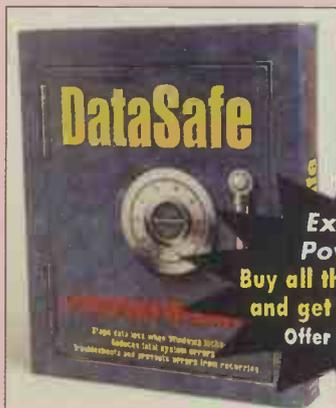


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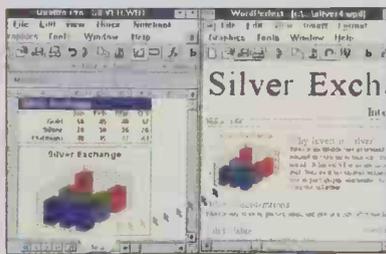
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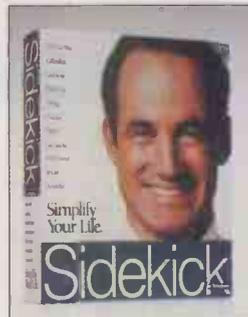
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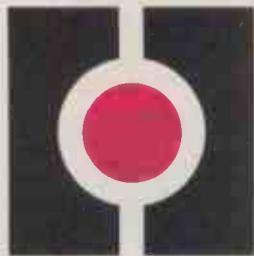
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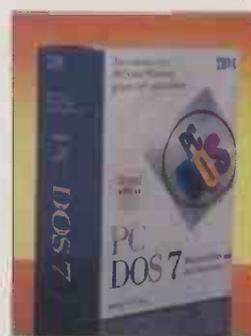
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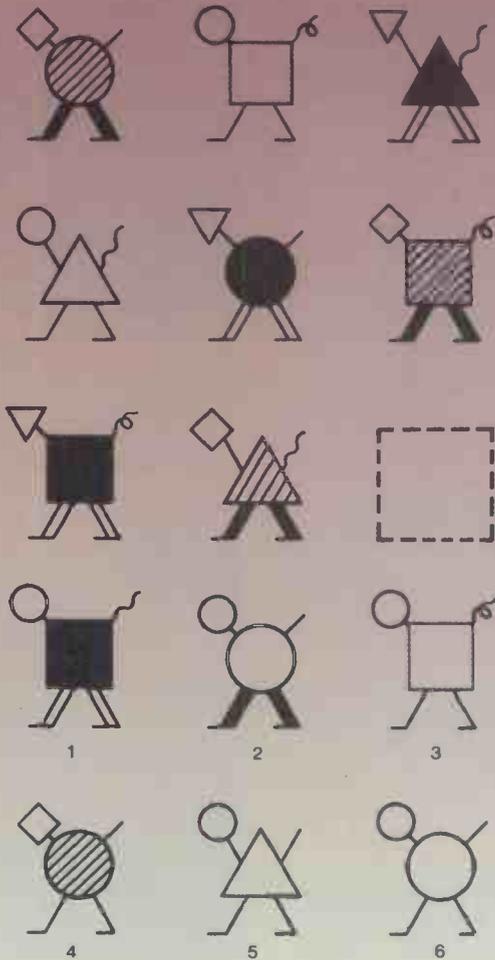


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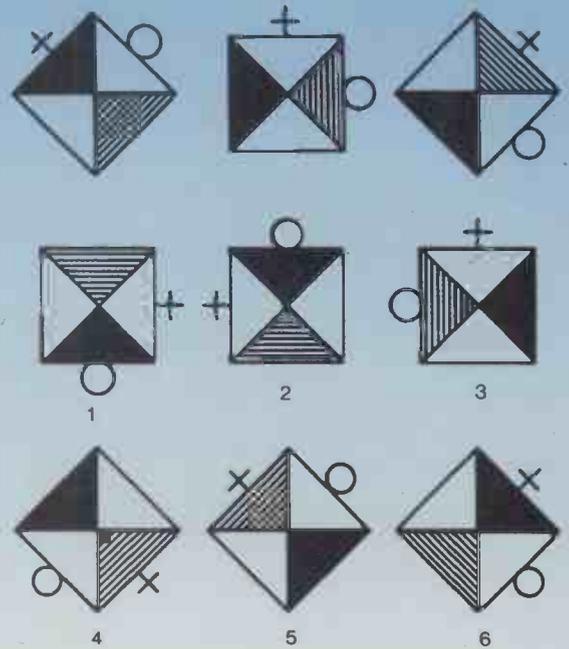


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**A** Which of the six numbered figures completes the series (write the number in the Box)



**C** Which of the six numbered figures completes the series (underline the correct figure.)



**B** Add the missing number

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4	12	9
6	24	<span style="border: 1px dashed black; display: inline-block; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></span>

**A)** (in each row and each column, there are three body types-Round, square and triangular-three head types-Round, square and triangular-three tail types-Straight, wavy or curly-and three leg types-a single black or white. Also the bodies are black white or striped. The missing animal must therefore be number 6.  
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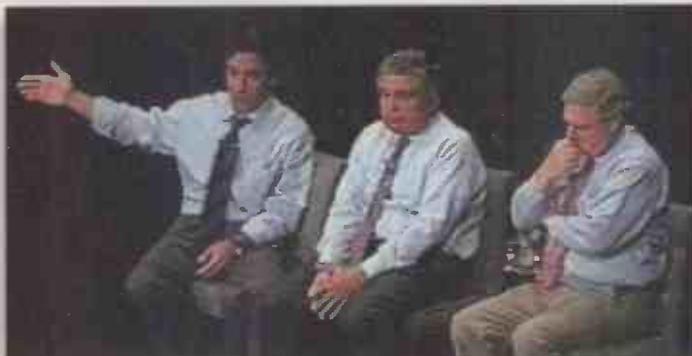
**I**BM came out fighting last month, like a sleeping giant woken by the earthquake of Microsoft's new Windows 95 graphical operating system, which looks almost certain to ship in August (see page 359).

Its \$3.5 billion merger with Lotus was widely seen as a bid to counter the dominance of Microsoft — the monster IBM did so much to create when it gave young Bill Gates the task of developing the original PC operating system.

OS/2 Warp, IBM's answer to Win95, has been well received but has gained only an estimated 5 per cent of the market. The Lotus deal is a huge gamble but gives the company a far broader PC software base.

Lotus has been doing an elegant job of revamping its SmartSuite office software for Windows 95 and OS/2. A focus has been to add features to facilitate group working, which will suit IBM's fat corporate accounts.

But an even bigger prize for



*Lotus positions: from left, Manzi, Gerstner and IBM software chief John Thompson face Lotus staff*

IBM is the phenomenally successful groupware product, Lotus Notes.

Lotus chairman, Joe Manzi, was said to be devastated when told of IBM's hostile bid just five minutes before it was announced on 6 June. But he was holding secret meetings with IBM chief Lou Gerstner the next evening and within a week had accepted his offer of \$64 a share — more than double the pre-bid price.

His change of heart may have had something to do with the fact that he personally stood to gain about \$35 million. He will continue as head of Lotus,

which will operate as a separate company.

Manzi, announcing the deal to staff, paid tribute to Gerstner's "masterful job" in returning IBM to financial health. "He understands that you do not win in the competitive market place by downsizing. He understands you need a superior engine of strategic growth, and I think the entire world pointed in our direction."

Gerstner said: "This means we can begin moving ahead rapidly to bring our shared vision of team computing, and its many powerful benefits, to reality for our customers."

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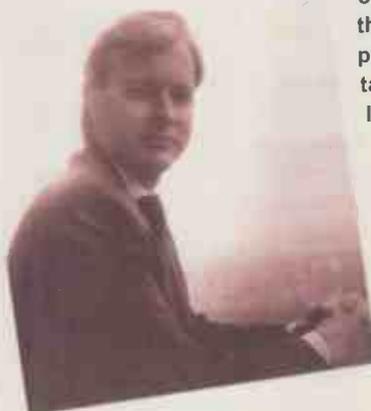
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## The three-billion dollar man

Raymond Ozzie is being called the "three billion dollar man" by colleagues at Lotus. He is the man behind Notes, the product that has become Lotus's main moneyspinner since its 1-2-3 spreadsheet began losing ground to the likes of Excel.

He is seen more than anyone else as being responsible for IBM's interest in Lotus. He and his team at Iris, the company that originally developed Notes, are credited with



originating the concept of groupware. Like the developers of other flagship Lotus products like cc:Mail and Approach, Iris was taken over by Lotus. But Ozzie still heads Iris.

IBM has been careful to avoid alienating him and other Lotus gurus who form much of Lotus's value — one reason why it is holding Lotus at arms's length.

But Ozzie is reported to be pleased with the deal because it means Lotus will have the money to develop Notes as he wants.

## Short Stories

## Acorn in links with Microsoft

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● An evaluation copy of *Poke It Poker Gold*, a £17.95 recreation of Video Poker, is available at <http://www.ttp.co.uk/ttp>, from The Thompson Partnership (TTP).

TTP 01889 564601

## Net bundle

● NetScape is to bundle the Eudora Light email utility with its Internet package. This follows an agreement with American developer, Qualcomm.

Qualcom 619 587 1121 (US)

## Iomega takes Zip into the Jaz age

Iomega has delayed UK shipments of its 100Mb Zip drive until "August or September", claiming that its production plants have been overwhelmed by US demand. Now it has come up with a Zip-like device called Jaz; it can read and write 1Gb or 540Mb removable disks at hard-disk speeds.

The Jaz has been introduced because Iomega believes the Zip's 100Mb disks (see our *First Impressions* review, page 406) cannot meet corporate demands, writes *Tim Bajarin from the US*. It is about the same size and weight as the Zip and has a data transfer rate of up to 6.77Mb a second, with a 12ms average seek time. Iomega believes it could redefine the hard disk. It will sell for about £375 in the US (£60 less for an internal version) and a 3.5in 1Gb cartridge will cost £60.

The drive is small enough to fit into your hand

and weighs about 2lb, and is therefore very mobile. It uses a patented dual-platter cartridge.

Iomega says the SCSI version will ship in the US before October; a fast IDE internal version will ship early next year. UK availability is not known. European vice-president, Srinji Nageshwar, said Iomega is arranging to second source both the Zip and its disks to keep pace with demand.

In the UK, Iomega has begun shipping the first tape drives that can read and write 3M's new high-capacity Travan backup cartridges. The Ditto 800 costs £150 (the same as the Zip) and packs up to 800Mb compressed onto £25 Travan cartridges.

Next month, Iomega will launch its £229 Ditto 3200 drive, which takes Travan cartridges capable of storing up to 3.2Gb compressed.

Iomega 0800 898563

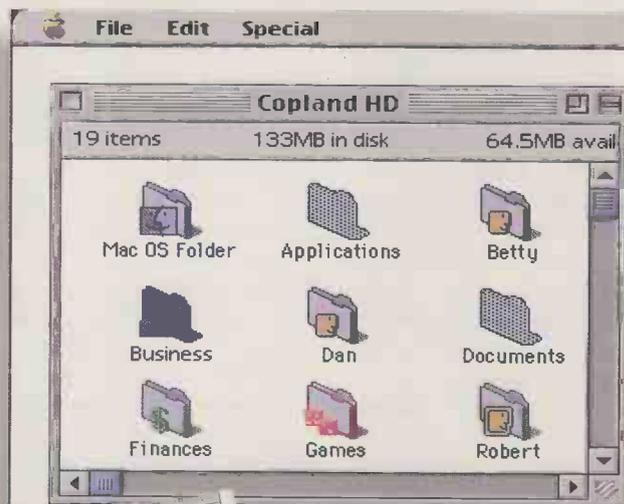
## Apple unveils new OS

With Windows 95 set to make its debut any time now, Apple has lifted the lid on the next-generation Mac OS, codenamed Copland. Key journalists and developers were recently given a demonstration of the company's new PowerPC-only system software.

Destined for launch in mid-1996, Apple claims that Copland is being designed from the ground up, to achieve maximum performance. Key features will include pre-emptive multitasking with full support for old applications, better memory protection and a highly customisable front-end.

Perhaps the most notable change to the interface is the addition of Themes, a personalisation feature that allows users to alter not only the colours and fonts on display but also the level of interaction needed to work with the machine. Custom themes can be saved so that different users on the same machine can always have the system set to their individual needs.

Apple's much criticised virtual memory handling will also be improved in Copland, increasing



Copland will give the Mac OS a whole new look



access speed and drastically reducing the amount of RAM needed to get things running. The company stated that Copland will run on an 8Mb machine, complete with memory-hungry extensions such as AppleGuide, PowerTalk, Quick-

Time and QuickDraw GX. The PowerMac version of System 7.5 currently requires 16Mb for all of these to be installed. As more than 95 per cent of the PowerPC native code is used in Copland, Apple says it is unlikely to produce a version of 68K Macs although popular features may be integrated into a new 68K Mac OS at a later date.

(For more information on Copland see *Hands On Macintosh*, page 676).

**Chris Cain**

Apple 0181 569 1199

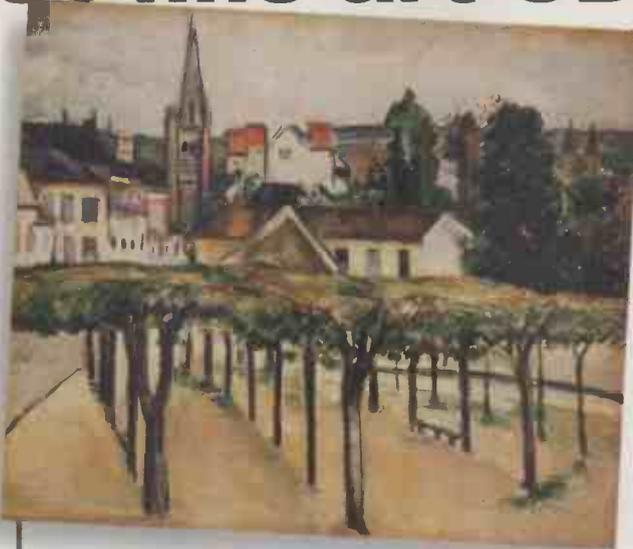
# Microsoft's Corbis launches fine-art CD

Microsoft chairman Bill Gates legendarily said that he planned to found just two companies in his life: one to produce software, and the other to sell "digital content".

This other company, called Corbis (Latin for basket), has for six years been buying the rights to some of the world's great art paintings and photographs.

Currently, the company is acting as a source agency for big professionals, but eventually all these images will go online. But fears that Gates is about to corner world culture appear to be unfounded. Corbis's UK head, Martin Ellis, said: "We get only non-exclusive rights to images, so art galleries, for instance, are still free to do what they like with their pictures."

Corbis has scored a coup with its first CD-ROM, launched in Britain last month. The CD features more than 300 paintings by old masters such as



*Plaza Auver-Sur-Oise (1876-82) by Paul Cézanne, from the Barnes Collection*

Cézanne, Van Gogh, Matisse, Pissarro and Goya, which had been hidden away for years in the collection of an eccentric called Dr Barnes.

Barnes, described by Douglas Rowan (head of Corbis in the US) as "one of history's great

curmudgeons", made a fortune with his patent medicine. Barnes closed his collection to all but a favoured few after critics hammered an exhibition he had staged. The CD, called "A Passion for Art", costs £50. Corbis UK 0171 278 1387

## Short Stories

### New drives

● Maxtor is offering three new capacities in its 7000 range of 3.5in Enhanced IDE disk drives: 541Mb, 1Gb and 1.6Gb. Quantum has announced 540Mb, 810Mb and 1Gb drives in its new 2.5in Europa range.

Maxtor 01483 747356;

Quantum (US) 001 408 894 4000

### DDE and SPL for DADISP

● The new version of the data visualisation package, DADISP, now supports all Windows functions including DDE, allowing it to swap data dynamically with other applications such as Excel. It boasts a fully-fledged programming language, SPL.

Adept (dealer) 01462 480055

### Pin-up diary

● Developer Anomaly is offering a seven-day shareware version of its Playboy organiser software featuring Playboy pin-ups and is available on Playboy's Web site. A 365-day commercial version will be launched later.

<http://www.playboy.com>

### Warning!

Beware of downloading or running a file called either PKZ300B.EXE or PKZ300B.ZIP, purporting to be a new version of the PKZip compression package. It will try to erase your hard disk. The most recent version of PKZip is 2.04G.

### Blinking modem

● US Robotics is introducing a PC card modem with status lights normally found only on desktop models. The V-Fast class Courier V-Everything will have a US price of \$575.

US Robotics 01753 811180

### Secure CDs

● Diskxpress has announced a technology called Laserlok which it says prevents CD-ROM piracy by ensuring that a copied disk will not run.

Diskxpress 0181 348 4414

# Vendors file fraud charges against Win95

Windows 95 looks set to ship, as promised, late next month despite having set off yet another anti-trust (monopoly) investigation, as well as a separate lawsuit by a group of disgruntled US vendors.

The group, which calls itself "The Committee to Fight Microsoft", has filed fraud charges and lobbied state officials to ban Win95 over claims that it will run in 4Mb of RAM.

The US Justice Department, which has had a highly-publicised series of run-ins with Microsoft in the past, is looking into the bundling, with Win95, of access software for the new Microsoft Network online service.

Microsoft was first reported as having said that Win95 couldn't be shipped without the Network software, but officials were later saying that the

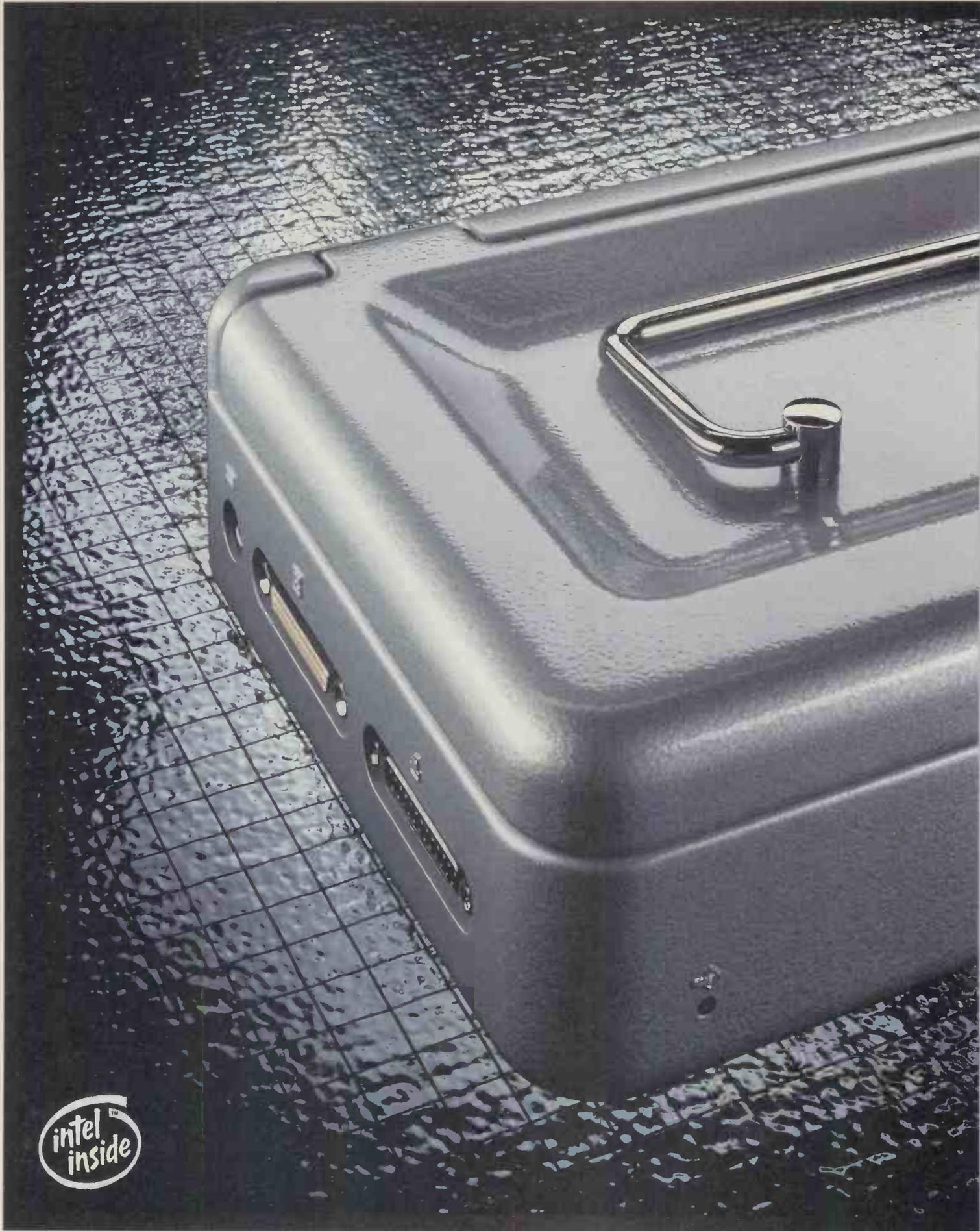
anti-trust probe would not affect the launch of the new 32-bit operating system.

They pointed out that both IBM and Apple bundled their operating systems with access software for their online services. Microsoft's legal chief, Bill Neukom, said: "We regret that some of our competitors, faced with new competition, have resorted to complaining to government regulators."

The threat of anti-trust lawsuits has already forced

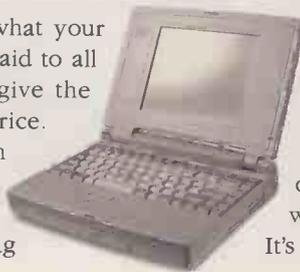
Microsoft to back off from its proposed purchase of accounts software specialist Intuit, which had been viewed as a bid for leverage in the potentially huge on-line banking market. Microsoft announced last month that Win95 will cost £80 as a Windows upgrade, or £160 as a DOS upgrade or standalone purchase.





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## Short Stories



### Memory trick

● Texas Instruments has halved the standard memory on its Pro 600 PS23 laser printer (from 6Mb to 3Mb). It has introduced Adobe Memory Booster compression which it claims will make the printer run faster than with 6Mb of RAM. This also means that the PostScript printer can sell at £999.

TI 01932 780753

### TV converter

● The £275 Grand Media converter enables a SCART-equipped TV to display PC or Mac screens. It autosenses input frequencies up to 72Hz vertical and supports SVGA 800 x 600 at 56MHz. The output can be recorded on a VCR.

Image Graphics 01727 844744

### Fast and cheap

● Advanced Micro Devices claims that systems running its new 120MHz AM486 processor are not only as fast as similar 75MHz systems, but are also cheaper.

AMD 01483 740440

### Better MathCad

● Version 6.0 of MathCad, released last month, integrates World Wide Web connectivity as well as enhancements in programability and electronic publishing.

Adept Scientific 01462 480055

### Capital 95

● Pegasus has released its Windows 95-ready Capital accounting package. A single-user copy costs £550.

Pegasus 01536 410044

# New scare over Net hacking that wasn't

Yet another spurious hacker scare last month has dealt a blow to attempts to promote business use of the Web. Newspapers covered the story of six boys, from London's Highgate School, who were said to have obtained goods using information illegally obtained on the Net.

The implication in most news reports was that the boys had "hacked" credit-card details using the Net. This was a distinct possibility which merited serious media coverage because of the ever-present need to agree secure encrypted payment systems to prevent this type of crime.

But the papers so love their image of the "demon hacker", they ignored the fact that the boys had picked up the credit-card numbers from discarded restaurant receipts. The newspapers' readers were thus not warned that the majority of computer crime stems from card users' carelessness with their own card details and passwords.

Detective Inspector Ron Laverick, who is in charge of the "schoolboy hacker" case, said: "People leave their credit-card details all over the place. These numbers could easily have been picked up from a garage forecourt or a rubbish bin."

A spokesman for the Royal Bank of Scotland, which is preparing Internet-based banking facilities, pointed out: "Stolen credit card numbers can be used as easily over the telephone as over the Internet."

Detective Inspector Laverick's concern was that the boys had downloaded from the Net, a treatise on "carding" which he believed could corrupt vulnerable youngsters. It bore the address of a non-Internet bulletin board in the US; dialling the number produced only an answering machine.

Clive Akass

## Minitel in the pink

The world's most popular online service is not CompuServe as you might guess but Minitel, France's nationwide teletext-based service established in 1980. It now has 25,000 services available, 6.5m dedicated terminals, 600,000 PC or Mac connections, and an estimated 20m users.

You can download free



Welcome to the  
MinitelWeb

Minitel software and access this formidable service via the Internet. But be warned: most of its services are in French, and the charges are slightly higher than you'd pay in France. They range from 6p to £1 per minute — the higher rates presumably being

reserved principally for the notorious *messageries roses* (literally; pink messages), the sexually explicit chat services.

David Brake

<http://www.minitel.fr>

[info@minitel.fr](mailto:info@minitel.fr) or call 00 33 1 47 61 47 61

## Tel-Me, again

PhoneLink has launched version 2 of its Tel-Me online service, aimed at UK executives. Tel-Me now costs less to join, offers more features, including Internet email, and connection options like ISDN and TCP/IP.

Membership still costs £9.95 per month but the joining fee is down £200 to £99.95 (which includes a 14.4kb/sec modem). Users with modems can join, and get the software, for £49.95.

Registration used to cost £300 without the modem. The day's weather forecast, recent PA

News headlines, Infocheck and the CCN company name validation are now free of charge.

Simple text-based electronic mail to the Internet is now available at no extra charge, using an off-line reader. Messages between Tel-Me users can be encrypted and password protected.

The Ordnance Survey Mapper and classified advertising applications have been improved, and added services include the Royal Mail Post-coder which gives an address for a postcode or vice versa, and the Liverpool Daily Post.

PhoneLink 0800 991155 / [jilc@phonelink.telme.com](mailto:jilc@phonelink.telme.com)

David Brake

# USR squashes the 'Spiralling Death' bug

Modem maker **M**US Robotics (USR) is the latest company to suffer a potentially expensive bug in its product. It played down what has been dubbed "Spiralling Death Syndrome", which causes some of its market-leading Sportster 28,800 models to drop speed to a 2400bps crawl.

USR claims to have received only 200 complaints about the bug, which it says occurs "under certain line conditions" when the modem is warming up. But a *PCW* investigation by Barry Fox (see page 380) suggests that the problem is more complex and widespread.

USR says the bug has been fixed in all Sportsters now being shipped, but like Intel's Pentium bug it has been a public-relations disaster.

When the story broke, sales executives from electronics' giant Motorola could hardly



**USR claims the bug has been fixed in current Sportsters**

believe their luck as they launched their low-cost modem package, designed to compete directly with the Sportster, into the British market.

UK marketing director Simon Boyle said: "To be honest, I couldn't wish for a more delightful entrée into the market."

The Motorola group, which manufactures its own modem chips, has traditionally focused on expensive high-end modems. Its new 28.8kb/sec 3400 Pro Data fax-modem is being offered by one dealer at £187 (ex VAT), £10

cheaper than the Sportster. The basic package comes complete with fax software and an animated screen startup guide. For £10 more you get an Internet bundle including a browser and other basic Net programs, and trial membership of CompuServe or IBM's IDN service.

A new package called Netlink, from Pace Micro, costs nearly £40 less but has a slower 14.4k modem. It includes a 21-day Net trial with Cityscape.

USR 01753 811180; Motorola 01628 39121; Pace 01274 532000



**Netlink: a new package from Pace Micro**

## Short Stories



### Flash disk

● The new CL-FC1120 chip will allow the rapid, low-cost development of flash-memory cards which emulate a hard disk, says developer Cirrus Logic.

Cirrus Logic 01727 872424

### Remote control

● PictureTel has released new software for its LIVE range of desktop video-conferencing tools which includes far-end camera control. Users are able to control the camera from the other end of the link, allowing them, Big Brother-like, to track speakers or zoom in on documents. Other features include video snapshot and caller identification. As an upgrade, it costs £99.

PictureTel 01753 673000

### True multimedia for web pages

● Macromedia and NetScape have combined forces to bring true multimedia to WWW pages. Director's playback software is to be integrated with the NetScape Navigator browser, allowing surfers to view movies on Web pages.

Macromedia 0181 200 8282

### Acrobatic viewer

● Adobe has developed a viewer for its Acrobat portable document format that will enable it to be used in appliances such as set-top boxes, projectors and navigation systems.

Adobe 0171 454 9360

### Acorn cards

● Aleph One is selling 40MHz and 80MHz 486 cards for Acorn Risc PC machines. Prices are £349 and £399 respectively.

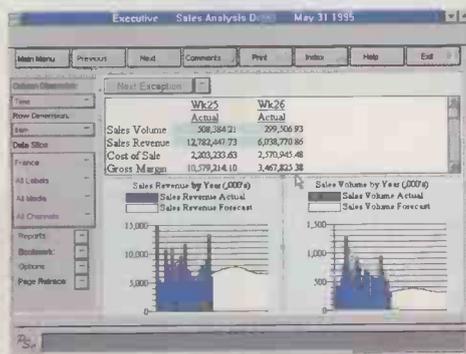
Aleph One 01223 811679

# Your very own spy ring

**I**ntelligent agents are entering the mainstream from the avant garde recesses of the world networks. These are virus-like software "robots" that can be sent across the networks to perform their tasks.

They have been associated almost exclusively with General Magic and its Magic Cap interface, which can be used to interrogate online services via palmtop "personal communicators".

But last month, UK developer Planning Sciences demonstrated a version of its Gentium executive information system package which uses intelligent agents for "data mining" SQL databases and its own data banks.



**A Gentium report in graphical form**

The system also uses neural nets to enable intelligent searching and reporting, and is available to mobile users. One agent is designed to extract information from text files to build up an infor-

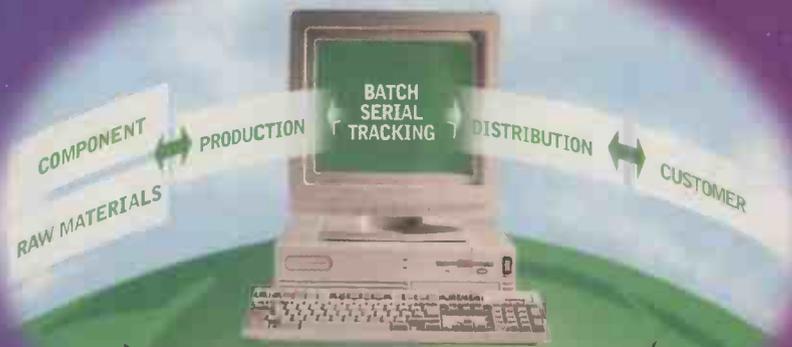
mation base.

Product manager Ian Macdonald said: "Intelligent agents let you delegate some of the human tasks a manager asks a junior manager to perform. They can gather information and report back." They can even work together on a

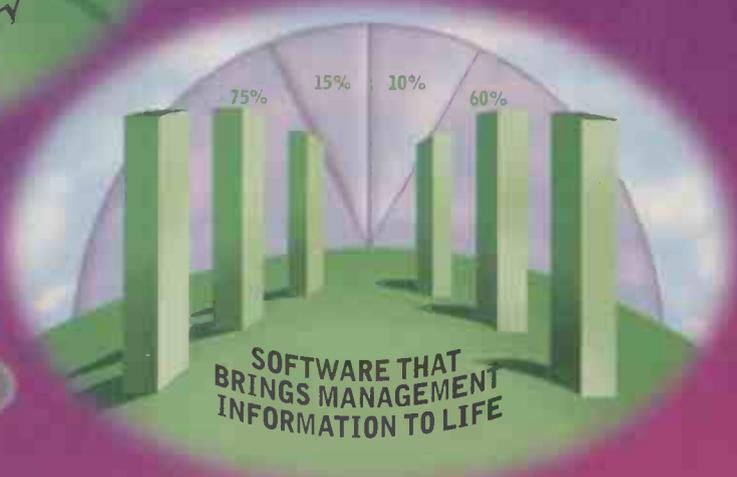
network in what Macdonald calls a "co-operative society of agents."

Gentium was developed as an object-oriented package under the NextStep operating system. The client program runs on all major desktop platforms.

Gentium 0181 879 3828



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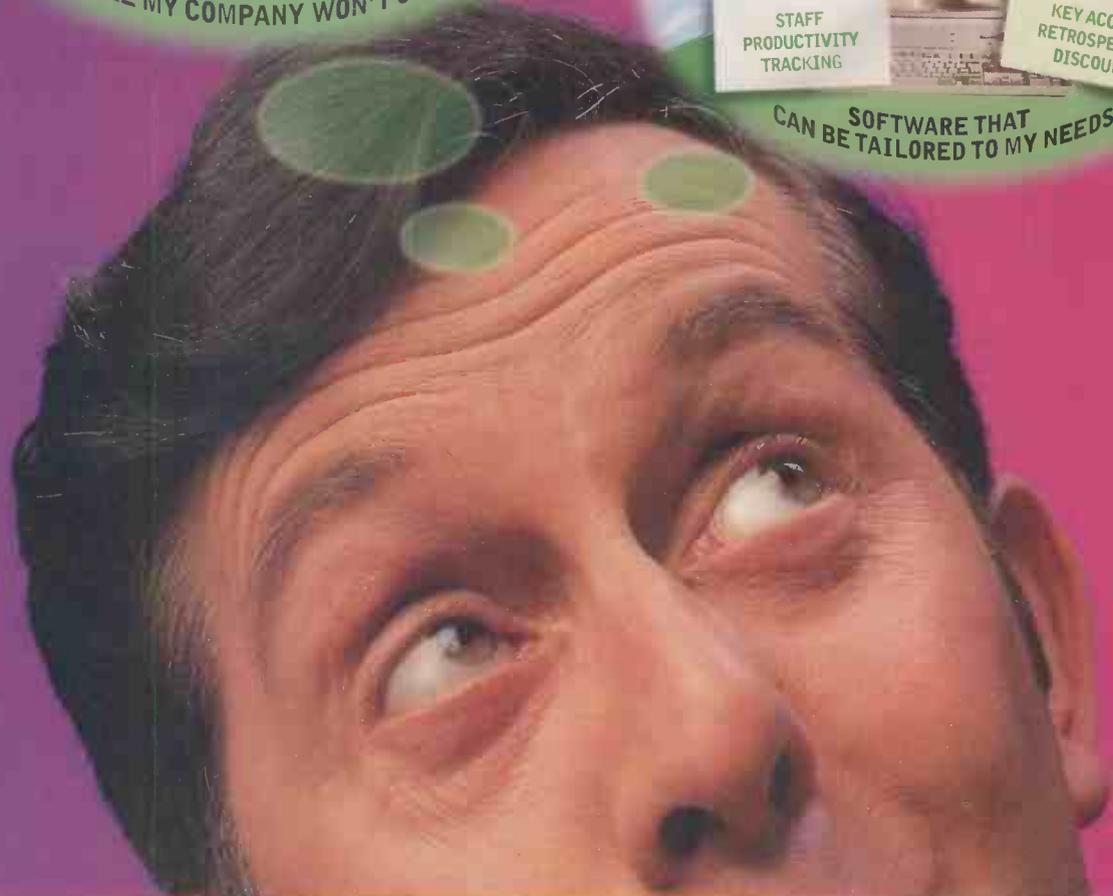
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## Short Stories

## Objective view

● Bentley Systems is developing what it claims will be object-oriented technology for professional high-end computer-aided design.

Objective MicroStation is described as an expanded architecture for its current range which is used by engineers, architects and draughtsmen.

A major advantage of the new structure will be the ability to integrate designs across a number of related drawings, allowing global changes to be made more easily. This will make it particularly useful for large projects.

The product is not expected to reach the open market until late next year.

Bentley 01344 412233

## An end to confusion

● To clear up any confusion, there are currently two software products called Reunion on the market: a genealogy package and a game. The former is available from S & N Genealogy Supplies and the latter from Grandslam.

S & N Genealogy Supplies 01252 378054;  
Grandslam 0181 680 7044

## Psion on the rack

● A black anodised rack for storing Psion 3a device cards is available for £9.95 from Widget Software.

Widget 01438 815444

## Cheap plans

● The price of both the Mac and Windows versions of the project-management package Micro Planner 6.0 has been reduced from £199 to £70 until 30th September.

Micro Planning International  
0117 9509417

## Travel info

● InfoSoft's software guide to British Airways' flights worldwide, InfoFlight for Windows, costs £29 (plus postage and VAT) and includes quarterly updates.

InfoSoft 01753 539393

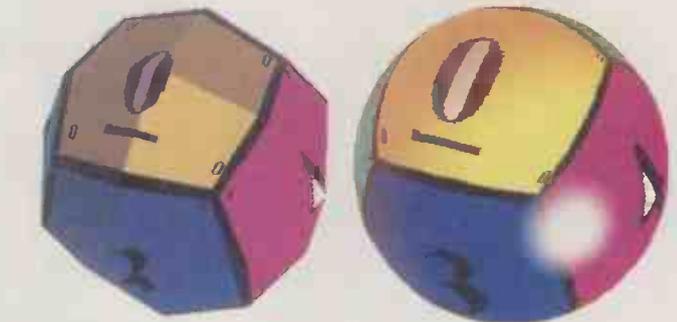
## Faster chip, cheaper board

Multimedia boards offering workstation-class 3D graphics, audio and video could be available by the end of the year for less than \$200, claim the developers of a new accelerator chip.

The chip — which is called the "nV1" when using fast VRAM memory, or "STG2000" when using slower DRAM — was co-developed by Californian startup nVidia and European chip-maker SGS Thomson.



With two support chips for audio and video decompression and compression, features that are nor-



mally found only on two or three separate boards will be combined on one board at a single-board price.

The developers gave an impressive display, in London, of real-time photorealistic 3D graphics using a reference design board.

Although the developers will not make boards themselves, Diamond is among those companies said to be developing products.

Features include:

- mapping complex surfaces as curves rather than by the tradi-

tional method involving vanishingly small polygons — the difference is shown in exaggerated form in the pictures (above and left). This optimises the graphics for games but not for CAD;

- wave table synthesis, using system memory rather than ROM;
- video texturing; mapping video images onto a complex surface as if they were textures;
- video playback at 30 frames per second;
- enhanced games port which monitors a joystick's position without using the processor; and
- A choice of PCI or VL bus interfaces.

## Remote access updates

Novell is set to ship NetWare Connect 2 this month (July), a major upgrade of the remote-access package it launched nearly two years ago.

It supports dial-in and dial-out facilities for between two and 128 Mac or PC users, and allows them to share server-based modems. Connect 2 is also fully compatible with Netware 4.1, the PPP dial-up protocol, and both IP and IPX. A two-user version is expected to cost about £350.

Connect 2 is only one of many new remote access products. Stac has announced its



ReachOut 5.0, the latest version of its remote-access software, which should now be available for £100.

Emulex is offering a two-port remote access server, enabling teleworkers and other mobile users easy access to office networks. The Connect-Plus LT costs £675, bundled with a 10-user licence for Symantec's PC Anywhere remote-access software.

It supports both NetWare and AppleTalk, and can act as an Internet gateway. Emulex will ship a £2,100 version next month (August).

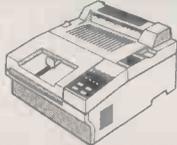
Dynatech is offering the DynaStar 100 and 100i, which, it claims, provide a highly flexible approach to connecting local and wide area networks. They combine the functions of a bridge, router, PAD, FRAD and dial-in/dial-out unit and allow X-25, Frame Relay and PPP connections. An ATM expansion option will be available shortly. Additionally, Ethernet and Token Ring are both supported, as is concurrent IP and IPX routing, and X25 switching. Base prices for the 100 and 100i models are £1,995 and £1,795 respectively.

Novell 01344 724000; Stac 01344 302900; Emulex 01734 772929;  
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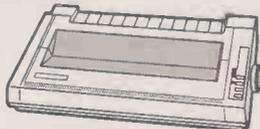
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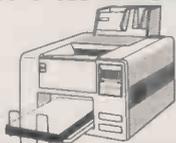
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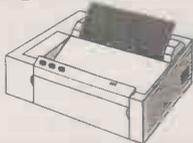
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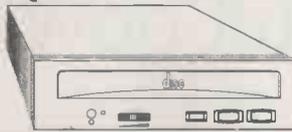
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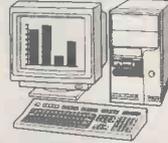
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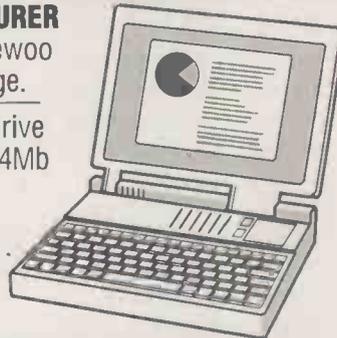
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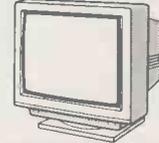
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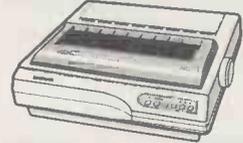
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## Short Stories



## Airmouse lifts off

● Design student Matthew Grey built himself a wireless mouse that does not even need a desktop. It communicates with a computer by UHF, and he calls it the Airmouse. Which explains why he is pictured grinning at a jumping mouse. Details can be obtained from Philippa Le Marquand at Brunel University on 01895 203094.

## Holistic Caere

● Caere has released WordScan Plus 4.0, which makes use of predictive optical word recognition (POWR) technology — a technique for reading whole words at a time, not just individual letters. WordScan Plus 4.0 costs £495, or £129 for the upgrade.

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## Webbed feat

● Kensington Park School claims to be the first UK school to have its own World Wide Web pages, including info on the school, and entry procedures. It is on <http://www.demon.co.uk/kenpkσχ>.

## Cheap drive

● Panasonic has cut the price of its double-speed CD-ROM drive, the CR-562B, from £139 to £99.

Panasonic 01344 862444

## Better scans

● Primax has upgraded its Datapen text scanner with a brightness control that optimises scans of business cards and documents.

Contact Andrea Cohen on (31) 3404 85300

# Intel challenges maths prof to fault new P6 chip

Intel has challenged the mathematics professor who started last year's Pentium bug furore to find a flaw in its next-generation P6 processor.

The company is determined not to repeat its mistake over the Pentium, millions of dollars worth of which had to be replaced after the unforgettably-named Professor Nicely discovered that in rare cases they got their sums wrong because of what came to be known as the Fdiv bug.

Intel has lent P6 sample machines to Professor Nicely and 900 other high-end users to see if they can find bugs.

Technical marketing manager John Hyde said: "One good thing to come out of Fdiv was that we got a database of people using the Pentium for leading-edge applications. So we have given P6s to some of these and said: 'See if you can find a bug.'"

This approach has been used to good effect by Microsoft on Win95 — but Hyde does not expect the P6 to be subjected to the same kind of delays.

The test programme does mean, however, that the P6 is not expected to ship in volume until late this year, and not necessarily under the same name. The first 133MHz version is said to be twice as fast on average as a 100MHz Pentium, and up to five times quicker on some operations,

thanks to more efficient processing of instructions. It also makes for a more flexible design of servers using up to four P6s. The P6 will see the chip market shift from the 486 range, with 75MHz Pentiums becoming the entry level, Intel believes.

Intel 01793 696000

## Third-party P6 board

Intel has been demonstrating P6 systems for months, with impressive graphics displays driven by the processor rather than by dedicated subsystems.

But Intel is not the only company producing systems around P6 samples. At least one third-party developer has produced a P6 motherboard — though a movie demonstration on the system turned out to have been aided by a card with MPEG decoding hardware.

The motherboard is made with a six-layer process, two layers being used to supply the several voltage levels needed. It uses Dual Inline Memory

Modules instead of the usual single SIMMs; these allow far more memory to be fitted into a 72-pin slot.

The first P6 model based on this board will be housed in a minitower, with six expansion slots, seven drive bays, and a quad-speed SCSI CD-ROM.

It will have fast IDE and SCSI connectors on the motherboard, full audio facilities, and 1Gb or 2Gb SCSI hard disks as standard.

The company will also supply high-end Matrox graphics cards and 100VG/100BT AnyLAN network adaptors as standard.

Nick Lawrence

## Konica launches super-fax

Konica is the latest company to attempt to combine basic office machines to avoid duplication of facilities.

Its 9715 is based on more expensive LED technology, which brings its price to £2,200 with software. It will work as an ordinary standalone fax, but the designers have sensibly opted for a friendly Windows-based PC front-end which includes phone-book and batch faxing facilities.

Another option is binary file transfer, which allows you to send a word-processor document (or indeed any file) instead of a fax. This is fine and fast if you are talking to another Konica but useless if you are not, because the transfer protocol is proprietary.

Konica's binary products specialist

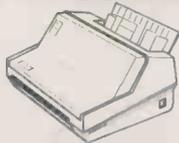
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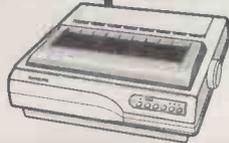
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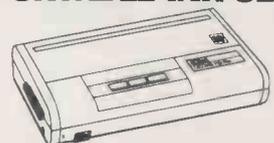
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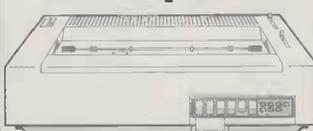
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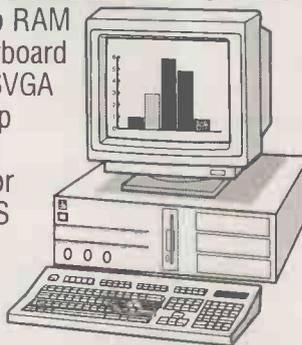


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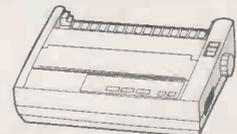
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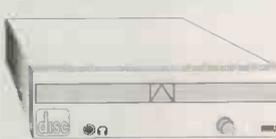
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## Short Stories

## Borland's 'fun way to learn C++'

● A new version of Borland's C++ development system is described as a fun way to learn C or C++. It includes five games, with source code which users can amend.

Although Turbo C++ 4.5 is aimed at beginners, it is said to include some of the latest C++ technology. It is expected to cost about £70.

Borland is also launching a £149 rapid-development toolkit, called the RAD pack, for its Delphi development environment. It includes a debugger and visual component library source code.

The company is concentrating on its core development products after getting mauled in the highly-competitive office suites market.

There have been rumours that it is about to be taken over. But director of developer relations, David Intersimone, said morale at the company is very high, particularly following the quashing of a potentially damaging lawsuit taken out by Lotus.

## NT disk tidier

● Executive Software is shipping what it claims is the only disk defragmenter for Windows NT. Diskeeper tidies up disks and keeps them tidy by defragmenting during processor idle times. It costs £149 and £349 respectively for the workstation and server versions.

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## PDA deal

● Amstrad is giving away a free Personal Digital Assistant palmtop with every Amstrad Pentium ordered before August. The Pentium desktops start from £1,099.

Amstrad 0800 338844

## Double drive

● Ideal is selling the internal version of Panasonic's novel PD system, a combined CD-ROM and optical drive, for £549. It reads standard CDs and read or writes to 650Mb optical disks costing £39.

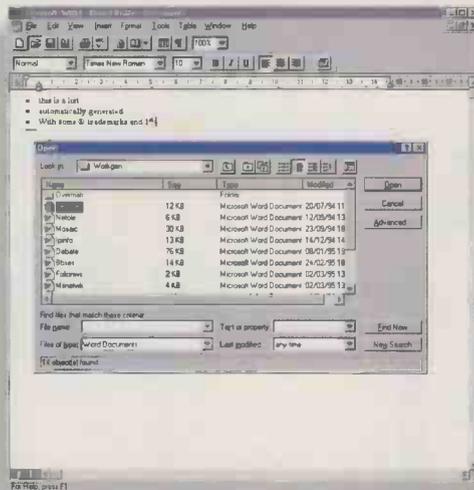
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## Microsoft's Office betas

Microsoft has started a 20,000-copy UK beta program for Office 95. Main changes include "Intellisense" that is actually intelligent, a big improvement in the integration of the applications, and the bundling of Schedule Plus 95.

Intellisense now spots most acronyms and no longer corrects PCs to Pcs. It also switches off the Caps Lock key if it is accidentally left on and allows you to spell-check individual words on the fly.

Schedule Plus now has a comprehensive contacts manager. The old Office Manager has been replaced by Shortcut bars, and selecting a new document brings up a tabbed dialogue box containing all the Office templates. Selecting a template launches the appropriate application.



Microsoft also claims to have solved widely publicised resource problems of Office 4.2, so that it is virtually impossible to run out of them. Extra threads have been added to some applications.

Another new feature, the Microsoft binder, described as "an electronic paper clip", lets you bind together mixtures of Word and Excel files.

VB for Applications has been added to Access but won't reach Word until the

next release. Word has some minor performance improvements to scrolling and the like, but Excel is claimed to be 50 per cent faster overall. When you use Excel's vertical scrollbar you're told which row you're in, and whenever you highlight a section the sum appears in the status bar at the bottom. You can now use Access forms to enter data in Excel.

Ben Tisdall

## Lexmark goes for the high and low end

Lexmark has launched two new inkjet printers at opposite ends of its range — the WinWriter 150c for £299, and the upgraded 4079 Plus for £3,000.

The WinWriter 150c is bundled with CorelDraw 4.0 on CD-ROM and is being marketed as a multimedia printer, as it offers sound in the form of alerts and feedbacks (see group test on page 454).

The 4079 Plus, intended for the professional graphics market, has a page rate five times higher than the current 4079. This is made possible by a 25MHz RISC processor, 4Mb RAM as standard, and job overlap capabilities.

Lexmark plans to invest heavily in inkjet technology to fill any gaps in its current product line.

Adele Dyer

## Pictures galore

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## Cheaper CD jukeboxes

The price of CD jukeboxes is dropping. Pioneer's new 4.4-speed six-disc DRM-624X costs £449 — no less than £781 cheaper than its slower predecessor, the DRM-604.

Pioneer also has an updated version of its original six-disc drive, the DRM-604X. The single-disc version of the DRM-624X is reviewed on page 414.

Also costing £449 is the CD7 Minichanger (pictured above) from Mountain Network Solutions, which can select any one of seven discs in a claimed five seconds but offers only dual-speed data transfer.

It can be switched for SCSI-1 or SCSI-2 compatibility, and bundled software allows it to be used with the Windows, NT, OS/2 and Mac operating systems.

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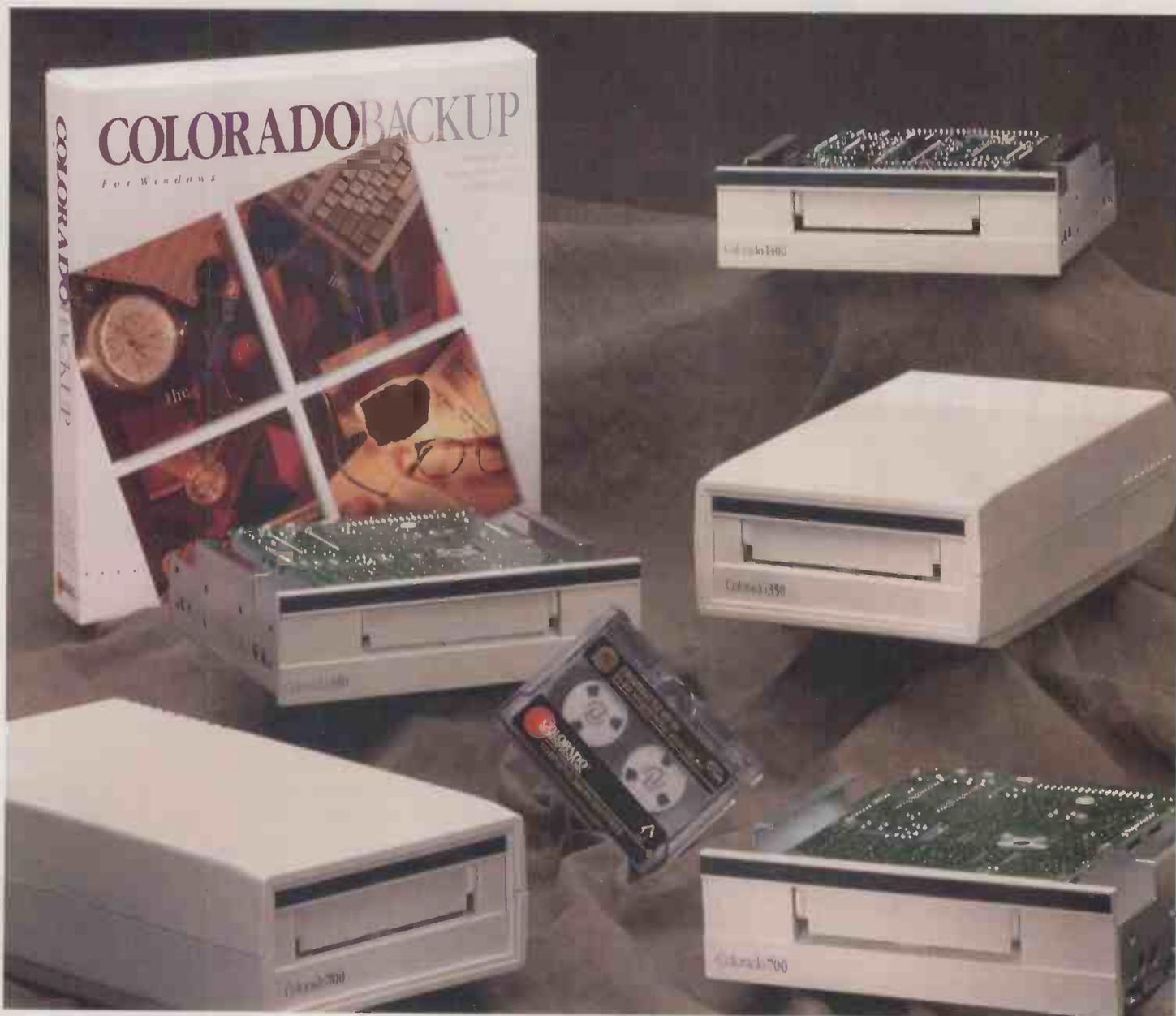
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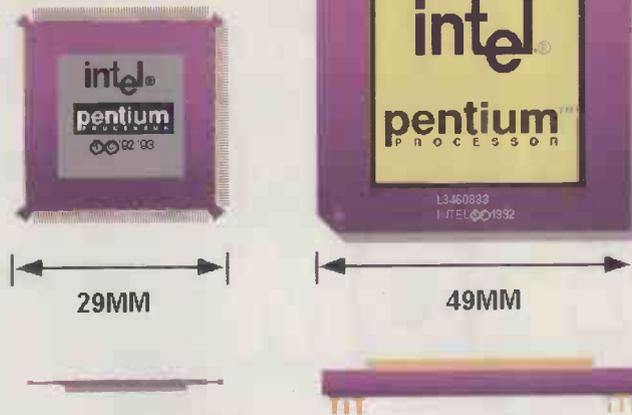
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# Cooler chips from Intel



The new (left) and the old, shown here in plan view and in profile

Notebook vendors lined up to present new Pentium-based models last month as Intel introduced a power-saving 90MHz version of its chip.

The new processor operates at only 2.9v internally, but can be used with 3.3v components designed for the 75MHz Pentium, which is also targeted at portables. This means manufacturers who wish to use the new chip do not have to source expensive new support chips and other com-

ponents.

A 2.9v version of the 75MHz Pentium will also be available. Notebook manufacturers will be able to slot it directly into their existing designs, claims Intel.

The lower power drain means the chips run cooler — heat dissipation was previously a big problem on Pentium notebooks.

A 90MHz Pentium chip draws an average of between 2.5W and 3.5W — that is about 0.5W more than its 75MHz sibling, which itself uses around 25 per cent less than its 3.3v equivalent.

Dell (see story below) and Hewlett-Packard both launched models using the new chips almost immediately they had been announced.

H-P has added 90MHz models to its Omnibook range. The new Omnibook 5000 offers a choice of either 10.4in VGA or SVGA screens with a PCI and up to 1Gb of hard disk space.

Toshiba and Compaq were both set to announce models as we went to press.

Hewlett-Packard 01344 360000

## Dell launches Latitude with Pentium

The Pentium

versions of the Dell Latitude come in four flavours: 75MHz and 90MHz models, with a choice of 10.4in dual-scan or TFT colour screens. These are called (predictably) the P75D, P75T, P90D and P90T. Disk capacity is either 810Mb or 1.2Gb. They have 8Mb on the motherboard, allowing up to 72Mb in two free DIMM slots.

Dell claims up to 4 hours and 40 minutes' life from the Lithium Ion battery on the model with the dual-scan screen. This new battery supplies 36W/hours — partly because the machine has no business audio feature, something which saps power. A Dell-badged version of the IBM PCMCIA audio card is available.

Simon Rockman

Dell 01344 720000

## TI and Samsung notebooks

The new Pentium notebooks from Texas Instruments (TI) fall within the pack-it-all-in school of design. But TI has managed to constrain the weight of its new TravelMate 5000 to just over 6lbs despite a desktop-standard feature set and twin Lithium-Ion batteries. It uses a 3.3v 75MHz processor with 64-bit bus and 256kb of level 2 cache, and offers a choice of TFT or dual-scan colour screens. A 16-bit sound card, MIDI/joystick interface, PCI graphics, and 8Mb of RAM are standard, as is a card slot and PCI expansion slot that will accept a docking station. Prices range up to £4,000.

Samsung has launched a range of multimedia PCs based on 486 chips, with Pentium versions expected soon. There is a choice of chips up to 100MHz, a 10.4in TFT or dual-scan colour screen, and type 2 and 3 card slots. A £499 docking station with CD drive will be available soon.

TI 01932 761595; Samsung 0181 569 7513

## Short Stories

### Telecoms giant launches PCs

● AT&T has launched itself into the PC market place, releasing the Globalyst range of PCs, or rather PC&Cs; referring to personal computing and communications, as you might expect from the largest communications corporation in the world.

The range includes notebooks and desktops ranging from DX2/50s to Pentium 133s and a network server, all made in Germany. All the PCs come loaded with Visi-tum Share Software Professional, which lets you share applications and data over a LAN or telephone lines. Prices start from £1,025.

AT & T 01645 556666

### Files Bible

● International Thomson has published an English translation of what is described as the German bible of file formats, Günter Born's "The File Formats Handbook". It covers the main graphics, spreadsheet, and word-processing formats. Price £59.95.

ITP 0171 497 1422

### Floppcard drive

● SCM Microsystems has launched a combined floppy drive and PCMCIA slot, compatible with card types 1, 2 and 3, for £175.

Microtech (dealers) 01793 784480

### Modem card

● Tricom's new £549 Traveller 34i-p 28.8kb/sec modem sits on a PCMCIA card but is addressed via the parallel port driver.

Tricom 01494 483951

### IBM announces first PowerPCs

● IBM announced its first PowerPC-based computers as we went to press. The new Power Series range includes four models.

There are the 820 and 850 Thinkpad notebooks, and the 830 and 850 desktops.

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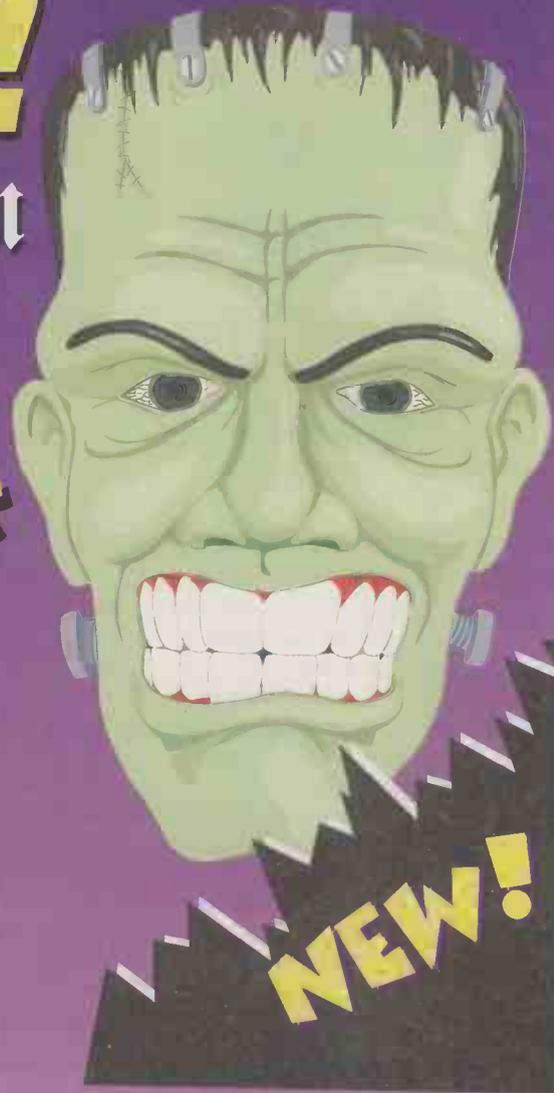
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# Windows 95 will go native on Power PC

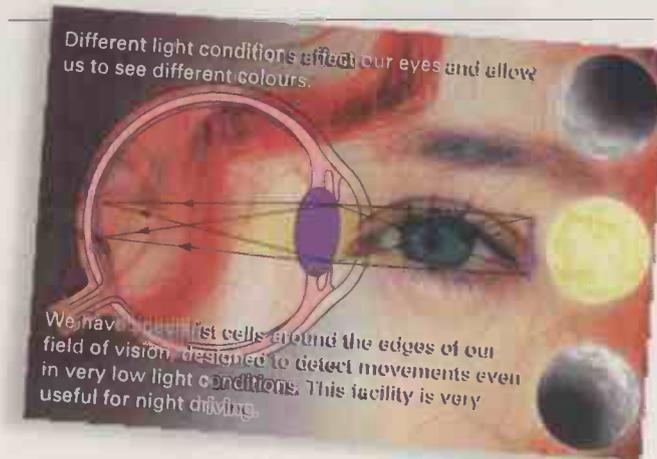
Rumours of a Windows 95 port to the PowerPC platform have been unofficially confirmed by Insignia Solutions, which developed the SoftPC and SoftWindows packages for the Apple Mac.

The company will give no details, other than to confirm US reports that the operating system will run native — not as an emulation like its previous products which allow PC programs to be run on Macs, by pretending to be DOS or Windows.

Insignia could hardly undertake the project without close collaboration with Microsoft, and the corporation is known to be keen on getting its products to run on as wide a variety of platforms as possible.

Insignia has worked closely with Microsoft in the past on its emulation products. Although it started in the UK, it is currently based in California. But its research and development work is carried out at High Wycombe.

The new SoftWindows 2.0 for



A page from a multimedia CD-ROM which explains how colour is used in electronic publishing. It is available free from Epson. Call the company's helpline on 01442 61144

the PowerMac, due to ship soon, is believed to run a wider variety of PC programs thanks to emulation of Windows Enhanced mode as well as Standard mode.

Users who took advantage of Insignia's spring promotion, which offered drastic price cuts across the range, will be able to

upgrade for free.

Insignia's emulation software faces competition from recent hardware products. The PowerMac 6100 can take an optional 486 PC board which gives it true dual-platform capability; and the Performa 68K Mac also includes a PC board.

Insignia 01494 459426

## Short Stories

### IBM 'to make Mac clones'

● IBM is to manufacture Mac clones for Radius, one of the few companies licensed by Apple to make Mac compatibles, according to US reports.

The machines will use IBM PowerPC chips and run the Mac's System 7.5.1 operating system.

A spokesman for Radius UK would not confirm or deny the stories. But he said: "We have a very close relationship with IBM."

Radius 01483 772773

### Mac prices down

● Apple has cut the prices of its PowerMac range by between 4 and 16 per cent. The street price of a 6100 model with DOS compatibility card is down 13 per cent to £1,590. And the price of an 8100 with 16Mb of RAM, a 2Gb disk and CD drive has dropped by about £700 to £3,655 — Apple quotes all these prices exclusive of a keyboard and monitor.

The prices of PowerBooks and Apple peripherals have also been cut.

Apple Information Centre 0800 127753

### Video split

● A single Macintosh can drive up to eight monitors simultaneously with the aid of the Vopex 8M splitter from Network Technologies. It connects to the video output port and costs £692 plus £7 per monitor cable.

ITM 01202 872771

### ISDN boom

● BT has reported a vast increase in the take-up of ISDN lines. ISDN now accounts for 20 per cent of all business exchange lines and ISDN 2 traffic to Europe has more than doubled.

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1 First Aid for Windows	RMG	3
2 Cleansweep	Quarterdeck	2
3 Delphi	Borland	6
4 MS Office 4.2 U/G	Microsoft	1
5 QEMM 7.5	QuarterDeck	7
6 Quicken 4.0	Intuit	4
7 The Perfect Office U/G	Novell	10
8 The Business Plan Builder	RMG	-
9 MS Office 4.3 Pro U/G	Microsoft	5
10 Quickbooks 3.0	Intuit	-
Top 10 DOS		
1 QEMM 7.5	QuarterDeck	1
2 PCDOS Version 7	IBM	9
3 DOS 6.22	Microsoft	2
4 Gardeners World	Europress	5
5 SimCity 2000 CD-ROM	Mindscape	-
6 Turbo C++ 3	Borland	8
7 Sterling Payroll	Sage	3
8 Anti Virus Quarterly	Dr Solomans	-
9 Solo Payroll	Pegasus	6
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6 The Perfect Office U/G	Novell	9
7 The Business Plan Builder	RMG	17
8 MS Office 4.3 Pro U/G	Microsoft	5
9 Quickbooks 3.0	Intuit	12
10 WincheckIt	S&S	7
11 12,000 Clipart	Softkey	-
12 Anti Virus Quarterly	Dr Solomon's	-
13 The Perfect Office ProU/G	Novell	-
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One of the current complaints about handheld devices has been that the operating system (OS) they utilise is under-powered and not very robust. Well, if the people from Geoworks have their way, that perception could change when the company makes its new Geoworks 3.0 system available by the end of this year.

Geoworks, based in California, is known for its Geos operating system. It has gained financial backing from Hewlett-Packard, Novell, Nokia and Sharp, who believe that this OS, designed to be used with very low-powered processors, is ideal for use in various small portable systems.

In fact, HP is currently working on a new handheld device, due to be launched this autumn, that uses the Geos operating system, and that alone could help Geoworks attract serious attention in the world of handheld computing. However, the new OS that Geoworks will release at the end of 1995 is probably more likely to place the company firmly on the map.

Geoworks 3.0 is designed to be communications-centric. This emphasis should help HP, and others that use Geoworks' OS, push these handheld devices away from the consumer market and into the business world.

While most handheld devices have, until now, catered to the consumer with an eye towards personal organisers, this new OS and the devices that use it could help develop what some people call "mobile companions".

Geoworks officials see this OS being used in smart phones and mobile companions that allow a person to keep in touch with the office directly via various forms of communication.

Geoworks 3.0 has four major components. Firstly, it allows for multiple inputs; with

this OS, you can input information via keyboard, pen or digital ink and it includes sophisticated handwriting recognition.

The second component is rich file management. This comprises power management, file system support (which includes Geoworks' own, known as Geos File System), true flash file system and DOS. Flash can be handled in either PCMCIA type I or type II cards.

The third component is Geoworks' visual system. This has its own imaging model, including a geometry manager to handle graphic images. But the company has a real advantage in what it calls a "flexible user interface" (UI). This flexible UI includes various objects that represent familiar office items.

For example: there is the choice of three types of phone to put on a desk to represent calling applications; or, three different representations of an address book. You can also have at least three different office settings from which to choose, thus making it easy to create and customise a user interface.

The fourth element is Geoworks' communication infrastructure. This includes a mailbox library, standard protocol support, fax and infrared data transfer.

It is this key component that makes Geos 3.0 very communication friendly.

Although the original Geos system was designed to work on Intel 8088 and 8086 chips, the new system can take advantage of the next generation Intel chips that are today being designed into handheld devices. So, when Geos 3.0 is used in a handheld system with a 486 chip, it gives that system a lot of power and flexibility, without a lot of resource overhead.

Geoworks 3.0 will be available by the end of the year and inside devices by

## More power for 'mobile companions'

early 1996.

This new OS from Geoworks promises to raise the bar when it comes to adding functionality and capability to small, handheld devices. And that is something I am personally looking forward to.

### Have a nice trip

A popular pastime here, for users of the Internet, is trying to find the coolest and most interesting places to visit on the Net.

For instance, a great resource for finding all types of information is "Yahoo" (at <http://www.yahoo.com>), set up by two Stanford graduate students. It is the most comprehensive Web index in existence: you can find all types of business information, including a direct line to the *Wall Street Journal* as well as five other major newspapers. Its direct links to many other listings make it one of the most visited sites on the Net.

There are numerous other popular and offbeat sites, a selection of which I have listed here:

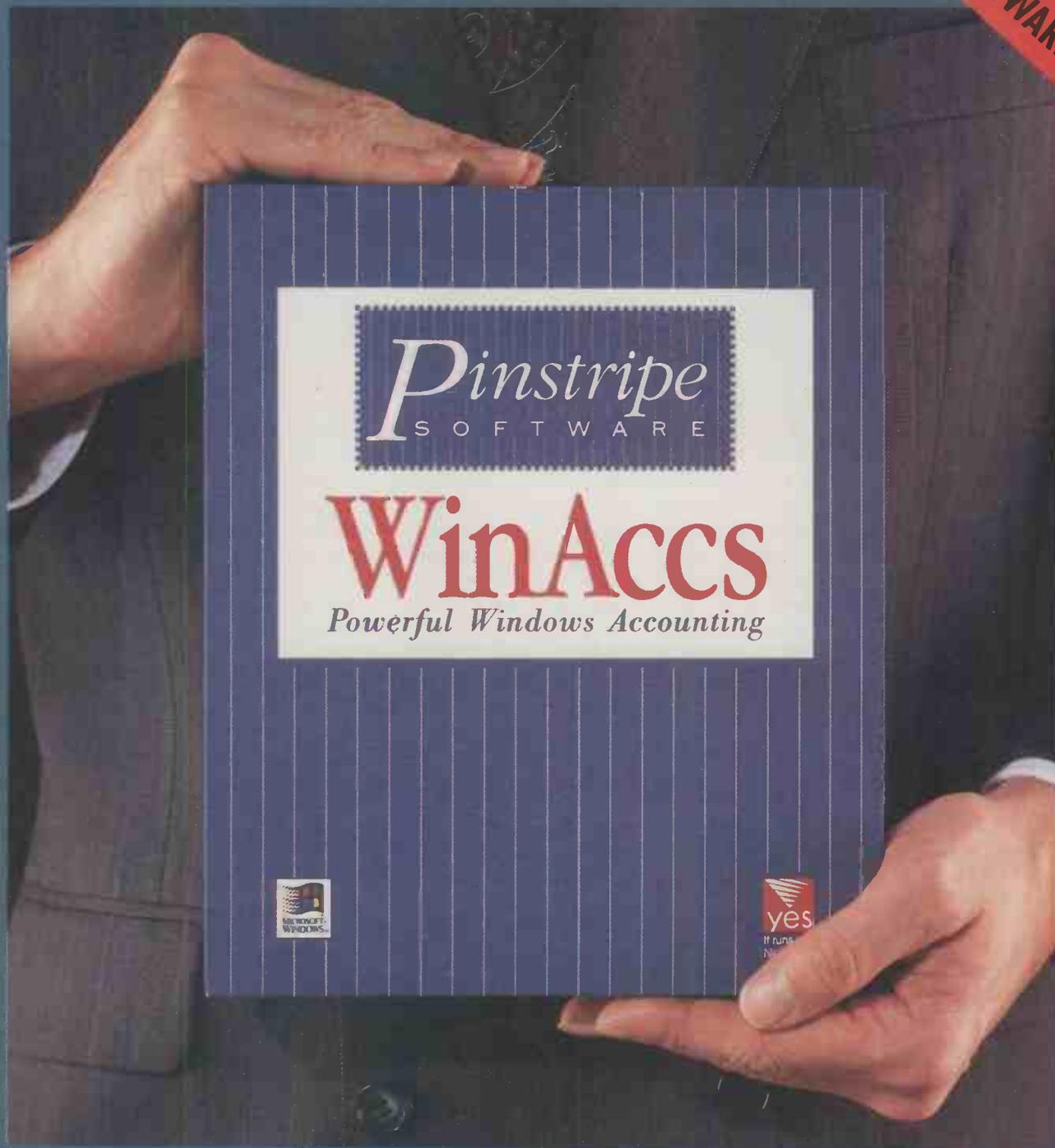
- If you want to make money on the Web, try Commercenet at <http://www.commerce.net/>.
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- Games Domain is at <http://www.gnn.com/wic/recgame.09.html>.
- *The San Francisco Examiner* is on line at <http://cyber.sfgatecom/examiner/>.

Tim Bajarin

Our man in America examines the background to a new operating system which could soon alter our current perception of handheld devices. And reporting on the latest pastime to hit the States, he discovers some strange places on the Net.

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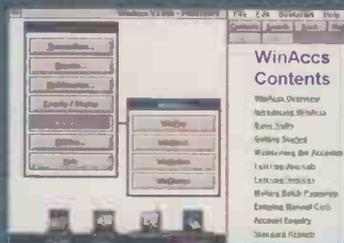
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IBM stunned the computer world in June when it completed its \$3.5 billion takeover of Lotus Development.

It seems that the two companies had been discussing the possibilities of working more closely together since John Thompson was made head of IBM's new software group last January.

Lotus's boss, Jim Manzi, apparently wanted IBM to buy the company's desktop applications business, or else spin it off into a 50/50 joint venture. But IBM was more interested in Lotus's cc:Mail and Notes groupware programs, and Manzi wouldn't part with more than a small minority share of those.

Now, of course, he won't have to: Manzi had been advised to "take the money and run" (his shareholding in Lotus was worth about \$75m), but having agreed to a "friendly" takeover, he will stay on as chief executive of Lotus and as an IBM vice-president. He will report directly to IBM's boss, Louis V. Gerstner Jr.

In launching his original, hostile bid, Gerstner had written that: "Our intent is to keep Lotus intact and managed out of its current headquarters in Cambridge and to make Lotus primarily responsible for key, complementary IBM software products." We have yet to learn which ones...

The problem with Lotus's desktop software business is that it's in decline. In May, having reported a quarterly loss of \$17.5m on sales that had plunged by 18 percent, Manzi told the annual shareholders' meeting that the market for desktop software was "nothing less than a bloodbath."

Lotus had grown rich on sales of 1-2-3 for DOS, which helped drive the success of the IBM PC in the eighties. It didn't matter that other Lotus developments, such as Manuscript and Magellan, had failed; what did matter was that Lotus didn't understand

the importance of graphical user interfaces.

To start with it ignored the Apple Macintosh market, and then flopped spectacularly with Jazz, its Mac version of Symphony. Lotus also ignored Microsoft Windows, following the IBM line that users would move straight from DOS to OS/2. When Microsoft redefined the desktop applications business with its Windows-based Office suite, Lotus was caught flat-footed and floundering.

But groupware was one area in which Lotus led the field. Manzi had backed Ray Ozzie in the writing of Notes, against what his company had considered its better judgement. But IBM liked Notes, and was selling it.

IBM's horribly misguided Systems Application Architecture (SAA), announced in 1987, had committed IBM to writing new systems that would link together some of its incompatible hardware. The application that would demonstrate the power of SAA was OfficeVision/2. Some of the world's most important companies bought the idea, but the development was a disaster. IBM needed something to fill the hole left by the failure of OfficeVision/2, and Lotus Notes did just that.

IBM has also had a miserable time in the desktop applications business, where it struggled for more than a decade. Taking over Lotus finally gives IBM a respectable suite of Windows applications. And although Gerstner says that "this acquisition has absolutely nothing to do with OS/2," the fact that Lotus was the only major software house still developing for OS/2 must be a factor.

IBM reckons its global marketing and sales capability will

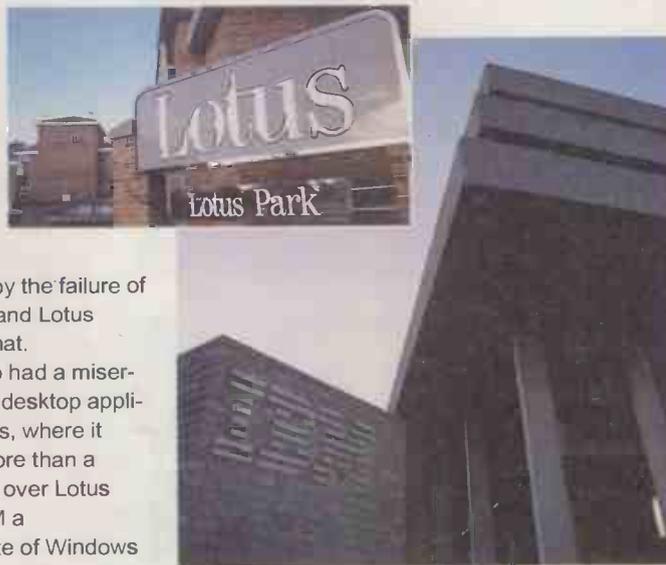
## Group therapy

boost Notes' user base, "vastly increase its sales potential" and strengthen its acceptance as an open industry standard.

Gerstner told a press conference: "We want to have the Lotus platform operate independently of, or in conjunction with, all operating systems. And so everybody's operating system — those inside IBM, those outside IBM — will be treated the same in terms of the Lotus platform." That's a laudable approach, although it is a strange world where Gerstner can think that being taken over by the world's largest computer firm could help make something an "open industry standard".

And it's a strange world where such a takeover raises few fears of US government anti-trust action: the criterion is not size, but whether a takeover gives a corporation potential monopoly power over the market. That isn't the

IBM's takeover of Lotus Development should bring mutual benefits: IBM needs a respectable suite of Windows applications and Lotus needs a boost to its desktop software business. We review the personalities and products in the background to this merger.



case here. Even when Lotus is added to its current \$12 billion software business, few people seriously consider that IBM can compete with Microsoft.

**Jack Schofield**

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## The reluctant speedster

Faulty chips may be the cause of a batch of US Robotics high-speed modems refusing to work as they should. USR is being very coy about the cause of the fault and less than direct with its disappointed Sportster customers. PCW investigates.

**T**he Intel Pentium lesson has still to be learned, it seems. Although US Robotics (USR) has admitted that some batches of its "number one selling modem in the world" have faulty chips, the company appears not to be coming clean with its customers.

A PCW investigation suggests that customers have been left in the dark and have wasted time and money on help-line calls and failed modem connections, while trying to find out why their modems refuse to work.

The affected modem is the Sportster 28,800 which, although advertised as being "high speed", refuses to connect unless you set its working speed to 2,400bps; less than one tenth the advertised

system let such an obviously faulty batch of products leave the factory. USR is equally evasive about why its Help Line was not admitting a problem of which the company was already aware, and what steps it is prepared to take to alert the public. But a USR spokesman has admitted that the company discovered the problem "at the end of April".

USR says it will re-chip modems when customers ask. But the company's Customer Help Line has neither been explaining the problem nor how to identify it.

The USR modems are sold with a free introductory membership to CompuServe, which is about to offer UK subscribers its first 28,800kb/sec connections. The CompuServe Help Line is now warning customers of the Sportster's fault and referring them to US Robotics. CompuServe has been receiving several calls a day.

In early May, CompuServe's Help Line began to receive complaints about high-speed Sportsters refusing to connect at any speed. Both CompuServe and USR initially suggested changes in the software settings, none of which worked.

USR admits that faulty chips have been found but claims that the fault is an EPROM which slows the modem down to 16,800bps. The problem, claims USR, has been experienced only "by a small percentage of users" and was due to "exceptional conditions" as the modem warms up. A spokesman for US Robotics claimed that the problem disappeared after the first instance of failure.

However, my own and other users' experiences of calling CompuServe, together with information supplied to CompuServe by USR, suggests that the problem is

more serious. CompuServe reports that USR is now on the third version of the EPROM. Versions 0937 and 3C96 were faulty, but 1288 is claimed to be bug-free. CompuServe says you can find out whether or not your modem is affected by keying in the Hayes command AT11, which returns an on-screen value giving the ROM chip number.

On 24th May, with the symptoms carefully specified, USR was still not coming clean with me. Having previously suggested various solutions, it suggested as a last resort that "it's probably best if we have a look at it, and also upgrade it to the latest ROM."

The re-chipped modem worked at high speed for a few hours but then failed as it got warm. The modem continued to fail: having been allowed to cool to room temperature, or even when re-started from cold.

Like the modem with the original bad chip, it connected to CompuServe only when the software was set at 2,400bps.

But another modem, supplied direct from USR, and also fitted with the 1,288 (presumably of more recent manufacture), worked reliably.

An inspection of the two modems revealed that half a dozen chips had different part numbers.

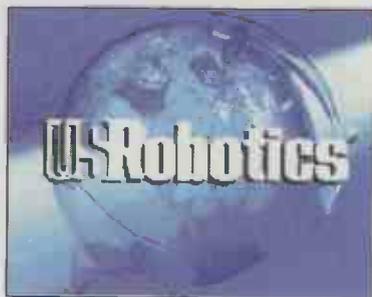
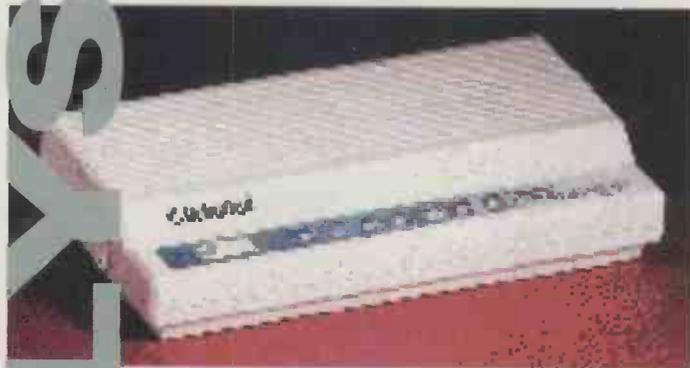
Clive Hudson, MD of US Robotics UK, believes that the problem is "not widespread" because of the "small number we have received back for the upgrade."

My advice is that if you cannot make your 28,800 Sportster work with a service like CompuServe, carry out this simple check: set the comms software to 2,400bps and if the modem connects, try a higher speed; if it then fails to connect, it's probably faulty.

So waste no more time on it. Return it either to your dealer, or to US Robotics for a replacement.

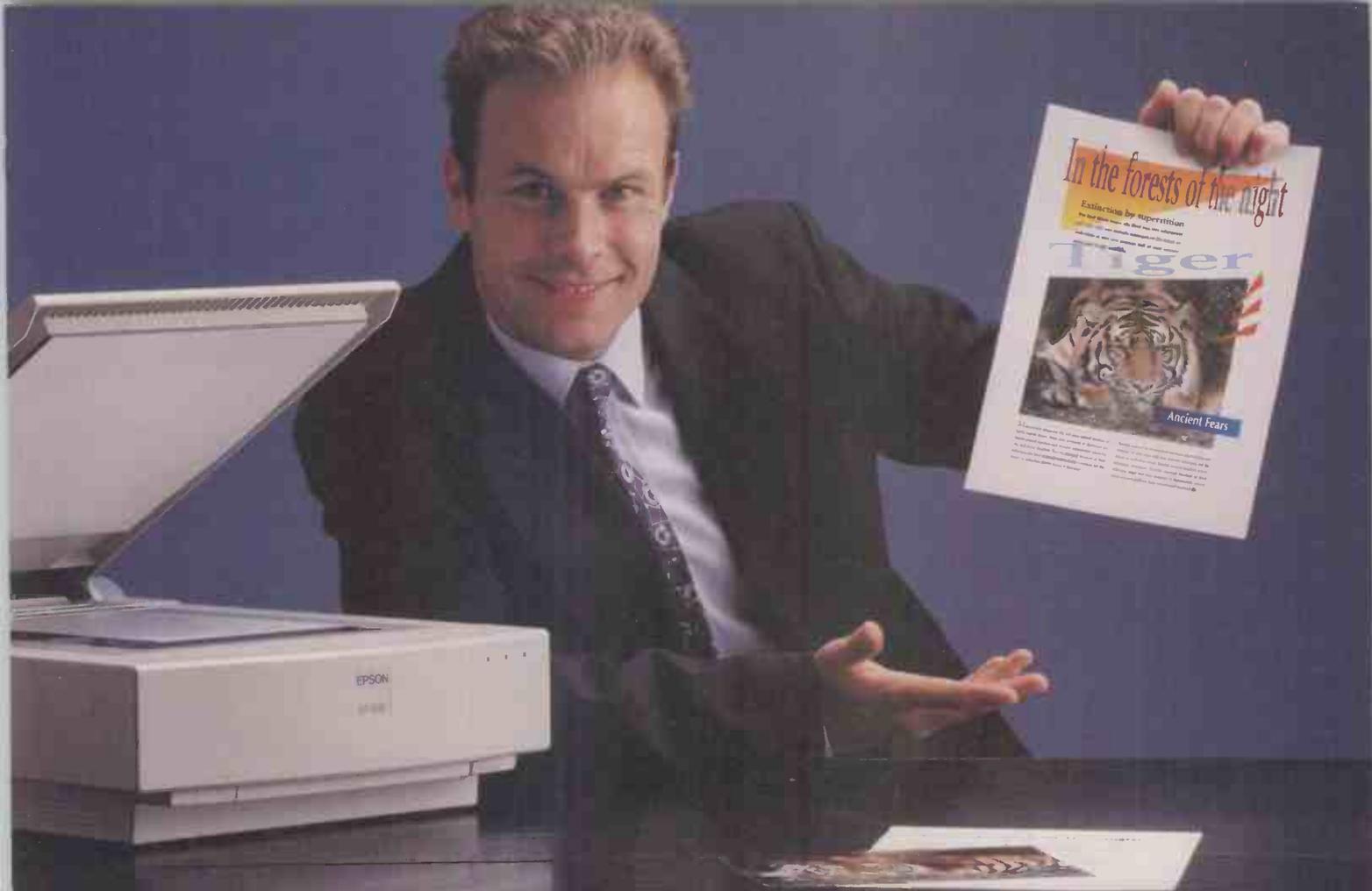
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rating of 28.8kb/sec.

USR has avoided questions about how many modems may be affected, how they can be identified, and how its quality control



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Rome. They say this place wasn't built in a day, which really does surprise me: in just one morning, a small team of Wimpey brickies could easily chuck it together between tea breaks — the ancient section, anyway. I was most disappointed. You'd be able to fit the whole lot, from the Circus Maximus right up to the Forum, into somewhere the size of Soho. I spent much of this morning not pondering the above glories, but watching a couple of spectacularly inept pickpockets in action.

Two East European girls, no more than eight or ten years old, were attempting to work the Coliseum. These girls were so short, they could barely reach up to trouser-pocket level; the little dears couldn't have earned much. I wish, now, that I'd taken photographs. I did when I toured other places of interest such as the Trevi Fountain, the Vatican, the Piazza Spagna McDonald's, and so on.

This evening I emailed friends and acquaintances in the UK, describing the various sights and sounds in some detail. But although I packed in a couple of thousand words, I felt that the raw ASCII lacked something. Specifically, it lacked snappy "having a great time" pictures of the type that lend postcards their impact and topicality. And this set me thinking; if we can now routinely send each other electronic letters, surely the technology exists to allow us to create personalised electronic picture postcards, too?

So, what is the function of a postcard? Forget the tacked-on, perfunctory "Wish you were here" rubbish — that's the last thing you *really* wish. No, the function of a postcard is to say, "Here I am, enjoying glorious sunshine and fine food, while you're shivering away in the pouring rain, eating greasy egg and chips at some café or other. So up yours." You want to rub their noses in it. You want to convey to them, in detail, what they're missing while you yourself are living the *dolce vita*. So ideally, an electronic postcard should combine the inherent smugness of the postal variety with the immediacy of email. But what might be involved in terms of hardware and software?

The software should be no problem, except inasmuch as the binmailed end result ought to be portable between platforms. So I'd create the master document in, say, Word for Windows. I'd import the pictures and save the whole lot as a series of individual gif files of formatted text and colour graphics. Better still, maybe I'd use a

cross-platform viewer, like Acrobat, to create a portable document.

Whichever way I did it, the real challenge would lie in the image capturing aspect and associated hardware.

The kit I've brought with me to Italy comprises a Psion 3a, for on-the-via note-taking, 3Link, a Compaq Concerto for serious work, an internal PCMCIA modem, and the usual telephone plug adaptors and acoustic coupler. Together with the power transformers, everything just fits into a smallish briefcase. Although not particularly heavy, it could well explode spontaneously if much more were to be squeezed in — rather like a digital still camera. I refuse to buy one; the things cost upwards of £500 each and seem to produce results which, at best, look only marginally better than tabloid newspaper halftones. So scrub that idea. The next option might be to use my 35mm Canon  $\mu$  compact, which I tend always to carry with me in case I come across some unique, unrepeatable photo opportunity such as Nick Beard being modest and self-effacing. Then I could have the film transferred to CD-ROM and eventually, into my laptop computer. There's a lab just around the corner from the Piazza del Popolo that does this sort of thing. Unfortunately, turnaround time is at least 48 hours. It would also mean lugging a portable CD-ROM drive around. So scrub that idea.

No; the best way, in my humble opinion, would be to use my conventional camcorder which, like the compact, I usually carry with me, and import the pictures directly from that. Somewhere back home I've got an interface from Vicanco that will plug into the camera's SCART socket, and thence into the PC's parallel port. OK, so the imported results won't be anything like photo CD-ROM quality; more like those from a CCD camera. No matter — they'll be good enough to display on a computer monitor. And this solution means I won't have to



Michael Hewitt

# off Sounding

hump around any supplementary pieces of kit. I can just wander hither and thither, pointing and shooting, review the video at my leisure and, back in the hotel room, decide which shots to use. Once they've been converted to gif, I could further enhance them: maybe I'd give myself a Coppertone suntan; or insert a digital image of Cindy Crawford beside me at the hotel pool. Having combined the text and pictures, I can then uuencode the lot and distribute it over that awful Internet.

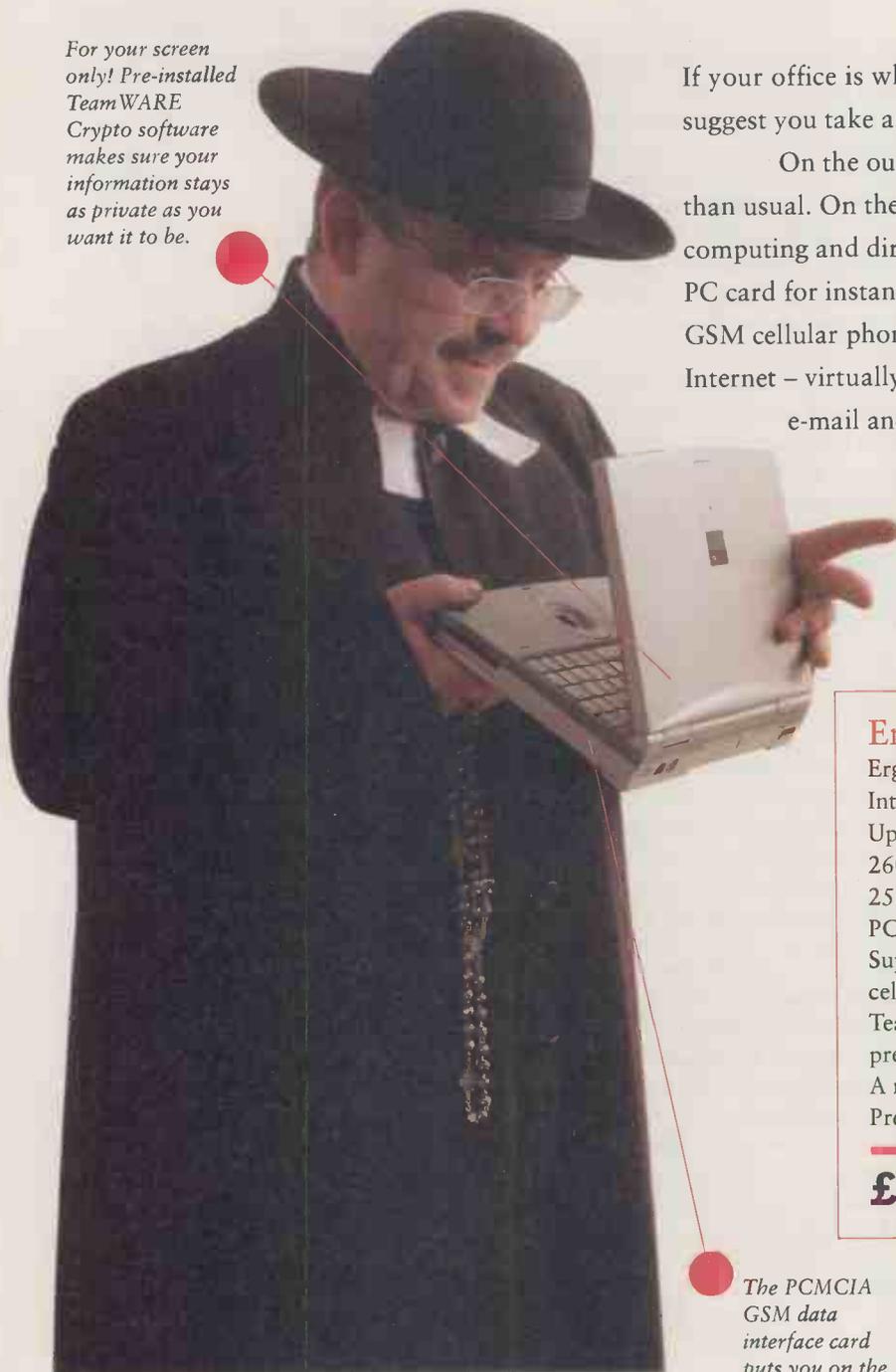
OK, sorted: soon I'll be able to bore people with my holiday snaps before I get home.

I'm off to the Scottish Highlands at the beginning of August when I'll put my electronic postcard idea into effect. If, in the meantime, anyone has reason to suspect that the above *won't* work, or can suggest a better way of doing it, please mail me.

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**L**ong before the Internet existed, the Canadian writer, Marshall McLuhan, coined the phrase "global village". He was referring to all electronic media but principally to the phenomenon of television. To this day, far more people zap the TV channels than surf the Net, but there's one guiding principle in common: with both TV and the Internet, once you've paid your "entrance" money you can access the basic bill of fare without further charge, be it Australian soaps or the MIT mainframe, and irrespective of whether you're sitting in Lambeth or the Butt of Lewis.

This admirable business model goes back much further than McLuhan or the BBC.

In 1837, Rowland Hill proposed a change to the old system of mail, whereby the recipient paid according to the distance travelled — three years later, his idea was adopted. It was revolutionary in two respects: firstly, it was the sender (not the recipient) who footed the bill; secondly, the sender had to stick a penny stamp on the letter and this charge applied to any address throughout the UK.

Although not quite on the scale of a global village, this made a huge difference to national communications, effectively granting equal mail rights to any literate person with a penny to spare. Hill had realised the screamingly obvious — that once the infrastructure is in place, then distance is unimportant. To audit the cost of a postman's shoe leather on a per-letter basis is a ludicrous waste of time.

Today, you can send a letter to any destination in the European Community for the same cost as sending it to the next street. It's strange, then, that this model has yet to be adopted by the telecommunications companies. In a recent piece of blatant self-congratulatory codswallop, British Telecom stated that "a BT customer in London can contact 9,500,000 other people for the price of a local call, over an area of 1,265 square miles — six times the size of New York's local call area."

Well, bully for London and BT; but what's so special about this relationship that it must be subsidised by the rest of the country? Why should it cost an Aberdonian three times as much as a Londoner to send a fax to Fulham or telephone Mum in Peckham? It's not only unfair, it's even more illogical than charging by the mile for the postal service.

According to a Mercury spokesman, the only cost that can be directly

associated with an individual call is the ink used to print its entry on a customer's itemised bill. And it is this fundamental point that highlights Internet access as being discriminatory. Although in general it may be wonderfully egalitarian for most individuals, getting connected involves using the phone lines and being at the mercy of not just an access provider but a telecomms service as well. Until the unlikely scenario of independent access providers creating points of presence on a village basis, non-city-dwellers are unlikely to find Internet access at local call rates. And I'm not just BT-bashing here — France Télécom, for example, is even more woefully discriminatory to its non-metropolitan users (who are already limited by the lower population density).

World Wide Web browsing at the equivalent of 30p per minute, or accessing the Microsoft Network at 25p per minute for a 9600bps connection, is eminently resistible as a leisure pursuit and unaffordable as a research tool. So the city-dwellers get slicker while the hicks get thicker. Ironically it's the latter (who don't have physical access to great libraries, galleries, museums and other cultural storehouses) who have the greater need for online access. Even though we may live in a global village under an ethos of electronic equality, some villagers are definitely more equal than others.

So let's not get too carried away with the fact that BT's prices are "among the lowest in the world"; that all those Londoners can witter away to each other for less than a penny a minute at weekends; and that the "A" rate, in a white-hot stroke of innovation, has been relabelled the "Regional" rate. The global village of the Internet highlights more than ever the parochial attitude of the telecomms providers. It's high time



Tim Nott

# Homefront

that basic call charges were unified, as postal charges have been for the last century and a half. One nation, one resource, one rate.

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**H**ow strange it is to see the UK's two main telecommunications providers, BT and Mercury, fumbling the new market for electronic messaging. There is little or nothing to say about Mercury, but ten years after pioneering email with Telecom Gold, BT still lacks a co-ordinated policy.

"Now you can send and receive information straight from your PC... it will be a feather in your cap if you suggest communicating electronically," says British Telecom in its sales literature dealing with "the new way BT helps small businesses stay in touch."

For £279 (plus VAT) BT will provide a 14.4kb/sec fax modem, serial cable, fax software and email software. You also contract to pay BT a minimum of £10 a month for email services, by direct debit. By BT's own reckoning, this minimum payment buys only three messages a day, sent or received. The deal, says BT, saves you "£50 on the cost of buying these items individually." Have BT personnel never flipped through computer magazines and seen adverts for 14.4kb/sec modems, bundled with free software, for under £100, with no obligation to spend a minimum of £10 a month?

The BT package is called OfficeLink. On joining, a subscriber signs up for a service called Mailbox which is BT's replacement for Telecom Gold. Basic mail costs 5p per 512kb block, send or receive, with fax/telex gateway services on top. Text search time is 35p per minute, with reports costing anything up to £71 a shot. For an extra charge users can dial in from abroad, using local nodes. Telecom Gold (known as Dialcom in North America) offered the same services and gateways: Gold users could dial in from abroad using Tymnet nodes.

BT used to explain that Telecom Gold could never provide Internet access because the Dialcom system software translated the vital "@" or "at" sign into a carriage return. A few months ago BT told me that Mailbox didn't provide Internet access either. Now OfficeLink's mailshot talks of Internet connection: "With BT, you're dealing with a name you can trust," promises BT's publicity. It continues: "At the last count, some 25m people were connected to the Internet."

I phoned BT's 0800 service line — in fact, I phoned four different 0800 lines as one sales desk bounced me to another: one had never heard of Telecom Gold; another said it had been replaced by BT Mailbox which offers

access to databases — "but doesn't Telecom Gold?" I enquired. They didn't know. Although Gold is now officially dead, it is nevertheless kept alive for the benefit of existing subscribers.

BT's letter is carefully worded and promises connection to "public electronic mail services... including... the Internet." OfficeLink only provides email access to and from the Internet. There's no facility to pull files from Web pages, for instance. So tough luck on any business that feels it ought to be getting involved in the Internet, yet doesn't know the correct 0800 number to call or the right questions to ask.

British Telecom told me it only provides full Internet access through a service called BT Net which is aimed at large business subscribers who lease dedicated data lines.

Psst... wanna hear a secret? You can access the Internet via Telecom Gold if you know the trick. Five years ago Net-Tel, of Cambridge, was using Gold to provide an email service for schools and colleges. Net-Tel's subscribers wanted to access JANET, the Joint Academic Network. Andrew Gordon, of Net-Tel, grew tired of waiting for BT to provide the promised bridge so he devised his own system, called "Goldgate", and this linked Telecom Gold with JANET.

Although Net-Tel's email service is now defunct, the bridge remains. The Telecom Gold (TG) subscriber cannot send the first message but once an outsider's first message, has passed into the TG system, the TG subscriber can send a return message. Goldgate fools Telecom Gold into thinking that both parties are working from within the BT system, even though one is not.

Andrew Gordon has manually registered a block of Gold boxes to bland names and then loaded the box numbers into a database. An Internet user sends a message via JANET to a slightly modified TG address, tagged with Goldgate's Internet address. So TG address 83:XYZ1234, becomes 83.XYZ1234 at goldgate.ac.uk.

The Goldgate electronics automatically strips off the tag, converts the full-stop back to a colon and sends the



Barry Fox

# Talking Straight

message into the Telecom Gold network. Simultaneously, Goldgate automatically allocates the Internet user a dummy Telecom Gold box culled from the collection of bland names. This box has the prefix "JNT". To reply, the TG subscriber sends a message back to the dummy TG box. Goldgate automatically forwards it to the original Internet address and from that point on, either the TG or Internet user can originate messages.

Goldgate earns neither Net-Tel nor JANET any money; Net-tel charitably maintains the service while JANET pays its running costs. Ironically, BT earns revenue from the extra messages sent through TG. Having initially denied all knowledge of Goldgate, BT now reluctantly admits its existence but insists: "We can give no advice to our subscribers." At the time of writing Goldgate is still working, and providing a daily reminder of the business opportunities BT and Mercury have thrown away.

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A few weeks ago I gave a "Grand Round" at HCI. There is an honourable — nay, venerable — tradition in medical establishments, of holding "open" presentation sessions at which medical staff present their view of a topic, after which a free-for-all discussion ensues.

They are called grand rounds, I believe, in honour of the large old medical ward round, at which the Lancelot Pratt type would drag a troupe of anxious students and junior medical staff round the wards in the hope of teaching them something. The objective of the Q&A sessions after the presentations is largely to ask subtly barbed questions which seek to catch the speaker offguard, and trap him or her in some bad Socratic corner.

Had it been held a month or two earlier, I would doubtless have been grilled on the meaning of "PCI". Some anonymous soul on the staff at PCW had expanded the term "PCI" in my column to pre-connection inspection! Quite why this term was added to my text is beyond me. I can only assume it was a result of the first rule of the harried, hurried sub-editor: "When you see something you don't understand, change it to something you do..."

So, in order that the medical staff could take pot-shots at me, I was invited to speak on The Future of Information Technology. Rather than just bang on about the "information super-highway", I tried to capture something of the essence of computing science and distil out the fundamental problems of computing. The tale was a simplified one, concluding that hardware is solved, networking is nearly solved and soon will be, and that the remaining problem is software. It is still too hard to write good, safe, sound, secure, reliable software. I guess more programmers need to remember to make a thorough pre-connection inspection.

Despite these risks, and the fact that I had just made a presentation to anyone in the company who cared to listen, stating that software development was largely a foolish enterprise for people other than software companies, we have been compelled to embark upon a software development project. Last month I wrote that "the whole process should take no longer than a month". In fact, it took less, thanks to the energies of Angus Bruce and Greg Caulton, who managed to pull it off. The prototype

was usable largely unchanged, and the code is now in live use.

Of course, the bane of software developers is requirements creep, where the "needs" of the users become more and more extensive at each meeting at which the project is mentioned. "You see that column there, which includes date and time? Could we move it to the left a bit, and add another column which displays the patient's shoe size?" This can easily become "gold plating". A benefit (or irritant, depending on your view) of package software is that alterations and enhancements are generally only developed when there is a sufficient body of demand for them, which means that whims are not usually indulged.

Now the project is underway, we are using the experience to allow a carefully specified "Version 2" to be developed. In addition, the same basic code is being adapted to meet a second purpose which serves multiple purposes: it means another programmer becomes familiar with the software, it enables a fast-track development of another useful application, and helps to market the department internally. The important first rule of software development — work to a tightly agreed specification — is fine if the "customer" has a clue about how to write one. Often, they do not. So we did it for them, and hassled them into commenting. This was the basis for the production of the prototype, which was then demonstrated for further comment.

This work is being done in a real "client/server" setting — the applications run on the PC, trucking through data drawn down from the VAX, which serves its numbers from the primary data repository held in the data centre. The PC applications re-hash the numbers and then discard them after presentation of the results in reports or other documents. The original data is preserved. Written in Microsoft Visual Basic, it runs well, and has fixed a tough problem quickly

and cheaply.

The attraction of these kinds of applications, if well circumscribed, is that they may be fairly low risk, in that they do not generally deal with process issues. They enable the delivery of slick stuff, quickly, to people who do not, or will not, understand the underlying complexities of information management.

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Nick Beard

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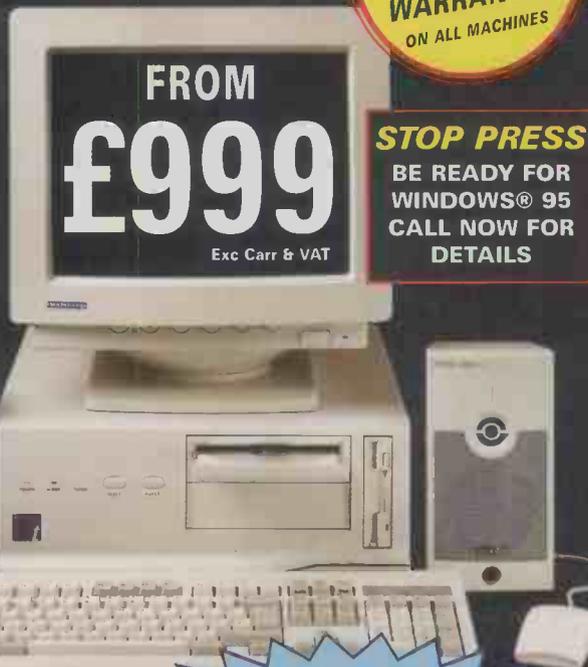
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**Is PCW not PC?**

Wasn't the review of the Logitech Mouseman Sensa range (Gadgets, July 95) just a wee bit sexist? So it shows how "just how sexy a PC mouse can be" and is "truly a man's mouse" and is "guaranteed to perk up your pointer"! From the illustration it does indeed look a pretty little thing and I'm all in favour of the light touch and a joke or two, but it does suggest that at PCW you think all your readers are men and that's not true, as this letter proves.

**Mrs J Elliott  
Upminster**

**Chris Cain replies:**

*Apologies if my caption for the Logitech MouseMan offended you. It was written as a piece of light-hearted humour and no sexism was intended. In fact, I was honestly trying to have a small dig at those who do genuinely believe that items such as fast sports cars and, indeed, "gadgets" are only for "real" men. And ultimately, there's a limit to what you can say about a mouse.*

**Manuals in short supply**

Having learned that it has become standard industry practice not to provide manuals with pre-installed software, I telephoned Dell to establish their position. I was told that they did supply the manuals, and subsequently recommended a client to purchase a Dell computer with Microsoft Office. But no manuals came with the machine and the company responded to my query by regretting that they were unable to supply them.

Is it now the industry standard to say that the manuals are supplied and then not to do it?

**William Bryce  
Sussex**

**What is a learning curve?**

I wish to comment on the misuse of the term "learning

curve" which is becoming more common, particularly in the columns of PCW.

Software which is difficult to learn is frequently described as having a "steep learning curve". If an imaginary graph is drawn, with time plotted conventionally on the horizontal axis and amount of material learnt on the vertical axis, it is immediately obvious that a steep curve describes a lot of learning in a short time — i.e. material which is easy, rather than hard, to learn. It seems particularly surprising that this complete reversal of meaning should be continued in a computer magazine whose writers, presumably, have more than average familiarity with the visual presentation of data.

**Dr AR MacDiarmid-  
Gordon  
Cheshire**

*PCW replies: Who said the curve was a graph? It's better to think of toiling up a hill on a bicycle, with a long arduous climb before things start to level out.*

**Edison, not Einstein**

It's a bit late, I know, but it might be worth pointing out to Mike Liardet (PCW February 95) that it was not Albert Einstein who said that genius was one per cent inspiration and ninety-nine per cent perspiration. It was Thomas Alva Edison.

**DF Gibbs  
Bristol**

**Sticking with it**

We would like to inform your readers of a quick and easy way to clean a mouse guider-ball, using those extremely useful sticky notes. Peel off, very carefully, one note so that it remains flat and place it upside down (i.e. sticky side up) on the desk. Run the mouse over the sticky section several times and any particles of dust will be lifted off the ball.

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an interesting idea?

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*No. But thanks for the tip.*

**A different perspective on 3D games**

I'm getting sick and tired of the now constant influx of 3D games filling the market. Sure, as the world population found out Doom was a great game, and it sold really well; but when the others jumped in, things started to fall apart. There *have* been, however, some excellent versions: take for instance Dark Forces from LucasArts, well done and with a different plot (Star Wars related, of course), and new weapons.

What most of the others seem to do is clone away, producing "not as good" copies of the same game. Heretic was really just "Doom for Tolkien Lovers" and Rise Of The Triad is just "Doom Enhanced", and now "Strife" will soon be coming out, yet another clone. Ah, I can see it now — "Doom with nobs on = Quake".

I do condone new and interesting ideas, such as Descent or Pyrotechnica, which use different engines and perspectives. But I hope someone eventually develops a good, new, *original* 3D game, maybe with an

omniscient view as well as a first person perspective...

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**Concern over the price of RAM chips**

I have just bought a new large hard drive. The price worked out at an amazingly low 21p per megabyte. What I would really like and what would really increase my PC's performance is more RAM. Calculated in the same way, this would work out to about £25 per megabyte.

How can anyone justify such a price difference? A hard drive is a precision mechanical assembly plus a complex surface mount controller card. What do the RAM cards consist of? Three RAM chips on a tiny PCB. To have

# Letters

to pay around £450 (approaching half the price of the whole machine) to upgrade my PC to 16Mb is absurd.

Chip production is fully automated and I find it hard to believe that the cost of producing RAM chips and then of assembling them onto a tiny PCB exceeds those of hard drive assembly by about 120:1.

I can only conclude that someone, somewhere, is making a very fat profit. The Office of Fair Trading will only act if sufficient complaints are received. So if your readers feel as aggrieved as I do, they should write and complain. The memory chip and card manufacturers will only get away with such prices while we are willing to pay them in silence.

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### Adding to the Linux/Internet mix

Congratulations to Richard Wylde on his excellent article "The Right Mix" (*PCW* July 1995), detailing how to set up a Linux-based gateway to the Internet. Having been in a similar situation I can agree with his warning about the time necessary to get everything working. Using a newly started Internet Service Provider, with early teething problems, can also add to the learning curve. Having said that, the ISP (Southampton-based Total Connectivity Providers Ltd) now provide a superb service with low monthly charges.

Anybody familiar with Unix, registered with an ISP and with the software already collected together, may take heart from the fact it is possible to go from formatting the hard drive to installing a new version of Linux, to being a fully connected Internet node in under six hours, once you have had enough practice.

Although the documenta-

tion covering aspects of Linux is comprehensive, and growing daily, I would recommend any beginner considering setting up a Linux machine to enlist the help of somebody who has previous Unix experience, especially if they are preparing a network rather than a standalone machine.

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### Satan, security, and the seriousness of hacking

In your July issue Stephen Cobb suggests that the people who write tools like Satan are to be condemned (*Netnews*, page 585), yet understands neither the facts nor the issues involved. The people involved in these projects are almost always large site administrators who know all too well that tools as good as, and better than, Satan and Crack are freely available to crackers already.

He should be glad that in the places where the "good guys" are ahead we don't generally give out tools, nor tools that have no use except to the cracker. The people releasing security tools think hard about the consequences and do not think hacking is "a bit of a lark". It is unfortunate that "a bit of a lark" appears to be Mr Cobb's attitude to accuracy in journalism.

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### Orchid support offers taste of reality

Every now and then when browsing through your magazine, I come across references to technical support lines of companies, and until now this has never been something that has particularly caught my interest.

Like many people I have always been complacent — they will of course attend to my problem without delay when I do eventually get

through. Not so, if my recent experience of Orchid is anything to go by.

I bought a SoundDrive card, cost £100, about eight weeks ago, and that purchase was the start of eight weeks of annoyance and frustration. A not particularly good and occasionally confusing manual was the first problem, but soon the card was in and running.

Not for long, though: program crashes and system lock-ups followed. Back to the manual: I changed jumpers, changed settings from the setup program, played around with the system start files as far as my limited knowledge would allow, but still the crashes and lock-ups continued.

The first of three calls to Orchid's "support line" (sic); the first time to listen to their record collection until I got bored and hung up. The second time, after even more attempts to find the conflict, I was a bit more determined and hung on — BT's last bill tells me the call was 21 minutes. The last minute was the advice to remove the Windows sound drivers from the system. I did, resulting in a system as unreliable as before.

A third call elicited a promise to ring back with detailed advice, but nothing. I sent eight pages of fax detailing system settings and changes tried, as an attempt from a different direction. Of course, they didn't bother to reply.

How about testing and reviewing these technical support lines? Ring them up, pretend to be as ignorant as the rest of us, and rate them in the same way you do with hardware and software. If my experience is anything to go by, you'll have a hefty phone bill at the end of it. But you could save me and others shelling out £100 for a piece of Orchid junk.

**David Rhodes, Lancs**

### No news ...

In these days of complaints of poor and non-existent service, I would like to express my gratitude to Panrix for their truly remarkable performance.

I telephoned them about the possibility of purchasing a drivers upgrade disk for my Diamond Stealth64 graphics card — this was on the morning of Thursday 13th April. I made it clear that the card had been purchased from another supplier, but the staff at Panrix made every effort to ensure that all my questions were fully answered: nothing was too much trouble for them. My letter and cheque were posted that afternoon and although it was the Easter weekend my driver disk was delivered on Saturday morning.

A big thank you to all at Panrix and not forgetting the staff of Royal Mail. It should be understood that apart from being a satisfied customer I am in no way connected with either organisation.

**EG Cooper, Lincs**

### ... like good news

All too often today one hears of general difficulties when dealing with mail order firms. May I redress the balance a little? A Viglen Pentium Genie PCI 66 is in use at my place of work for the processing of satellite images and climatological data. This required very careful setting up of both the autexec.bat and config.sys files to cater for the variety of uses to which this computer was put.

Regrettably I am not at all computer literate and found insurmountable problems in my attempts to get this system working fully. However, a fax to Viglen's technical section soon had matters resolved. Within a matter of days one of their technical staff was on the phone, and realising that I was experiencing great difficulty in understanding his recommendations, suggested producing the necessary files for me.

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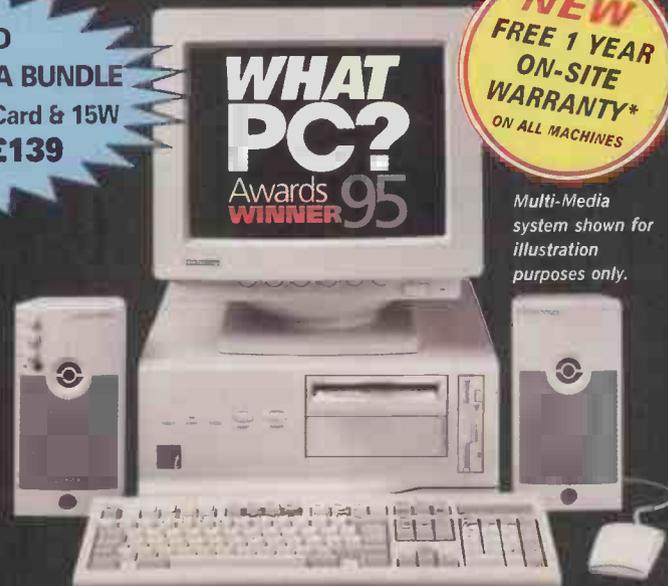
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disk with the updated files to try. A minor problem still occurred, and a further phone call had a revised disk on the way for the next morning. The system is now functioning perfectly and I am able to select any of three methods of software installation from boot-up depending on exactly what work is being undertaken at the time. I was left extremely impressed with the assistance given by Viglen's staff who went out of their way to meet our specific needs.

**CG Roberts,**  
West Midlands

### Money slipping through the net

A lot of people registering for dial-up accounts have probably wondered how they go about getting themselves a so-called prestige email address. What's that? Well, suppose your company is called doodle. If you went through the normal registration process with, say, Demon Internet (as a standard dial-up account subscriber — i.e. bare minimum) you'd be allocated the node `doodle.demon.co.uk`

This means any mail to `anyone@doodle.demon.co.uk` would arrive in your mailbox. So then you decide "Hey, it would be nice if I could be called `doodle.co.uk`, or even `doodle.com`."

In fact, while we're at it, you'd probably think "Actually, I want to have web pages as `www.doodle.com`."

So you phone your trusty friends Demon and they say "No problem. That'll be £500 per annum for the mail alias and £500 per annum for the WWW alias."

There are many companies in the US which will perform the same service for a \$30 one-off fee. (Well, that's not strictly true. They may ask that you take an account with them as well, but at an extra \$20 a month that still works out cheaper in total than Demon — plus you get an extra account and some space to

play with.)

Pipex, incidentally, is no better. Its charges are almost identical. The way this works is that when a new name is introduced to the DNS (Domain Name System) it can only be introduced by someone who has access to a primary name server. Companies like Demon have these servers set up, and they are basically charging you \$1,000 for entering two lines of code and sending off a form to the InterNIC; the second part, incidentally, is handled by the InterNIC free of charge.

What this boils down to is that companies like Demon and Pipex are ripping people off. When I spoke to Demon about this (having explained I know what I'm talking about) their reply was "Yeah, we know registration is free. The £500 charge is just an admin charge."

My reply of "What admin? You send off a pre-typed form and you change one line of code on your name server" was brushed off with a curt "Well, if your clients can find access to a primary name server elsewhere, they're welcome to do so."

I realise that we can't exactly take out dial-up accounts in the US, so I suggest we stick with our service providers for the bare bones service but any name aliasing should go abroad. In case you're worried this may not work, don't be. Demon have to accept your alias into their DNS, because that's the way the system works. They've just got a virtual monopoly on this service in the UK, and in the spirit of the Net I think it should be broken.

**Name and address withheld**

### Power to the people

Once again Nick Beard is being provocative (*Business Matters*, July '95). I totally disagree with his assertion that in-house developed software has no place in meeting a

business requirement. He also claims incorrectly that good packaged software bought in makes "business processes more effective and more efficient".

I agree that there are lots of examples where in-house developed software has been late and overbudget, and has not met the customer's requirement. The computer press is always full of good examples!

Equally, this is true of package solutions where the customisation and maintenance costs often turn out to be greater than expected, and people realise after installation that the package does not fully support the business requirement.

The best business solution comes from good analysis and design along with good project control. To take a bigoted approach to providing a solution only causes problems. Packages have their place as well as bespoke software. A balanced approach consists of buying in packages where they meet the requirement and developing software in-house where they don't.

This will often consist of a joint bespoke and package solution. Mr Beard is lucky that there are a large number of package solutions in the medical field, but this is not always the case. The assertion that the business should fit around the package is ludicrous.

I agree that the business processes must change for the better, but it is vital that the business users themselves change the business processes. The business must drive the technology rather than vice versa.

There's the constant impression from Mr Beard's articles that the technology is the driving force. This should never be the case.

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## Hindsight

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#### August 1981

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#### August 1986

"Apricot has lost all its glorious machines, 180 of its staff, and £15 million in the last financial year. The staff losses now are reaching embarrassing levels for a 'successful' computer company, and Apricot's pretensions to being a serious contender in world terms are now, I'm afraid, exposed for the absurd posturing they always were."

A few years later Apricot was bought by Mitsubishi and is trading successfully today.

#### August 1989

"Give Apple a good idea and the chances are that it will be rejected purely on the grounds that it wasn't generated internally. An excellent example would be DOSmounter, which lets the Mac use PC disks."

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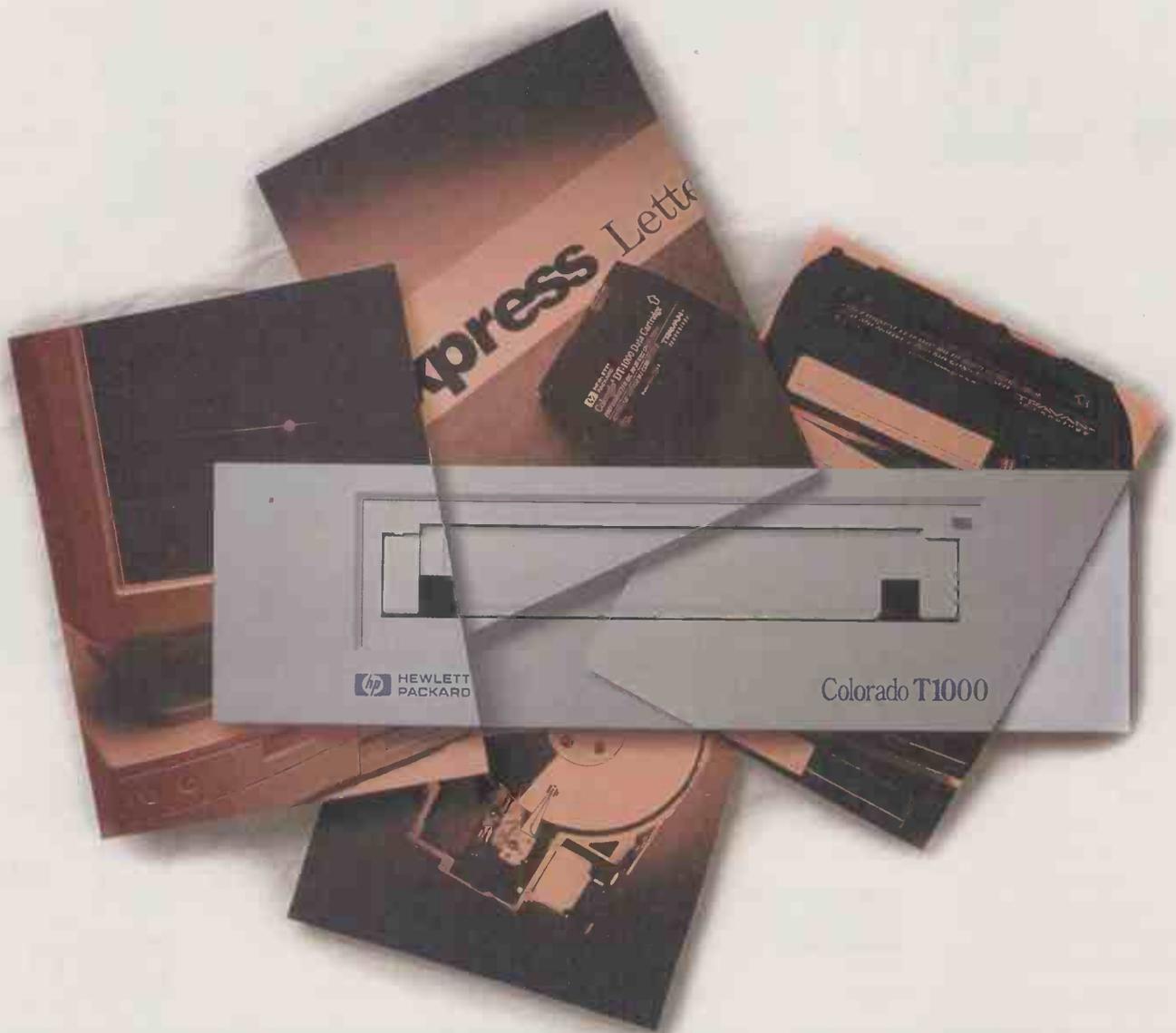


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Welcome to our new-look First Impressions, including the absolutely fabulous "Gadgets" spread on page 398. Full review highlights include a beta version of FreeHand 5.0 for Windows, a natty notebook from Olivetti, and a speedy new CD-ROM drive from Pioneer.



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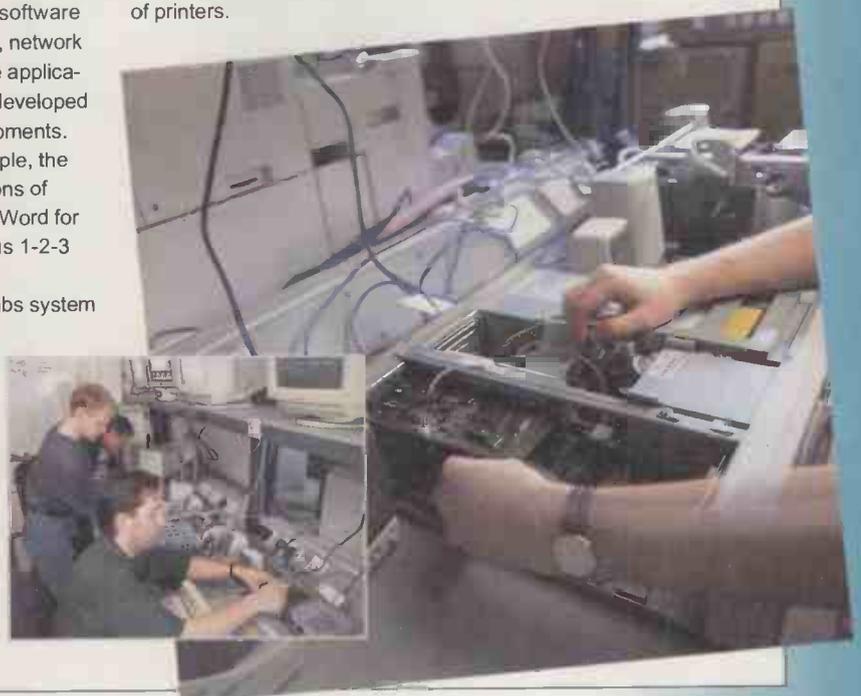
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● To make them easy to read at a glance, all the graphs in *PCW* are now drawn so that the bigger the bar, the better the result. Normally we'll also include the original data we worked from: for example, the

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# Gadgets

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## Sotec MMU-2000 portable multimedia kit

Ever been out with your notebook making a presentation, and failed to make the desired impact? Multimedia comes to the rescue from Sotec with its battery-operated combined double-speed CD-ROM drive and speaker system, which connects via a PCMCIA card. Full review next month.

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### Euromax Phase 9 Phantom 2

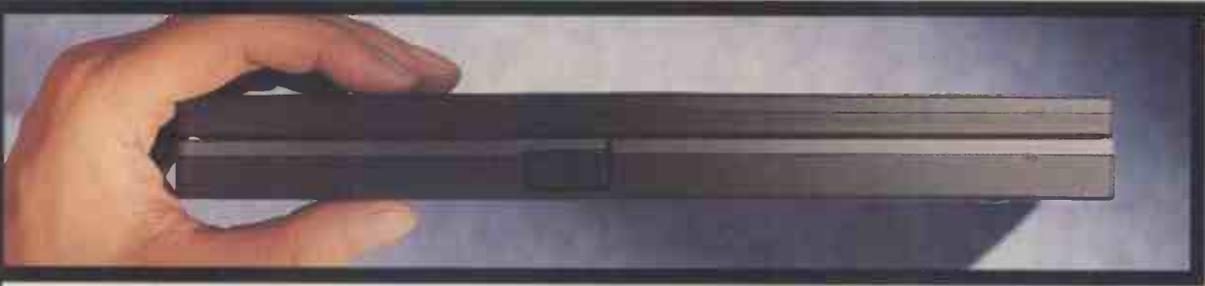
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# Macromedia FreeHand 5.0 for Windows

Looking forward to the long-awaited full release due this summer, Gordon Laing is impressed with the latest Windows version of this high-end drawing application. In its beta form, it mirrors the Macintosh original and excels in the area of colour.



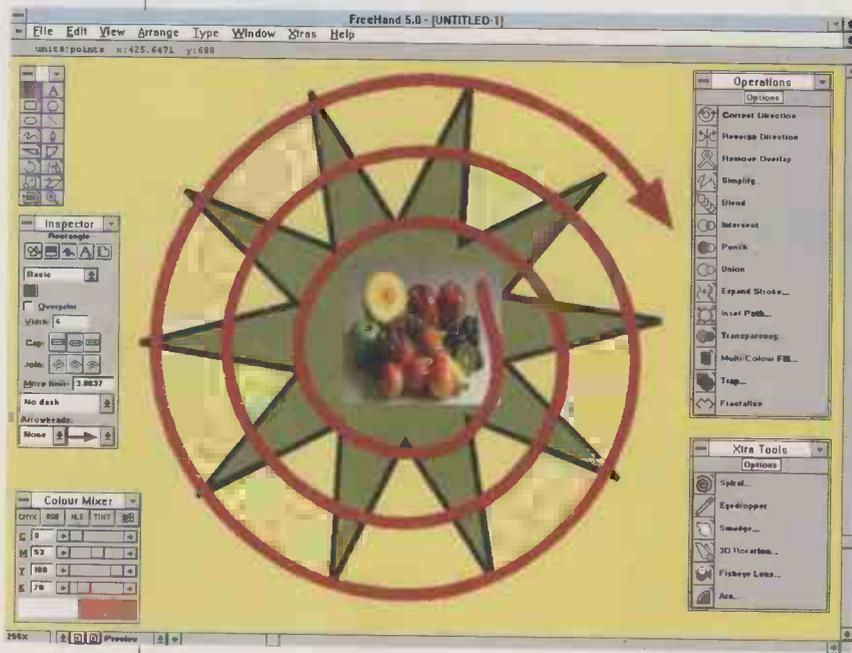
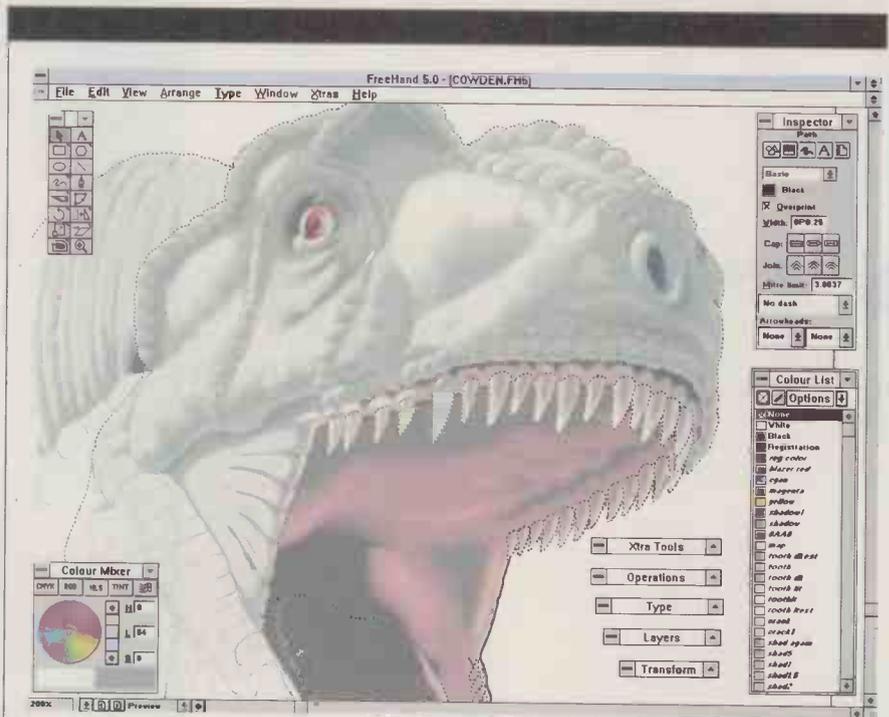
Anyone who's lived in isolation on Mars for the past year may be wondering why this isn't Aldus FreeHand 5.0 for Windows: briefly, for those not already in the know, graphics giant Adobe merged with DTP founder Aldus around 18 months ago. The new company, known only as Adobe (hinting toward both organisations' relative successes at the time of merger) faced the problem of a number of previously competing products being sold under the same roof.

Adobe Photoshop and Aldus PhotoStyler are two examples. After much consideration of the possibility of heavily discounting the latter, it was discontinued in favour of the (industry standard) former.

Drawing heavyweights Adobe Illustrator and Aldus FreeHand posed more of a problem since there was no clear leader — indeed most graphics departments use both. The matter was resolved by the Securities and Equities Commission (the US version of our Monopolies and Mergers Commission) that deemed Adobe could own only one.

Adobe opted for Illustrator, leaving FreeHand to be returned a few months later to its developers, Altsys. Rumours flew about possible buyers; Quark for one was a big contender, with its DTP leviathan XPress long awaiting either built-in Bezier curve tools or a sister package offering the same.

Then completely out of the blue came



Above The familiar FreeHand dinosaur, although this was the FH5 for Macintosh file opened on FH5 for Windows

Left Lower right is the Xtra Tools palette, including a neat spiral tool used here. The eyedropper tool, also from this palette, was used to grab colours directly from the fruity TIFF in the middle and apply them to the vector objects on the page

multimedia leader Macromedia snapping up FreeHand, leaving Quark to pursue

the photo retouching market with the forthcoming and highly anticipated

XPosure application.

FreeHand 5.0 for Macintosh was released just after the official announcement of MacroMedia's acquisition in January this year. Hardly hot, but nevertheless lukewarm on its heels comes the Windows version, of which we have gained an exclusive first impression in beta form. (A beta version is not entirely finished but in most cases works sufficiently for you to gain a good idea of what's going on.)

Some manufacturers send out very early betas which may bear little resemblance to the final product, while others supply a virtually finished application; FreeHand 5.0 for Windows is of the latter ilk. We can talk about features and ease of use but not performance issues since betas usually run slower than final versions. By the time you read this, though, the final version should be shipping.

Many people ask which is better: PC or Mac. This is a difficult question to answer and has raised many heated issues. A long time ago, all graphics applications for desktop machines were Mac-only so if you wanted to do this sort of thing you had to fork out for an Apple. As Windows improved and PCs temporarily offered more favourable price-to-performance ratios than Macs, everyone begged for suitable versions of the industry-leading applications.

Our prayers were partly answered with identical-looking Windows versions of Quark XPress and Adobe Photoshop, released nearly simultaneously. But everything else lagged far behind. In particular, Adobe Illustrator is sadly two versions behind on the Windows platform. Altsys is trying reasonably hard with FreeHand but I'd be much happier with simultaneous releases. I know these companies sell many more Mac products right now, but there are more PCs out there and those who show commitment today will be winners tomorrow.

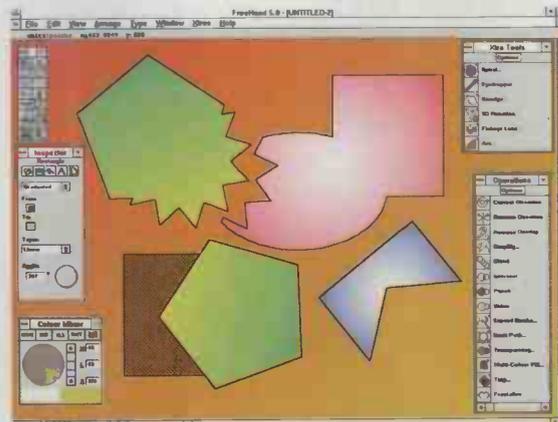
Let's now look at what's new about FreeHand 5.0 compared with the previous version, as well as the product in general. As mentioned earlier, FreeHand and Illustrator are the industry-leading drawing applications for the Mac, but have so far failed to dent the massive Windows share of giant CorelDraw.

They are very different approaches to what is essentially the same application. Corel has always opted for apparently unbelievable value by including stacks of



fonts, clip-art, features, and even several additional applications covering other graphics issues. Sadly, it has frequently sacrificed reliability and in my opinion, utility. I have always found FreeHand considerably easier to use and far more stable than CorelDraw, although the former is very much a personal choice.

Like CorelDraw, FreeHand boasts tons of optional floating palettes with the facility to minimise without having to close some altogether. Even a 1280x1024 resolution display gets cluttered when most are open so you'll be making good use of the minimise facility. Like other art applications, FreeHand looks best when viewed in more than 256 colours. If you select accurate blends you'll see smooth graduations and shading, offering a more accurate representation of what will be printed.



Second only to the Tool palette in terms of usage is the all-purpose Inspector palette, first introduced in FreeHand 4.0, which displays information on whatever item is currently selected. Five aspects — object, fill, stroke, text and document — are offered on buttons at the top of the palette, presenting relevant information on the object selected. You can easily modify any aspect of the object from here, rather than having to pull down menus and search dialogue boxes.

Adobe extended its Photoshop plug-ins concept to Illustrator, where third parties may develop additional tools or filters. FreeHand 5.0 can use Illustrator plug-ins, where they'll be accessed in the Xtra Tools palette. As standard,

MacroMedia has thrown in six to be getting on with. These include an excellent spiral tool which puts Illustrator's to shame; a neat 3D rotation effect; fisheye lens for concave or convex effects on existing objects; and an incredibly useful eyedropper which can be used to pick up colours from any object, including bitmapped images, and apply them to other objects.

In fact, colour is one essential area where FreeHand 5.0 excels. Colours can be mixed from five different models or chosen from, say, Pantone lists, then



**Above** FreeHand 5.0 for Windows opens CorelDraw files  
**Left** The wide range of path operations may be accessed from the lower right palette

dragged off the palette and dropped directly onto the object you desire — absolutely brilliant. Blenders are well catered for by the multi-coloured gradient fills, with up to 64 different colours smoothly transition-

ing from one to another. We've recently seen a neat set of path operations implemented on FreeHand, Illustrator and CorelDraw which I'll briefly mention. Take two objects, place them on top of each other and select both. Intersection leaves you with the overlapping shape, Punch cuts the overlapping shape out of the first object, and Union joins both objects by removing the overlap. Neither are brand new or unique features, but they're useful nonetheless.

My current favourite tool is the dragging knife which allows you to cut any object in half, along a freehand path. No matter how wobbly or irregular the object, the dragging knife will produce two perfectly described vector objects. In a

manner rarely seen outside a bitmap package. The 100 levels of undo and redo should allow for a fair amount of safe experimentation.

There's lots of room in which to work as well, with the equivalent of a 22 x 22ft pasteboard supporting multiple pages but not sacrificing magnification, which stretches up to 256 times. Indeed, with the multiple pages and excellent text handling facility FreeHand 5.0 can be used quite successfully for many DTP jobs.

Vital to any application, particularly art ones, are file format filters. It's no good having an EPS if you can't open it or have anyone else open it. FreeHand 5.0 for Windows supports TIFF, BMP, WMF, EPS, CGM, FreeHand 3, 3.1 and 4, CorelDraw 3.0 and 5.0, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe PDF, AutoCAD DXF and Micrografx Designer 3.x. I successfully opened Macintosh FreeHand documents but sadly you can't export as CorelDraw, although FreeHand 5.0 for Windows opens .CDRs perfectly. So for now, you'll

have to export your document as an EPS, or in Illustrator format, in order to re-open it in CorelDraw.

Unfortunately I don't know the minimum system requirements but they're likely to be a 486 with at least 8Mb RAM. I tried the beta on a Pentium 90 with 16Mb RAM, which felt about as quick as the current final version of FreeHand 4.0 for Windows; in addition, the beta didn't fall over once during our short test period.

The beta application was supplied on four disks, but if the final version is anything like the Macintosh equivalent it will include the complete family of Futura and Bodoni fonts, both of which are classics; no-one, at the time of writing, can be absolutely certain but the whole idea at MacroMedia is to have a package virtually identical to the Macintosh version.

It's always difficult to judge betas but this one stood up well. It is to all intents and purposes the same as the Macintosh version (which is my favourite

drawing application). When it ships this summer as a final, all die-hard Corel addicts should take a look, as of course should anyone in the market for a high-end Windows drawing application. Whether you like it, or can use it, boils down to personal opinion and method of working, but I am not at all disappointed. As far as I'm concerned, the best has arrived on the Windows platform. All MacroMedia has to do now is to ensure Altsys develops future versions ready for simultaneous release.

### PCW Verdict

The long awaited Windows version of FreeHand 5.0 arrives, looks the same and works the same as the wonderful Macintosh original. For high-end drawing under Windows, look no further.

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## HARDWARE

# Olivetti Echos 20c

A neat, competent little machine whose Italian styling makes it stand out from the crowd. But be prepared to expand its RAM capabilities soon, says Simon Rockman.

The Italians have perhaps always been the most stylish nation in the world, so from the land of Ferrari and fettucine we get the purple portable. This cute computer is actually made in Singapore, but that doesn't detract from its sheer good looks.

The Olivetti Echos 20c is a rival to the much-loved Toshiba 3400CT, with its dualscan passive colour screen, 486SX/33 processor and 4Mb RAM. This is not a power-user's plaything but a sensible battery life should be available from the 1400mAh NiCad. In our tests we managed a respectable four hours — Olivetti claims between three and eight hours. Charging takes a couple of hours if the machine is off, but even in standby mode it takes an overnight stint to charge when left on. An NiMH battery is available as an option.

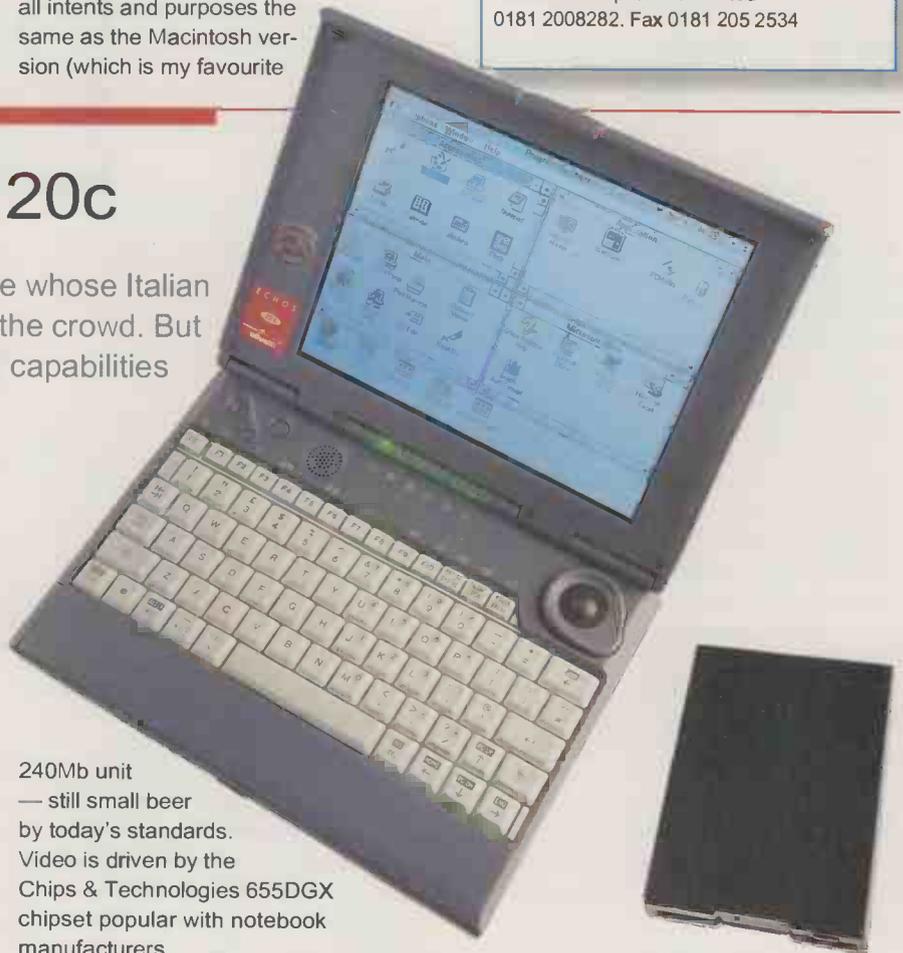
The review machine was supplied with a 170Mb hard disk but shipping versions should offer the choice of this or a

240Mb unit — still small beer by today's standards. Video is driven by the Chips & Technologies 655DGX chipset popular with notebook manufacturers.

Given the excellence of most Italian design, it's no surprise to find that there's a first-class trackball system. This uses a device shaped a bit like an ear and which contains the ball. The left mouse button is at the back of the machine; a great ergonomic arrangement, not unlike that employed by Compaq which puts the

ball next to the screen and the buttons on the lid.

If you have an application such as Minesweeper which needs the right-hand button, you have to go two-handed; even a concert pianist couldn't easily span the distance between the two buttons on the left and the ball on the right, using one



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hand. For the majority this works well but there will be some, the southpaws, who will view this machine as a personal affront. Olivetti should expect some sharp comment.

The screen is adequate but works best in a well-lit environment. Under electric light the persistence of the passive display shows that it isn't a match for active screens, but you pay for the better display in terms of battery life and budget. Nevertheless, its size of 10.4in make it extremely usable.

The keyboard is cramped. (Only IBM's butterfly solves the problem of how to make a small machine which doesn't need due care and attention when typing.) The Echos is noisy, too. The limited depth, necessary to constrain the dimensions of the machine, wreaks its effect on both the audio and tactile qualities, but this is perhaps the most serious limitation on what is otherwise a rather good machine. The build quality is up with the best — the Compaqs, Dells and Toshibas — and significantly better than the no-name clones.

The power-management software is good; an icon shows how much juice is left and the suspend mode triggers quickly. It conforms to Windows APM and can be tweaked between economy and performance. The PCMCIA socket services worked faultlessly, but there is only one type III slot. You can run a PCMCIA hard disk or a Type II card in this but not the common combination of a network card and modem. Still, there a port



*Olivetti's innovative trackball system should be a boon for right-handers, but left-handers may have problems*

replicator is available for the executive who wants to hot-desk.

This is a great little machine but is far from future-proof. It felt sluggish using Office 4.2 and the combination of a 33MHz CPU and only 4Mb RAM will leave it wheezing in the future. Nothing can be done about the processor but RAM expansion can be expanded by four, eight or 16Mb, and come Windows and Office 95, you will want to do this. VRAM is limited to 512kb; fine for use on the move but you'll want more if you plug in the supported SVGA monitor which runs at up to 1024x768.

The bane of all subnotebooks is the external floppy. On the Echos this uses the same connector as the printer. It's small enough not to be too much of a hindrance but by the time you've sorted out the external drive and the power supply,

much of the neatness of a subnotebook has disappeared.

At first glance the documentation looks a little daunting, until you realise that it's in five languages. There is additional documentation online consisting of some help files dealing principally with Windows, DOS and the PCMCIA software as well as documenting the computer — this latter section seeming to replicate the manual. A demo plays a light-hearted cartoon which is of little practical use.

Ultimately it's a neat, competent computer and a safe buy, but what really makes it special is that it's so cute; it's very light (weighing under 2kg) and measures only 265x19 x37mm. A Toshiba 3600CT has a better screen but costs more. A full-sized notebook is more practical but for the executive who wants to tinker with Excel on the move the Echos is ideal. Buy some more RAM, though.

### PCW Verdict

If you want to be cool this summer, this is the computer to be seen with. But it's more than just a fashion statement: it works well and is highly portable.

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## HARDWARE

# Iomega Zip drive

With this new drive, floppy disk convenience is combined with the storage capacity of a hard disk — it costs less too. Clive Akass gives the Zip a spin and recommends it as worthy of consideration.

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only much cheaper. It provoked Syquest and Compaq into announcing rival devices for the near future, and unlike Sony's mini-disc data drive, offering similar features and announced more than a year ago, it has actually materialised — and at a reasonable price, too.

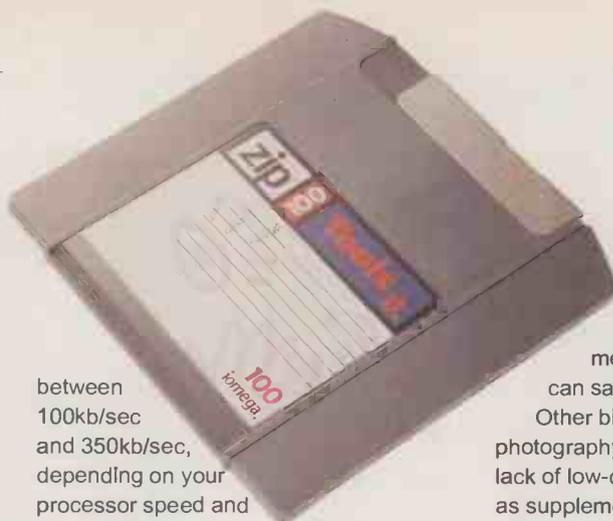
The Zip consists of a smart blue box about the size of a CD drive. It takes 100Mb or 25Mb disks that are slightly larger than an ordinary 3.5in floppy and cost £15 and £10 respectively. Versions for both SCSI and parallel ports are on offer, the former with a choice of Mac or PC software. We tested the parallel port version.

The two ports are at the rear; one is for the Zip lead and the other is a pass-through for a printer, the operation of which appears to be unaffected. At the front of the device are the disk slot, status lights and eject button (though the disk can also be ejected by software). A detachable power lead fits neatly into the recess on the left-hand side.

Iomega is best known for its Bernoulli drives, which provide an air cushion for their disks by exploiting pressure changes near the spinning surface. The Zip apparently uses the same effect to stiffen rather than support the disk, and its comparatively low cost is enabled by the use of a cheap hard-disk magnetic read-write head in place of the expensive Bernoulli version.

At first sight installation appeared to be gratifyingly simple; we just plugged in the drive, installed the software, and it worked first time — but not the second. It didn't work at all on another machine. Although simple tweaks to autoexec.bat got the device going in both cases, Iomega's help desk will get a great deal of calls if the install routine is not made more robust.

Iomega claims data-transfer rates of



between 100kb/sec and 350kb/sec, depending on your processor speed and parallel port; on a 60MHz Wearnes the most we clocked up was 118kb/sec, having optimised the use of the parallel port by manually altering the Zip's INI file, according to instructions in a readme file. This makes it slower than a single-speed CD-ROM, though the SCSI version can be expected to go much faster.

The access time is around 30ms, which is about that of an older hard disk. Subjectively the drive seems rather faster than a floppy and it is perfectly possible to run non-demanding programs, even from the parallel-port version.

One snag is that the Zip driver appears to bypass the BIOS and DOS file-handling routines, which might cause problems with some programs. Another is that you cannot boot from the drive, not even from the SCSI version, although this may change in a future release.

But the Zip is likely to be used mostly as an adjunct to a hard disk; for archiving text, image and sound files, and lesser-used programs. The software that comes with it is targeted at the backup market, currently serviced by tape drives which cannot match the Zip's fast search and random access facilities.

One utility keeps track of what is stored on which disk, and this will enable offices, for instance, to keep track of correspondence; you can store a lot of easily-indexed, text-only letters in 100Mb. The drive would also be suitable for

low-volume document management; a scanned A4 text page compresses to the order of 30 to 40kb, or about 30 pages per

megabyte, so a single Zip disk can save a lot of filing-cabinet space.

Other big potential uses are in digital photography (currently hampered by the lack of low-cost read/write storage) and as supplementary storage for notebooks with limited hard-disk upgrade options. For multimedia presentations you would be advised to check out the SCSI version, although this will require a SCSI adaptor.

Iomega also suggests that the drives can be carried to and from the office so that you can work on the same file system wherever you may be. The package includes a floppy-based DOS driver which allows you to use the Zip with any PC. The only problem here is that the Zip draws its power from a hefty 2A mains adaptor, not the kind of thing you want to carry around in a briefcase.

We also noted a caprice in the software which led the Zip and CD drives on one machine to swap letters, unpredictably, between boots. But all the problems we encountered were bearable, especially in view of the fact that there is nothing quite like the Zip on the market at the moment, at this price level.

We hold back from recommending it thoroughly only because we wonder what Syquest and Compaq will come up with. Watch this space.

### PCW Verdict

An elegant design, albeit with teething problems. Well worth consideration.

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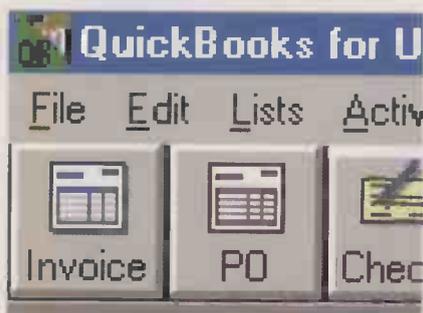
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## SOFTWARE

# QuickBooks 3.0 for Windows

This is a business accounting package you can count on. Its latest incarnation contains a nifty audit trail feature and this alone makes it worth the upgrade, says Paul Begg.



The one thing about running a small business which may get you down is the paperwork. Even if you have an accountant who specialises in small-business accounting you still need to keep track of your finances and even this can be a nightmare.

Like many others, I know about my business but I don't know about accounting, and if I'd wanted to know about accounting, I'd have become an accountant. But this is where QuickBooks comes in. It is produced by Intuit, a company probably best known for its home

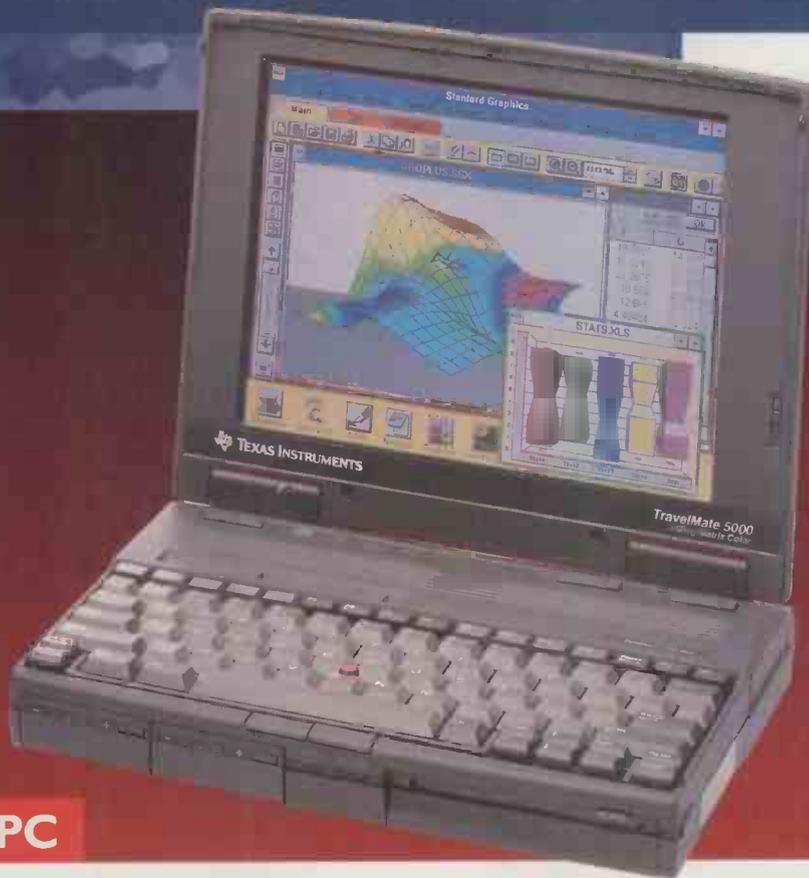
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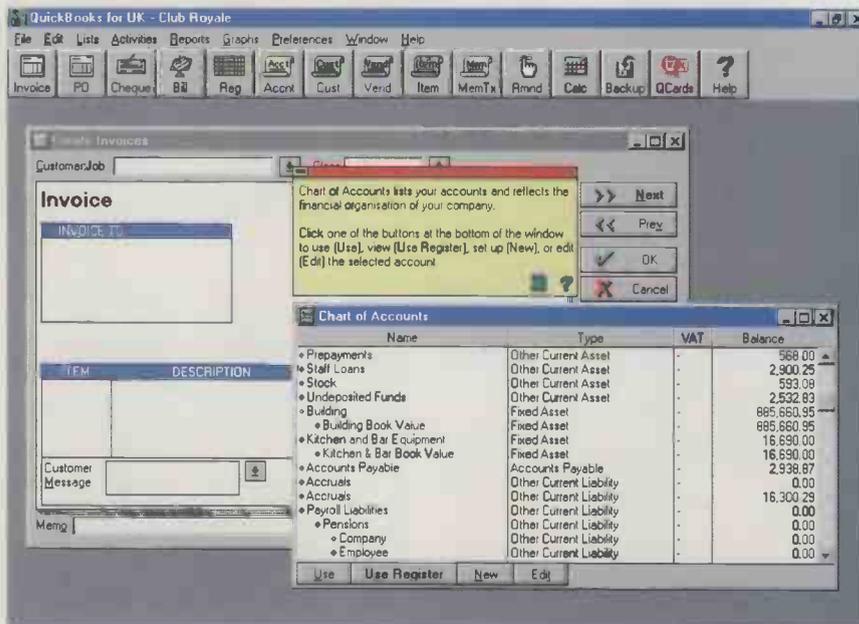
accounting package, Quicken. Although Quicken is successfully used by small-business people to handle their accounts, it doesn't offer the features needed by some larger businesses. So QuickBooks is the "large" Quicken package for more demanding users.

QuickBooks keeps all the complicated accounting stuff very much in the background. You enter information using on-screen forms which resemble cheques and invoices. This removes the need for terms such as "debit" and "credit", keeps all the double-entry book-keeping in the background and thus makes everything simple. But better still, you can change whatever you like, whenever you like, and QuickBooks keeps a record of your changes and creates an audit trail sufficient to meet the requirements of any accountant. This audit trail is one of the new features in QuickBooks 3.0 and although not a major change, it's an enhancement that provides the security of knowing that you have a complete record of all your financial changes and that mistakes can be easily discovered and rectified.

These days I find ever-fewer big new features occurring in upgrades. Maybe this will change with Windows 95. Or maybe business software has reached such high standards that not many new features are needed — QuickBooks 3.0 has plenty of enhancements, but nothing to make you say "Wow!". For example, there is a new, graphical, Help system; this certainly makes it easier and quicker to get the precise help you need but it's not worth lighting the fireworks for.

Invoicing has been improved. You can now create your own invoice format by modifying one of the existing formats — adding, deleting, or renaming boxes and columns. However, you still can't change the position of the fields, the font of field titles, or the widths of columns — while it is great to be able to generate invoices automatically, I would like better control over what information I put on the invoice and how it is displayed.

Wholly new, is the fully integrated stock-control feature which tracks stock, either on hand or on order. It will receive goods whether or not you have created a purchase order and will automatically calculate the cost of sales. This at-a-glance feature tells you exactly what your stock situation is at any given time and even provides a warning as re-order time approaches. You can click on any item to view its purchase history, including the actual prices paid. But the limiting factor



QuickBooks 3.0 — a highly worthwhile upgrade

of this feature is that it works only with stock that has been bought in and resold; it is not designed to track raw manufacturing materials. Anyway, you can turn this feature off if you have no stock — for instance, if you run a service business.

An interesting feature is the ability to automatically calculate finance charges for overdue invoices and produce an invoice. QuickBooks does this for you at the click of a mouse button.

If you are already a QuickBooks user you may at first think this version doesn't contain enough new features to bother about, but do think twice about the audit trail feature — this alone may make the upgrade a worthwhile purchase. Even if you don't use QuickBooks or find yourself outgrowing the power of its stablemate Quicken, then this is a package to which you should give serious thought.

A complementary product to both Quicken and QuickBooks is QuickTax. It makes completing your tax return a simple and painless process. You get Inland Revenue official guidance notes, as well as QuickTax's own (which provides additional help and clarification of the Inland Revenue's version). There are tax tips, and various useful tools such as a PAYE code calculator. A really useful feature is the guide to your immediate tax position: suggesting either how much money you should set aside to pay the tax man when the dreaded demand comes through, or alerting you when you are due for a rebate.

QuickTax has some built-in safeguards such as Auditor, which will highlight any entries that could raise tax questions and perhaps delay the processing of your return. A feature called Final Review will check your tax return for omissions. Another use of QuickTax is to see all the tax deductions to be made and allowances you can claim; you can set up "what if?" scenarios, to see the outcome of various options. Then, using QuickTax, you can print out your tax return on plain A4 paper, using any printer from a 24-pin dot matrix upwards.

Personally, I still prefer the security of using an accountant, but QuickTax is a useful double-check and guidance tool. If your tax return isn't complex and you know what you can claim for, QuickTax is probably the simplest way of dealing with the tax man and saving accountancy bills to boot.

Both packages need 4Mb RAM and Windows 3.1. QuickBooks occupies 10Mb of hard-disk space and QuickTax gobbles up 4Mb; a small price to pay for accounting and tax security.

### PCW Verdict

QuickBooks may not be a hugely exciting upgrade but it is almost certainly worth having. And as for QuickTax; don't go without it if you want to do your own tax return.

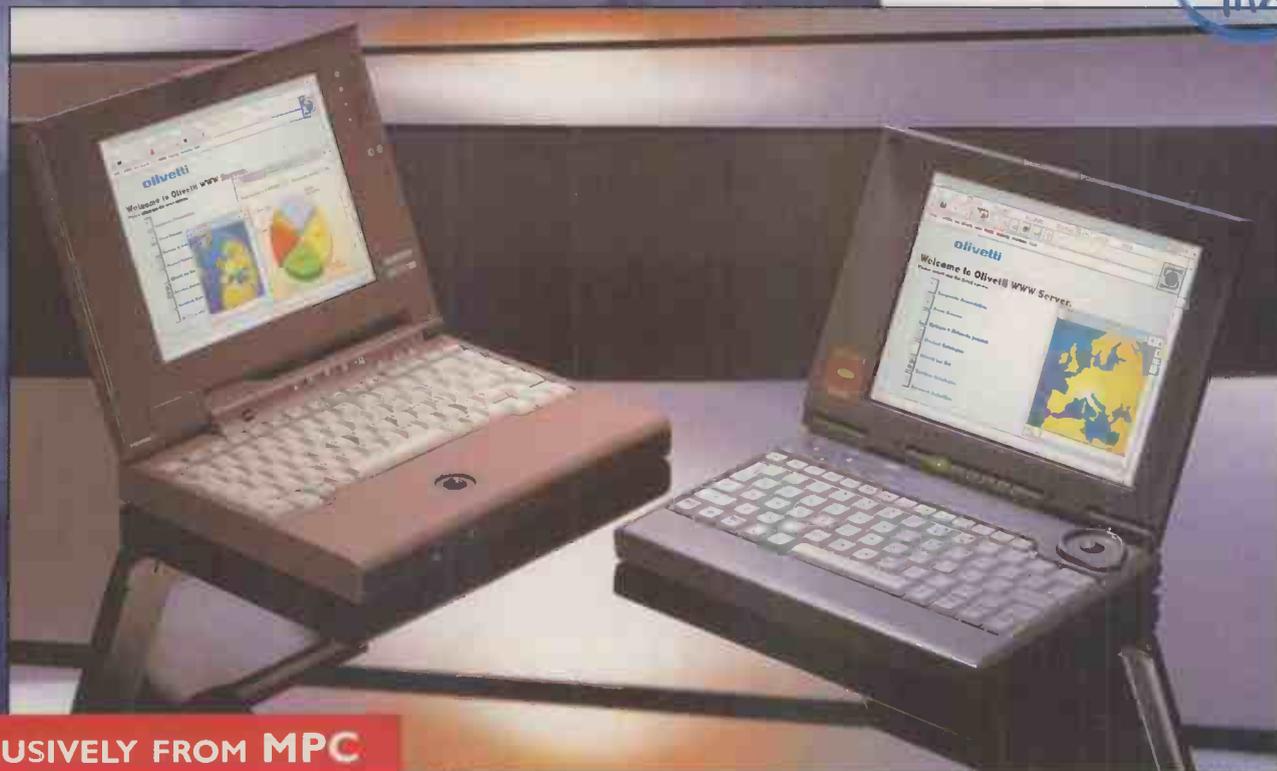
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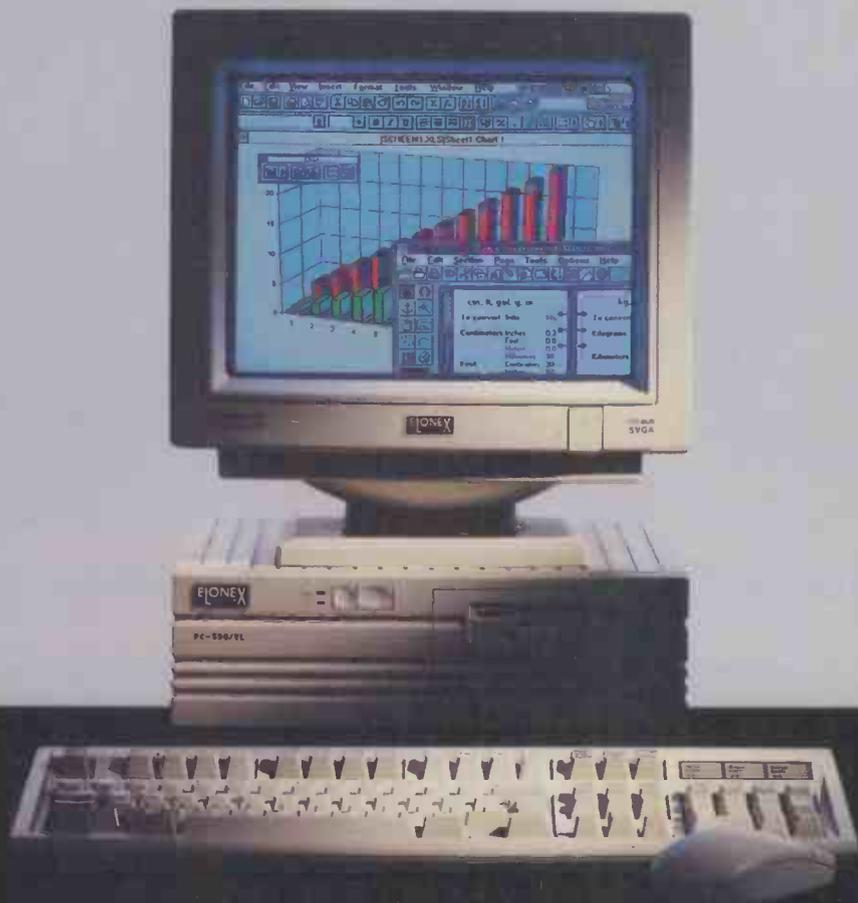
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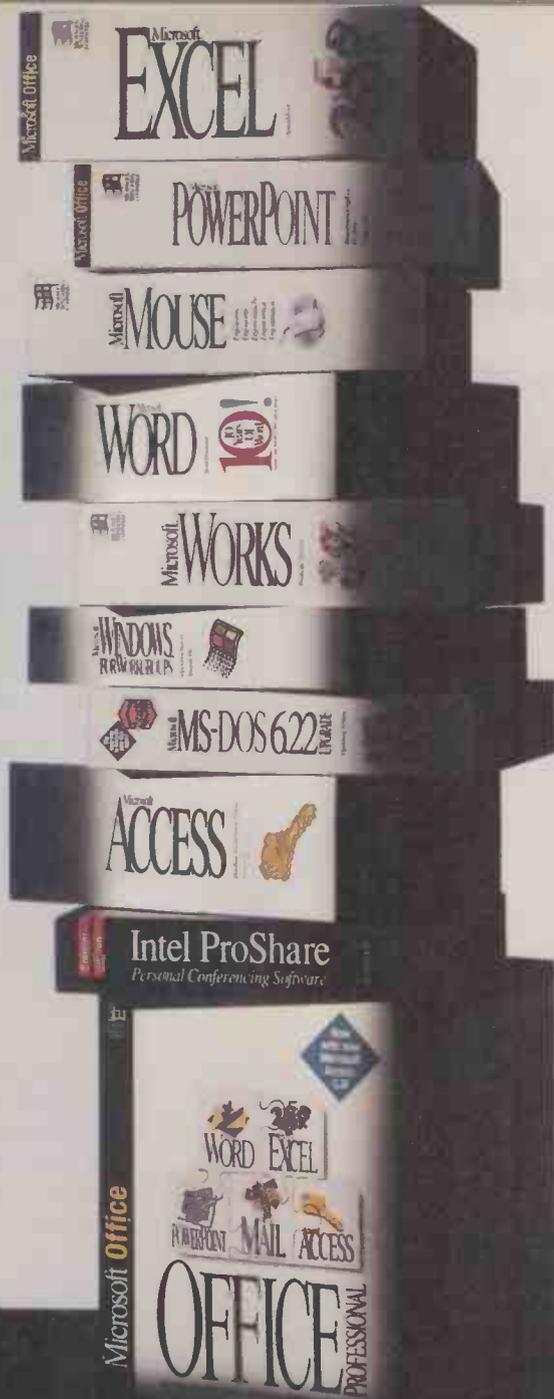
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## HARDWARE

## Pioneer DR-U124X

It looks like Pioneer has done it again, with a CD-ROM drive that's well built and extremely fast yet doesn't cost the earth. Gordon Laing gets his discs in a spin.



Dedicated fans of First Impressions may have turned straight to this section and failed to notice that this issue is, once again, CD-ROM-drive month. There seems to be so much happening in this market. In April 1995 we ran our annual group test of CD-ROM drives, which turned into a quad-speed spectacular. We wanted to do all speeds, but found virtually all manufacturers standardising on quad.

We looked at eight drives: six SCSI-2 and two ATAPI/IDE. The ATAPI command set finalised in early 1994 allowed manufacturers to connect CD-ROM drives to existing IDE adaptors, hugely reducing costs. Before anyone could blink, the first quad-speed IDE CD-ROM drive turned up with a price tag of around £150, truly making it the new budget standard, with SCSI comfortably retaining the higher-performance end.

Unfortunately demand far exceeded supply, with almost everyone being caught out; there were also cases of certain manufacturers perhaps announcing products a little too early. Hopefully by the time you read this, the supply situation will have improved significantly and with any luck, quad-speed drives will be readily available in computer stores nationwide.

In April we only had two ATAPI drives, with all manufacturers promising theirs soon. The big date has arrived, as this month (page 490) we look at no less than eight ATAPI drives. Most represent each manufacturer's first steps into the ATAPI market, including Pioneer which a couple of months ago announced two new quad products: the DR-UA124X ATAPI drive included in our round-up, and the high-end DR-U124X SCSI-2 unit, reviewed here. (From now on all references in this review will be to the SCSI DR-

U124X version which has the slight edge on average quads with its 4.4-times performance.)

There's not a great deal you can say about the external appearance of internal CD-ROM drives. There's a volume dial and Walkman jack-sized headphone socket on the front panel for audio use and a light which indicates activity. Pioneer has gone some way to make its drive more exciting by fitting two additional controls: eject/stop and play/skip forward, the latter exclusively for audio use. Other than that, it's a standard-looking tray-loading device.

Tray loading for a fast drive is in itself quite interesting. In the past the fastest CD-ROM drives have required a caddy, freeing up space for a larger motor and for controlling the disc handling environment better. As error correction improved, however, tray loaders began to emerge on the current high-speed models. Respecting tradition, both new Pioneer drives are tray loaders.

Tray loading and transport controls may be nice touches, but the real business is performance and compatibility. With respect to the latter, the DR-U124X is both multisession and White Book-compatible, so no worries there. The two most heavily quoted and meaningful performance figures are sustained data transfer rate, literally the quantity of information a drive can supply over a

sustained period of time, and average access time, which indicates how quickly the drive's head can get to a piece of information and start reading it.

Often neglected but of high importance is the processor hit — the degree by which a device undesirably ties up the processor. The VNU Labs tested this Pioneer drive on all three performance aspects, but before going any further, here's a brief explanation of what "quad-speed" actually means.

Long, long ago, the audio CD was born. When CD-ROM was first introduced, the data transfer rate was the same as with CD digital audio. Surprising as it may seem, this rate was (and still is for audio) a paltry 150kb/sec, also known as single-speed. With improved disc handling, error correction and general raising of quality control, it became possible to physically spin the disc at twice the speed. This resulted in a transfer rate of 300kb/sec, known as double-speed.

Unsurprisingly then, quad-speed drives spin the disc four times as fast, resulting in a theoretical sustained data transfer rate of 600kb/sec, and indeed all the ones we've ever tested have attained this figure. Then, just in time for our April group test came Toshiba with a 4.4 times drive. It sounded slightly unusual, but raised the transfer rate to over 650kb/sec.

Now Pioneer has joined Toshiba by

offering 4.4 times on a SCSI-2 CD-ROM drive, which in our tests scored a highly respectable 670kb/sec. Our random access result was good too, tying in with Pioneer's quoted 150ms. The high performance on both tests are thanks to Pioneer's brushless high-torque motor and ABS — no, not anti-lock brakes, but advanced buffering system. The brushless motor ought to ensure higher reliability too.

Processor hit wasn't bad using a bog-standard Adaptec 1510 ISA SCSI card, but improvements can be made with a bus mastering card which relieves the processor of constant checks; the Adaptec 2940 PCI-SCSI card is a prime

example and highly recommended despite its relatively high price.

Saving the best till last, we come to the price. SCSI devices, especially high performers like this Pioneer, are traditionally fairly expensive and are often showed up by the much cheaper and lesser IDE models. We thoroughly expected a tag in the region of £300 like the Toshiba 4.4 SCSI but were more than happily surprised with the £240 asking price.

Last month we tested the super-fast Plextor six-times speed SCSI CD-ROM drive, turning out almost 1Mb/sec and costing a remarkably reasonable £420. It's worth the extra if you absolutely

demand the highest performance today, but £240 for a 4.4 times SCSI drive can only be described as a genuine bargain.

### PCW Verdict

If you can't stretch to the ultimate £420 Plextor six-speed unit, this Pioneer 4.4-speed is a worthy alternative. It's extremely quick, and a bargain at almost half the price.

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## HARDWARE

# Panrix P120

Stunning performance, with a high standard of build quality and well integrated components, make this machine excellent value for money. Eleanor Turton-Hill couldn't help but be impressed.

Computer users have been waiting a long time for technology to catch up with their expectations, and as each new generation of chips becomes available they anticipate all the amazing new things they will be able to do. Technology has changed so fast in the computer industry that PCs are now doing things which would have seemed impossible only three or four years ago. The Pentium 120 runs at over 24 times the clockspeed of the original IBM PC, has 256 times more memory and runs high-end graphics, sound and video applications in a way that the original PC designers would not have believed.

This Panrix "Micron" is the fourth P120 machine we've come across at PCW and Panrix's top-of-the-range model. The company has made its reputation by building high-specification



machines at high prices, so it's no great surprise to see that Panrix is one of the first companies to market a Pentium P120. The rush to release new PCs, based on the latest chip design, often results in an initial flurry of second-rate offerings but our experience of the 120MHz processor has so far proved the opposite.

The Micron was supplied in a neat tower case with the Panrix logo splashed across the base. The case comes off easily by loosening just one thumb-screw at the back of the machine and releasing two clips — one at each rear corner.

Inside there's a familiar arrangement of components: a Stealth 64 graphics card, a Vibra 16 sound card, and a Conner hard disk, tucked up in the top rear corner of the box next to the power unit. Everything's fairly neat and tidy apart from the inevitable rat's nest of cables clumped together in the middle of the machine, between the power unit and the PCI slots.

There are three ISA slots, three PCI, and one shared ISA/PCI slot. With the sound and graphics cards in place and with I/O built into the motherboard, this leaves a healthy amount of room for expansion. The processor is made

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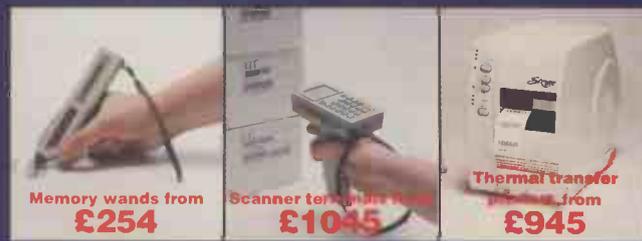


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conspicuous by a huge ZIF socket beneath it and a black fan with a bright red surround perched on top. Directly beneath this are four 72-pin SIMM slots which can hold a maximum of 128Mb (with 32Mb SIMMs in each slot). This machine was supplied as standard with 16Mb, made up of two 8Mb SIMMs.

Unlike previous P120s, this one does not use the traditional Intel Aladdin board. Instead, a Micronics board has been used with the Triton PCI chipset supporting EDO (Extended Data Out) memory and a second-level synchburst cache.

EDO RAM is the latest trend in memory design and looks set to be adopted on a massive scale. As CPUs get faster and faster, so even higher demands are made on memory, which in turn puts more pressure on RAM designers to increase the flow of data. EDO memory is designed to return data at high speed by adding secondary memory cells at the output so that data is held long enough for signals to successfully reach the processor. This design is a logical extension of FPM (Fast Page Mode) RAM which works by assuming that the next item to be read will be adjacent to the

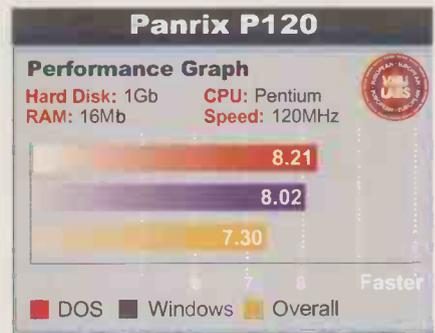
previous one. The electrical lines which are charged during the read process do not stabilise straight away, however, and this prevents the next read cycle from occurring immediately. EDO RAM gets around this problem by storing output data for longer.

The combination of EDO RAM, synch-burst cache and Enhanced IDE produced stunning performance results in our tests, and amazingly, this machine scored significantly higher than a 133MHz machine from Opus. The speed is apparent when using demanding database or graphics applications. Redraw speeds, even on complex graphic images, are incredibly fast.

The price of the complete system is £2,850. It comes with a 1Gb hard disk, an excellent 17in monitor and complete multimedia kit including a quad-speed CD-ROM drive, Vibra 16 sound card and two large 80W speakers complete with volume, bass and treble controls.

The build quality and overall design of this machine live up to Panrix's usual high standards. Unlike many machines on the market, which are thrown together using the first system parts that come to

hand, this one has been carefully designed with well integrated components and good peripherals. With the addition of a generous selection of pre-installed software, including the complete Microsoft Office suite and a two-year on-site warranty, the Panrix Micron represents a very good deal.



### PCW Verdict

Well-built machine with excellent performance results and a reasonable price tag.

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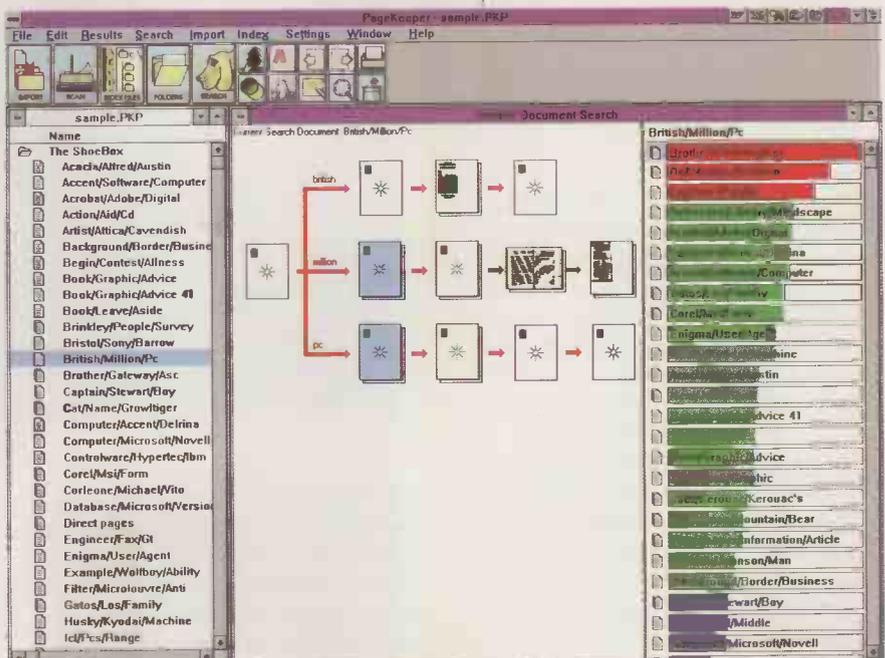
# Caere PageKeeper

Adele Dyer investigates this new OCR system which may bring to mind a PC gaming character but is actually a librarian, seeker and sorter of information.

Caere has expanded its stable of Optical Character Recognition (OCR) products by introducing PageKeeper, an Intelligent, hands-free filing system. The name evokes a mental image of some kind of medieval knight errant cum part-time librarian and this isn't actually far from the truth. PageKeeper diligently creates a database of your documents, indexing each file, and then searches out information on your behalf.

Files can be imported from word processors, email, fax and on-line services and PageKeeper adds a menu command to forward them from these sources. Using OCR, documents can be scanned directly into PageKeeper without having to be converted into another format. Image files can be stored with their accompanying text which can also be read through OCR.

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Then the clever stuff begins. Files are automatically indexed as they go into the database according to PageKeeper's own natural language processing techniques. These not only take account of the number of times a word appears, but also carry out semantic parsing to pick out the subject of each sentence. Words with the same root are recognised as such, so subject matter can be deduced more effectively. In theory this sounds wonderful, but in practice it can prove a little disappointing, even frustrating, as you have no control over this process. PageKeeper remains impartial, which is vital if you are sharing information with a group of meddling users, but it can create problems later when searching for certain documents.

PageKeeper offers word, Boolean and similar document searches, and in each case pulls up a list of documents, natively colour-coded in red, blue, or green according to how much relevance PageKeeper accords to the document. Word and Boolean work well as they are unaffected by the indexing. The Boolean search narrows the list of relevant documents in an especially nifty way but the searching procedures fall down when

looking for similar documents according to "context".

The problems begin when you enter files as you have a worrying lack of influence: file names, chosen by PageKeeper, reflect the indexing choices and these can be changed, but when carrying out a similar document search, the program reverts to the three original keywords it has chosen and ignores all outside interference. Caere says that its product "remembers like an elephant" but unfortunately it seems equally lumbering. As it stands, the similar document search is like using a neural network that cannot learn — you do not know what it is doing, but you cannot put it right either. This is a shame because it could be extremely useful if you were allowed a little more control.

Searches can be carried out from other packages. Having a word search on your email may seem an excellent idea but of course it can only search files that are already in PageKeeper. An intelligent agent, on the front of the database, would be useful to search for interesting material but maybe that is asking too much.

There are one or two other niggles such as: the impossibility of adding to files

once they are in the database; documents can be cut and clever little sticky notes can be attached, but you cannot type onto the document itself; dragging and dropping files into new folders is possible but there is no automatic scrolling, which is frustrating to say the least; and copying between files is painfully slow, as is importing from email.

Caere also claims that PageKeeper "reads, remembers and retrieves" — and it does. However, despite artificial intelligence and natural language processing in particular being clever concepts, they sadly fail to satisfy most people's expectations. While PageKeeper is a promising idea, it needs honing to live up to its potential.

### PCW Verdict

A good idea with real potential, but needs some refinement to be truly useful.

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## HARDWARE

# DECLaser 3500

A network printer with multi-function capabilities for small workgroups — another multi-function extravaganza or just a damp squib? Eleanor Turton-Hill lights the blue touch-paper.

Continuing advances in technology have made the printer market one of the most dynamic and competitive areas of the computer industry. During the past few years, printers have improved in all sorts of ways. The quality of output has been enhanced with the development of higher resolutions, printer engines have become faster, high-capacity network printers have become smaller and GDI technology has made the personal laser a reality. Generally, printers have become more sophisticated and more diverse in their capabilities, but most importantly they've become cheaper.



In the realm of networkable office laser printers, 600dpi is now more than ever the standard. Whether you're printing text, spreadsheets, monthly reports, graphics or simple memos, high-quality laser output is the norm for business.

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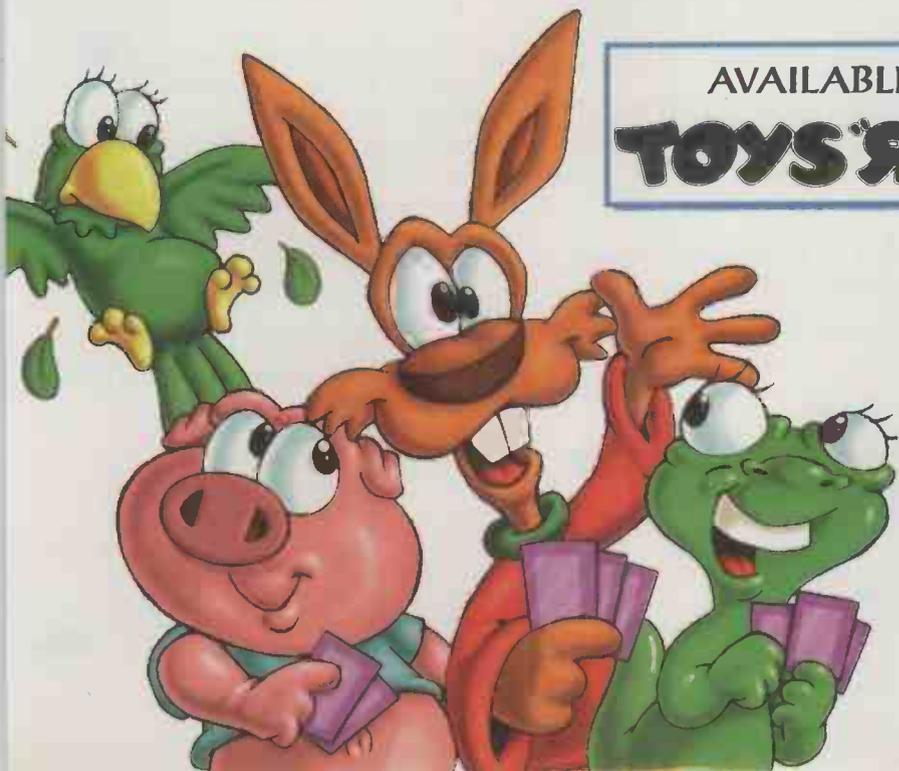
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RAM — and it's these features which distinguish one laser printer from another.

The DECLaser 3500 is the latest product from Digital. It's a 12ppm network printer intended for workgroups of up to ten people. It has many familiar built-in facilities such as PCL5, PostScript level 2, a 250-sheet paper tray, a 30-sheet envelope tray and 3Mb RAM. Additionally, it has optional interfaces for Ethernet and AppleTalk and produces excellent 600dpi output using Digital's own Print Enhancement Technology (PET). But the feature which makes this printer stand out from the crowd is that it provides a fax capability. This is not a completely new idea: about 18 months ago, Oki was the first printer company to market the multifunction concept. More recently, the Xerox 3006 has appeared; it's a combined fax machine, copier and inkjet printer. The QMS 2001 Knowledge System is a similar all-in-one device, based on a laser printer, with an additional scanner facility.

The faxmodem which comes with the DECLaser 3500 connects externally and, annoyingly, is presented as an added extra rather than being built-in as standard. Once it's connected up, and with the driver in place, you're presented with three icons in Windows which control the fax configuration. An "enable" interface provides three settings: send and receive, send only, or receive only. Faxes are received on plain A4 cut sheet paper, rather than the thermal paper rolls still used by some fax machines. When

disabled, the faxmodem board is completely non-operational and does not answer incoming phone calls or accept faxmodem jobs sent from the printer.

During installation of the fax utility software you're invited to test out the connections by entering the fax number as a test — unsuccessful transmission results in a printed error log. The fax software itself is made by Adobe and comes with all kinds of functions. There's a Phone Book utility which allows you to store commonly used names and numbers, and a "group" function which lets you set up fax distribution lists. You can also import data in ASCII format from existing databases.

Other functions built in to the software include a cover page facility, a delay mechanism to send non-urgent faxes at a specified time, and a local copy feature which allows you to produce a copy of the faxed document on the printer. To fax from any Windows application, you go to print and the Fax or Print dialogue box appears. You then specify the name and number of the recipient (either by hand or via the phone book utility) and then hit OK.

Every office has a fax and a laser printer, so combining the two functions into one piece of equipment seems sensible. Disappointingly though, the DECLaser 3500, unlike the QMS 2001, has no built-in scanner so you don't gain the functionality of an ordinary paper fax machine. In short, the DECLaser 3500 is not the full multifunction extravaganza that are some of the other machines

currently available.

There is one advantage to combining a PostScript printer with a fax machine: it allows you to send a PostScript fax to a remote PostScript fax printer. And this has two main benefits: firstly, it allows you to take advantage of the resolution capabilities of the receiving fax printer; secondly, the smaller file size makes for a shorter transmission time, thus reducing your phone bill. The major problem, however, is that very few people have a PostScript fax printer.

I'm not convinced by the technological advantages of the DECLaser 3500. The multifunction idea itself forces you to put all your eggs in one basket, and if your printer breaks down you'll lose your fax too. The VNU European Labs performance results were unimpressive and put into question the ability of this printer to handle large workloads. Otherwise, it's a fairly easy piece of equipment to set up. It's reasonably priced and will save space in a small office. For small workgroups with light workloads, the DECLaser 3500 may find itself a market.

**POW**Verdict

Functions fine as a laser printer and produces excellent 600dpi PostScript output but is a weak multifunctional device.

**Price** £1500 (with Appletalk interface); £1650 (with Ethernet interface)

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**SOFTWARE**

## Dataview for Psion Series 3

If you're fond of the Psion 3 but its database just isn't enough for you, DataView may be the place to store all your contacts. It is rather limited though, as David Brake found out.

The Psion Series 3 and Series 3a palmtop computers come with easy-to-use, fairly functional applications including a word processor, an advanced diary and a simple flatform database, all of which will prove adequate for most people.

DataView, a £59.95 package from Purple Software, is for those with more sophisticated database needs — those who need to be able to see at a glance all the people in their database who are managing directors of companies based

in London, for example, and then produce a letter for all of them. This sort of task is a doddle for a PC-based data-

base, but quite ambitious for a palmtop.

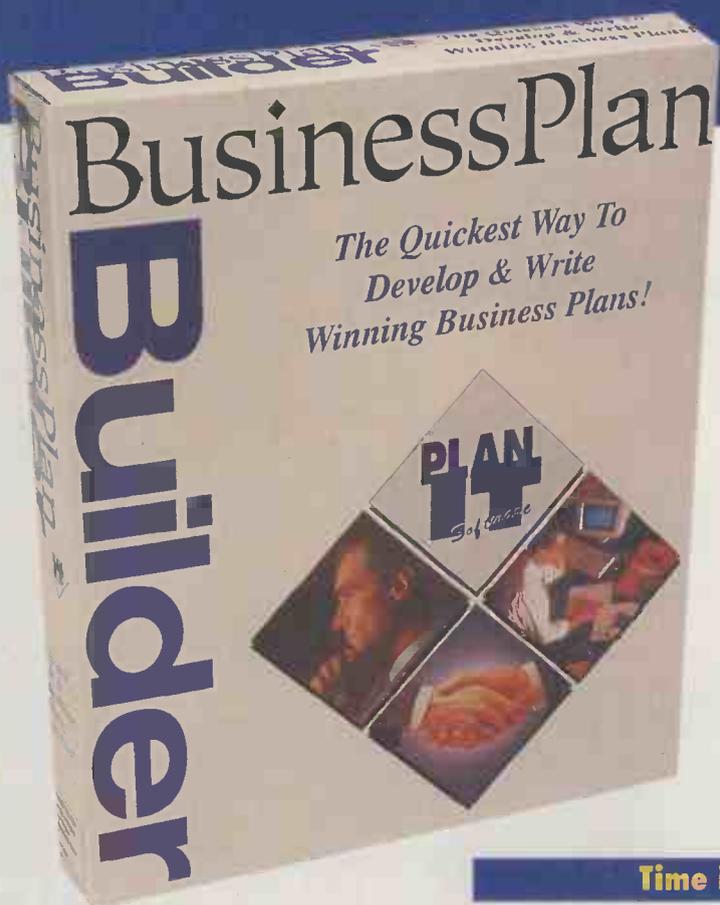
In fact, as it turns out, it is rather too ambitious in some ways. It is worth remembering that although the Series 3 and Series 3a can do some remarkable things using well-written software, underneath the "hood" is a computer roughly equivalent in power to the original IBM PC. If you want to use DataView to find

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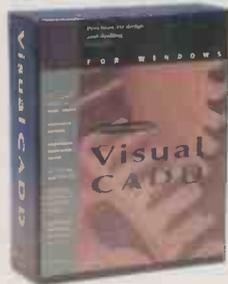
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DataView lets you do a mailmerge into Word from your database files

things one record at a time it works fine, but if you are interested in doing more complex operations on moderate numbers of records, it slows to a crawl. In the manual, it says, "one of the most powerful features of the DataView application is the ability to sort your database entries very quickly." I have pulled 1,300 contacts into my Series 3a — a 72kb file. I decided to sort them by job title and telephone number. Loading DataView and the database took 23 seconds, and it took five minutes and eight seconds to sort the file! And for all that time the processor is presumably working furiously, so several such manipulations would tend to run your battery down.

But there are some things you would expect any database package to do that it doesn't. It's not too surprising there are gaps in functionality — the application, including help files, takes up only 76kb. Programming for the Series 3a is extraordinarily efficient, but there's only so much you can do with an application that small.

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DataView has no import or export facilities, for example. It works with the native Psion DBF format only, not the PC DBF format. You can perform a simple, one-level Boolean search (find people with names containing "Brake" and titles containing "Editor") but you can't specify, say, incomes over a certain figure or more than two criteria. You can accomplish some of this by doing a sort and selecting contiguous records, but it's not the same. And you can only do the search one record at a time — there's no way to have DataView go through your whole database automatically and create a second database containing only

matching records.

DataView may be worth buying to some people: it is more powerful than the built-in Psion effort, after all, and it offers the ability to run a mailmerge through Word. But I found it something of a disappointment, on the whole.

### PCWVerdict

Better than Psion's own database, but still dismayingly limited and slow.

Price £51.02

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## HARDWARE

# ADI MicroScan 5AP

Although he experienced some problems when setting this monitor up, Nick Lawrence found himself pleasantly surprised by its performance.

ADI Systemis (UK) has only been in operation since 1990, but don't let that fool you as to the size of the company. ADI Corporation is the fifth largest IT company in Taiwan, and second only to Philips in the monitor arena. In 1994 it achieved a 27% increase in OEM business and a 25% increase in branded distribution.

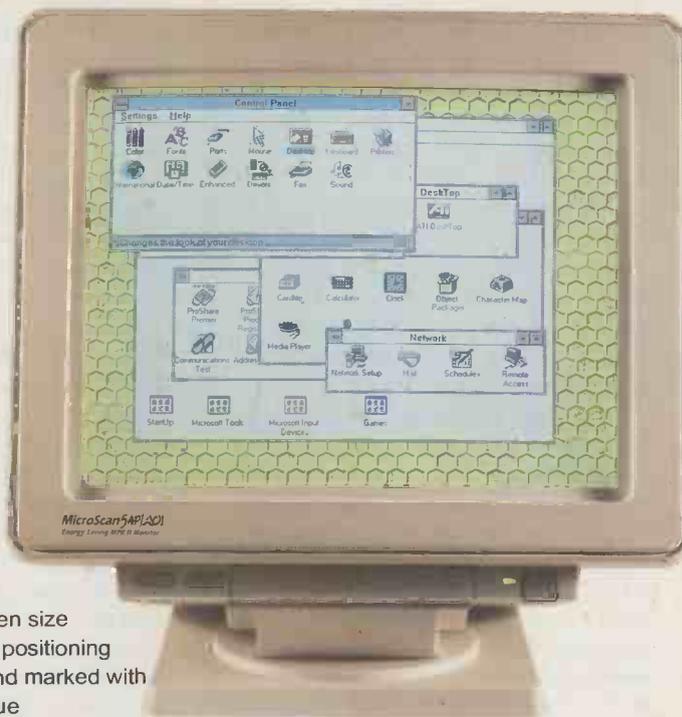
Now its aim is to achieve a world top three ranking for monitors by 1996, and the 5AP/5EP monitors form part of this strategy. The only difference between them is that the 5EP has a 0.28mm dot pitch, while the 5AP has a 0.26mm dot pitch.

A 17in monitor for £699 looks like a very good deal indeed, coming in at the bottom of the price range, and looks fully featured. It has the standard screen size and horizontal/vertical position controls, as well as a degauss function, the ability to tilt the screen angle, and separate adjustments for the red, green and blue colourings.

The controls for the brightness and contrast are available with two buttons at the front of the monitor, and the other controls are tucked away inside a flap. The screen size and vertical/horizontal positioning buttons are lined up and marked with white graphics on a blue background, and the degauss, reset (to factory defaults) and function (for further controls) buttons are alongside them. The operation to access the RGB, pincushion/barrelling controls and power-saving on/off controls involves pressing the function button and the relevant brightness/contrast button, then letting go and pressing the other relevant button. It is more tricky than it seems, since it's difficult to know whether the function is enabled, and one often ends up

adjusting the width of the screen or the amount of green, rather than straightening out the display. This is exacerbated by the lack of an on-screen display.

I did not notice that there was a function for adjusting the tilt until I read it in the manual, and then found it tucked away above the Degauss button. Rather than being labelled like all the other functions, the label is embossed in tiny writing the same colour as the background.



To adjust the tilt you need to find the smallest flathead screwdriver you can, and turn it in a tiny hole.

Once the controls are set up, the screen is quite clear. There is a large viewing area with no nasty black borders. The plastic surround to the glass is cleverly designed so as not to distract the eye from the display. The only cause for concern comes from some vertical discolouration on a white screen, even in 800x600 x256, which is not exactly pushing the graphics card or the monitor to

their limits.

Although I have mentioned several niggles about the 5AP, it is not a bad monitor at all. The display is bright and never gave any trouble with flicker or moiré patterns. It is more ergonomic than many, being easy to position and featuring MPRII power saving. This is easy to install, since it consists of a screensaver which sets itself up to switch to Level 1 power saving after a certain amount of minutes (less than 15W used) and Level 2 power saving after that (less than 8W).

If you're not planning on running any particularly high resolutions, it will cope with the standards: 640x480 and 800x600 at 72Hz; 1024x768 at 70Hz; 1280x1024 at 60Hz (all are non-interlaced).

### PCW Verdict

Has some flaws, but nothing that stops it being a good deal at the price.

**Price** £699 (RRP); £480 (street price)  
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## HARDWARE

# Datasonix Pereos

For rapid backing up on the move, Nick Lawrence found this diminutive unit a good, if somewhat wallet-hostile, solution.

The main word that comes to mind when describing the Pereos tape backup/file transfer is "tiny". Everything about it is minute, from the size of the unit itself right down to the tapes: a mere 2x3cm. Made of fetching black plastic the unit is small enough to fit into a jacket pocket with ease, even including the small parallel cable that pokes out from the back.

It is aimed at notebook users who need to back up their files from wherever they are, but has several other applications. For example, if you need to transfer large files from work to home, you could stick them on this and carry the unit home with no trouble at all.

The speed with which it works is pretty good, although it in no way rivals a removable hard disk — but then, it is not designed to compete with one. It backed up 140Mb of hard disk in about an hour and this used less than half a side of one tape. This is because it uses a helical scan system with the NT (non-tracking) system developed by Sony, which allows data to be recorded at densities above 170 million bits per square inch. There is room on a single tape for 625Mb, which increases with the amount of compression possible.

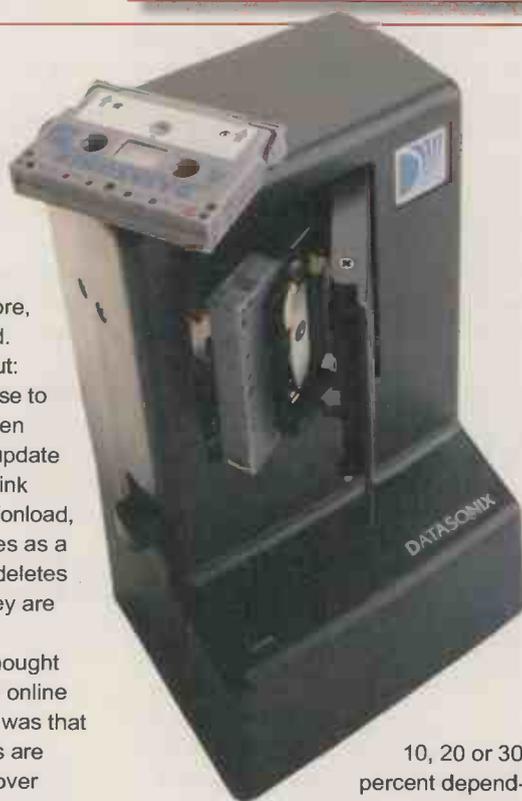
There are three ways you can transfer data to

and from the tapes: backup/restore, import/export, and offload/onload. These appear to be the same, but: backup/restore creates a database to keep track of which files have been changed; import/export doesn't update the database so that it doesn't think these are backed up; and offload/onload, which is designed to use the tapes as a secondary storage mechanism, deletes the files from the hard disk as they are being stored on tape.

The software has been well thought out and is easy to use, with good online documentation. A slight problem was that the TSR which detects when files are changed caused huge GPFs all over Windows, but this is probably due more to the oddities of my system than to the software. The software itself has no licence so it is possible to copy it to any machine with which you want to exchange files. Other problems I found with the software are promised to be fixed in the next release.

Perhaps the main problem with the Pereos is the price. At £740 for an introductory pack containing the base unit, tape drive, four data tapes, one cleaning tape, a carrying case, a power adaptor (either an AC unit for the UK or the EC or a mouse power adaptor) and two non-rechargeable Energizer batteries, it is not cheap.

The extras are priced highly too — data tapes, for example, are £32 each. There are discounts of



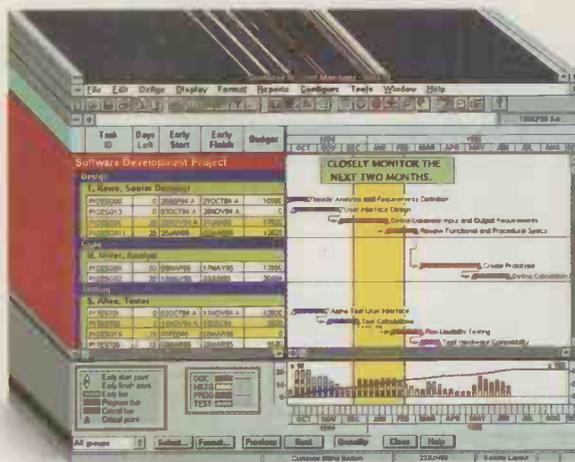
10, 20 or 30 percent depending on volume, but these will probably apply to dealers or very large corporations only. At the moment there are no dealers in the UK to bring the price down, but Datasonix says that it is in negotiations with several. The Pereos is worth comparing to several other media before you buy, including more traditional forms of tape backup like WORMs and DATs. Nevertheless, if you need to transfer files between lots of computers or make backups on the move, this could be just what you're looking for.

### PCW Verdict

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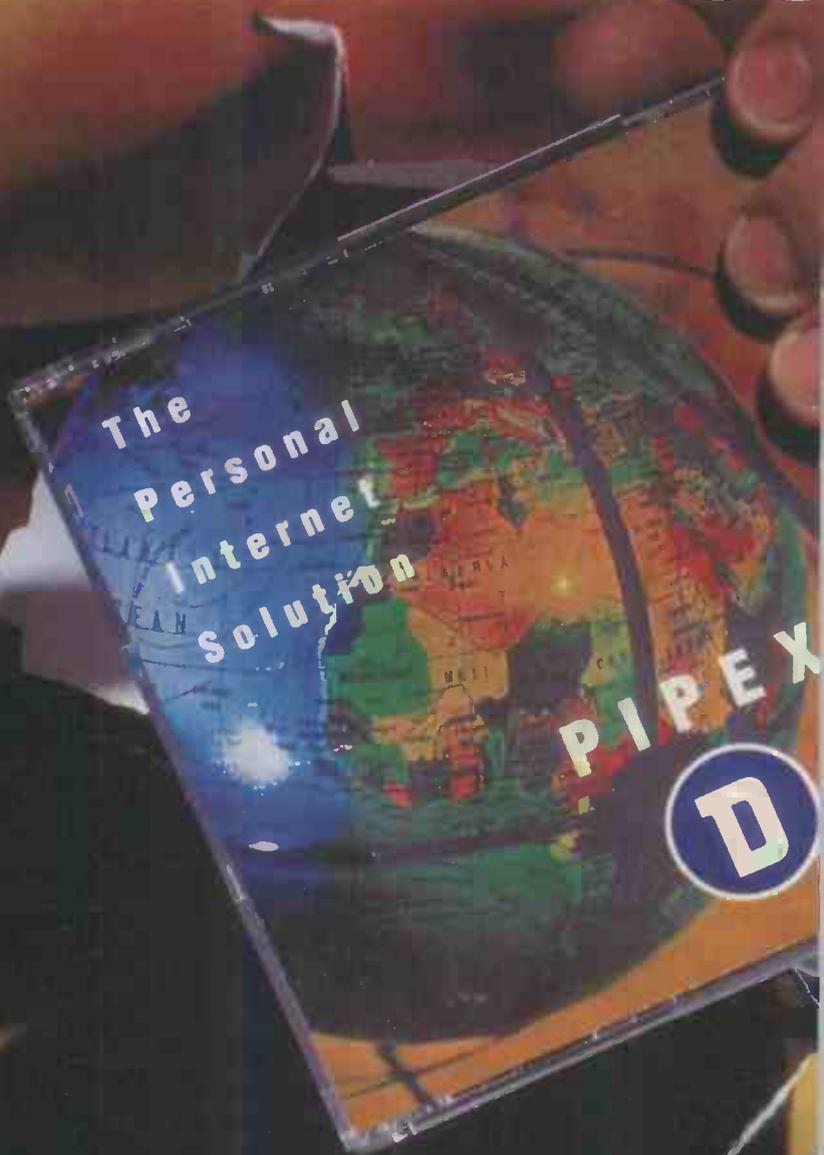
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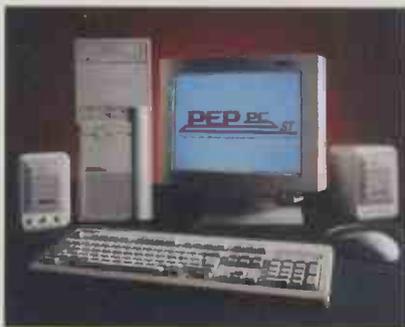
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HARDWARE

## Sharp PC8150 colour notebook

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The Sharp PC8150 is my third notebook computer: having suffered a 386 greyscale screen I changed to a Sharp PC8600, 386 with colour TFT screen, and then bought this PC8150 just over a year ago. The current machine weighs in at just over six pounds, has a dualscan screen, NiMH battery, SL 486 DX/33 processor with 4Mb RAM and a 200Mb hard disk. The bundled software was limited to DOS 6.0 and Windows 3.0 and I have installed Microsoft Office Professional version 4.3, Visual Basic 3.0 for Windows and Aldus PageMaker. I have not attempted to double the capacity of the hard disk despite it's being almost full.

In the last 14 months the Sharp has travelled 45,000 miles and seen most European countries.

Let me explain that my budget did not allow me to end up with either the TFT screen or the 16Mb memory option. Having enjoyed Sharp's brilliant TFT screen on my old machine I did find that the dualscan screen was a little disappointing. I have become quite used to the compromise. As the screen warms up, the contrast needs to be adjusted from a high setting to about middle. The brightness control needs no adjustment.

I accept that 4Mb RAM can cause some frustration with Windows, but as I rarely have more than one application loaded, I get by quite happily. Loading Word takes a few seconds but once there it responds well.

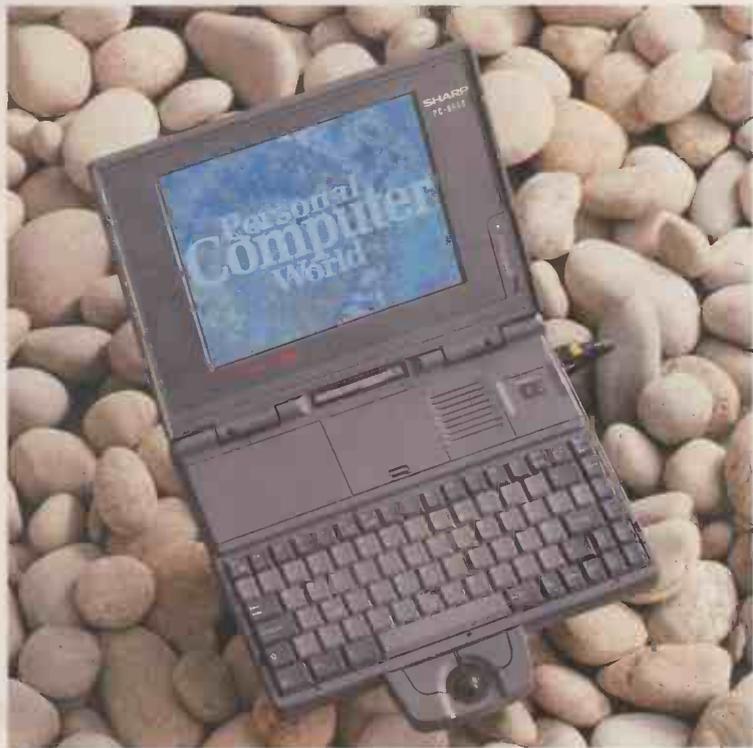
The keyboard has survived all my ill-treatment and is pretty good, but oh, how I miss the built-in trackerball mouse of the old 8600. I use a serial mouse, which is a nuisance when I want to transfer data to my office PC. There is an optional trackerball mouse with its own port on the front of the keyboard but, like the extra memory and TFT screen, this has yet to fit into my cash crisis management plan! The usual sockets appear at the back and a PCMCIA Type II slot is at the side opposite the floppy drive.

I used be wary of operating notebooks away from a mains socket but these NiMH batteries and the SL processor

have made a big difference. There are power management options within the firmware and, according to the manual, this can extend battery life beyond two hours — I never use these features and manage almost two hours anyway.

There is a well-implemented Sleep/Resume feature which is invoked just by closing the lid (at any time). When power-on is pressed, everything, including the mouse pointer, is exactly where it was. I use this quite often as DOS and Windows don't need to be reloaded, which saves time. The only drawback is

It was third time lucky for Amanda Parfitt, who moved on to the 8150 after the 8600, and despite a few fond glances back, she's more than happy with her new companion.



that the system clock nods off too and has to be re-adjusted.

Overall, I am delighted with the Sharp PC8150. It is a well made and solid little machine. Nothing has dropped off or broken despite the travelling and some heavy use. I would opt for a TFT screen and more memory next time. My only criticism is the system clock drawback in sleep mode and the usual desire for a bigger hard disk.

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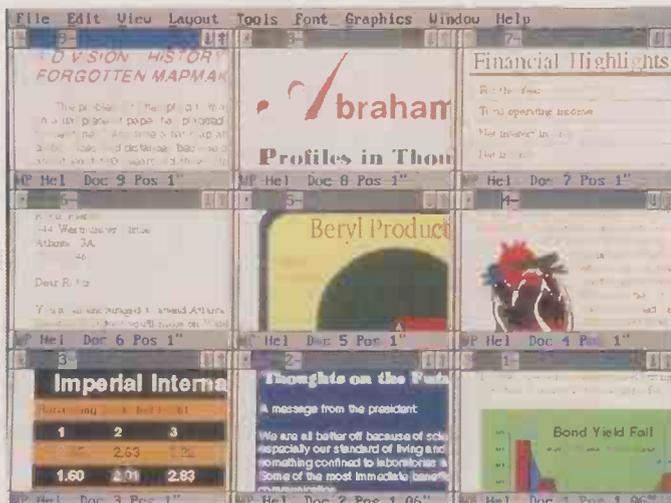
Jeremy Morton was looking for an efficient word processor with the speed and responsiveness to keep pace with his job as a translator. He found just what he wanted in WP 6.0 for DOS.

Having used WordPerfect 5.1 for several years and resisted the temptation to change to a Windows word processor, I finally upgraded to WordPerfect 6.0 for DOS shortly after its release in the UK about a year ago. What distinguishes this DOS word processor from the competition is that it allows you to switch between Text mode and either Graphics mode or the more detailed Page mode (the same as Graphics mode but showing page numbers, headers, footers etc). These two graphical modes offer WYSIWYG editing, proper windowing (framed, tiled or full-screen), a ribbon, an active ruler (in the latest interim release only) and user-selectable button bars.

WordPerfect 6.0 is a vast improvement on version 5.1, both for its user-friendliness and its much wider range of features. A collapsible outliner and the ability to edit up to nine documents at once (instead of WordPerfect 5.1's meagre two) are long overdue enhancements. More exotic additions include bookmarks, a built-in spreadsheet and over one thousand special printable characters (including the phonetic alphabet and mathematical symbols).

There is a sophisticated macro language which makes it relatively easy to customise the program to suit individual tastes. Unfortunately, because the macro help is all online, very little printed macro documentation has been provided. This makes the process of learning the macro language considerably harder than it need be.

Because I am constantly having to consult old translations lurking somewhere on the hard disk, the program's superb file handling capabilities help to make my work as a translator much easier than it used to be. Directory lists can be viewed in the File Manager using either normal 8+3 character DOS filenames or longer descriptive filenames saved with the file in a Document Summary. Besides a descriptive filename,



*WordPerfect 6.0 for DOS is a winner as far as Jeremy Morton is concerned*

there are over 50 other available fields (revision date, version number, account, etc) which the user can choose to include in the summary. It is now possible to sort directory lists in several ways such as by filename, size and date. There is also the QuickList feature, designed to save time-wasting navigation through the hard disk by displaying a customisable picklist of directories, each with its own descriptive name. A directory can be accessed directly from QuickList simply by selecting it and pressing Enter.

But the most impressive new file-handling tool is the aptly-named QuickFinder which indexes all the words in any user-selected files on the hard disk — in my case, all my translations. Indexing 500 separate files, with an average size of 10,000 bytes each, takes about three minutes and only needs to be done once. Any subsequent updating of the index is much speedier. Once the index is constructed, it is a simple matter to find a particular file. Let's say I want to look at a file written some time ago but cannot remember its name. Instead of having to view files laboriously one by one until I find what I want, I invoke QuickFinder, type in a word which is likely to be in the file and press Enter. In an instant I am presented with a list of all files containing

that word.

Many of the texts I receive are on disk; either in WordStar or Word for Windows format. Fortunately, there is a wide range of built-in import and export filters (including the above applications) which makes the conversion process automatic and painless. There are, however, no conversion filters for either Lotus Works, Microsoft Works or any database applications. Another missing feature is a simple drawing module for producing flowcharts and the like; there is a very basic line-drawing feature but it can only produce vertical and horizontal lines.

My main complaint is that there were far too many serious faults in the initial release. It is only now, after the second interim release (version 6.0b), that most of the bugs have been fixed. The spell checker is a case in point; originally it was slow and riddled with faults. In version 6.0b, however, it is fast and works extremely well — provided you have at least 2Mb of extended or expanded memory.

WordPerfect 6.0 is indeed almost perfect for my requirements and although it cannot quite match the leading Windows word processors for their wealth of features, it easily beats them for speed and responsiveness on a modern entry-level system (386SX, 386DX or 486SX with 4Mb of RAM), and that's in Graphics or Page modes. Text mode is quicker still.

The program offers speed, Windows-style ease of use, and fabulous file handling. With the additional benefit of fairly sophisticated WYSIWYG editing features at the press of a key, all this adds up to making WordPerfect 6.0 a winner for people like me who want fast and efficient text-based word processing, using modest hardware.

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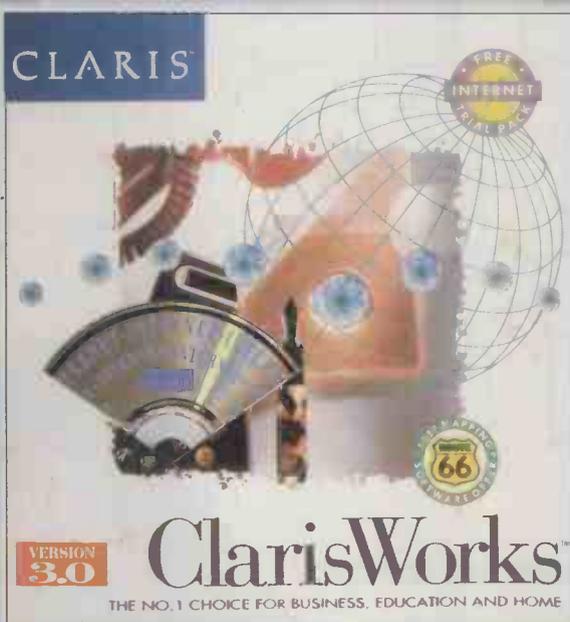
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# First off the line

The keenly awaited 133MHz processors have now been unleashed by Intel.

These latest speedsters outrun the 120MHz Pentium chips by a significant margin. **Nick**

**Lawrence** rounded up the first five machines to use this

pent-up energy and started them off on our gruelling NSTL race.

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**J**ust when you thought 120MHz Pentiums were at the cutting edge of PC technology, last month (June) witnessed the launch of the first 133MHz systems. P133s are the latest processors in the Intel line-up, as yet unmatched by any clone processor manufacturer, and the company claims that the 133 chip commands a significant performance increase over the P120 and its predecessors.

Intel's latest processor provides a ten per cent speed increase and is already being snapped up by manufacturers for their top-of-the-line power products. PCW has managed to get its hands on the first machines from Dell, Gateway, Elonex, Opus and Viglen to assess their worth and find out which represents the best bet so far.



### Dell Dimension XPS P133c

Just like the P120 reviewed in the July issue of *PCW*, the XPS P133c is part of the Dimension range, Dell's equivalent of the Compaq Prolinea. It is aimed primarily at non-corporate users.

The Dimension case is a large one — not as big as Gateway's monster but nonetheless demanding of a space on the floor. It is easy to undo, with a thumb-screw at the back and a couple of clips, but there is no key lock for security. Inside, the Aladdin motherboard fills the bottom half of the case, with its usual peripherals: the Triton chipset, the ZIF socket 5, and the four PCI and four ISA slots (one shared). Two 60ns EDO SIMMs fill half the available SIMM slots. But this is an Aladdin with a difference: Dell has acquired the rights to make changes (or to ask Intel to make changes) to the design of the motherboard and this is why there is a slot for L2 cache — something not usually found on Aladdins where the 256kb cache is soldered to the motherboard. In this case there's 512kb of pipeline burst cache.

There is a Creative Labs Vibra 16 card

attached to the Mitsumi quad-speed IDE CD-ROM drive, and the Quantum Fireball 1Gb hard drive is connected to the other EIDE connector on the motherboard. One of the PCI slots contains a Number 9 FX Motion 771, a great video card with hardware functions to aid Indeo, MPEG and AVI video playback.

A Dell UltraScan monitor provides good picture quality with all the controls one would expect of a decent 15in monitor: pin/barrel, degauss and colour distortion, and colour and brightness. Altec Lansing speakers round off what is an excellent computer: well designed, well put together, with fantastic performance and sold at a reasonable price.



### Dell Dimension XPS P133c

#### Performance Graph

Hard Disk: 1Gb  
RAM: 16Mb



■ DOS ■ Windows ■ Overall

### Elonex PC-5133/I

So many PCs these days contain similar components that it is always a welcome break to find one that has been designed using other parts — the PC-5133/I is just such a machine. Elonex is a manufacturer rather than an assembler, and designs many of its parts in London and manufactures them in Scotland.

This machine is in a B-Model case; Elonex always offers a choice of cases to give the customer the opportunity of a trade-off

between size and expandability.

One half of the PC-5133/1 is taken up by the PSU and the Quantum XP32150 2Gb SCSI disk at the back: the front holds the 3.5in floppy disk drive and a big surprise — an NEC Multi-Spin six-speed CD-ROM drive. We had not been aware that the NEC 6X had even been

released onto the market —

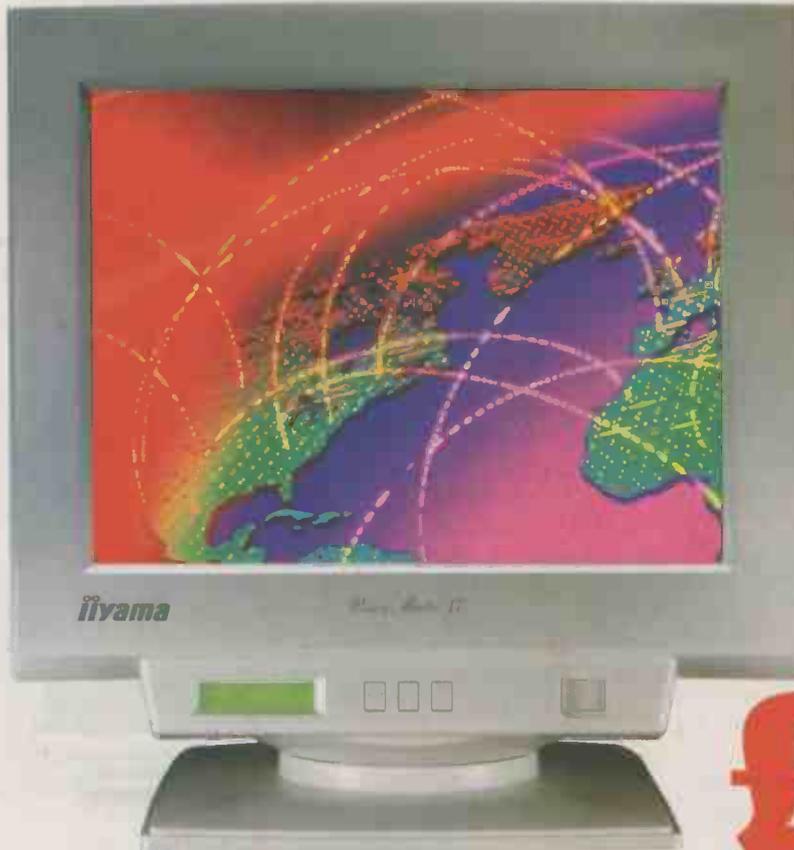
the only six-speed drive we had seen until then had been the Plextor (see July's *First Impressions*). In fact, it turned out to be a pre-production model: there are full audio functions and a front panel display which makes it easier to see what's going on than a row of blinking lights. It also takes a caddy, but at six-speed it can be forgiven this foible.

The motherboard is at the left-hand side of the case. This is a clever piece of design by Elonex; half the functions are taken up by the main part of the motherboard and half by a riser board which can be unplugged. On the main part are the processor, 16Mb EDO RAM (filling two of four sockets), a Triton chipset, twin EIDE connectors (both unused) and a small expansion slot for 512kb of 16ns IBM-manufactured pipeline cache SRAM. On the riser board are three PCI slots and three ISA slots (one shared). One of the PCI slots is occupied by a Diamond Stealth 64 VRAM card. A SCSI socket is positioned to one side of the expansion sockets, with a cable attached to daisy-chain the hard disk and CD-ROM drive. These are detected automatically on bootup and the plug and play BIOS will help when Windows 95 arrives.

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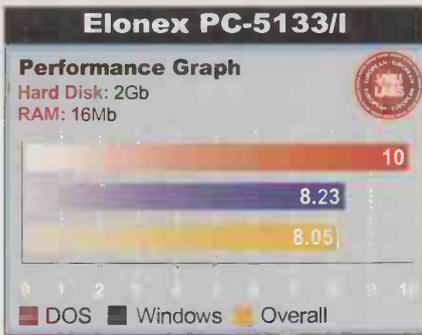
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expect from a Trinitron monitor, with good controls. This rounds off a system which, although not cheap, turns in an excellent performance and has all the bells and whistles. The £3,620 price may seem costly at first, but when one considers the SCSI on the motherboard, six-speed CD-ROM drive, 2Gb hard disk, 512kb pipeline cache and Sony Vivitron, it represents a good deal for the demanding user with a desire for the best quality.



### Gateway 2000 P5-133

An assembler by nature, Gateway 2000 uses a series of standard parts for its new flagship P5-133. The motherboard and chipset are standard Intel components (the Aladdin and Triton respectively) and Gateway has stuck to its usual policy of including an EIDE disk on PCI. Because the Aladdin board has two connectors for the EIDE ports, the CD-ROM drive and hard disk can be on separate channels, thereby ensuring that the CD-ROM does not degrade the disk performance (which can happen when drive and hard disk are on the same channel).

This is a well-specified computer: it has 32Mb EDO RAM filling all four SIMM slots, 256kb of on-board pipeline burst static RAM, a 1.6Gb Western Digital

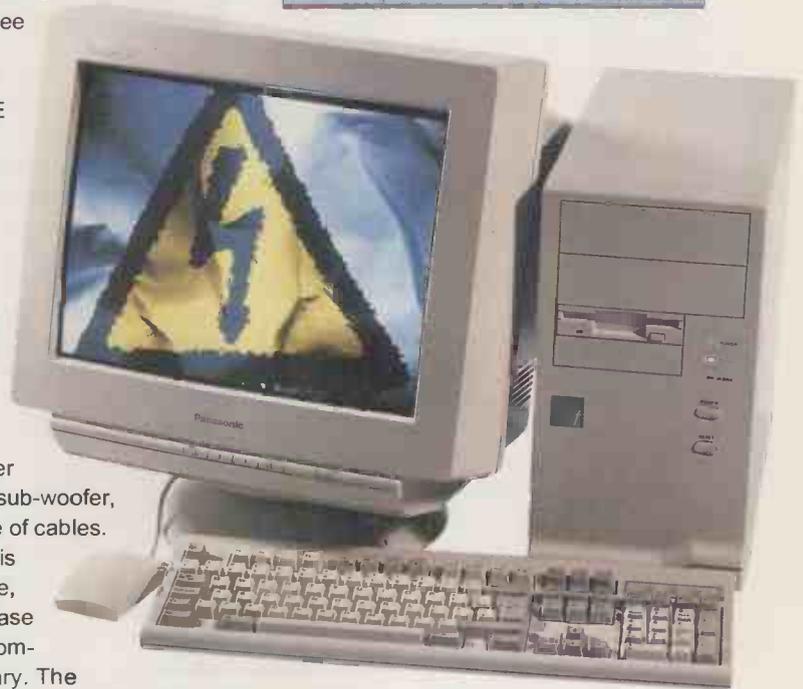
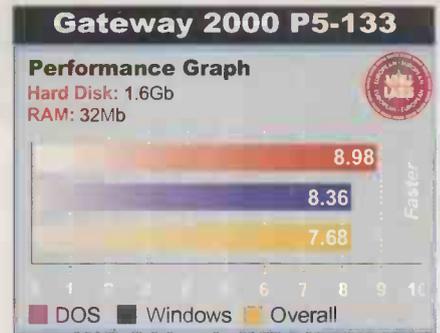
Caviar disk, and a 20in Sony Vivitron monitor. There are four PCI slots, one taken up an ATI Mach 64 with 2Mb VRAM, and three ISA slots (one of which is shared). The bottom ISA slot has an Ensoniq SoundScape, a wavetable sound card with 4Mb worth of samples in ROM.

The CD-ROM drive is an interesting model. It is made by Sanyo, and in its standard 5.25in drive bay can hold three CD-ROMs in its caddy taking up drive letters D, E and F. There are three empty 5.25in drive bays and room for another two hard disks, internally. Like on the Dell, the speakers are Altec Lansing; great speakers, with mains power and a separate sub-woofer, but with a tangle of cables.

Despite all this expansion space, the vast tower case doesn't seem completely necessary. The motherboard looks dwarfed by the empty space surrounding it, and one gets the feeling that this machine is housed in a case of this size more for reasons of appearance than necessity.

The software supplied is impressive (as is usually the case with Gateway). All the manuals for the components are supplied and the drivers are available both on disk, in neatly labelled packages, and on the System CD. This is an excellent idea; a single CD contains all the device drivers for all the peripherals (sold by Gateway) which require them.

Also included are Microsoft Office Professional, Encarta



95 and Microsoft Money — all good packages.

As always with Gateway, price is a strong point. At a list price of £2,799 for the basic specification (as here, but with a 17in Sony Vivitron and 16Mb of RAM), this machine represents excellent value for money. It is worth noting that on our tests there is not a significant performance increase with 32Mb of RAM over 16Mb (see "Test results note" panel, page 438); the latter specification would cost £560 less.

### Opus Pentium 133

A last-minute surprise entry to this review, the Opus machine turned up just in time for testing. Even though it isn't as well specified as the others, it nonetheless serves as a reminder that not everyone either wants or needs multimedia.

The system box looks much like any other, with standard parts. The motherboard, however, is a Prestige Triton (manufactured by Opus itself) and is designed to be upgradable to cope with future Pentium releases and the P6 Overdrive chip. As the name implies, it



## Inside information

There are few motherboards and chipsets around at present which can cope with the P133 and above, therefore many vendors are using Intel-supplied kit. At the moment there are the Aladdin and Triton respectively for this class of processor, although the Endeavour (the next up from the Aladdin) will be on the market soon and is due to appear in the Viglen. There are good and bad aspects to using Intel motherboards and chipsets.

On the one hand, it's sensible to use components from the same source as the processors because the Intel designs are compatible and components become available earlier due to Intel's advance knowledge of a particular chip's design. Also, Intel sells many thousands of boards per year, and is able to plough a lot of funds into research and development.

On the other hand, to be dependent on a single source is to ask for trouble; if a manufacturer needs to add a particular functionality to the motherboard, it is unable to do so until its own and Intel's plans coincide. Only the biggest suppliers such as Dell, with its modified Aladdin design, are able to get around this. Yet the Triton is the only currently available chipset able to support EDO RAM and pipeline burst SRAM cache, although some vendors (including Opti) are building Triton-compatible chipsets.

The main advantage of EDO memory over standard memory (DRAM) is that it doesn't have to be refreshed as often, enabling two instead of the usual three wait states as the processor allows the RAM to be refreshed. This is because the information in each page of memory is passed to a set of secondary memory cells which retain it long enough for the memory to be refreshed. Although there is a price penalty for using EDO RAM instead of DRAM, it is not vast and will probably disappear altogether by early 1996.

Pipeline burst SRAM (static RAM) is a new kind of Level Two (L2) cache which uses synchrony with the clock speed to reduce the read time from a typical 3-2-2-2 for normal SRAM, to 2-1-1-1. It is difficult to get hold of just now, which is why many suppliers are including 256kb instead of 512kb, even though (as with EDO RAM) the price differential is not large, and the extra 256kb is well worth the price in terms of performance.

takes the Triton chipset with support for EDO RAM and pipeline burst cache.

There will be a couple of differences

between the board supplied for this test and those that will be sold by the time you read this: Socket 5, which holds the

processor will be upgraded to Socket 7, making the upgrade path much easier; and there will be a voltage regulator module (VRM) to allow the voltage to switch between 3.4 and 2.5v, as future chips will take the latter. More significantly, in the short term the standard 256kb pipeline cache on the motherboard will be made into a SIMM-type socket to support either 256kb or 512kb (as with other machines).

The Opus is sold very much as a "bare bones" machine. Instead of the increasingly popular software bundling options, such those offered by the likes of Gateway, it is supplied only with DOS and Windows. The graphics card, a Diamond Stealth 64 DRAM with 2Mb, is not the fastest ever to hit the market but it does the job adequately with the help of the 17in Panasonic monitor.

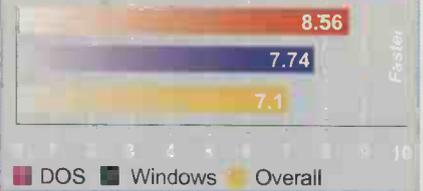
It's a shame that we didn't see more SCSI devices in our batch of machines on test. This hard disk, like many of the others, was PCI/EIDE but as the latest Fujitsu model (supporting Mode 4 PIO) it held 1Gb of data. There is room in the chassis for another hard disk with a 3.5in form factor and there are three front-access drive bays (two of which are 5.25in) for CD-ROMs and other peripherals. The 16Mb EDO RAM made this a perfectly usable machine but one which lacked sparkling performance. Indeed, in our tests, even the Panrix Micron P120 (see this month's *First Impressions*) achieved a score of 7.30 for a machine with a similar specification, against 7.10 for the Opus.



### Opus Pentium 133

#### Performance Graph

Hard Disk: 1Gb  
RAM: 16Mb



### Viglen Genie p5-133

The Genie has long been a successful range for Viglen (now owned by Amstrad) and the latest addition is this P133 model. Housed in a minitower case, its front boasts a quad-speed Toshiba XM-3501B CD-ROM drive and a 3.5in floppy drive, with two spare 5.25in drive bays, plus two spares for hard disks. Unfortunately the hard disk, a 2Gb Hewlett-Packard SCSI model, takes up

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another spare front-access bay which could have been used for a DAT or other peripheral instead.

Inside the case is one of the new Intel Endeavour motherboards. This is much like the Aladdin but has a slot for the manufacturer to add pipeline burst SRAM at the time of purchase (when supplies should improve) and includes a Creative Labs Vibra 16 chip as standard.

There are three ISA and four PCI slots and, as usual, one is shared. There are also two EIDE slots to cover both channels in case you have a sudden hankering for non-SCSI hard disks, although under most circumstances you would be well advised to stick with SCSI. A BIOS which allows SCSI detection at bootup, and plug and play compatibility, takes care of bootup nightmares following installation of a SCSI hard disk.

One of the PCI slots is filled with a Diamond Stealth 64 VRAM with an upgrade to 4Mb (the standard is 2Mb) and another with an Adaptec AHA-2940 SCSI controller. This is very nearly a top of the range controller, supporting Fast SCSI-2 (only the 2940W is slightly better, supporting SCSI-2 Fast and Wide).

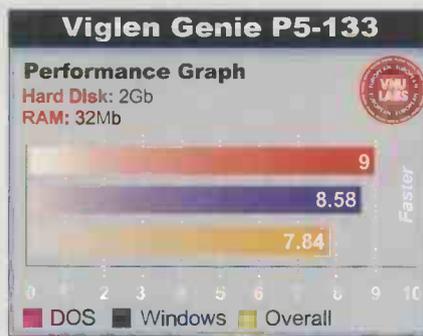
Adaptec is a trustworthy name in conjunction with SCSI because far more peripherals work with its cards than with Future Domain or other manufacturers' versions. This is more the case with scanners and tape drives than with hard drives but nevertheless could have a bearing on all SCSI peripherals. Although it comes in the form of a card rather than a motherboard chip, there is the neat addition of a Vibra 16S chip on the board to take care of sound requirements — and this works even without external speakers.

Memory requirements are taken care of with the 32Mb EDO RAM, filling all four SIMM slots, and a small plug-in card allows pipeline burst cache to be added: this machine comes with 256kb, but 512kb would no doubt make for a decent

improvement in performance.

The Genie's performance was great and it came third in our tests, with a score of 7.84. It came second in the Windows tests, making it particularly suitable for that environment. The £4,370 price tag, however, makes it the most expensive machine in this review. As was the case with all the 32Mb machines, the extra 16Mb was unnecessary for our testing purposes, so this would have brought its price down by £700 or so.

It's a pity that an otherwise really good specification has been let down by small items: the 256kb of cache instead of 512kb, the 70ns RAM instead of 60ns, and the bad positioning of the hard disk, for example. But that is not to say this isn't a good computer. The inclusion of Encarta, Money, Musical Instruments, Golf and Works adds value, though not sufficiently to lighten the heavy price tag. If you're committed to Viglens and don't mind the price, this is a great machine.



### Conclusion

Despite the many similarities between the computers reviewed in this group, there are still differences. The Triton chipset is universal, and all the manufacturers capitalise on its ability to support EDO RAM and pipeline burst caches. But among the many differences are EIDE versus SCSI, 16Mb versus 32Mb RAM, and 256kb versus 512kb cache; all are problems manufacturers have resolved in different ways.

The vast overall price difference between these five machines narrows for similar specifications so it is worth checking the detail closely before condemning any computer as being too expensive. Twenty-one inch monitors and 32Mb RAM add substantially to the prices, particularly when one considers that neither items affected our test results (see the "Test results note" panel below).

All the computers in this test are from reputable manufacturers, and all except the Opus (narrowly beaten by a high-specification Panrix P120) are faster than any other computer ever to have been through the VNU European Labs testing facility.

But three computers outshine the rest — the Gateway, the Dell and the Elonex. Gateway is clearly maintaining its tradition of assembling high-quality components and selling them cheaply. Even though its 133MHz machine was not at the top of our speed tests, its performance is perfectly adequate and its bundled software turns it into a great deal. Gateway's reputation has survived unscathed.

The Elonex is for those who appreciate the internals: on-board SCSI and EIDE, an upgradable cache slot and a great BIOS, as well as a 2Gb hard disk, a six-speed CD-ROM drive and a motherboard designed and manufactured by Elonex in the UK. This all adds up to a great performer with a lot of expandability, and it therefore comes highly recommended.

The outright winner has to be the Dell Dimension XPS P133c. A tidy price belies its power and it is capable of pretty much everything you could want, from video playback to just plain, fast performance in everyday applications.

### Test results note



A consideration has arisen, for the first time in our tests, which is important to bear in mind when reading this review (especially of the Gateway 2000). In our NSTL tests, which were designed to use everyday applications such as Word and Excel, memory above 16Mb is hardly used at all, so the higher-priced machine would achieve almost the same test result as a 16Mb machine. For example, we tested the Elonex with 32Mb and then with 16Mb: the test results were 8.08 and 8.05 respectively.

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# The big Apple

**Cream of the latest crop of Apples is the 9500, a PowerMac workstation which boasts a brand-new processor, PCI slots and enhanced network capabilities. The result is a veritable Rolls-Royce of a machine which will leave almost any PC standing.**

**Chris Cain tried hard to keep up with it.**

**N**ow that Apple has brought PowerPC to the high street with its Performa range, the Cupertino-based company is gearing itself for a far more important event. After much speculation in both the industry and the press, including *PCW*, June saw the launch of the first of a new generation of high-end PowerMacs.

Originally known as Tsunami, the Power Macintosh 9500 breaks away from existing Apple designs to set a new standard. With an all-new RISC processor, redesigned motherboard and the adoption of Intel PCI expansion slots, it could well prove to be an even bigger hit than the originals.

At first glance the PowerMac 9500 is certainly impressive, with a chassis based on the original Quadra 800 design. The case is taller and slightly wider than its predecessor, but the curved fascia, small rounded feet and smiling floppy drive retain their unique charm. Apart from its size, the rest of the front is exactly the same as before. The obvious differences only become apparent when you move around to the rear.

At the back of the 9500 are two GeoPort/LocalTalk-compatible serial ports, a pair of 3.5mm jacks for 16-bit stereo sound in and out, external SCSI, an ADB connector and both AAUI-15 and

10BaseT Ethernet ports. You can't use both simultaneously, but the additional 10BaseT socket eliminates the need for a transceiver when connecting to this type of network. Another noticeable change is that there's no motherboard video socket even though the case has been designed to handle one. The 9500's video connector is on a plug-in PCI video card.

Any standard ADB keyboard can be attached to the 9500, including the highly desirable Apple ergonomic affair. Annoyingly, the company still doesn't supply either a keyboard or monitor as standard, so these items must be purchased separately. The lack of monitor is understandable as many people buy large third-party screens for their Macs, but why the company doesn't just supply its extended keyboard as standard across the range is beyond me. At least a mouse is supplied in the box.

#### **Inside the case**

In general, Macintosh motherboards are well laid out and lifting the lid on this machine reveals a remarkably clean design. The overall chip and component count is surprisingly low for the features on offer. Unfortunately, removing the motherboard is still the pain it always was with this particular case design. The 9500's main processor and system clock





PowerMac 9500

sit under a vast, spiky, silver heatsink on a separate plug-in daughterboard.

At the heart of this Mac is the brand-new PowerPC604, the next-generation RISC processor designed jointly by IBM, Motorola and Apple. This interesting and extremely powerful chip is aimed primarily at high-end desktops, workstations and servers, it's 50 per cent faster than the 601 at the same clockspeed and can execute up to four instructions per clock cycle. The 604 in the 9500 runs at either 120MHz or 132MHz depending on the configuration and is backed up by an external 512kb Level 2 cache. The 9500 motherboard can support up to a 150MHz version. For a more detailed look at this new processor see the "Motorola 604" panel on page 442.

Another new feature, although not instantly visible, is the main system RAM. The 9500 uses 168-pin 64-bit Dual In-Line Memory Modules (DIMMs) as opposed to the 32-bit Single In-Line Memory Modules (SIMMs) used on other Macs and PCs. The new memory architecture allows the 604 to work with data at the full bus width and supports up to 768Mb on board with two banks of six slots. When fitting memory you don't need to install identical DIMMs in all slots,

but if two of the same type are placed next to each other the system can take advantage of memory interleaving to give theoretical 128-bit access for improved performance. Standard configurations ship with either 16 or 32Mb.

#### All change

The other main difference between the 9500 and existing PowerMacs is the welcome switch from the ageing NuBus expansion architecture to the industry-standard Peripheral Component Interconnect (PCI) bus design from Intel. Apple had been wanting to do this for some time but needed to retain high compatibility during its transition from CISC to RISC machines. Running at 33MHz PCI offers significantly higher performance, with a typical data throughput of 90Mb/sec on writes, 45Mb/sec on reads and a theoretical maximum throughput of 132Mb/sec. In contrast, NuBus runs at 10MHz, supports a theoretical maximum of 40Mb/sec, and reads and writes at 20Mb/sec and 32Mb/sec respectively.

The PCI chipset in the 9500 is Apple's

own design and fully conforms to the current 2.0 specification. It supports Open Firmware, which is a standard (IEEE 1275) for booting cards in an OS-independent environment. Open Firmware allows manufacturers to produce boards that work with several operating systems, including of course the Mac OS.

In theory, as long as an existing PCI card is compliant with the 2.0 specification and a suitable Mac OS driver is installed, it should be compatible with PCI PowerMacs. Future cards will contain both PowerPC and 80x86 drivers in ROM and boot into the correct mode on startup. Companies already pledging support for Mac PCI cards and Mac OS drivers include ATI, Diamond Multimedia, Farallon, FWB, Linotype-Hell, miro Computer, Radius, Second Wave and YARC Systems.

The PCI slots are not NuBus compatible, but to protect any potential

upgrader's investments in old cards, a NuBus to PCI expansion chassis is being developed by a third party to let users put these products in the 9500. Having said this, the benefits offered by PCI are likely to make most people re-invest, as in the PC world.

Apple supplies a PCI video card with the 9500/120. The review model was fitted with a Weitek 9100-based board from Radius, with 2Mb VRAM and an IBM RAMDAC, but the final shipping machine is likely to appear with an ATI product of similar specifications. Either way the standard machine will support displays up to 832x624 pixels in 24 bits for millions of colours, 1024x768 and 1152x870 pixels in thousands of colours, and 1280x1024 pixels in 256 colours. In Apple-speak the machine will support up to 21in monitors.

Expanding the graphics card to 4Mb of VRAM will provide millions of colours in all modes up to 1152x870 pixels, and thousands in the highest resolution.

To keep compatibility with existing Mac screens, both the Radius and ATI cards have a normal Apple 15-pin D connector. A convertor will be available for use with the more common PC-style plug, and the possibility of cards appearing with both has not been ruled out.

Mass storage in the 9500 is taken care of by either a 1Gb or 2Gb SCSI hard drive, depending on the machine's configuration. As luck would have it, the review model ran at 132MHz but only came with a 1Gb IBM drive. A Sony quad-speed SCSI CD-ROM drive is also fitted in all configurations. The SCSI buses deliver 10Mb/sec externally and 5Mb/sec internally.

The only other noteworthy component on the 9500 motherboard is its huge 4Mb ROM SIMM. As well as general PowerMac operating code, this contains the necessary bits to cope with PCI and an improved dynamic version of the 68K emulator for running older Mac software. The dynamic emulator has the ability to cache its

*Detailed annotated print of 604 internals*

**The Motorola 601** processor was a roaring success for Apple, but though it performed well against the Pentium processor it was really only a stopgap product: a "quick and dirty" redesign of the IBM POWER RISC chipset which shrunk it onto a single chip. The

604 is the 601 "done properly": it has several integer units, better multiprocessor support and special features like speculative execution which Intel's next generation P6 processor promises. Taken together, these features make the 604 roughly 50 percent faster than a 601 at the same speed and it has comparable performance to Intel's P6 (which has yet to ship).

Its six execution units can handle as many as four instructions per clock cycle. There are two "single cycle" integer units (these carry out simple instructions like add and rotate in a single clock cycle), one multi-cycle integer unit for more complicated operations, a branch processing unit, a load/store unit and a floating point unit. It is unlikely to manage four instructions per cycle as this assumes instructions will be read from memory in the optimum order, but a number of advanced techniques have been employed to get the best possible performance out of the chip, particularly speculative execution, register renaming and dynamic branch prediction. Essentially, what these allow the 604 to do is to "guess" what it will be called upon to do next, and work ahead; if the processor guessed right,

some of its work will have been done in advance. Otherwise, the work completed to date is discarded. Most of these techniques are also used in Intel's P6.

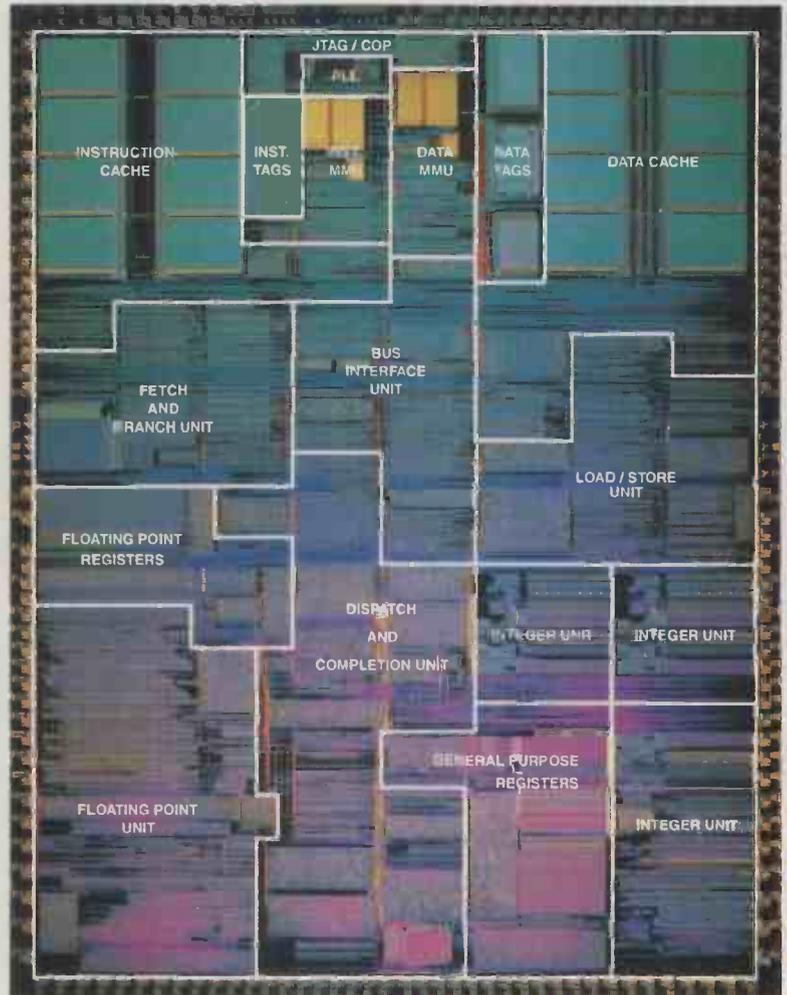
Like most modern processors the 604 can support several bus speeds; it is clock tripled when working with the 9500's 44MHz bus, but if a manufacturer made a 60MHz motherboard, it would work as if clock-doubled on a 120MHz 604. Unfortunately there's still a slight speed bottleneck when talking with a separate secondary cache.

In order to get around this with the P6, Intel chose to build its secondary cache into the chip itself. This allows the CPU to communicate with the secondary cache at full speed, but adds to the cost of the whole chip and effectively limits the P6 to a single cache size.

Motorola has managed to retain a lead over Intel; the first systems containing the 604 are available now, while we are still awaiting a P6-based system. Additionally, the P6 costs significantly more to manufacture than the 604 because it contains more transistors.

**David Brake**

## Motorola 604



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instructions, and so runs 68K apps much faster than the original shipped with existing machines.

According to Apple, existing PowerMac users can obtain the dynamic emulator by installing System 7.5 update 1.0 available from various on-line services and dealers.

**In use**

The PowerMac 9500 ships with System 7.5.2, an OS release updated for the inclusion of PCI and the 604 processor. It also comes with Open Transport, a new network communications architecture that provides a common user interface across different networks, for greatly simplified access and improved control for administrators.

With Open Transport developers have a unified set of APIs that allow them to write a single application that automatically supports all major networking protocols. Users can buy applications without worrying about what sort of network they're connected to, and system administrators can update, re-route or replace networking systems without disrupting users' applications. In short, it makes networking interoperability easier for everyone. Look out for more information on working with Open Transport in a forthcoming *Hands On Macintosh* feature.

Apart from a deeper chime on startup, the 9500 doesn't appear any different from existing products when you switch it on. A little exploration reveals a new Sleep option in the Finder's Special menu, implemented due to new US design regulations, which temporarily puts the machine in standby mode (as with notebooks). Apart from this, the Finder is unchanged. The difference is in the speed.

Using Speedometer, the unofficial standard for Macintosh benchmarking, the 9500/132 returned an overall performance rating of 7.25. To put that in context, an 8100/80AV scored 2.84 using the same version.

Tests with commonly used functions in PowerPC native Photoshop 3.0 also demonstrated the 604's power. Using the JPEG image called Frames from Adobe's tutorial, conversion between RGB and CMYK colourspace, including the time to build the initial table, took two or three seconds. The same function performed on a top-of-the-range 8100/110 takes nine seconds. Running the popular Crystallise filer across the same image took six seconds, while the 8100 took

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Processor	604	P6
Clockspeed	120 and 133MHz	133MHz Performance
SpecInt92/SpecFP92	180/180 (at 120MHz) 200/200 (at 133MHz)	(no 120MHz part) 200/(floating point not known)
Number of transistors	3.6M	5.5M (plus 15M for secondary cache)
Caches	16kb instruction, 16kb cache	8kb instruction, 8kb cache, 256kb L2 cache
Process	.5 micron	.6 micron
Bus width	64-bits internal, 32-bits external	64-bits internal, 36-bits external
Peak power dissipation	13W (at 100MHz)	20W

double this amount of time. A Pentium 90MHz takes 14 seconds to run Crystallise and 12 seconds for the colour conversion.

Other subjective tests revealed a noticeable speed increase over existing products with both 68K emulated software and native code. Strangely, the native version of Microsoft Word 6.0 was still slow compared to its Windows counterpart running on a Pentium. I'll leave you to draw your own conclusions.

No software compatibility problems were encountered with the 604 during the test period, but the current version 2.0 of Apple's GeoPort software will not work on this machine.

Possibly the only let-down during testing was the speed of the Radius video card. The Weitek 9100 is a powerful chip, yet the performance of 24-bit QuickTime movies wasn't as good as we had expected. Multimedia is a prime niche for this machine but Apple could not show any sizeable files which didn't suffer from the occasional glitch. Nevertheless, a demonstration of the PowerMac version of LucasArts' smash hit Dark Forces ran smoothly at 640x400 pixels.

**Conclusion**

Apple claims the new 604 processor makes the PowerMac 9500 the fastest single-processor workstation for under £8,000, and after testing I can well believe it. I thought the office 8100 was a speedy machine, but the 9500 is clearly something else. If your work depends on power-intensive applications like Photoshop or Quark, this machine would do

wonders for your productivity. In addition, the current version of System 7.5 is still around 80 percent emulated: it will be interesting to see how this performs in the future with the new Copland operating system.

But more important than the speed is the breakaway design and adoption of the industry standard PCI bus. NuBus has held the Mac architecture back for years, while PC expansion has sped ahead with new technology for faster



and faster performance. Apple is at last catching up and remaining true to its new policy of "standing out while fitting in".

The PowerMac 9500 may not create quite as big a splash as the Macintosh II or the first PowerMacs, but in many ways it is even more important. And a lot faster. Now, how about that long-term loan?

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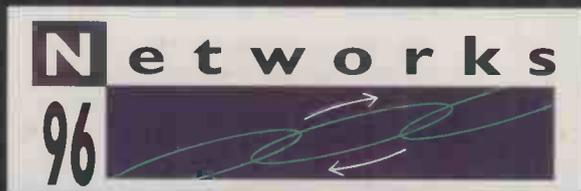


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The popular image of a PC-manufacturing plant as a vast building which produces everything from chip to casing could hardly be further from the truth. Ben Tisdall took a look around Apricot's R&D centre in Birmingham and discovered the real story behind the birth of a PC.

# How a PC is made

**T**he heart of Apricot's R&D centre is a cramped, rather tatty office. Under a desk sits an aged Apricot portable, one of Apricot's first ever products and the first PC to include voice recognition. In another corner sits a pile of old *Byte* magazines and on the wall is a picture of an AC Cobra.

The office belongs to Peter Horton, technical director of Apricot, and the man with overall charge of the design of Apricot's PCs. The R&D centre itself is in a building that sits on the edge of Birmingham University's campus and is where over a hundred engineers, designers and technicians design motherboards, plastics and specifications for each new PC, write the system software, measure the radio emissions, optimise the BIOS and finally, test the complete systems.

Apricot is one of the largest UK PC manufacturers and the only one which still designs and manufactures its own PCs and PC motherboards in the UK. All of which makes it ideal for a look at how PCs are designed and manufactured.

Apricot's first products weren't even PC compatible but the company has long since joined the mainstream and now produces PC-compatible desktops and servers. Since 1990 it's been owned by Mitsubishi and has a turnover target this year of £125m — small-fry compared with an IBM or a Compaq but it still puts Apricot into the UK's top ten PC manufacturers. That said, Apricot is acutely aware that to survive in the long term it needs to grow, and its target is to reach a £500m turnover by the year 2000.

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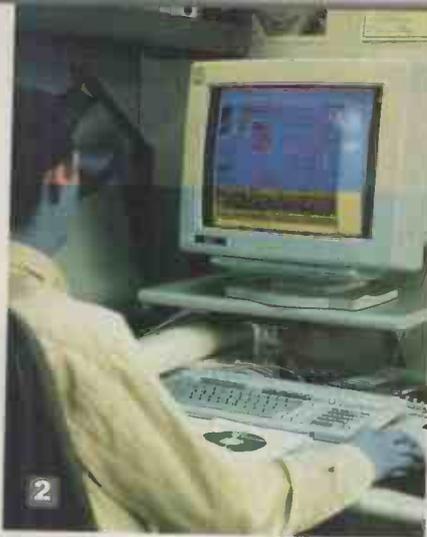
When we visited Apricot in May, design work was in progress on the company's new line of Pentium desktops. On a CAD workstation the plastics for the fascia were being designed. A 3D modelling package called Pro Engineer running on Windows NT on Apricot PCs is used to design the plastics. These are then saved and sent over to Rover's plant near Coventry or to the Rolls Royce plant at Bristol for prototypes to be produced.

The car plants use a process called 3D stereolithography which is best described as an ice-cube melting in a glass of water, but in reverse. A laser is trained on a tank of resin. In about 24 hours layers of hardened resin are built up and a complete prototype of the fascia can be lifted out of the liquid. Each prototype costs between £2,000 and £3,500, which sounds a lot until you consider that in the past, a prototype would have to have been hand-made by a model-maker from AutoCAD drawings. The new resin process means a much faster turnaround and far finer tolerances.

Once the designers are satisfied with the prototype, the files are sent to another company which uses computer-guided milling machines to cut the injection-moulding tools out of steel. These are then used for manufacturing the plastics. The tool-making is an expensive process and the bezel for a PC costs as much as £50,000. Once the tools have been made, yet another company manufactures the finished plastics.



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- 1** The monitor shows the 3D model of the bezel for Apricot's new bezel. The prototype, produced using 3D stereolithography, is in the foreground
- 2** Designing the PCB circuit diagrams
- 3** A microscope attached to a video camera and a monitor takes the pain out of diagnosing motherboard faults
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- 8** Examining a finished board for defects
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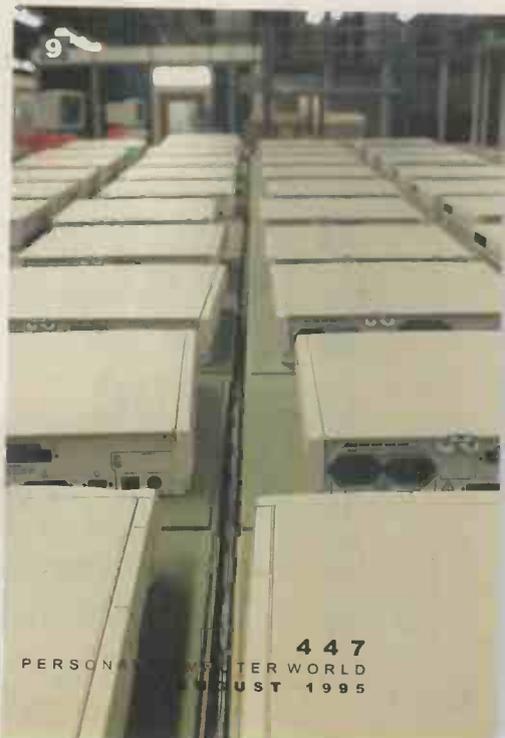
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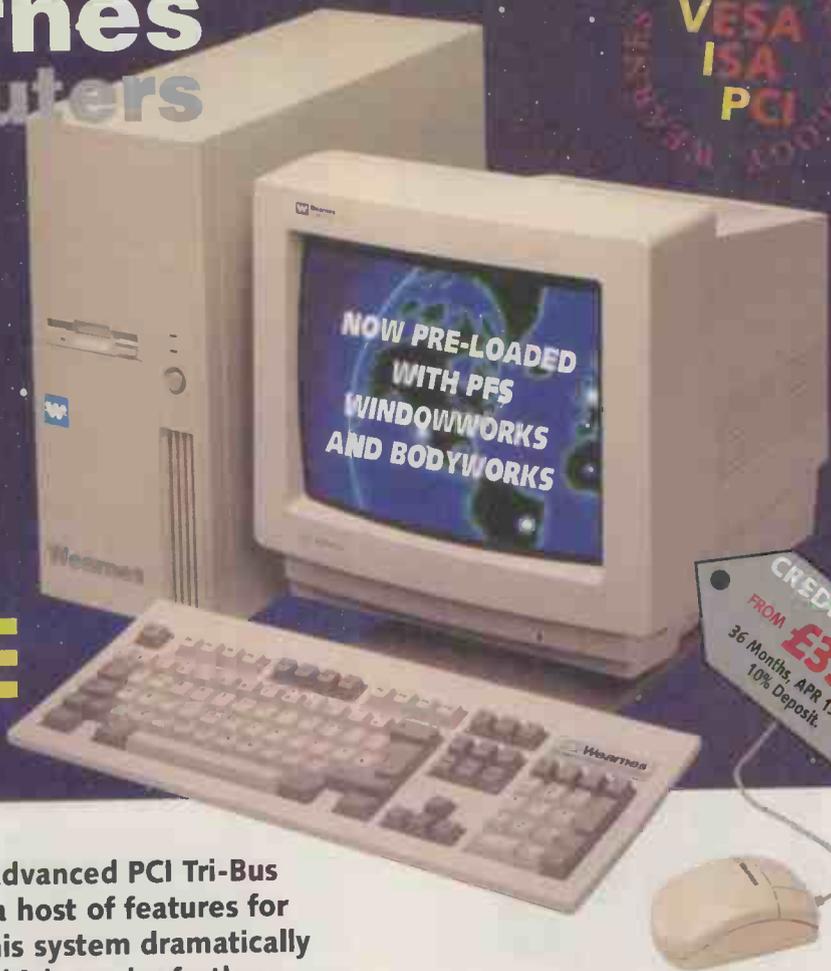
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In another part of the R&D centre work on a new motherboard is well advanced. The first step in designing a motherboard is to draw up a specification for the features it requires. Next, work begins on the PCB (printed circuit board) design. A standard four-layer PCB is composed of two layers which provide the tracks which link the components together, and two thin layers of copper which supply power and ground to all the components.

Only ten years ago PCB design was done manually. To produce a multi-layer PCB several sheets of translucent paper were used and an initial design was done using wax pencils. The crayon lines were gone over using crêpe tape, basically very thin strips of black sticky tape. Finally, a photo-lithographic process created the separate layers of the PCB.

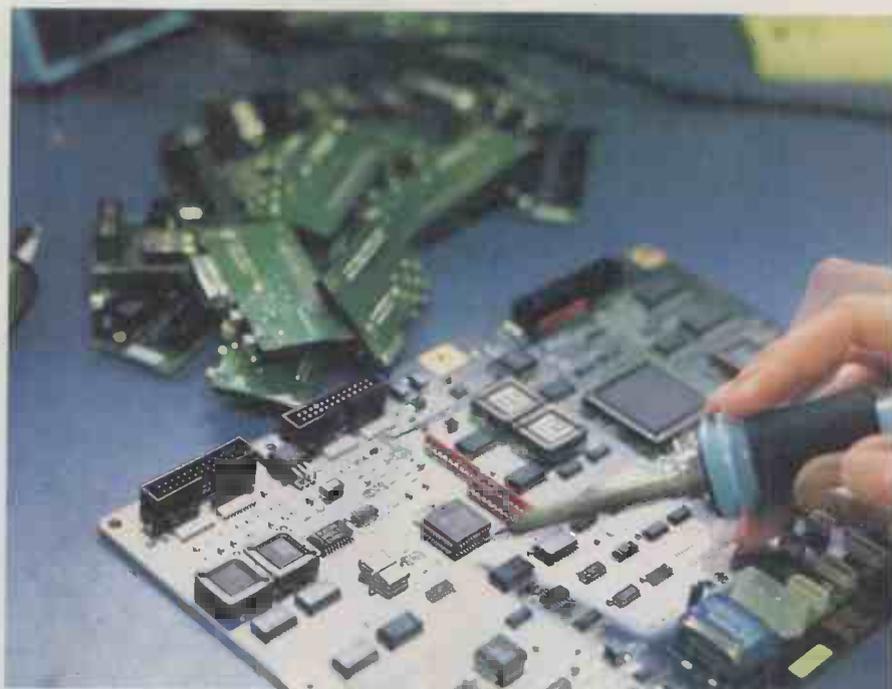
Just as DTP has revolutionised magazine production, CAD has revolutionised PCB design and allows the incredibly high density of tracks on a modern PC motherboard. A mid-range PC motherboard has 4,000 connections and drawing the wiring diagram for a single motherboard takes four to ten weeks, partly because it's the kind of job that can only be done by one person. The completed drawing is then sent to a PCB manufacturing company for manufacture.

### Control over costs

The PCB is one of the few costs that PC manufacturers have a fair degree of control over. Smaller boards save on raw material costs but to keep costs down manufacturing complexity has to be kept to a minimum. Double-sided PCBs put costs up because at the manufacturing stage, each board has to go through the surface-mounting machinery twice. Six-layer PCBs put costs up and the ultra-narrow tracks used on many notebook motherboards also cost more.

Sometimes trade-offs are made for a fast result. Apricot's first Pentium motherboard was based on a six-layer PCB, LPX (standard motherboard) size, and was significantly larger than the new Pentium board it is now working on, but at the time it was important to get a product onto the market quickly. A six-layer PCB cost £25 to £30, or roughly 50 per cent more than a four-layer, and in a market as competitive as PC manufacturing that's a significant difference.

This board is still competitive but in six months' time it won't be. Apricot showed us a beta DVT (Design Verification Test) version of its board. The role of the board is the same and the connectors are in the



*Hand-building a prototype motherboard*

same place, but the new board, due out in September, is smaller, less than full LPX length, so that four boards rather than two can be cut out of a single sheet of laminate. It also has significantly fewer components. As Apricot's electronic design manager, Phil Caldwell, explained: "The manufacturing panel is a sheet of laminate measuring around 18x25in, and they make multiple PCBs from that panel. The standard LPX size is just the wrong shape to tessellate nicely into that panel. We reduced to length to get twice as many PCBs out of one panel."

Apricot hopes the new board, out in September, will put them significantly ahead of the Taiwanese. Phil Caldwell again: "It's not just playing catch-up. Where this board is ahead of the Taiwanese is in some of the components and the specification." These include the inclusion of a Creative Labs Vibra16 SoundBlaster chip on the motherboard, a front-mounted headphone jack on the motherboard, and the capability of taking live video from a TV card. Thought has also gone into making the SIMM sockets accessible and putting disk connectors in convenient places.

Once the PCB has been designed, board testing begins. It takes a technician two to three days to hand-build a motherboard, which isn't bad considering it includes 2,000 solder joints, many of them extremely small. It normally takes about 10 board prototypes to reach a reasonably stable board. The next stage is to have manufactured a small run of 30 to 50 boards,

which can be tested. This extensive testing of the motherboards includes RFI testing, as well as testing them with a complete set of components. Finally, prototypes move on to the final stage, verifying design quality, where complete systems are tested with a range of components, leading peripherals and popular software packages.

### Manufacturing

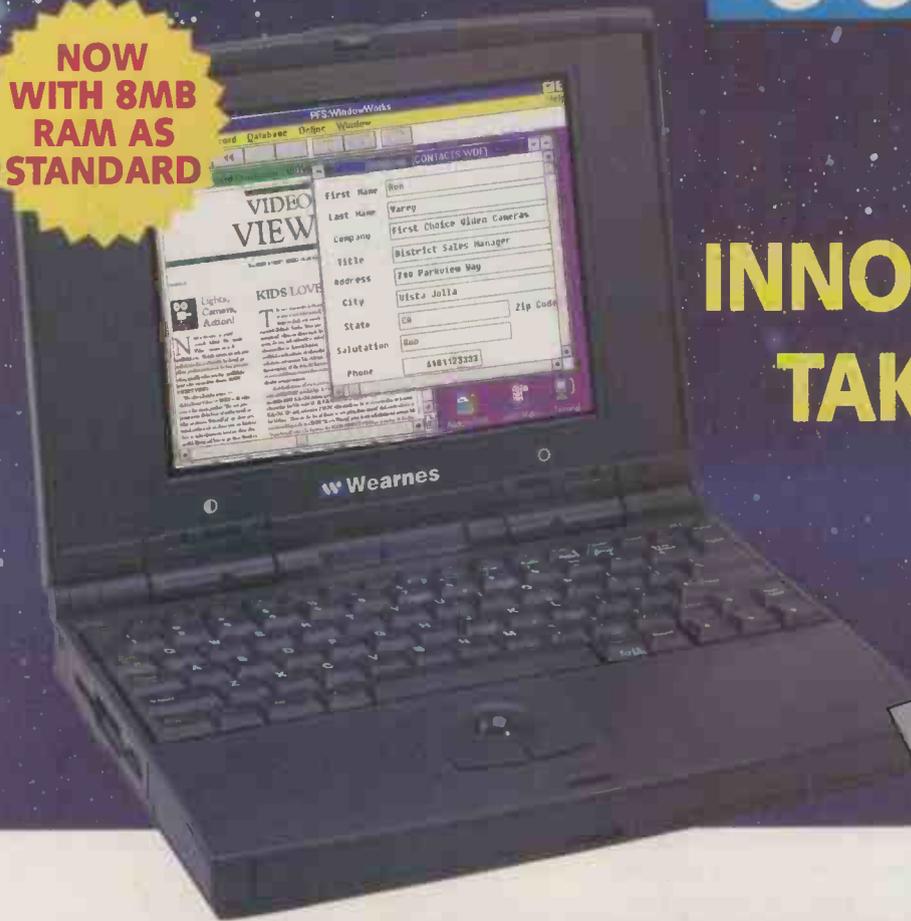
Most people's idea of PC manufacturing is a huge gleaming factory somewhere manned by people in white coats, where container loads of raw materials are delivered and at the other end boxes containing PCs emerge to be delivered to customers. The real thing is rather different. For a start, the average PC is produced from components supplied by a bewildering range of different manufacturers. You probably know that hard disks and memory are produced by a handful of specialised manufacturers, but you might be surprised to learn that the chips which populate a typical motherboard will have been manufactured by 20 or more different companies.

Even a company which specialises in hard disks won't necessarily get involved in every stage of manufacture. Quantum, for example, which supplies most of Apricot's hard disks, designs hard disks which are then manufactured by the Japanese company Matsushita, better known as Panasonic/Technics. This



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Apricot's manufacturing is based in Scotland, in Silicon Glen. The factory used to belong to Burroughs, one of the big computer companies of the sixties and seventies, so when Apricot moved in 12 years ago it was able to take on a lot of the skilled staff who worked for Burroughs. The manufacturing falls into two categories: the high-tech automated surface-mount assembly, and low-tech labour-intensive assembly.

The first process on the surface-mount line is screen-printing the solder paste onto the PCB. Different templates are used for each board. Next, big, expensive machines place each component onto the PCB. Finally, the board goes through an infra-red oven to fix the chips in place. On Apricot's current Pentium motherboard, Jade, 94 per cent of the 567 components are placed automatically. The remaining 30, mainly connectors and larger components, are positioned by hand. All boards go through a range of tests, from a visual inspection



*The RFI testing chamber. This room is lined with steel and is impervious to electro-magnetic emissions*

to automated testing of the circuitry.

Apricot is confident its SMT line can compete with the Far East. Apricot's purchasing and materials director, Kevin Carson, said: "On a component cost basis we can compete with the rest of the world. From the manufacturing point of view, provided you're manufacturing

100,000 boards a month you can compete, and an SMT line costs about the same to run anywhere in the world because it's not labour intensive."

The most surprising thing about PC assembly is how low-tech it all is. A few years ago IBM invested a reputed £20 million in an almost completely automated PC plant. It was a disaster. The name of the game in PC manufacturing nowadays is flexibility; being able to respond quickly to market changes. Apricot is currently crossing over from a conventional production line with a series of stations where each person does a certain amount of assembly, to one where one or two people assemble complete PCs.

The process starts with a "common assembly", which is the case fitted with a power supply. One or two operators then do the assembly and the burning in. The increasingly modular design of PCs has reduced the time it takes to assemble a PC to ten minutes, down from half an hour or more a few years ago. Because the PCs are assembled one at a time, Apricot is able to build to order so that customers get exactly what they want.

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## The Shogun Project

Apricot was looking for a product to replace its existing high-end server, FTS, a purpose-built file server that was first launched with a 486 processor in 1989. In fact, it was the first 486-based PC to ship. Apricot was looking for a complete integrated chassis and a design which would go past Pentium and P6. In addition, the machine needed to be acceptable to both the UK and the Japanese markets.

Apricot believed that a lot of people wanted to consolidate. Lots of companies have a proliferation of small networks, all with small PC servers, and find them unmanageable. Many companies, Apricot believed, were looking for more powerful servers with multi-processor capability, lots of scalability, a high degree of reliability (with Raid subsystems) and systems manageability — in short, many of the qualities normally associated with minis and mainframes.

Parent company Mitsubishi had a background in mini and mainframe products and supplied engineers for the project. Although the language barrier presented some problems, a larger hurdle was trying to bring the two engineering cultures together. As Apricot's Peter Pearson explained: "The Japanese were quite conservative so there was a balance to be found between imbuing the design with

mainframe-like robustness and design engineering practices (which are so important to create a quality product), and getting all this at the right price."

UK engineers did all the mechanical and electrical engineering. Where Mitsubishi took the lead was in the systems management capability — the front panel systems controller and the firmware, although Apricot designed the Windows application that talks to the system management.

In many cases Apricot had to take a fresh look at PC design conventions. As Phil Caldwell, electronic design manager at Apricot, explained: "Typical PCs have power supplies with masses of wires coming out of them. The heaviest connection is the one for the motherboard, with a maximum current of about 15A." Shogun, with as many as four CPUs, perhaps a couple of gigabytes of RAM and masses of hard disk space, needed a massive power supply and uses a 5v rail capable of up to 120A. "When you start pumping that through conventional cables and crimps, it's a different world."

Apricot came up with metal bars instead of the usual tangle of cables. "Being a piece of metal it's cheap, but can take enormous current. It aligned perfectly with what we were trying to do." But this created its own problems. Over time PCBs will shrink, which could compromise a bus-bar directly

connected to a PCB. Apricot used a technology supplied by the Japanese engineers — cage nuts, a box-like nut which sits proud of the PCB and to which the bus-bar can be bolted.

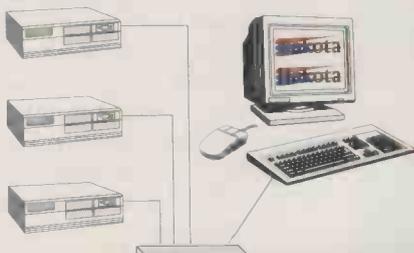
The hot-swap drives are another area which needed a lot of engineering input. According to Pearson, the process goes like this: "You prototype, you model it, you do all the tolerance checking, you build it, you trial it. It's a process of continual refinement." Here Apricot innovated by using a flexible back plane, to allow for the different expansion coefficients of the disk drive housings and the PCB the drives plug in to. The principle is the same as putting an expansion joint into a bridge.

Fairly late in the design process Apricot changed its power supply supplier. The previous supplier wasn't meeting its reliability goals so Apricot switched to Unipower. Shogun's multi-processor, multi-PCI slot design was a challenge technically, especially bridging two PCI buses together. Four high-clockspeed processors in one case also create the problem of RFI (radio frequency emission), which apparently is more of a black art than a science.

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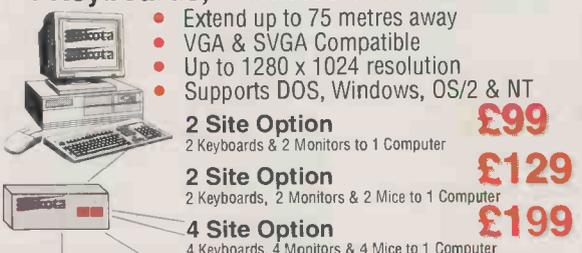
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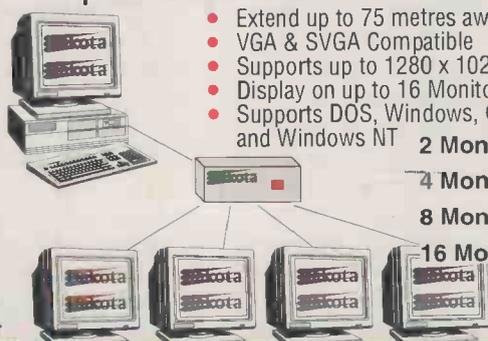
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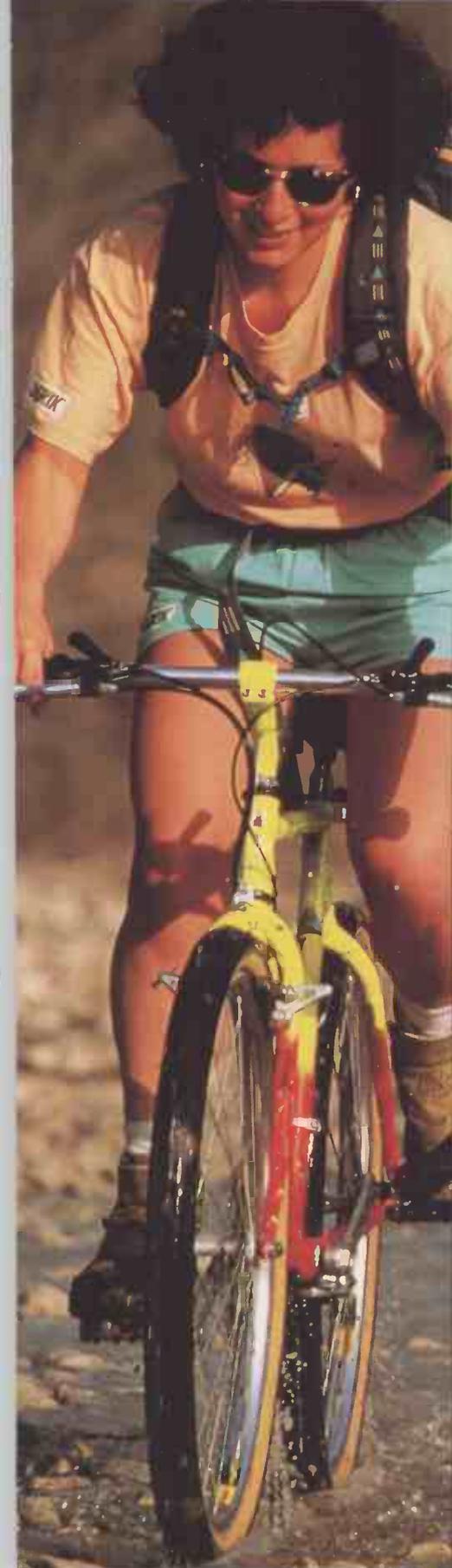
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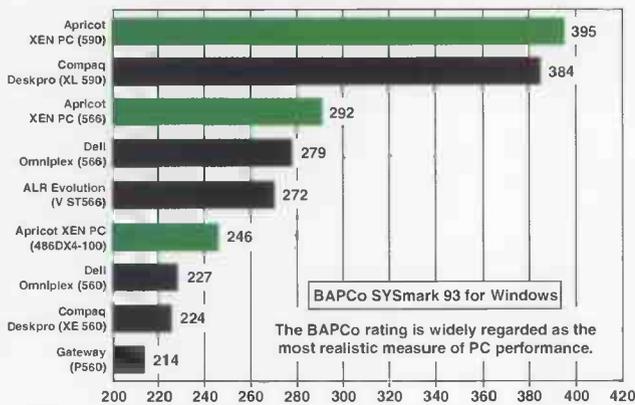
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# Fine print

Colour printing used to be thought of as an expensive and esoteric luxury, but during the past few years the printer market has become one of the most dynamic sectors of the computer industry. We review 20 colour printers and find something for everyone.

Printer Photography by Bruce Mackie

Not so long ago colour printing was considered by most people to be an expensive and unobtainable luxury. Being far more complex than monochrome printers, virtually all colour printers were beyond the pocket of individual buyers and small businesses.

Over the past few years however, the printer market has become one of the most dynamic sectors of the computer industry. Rapidly changing technology has made printers smaller, faster, and more diverse in their capabilities. Consequently, attitudes have changed; colour printers are no longer seen as an indulgence but rather as affordable and even necessary.

Today there are several types of colour printer, each designed for different applications. Inkjets are the cheapest colour technology and we've included a selection of desktop and portable models starting at street prices of around £250. We've also included a selection of colour lasers and some high-end dye-diffusion printers designed for the production of high-quality photographic output.

It may seem strange to compare an inkjet printer costing £230 with a dye-diffusion or laser printer costing several thousand pounds, but the point of this group test is to cover a number of different technologies with a variety of output qualities, so you can see exactly what you can get for your money. You may find you don't need what you first thought you needed.

All of the printers included in this review were put through our European Labs printer tests which enabled us to rank them in terms of performance and quality. But a full assessment of any equipment must also refer to the general ease of use. When you're setting up a printer for the first time and installing consumables, many factors affect how easy the process will be; the first and most obvious is the accessibility of all components. This,

combined with the clarity of the manuals, helps you build an overall picture of the equipment and the expertise of the manufacturer.

But it's not entirely fair to judge a printer merely by the quality of explanations in the manual; in practice, manuals tend to be unavailable when things go wrong, and most of the time, printer problems are fixed by using a mixture of common sense and guesswork. So, when it came to usability testing, many of the operations were deliberately carried out without the use of documentation.

Another important factor is the quality of the drivers supplied; some companies are more reliable when it comes to updating drivers for new software products and operating systems, and this has also been taken into account.

**Eleanor Turton-Hill**

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### Canon BJC-70

The BJC-70 is the smallest inkjet printer we've seen and unsurprisingly is intended for portable use. Until now, the only truly portable printers have used thermal transfer technologies, which increase cost and reduce quality. The BJC-70 is different. Although it still fits into the portable category, measuring just 300 x 156mm, it doesn't compromise on quality.

When printing in colour the resolution is a respectable 360 x 360dpi and banding goes unnoticed. Mono printing benefits from edge smoothing, or resolution



enhancement, effectively increasing the resolution to 720 x 360dpi.

Installation of the Windows drivers is a breeze and includes 20 TrueType fonts. Drivers for most DOS applications are also included, and Windows users will find that all its features can be accessed through the driver. For DOS users there is an intuitive LCD control panel allowing you to select one of seven resident fonts and access the page-reduction features.

The paper feed takes 30 sheets up to A4 in size, or five envelopes. It prints on a variety of media including coated, high-gloss and transparencies. We tested the output

with all of these and were particularly impressed with the high-gloss output.

The printer is supplied with two ink cartridges, CMYK and a black cartridge for mono printing, and switching between the two is simple. Although the BJC-70 is aimed at portable users it would make an ideal low-volume, high-quality home printer.

**Steven Helstrip**

#### PCW Details

##### Canon BJC-70

Price RRP £299; street £229

Contact Canon UK 0181 773 3171

**Good Points** Maintenance-free, portable, excellent output; the list goes on...

**Bad Points** None worth mentioning.

**Conclusion** The best truly portable printer yet.

### Citizen PN60

This printer from Citizen is the smallest in this group test, measuring only 10 x 1.85in and weighing just 500g, but amazingly it also produces colour output. It comes in the form of a small grey box with four buttons on the top left-hand side. A flap opens out towards the front forming a paper guide, and a tiny piece of plastic on the flap slides to the side so that you can adjust for letter-size paper.

On the top, to the right-hand side are four buttons and five indicator lights. The power button must be held down for two seconds before the printer springs to life.



You then need to feed a sheet of paper manually into the paper guide flap. This has to be done carefully to make sure the paper goes in absolutely straight.

A battery supplied with the PN60 clips on to the base and increases the weight of the box to 700g. When fully charged, this allows you to print about 50 pages. An optional adaptor lets you use your car battery as a power source.

The actual printing process is painfully

slow, ticking by at just 2ppm, but the quality of text and colour output is surprisingly good. The colour output from this printer is not intended for full-size A4 pictures as the cartridges cannot really sustain this, but as a way of highlighting presentation-type documents, it works well.

**Eleanor Turton-Hill**

#### PCW Details

##### Citizen PN60

Price RRP £349; street £329

Contact Citizen 01753 584111

**Good Points** Small and light; reasonable print quality.

**Bad Points** Cartridges run out very quickly; slight patchiness on text and colour output.

**Conclusion** Perfect for anyone constantly on the move.

### Citizen Project IIc

Compared to the Olivetti JP450, this Citizen printer is somewhat frustrating. It's much smaller than the Olivetti, and the paper tray, instead of being accessible from the front, can only be filled from the rear. Access to it is obscured by the output tray, a removable piece of angled plastic which fits across the back.

At the front are two levers which control the centering of paper in the tray and it's hard to remember which lever does what, without constantly referring to the



manual. Paper misfeeding is something of a problem too: the final output often appears slightly crooked, or even worse, gets chewed up inside the printer.

The one saving grace of the Project IIc is its driver, which is more sophisticated than many of the others in this test, with plenty of context-sensitive help and a choice of dithering methods as well as a tool for defining your own overlays. There's also good built-in bi-directional communication to provide appropriate feedback on printer status. Sadly, this is combined with a highly confusing system of flashing lights on the control pane which appear if anything goes wrong with the print process, but they are more or less

unintelligible without the manual.

The quality of text output is reasonable but colour print quality is poor; many colours appear dull and lack definition. The overall impression is not helped by a set of poor performance results which put this printer well down the list when it comes to parting with money.

**Eleanor Turton-Hill**

#### PCW Details

##### Citizen Project IIc

Price RRP £279; street £219

Contact Citizen 01753 584111

**Good Points** Nice driver with good help facilities.

**Bad Points** Awkward to use. Poor quality output. Sluggish.

**Conclusion** Keep looking.

## DECWriter 500i

The DECWriter 500i uses an engine designed by Olivetti and Canon, both pastmasters when it comes to printing. It's a three-colour printer with an additional cartridge for black, which makes it difficult to combine black and colour on the same page unless you're willing to settle for a black made up of CMY; not a process that will give the best results.

Perhaps the main reason for buying a DEC printer, as opposed to other similar makes, would be the attraction of a familiar brand name. Sometimes, a name that has been as solidly established as DEC can



make all the difference.

We found one problem with this model: the printed result of the fruit image was extremely purple. Although every other printer was tested at its default lightness and colour (including the microMarc, which came out with only a tinge of purple) the print from the 500i was so purple that even with a brand new cartridge we had to adjust the lightness balance to obtain a printed image which would be recognised as fruit when reproduced in these pages. In day-to-day terms, this problem would be easy to fix as it's normal to have to play around a bit to get

the exact colours you require, but in our case it meant that this printer didn't fare well in our tests.

It might only be this model which has been afflicted, but similar (less severe) problems with the microMarc printer indicate the possibility of either the printer driver or the print engine being at fault.

**Nick Lawrence**

### PCW Details

#### DECWriter 500i

Price RRP £284.58

Contact DEC 01734 202091

**Good Points** A comforting brand name.

**Bad Points** Bad colour balance, which seems to be due to the print engine.

**Conclusion** Not the best.

## Epson Stylus 800 Colour

Epson was the first printer manufacturer to implement piezo electric technology in inkjet printers, which offers improved speed and output-quality over conventional inkjets and bubblejets.

The Epson Stylus Colour inkjet, which features this technology, has been designed in a similar way to the Stylus 800 monochrome model, with the front-loading paper tray and control panel placed at the right-hand side. The lid lifts up easily, unhampered by buttons or



catches, to reveal two ink cartridges; one for colour and another for black and white.

When it comes to the nitty-gritty of setting up the printer, inserting cartridges and installing the driver, everything is incredibly easy.

The driver provides options for different types of printed media (including transparencies). Other options include alteration of the resolution (from 180dpi to 720dpi) and control of halftoning. You can adjust ink density and make colour corrections using an interactive on-screen image.

The quality of output from this printer is

excellent due to Epson's "microweave" technology which practically eliminates the banding effect produced by many other inkjets. Maintenance costs are very low owing to the fact that the print head is built into the printer, not into the cartridge, so you don't have to replace the print head every time the ink runs out.

**Eleanor Turton-Hill**

### PCW Details

#### Epson Stylus 800 Colour

Price RRP £559; street £345

Contact Epson 01442 61144

**Good Points** Innovative use of technology. Excellent quality of output. Nice price.

**Bad Points** None worth mentioning.

**Conclusion** Excellent value for money.



## Hewlett-Packard DeskJet 320

The 320 is marketed as the ultimate answer to all your desktop and portable needs. It comes in two units which can be bought independently of each other. There's a central black box, measuring 12.2 x 5.8in and weighing 4.3lbs, which slots into a sheet feeder. With the aid of a small battery pack, this can be taken out and used separately as a portable with a manual paper feed. With the battery pack fully charged, the printer will produce about 100 pages.

The way this printer fits together seems slightly strange at first. The central black



box slides into the sheet feeder and the whole unit is then tilted sideways, sitting in a "v" shape from the base. A catch at the back allows the sheet feeder unit to be lowered into a right-angled position for printing labels, while two arms at the back lift to form a paper input tray which holds about 60 sheets.

Our initial tests on this printer were hampered by an out-of-date driver, but with the correct driver finally installed, the quality improved dramatically. Text is produced at 300 x 600dpi and colour at 300 x 300dpi.

Both modes scored well in the Euro Labs tests although we found that the better the paper, the better the output quality, especially when printing full-page graphics.

The great thing about this printer is its versatility. If you're unsure whether you want a portable or a desktop, or whether or not you need colour, the DeskJet 320 provides everything for a street price of £163.

**Eleanor Turton-Hill**

### PCW Details

#### HP DeskJet 320

Price RRP £229; street £163

Contact Hewlett-Packard 01344 360000

**Good Points** Good quality output; versatile.

**Bad Points** Slow.

**Conclusion** Multi-talented, serves as a desktop and as a portable.

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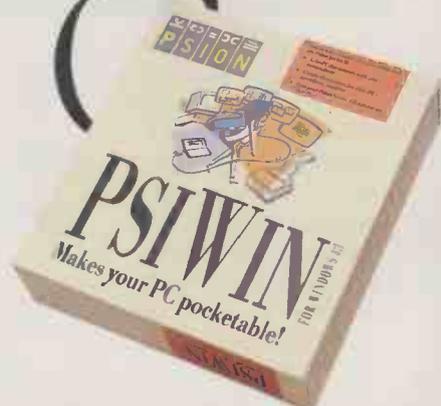
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## Hewlett-Packard DeskJet 540

HP claims the DeskJet 540 is the most versatile printer in its price range and one of the easiest to use. Unlike most it isn't dubbed as a colour printer, rather as a high-quality, low-cost mono inkjet with the option to add colour.

The front panel has just two buttons, for power on/off and resume. All the printer settings are accessed via the drivers. Installation of the software was quite painless and offered the option to install 14 TrueType fonts. There are 16 resident fonts in ROM for



DOS users.

The 540 will print on a wide range of media including card, glossy paper and transparencies. The paper tray will hold 100 sheets up to A4 size, or 20 envelopes.

Resolution Enhancement technology (or RET) is applied to mono documents to achieve 600 x 300dpi. This made mono text sharp and greyscale images clearly defined, although there were some traces of banding.

Colour is output at 300 x 300dpi and uses HP's ColourSmart technology. This scrutinises your documents before you print and identi-

fies each element on the page — text, graphics or photographic images — and applies the best colour settings for each, as it prints.

Colour print speeds were surprisingly fast, made better still by an even quicker "return to application" time. The accuracy of colour on the page was slightly disappointing though, with light areas appearing to have a green tint.

**Steven Helstrip**

### PCW Details

**HP DeskJet 540**

**Price RRP £299; street £209**

**Contact** Hewlett-Packard 01344 360000

**Good Points** Easy to use. Quick, impressive mono output.

**Bad Points** At this price, who can complain?

**Conclusion** An excellent choice for the single user requiring occasional colour but mainly mono document output.

## Hewlett-Packard DeskJet 850C

The 850C is one of HP's newest printers. It features 600 x 600dpi resolution for monochrome, 600 x 300 for colour on coated paper or transparencies, and 300 x 300 for colour on plain paper. It features Resolution Enhancement technology (REt), Colour REt (CREt), Plug and Play compatibility, a new style of print head and a pigment-based black ink for reduced smudging and bleeding. HP claims 6ppm for black text and 2ppm for mixed



monochrome and colour.

It has a typically minimalist user interface and only two buttons, and looks rather like a scaled-down version of the 1600, although it does not have the option for a JetDirect card or some of the finer options that can be added to the 1600.

It's designed to be used by a single person as a medium-level printer for both mono and colour documents, and fits well into this bracket. As printers become ever cheaper, this is now the entry-level price for a really

good colour inkjet, and it's odd to think that not so long ago, some basic black and white printers cost at least this much.

The 850C ought to prove extremely popular with people who need to produce quality documents, in both colour and black and white.

**Nick Lawrence**

### PCW Details

**HP DeskJet 850C**

**Price RRP £539**

**Contact** Hewlett-Packard 01344 360000

**Good Points** Excellent value.

**Bad Points** Nothing serious at this price

**Conclusion** A great choice.

## Hewlett-Packard Color LaserJet

We were keen to try out this LaserJet but as soon as the speed tests started we ran into serious problems. "Technical support" meant half an hour on the phone to Amsterdam one day, further problems, and a full hour the next day. Eventually, it was only thanks to a lone hardware engineer, acting beyond the call of duty, that we were able to test the printer in time for this review.

Print quality is good, and HP's RET (Resolution Enhancement technology) is included in mono printing mode. The 12Mb RAM takes care of colour prints with the



PostScript Level 2, and serial, parallel, LocalTalk and Ethernet options make it suitable for workgroup usage. Maximum memory is 72Mb, and 45 scalable fonts are included: 35 Intellifont and ten TrueType. The PostScript option adds the usual 35 fonts.

The Color LaserJet has two developer ribbons, one for black and the other for CMY. There are four toner slots which we later found were easy to fill, having previously received the wrong advice from technical support.

This would be a good deal for offices which trust the HP name and need good-quality prints for business graphics. Bear in

mind that the problems we suffered with this printer are not representative of other HP products we've tried, or (as far as we can tell) of the company as a whole.

**Nick Lawrence**

### PCW Details

**HP Color LaserJet**

**Price RRP** £5,850; street £4,279. Options (at street prices): PostScript Level 2 £585, JetDirect card (network connections) £289, extra 4Mb memory (third-party) £129, (HP) £205

**Contact** Hewlett-Packard 01344 360000

**Good Points** Good for corporate workgroups

**Bad Points** Poor technical support.

**Conclusion** Colour laser printing is a good technology and HP is the leading printer manufacturer. But it's still worth taking a look at other colour laser printers before you buy.

## Hewlett-Packard DeskJet 1600C

This is a high-end work-group printer which offers up to 8ppm for black text and 4ppm for mixed text and colour work. It uses the same processor as the LaserJet 4+, which accounts for the high speed even when printing complex documents.

The 1600C can be upgraded to a CM with an extra 2Mb RAM (£154 for an HP SIMM), PostScript Level 2 (£534), and a JetDirect card (£360). The latter has LocalTalk, BNC and RS422 ports. There is a saving of £508 (RRP) if you buy the CM



outright instead of upgrading the C. Either printer will accept a paper tray which holds 500 sheets and costs £277.

We reviewed the 1600C with a 4Mb SIMM upgrade, to take the memory to 8Mb. This ensured that all documents could be handled, either with that memory or with page protection.

Although this slows the printer down a little, it allows the memory to be used much more effectively. This is one of several enhancements to the printer that HP has included in the driver.

There is also the option to print at

presentation, standard or EconoFast quality. The latter is the fastest and uses the least ink but does not provide such good-quality output. HP's ColorSmart software is also included, which makes colours brighter and generally enhances the graphics.

**Nick Lawrence**

### PCW Details

#### HP DeskJet 1600C

Price RRP £1150; 4Mb RAM (HP RAM, street price) £205

Contact Hewlett-Packard 01344 360000

**Good Points** An excellent printer. Certainly the best quality inkjet in this group test.

**Bad Points** It's expensive.

**Conclusion** Well worth the price if you can afford it. But also consider the comparable Tektronix high-end inkjets.

## Kodak XLS 8600 PS

This is a machine which produces highly impressive photographic-quality results, using a three-colour (CMY) ribbon.

Dye-diffusion and dye-sublimation printouts are notorious for fading and gathering fingerprints. The XLS range attempts to prevent this by adding a laminate coat after the CMY process, which Kodak calls XtraLife.

The 8600 is available either as a raster-only printer or with PostScript (for a



further £500). Without PostScript you're limited to printing from Photoshop using an export module which is supplied for both Mac and Windows. The advantage of printing via the export module is that all print managers are bypassed, thus significantly improving print speeds.

A 33MHz mips RISC processor and 32Mb RAM process the images. RAM is upgradable to 48Mb or 64Mb using standard 72-pin SIMMs. Further RAM will increase print processing speeds and allow more fonts to be downloaded with

PostScript jobs. Thirty resident fonts are stored in ROM and more can be added by connecting an external SCSI drive. Connectivity is catered for by means of parallel, LocalTalk and SCSI. Ethernet cards are available for EtherTalk, NetWare and TCP/IP.

**Steven Helstrip**

### PCW Details

#### Kodak XLS 8600 PS

Price £6,445 raster only; £6,995 PostScript (list price)

Contact Kodak Electronic 01442 61122

**Good Points** Fantastic A4 output with bleed.

**Bad Points** Control panel could be more intuitive.

**Conclusion** Ideal for pre-press proofing; the nearest you'll get to a cromalin.

## Lexmark ExecJet IIc

Lexmark is a former division of IBM which now sells products under its own brand name. The ExecJet IIc is still typical of IBM though, with its boxy, corporate looks. It comes with colour and mono cartridges which are easily swapped.

There's a three-colour cartridge which produces a disappointing composite black, but graphics are reproduced well and colours are sharp. As with all inkjets, the colour is far better when output onto either coated or glossy paper. The print engine is 300 x 300dpi but resolution enhancement or PQÉt (Print Quality Enhancement technology) can be applied



when printing in mono, upping the perceived resolution to 600 x 300dpi. Mono output is near laser-quality and greyscale images are impressive.

The printer setup options within the Windows driver are comprehensive, with the option to adjust colour strength and contrast, and to apply colour and ink density

corrections. It also checks that you have the correct cartridge installed before putting ink on the page.

The paper feed will take 150 sheets up to A4 size and will handle a wide range of media. Lexmark makes a point of saying its ink isn't waterproof and suggests you cover printed envelopes with tape. I would write

them out by hand.

Connectivity is by means of a bi-directional parallel cable and a serial option is available. Twelve resident fonts are stored in ROM and more can be installed using flash RAM. Overall, the ExecJet IIc is a solid workhorse and should provide years of reliable service.

**Steven Helstrip**

### PCW Details

#### Lexmark ExecJet IIc

Price RRP £299; street £255

Contact Lexmark 01628 481500

**Good Points** Great graphics output. Well built. Good paper handling.

**Bad Points** Poor composite black.

**Conclusion** Great mono and colour output but sadly not on the same page.

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## Lexmark WinWriter 150c

The 150c is Lexmark's latest inkjet based on a four-colour, 600 x 300 print engine. Setting up involves merely installing the Windows drivers and print cartridges. Two cartridges are used, for black and for CMY. This allows colour pages to benefit from true black, producing better-quality output, and saving ink.

The 150c is a Windows Printing System device and is essentially a "dumb" printer with no on-board processor or RAM, and relies on the processing power of the host PC. So when you upgrade your PC, you



effectively upgrade the printer at the same time.

Windows 95 drivers were provided with the 150c, so there are no compatibility problems.

Since the printer speaks the same language as the PC, no translation process is needed, noticeably improving print speeds.

We were even more impressed with the return to application time. When printing our quality test page, the machine was returned in under six seconds. The same file output to a PostScript printer with 8Mb took over one minute.

The paper feed will handle 150 sheets up to A4, or 15 envelopes, and the printer will work with standard office paper, glossy, coated, and transparencies.

Output is superb. Colours are vibrant and accurate, resolution is high and banding invisible. If you need a standalone Windows printer, the 150c is the one to go for.

**Steven Helstrip**

### PCW Details

**Lexmark WinWriter 150c**

Price £299

Contact Lexmark 01628 481500

**Good Points** Excellent, accurate colour and mono output. The price.

**Bad Points** Couldn't find any.

**Conclusion** A first-rate printer.



## NEC ColourScript 3000

This printer uses both thermal wax and dye-sublimation technologies, and is capable of producing Photo CD images. It will also print from any other app where photo-realistic output is required.

Although it uses the processing power of the host PC, up to 8Mb RAM can be added to increase performance. An optional AppleTalk interface is available with QuickDraw II software. A starter pack contains 15 sheets of thermal transfer paper, ten



sheets for dye-sublimation and ten transparencies. Three ribbons are provided, each good for ten prints. The engine prints at 300 x 300dpi and is capable of 1ppm.

Settings are controlled from the Windows driver so you shouldn't need to touch the printer for anything other than adding paper and ribbons. There's feedback on print jobs, warning you when you're out of paper for instance. Three- and four-colour ribbons are available in A4, and A4 long. There's a fixed cost per page: a dye-sub print costs roughly £2, while a thermal wax output print on standard office paper costs as little as 35p.

Although dye-sublimation is the best technology for outputting photographic images, the ColourScript doesn't do a particularly good job. Colours are accurate but the images aren't as sharp as you would expect from a printer costing £949. If you need dye-sub quality, consider the Kodak XLS 8600 PS; otherwise, save yourself some money and buy one of the cheaper inkjets.

**Steven Helstrip**

### PCW Details

**NEC ColourScript 3000**

Price £949

Contact NEC 0181 993 8111

**Good Points** Reasonably quick print times.

**Bad Points** Produces banding effects.

**Conclusion** Hard to recommend.

## Olivetti JP360

The Olivetti 360's design is almost identical to that of the Citizen Project IIc. The same three-button control panel is placed at the right-hand side of the lid and there's an identical combination of levers on the front for adjusting the position of the paper.

But there are differences. It has a transparent paper output tray, which is helpful since it allows you to see what's going on in the paper input tray. Also, the driver supplied is bulging with dithering controls, and there are colour correction



utilities along with on-screen graphics which show you how the picture will appear when printed.

The Olivetti processes large photographic images very quickly, due to the "olichrome" printing system which manages the spooling of print jobs. The progress of the current print job is shown by an on-screen "despooler" dialogue box when you go to print. This has a bi-directional link with the printer which shows the progress of the current print job, and allows status messages and error conditions to appear on screen when appropriate.

These facilities result in a smooth and

stress-free printing process. Our tests showed excellent quality output with bright, sharp colours and even ink distribution. This printer may be the same design as the Citizen Project II, but the improved driver puts it in a different class.

**Eleanor Turton-Hill**

### PCW Details

**Olivetti JP360**

Price RRP £229; street £209

Contact Olivetti 0181 785 6666

**Good Points** Excellent driver. Standard cartridges. Nice price.

**Bad Points** Suffers from the same awkward input tray as the Citizen Project IIc and has occasional paper-feeding problems.

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### Olivetti JP450

It's always a good test of usability to see how far you can get without looking at the manuals, and with the JP450 everything is incredibly easy. The driver is easy to install and comes with a standard collection of setup options including dithering, intensity control and a choice of paper types. The input tray, positioned at the bottom, holds up to 120 sheets of standard copier paper. These are processed at lightning speed and placed one on top of the other in the tray above.

The paper-handling capability is



excellent, but one niggle is that multiple-page documents are printed out with the pages in reverse order. This is quite a common feature of inkjet printers — paper always comes out with the fresh ink facing upwards, to aid drying. Some printers provide drivers which let you reverse the order so that the pages appear correctly in the output tray, but not this one.

The quality of text output is slightly ragged and full A4 colour pictures are noticeably banded. On the plus side, the performance tests produced excellent results and the running costs are reasonable. The ink cartridges fit into an outer casing in the printer which

incorporates the print head. Olivetti says you can replace the ink about 12 times before having to buy a whole new unit: refills cost about £4.50 and last for about 400 pages. The print head costs £20. As might be expected colour cartridges work out more expensive, about £24, and produce approximately 100 pages.

**Eleanor Turton-Hill**

#### PCW Details

##### Olivetti JP450

Price RRP £289; street £249

Contact Olivetti 0181 785 6666

**Good Points** Very easy to set up. Fast. Well-designed with everything visible from the front.

**Bad Points** Output quality could be improved.

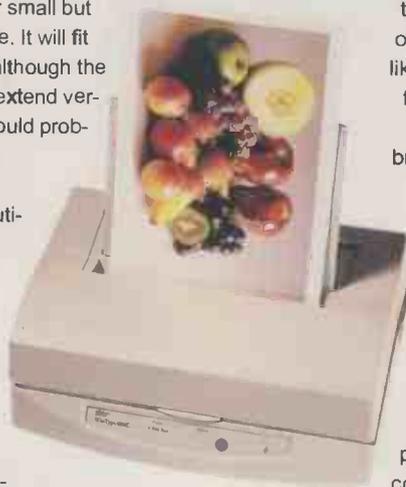
**Conclusion** Excellent value for money.

### Star WinType 800C

The WinType is rather small but very heavy for its size. It will fit neatly onto most desks although the paper tray and its cover extend vertically from the top, so would probably not be suitable for a low-topped shelf.

The controls are beautifully simple: the power switch next to the power socket, a button marked "Ready" and two lights for Paper and Film Roll.

In use printer was blissfully effortless. As there are three kinds of rolls — three-colour, four-colour and black — you will have to open



the printer up every so often, but this is much like changing the roll of film in a camera.

Print quality wasn't brilliant. The colours weren't bad but there was a grainy look to the picture, as if it had been painted on canvas. Changing the style of halftoning had no effect, as the one most recommended for printing photos hung the computer halfway through processing.

Thermal wax transfer printers are good for proofing final images but this one did not live up to the hype. That is not to say it was bad, but rather that I would have expected better image quality for the price.

**Nick Lawrence**

#### PCW Details

##### Star WinType 800C

Price RRP £799; street £595

Contact Star Micronics 01494 471111

**Good Points** Easy to use.

**Bad Points** Quality is probably not good enough to justify the price.

**Conclusion** Look at other TWT printers, but don't rule this one out.

### Tektronix Phaser 140

The Phaser 140 has a 16MHz AMD RISC processor and 8Mb RAM to handle print jobs, taking much of the weight off the host PC. This results in good print times (1ppm) and fine control over dithering. It has 17 fonts stored in ROM and uses Canon's A-161 print engine which is capable of resolutions up to 360dpi.

The LCD control panel provides access to the printer's default settings. If you're printing from Windows, all these controls can be overruled from the



printer driver. The paper feed will hold up to 50 sheets and will print up to A4 using either glossy, back-print film-coated or transparencies. It will print on standard office paper although the colour loses contrast and appears dull.

Lifting up the front cover reveals the four colour ink cartridges for cyan, magenta, yellow and black. Since they are separate cartridges you only need to replace the colour that runs out. The black cartridge contains twice as much ink as the three colours. When coated or glossy paper is used the print quality is impressive, as are the print speeds. The £995 asking price may sound a tad steep for an inkjet printer, but when you

consider it's PostScript level two and is reasonably cheap to run, it's worth every penny. It comes with drivers for Mac and Windows and has parallel and LocalTalk as standard. Optional Ethernet, TCPIP and NetWare ports are available, making the 140 ideally suited for a small office environment.

**Steven Helstrip**

#### PCW Details

##### Tektronix Phaser 140

Price RRP £995

Contact Tektronix 01628 403300

**Good Points** Small, PostScript Level Two, stunning output and quick.

**Bad Points** None that we can see.

**Conclusion** Good for a small office requiring frequent high-quality output.



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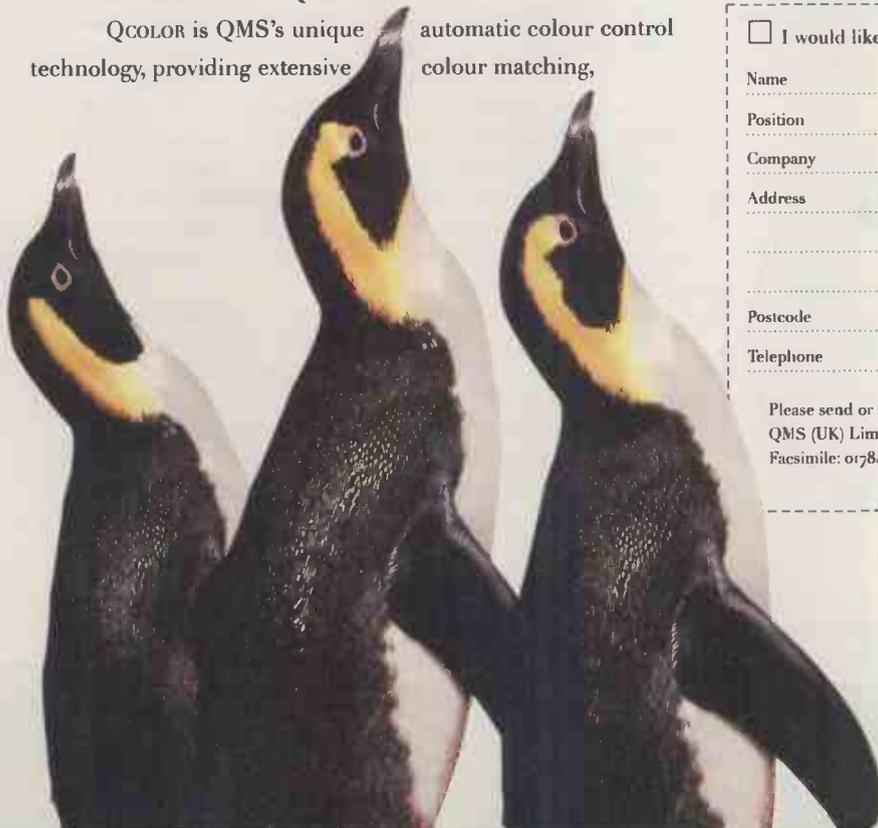
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## Printing technologies

### ● Liquid Inkjet

Liquid inkjet printing is well known for its bright, highly saturated colours. However, the technology dictates that to achieve such results, special inkjet paper is mandatory. Although plain-paper printing is possible, colours either lose their brightness as the inks soak into the paper, or tend to smear.

Plain paper can be a problem with inkjet printers; some ink soaks into the paper and mixes with that from adjacent pixels, which destroys the brightness and definition of colours. Another nuisance is that the image may not be dry when printed (especially on transparency or special paper), which can cause smudging or a delay before use.

Today's inkjets use built-in heaters to reduce drying times and improve quality. While this goes some way towards improving the quality achieved on plain paper, high-quality work requires special paper. Another consideration when using a water-based inkjet is that the water can evaporate from the ink, leaving some residue obstructing the print head. The head must be cleaned using a purging system, or be disposed of.

Inkjet printers fall into two categories: continuous flow and drop-on-demand.

#### Continuous Flow

With continuous flow printing, the print head continually directs ink droplets towards the paper. When a certain primary colour (cyan, magenta, yellow) or black is not required for a pixel on the page, the ink is simply deflected from the page by an electric charge, into a waste tray. This technique allows high-speed printing but at the expense of high running costs; ink is continually pumped from the

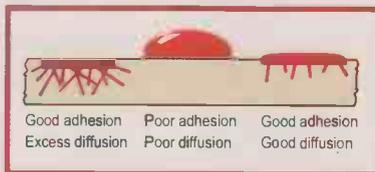
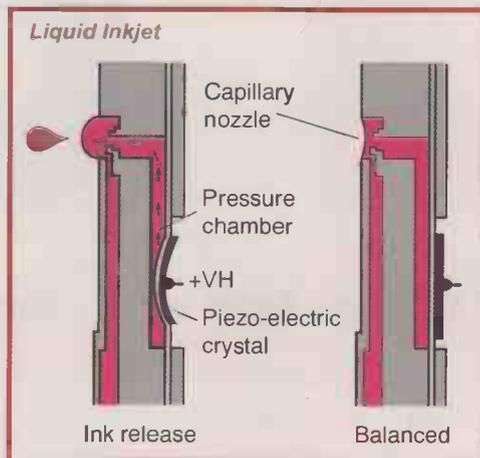
print head, whether needed on the page or not, for the full duration of the print run.

Some of the fastest, best quality and most expensive colour printers in the world are continuous-flow inkjet printers. They are used in high-volume applications, such as the US census, and for high-colour quality, pre-press proofing systems.

#### Drop-On-Demand

Drop-on-demand inkjet printing propels ink (mixed with a water and solvent solution) towards the paper only when a drop is required on the page. A pulse mechanism is used to jet ink droplets from the print head. Drop-on-demand printers tend to be low- to medium-cost solutions.

Drop-on-demand bubblejet printing uses heat to vaporise a quantity of the ink and drive the remainder towards the paper; as the liquid ink heats, some of it vaporises and forms a bubble which expands to force ink out of a nozzle. At this point the heater switches off, the bubble shrinks, and more ink flows into the print head from the reservoir.



### ● Thermal Wax Transfer

The basic process works by heating coloured wax panels and fusing them to specially formulated paper. A thermal transfer roll is segmented into consecutive, page-sized sheets of wax pigments. Thousands of individually controlled elements in the thermal head are heated to between 70-80°C to melt pinpoint spots of colour onto the paper.

The paper passes under the head three or four times — one for each primary colour plus an optional pass for a separate "true black". Additional colours are created using dithering techniques.

### ● Dye Sublimation

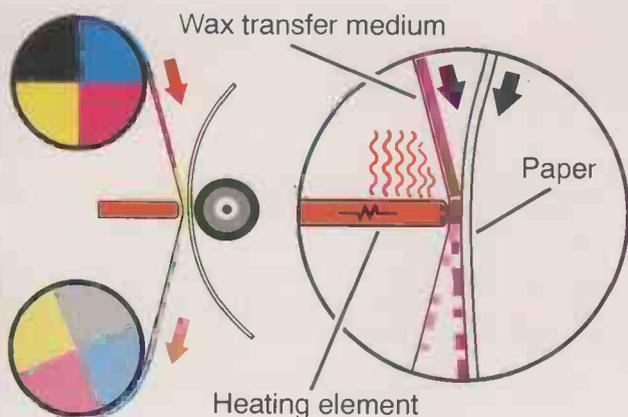
Dye sublimation is a high-end colour printing technique. It is similar to thermal wax technology but the print elements are heated to temperatures in the region of 400°C. With dye sublimation, instead of the colour being layered on the surface of the paper as with thermal wax transfer, the colour is impregnated in the paper itself.

The special composition of the wax means that by varying the amount of heat applied to different points on the print head, the amount of wax placed on the paper can be controlled. This varies the intensity of the colour and allows continuous-tone printing. For example, to create a certain shade of colour for a single pixel, it is possible to lay down different percentages of cyan, magenta and yellow.

Heating the ink causes it to change from its solid state to a gas, missing out the liquid stage; a process called sublimation — hence the technique's name. The various colours are mixed in the gas, which means a full 16.7 million hues can be produced for each individual pixel. The gas then interacts with chemicals in the paper to develop the final image.

Dye sublimation produces extremely high-quality output, particularly when printing continuous-tone or photographic images. It uses special synthetic paper to achieve these high-quality results. Dye-sublimation printers are ideally suited for applications in which high-quality photographic images are used. They

#### Thermal Wax Transfer



are slower than thermal wax printers and the cost of their consumables is considerably higher.

### ● Phase-Change Inkjet

Phase-change technology has many advantages over liquid-inkjet technology because the inks are not absorbed into the paper. It is therefore possible to print onto virtually any medium while maintaining the brilliant colours, with stunning results. The technology is so named because it uses inks that change phase from solid to liquid and back to a solid state, having been melted and jetted onto the paper. Special colour sticks, one for each colour (cyan, magenta, yellow) and black, are loaded into the print head and heaters melt each stick (at 90°C) into individual reservoirs and hold the inks at this temperature.

To produce an image, the printer pumps small quantities of the inks out of the reservoirs and heats them further. Using a specially designed print-head mechanism, the printer then makes a single pass over the paper which is held securely on a drum. As with drop-on-demand liquid inkjet printing, an electronic pulse mechanism propels tiny droplets of liquid ink towards the paper, as required.

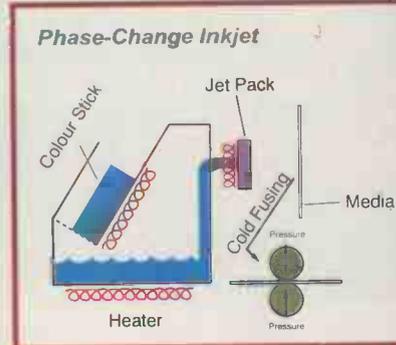
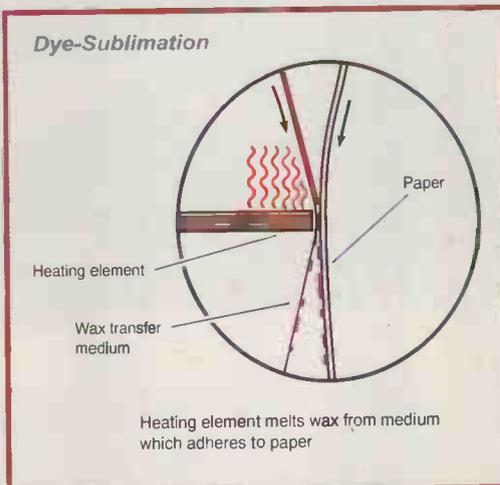
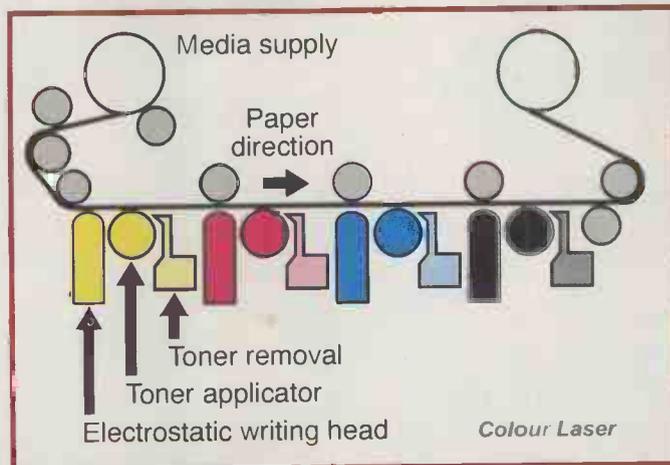
As the droplets of ink touch the paper, they freeze quickly so that most of the ink remains on the surface of the page, even on absorbent material. The freezing process locks the droplet onto the print surface, giving excellent adhesion and helping to produce brilliant colour on any paper.

Because the inks solidify quickly, "raw" phase-change output can have a bumpy feel to it, so as a final step some printers use a fusion process to smooth the surface of the image. As a bonus to the smooth texture, colour permanence and colour brightness that results, this fusion process also enables overhead transparencies to be produced.

### ● Colour Laser

Colour laser (or electrophotographic) printing employs principles similar to those used in office photocopying machines and in electrostatic or toner-based printing. In a typical colour laser process, a static charge is applied to a photo-receptive drum or belt (a photo-receptive surface is one that's conductive when light hits it). Then, a laser beam exposes the non-printing areas, leaving those areas which are to be printed in a charged state. A dry toner is applied which sticks to the charged areas of the drum, and the image on the drum is transferred to the paper, electrostatically. This is repeated four times: once for each primary colour and once for black. Finally, the image is fused with heat, pressure, or both.

Monochrome laser technology has revolutionised black and white printing and contributed to the growth of desktop publishing. But the colour laser process is extremely complex, with problems of toner contamination and registration. Although colour laser printers have excellent potential as shared-resource printers, they're currently too expensive and too big (about the size of a small deep-freeze) to be suitable for use as personal printers.



### ● Half-toning

Most printing devices can only operate using solid dots of ink, and this lack of ability to reproduce shades is

overcome by the half-toning technique. Half-toning is the process by which a continuous-tone image, such as a photograph, is converted into patterns of dots suitable for printing. Large dots placed closely together represent dark areas, while sparsely placed, small dots represent the light areas. Half-toning techniques have been used for years and can be seen most obviously in newspaper photographs where the number of dots per inch (dpi) is fairly sparse.

Computer printers are not only unable to print shades; they can't print different-sized dots either. They cope with this problem by creating half-tone cells or raster dots, each made from a square matrix of pixels. The fuller this matrix of pixels, the darker the dot appears. Increasing the maximum number of pixels per cell in turn increases the number of possible greyscales. A cell consisting of a 4 x 4 array of pixels is capable of up to 16 shades of grey; 256 shades of grey requires a 16 x 16 cell of pixels.

The resolution of the actual printed image is its "screen frequency", measured in lines per inch (lpi) or number of half-tone dots per inch. So in order to print a greyscale image with 256 shades at a resolution of 150 lpi, you would need a printer capable of laying down 150 x 16; that's 2,400 pixels per inch. With 300 pixels per inch to play with, you could have a 4 x 4 cell, offering 16 shades at a mere 75lpi. That's why a 300dpi laser printer isn't great at printing photographic images.

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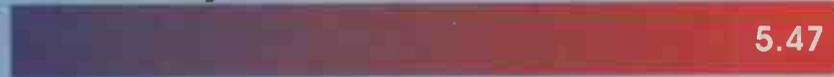
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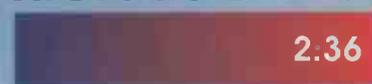
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## Tektronix Phaser 540

Tektronix is arguably the leader at the top end of workgroup colour printing. Its printers aim to be the best in their fields, if not the cheapest, and range from £995 for the Phaser 140 to £12,995 for the Phaser 480, an A3 dye-sub with room for crop marks and bleed.

Colour lasers are highly complex machines, and the 540 has alleviated some of the difficulty involved with common procedures by putting diagrams on the inside of the door, as well as sensibly putting the technical support number on a sticker on the front of the printer.



On the back of the machine is a panel for more connections than the basic parallel and SCSI. In this case, it is a PhaserShare Ethernet

Card, with 10Base2 and 10BaseT connections.

Since a colour laser is designed to be used by a workgroup, such an addition is more or less mandatory.

Tektronix has been saying for a while that its new Phaser 340, which uses the solid ink process to put down colour, gives better print quality for a lower price than colour lasers.

Now that it has been released and the 540 is still selling, Tektronix says the 340 is more suitable for applications which need a lot of colour work, whereas the 540 is suitable for a lot of black and white work and occasional colour.

But whatever you decide, the Phaser 540 is a lovely printer from a great manufacturer.

**Nick Lawrence**

### PCW Details

#### Tektronix Phaser 540

**Price** £5,000. Many extras are available — the mandatory start-up kit costs £1,999

**Contact** Tektronix 01628 403300

**Good Points** Excellent model.

**Bad Points** None really.

**Conclusion** A great buy if you need everything. Look at the competition as well.

## Texas Instruments microMarc Color

The microMarc Color is one of three printers in this test based on the Canon/Olivetti engine, the others being the DECWriter 500i and the Olivetti JP-450. Like the others it slopes towards the front, is finished in a cream colour and has a streamlined design. It is easy to load with paper through a tray at the front, although thicker coated paper has to be fed in at the back by hand, which leads to occasional problems with alignment.

As this is a three-colour printer, the



cartridge must be changed by hand when you want to change from colour to black and white, and there is a visual guide on the inside of the lid to guide you.

Print quality is reasonably good although the grey background on the fruit picture we used as a benchmark looked more purple than grey. This fault arose with the DECWriter 500i too, but in a way that was far worse (see its review).

A street price of £265 is by no means excessive for a printer of this type. We

found it extremely easy to use and the print quality was perfectly adequate for the price. Texas Instruments is a good manufacturer and this would be a safe buy for those who want to print occasional business-quality graphics.

**Nick Lawrence**

### PCW Details

#### Texas Instruments microMarc Color

**Price** RRP £299; street £265

**Contact** Texas Instruments 01234 223122

**Good Points** A good, stable printer.

**Bad Points** A problem with colour balance.

**Conclusion** A good choice for the undemanding user with a small budget.

## Xerox 4700 II

It's not often that PCW reviews anything quite as big as the Xerox 4700 II, one of a range of printers designed by Xerox for mid-range computer systems such as the AS400. The mid-range marketplace is currently one of the most dynamic segments of the industry as companies are "rightsizing" and migrating towards client/server and networked environments. More and more businesses are either attaching their AS400s to LANs and PCs for use as network and print servers, or they're integrating a single-application AS400 into their mainframes. All this amounts to one open distributed environment in which printers need to be versatile; not only in terms of handling multiple data streams but also in being able to deal with all types of printing.

The Xerox 4700 II is about the size of a chest freezer and comes with a control panel consisting of a monitor connected to a built-in PC. As you might expect, this printer is designed to deal with heavy workloads. It specialises in colour document printing — the kind of documents required by big corporations for large monthly reports etc. It's built to handle the large workloads created by big departments of networked PCs, Macs, Sun systems and AS400 mid-range computers.

The special monitor and keyboard supplied with the 4700 provide you with a menu-driven user interface for configuring the system, from which you can do practically everything.

Opening the large doors at the side of the printer reveals two input trays which will hold

a total of 670 sheets of paper of various weights, sizes and colours, as well as transparencies and label stock. Further along the machine you can see the actual laser print engine which achieves 300dpi and produces true black, instead of mixing colours to form "near black".

When dealing with several print jobs at a time, the 4700 simultaneously processes and prints; incoming print jobs are decomposed, correctly formatted, and printed concurrently. Documents are decomposed once and then stored on an "image disk" inside the printer, ready to produce whatever quantity is needed. Consequently, one document can be printing while another is being independently processed.

**Eleanor Turton-Hill**



# How we did the tests

There's nothing like a group of printers to demonstrate the old adage about horses and courses. Some of the costliest models we tested are also the slowest, but produce very high-quality results and therefore warrant the high cost. For this reason we didn't run performance tests on the dye-sub or solid wax printer models: their performance is often measured in minutes per page rather than pages per minute, and obviously this renders our text speed test redundant.

To turn out pages with the odd spot of colour and still keep up with a gaggle of network users, there are three obvious choices. We recommend the Hewlett-Packard DeskJet 1600C and Color LaserJet, or the Tektronix Phaser 540 — all rated at 5-8ppm for black and white text, dropping to 4ppm for full colour. Our performance testing showed that the DeskJet 1600 processes bitmapped graphics at or above the rated speed but that when printing vector graphics, the performance plunged to about 2-6ppm. The same effect is even more pronounced on the Color LaserJet, which processed vector graphics at a rather feeble 0.35ppm. Vector graphics are more often used by line-drawing art programs, so the sluggishness might not affect your printing if you mainly print photographs and the like. The Phaser 540 would be a



better choice for printing lots of vector graphics; its performance profile was the opposite of HP's — 0.47ppm for bitmaps and 1.42 for line art. The reasons behind these variations lie in the complex interactions between the printer driver, application software, and the hardware controller inside the printer. Another factor is the printer control language used: PostScript's traditional strength is in processing vectors rather than bitmaps.

Our testing also took in plenty of SoHo/desktop inkjet printers. These all offer similar performance, tending to rely on non-PostScript control languages and offering text speeds of 1-3ppm while processing graphics at 1ppm or less on average. The speed of graphics printing depends to a degree on the installed memory in the host PC — the drivers for these printers tend to do more of the imaging — thus cutting the cost of the printer controller hardware.

We used a 16Mb 486DX/33 IBM Valuepoint which drives the parallel port

through a DMA channel, thereby freeing up the processor to work on the imaging. On slower machines or systems with 4-8Mb, large images take a while longer to print.

As these printers are bought with colour in mind, the graphics speed figure (presented separately from the text speeds) is calculated using a weighted geometric mean of the VNU European Labs' standard bitmap, vector and colour tests. The weightings are 25:25:50 respectively, and if speed is important then it's worth bearing in mind that the three components can vary amazingly between almost identical printers thanks to subtle changes to printer drivers and controllers.

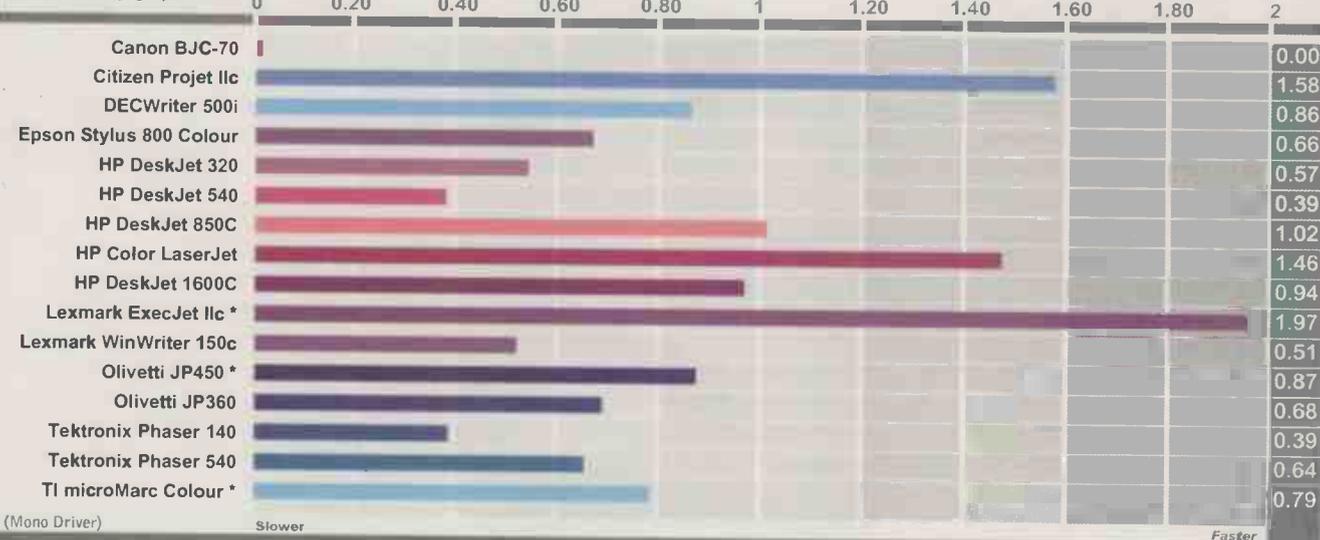
**Julian Evans**

### Important note

All the printers in this group test using comparable technologies were tested for speed using the VNU European Labs tests. Speed tests were not considered appropriate for all printers, however, particularly those which use dye sublimation technology (such as the Kodak XLS 8600 PS). The speed tests were also considered impractical for the Citizen PN60 portable printer which has a manual paper-feeding mechanism.

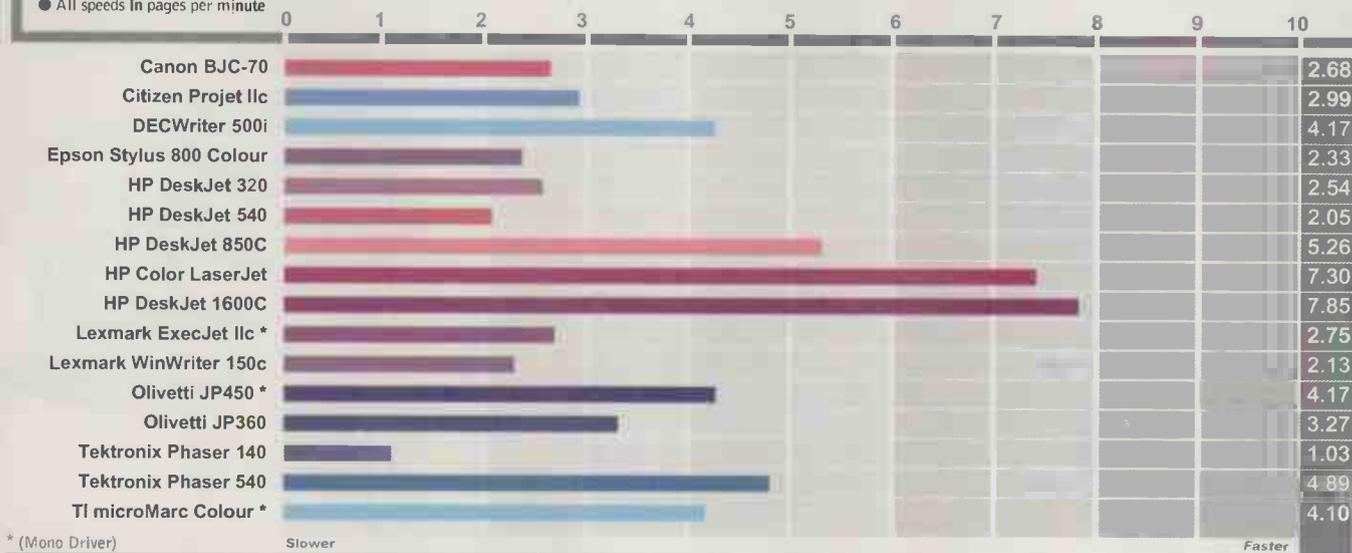
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● All speeds in pages per minute



### Text speed

● All speeds in pages per minute



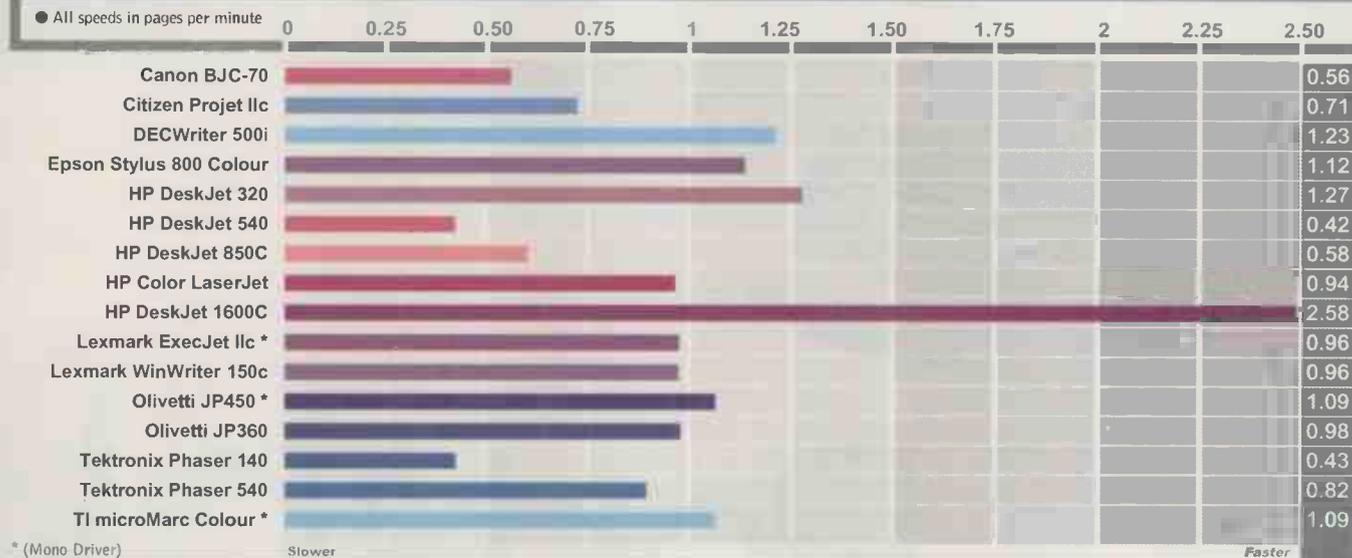
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### Graphics speed

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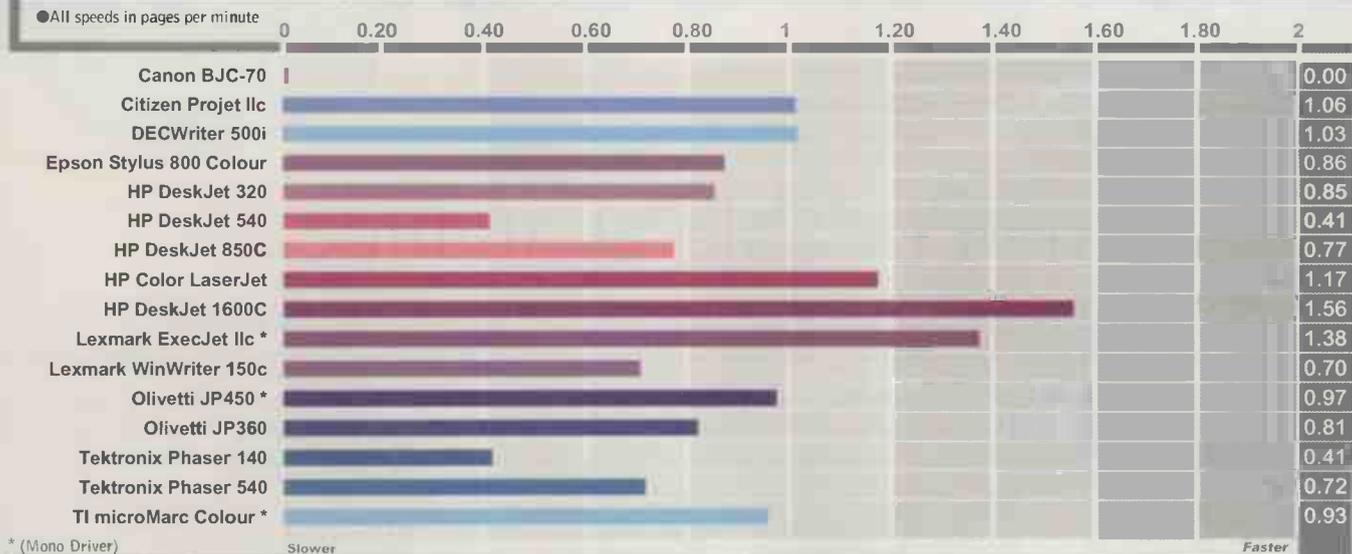
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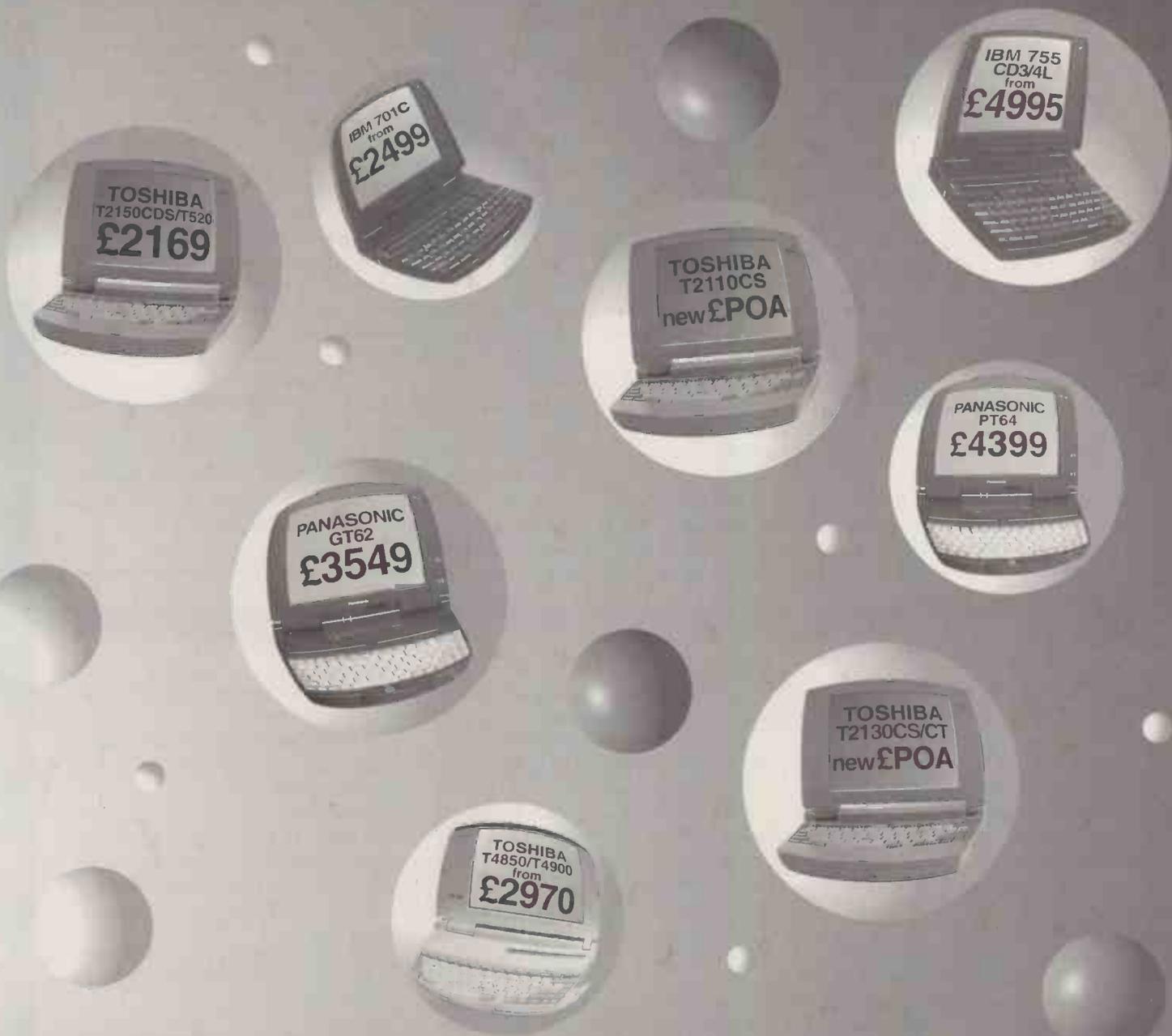
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## The colour printer market

Ever since the computer peripherals market started, all the players have been constantly searching for ways to differentiate their products from their competitors'. So, when nothing exciting had been happening in the printer arena for some time, manufacturers eagerly grasped the opportunity to jump on the colour printer bandwagon before it became truly viable as a business technology. As time went by, colour inkjet printers began to appear and the technologies employed in high-end applications became more cost-effective for businesses to use. The growth came from two directions at once: presentations and business reports could be livened up by using colour, and documents and artwork intended for professional printing could be proofed using thermal wax transfer and dye sublimation printers.

The colour printing market can now be segmented according to the application for which a printer is to be used, although the dividing lines have become blurred. For people who need to incorporate colour into business documents there's the choice of inkjet or laser printers which have the advantages of being familiar (in their black and white incarnations) to most users, and of being able to print good-quality text. For output of photographic quality there are thermal wax transfer and dye sublimation printers. Although these are better at printing pictures, they are frequently less good when printing text — both are expensive to run and are intended for low-volume use.

An analysis of 1993 European market shares for colour printers (by the BIS market research company) revealed that colour-capable inkjets accounted for 79% of the market; dedicated colour inkjets

18%; thermal wax transfer printers only 2%; and other technologies made up the remaining one percent of the market. Despite thermal printers' small share of the market, their sales increased by 78% (to 25,000 units) between 1992 and 1993 according to other research sources.

Although this highlights some growth in the sector, comparatively negligible sales are forecast until 1998. Since the BIS report, Hewlett-Packard, the largest manufacturer of inkjet printers, has revamped its product line so that all its inkjets are now at least colour-capable and most are colour-dedicated, so the growth of the inkjet sector may become even more rapid.

Dot matrix printers have more or less disappeared from today's market and inkjet seems to be the most popular technology, due mainly to the lack of a price difference between mono and colour inkjets these days. An additional factor is that more businesses are opting for colour — even those which don't strictly need it are beginning to follow suit, eager not to forego any competitive advantage. PostScript Level 2 and network compatibility are not rare on high-end inkjets, and are near-compulsory on lasers and other high-end printers.

No doubt technologies such as solid ink, now in their introductory stages, will rise to dominate a large sector of the colour printing market. It seems unlikely that colour lasers will ever command a huge chunk of the market as they are inherently less economical to manufacture than their mono counterparts, and inkjets will continue to be the standard in the office for some time to come.

**Nick Lawrence**

## Colour printing: glossary of terms

### Adhesion

The ability of an ink, wax or toner to stick to the surface of the paper or transparency.

### Banding

Instead of smooth gradation of colours, shaded areas are broken into more discrete blocks of varying colour.

### Bubblejet

Common inkjet technique which vaporises ink droplets out onto the page.

### Colour gamut

The range, or set, of colours a printer, computer display or other device can produce. A printer's colour gamut is determined by factors such as the quality of its inks or waxes and its accuracy in positioning dots on the paper.

### Continuous tone

The ability to print any one of millions of colours for each printed pixel. Continuous-tone printers don't have to use dithering. Results are photographic in appearance.

### Dithering

The process of using small dots of ink from a few basic colours — cyan, magenta, yellow, red, green, blue, white, black — to trick the eye into seeing many thousands or millions of colours.

### Fusion

The process of applying cold pressure to phase-change inks on paper. This improves ink adhesion, smooths the ink and allows projectable transparencies to be produced. Phase-change printers that don't fuse the image suffer from poor ink adhesion and bumpy textured output, and projectable transparencies cannot be made.

### Half-toning

Printing a shaded image with patterns of dots that vary in size. Larger dots make up darker areas and smaller dots, lighter areas.

### Inkjet

A method of printing a picture by "jetting" or squirting tiny droplets of water-based ink towards the page.

### OHT

Overhead transparency.

### Phase change

The transition of inks between solid, liquid and solid states.

### Photo-receptive

Describes a material which becomes electrically conductive when exposed to light.

### Pixel picture element

Refers to either a printed dot of ink on a page, or a dot on the display of a computer screen. For example, a VGA resolution screen is 640 x 480 pixels.

### PostScript

Adobe's page-description language.

### PostScript Level 2

The upgrade of PostScript incorporating many major enhancements, especially in the area of colour.

### Registration

The ability of a printer in three- or four-pass printing (thermal wax process) to align colour pixels accurately. Any deviation is the printer misregistration.

### Rendering

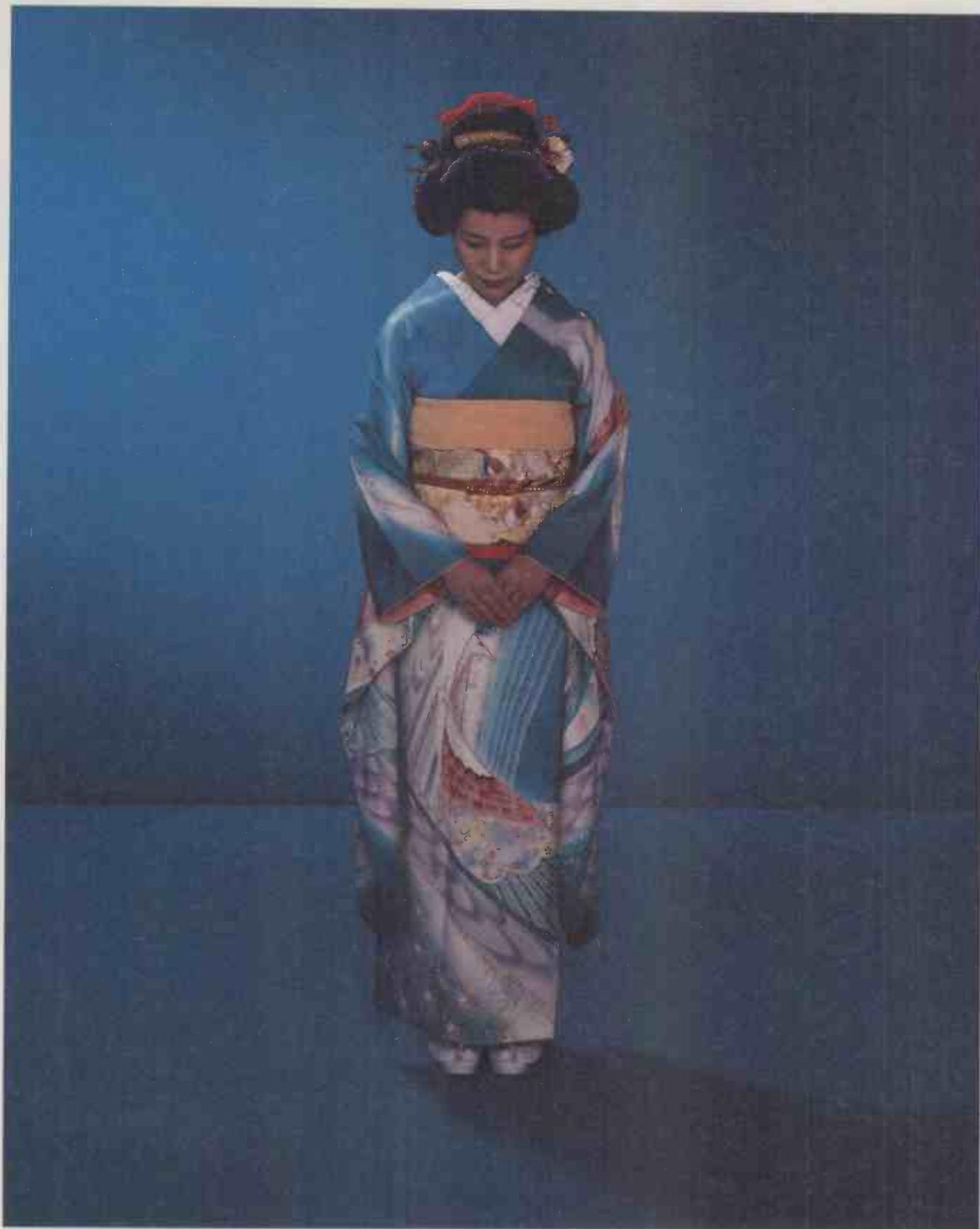
The process of taking a computer file of an image and converting it for displaying or printing on a specific device.

### Resolution

Printed images are made up of patterns of dots. These dots are arranged in groups and the resolution of an image is measured in dots per inch (dpi). A higher dpi will result in smaller individual dots and a smoother-looking image.

### True black

Black can be made by combining cyan, magenta and yellow inks. However, the result isn't always "true black". An inkjet for instance would give a muddy brown-black. True blacks are therefore printed using black ink and not just a composite of cyan, magenta and yellow.



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# Editor's Choice

**R**ecommending an Editor's Choice colour printer is by no means a straightforward task, since different technologies are suited to different printing applications and prices differ enormously. It would have been meaningless to have based our decision on print quality and performance alone, so we decided on three categories: best possible print quality, best colour office printer, and best personal printer.

Deciding on which printer provides the best possible print quality was the easiest task and we chose the Kodak XLS 8600 PS. The quality of output is superb, as you would expect from a dye-diffusion printer, and it can print up to A4 size with bleeds. With PostScript and raster-only options it is well suited for pre-press proofing from Quark Xpress or via export modules supplied for Photoshop.

Choosing which printer is best for office use was more difficult. Before parting with your cash you should weigh up how much colour you may need

output vast numbers of colour documents at high speed, a colour laser printer doesn't provide the perfect solution. Besides the high purchase cost, maintenance costs are hefty with lots of con-



*Tektronix Phaser 140*

solid composite black. After much

consideration we decided that the Tektronix Phaser 140 would be the best choice. Its output was by far the best achieved by an

inkjet in this group test, and connectivity is well catered for with parallel and LocalTalk as standard, optional Ethernet, TCPIP and NetWare ports. It comes with 8Mb RAM so no job should be too large, and print times are impressive.

We chose the best personal printer as the Lexmark WinWriter 150c. It produced astonishing colour and mono output, and its print speeds were impressive. It uses the Windows Printing System and provides extensive feedback on print status. It is incredibly easy to set up and use, but what's more remarkable is its price — £299. Windows 95 drivers have already been written so there are no fears about compatibility.

We were also impressed with the quality and performance of the Epson Stylus Colour printer which, despite being slightly more expensive, we nevertheless commend highly.

**Steven Helstrip**



*Lexmark  
WinWriter  
150c*

to output. For instance, if you only need to print letterheads

then it would be cheaper to have it printed at a bureau, so in this case you should consider a monochrome laser printer instead.

At the other extreme there's always the colour laser printer. But unless you need to

sumables which need to be replaced on a regular basis. Also, there's the cost of wear and tear to the

moving parts — the drum, belts and fuser units. But colour laser printing does allow you to use standard office paper and achieve fast, impressive results at a low cost per page.

For most people, the best choice would be a high-quality inkjet printer. But in addition to its colour output, it is important that mono text is reproduced at an acceptable standard. Although inkjets have improved vastly in terms of quality they still cannot compete with laser printers when it comes to mono text output, so to compensate, a four-colour inkjet printer is essential as few printers produce a

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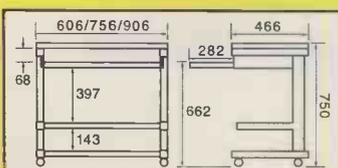
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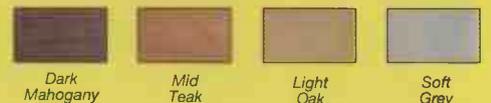
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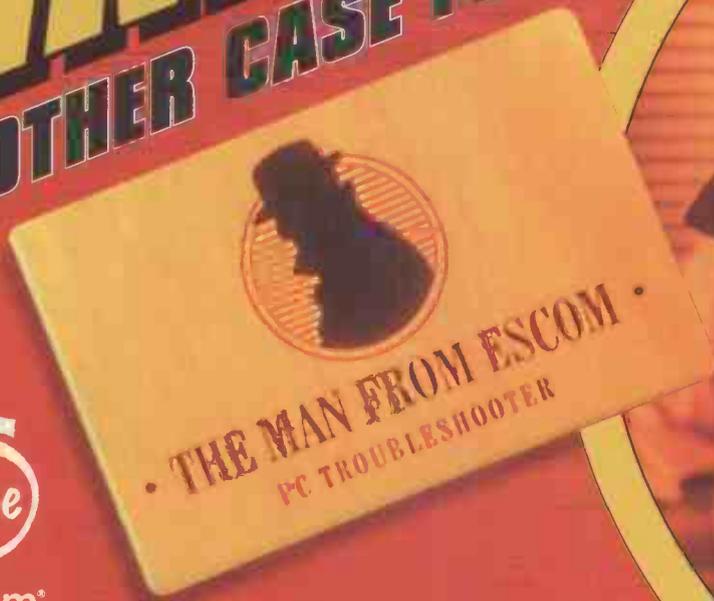


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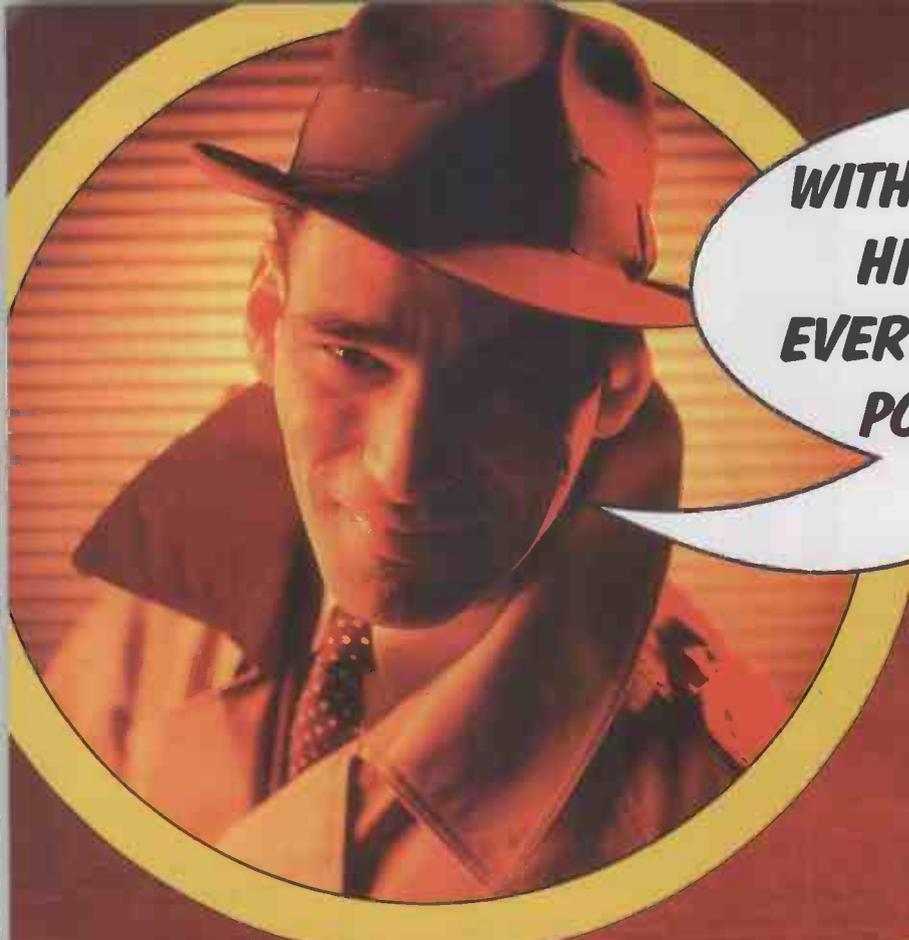
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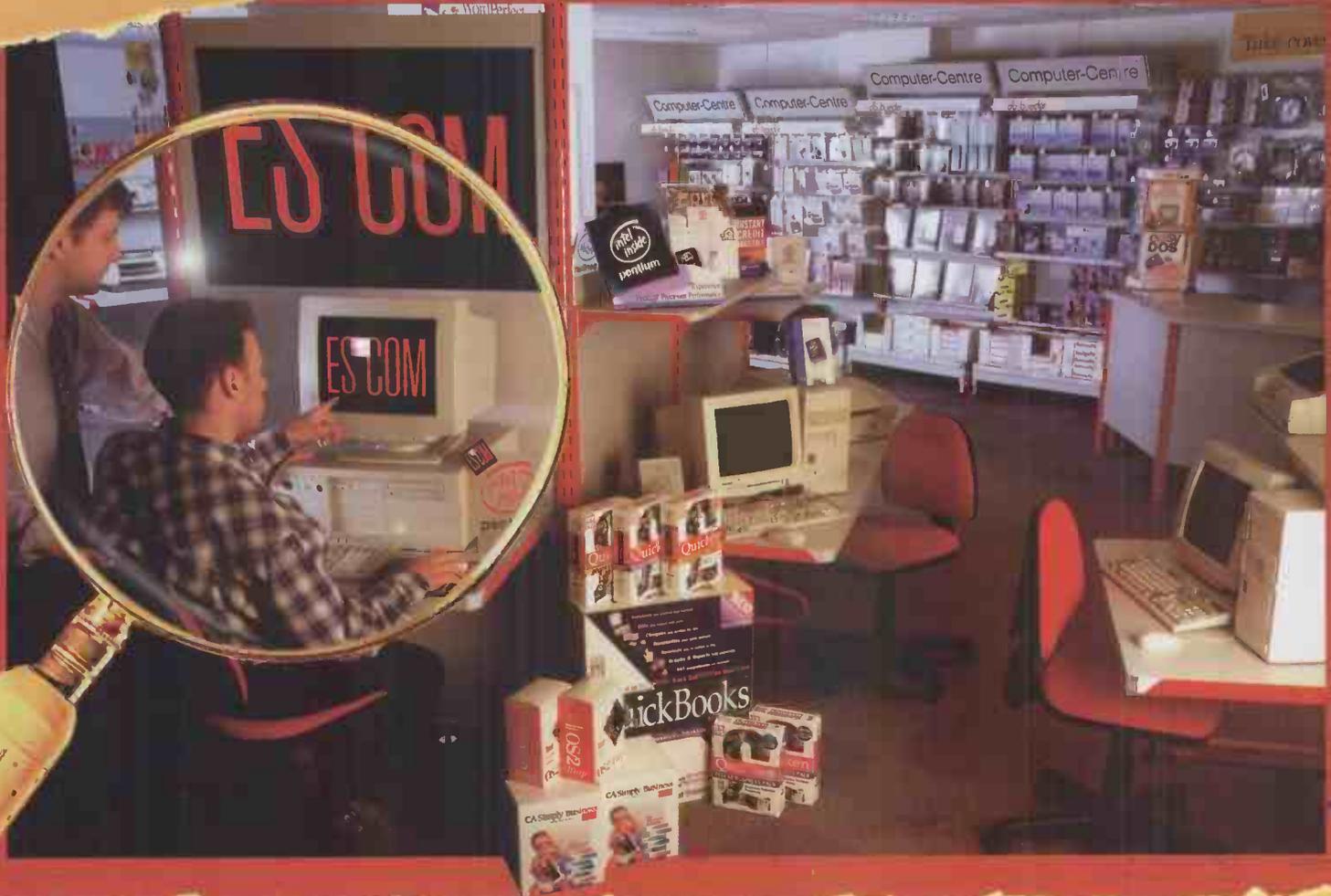
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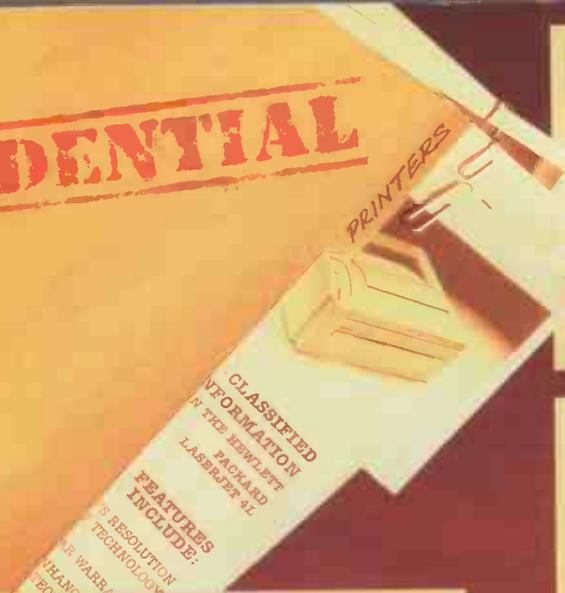


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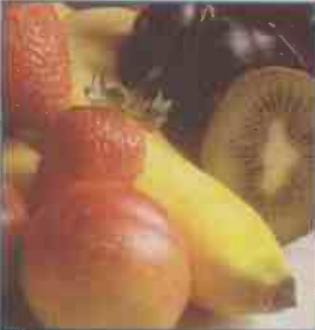


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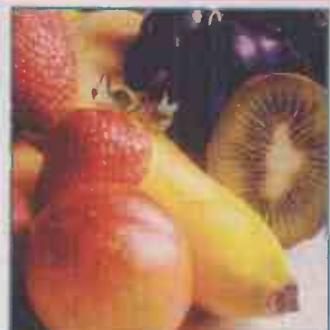
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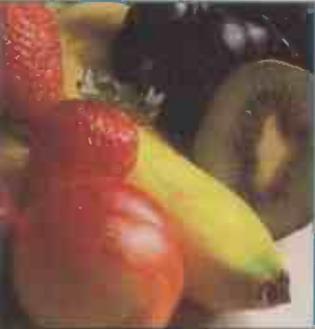
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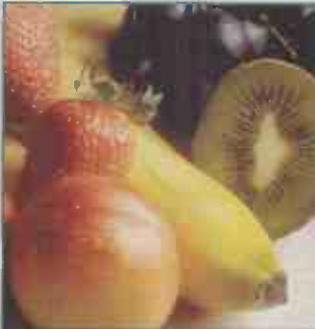
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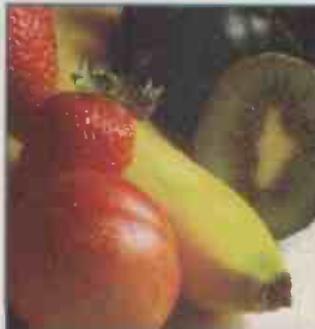
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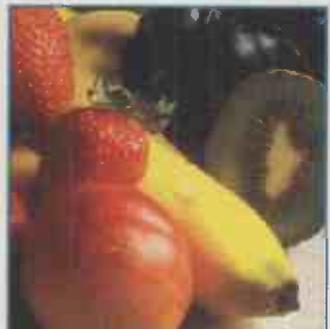
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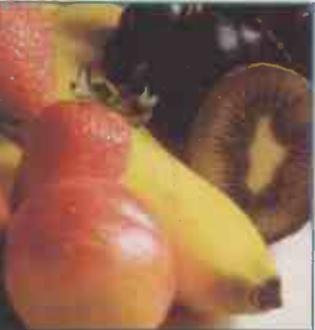
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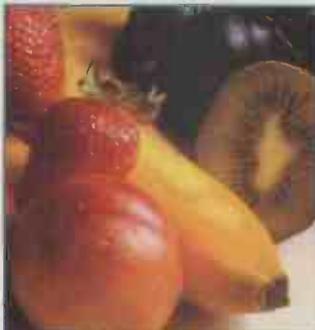
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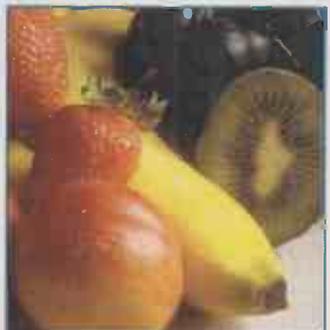
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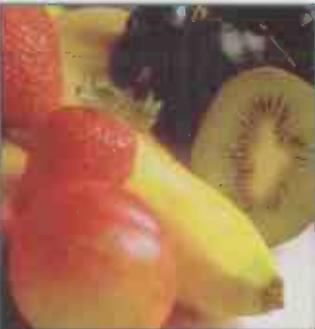
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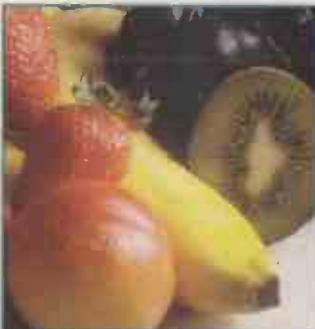
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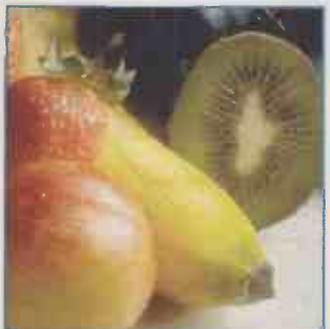
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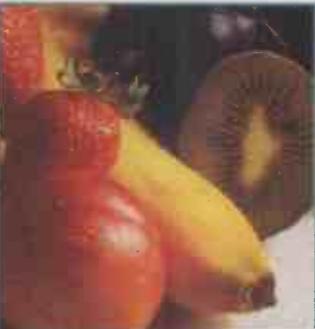
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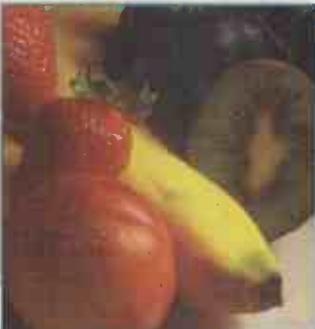
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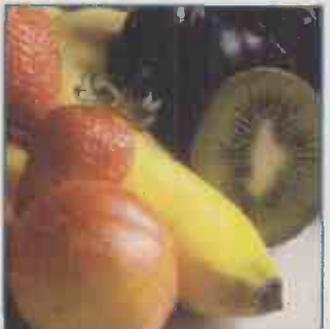
Star WinType 800c



Tek. Phaser 140



Tek. Phaser 540



TI microMarc Colour

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Manufacturer	Kodak	Lexmark Int	Lexmark Int	NEC(UK)	Olivetti
Printer	XLS 8600	ExecJet IIc	150c	NEC ColourScript 3000	JP450
Telephone	01442 61122	01628 481500	01628 481500	0345 300103	0181 785 6666
Fax	01442 845113	01628 481893	01628 481893	0181 992 7161	0181 780 8191
Price	£6,595	£299	£299	£949	£289
Technology	Thermal Dye Diffusion	Thermal Inkjet	Thermal Inkjet	Thermal Transfer/ Variable Dot/Dye Sub	Colour Bubblejet
Cost per mono page	176p (any coverage)	5% coverage 1.75p	5% coverage 1.75p	20p	4% coverage 0.65p
Cost per full-colour page (plain paper)	203p (any coverage)	15% coverage 11.83p	15% coverage 11.83p	t.t.paper 35p, d.s.paper 65p	8% coverage 8p
Cost per full-colour page (acetate)	249p (any coverage)	15% coverage 86.83p	15% coverage 86.83p	70p	not available
Bin capacity	100	150	150	50	150
Ports	SCSI, Parallel, LocalTalk, Ethernet	Parallel	Parallel	Parallel	Parallel
Resolution	300 x 300	600 x 300	600 x 300	300 x 300	600 x 300
RAM	32Mb	21kb	None (WPS)	None (GDI)	50kb
PDL's/Emulations	PostScript	PCL3	Windows driver	GDI / Apple Quickdraw II	PCL3 HPDeskJet 500C
No. of fonts	35	12	Windows fonts	Windows Fonts	30
3 or 4 colour	4	3	4	4	4
Size (h x w x d in mm)	304.8 x 421.6 x 571.5	269 x 363 x 282	297 x 439 x 269	496 x 388 x 292	167 x 385 x 406
Weight	25.2kg	5kg	4.4kg	10kg	5kg
Special Features				Has 3 print modes	
OS Drivers	Windows/ Mac	Windows	Windows	Windows	Windows
Bundled Software	True type fonts	None	None	None	None

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Manufacturer	Canon	Citizen Systems	Citizen Systems	Digital	Epson
Printer	BJC-70	Projet IIc	PN60	DECWriter 500i	Stylus 800 Colour
Telephone	0181 773 3173	01753 584111	01753 584111	01734 202060	0800 289 622
Fax	0181 669 5760	01753 582422	01753 582442	01734 203316	01422 227227
Price	£299	£279	£349	£286	£559
Technology	Colour Bubblejet	inkjet	Thermal Transfer	Bubble Inkjet	Piezo Colour Inkjet
Cost per mono page*	5% coverage 4p	5% coverage 0.7p	7.5% coverage 34p	5% coverage 2p	not available
Cost per full-colour page (plain paper)	7.5% coverage 34p	7.5% coverage 8.13p	7.5% coverage 34p	15% coverage 16p	75% coverage at 20p
Cost per full-colour page (acetate)	7.5% coverage 11.4p	7.5% coverage 88.13p	7.5% coverage 11.4p	not available	75% coverage at 20p
Bin capacity	30	70	Manual feed	150	100
Ports	Parallel	Parallel	Parallel	Parallel	1 Parallel, 1 Serial
Resolution	720 x 360	300 x 300	360 x 360	600 x 300	360 x 360
RAM	35kb	50kb	18kb	128kb 256kb optional	64kb
PDL's/Emulations	IBM Proprinter X24E	HP DJ 500c PCL3	Epson LQ860	HP DJ 500c	Epson Esc/P2
No. of fonts	20	9	6	8	7
3 or 4 colour	4	3	3	4	3
Size (h x w x d in mm)	57 x 300 x 157.6	141 x 361 x 361	50.5 x 254 x 47	173 x 385 x 466	192 x 470 x 338
Weight	1.4kg	4kg	0.5kg	5 kg	7.2
Special Features	Smoothing function		Compressed landscape		Piezo electric technology
OS Drivers	Windows/DOS/ Amiga/OS/2	Windows	Windows	Windows	Windows
Bundled Software	None	None	None	None	None



Olivetti	Star Micronics	Tektronix	Tektronix	Texas Instruments
JP360	WinType 800C	Phaser 140	Phaser 540	microMarc Colour
0181 785 6666	01494 471111	01628 403300	01628 403601	01932 780753
0181 780 8191	01494 473333	01628 403617	01628 403617	01932 780126
£229	£799	£995	£6,995	£299
Colour Bubblejet	Thermal Transfer	Liquid Inkjet	Colour laser	Thermal Inkjet
4% coverage 0.65p	12p (any coverage)	5% coverage 1.7p	5% coverage 4.8p	4% coverage 4p
8% coverage 8p	47p (A4 ribbon)	30% coverage 11.3p	5% coverage 10p	4% coverage 14.4p
not available	52p (any coverage)	not available	not available	not available
70	50	50	200	120
Parallel	Parallel	Parallel LocalTalk	Parallel, SCSI + options	Centronics Parallel
300 x 300	300 x 300	360 x 360	600 x 600	300 x 300 (colour)
50kb	0.5Mb	8Mb	20Mb	128k
PCL3	Windows driver	PostScript (Level 2)	PostScript, HPGL, HPPCL	HP550c
30	Windows fonts	17	69	10
4	4	4	4	3
141 x 361 x 361	128 x 359 x 256	191 x 318 x 419	454 x 489 x 492	175 x 385 x 466
4kg	7.5kg	6.4kg	53kg	5kg
	Colour intensity controls	Autoswitching	3 paper bins	Colour Magic drivers
Windows	Windows	Windows/Mac	Windows, Mac	Windows
None	Additional 35 TrueType fonts	None	None	Troubleshooting utility

Hewlett-Packard	Hewlett-Packard	Hewlett-Packard	Hewlett-Packard	Hewlett-Packard
DeskJet 1600C	DeskJet 850C	DeskJet 540	Color LaserJet	DeskJet 320
01344 369222	01344 369222	01344 369222	01344 369222	01344 369222
0171 735 5565	0171 735 5565	0171 735 5565	0171 735 5565	0171 735 5565
£1,150	£539	£289	£5,850	£229
Colour inkjet	Colour Inkjet	Colour Inkjet	Colour Laser	Colour Inkjet
4% coverage 10.46p	5% coverage at 10.65p	5% coverage 10.27p	5.9% coverage 2.063p	5% coverage 11.64p
4% coverage 14.02p	16% coverage at 11.92p	6% coverage 18.73p	5.9% coverage 4.3p	6% coverage 18.73p
4% coverage 8.25p	4% coverage at 8.25p	6% coverage at 8.25p	5.9% coverage 79.3p	6% coverage 8.25p
180	150	100	250	60
Parallel	Parallel	Parallel	Bi-tronics Parallel, MI0 slot	Parallel
300 x 300 (colour)	300 x 300 (colour)	300 x 300 (colour)	300 x 300	600 x 300
4Mb	1Mb	512kb	8Mb	48kb
HP PCL 5C, HP GL/2, PostScript	HP PCL3	HP PCL3	HP PCL 5C, HPGL/2, PostScript (opt)	PCL3
45	26	4	45	12
4	4	3	4	3
279 x 508 x 432	218 x 447 x 394	199 x 439 x 405	375 x 620 x 490	65 x 310 x 146
11.34kg	5.3kg	5.3kg	46.5kg	1.96kg
Automatic out of ink sensing		R.E.T	Supports A3 in black and white	Optional Sheetfeeder
Windows, OS/2	Windows, OS/2	Windows 3.1, OS/2	Windows, OS/2	Windows, OS/2
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Windows	Windows	Windows		Fonts

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# Run an IDE

Such is the rate of advance of quad-speed CD-ROM drives, **Gordon Laing** found it necessary to test another batch of the latest releases sooner than he expected. So to keep you up to date, he considers another super seven drives — none of these are SCSI devices and the average price is under £200.



Wearnes CDD-220



Teac CD-55AK



Pioneer DR-UA124X

PCW Photography by David Whyte

**H**ere we go again with another quad-speed CD-ROM drive round-up, a mere four months after our previous one — those ubiquitous CD-ROM drives keep advancing at a rate of which the Romans would have been proud. The super seven in this test are all quad-speed CD-ROM drives: all are internal units; the average price is well under £200; and intriguingly, none are SCSI devices.

Last April we looked at eight quad-speed CD-ROM drives: we had been prepared to consider all speeds but found that most manufacturers had more or less abandoned double-speed. Perhaps the biggest surprise at the time was the virtually global acceptance of the ATAPI specification (AT Attachment Packet Interface), which enabled CD-ROM drives to be cheaply connected to existing IDE (Integrated Drive Electronics) interfaces. An IDE quad-speed drive is now the new budget standard (in some cases costing less than £150).

Of the eight drives we reviewed in April, six were SCSI, which left only two to fly the IDE flag. Yet today, IDE rules this review; in the following pages we cover six IDE quad-speeds as well as one which connects to a SoundBlaster card. With a little care, it is now possible to fit a high performance quad-speed CD-ROM drive into

your PC's innards more easily and cheaply than last year's double-speed units.

Since one internal budget drive looks pretty much like another, we're not going to bore you with the tedious physical descriptions of these drives. The interesting part is how the ATAPI specification works, and its largely undocumented problems. At PCW we've been looking

into this for some time now, and our findings so far are displayed in the speed and performance tables on page 494.

#### Quad what, exactly?

Let us consider just what is so "quad" about quad-speed drives. With early CD-ROMs, data was read off at the same speed as for audio CDs. Audio CD may sound good, but it may surprise you to learn that the sustained data transfer rate for 16-bit stereo at 44.1kHz is a mere 150kb/sec. This is what the first CD-ROM drives worked at, and was known as "single speed".

As error correction improved it became possible to physically spin the disc at twice the speed, doubling the sustained data transfer rate to 300kb/sec; this is referred to as "double-speed". Quad takes it one step further, doubling the speed again and resulting in a more acceptable 600kb/sec sustained data transfer rate.

Theoretically it should be possible to keep spinning discs faster, but various physical limitations spoil the fun. The current fastest is a six-speed model by Plextor, costing £430 for an internal SCSI-2 configuration, which delivers 910kb/sec (reviewed in July's *First Impressions*).

Other issues surrounding CD-ROM drives include compatibility with the large number of disc formats around. Photo CDs and other recordable CDs may have data added to them at a later date. Each subsequent addition is known as a "session": if there's only one recording, the disc is called single session; if there is more than one, it's a multi-session disc and you'll need a multi-session drive to access anything other than a single-session disc.

The other major compatibility issue is with White Book Video CDs. In order to play these back you'll need MPEG decoding hardware and a White Book Video CD compatible CD-ROM drive. Fortunately all the drives tested here, and indeed virtually all drives released during the past year or so, are multi-session and White Book compatible (it's always worth checking before you buy, just to be sure).

#### The ATAPI specification

In the early eighties two standards were introduced to control the flow of data (I/O) between the computer's processor and its peripherals; the most common being the hard drive. In 1981 Adaptec was formed by some of the pioneer developers of SCSI (Small Computer Systems Interface), pronounced *scuzzy*. It was designed to cater for high-performance applications which, at the time, predominantly meant file servers.

In 1982 IDE was brought onto the scene by Western Digital as a cheap I/O interface for the introduction of the new AT (ISA) bus. Integrated Drive Electronics, as its name implies, embeds the hard

Goldstar GCD-540B

Toshiba XM5302B

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## How we did the tests

All the CD drives were tested on the VNU European Labs' reference machine, an IBM PS ValuePoint DX4/100 with 16Mb of RAM and VESA VL-bus/ISA expansion buses. The software loaded initially comprised MSDOS 6.22 and Windows for Workgroups 3.11. We also installed a copy of Euromark 2.0 — VNU European Labs' component level test suite for display adaptors, CD-ROMs and other hardware.

To suppress unpredictable results affected by swapping and other Windows memory management, Virtual Memory was turned off for the CD tests. Our standard Config.sys and Autoexec.bat files were copied to the root directory before each CD drive was fitted. The standard files were initially "plain Jane" ones, left unchanged from the standard DOS/Windows installation. Configurations were modified according to the CD drives' installation directions or (wherever possible) by the supplied installation software.

VNU European Labs' CD-ROM tests measure sequential and random access rates across files of different sizes and take into account the impact that CD access has upon the system's CPU. The CPU utilisation figures are especially important when running multimedia applications (which often strain the CPU in any case) on older systems with slower



buses and CPUs.

Typical use of CD drives results in more sequential than random access; this is especially the case where Video for Windows or similar multimedia motion-playback software is used. Our overall score therefore weights random access times versus sequential at 1:3.

All drives were internally fitted and attached to the secondary on-board IDE controller, configured to run in Fast mode. Many sound cards offer CD-ROM interfaces, so we tested the Teac quad-speed which connects to a SoundBlaster card. We used the bundled 8-bit interface offered, in the case where (for some reason or other) the SoundBlaster wasn't playing ball.

Teac's SoundBlaster version managed to stay on a par with the ATAPI drives in sequential transfer speeds but did so with the penalty of high CPU usage. Such drives are useful where a SoundBlaster card is already fitted and there is no spare IDE channel or connector, but on the whole, ATAPI CD drives and their drivers make better use of the system's CPU cycles.

Differences between the remaining drives are largely caused by different versions of the ATAPI software drivers. These are in a constant state of improvement and it's worth checking out the bulletin boards for later versions, as you might get a little extra performance from your drive by installing better-tuned software.

drive controller into the hard drive itself. The IDE controller is effectively just an electrical interface, hence its low cost. The IDE specification as we know it today is named AT Attachment, or ATA.

ATA/IDE is provided on one channel and is capable of supporting two devices: the first addressed as the master, the second as the slave. (Most IDE configurations consist of a single device, the master usually being both hard drive and slave device.)

IDE remains in widespread use in what is estimated to be around 90 per cent of all desktop PCs — SCSI holds a similar share of the server market. IDE is very cheap, with standard ISA I/O cards offering two serial, one parallel, one floppy drive and IDE hard drive controller for around £20. More sophisticated IDE controller cards, with perhaps a cache and/or local bus interface, are still relatively cheap. The cheapest ISA SCSI interface/host adaptor costs around £50, but one with built-in I/O (serial, parallel, floppy, plus maybe a games port) comes in at nearer £130. High-performance SCSI host adaptors working on a PCI or VL local bus are available for around £250.

Motherboards are now being offered with extensive on-board facilities. It is not uncommon to find a motherboard with on-board I/O in the most basic form of either an IDE or SCSI controller, while the more sophisticated additionally offer serial, parallel and floppy controllers,

dispensing altogether with the need for an I/O card.

Nothing lasts forever. Before long, IDE became a major bottleneck in PC systems. So in 1993, Western Digital proposed Enhanced IDE, known as EIDE, as an improved but compatible extension to the ATA standard to cope with improved disk, processor and bus performance.

EIDE supports faster data transfer rates and hard drives of up to 8.4Gb, whereas IDE support peaks at 528Mb. EIDE supports two channels, with a master and slave configuration on each — a total of four devices. Enhanced IDE is increasingly fitted as standard to new desktop PCs either on I/O cards or direct to the motherboard. Look out for two physical connectors, one connector for each channel.

And now to the crux of the matter: the AT Attachment Packet Interface, or ATAPI. Again proposed by Western Digital, and finalised in 1994, ATAPI defined the new command set required to address devices other than hard drives. The first ATAPI peripherals are CD-ROM drives, with tape drives expected soon.

The whole idea is that the ATAPI device can be fitted to an existing IDE or EIDE interface, either as a slave device on the same channel as the hard disk, or with a channel devoted entirely to it. Either way, it should require no additional hardware and therefore be a cheap and easy solution.

### Fitting in

Unfortunately, there is rarely such a thing as a cheap and easy solution and ATAPI CD-ROM drives are high up on the list of being "apparently simple to fit, but in fact requiring a little thought to get right". But have no fear, as we have put in quite a lot of thought to get it right, before presenting our findings here.

Our first discovery is the most important, since this concerns how most ATAPI CD-ROM drives are fitted: if the ATAPI drive is the slave device on the same IDE channel as your hard drive, you will lose Windows 32-bit disk access. In the worst cases we have measured a subsequent hard drive performance loss of up to 50 percent in Windows.

The problem is that the hard drive is installed as drive C from the CMOS setup, complete with IDE settings such as sectors and cylinders, whereas the slave CD-ROM drive is installed as drive D from a device driver. Microsoft's current Windows 32-bit disk access code detects interrupts on the IDE channel from the CD-ROM drive but can't see it because it's not installed as drive D in the CMOS setup. Consequently it gets confused and the system either becomes unstable or switches off the 32-bit disk access option — either way, the (reluctant) solution is to turn off this option.

Microsoft is promising to update the drivers in Windows 95 to handle ATAPI drives not installed from the CMOS, while Future Domain currently offers an IDE

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● = Yes ○ = No

Manufacturer	Goldstar	Mitsumi	NEC	Pioneer	Teac	Toshiba	Wearnes
Model	GCD-540B	FX 400	4X IDE	DR-UA124X	CD-55AK	XM-5302B	CDD-220
Connection	E-IDE	ATAPI / IDE	ATAPI / IDE	ATAPI / IDE	SoundBlaster	ATAPI / IDE	ATAPI / IDE
Cache	128kb	256kb	256kb	128kb	64kb	256kb	128kb
Audio controls	●	○	○	○	○	○	●
Price	£119	£140	£179	£179	£200 inc card	£179	£129
Contact	LG Electronics	Mitsumi	NEC	Ideal Hardware	Teac UK	Ideal Hardware	Wearnes Peripherals
Telephone	01753 500426	01276 671029	0345 300103	0181 286 5000	01923 225235	0181 286 5000	01727 836330

controller which it claims has drivers ready to cope with ATAPI drives — welcome back 32-bit Windows disk access. But for now, what can you do with Windows 3.1 and existing controllers?

The best solution is to put the ATAPI drive onto a separate channel from the hard drive(s) — in this configuration, the hard drive retains its Windows 32-bit disk access and everyone is happy.

Many sound cards offer IDE interfaces, or you could always buy another I/O card, disable the parallel and serial ports and use the remaining IDE. But each host controller, including your existing I/O, occupies precious interrupts and the more you use, the less efficient your system becomes.

Ideally all your devices should be talking to the same, single host. Vanilla IDE will suffice when the updated drivers become available, but until this happens the ultimate solution is Enhanced IDE. Connect your hard drive(s) to one channel, the ATAPI drive(s) to the other, and hey presto — all devices on the same host controller for the best performance, and Windows 32-bit disk access for the hard drives.

Existing IDE users have several less than ideal options open to them. They

can connect the ATAPI drive as a slave and sacrifice 32-bit disk access until updated drivers arrive. They can use a separate interface for the ATAPI drive (either a second I/O, proprietary or sound card) but sacrifice the ideal scenario of a single host with the least strain on the processor.

Perhaps the best, and in some cases only solution is to invest in a new I/O card with Enhanced IDE and benefit not only from two channels but also from superior data transfer rates, particularly over a (PCI or VL) local bus. But this almost defeats the whole object of an ATAPI drive; which is to save you buying a new interface.

**Conclusion**

Normally there is a clear-cut winner in our tests, but this time it's considerably less certain. The easy answer would have been to choose the highest performer and the one with the cheapest price, in which case we would recommend the Pioneer and the Goldstar respectively. But it's not as simple as that.

For a start, there is not a fantastic difference in performance between any of the ATAPI drives and any variance would more or less disappear when it comes to real-life applications.

What about price? Our table shows the Goldstar to be the cheapest at £119. The Pioneer and Toshiba are the most expensive at £179 each. When you come to buy one of the cheaper models, you may find that you end up paying more than the generally quoted, generally optimistic price: the trouble is that the demand for quad-speed is huge and has far outstripped supply — consequently, availability and price fluctuate enormously. It is fairly safe to say however that you should be able to buy any of the drives mentioned for under £180, which still represents quite a bargain. One definite conclusion is that those drives which connect to a sound card put more pressure on the processor than an IDE/ATAPI or SCSI drive, so these can be recommended for convenience only.

As far as ATAPI is concerned, our ultimate conclusion is to follow brand loyalty. Alternatively, it may come down to which one is available for the least money when you're ready to buy. Either way, they do all genuinely deliver around 600kb/sec, confirming their quad-speed labels. So long as you know about the issues surrounding ATAPI (covered earlier) and how to make the most of your configuration, a bargain fast CD-ROM drive awaits you.





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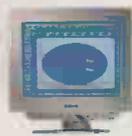
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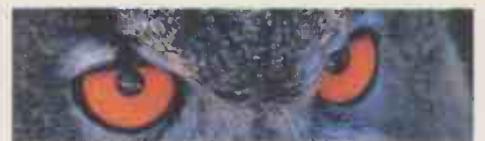
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Behind their uninviting exterior, flowcharts are in fact an ideal way to collate and convey information. Simon Rockman looks at eight packages to see which has the most appealing interface and the least forbidding learning curve.

**F**lowcharts, ideal for making complicated processes easy to understand, are vastly under-used. The problem is that they *look* complicated. A page of boxes, lines and decisions is bound to have a technophobe running scared, but as with any fundamentally simple operation it's a matter of taking things slowly and a step at a time. A good flowchart could have Mr Bean successfully setting his video.

Programmers used to be taught to draw everything as a flowchart before filling in coding cards, but flowcharts can be applied to many walks of life. It's because flowcharting has always been a niche in the software market that there are no really big names and the offerings are so different. This has left scope for some incredibly poor products: very few of the manuals actually use flowcharts to

explain how the software works.

The huge differences in approach are reflected by the way the programs work and in the people at whom they are aimed. Visio and CoreFlow are general purpose, allClear is clearly targeted at programmers, and Charts Now steps outside strict charting to offer presentation graphics facilities. Flowcharts are a great way to get complicated ideas clear in your head, by forcing you to break processes down. They are an even better way to convey information. The question is, which package?

#### ABC Flowcharter 4.0

One of the few big names producing a flowcharting program is Micrografx, and ABC Flowcharter bears all the hallmarks of coming from a professional stable. The manual weighs as much as a copy of

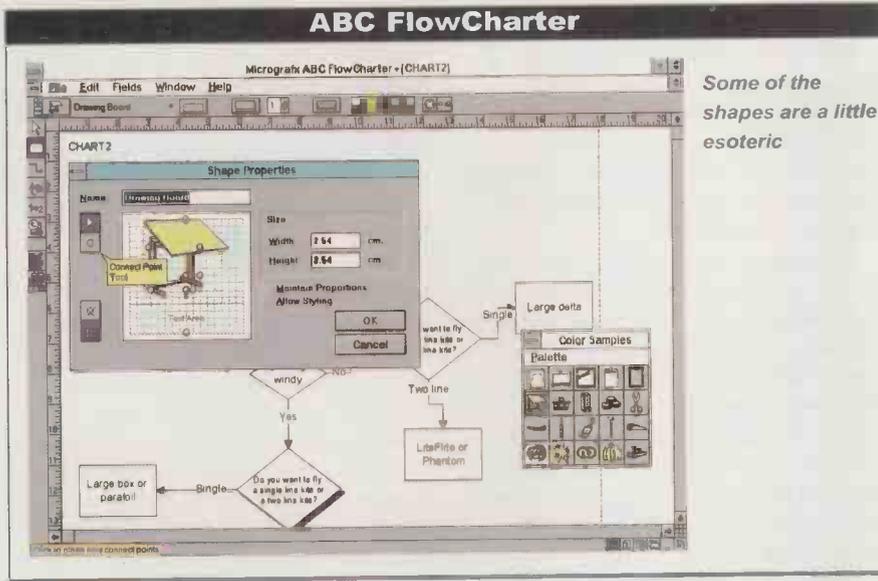
PCW and the software comes on five floppies or a CD-ROM. If there's a general criticism, it's that there's too much of it. The box includes charting, a data analyser, SnapGraphics — a diagramming program, and a viewer which can be automated to produce presentations. There is support for organisational charts, networking, block diagrams and Venn diagrams, and there's a comprehensive selection of statistical charts.

Support for templates is good. You can save commonly used settings in a template file and use a stored template to create a new file, but you cannot impose a style on a chart.

Text can be placed anywhere on a



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Some of the shapes are a little esoteric

chart or attached to a line or shape. You can even set a preference for aligning text next to shapes. Text cannot be scaled to automatically fit in a shape but shapes can be made to fit text, by clicking on a button. Shapes do not scale as you type. The use of text is enhanced by the inclusion of 200 TrueType fonts on the CD and spellchecking for the text.

Automation options are extensive. ABC Flowcharter supports OLE level 2.0 and the commands can be called from Visual Basic or C++. The manual explains the use of OLE for simple linking and does a good job of it, but for more detailed automation an optional manual is available. Drag and drop source is not supported, so you cannot drag an object from ABC Flowcharter into another OLE-compatible application to create a link.

There is extensive colour control with 100 predefined colours and the ability to mix your own.

Line routing isn't fully automatic. The software won't try to avoid crossing lines but will avoid shapes. Where lines do cross there is the option to have the lines break or have a loop where one line overlaps another.

Shapes can be numbered automatically. A selection of numbering schemes allow codes to be attached to shapes; useful if shapes show actions associated with a particular project or are the responsibility of one person.

The inclusion of just one import filter is an interesting insight into which program Micrographx sees as a rival — Easyflow. There is a filter for the DOS versions.

Shapes can be linked to notes and other charts, providing scope for very large, detailed charts. This high level of sophistication is hidden and does not

hinder you if all you want is a quick chart, but using the software like that seems rather a waste.

A good quick-reference card and a readable manual are provided.

### allClear 3.01

Time was when a programmer wouldn't be allowed near a terminal until they had drawn out a flowchart; canny programmers would write the program first and then draw the flowchart from it. allClear is software for people who would rather type than draw. It ensures good-looking, neat flowcharts even if you have no artistic aptitude.

The program positions all the objects, creates all the links and positions the text, handy if you have a number of options connecting to the same result as



allClear ensures that the lines join up neatly. This unusual approach does mean that the initial learning curve is quite steep, however. You have to remember that the punctuation of your script determines the shape of the objects. If you use the built-in editor the software prompts you with the correct number of options for the question.

Most people buy charting software because they have a job to do and are keen to dive in. With allClear you need to spend some time working through the tutorial — frustrating if you have a deadline looming.

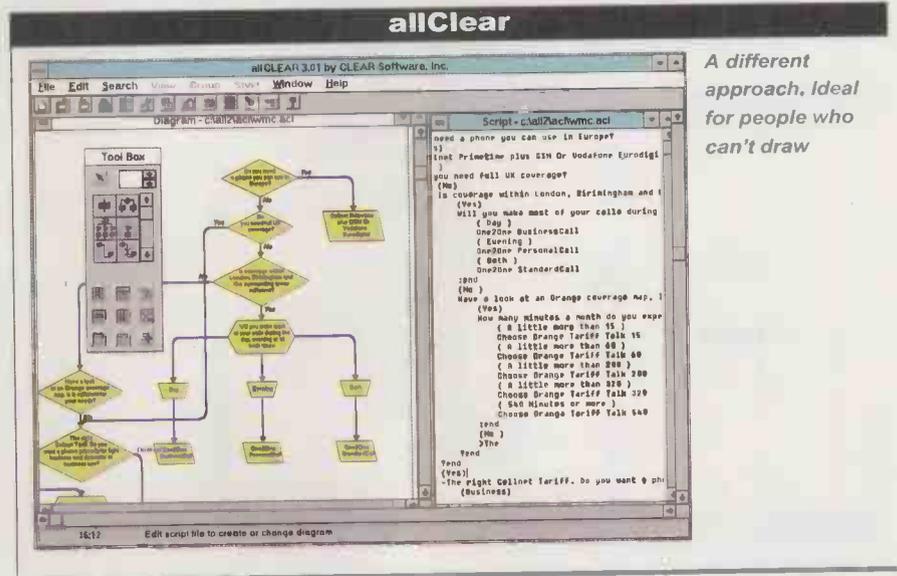
On features, allClear competes well with rivals. It is best at flowcharting but copes with tree charts, org charts, decision trees and fishbone charts. It will not do timelines or Venn diagrams.

The appearance of charts is quite restricted. You cannot have bitmaps in objects but the colour, text and feel of the chart — the use of square or rounded corners and drop shadows for instance — which would normally be called a template, is controlled by a style setting.

Shapes can be automatically scaled to fit text, proportionally or horizontally. The second setting looks horrible but does lead to compact charts. There's a limited selection of basic shapes and no clip-art but you can define your own shapes with a separate editor program.

Documentation is reasonable but was principally written for version 2.0 with a 3.0 addendum — fine for users who are upgrading, but difficult for new users to follow.

The very different nature of allClear makes comparison difficult. There is no spellchecking for the text but you don't have to use the built-in editor, and can



A different approach, ideal for people who can't draw

use a conventional word processor with a spellchecker to write the scripts.

While the computer has initial control of the shape of the chart (you can set a preference for portrait or landscape) you can place text on the chart and the software will number boxes for you. And, if you want to mess with the neat chart the software has produced, you can scale and drag shapes around in the completed diagram.

**Charts Now! 2.2(1)**



**Charts Now!**

This program makes something of a guest appearance in a review of flowcharting packages. Charts Now sits firmly on the presentation graphics side of things. It will do flowcharts but is most at home with other types of charts, particularly timeline. (There is a dedicated link to Timesheet Professional.) This is a program to use if you need to justify a three-hour trip to the coffee machine.

The program describes itself as being suitable for creating "presentation quality schedules and charts". It makes a feature of being lightweight and easy to use: the whole thing fits onto a single floppy and consumes only 1.2Mb of hard disk space. It is resource hungry, even if it doesn't take up a lot of memory under Windows.

The simplicity extends to how much the software "knows" about the chart. It is essentially a drawing package which allows you to link shapes. As a project management program Charts Now links objects to people and has a table view which is linked to the chart. Chart contents can be sorted to reflect this and selected portions of a chart can be

distributed to different people.

Org charts are created with a ruler at the top and personnel boxes dropping down (some modern management techniques dictate drawing the charts the other way up). The ruler serves just to aid positioning: it is much more important in time-scale based charts.

Text can be placed on the chart in the form of annotations but the software does no routing for you. If you move shapes around you will have to redraw the links; they remain attached but do not avoid other lines or shapes, neither do they snap to orthogonal positions. Even with the automatic link feature the software will not avoid other shapes, and makes some odd decisions as to which connection points to use.

The major feature of Charts Now is the inclusion of wizards. They're not as comprehensive as those offered by Microsoft applications, but some would say that's a good thing. The Charts Now wizard performs commonly needed tasks for you without guiding you through step by step. In stark contrast, the method for adding bitmaps is horrifically complex. It requires the Windows Software Developers Kit which most users won't have. Some predefined bitmaps might have alleviated the alienation this causes, but at the moment it smacks of being a half-written feature.

Charts Now clearly isn't a good flowcharting program. It is an average, general charting program and a sensible time scheduling package. But it is cheap.

**CoreIFlow**

Corel Corporation started life as a small company installing PC-based



**CoreIFLOW**

DTP systems for local companies in Ottawa. Customers wanted optical disk backup and a decent drawing program, so Corel got to work. The results were so good that the CD-ROM software grew to be bigger than the systems software and CorelDraw grew to be many times bigger than the whole shebang.

The problem for any hugely successful company is where to go next. You could use CorelDraw to produce flowcharts but a dedicated program will give the best results. CoreIFlow is a cut-down version of CorelDraw but its dedication to flowcharts isn't particularly pronounced. It has great symbol and shape libraries but does little to aid the construction of flowcharts. Special shapes known as Smart Shapes provide automatic links but there is no routing, and shapes can be placed one on top of another. They really are not that smart. The software's good features, like a spellcheck of the text in the diagram, are a subset of those found in CorelDraw, and a trial version of Draw is included on the CD.

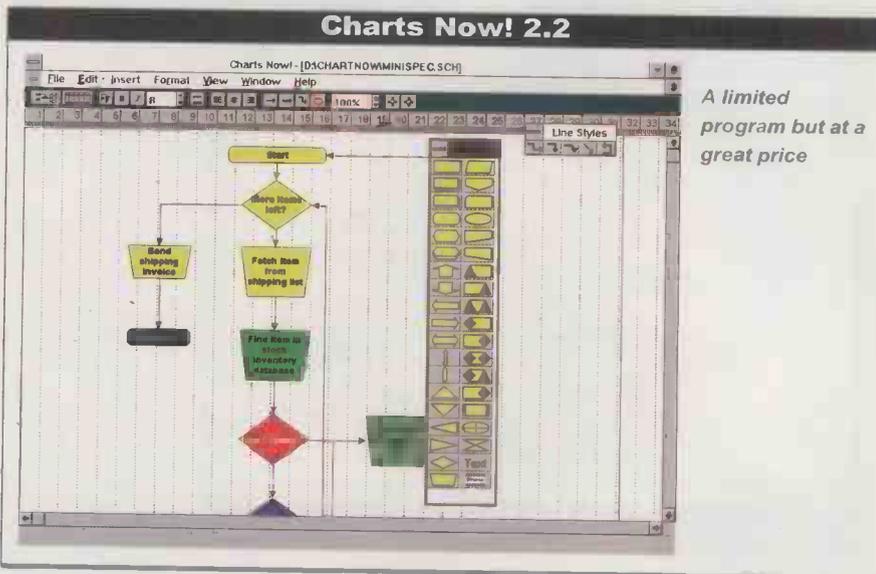
There is no automatic scaling of objects to fit text or of text to fit objects, but the general free form of the software does make it suitable for a wide variety of charts including flow, org, network — there are special symbols included for this — block and Venn diagrams and, if you're particularly artistic, timeline charts, although there is no special support for these. Standard setups include space planning, landscape design, project management, logic diagrams and electrical diagrams in both UK and US flavours, although being Canadian the software refers to US as NA (North American) which is odd since Canadians seem keen to distance themselves from the US.

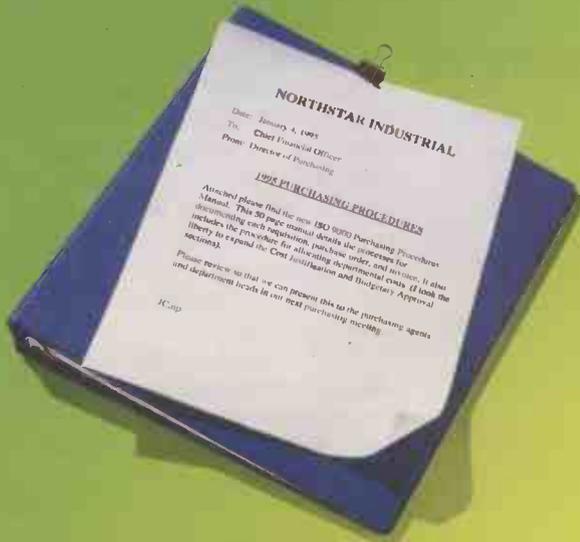
The software is very flexible — text can be placed free-form — and comes with a vast quantity of clip-art and fonts on the CD-ROM. There is OLE support, but the lack of a macro language means you cannot control CoreIFlow from a Visual Basic or C++ application. You can use it as both client and server, though.

You cannot include bitmaps as part of the smart shapes but they can be loaded in. Connecting lines move with shapes but do not attach to connecting points in the usual way.

The tutorial is based on a number of interlinked CoreIFlow charts. It's an impressive demonstration of what the software can do but not much use in the learning process. The documentation is good but leans rather too heavily towards clip-art and fonts.

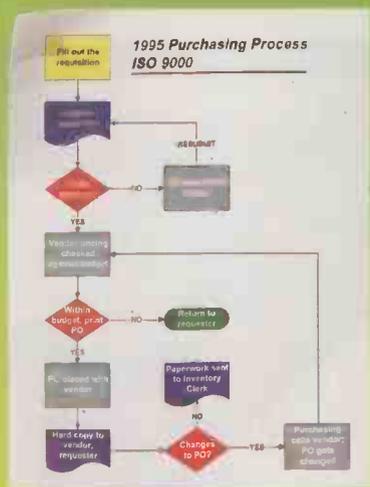
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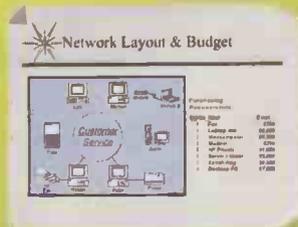
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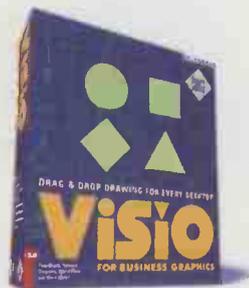
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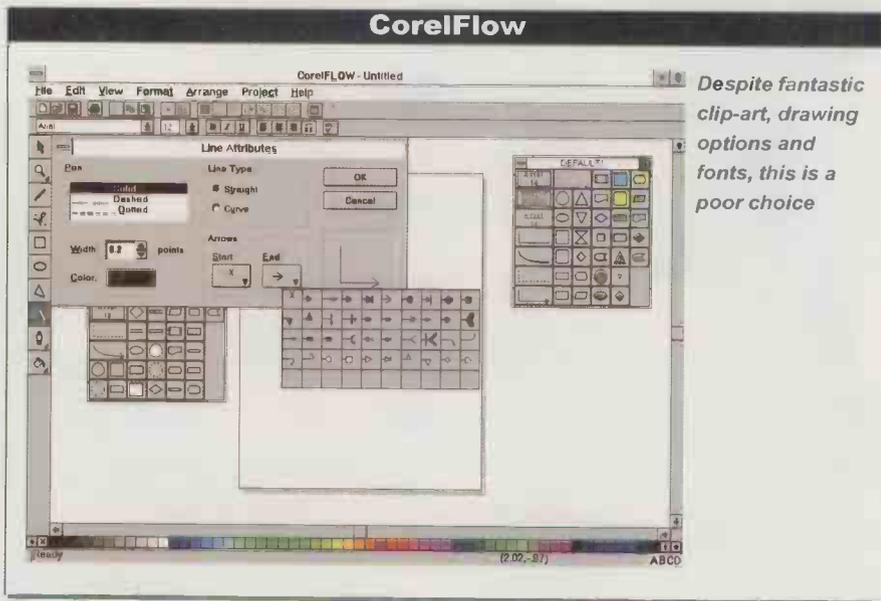


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**Easyflow 2.0**

If you were to draw up a specification for a flowcharting program, you would probably end up with something a lot like Easyflow for Windows. It's been a long time coming: Haventree has had a DOS version for a while but the original Windows version didn't hit the shelves until 1984 and version 2.0, reviewed here, until March. And it's a great program. There's a palette of shapes — actually 14 shape libraries and a drawing area. The manual advises against making the page size too big to begin with as it consumes memory and slows the software down, but you can always increase it later. In fact the manual is a shining example, very easy to follow and with some great tips. Haventree is based in Ontario and New York but the manuals have a lal-



back Californian feel. Even the "don't pirate this" disclaimer is cool.

Best of all, Easyflow has automatic line routing. You lay out the shapes and click on the smart line tool, then click inside the shape you want to link from and drag to the shape you want to link to.

The program routes from the nearest connect point to the place where your cursor left the shape, to the point nearest where the cursor enters the second object. Lines can be straight or Bezier, but Bezier curves are not smart; they have to be routed by hand. When text is attached to lines it moves with the lines; when text is typed into a shape, the shape grows to accommodate text rather than let it spill out. The shapes "grow" in predefined steps, the idea being to keep some level of homogeneity between the boxes. You can link charts, building them so that double-clicking on an object loads another chart.

As with the other packages reviewed here, the scope of Easyflow extends beyond flowcharts to org charts, dataflow diagrams, chemical-flow processes and networking. There is even a special networking version of the program which scans the computer network and draws a chart showing what it can see through the Novell server. Unusually, a Mac version is also available.

The look-and-feel of the software obeys Windows rules, including tool tips. You should be able to get the results you want — at least, you should if it doesn't crash. During testing Easyflow consistently had problems with Windows 95. Rodderick Manhattan, the company which distributes the program in the UK, says there will be a new version to fix this. I might also add that we had some problems under Windows 3.1 when boxes were scaling to autofit text.

This aside, Easyflow proved to be a great program, and at £149 it isn't outrageously expensive.

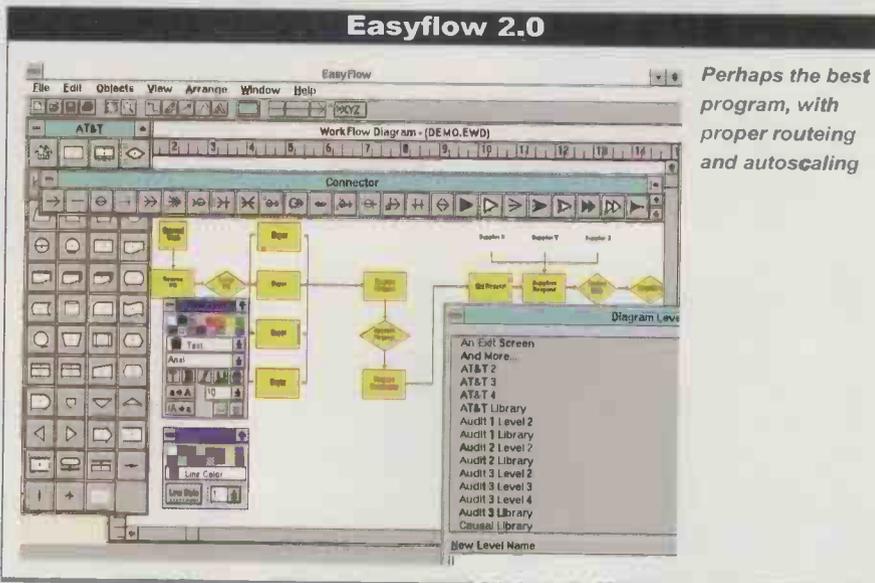
**Flowcharting 4.0**

There are some basic features which you expect all flowcharting packages to offer: the ability to draw standard shapes and link them with lines. This is exactly what Flowcharting 4.0 does, this and little else. Most of its features, like scrolling, text placement and zoom, are things you would expect of any program. You could use Flowcharting 4.0 as a restricted drawing package to produce org, flow and network charts, but a non-specialist program would suffice. There is no simple way to do timeline or Venn diagrams.



The template feature is unusual. To control the colour and styles of the objects and lines, and the overall feel of the chart, it changes the selection of shapes available — what would normally be called a symbol library. Text and symbols must be scaled by hand to fit each other. Text is freeform and can be placed anywhere on the chart. A snapshot feature lets you insert several objects with the same attributes into a chart with ease, but there is no way to automatically impose a format on existing objects. Symbols can be coloured but cannot contain bitmaps. Because the symbols are not tied to the text within them, there is no automatic alignment of text.

Flowcharting 4.0 is easy to grasp but there is no scope for advancement. There is no macro language or automation, which means a lack of automatic



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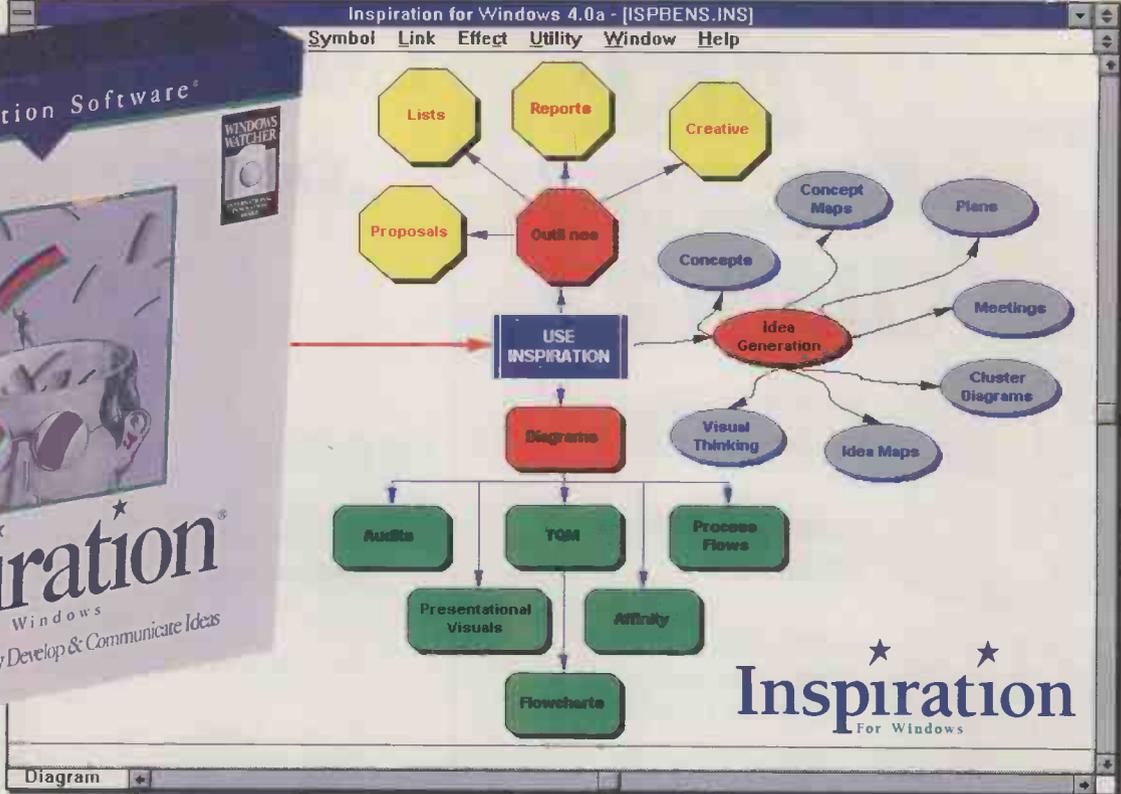
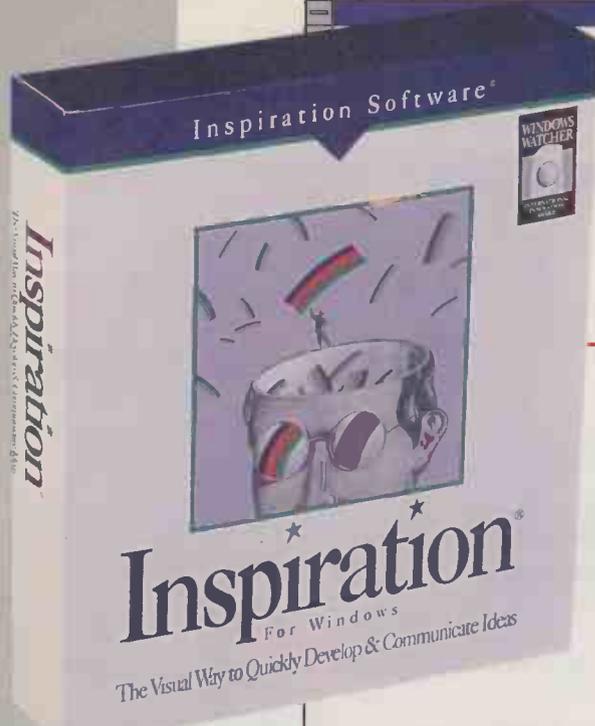
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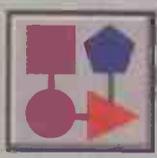
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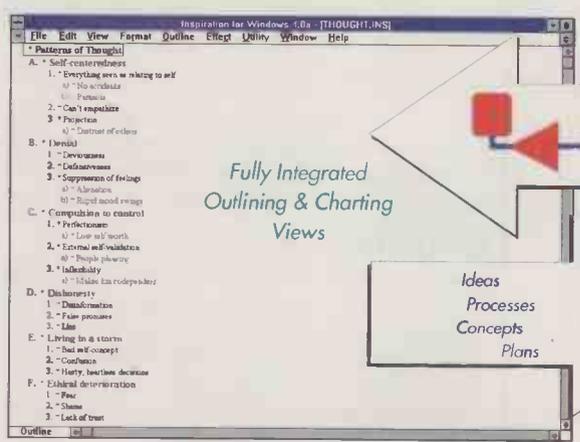
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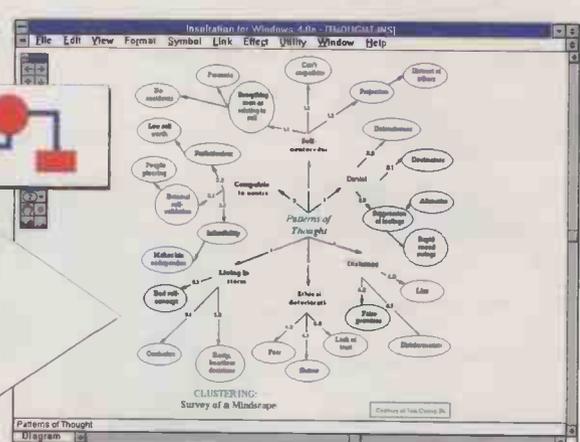
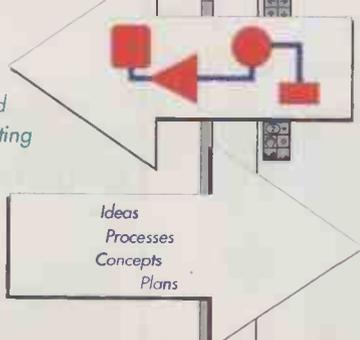
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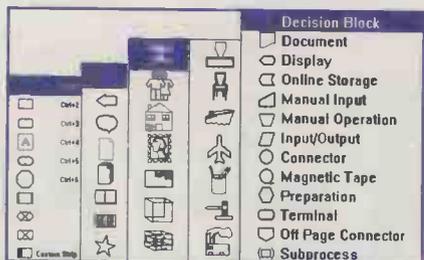
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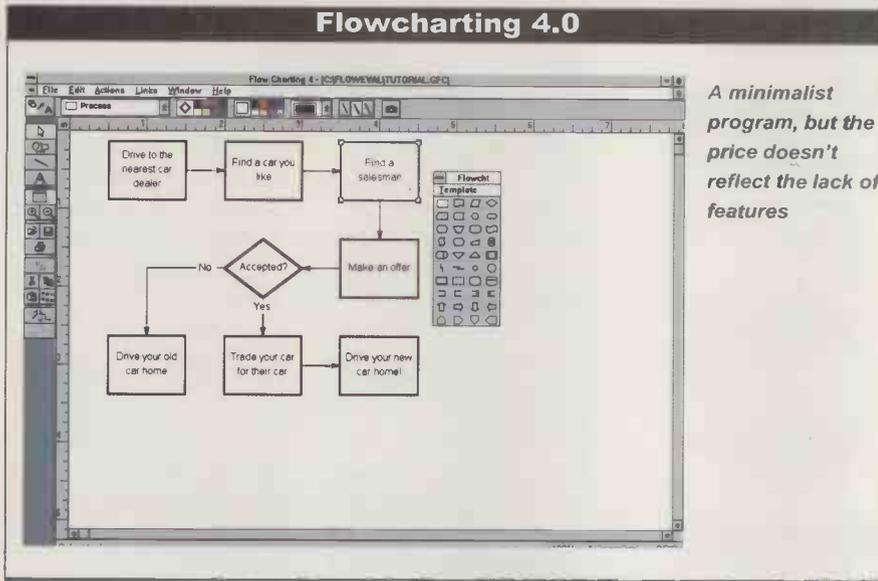


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routing. If you move a shape, the software will not automatically arrange the lines so that they avoid other lines. You could make the ends "sticky" so that they follow the shape as you move it, but you then have to sort out the ensuing mess by hand. Automatic routing is so fundamental to using a computer for flowcharting, it is an astonishing omission.

Shapes are neither numbered, nor can they be rotated. In fact there is very little manipulation of the whole chart — It cannot be scaled to fit into a window or onto a page.

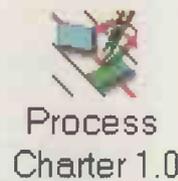
With little to document it is not surprising that the manual is basic to the point of being condescending. Installation is quick and easy but you will have to decide whether you want specialist software with no sophisticated features.

**Process Charter 1.0**

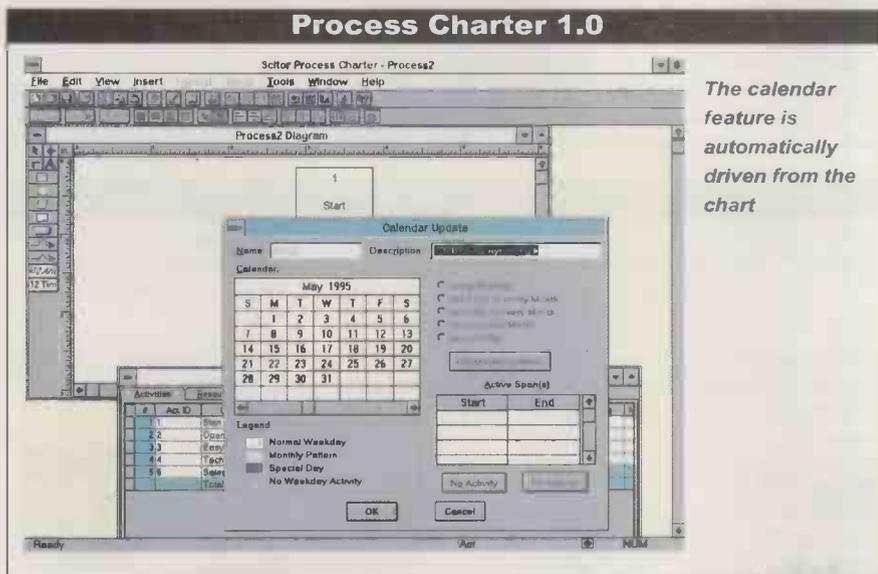
As the name implies Process Charter

does more than draw flowcharts: it is designed to offer project management in a graphical way. It does this by drawing a flowchart to which the software assigns a spreadsheet, using the shapes from the chart to build up a model of the resources needed. Using the basic outline you can then set time limits for each of the processes. Each process has a "work path" branch which allows different tasks to take a different amount of time even if they are handled by the same resource.

As a result of the extra power behind the flowchart interface, Process Charter is not a straightforward flowcharting program. It's quick and easy in use but there is no sensible routing of lines. Objects do not automatically scale to fit the text — pressing the button to scale objects



Process Charter 1.0



*The calendar feature is automatically driven from the chart*

can cause them to overlap other objects. Multiple templates and palettes make defining your "look" easy, but you will have to do a lot of the work to keep it tidy. The configurable shape palette allows you to pull shapes out of a menu to build up another menu you can access from the main drawing screen. Options include the ISO9000 standard planning shapes.

A built-in calendar helps you keep track of the time allocated for a task. The front-end might be a flowchart but under the skin this is a project management package. You can keep track of how well the project is progressing just by double-clicking on objects in the flowchart.

You can produce good-looking flowcharts with this software but that is not its primary purpose. A toolbar offers chock-a-block buttons and, obeying good Windows discipline, these buttons have tool tops. Many of the terms will be meaningless however unless you have read the manual, and again this concentrates on what the chart does rather than what it looks like.

One plus for anyone who wants to use a flowcharting program for a demonstration is an Animation Tracing feature with flashing colours highlighting features in the chart. Even software with a presentation graphics bent doesn't offer this.

Chart buffs will be disappointed, though. The only charts which can be drawn are essentially flowcharts — there is no scope for org charts, network charts, block or Venn diagrams. Text can be placed freeform on a chart, although this has no significance as far as the process of charting is concerned.

Alignment control of shapes and of text within shapes is good, and shapes are numbered automatically, but the selection of connectors and printing options is limited. For flowcharting only, you should look elsewhere.

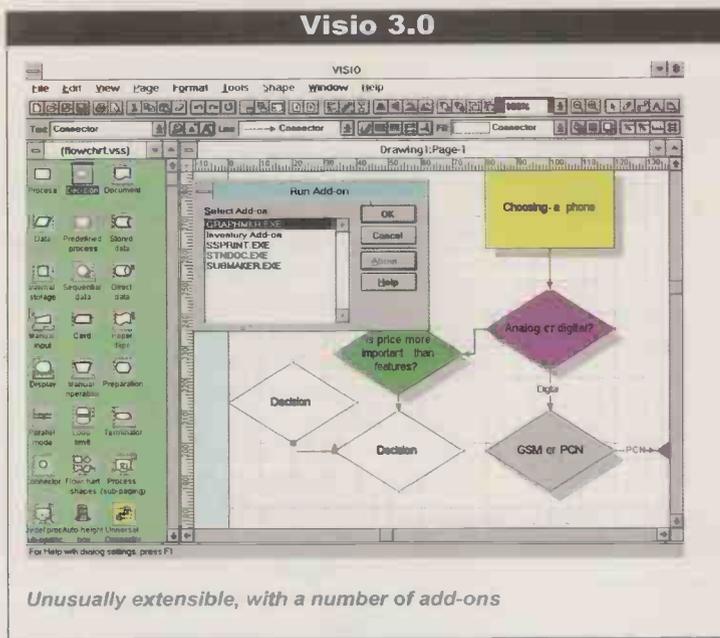
**Visio 3.0**

Visio has made a name for itself as the top structured drawing package. With an emphasis on general charting it isn't specifically tailored to flowcharts, but it's so good at charting in general it becomes a good bet.

The program has a heavyweight professional feel and is accompanied by three manuals: a user guide, a set of tips segmented for different types of users, and a lightweight tutorial. A typical installation of six disks fills 15Mb. Decompressing takes time — the floppy



Visio



shuffle took over half an hour on a 486/50.

Along with flowcharts Visio caters for the following chart types: total quality management, org, networking, space planning, maps and project management, and it is this flexibility which accounts for the long install time, plus there's a lot of clip-art and tools.

Just because there's a lot to it you should not assume that Visio is difficult to use. It follows the Microsoft Office conventions closely, and most Windows-educated users should get to grips with it quickly. There are toolbars which are described as Visio standard, Microsoft Office or Lotus SmartSuite.

You start with a template and there's a good predefined selection for different types of chart. The template will open the correct stencil and set the scale and drawing styles. The stencil is shown next to the drawing window, a palette of shapes. You can create shapes of your own within Visio, either by drawing them or amalgamating existing shapes, and there's a choice of stencils for different jobs. To draw, you pluck shapes from the stencil and place them on the page. A grid helps alignment. Visio has a selection of connectors for joining shapes, and they stay connected even when you move them. Smart shapes use the best connector. The alignment options are excellent, even allowing you to create guidelines and snap shapes to them.

As with ABC Flowcharter it is possible to use an OLE link to control Visio. An optional Programmer's Reference Guide is available which provides a very good level of control and makes Visio the best

choice for anyone who has the skills and who wants to automate charting.

A big disappointment is the lack of automatic routing. If you move a shape, the lines move with it but not always sensibly. If you select one shape and ask the software to link to two others, it often gets the order wrong.

As a general charting program Visio is great. For flowcharting it is merely good, but the price is hard to resist. It is distinguished by having an uninstall option, and if it didn't take so long to install it would be worth buying just for when you want it.

A version of Visio which integrates with Office as an applet is available too and a Windows 95 version is pending.

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## Conclusion

With eight charting packages on one hard disk, which one stays put and which seven get consigned to the bit-bucket? I hit delete over the Flowcharting 4.0 directory but from there on things got a bit more complicated. While Charts Now! will do flowcharting, its lack of automatic routing consigns it to the shelf to gather dust, unfortunately.

Process Charter is also relegated to the "interesting but no use today" pile, not because there's anything wrong with it but because it does a different job, that of project management. It's difficult to know how to classify something which straddles the boundaries of two such different types of software, but this is not the ultimate in flowcharting programs.

Deciding against ABC Flowcharter was difficult. It has a comprehensive selection of features and is easy to use, and for many people it will be the right package. A similar story applies to Visio: it's a very competent charting package and if you have to draw a lot of diagrams, not just flowcharts, then it does appeal. It has the best user interface of all the programs here, but it is not what you want if you need a flowchart and need it now.

CorelFlow suffers in a similar way. The idea of taking the world's best drawing package and producing a dedicated flowcharting

program from it is a good one. Corel should try it, because CorelFlow is not it. It is a simple drawing package with some great clip-art designed for flowcharting.

With six of the eight discarded and valuable hard disk space freed up, we must be getting to the nub of the matter. Is it Easyflow or is it allClear? allClear is different, and that's why many people won't like it. Drawing by typing seems strange but it does produce the neatest charts if you associate art class with torture.

Once you've made the initial effort you can produce fine-looking charts quickly, but if you don't use the software regularly you'll need to do a little re-learning every time. Results will be consistent: despite some style features they always look pretty much the same, but they will always be good.

Easyflow is exactly what you would expect of a flowcharting program. It's easy to use, flexible and produces good results, but it does require you to have an eye for graphics.

Ultimately the conclusion is a cop-out. Both Easyflow and allClear will be saved from the evil eraser — they will still be there when Speedisk has done its worst to the others. It's allClear which is most likely to be used though, so next time you see a chart in PCW you'll know what produced it.

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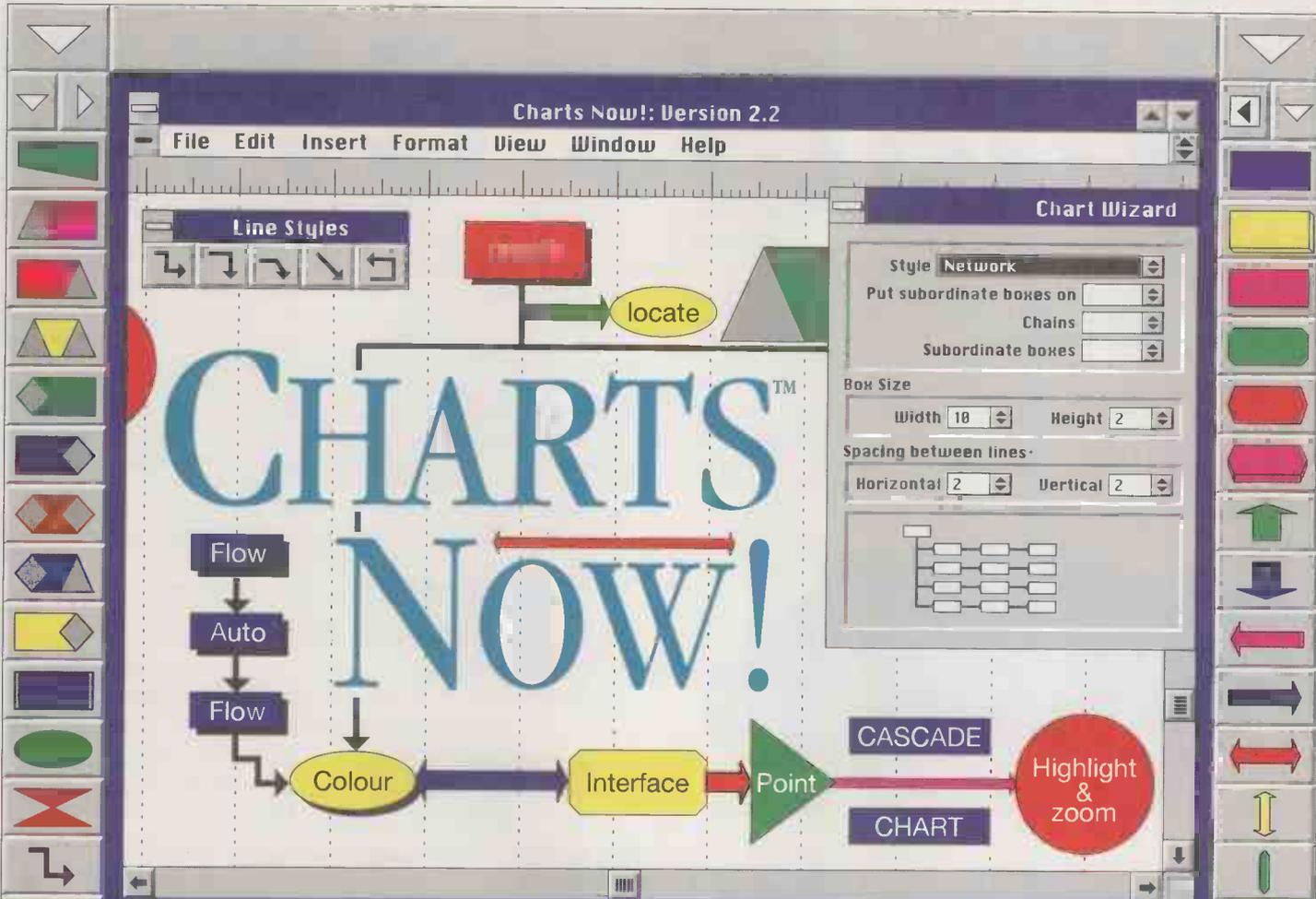
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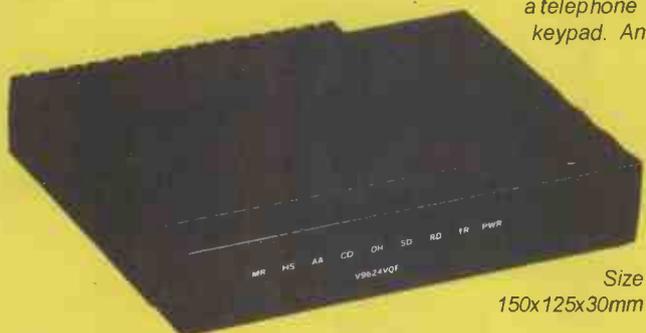


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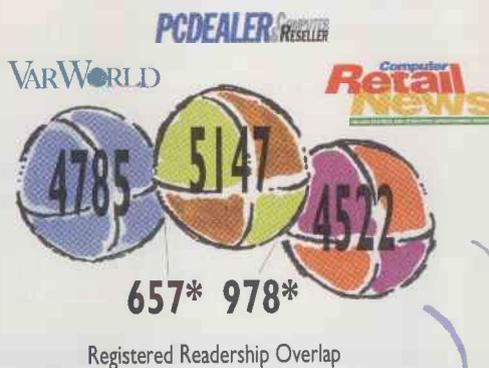
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# Control centre

In the third part of their series showing Microsoft's Access in action, **Iain Summers** and **Andy MacKellaig** turn their attention to reports, controls and data manipulation.

In the previous article you modified the database forms EditAddresses, EditCat1 and EditCat2, adding browse buttons that could be re-used in any form by using portable code in a supplied Access Basic module.

The database supplied on the cover disk ARTICLE2.MDB is at the stage where your own database should have been at the end of the previous article. It also allows new readers to pick up the series at this point.

Unfortunately the files for last month's article were left off the July CD

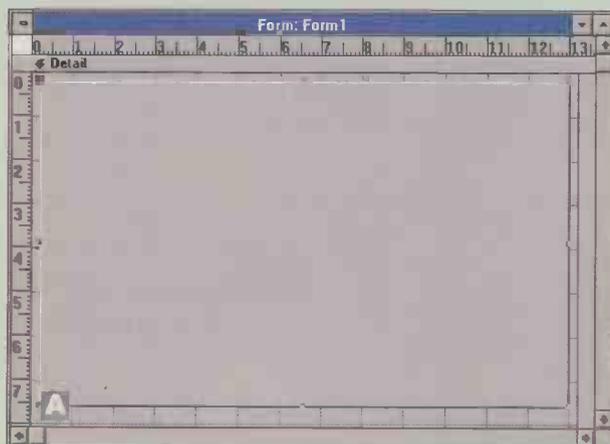
but Article2.mdb does for parts 2 and 3.

The Access Basic code modules are supplied in files RECORDSE.TXT and LISTSTUF.TXT. The article will refer to routines in these modules, so load them into NOTEPAD and print them prior to commencing any work on the database.

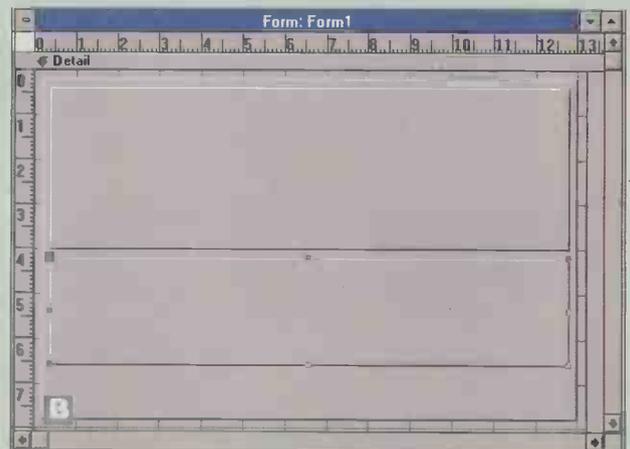
In this article we are going to be studying:

- Creating reports, in particular non-standard mailing labels
- Controls that can be used in a form
- Interrogating and manipulating the data

**Fig 3** Creating the Record Filtering report launcher

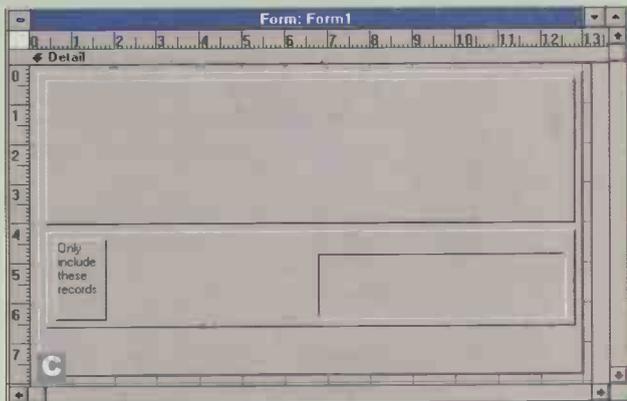


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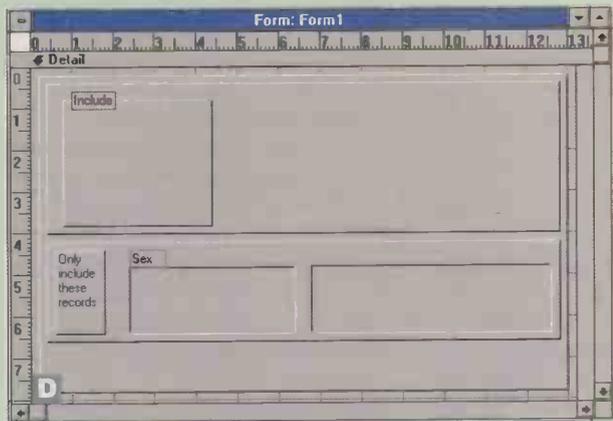


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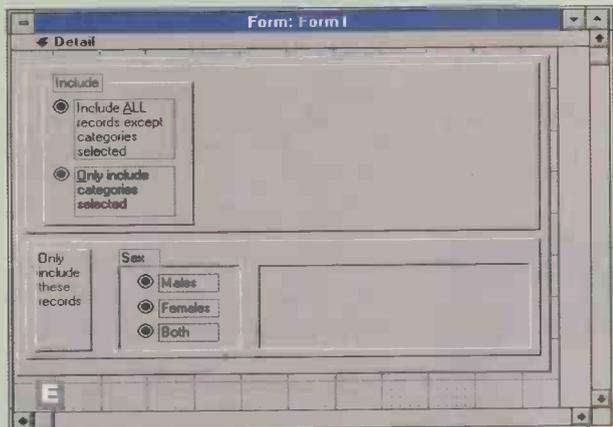
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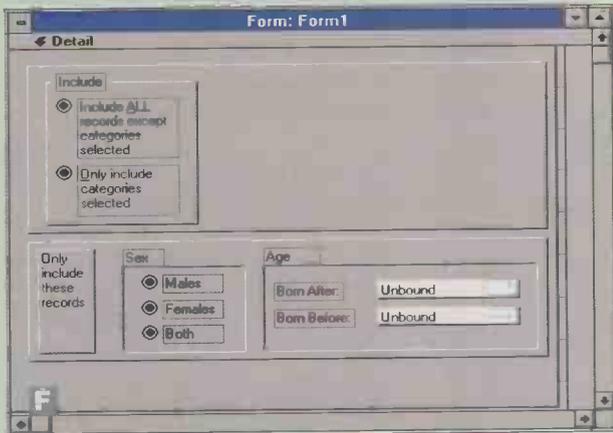
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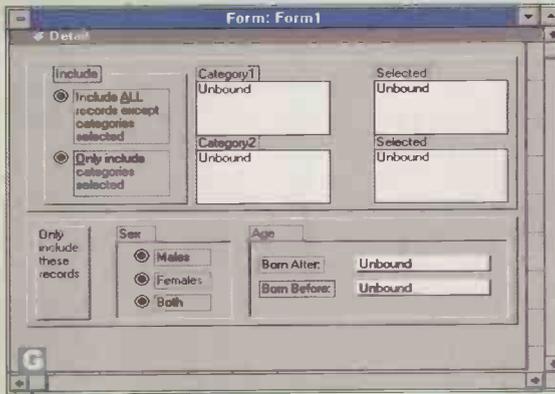
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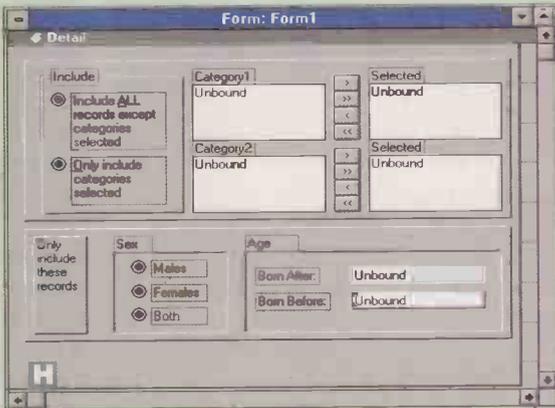
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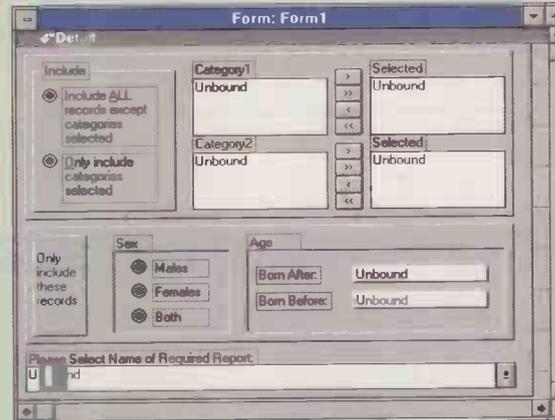
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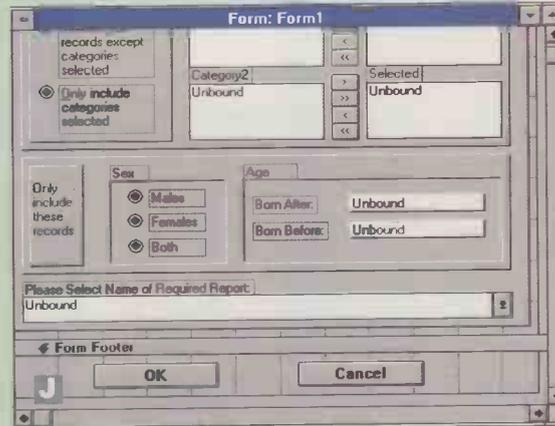
Add four list boxes to show available and selected categories



Add buttons to select/deselect the categories



Add a combo box to display report names



Add a combo box with OK and Cancel buttons

**Fig 1 Mailing labels**

Select the [Forms] tab in the database window, then click [New]  
 Select the AddressBook table, then click [Report Wizards], select [Mailing Label] then click [OK]  
 Add the fields you wish to place on the label using [Available fields], [Newline] and [Space], then click [Next>]  
 Select any fields that you wish to sort on, then click [Next>]  
 Use a ruler to measure your stationery, then find the closest match in the list provided  
 If you add many address lines to your label, you may need to reduce the point size, as Access simply discards any fields that will not fit onto the label.  
 Modify the label size to match those you are using, so select [Modify the mailing label design] option, then select [Finish]  
 Resize the detail part of the form to match those of your labels  
 Select [Report Header/Footer] from the [Format] menu  
 Size the form's header, footer and detail to match your own label measurements

stored in a form

- Extracting lists of reports/forms from the database
- Loading reports and forms from Access Basic

**Creating reports**

The emphasis of this application is filtering records from the AddressBook table for mailing purposes. The final application will allow you to create new reports "on the fly" using a report wizard. As an example, we will create a mailing label

report for a size not supported by Access.

**Creating custom mailing labels**

One of the criticisms of Access is the lack of support for European label and envelope sizes which has been partially redressed in Access 2.0, but there is still scope for improvement.

The Mailing Label report wizard can be used to quickly generate labels, then the label edited to produce the required results. (Fig 1.)

**Interrogating and manipulating objects in a form**

- Referring to objects on a form

A form is referred to by **forms![myform]** where **myform** is the name of a loaded form. An object on the form is referred to by **forms![myform].myobject** where **myobject** is the name of the object on the form.

If an Access Basic function needs to refer to many objects on a form, this syntax can be very tedious (and erroneous) to type. It is much easier to use Fig 2.

**• Text boxes**

A text box is used to edit text in a form. It can have a **control source**, typically a field name in the table/query specified in the form's **record source** property.

If this is specified, then the value of the field for the current record is displayed and can be edited.

Alternatively, the programmer can give the **unbound** text box a value that can be edited and subsequently retrieved by using the text box's name.

To set the value of a text box, a statement of the form **f.mytextbox=value** is used. To retrieve an edited value use **textboxvalue= f.mytextbox**.

**• Option buttons**

Option buttons represent mutually exclusive values, i.e. only one can be selected at any time. They must be enclosed by an option group which holds them together as if they were one object.

Create an option group, then an option button in that group for each permissible value. Each option button has an **option value** that can be set in the object's property sheet.

To find out which option button has been selected, refer to the name of the object box that encloses the buttons.

```
buttonselected=f.myoptionbox
```

**• List boxes**

List boxes present the user with a list of values, one of which can be selected. The values to be placed in the listbox — its **rowsource** — can be a table, query or a SQL statement such as

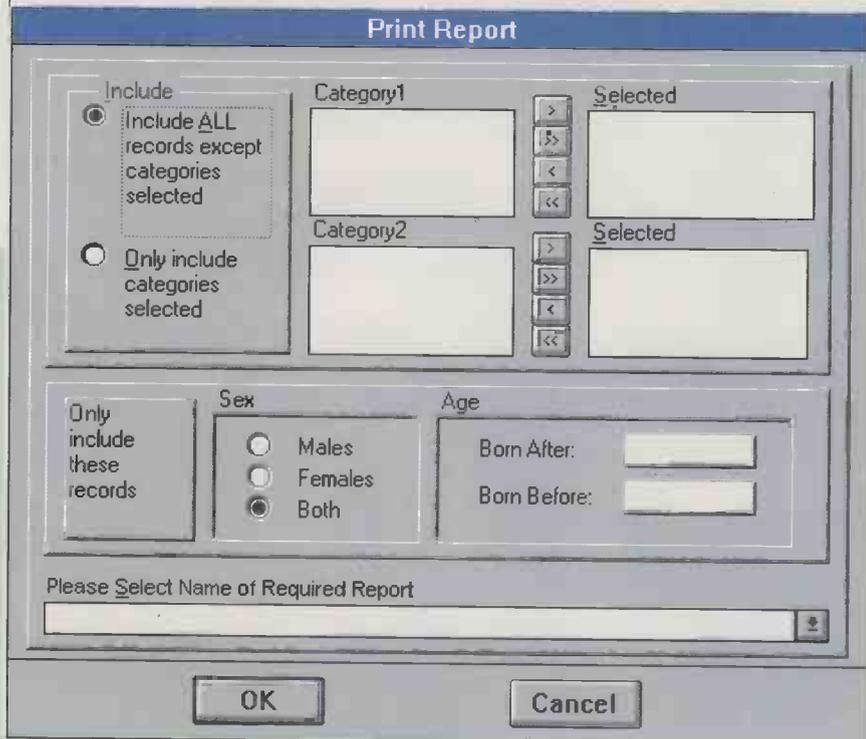
```
"Select [firstname],[surname] from [employee] where [age] >45;"
```

This specifies which fields in a table or query to use, and a range of records. The rowsource can also be a list of values supplied by the programmer:

```
"Apples";"Oranges";"Plums";"Peaches"
```

The **bound column** property

**Fig 6 The finished report**



At the security company

What other equipment have these cowboys sold us?

At the headhunter's

How long will it take to see who we've got with experience in VB, security and comms?

In the MD's office

What do you mean "we don't know how many fault calls relate to this" - it's on the computer isn't it?

In the PR office

Do we have any contacts in the Belgian press?

In the research section

You mean we can't just look for everything in the database that mentions it?

In the library

I don't suppose you've got any back-ground on [fill in pet hate]?

In customer service

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Oh...  
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**Fig 2 Referring to many objects on a form**

Dim f as form	' f is a form object
Set f=forms![myform]	' set it to the desired form
... f.myobject ...	' refer to myobject by name
... f.myobject.property ...	' refer to a property of myobject

**Fig 4 Properties table**

Select the [Forms] tab in the Database Window.  
 Click on [New], then select [Blank Form].  
 Set the form properties as detailed below.  
 Disable Record Selectors, Navigation Buttons, Scroll Bars, Control Box, Minimise and Maximise buttons.  
 Expand the form detail, then add the rectangles (Figs 3a, 3b and 3c).  
 Add the text box. (Fig 3c).  
 Add the [Include] and [Sex] option groups.  
 Add the buttons into the [Include] option group  
 Add the buttons into the [Sex] option group.  
 Add the [Age] text above the rectangle (Fig 3f).  
 Add the two text boxes for [Born Before] and [Born After].  
 Add the four list boxes (Fig 3g).  
 Add the Category 1 [>] command button (Fig 3h). Edit its properties.  
 Copy and paste it 3 times to produce the other buttons. Edit their properties.  
 Select all four command buttons (SHIFT-CLICK), copy and paste them between the Category2 list boxes. Edit their properties.  
 Add the [Report Names] combo box (Fig 3i).  
 Open the form footer using the [Form Header/Footer] option in the [Format] menu.  
 Add the [OK] and [Cancel] buttons to the footer (Fig 3j).  
 Save the form as SelectRecords.

**Fig 5 Access Basic code modules**

Select the [Modules] tab in the Database Window.  
 Select [New].  
 Select [Load Text...] from the [File Menu]  
 Select the file LISTSTUF.TXT on the cover disk.  
 Click [Replace].  
 Save the module as ListStuff.  
 Repeat with the file RECORDSE.TXT, saving it as RecordSelect.

specifies which field should be returned if several are displayed for each record. A default value (i.e. which record is initially selected) can also be specified.

The programmer can check which item has been selected by examining the **ListIndex** property which returns the row number of the selected item.

```
rowselected=f.mylistbox.ListIndex
```

The programmer must then refer to the original data in the list/table/query to find which one has been selected.

**• Combo boxes**

These behave in a similar manner to list boxes, except the selected value is placed in the editable area of the object (see the [drives] combo box in the [file open...] dialogue for an example).

The programmer can then obtain the selected value directly by referring to the object's name.

```
valueselected=f.mycombobox
```

**Filtering records**

Access allows you to set record filters from a table/query (or their forms). The user interface is adequate, but due to its generic nature requires careful handling. Many novice users may find it awkward.

A more user-friendly approach is to create a custom form that allows you to specify which records are to be included in your report.

The example illustrated here is quite complex. However, there is some generic code which allows the programmer to re-use the modules with minimal effort.

With a little planning, this form can be modified to suit your own particular needs.

Follow the steps for creating the form as detailed in Figs 3a to 3j.

As you add each object, check the properties table in Fig 4 and set that object's properties as required.

Use the palette tool to adjust the appearance of objects on the form.

Import the Access Basic code modules that the form uses (Fig 5).

If you now open the form, it should look much like the one in Fig 6.

**The Access Basic modules**

In the previous article much was made of writing re-usable code that can be utilised in other forms with little modification.

Routines that are used by a form are, by their very nature, specific to that form as they need to refer to the objects in it by name. As different forms are unlikely to use the same names, such routines are generally non-portable.

However, the routines in the ListStuff module are generic. The routines in the RecordSelect module demonstrate how these can be utilised to minimise the programmer's workload.

Due to lack of space we have not included a full description of the code, but it is in the files **recordse.text** and **liststuf.txt** on the CD. We'll include a full description in the final part of this series next month.

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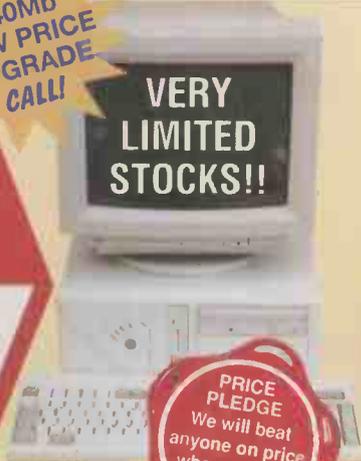
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# The Wheat Stuffs

Now that multimedia applications are flourishing, authoring programs, necessary for adapting the apps to today's platforms, are striving to keep pace. Mike Collins and Panicos Georghiades look at 13 of the latest packages, for PC and Mac, and sort the wheat from the chaff.

**T**he multimedia revolution is gathering pace this year, and the evidence can be seen first hand in the various CD-ROM reference titles, point-of-sale applications and educational and entertainment products which are now appearing. The quality of this software has improved dramatically, and titles like Microsoft's Encarta show just what can be achieved with the right resources.

As well as elements such as software video, stereo sound and animation, these applications all have one thing in common — they need to be created or "authored" for each platform using available software tools. Of course, one option is to use conventional programming languages such as C, but many would-be players in this arena don't have traditional

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programming skills. In recognition of this, various software packages have been developed which allow more intuitive ways of working, using graphical interfaces rather than requiring coding expertise.

Nevertheless, for some tasks, the only sensible way to go is by writing code instructions. So, many of these packages also feature a simplified "scripting" language which is much more like English, and often allows the use of external code modules which can be written in C (or whatever) and linked in to provide yet more features.

Over the next 11 pages we take a look at the current tools on the market, and weigh up the pros and cons of developing with each one. Which package is best for your needs? Which gets our coveted Editor's Choice? Read on.

## Asymetrix Asymedia



**A**symedia is the UK name for Compel in the USA. It is marketed as a multimedia presentation package rather than a multimedia authoring program despite the fact there's sometimes little difference between them. In fact, in quite a few cases of multimedia applications (where there is not a great deal of text) a presentation package such as this can occasionally offer better suited features than a genuine multimedia authoring program. Presentation packages can often handle the fancy stuff better and with less effort required on

the part of the developer.

As you would expect, you can combine various multimedia objects, animations, bulleted text, clipart, sound and video together on the screen. And hyper-linking enables your application to respond to user queries, as well as to those wishing to switch to other parts of the presentation, or other applications.

The program can package your application either as a set of disks or as a CD-ROM for distribution, and there's a distributable runtime version with no runtime fees to pay.

One of the advantages of presentation programs (over what are strictly marketed as multimedia authoring packages) is that they usually provide more visual effects such as transitions between different screens or even single objects when they enter, move or leave the screen. And this is the real strength of Asymedia over the other packages reviewed in this feature.

Another strength of Asymedia (and

this again is generally true of presentation packages) is that it's faster when it comes to development time. For this reason it's ideal for experimenting with ideas and presenting them to others for consideration, or for full-blown projects where development time is a critical consideration. What's more, the large selection of multimedia clipart supplied with Asymedia (along with animations, sounds and video clips) as well as the excellent selection of pre-defined templates, eases and speeds development.

One point of importance to a diminishing but nevertheless still extant group of people is that the program runs even on a 386 with 2Mb of RAM.

### PCW Details

#### Asymetrix Asymedia

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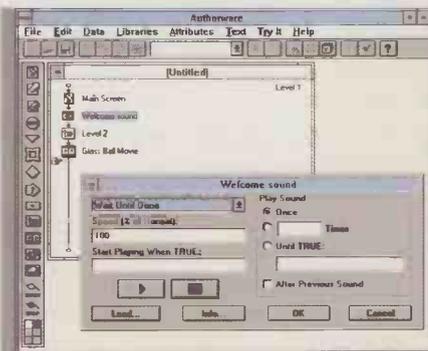
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**Good Points** Fast, easy and cheap.

**Bad Points** Not a full-blown multimedia authoring package.

**Conclusion** Good for presenting ideas.

## Authorware Professional 3.0



**A**uthorware and IconAuthor were two of the first multimedia authoring programs for Windows.

Authorware uses a visual icon-based interface for creating an application. You drag and drop icons which represent activities such as displaying bitmaps, video, sound and so on, from a toolbox onto a work chart to construct a diagram to represent the flow of your application. By double clicking an icon on the flow chart you can add properties, characteristics and/or content; for example, the name of the bitmap image to be displayed and its position on the screen.

Icons can be both grouped and

ungrouped for easier manipulation and editing. There are three icon categories: Display icons place objects on the screen; Flow Control icons transfer control from one part of the application to another; and Calculation icons handle mathematical calculations, functions, variables and scripting. Video, Movie and Sound icons control multimedia objects.

There are hypertext links and hot zones, and Authorware is strong on creating applications which are dependent on user interaction, so it's well suited to training, educational and point-of-sale applications. In addition, there's full text search and retrieval facilities, embedded text styles, text in scrolling windows, a multi-lingual spelling checker feature, and a debugger that customises the application for CD-ROM playback. There's a large library of smart clips too, such as buttons, sliders and bullets.

Prior to the appearance of the previous version, the program had not been very good at handling music and video media, but things have now improved. Online help has finally been added and pre-formatted text, in the form of RTF file

support, has been included so things are generally much better than they used to be. But MIDI files and CD-audio are still not directly available.

Other notable new features include integration with Director 4.0 movies and two-way portability (between Mac and PC). Database support is now via ODBC drivers, and there's OLE 2.0 support too. The new version is said to be quicker but we cannot yet confirm this.

So is this product worth the money? Well, for a limited time you'd also acquire over £2,000 worth of other software with your main purchase, in the form of the Director Multimedia studio. This includes Director 4.0, Macromodel 1.5, Adobe Premiere 4.0 and SoundForge. Now that's what we call a bargain.

### PCW Details

#### Authorware Professional Version 3.0

Price £3,750

Contact Peritas 01753 868181

**Good Points** A good bargain, at the moment.

**Bad Points** Features are missing.

**Conclusion** Not as easy to use as it is claimed to be.

## Director 4.0 for Windows



The applications created with Director are called movies. Each consists of actions, referred to as frames. The user-interface has 11 windows but you need only five to create a basic movie: Paint, for placing multimedia objects on-screen; Cast stores individual movie elements such as graphics, music and so on, which are known as "cast members"; Score, keeps track of the position of each cast member in each frame, and controls the speed and timing of sounds, transitions and palette changes; Stage, plays the movie; and Control Panel offers VCR-type controls

for use during playback.

Lingo, the programming language, is quite easy to learn if you're used to programming and offers a wide range of commands and functions. You can do without it for straightforward work because most basic functions are automated. So, to put a cast member into a score you simply drag and drop it. To animate a graphic, you record its moves by dragging it with the mouse. An In-between function

automatically creates intermediate animation frames. Director also makes special effects fairly easy; transitions for instance, are merely selected using the dialogue boxes.

The Score window presents a matrix of spreadsheet-like cells in columns and rows. Each cell tells you what each cast member is doing at any time. Columns represent frames and rows represent channels. There are five channels for effects, a Lingo script channel, and a further 48 channels for all the other objects your application may contain.

Sound is something of a mixed bag.

The package handles digital audio better than any other authoring software we know: with the right hardware, you can have two simultaneous independent sound channels. But you can't directly incorporate CD-audio or MIDI and you're forced into using MCI commands.

Having put your Director movie together, you can generate a play-only version as an executable file which can be distributed as you wish (no runtime licence is required).

### PCW Details

#### Director 4.0 for Windows

**Price** £999 (educational price £599). (Director Multimedia Studio is £1,599, including Macromodel 1.5, Premiere 4.0 and SoundForge — see the Authorware review.)

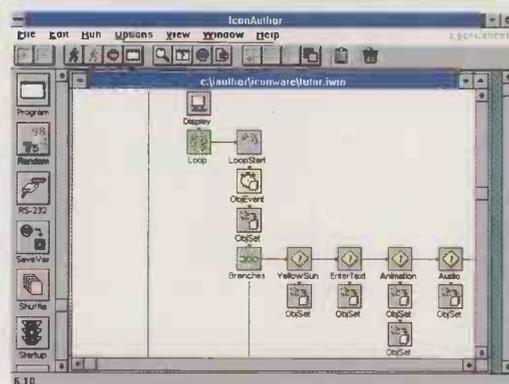
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**Good Points** Easy to use, time-based construction method.

**Bad Points** Could be better at handling text files. There's a scripting language to learn.

**Conclusion** Ideal for animation-related applications.

## IconAuthor 6.0



IconAuthor is similar to Authorware Professional in terms of price and user interface. It has a scrollable vertical window with 35 icons (representing elements of a multimedia application) which you drag and drop into the design screen to create a diagram representing the flow of your application. And there's a horizontal tool bar with commonly used menu functions.

Although there's a zoom option, we would advise you to use at least a 17in monitor at high resolution: application diagrams get visually complex and a large monitor will save you having to

scroll around too much.

Having placed an icon on your desktop you must define characteristics and properties for what it will do or represent. Some icons are single, others are composite; they expand as soon as they're placed on the desktop. Grey icons are single; green icons are composite; and selected icons are blue. Yellow icons need you to set operating parameters for their properties.

There are built-in database capabilities and integrated SQL support via ODBC. It supports over 30 graphics formats and offers more than 40 transition effects. It can link to ASCII, RTF and FFT text files, and supports most media file formats including MIDI. In addition, it's also an OLE and DDE server and can call DLLs, so in terms of flexible handling of external data it's excellent, and you get a wide range of cross-platform compatibility without conversion (Windows, Windows NT, Macintosh, OS/2 and Motif). You can't develop applications on the Mac, but a Mac player is available.

Despite its iconic interface, this is not

the type of program to use without having first gone through a fairly extended period of learning; four days of training are included in the price. The three, well-written manuals include a well-designed tutorial. But there are various media preparation and editing tools, apart from the main program, where you assemble your applications.

IconAuthor is best suited to training applications, where interactivity is at a premium. Its good database capabilities make it ideal for reference material. Although it offers more facilities than its direct competitor, Authorware Professional, the cost is hard to justify unless what you need is unavailable in any of the cheaper programs.

### PCW Details

#### IconAuthor 6.0

**Price** £3,250 (Considerable educational and government discounts are available and prices are dependent on the number of licences.)

**Contact** AimTech 0171 702 1575

**Good Points** Full featured.

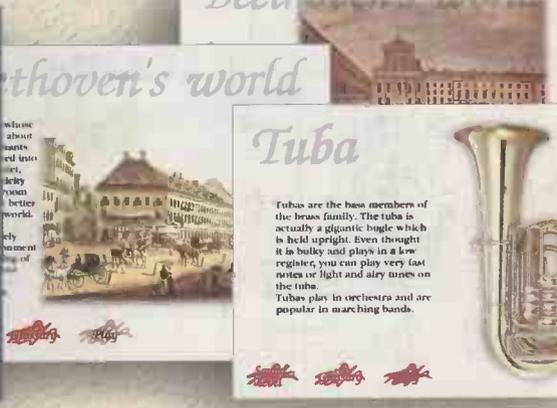
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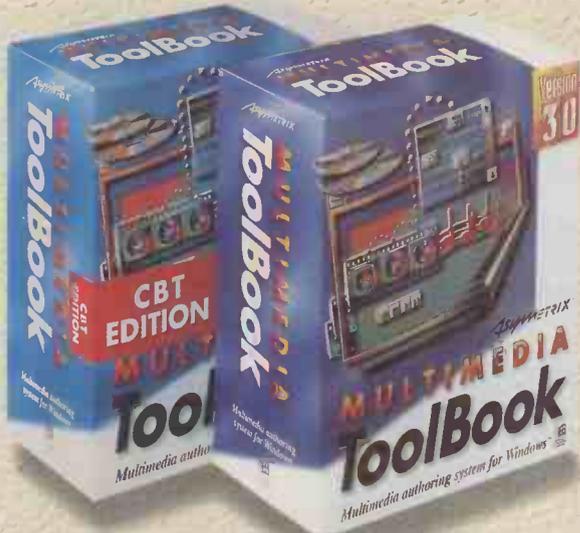


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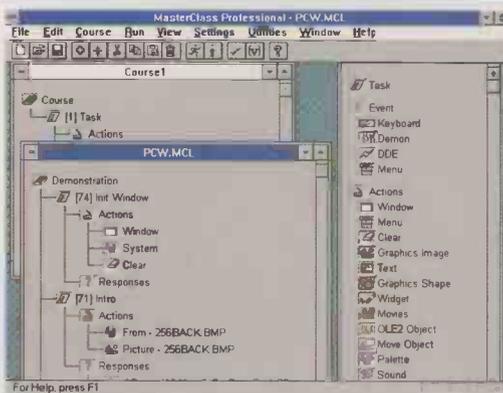
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## Multimedia MasterClass 3.0



**M**ultimedia MasterClass helps you compile courses and educational presentations in the shortest possible time, without the need to learn a programming or authoring language. It's based on a flow chart analogy.

MasterClass applications consist of Tasks (things that happen). Each task comprises of up to three parts; Events, Actions and Responses. There are four main types of icon, selected from a palette, which you can place on your flow diagrams to create applications.

These main types of icon can be expanded into a substantial number of

others. As with other programs of the flow-chart type, double-clicking on an icon in the flow diagram calls up a dialogue box where you define its properties.

MasterClass has a range of the kind of tools you would expect from good authoring software. There's a debugger, and the program supports: DLL libraries, OLE 2.0, Visual Basic Custom Controls, external database data through ODBC, and many image formats including bitmaps, and PhotoCD. There's even a filter for Images, Incorporated Fractally Compressed Images (FIF). And digital video support includes MPEG. Although there's an option to pre-load media if you require exact synchronisation or speed performance, there's no option to import pre-formatted tests such as those you might create as RTF files.

The emphasis in MasterClass has been placed very clearly on the development of multimedia courses, so if this fits your bill, then in our view it's the best tool of the lot.

It provides many excellent facilities for

receiving user input, such as selecting from multiple-choice questions, typing in text, even dragging and dropping objects into areas of the screen.

There are facilities to input student personal details, course progress, timers, marking and the like. Importantly from the point of view of educational fields, this program can control external equipment such as VCRs, laserdiscs and video overlay cards. Additionally, sound at runtime can be recorded as user input for use with language-learning courses for instance.

This program has many similarities to Authorware and IconAuthor and forms a much cheaper alternative.

## PCW Details

**Multimedia MasterClass v3.0**

**Price** £995 (education £745); £275 distribution toolkit.

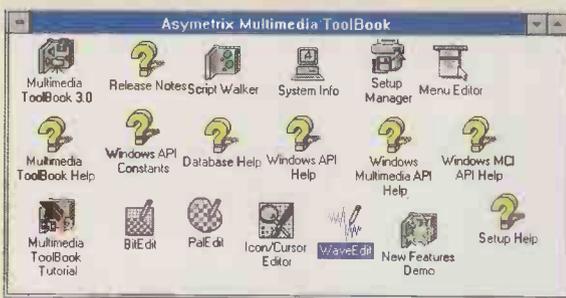
**Contact** ISC Media 01372 745226

**Good Points** Rich in features.

**Bad Points** Limited to CBT type applications.

**Conclusion** Ideal for CBT. A cheap alternative to IconAuthor and Authorware.

## Multimedia ToolBook 3.0



**M**ultimedia ToolBook, as its name suggests, uses a book metaphor for its program. The application is a book with pages containing objects, each of which has properties; colour, size, position, etc. An object can have instructions attached, ready to trigger another event when selected.

Objects can be placed on a page by selection from a palette, or the program's command language (OpenScript) can be used.

A completed application requires a runtime version, which is royalty free. There are three versions of the program; Standard, Multimedia and Multimedia CBT (Computer Based Training).

Multimedia ToolBook contains all the

features of ToolBook plus additional capabilities and multimedia enhancements. The CBT Edition includes extensions to facilitate the design of course-related applications.

Version 3.0 is noticeably faster than its predecessors. There's now

a good library of ready-made scripts, OpenScript itself has been considerably enhanced and there are numerous sample applications and a new, comprehensive, interactive tutorial. You can now import RTF (Rich Text Format) files from word processors. Improved support for Windows means you can maximise the use of elements such as menu bars, combo boxes and so on and any OLE object can be embedded in, or linked to an application.

Multiple pages can be simultaneously displayed and multi-window applications created. ToolBook supports 24-bit colour graphics with automatic dithering when applications run on lower colour-depth displays (unlike most other packages).

Innovations in version 3.0 include a Stage object which displays MCI media and automates the process of positioning and sizing them without the need for a script. There's a new scriptless animation tool, and a powerful Digital Video Producer accessory offers Adobe Premiere type facilities. The Media Packager assembles, compresses and prepares all multimedia files for an application, ready for easy installation. There is direct support for Paradox and dBase files, full text search facilities, UK spelling checker, and the option to embed TrueType fonts in applications.

## PCW Details

**Multimedia ToolBook 3.0**

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**Good Points** Has everything, in terms of features.

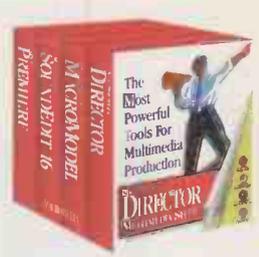
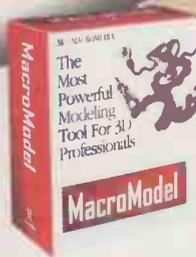
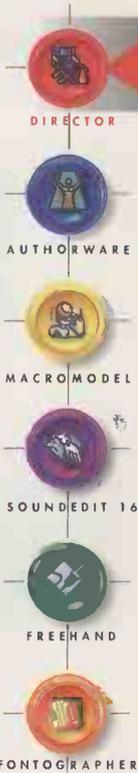
**Bad Points** There is a scripting language to learn, and there's no cross-platform compatibility.

**Conclusion** Best overall package.

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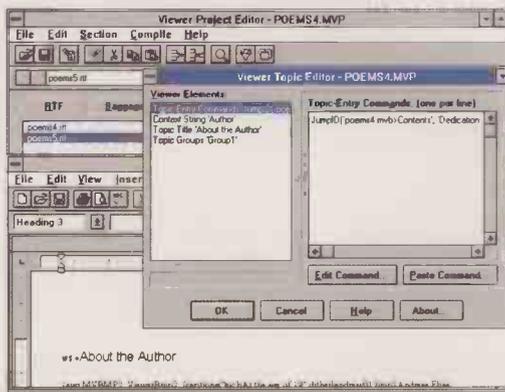
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## Microsoft Multimedia Viewer 2



**M**ultimedia Viewer works in conjunction with Word for Windows, where all the authoring and editing are carried out. You save your written application as an RTF file which is then read into Multimedia Viewer and compiled.

Each project is divided into groups, and then sub-divided into topics. But unlike other authoring programs, there's no visual facility for placing multimedia objects on the screen. Because it's all done in Word, you insert special commands within the text at positions where you want the objects to appear.

Much of the work, such as selecting

media types, filenames of objects and their positioning on the screen is done for you via dialogue boxes. But it must be said that the program is quite basic in this area when it comes to special effects such as object animation. If you want the fancy stuff, you will have to resort to writing special code (which you can call up from Viewer).

Because the program is an authoring toolkit rather than an integrated package, there's a collection of programs; the central one is the Compiler. The Hotspot Editor creates hotspots on images. WaveEdit is a basic digital audio recorder/editor and BitEdit is a basic paint program. PalEdit is for editing colour palettes to change the colour content of images. Convert is a utility to convert files from different formats, into those usable by Viewer. And, there are the usual facilities for assembling applications in a form ready for distribution of a free runtime version of the program.

The advantage of having a toolkit rather than an integrated suite is that some of the programs can be used for

purposes other than creating a complete multimedia application. Ignoring the program's unfriendly user interface it's a powerful suite, especially for text-heavy applications such as online manuals. There's full hypertext support as well as a text search facility.

In short, Viewer is right for reference applications and many of Microsoft's own CD-ROM titles are good examples of what the package can achieve.

On the other hand, it doesn't support branching or variables and is therefore unsuited to CBT or interactive kiosk applications. Neither is it good for creating presentations. But overall, Viewer cannot simply be dismissed; the price is good, and the power is there but you'll have to invest time in learning how to use it.

### PCW Details

#### Microsoft Multimedia Viewer 2

**Price** £200 approx street price (you also need Word for Windows)

**Contact** Microsoft 01734 270000

**Good points** Cheap.

**Bad points** Interface is rather limited.

**Conclusion** Good for text-related apps.

## Porting issues

**O**ne of the main problems for multimedia developers is the wide variation in the range of PCs and their peripherals.

On the Macintosh, you can generally predict multimedia performance, although presentations will play at different speeds on an LC compared with, say, a Quadra or a PowerMac. It is possible to work around this to some extent using various programming techniques, or you could even provide alternative versions of your project for different machines (assuming you have enough disk space available via your chosen method of distribution).

Unfortunately, PCs feature such a confusing array of monitors, drivers, cards and other peripherals that it is simply impossible to predict how your multimedia production will behave on the incredible range of PC hardware available. The only choice here is to try to arrive at a target configuration, as tightly-specified as possible. This is not usually a problem with kiosk applications which can be designed solely for a particular system configuration. But for most applications, you will simply have to test your project on as wide a range of systems as possible — even with the Mac.

One of the Mac's greatest strengths (and probably the reason it is so popular

with multimedia designers) is the wide range of software which can be used collaboratively on this platform. The Mac is widely used for 2D and 3D graphics design and animation, and by and large, the digital audio and digital video systems available for the Mac are ahead of most of their PC counterparts. As a result, many developers choose to develop on the Mac (even if the target platform is the PC) so that they can use their favourite suite of design software.

Photoshop, Illustrator, Premiere, StrataVision Pro, Pro Tools or whatever could be used to capture or create the elements of their production, which they will assemble using the authoring tools of their choice. For instance, it is possible to create a HyperCard 'shell' which plays Director movies as required; it launches applications to let users incorporate other software, then quits back to HyperCard and handles dialogue, sound effects and music, as well as playing QuickTime video. You can also prototype using HyperCard, then convert to SuperCard for further development. Authorware can incorporate Director movies and CourseBuilder lets users browse HyperCard stacks from within the application.

You must remember to observe the DOS or ISO 9660 file-naming conventions if you

are preparing cross-platform applications on the Mac — this is an annoying restriction for Mac users who are used to having up to 31 characters available. It is important to choose appropriate file formats which are common to both platforms, too. TIFF and EPS are available for graphics on both platforms, as is QuickTime video.

The Mac uses AIFF audio files, whereas the PC uses the WAVE file format. File translators are available however and several Mac applications are currently being upgraded to handle WAVE files, to provide the necessary compatibility. But fonts are a problem: even a Windows TrueType font is not an exact match; for instance, Times New Roman is translated to Times when moved to the Macintosh. Thus, line breaks and careful copy fitting will be disturbed. Truly interchangeable fonts, such as Adobe Multiple Master fonts, are on the way but not yet with us. As a result, it is almost always necessary to tweak a presentation individually for each platform.

Encouragingly, both Apple and IBM have recognised the need for greater compatibility. They are engaged in various joint projects to develop common operating systems, and multimedia authoring tools to address this problem — notably, Kaleida Software's ScriptX which has recently been launched in the UK.

PC MULTIMEDIA AUTHORING SOFTWARE

Yes ● No ○

	Authorware Professional 3.0 (beta)	IconAuthor 6.0	Multimedia MasterClass 3.0	Multimedia Toolbook 3.0	Director 4.0	Multimedia Viewer 2.0	Asymedia 1.0
<b>MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS</b>							
Disk Space	13+	25	11	26	35	9	26
CPU	386	386	386	386/33	386	386	386SX
RAM (min/recommended)	4/8Mb	4/8Mb	4/8Mb	8/12Mb	8/16Mb	4/12Mb	2/4Mb
CD-ROM drive	○	●	○	●	○	●	●
<b>EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS</b>							
DDE	○	●	●	●	○	○	○
OLE	●	●	●	●	○	○	●
Calls to DLLS	●	●	●	●	●	●	○
MCI support	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
<b>TEXT FILE FORMATS</b>							
ASC	●	●	●	●	●	●	○
RTF	●	●	○	●	○	●	○
<b>DATABASE FILE FORMATS</b>							
ODBC	●	●	●	●	○	○	○
SQL	○	●	○	●	○	○	○
<b>IMAGE FILE FORMATS</b>							
BMP	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
DIB	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
FIF	○	●	●	●	○	○	○
GIF	○	●	●	●	●	○	●
ICO	○	●	○	●	○	○	○
IFF	○	●	○	○	○	○	○
JPG	○	●	○	○	○	○	○
PCX	●	●	●	●	●	○	●
PhotoCD	○	●	●	●	●	○	●
PIC	●	●	○	●	●	○	●
RLE	●	●	●	●	○	○	○
TGA	○	●	●	○	○	○	●
TIF	●	●	●	●	●	○	●
WMF	●	●	○	●	●	●	●
WPG	○	●	○	○	○	○	○
...others	○	●	○	●	●	●	●
Colour depth (bits)	24	24	24	24	8	8	24
<b>AUDIO FORMATS</b>							
CD audio	○	●	●	●	●	●	●
MIDI	○	●	●	●	●	●	●
WAV	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
AIF	●	○	○	○	●	○	○
PCM	●	○	○	○	○	○	○
Can record sound at runtime	○	○	●	●	○	○	○
<b>ANIMATION FILE FORMATS</b>							
Autodesk FLC/FLI	●	●	●	●	●	○	●
Director movies	●	○	○	●	●	○	○
Built in animation facilities	●	●		●	●		●
<b>VIDEO FILE FORMATS</b>							
AVI	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
MPEG	○	●	●	●	○	○	○
QuickTime MOV	●	●	○	●	●	○	○
.. others	●	●	●	●	●	○	○
Mac/PC compatibility	●	●	○	●	●	○	○
Scripting	●	●	○	●	●	○	○
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Runtime player	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

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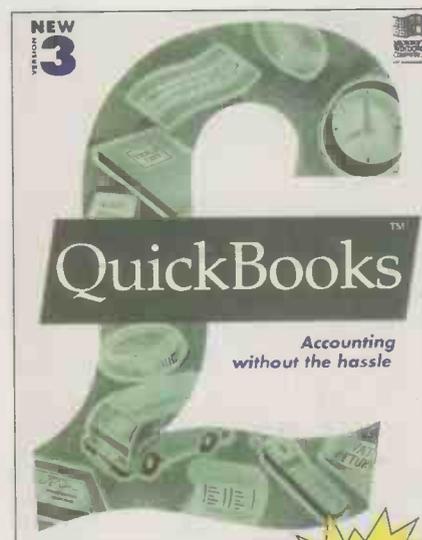
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<b>MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS</b>						
CPU	68000	68000	68000	68000	68000	68030
RAM	4Mb	4Mb	4.5Mb	2.3Mb	4Mb	8Mb
Disk space required	10Mb	9Mb	32Mb	14Mb	14Mb	5Mb
CD-ROM	○	○	○	○	○	○
API support	Some access to Toolbox	Menus, Windows, Dialogues	Menus, Windows	○	○	Full access to Toolbox
<b>Text file formats</b>						
ASCII	○	○	○	●	○	●
RTF	○	○	○	○	○	●
<b>Image file formats</b>						
PICT	●	●	●	●	●	●
MacPaint	●	●	○	○	○	○
TIFF	○	●	○	○	○	○
GIF	○	○	○	○	○	○
JPEG	○	○	○	○	○	○
Colour depth (bits)	8	8	24	24	24	24
Animation features	●	●	●	●	●	○
<b>ANIMATION FILE FORMATS</b>						
QuickTime	●	●	●	●	●	●
Director Movies	●	●	○	●	○	●
PICS	○	●	●	○	○	○
QuickTime support	●	●	●	●	●	●
Sound record at runtime	●	●	●	●	○	●
<b>AUDIO FILE FORMATS</b>						
SMD	●	●	●	●	●	●
MIDI	●	●	●	●	○	●
AIFF	●	●	●	●	○	●
CD-AUDIO	●	○	●	●	○	○
SoundEdit	○	○	○	●	●	○
WAVE	○	○	○	○	○	●
Mac/PC compatibility	Heizer ConvertIt! software translates stacks to ToolBook for Windows	Available for Windows	Available for Windows	Available for Windows	Player for Windows	Produces runtime files for both Mac & Windows
External code modules	XCMDs and XFCNs can be created using third-party tools	XCMDs and XFCNs	XOBJS, XCMDs and XFCNs	XCMDs and XFCNs	XCMDs and XFCNs	XCMDs and XFCNs
Debugging features	●	●	●	○	○	○

**Glossary of terms**

**AIFF**

**Audio Interchange File Format.** An audio file format design for easy interchange between platforms and programs. Popular throughout the Mac world.

**AVI**

**Audio Video Interleave.** Microsoft's standard file format for using video with Windows, which uses files consisting of alternate video and audio data sequences.

**JPEG**

**Joint Photographic Experts Group.** ISO/CCITT standard for compressing images that provides "lossy" compression; the compressed image is

not as sharp as the original.

**MIDI**

**Musical Instrument Digital Interface.** A serial interface hardware standard, running at 32.5Kb/sec, and a protocol for the control of electronic musical instruments.

**MPEG**

A standard for digital video compression developed by a body known as the **Moving Pictures Experts Group**. There are currently two MPEG standards in use: MPEG1, designed primarily for reading full motion video from CD-ROM; and MPEG2 developed for digital broadcasting.

**QuickTime Movie**

**QuickTime** is Apple's multimedia architecture for handling dynamic media such as video,

sound, animation, music and text. A QuickTime Movie stores this information as a series of separate data tracks, which are synchronised on playback.

**SND**

Apple's standard sampled audio file format.

**TIFF**

**Tagged Image File Format.** An image file format developed by Aldus and Microsoft that can handle monochrome, grey scale, 8-bit or 24-bit images. There are many different versions of TIFF that include several different compression algorithms.

**WAVE**

Microsoft's standard sampled audio file format for Windows.

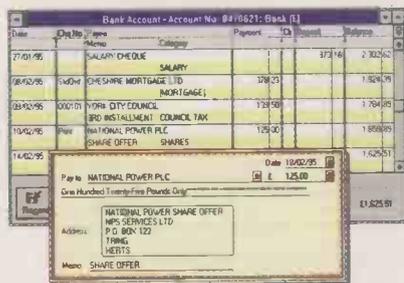
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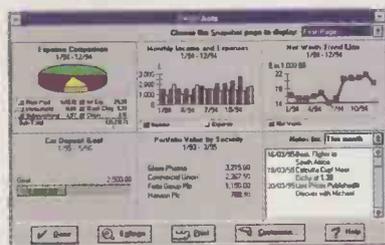
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## Apple Media Kit



This Mac authoring package aims to let entry-level users create Mac or cross-platform presentations without having to use any scripting, although this is available.

It includes the Apple Media Tool, a direct-manipulation authoring environment intended for creative producers and designers, and the Programming Environment, an object-oriented programming environment for programmers. You can use the Apple Media Tool to assemble and add interactivity to the various elements of a multimedia project. The authoring environment consists of a collection of elements: Map, Screen, Media, Objects, Events, and Actions.

The Apple Media Tool Programming Language is object-oriented and allows you full access to the user-interface toolbox of Mac and Windows platforms. You can enhance any project created with the Apple Media Tool so that it is possible to bring database information into the project, perform financial calculations, add more complex interactions and so on.

When your project's finished, the Runtime Maker compiler lets you create player files that can run on both Mac and Windows platforms.

### PCW Details

#### Apple Media Kit

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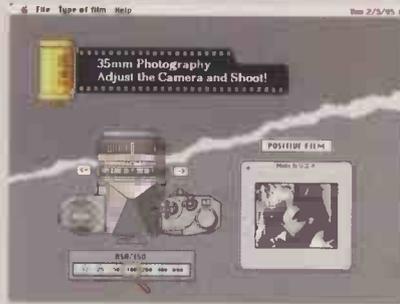
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**Good Points** Powerful toolbox routines, feature rich.

**Bad Points** No specific problems.

**Conclusion** An efficient cross-platform development system.

## Authorware Professional 2.2



There's nothing you can do in Authorware that you can't do in Director and vice versa, but the latter's icon-based approach is particularly geared to creating training applications. The forthcoming upgrade will offer greater integration between Authorware and Director, and will include a Movie in a window feature similar to Director's. Authorware competently supports 24-bit graphics too.

With Authorware, you can build your applications without the need for scripting. Along the left of the Design window there's a palette where you choose various icons to drag onto the flowline in the Design window. You click on these icons in the window to bring up dialogue boxes which you use to create a sequence of events and activities. The vertically running flowline shows the order in which you arrange the icons and guides your logic as you build your application, which you then view in the Presentation window.

Programming features include variables for interaction, decisions, timing, video playback, and useful maths functions. Authorware can also use external functions in the form of HyperCard XCMDs on the Mac and DLLs in Windows. You can import a wide range of graphics formats, and there is an audio waveform editor provided, called SoundWave, which can handle AIFF, SND, PCM and WAVE files as well as MIDI formats.

### PCW Details

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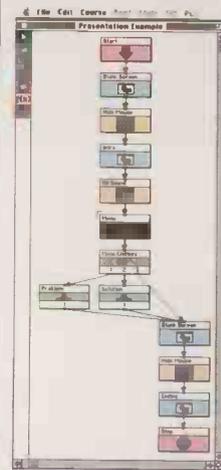
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**Good Points** Easy to use.

**Bad Points** Expensive.

**Conclusion** Great for CBT applications.

## Course Builder



Course Builder is a package particularly geared towards training applications. For example, you can generate a progress report automatically at the end of each program, with such items as overall course score, length of time spent on the course, and individual input scores and responses.

The Course Map window is functionally similar to Authorware's Design window, and you place icons on a flow line which you then use to create a sequence of events and activities, with appropriate decisions and user interactions. Some icons are popup menus with Tools representing various "State" types. Once you have selected a particular State, you click at the point on the Course Map where you want this State to appear and a representative box is inserted. You then connect up the boxes by clicking from the bottom of the first State icon and dragging to the top of the next. To build your course, you click on the upper part of each State box to bring up dialogue boxes where you can specify what will happen. Key-frame animation lets you animate sprites containing different poses of the figure to be animated, and other tools let you adjust the timing of your presentation, control sound and video devices, and execute XCMD/XFCNs.

The cross-platform module lets you author on the Mac and run on the PC under Windows. An upgrade is expected later this year which will be PowerMac-native.

### PCW Details

#### Course Builder

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**Bad Points** Interface needs an overhaul.

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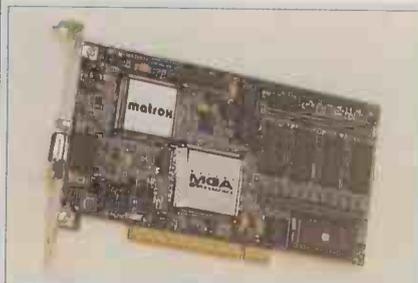
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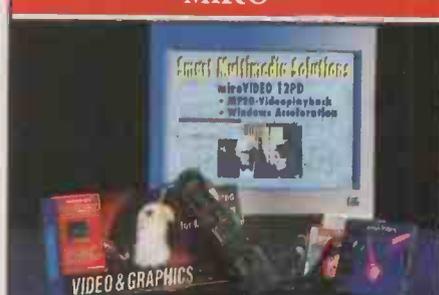
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## Case studies: the multimedia developers

### The BWG organisation

Andy Bereza, of BWG, specialises in the development of interactive catalogues and product demonstrations for distribution on floppy disk or CD-ROM, using Director for Macintosh and Windows. In the distant past, Andy started up Allen & Heath — a well-known manufacturer of audio mixers — in his garage. He later invented the Portastudio (an integrated 4-channel audio mixer/cassette recorder) whilst at TASCAM; so he was well-qualified to develop an interactive floppy-disk presentation for Yamaha's ground-breaking ProMix 01 Midi-controllable audio mixer.

### Could you explain your 'brief' for this presentation?

"Yamaha was quite specific in its brief. The front panel of the ProMix 01 belies what lays within. The interface of buttons and screens provides such extensive control that Yamaha was well aware that a traditional printed brochure could never adequately communicate the facilities. Furthermore, ProMix 01 requires a step by step demonstration of how a sequence of key presses changes any parameter rapidly.

Finally, it was decided to harness the extensive MIDI functionality so that the on-screen demonstration would transmit signals to a real ProMix 01 and replicate the animations on screen with actual changes in the mixer."

Which authoring software did you use,

### and why?

"As with any project, we go through a 'proof of concept' stage first, which roughly demonstrates the presentation principles involved. We decided to author using Macromedia Director because of its extensive animation capability and the wide range of external plug-in control capabilities. By using bespoke code for different platforms, we were able to transmit MIDI messages from within the program to tie in with on-screen animations."

### Could you describe the presentation in more detail?

"With so many technical aspects and precise synchronisation to consider, it was essential to develop a tight storyboard for the project with Yamaha and then to set it in stone. The program essentially leads the viewer through each of the key features, with animations as appropriate. There is also a series of screens that dramatise some of the real-world applications of the ProMix 01."

### This sounds like a lot to ask from a single floppy disk!

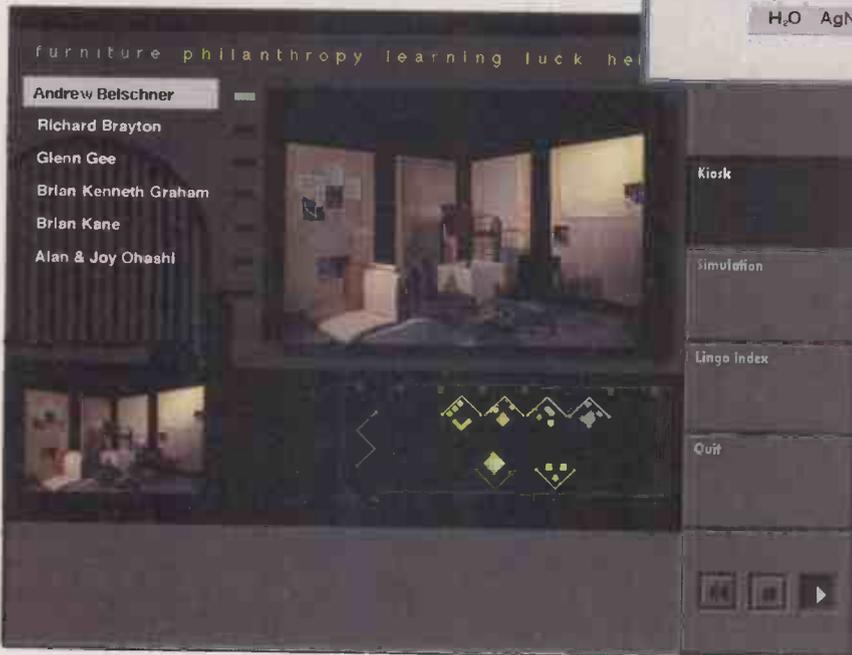
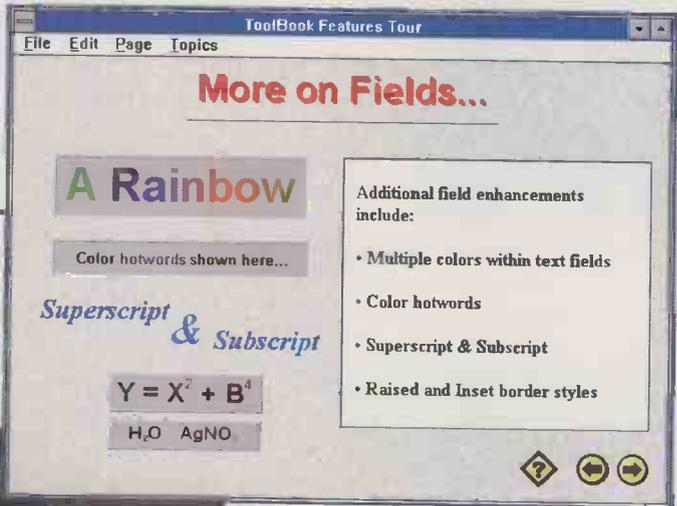
"Graphics are singularly the biggest storage headache

*Multimedia Tool-Book (right). Director for Macintosh (below)*

when it comes to developing programs which will fit onto floppy disk. We prefer to build runtime files that don't require compression and that the user can simply click and play. To this end, we have developed many techniques which enable us to achieve a 'rich' looking presentation in a minimum of space. These include colourised one-bit images, pixel-doubling, and the breaking up of irregular shapes to optimise disk space. Director's tools facilitate all of these methods. Once we were confident that all the elements would fit within one megabyte (after adding the Director runtime engine, which also has to fit onto the HD floppy) we were ready to assemble the assets."

### What sort of problems did you encounter during development?

"I have to admit that creating the sequences which demonstrated the combinations of key presses interspersed with text screens



and MIDI transmissions, was painstakingly slow. We used a classic 'pointing fist' type icon to show movement of a hand over the control buttons. By keeping these sprites small, we could therefore guarantee that the program would run smoothly even on a low-end machine. That's always a consideration with floppy disk based programs; you have to make sure that the end user is not disappointed with the program's performance on his machine.

Firstly, we optimised the animation and sequencing of descriptive text and gained client approval. The next stage was to add the code which would trigger the same changes in a ProMix 01, wired via a MIDI interface to any mixer running the presentation. As every action on the mixer's surface

has an equivalent MIDI code, this appeared to be a straightforward step. In reality, we had to perform a great deal of cross checking to ensure that the screen images and the Mixer's display were fully synchronised. Again, using Director, we were able to develop a 'tool' which enabled us to interrogate the ProMix and take a closer look at some of its more complex MIDI functions."

#### What about distribution of the disk?

"As a project such as this approaches conclusion, a great deal of tuning up occurs based on actual testing and bug finding. For example, we added what's known as an 'attractor loop' so that after a predefined period of inactivity the program runs a series of general information screens encouraging the viewer to 'click the mouse'. This function was added so that the program would not appear to 'freeze' when used at exhibition stands.

Furthermore, we developed variations on the original disk. One version, for dealers, included a couple of short Quicktime talking head testimonials which were also distributed on floppy disks. Single disk versions with or without MIDI implementation were completed for general distribution as an 'electronic brochure'. And all of this in both Windows and Mac versions.

The program has also been included on various musician's magazine front-cover CD-ROMs, and is being used internationally. It is regarded by the client as a model for the interactive electronic brochures of the future."

#### Pixel Productions

Graphics designer Joe Gillespie, of Pixel Productions, has been producing interactive multimedia work for several years now, and has an impressive list of clients including Apple Computers, Canon, VideoLogic, and many others.

#### What are you working on right now?

"My current project is a CD-ROM product catalogue for a major electronics manufacturer, to run under Windows. I am using ToolBook on the PC for the first time and really enjoying using this software, although I far prefer using the Mac, in general."

#### So what's so good about ToolBook?

"Well, ToolBook is everything HyperCard should be and isn't. It has properly integrated colour, links to databases, multimedia links to CD-ROMs, video players and so forth, and the programming language is virtually identical to HyperTalk. It can do simple

path animation but not at the level of Director."

#### What about Authorware?

"I did use this a couple of times, working on a project for VideoLogic, as the VideoLogic DVA4000 is supported by Authorware. Authorware is meant for non-programmers and uses flow diagrams, but you can't really get at the guts of it, and it is extremely pricey. It is really best used for educational coursework. I believe that if Authorware was one tenth of the price, it would sell 50 times as many. But it is sold at a high discount to the educational market."

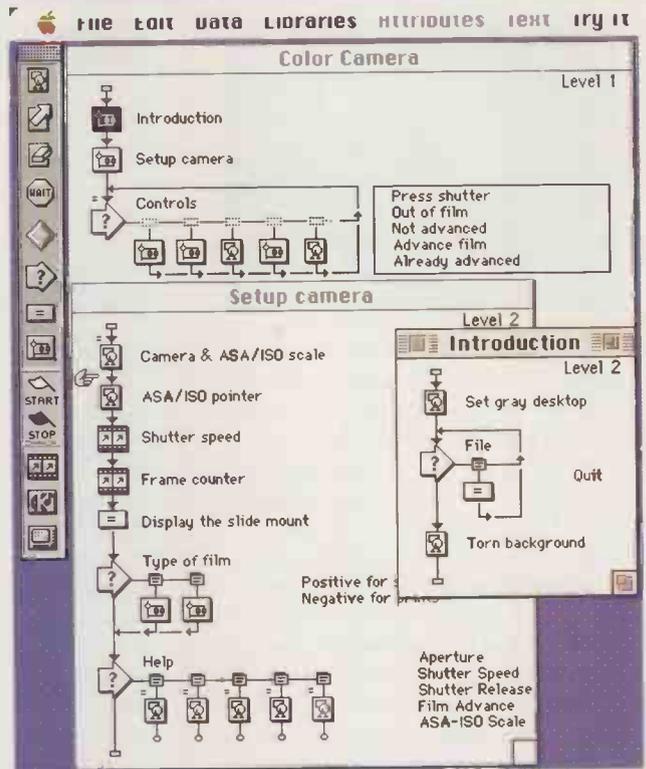
#### What about cross-platform issues?

"Developing on Mac and porting to PC is a very attractive proposition, even if the end product is PC-only. Unfortunately, Director for Windows is not all that it should be! The Windows version is in its first incarnation and they have tried to keep it true to the Mac way of working which, to some extent, ignores the fact that it is running on a PC. A lot of people who have just discovered Director on the PC are appalled at the performance — with sluggish screen redraws and so forth.

On the Mac, of course, you have a pretty good idea of what the environment you are aiming at is like. So, for instance, you can assume that it has 256 colours, and that it will play sound. Many PCs are set up for 16 colours and have no sound, and every different video card works in a different way and will potentially give you a different set of colours. I have heard that 30 percent of PC CD-ROM titles won't actually work on the machines they were bought for!"

#### Amongst those projects on which you've worked, what proportion have used Director as opposed to HyperCard?

"Well, I stopped using HyperCard about three or four years ago. With the projects I have done in HyperCard I have had to use XCMDs to get colour, and I found the software very slow to use. Ever since Claris



*Gillespie: "Authorware is meant for non-programmers and uses flow diagrams."*

took it over, it has not progressed too much. Originally, when Bill Atkinson brought out the original HyperCard I thought it was brilliant — especially with the simplified HyperTalk scripting. Now Lingo for Director is getting much more like C, with complex programming concepts involved. I do think Lingo is an excellent programming environment, and I have even been able to write an arcade type game which runs at reasonable speed. One of the best features for me is that there are hooks in Lingo to make toolbox calls to the Mac ROM so you can use the standard Macintosh interface elements such as Menus, Windows, keyboard commands, and so forth."

#### What about SuperCard?

"SuperCard was always dreadfully slow compared with HyperCard, but it had good colour. Another package, called Spinnaker Plus, was around for a while but this was slower; it could take minutes to change from card to card. Having used Director for so long, I will probably stick with this. If ToolBook was available on the Mac I would definitely be interested in using this, but Asymetrix says it has no intention of porting this to the Mac at present."



## Director 4.0 for Macintosh



Director began as an animation program to which the Lingo scripting language was later added. You can use external code modules (XOBJs) and even use HyperCard XCMDs (external commands). A Player application lets you run your projects on machines without Director being installed.

It features a Stage window where your project plays; a Cast window, which you use to store the various elements within your production; and a Score window. There's also a Colour Paint window where you can originate or edit your graphic elements.

There are 48 "channels" (arranged vertically) in the Score window into which you can place overlaid graphical elements. Score is divided into horizontal frames which play sequentially in time when you run the project, so the horizontal axis represents a timeline of frames, as in a film. You can vary the speed at which these play back to create animated effects, a variety of interesting transitions or dissolves, or loop around one or more frames.

Director particularly excels when it comes to QuickTime control, with special Lingo commands provided to let you control many aspects of your movies including location, playback rate, and volume. Standard Macintosh Windows and Menus are easy enough to create using Lingo, although SuperCard is still ahead of Director in this respect.

### PCW Details

#### Director 4.0 for Macintosh

Price £999

Contact MacroMedia Europe  
01344 761111

**Good Points** Power animation and interactive scripting.

**Bad Points** Complicated score system takes time to learn.

**Conclusion** Probably the best single choice for Mac authoring.



## HyperCard 2.2



HyperCard features various graphics tools and HyperTalk for scripting, and external commands and functions which can be written in C or Pascal. An external code module might provide communication via the serial ports of the computer to control MIDI devices or VCRs, or to bring in data from outside sources.

A HyperCard file, known as a stack, can contain just one window called a card (or as many cards as your system's memory will hold). Each stack can have background graphics associated with it to provide a consistent backdrop for all cards in the stack, and multiple backgrounds can be used. You can create text fields, buttons, and graphics on each card, and attach HyperTalk scripts to these to allow you to navigate or play sounds. HyperTalk is easy to learn at an introductory level due to its close-to-English syntax, yet powerful enough to rival conventional languages like Pascal.

HyperCard is not so good at handling colour because it was originally designed to work with black and white graphics, so its painting features are still monochrome. To use colour in HyperCard 2.2 you must install the resources provided in a separate stack, but then the environment is more sluggish to work with. The Player application is available to let you run your HyperCard stacks without a full copy of HyperCard being installed.

### PCW Details

#### HyperCard 2.2

Price £100

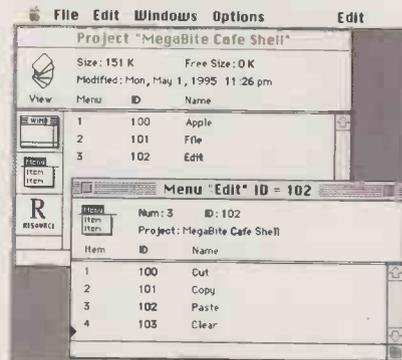
Contact Apple UK 0181 569 1199

**Good Points** Easy English-like language.

**Bad Points** Poor colour support.

**Conclusion** An inexpensive option.

## SuperCard 2.0



SuperCard is very much a super version of HyperCard — the scripting language is extremely similar to that of HyperTalk, and you can readily convert the HyperCard stacks into SuperCard projects.

One difference is that SuperCard features support for multiple windows, and colour. Another is that SuperCard uses a separate application called SuperEdit to let you create and edit your project. You then run your project file via the SuperCard application itself. Additionally, you can create standalone applications which will run on machines without SuperCard installed.

The SuperEdit project window is where you create cards and backgrounds. You can attach scripts to cards or buttons as in HyperCard but SuperCard goes further in its ease of use by providing a list of menus which you can easily call up and edit to suit your project, attaching scripts which will execute as required. A wide variety of other standard Mac interface elements are readily available to use, and SuperCard provides a useful set of animation commands within its scripting language. SuperCard only supports 8-bit colour graphics with colour palettes or (CLUTs), but it does provide both paint and draw modes which offer a great deal of flexibility when creating graphics.

### PCW Details

#### SuperCard 2.0

Price \$299 (UK price not available)

Contact Allegiant Technologies  
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**Good Points** Compatibility with HyperCard.

**Bad Points** Only 8-bit colour support.

**Conclusion** Better than HyperCard if you want colour.



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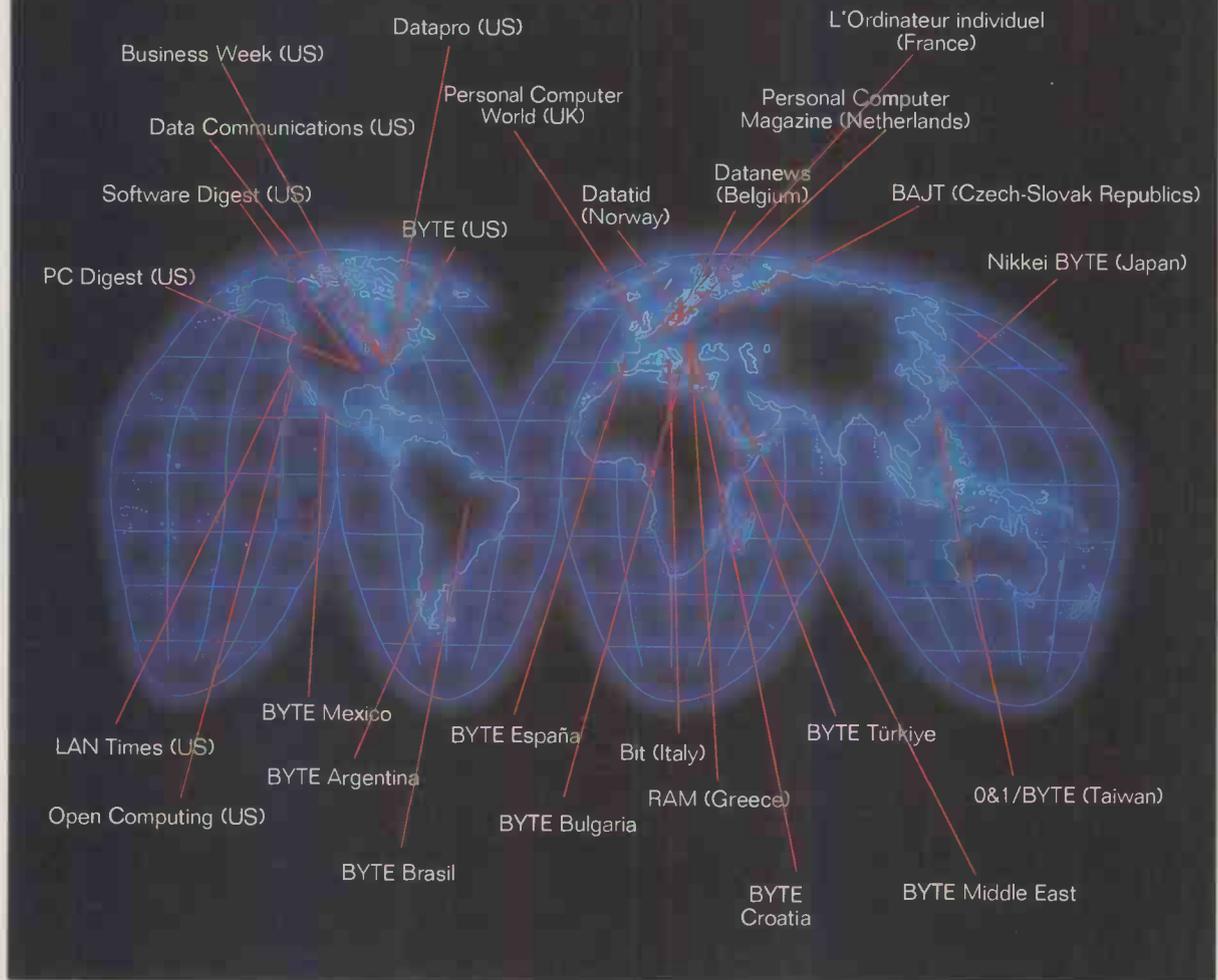
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## Editor's Choice

Most suppliers of authoring programs (especially those based on a flow diagram analogy) claim that their packages are easy to use, so you can create applications rapidly without getting involved in programming code. Even the programs like Tool-Book and Director, that offer a scripting language, are now additionally offering many enhancements which make programming less necessary.

But don't let anyone persuade you that creating multimedia applications takes only a short time and that once you have mastered a few basics you're home and dry. To begin with, the learning curve for any of the programs reviewed here is anything between two to four weeks. Furthermore, even if you cut down to an absolute minimum the time necessary to put the various media together, the preparation time remains. It is at this point that the illusion of speed and ease begins to fade. Creating a multimedia application is like creating a feature film; have you ever read the credits at the end of a film and counted how many people are listed?

So don't suffer under the illusion that all you need do to create a multimedia application is select a few icons and drag them onto a flow diagram. Each icon represents

an object in your demonstration or training package. This object could be a picture, an animation, a sound or video clip, a button, a Windows-type dialogue box... whatever. All have to be prepared in some way, maybe even created from scratch. The choice of best overall package on the PC, taking the above points into consideration, must be **Multimedia ToolBook**. It can be used for a variety of applications, has a reasonable price tag, and offers a wealth of useful features. While it may not be the easiest, neither are the others quite such a doddle to use as is claimed.

On the other hand, as with most areas of software, much depends on needs. So although the **Multimedia ToolBook** gets our Editor's Choice for PCs, if your intended application is heavily dependent on animation (like Broderbund Living Books), or if you wish to develop for the Mac as well as for Windows, then the **Macromedia Director** would be the better choice and is highly commended.

**Director** is also the best single choice for Mac users

and receives the Editor's Choice for this platform. Runners-up are **Authorware**, if creating courseware is your main activity and you have a large budget to spend on your software, and **HyperCard** if you want to create basic projects quickly and cost-effectively — or if you have a very low budget to buy your software. Both are highly commended.

**Panicos Georgiades and Mike Collins**

*Director: the standard multimedia development tool for the Mac first appeared on the PC scene last year*



## Distributing multimedia

When it comes to CD pressing and distribution, there are a number of important issues of which to be aware. Firstly, it's important to ensure that the program works properly before sending it for glass mastering. This may sound obvious but if you prepare your project on hard disk and it works OK, you cannot assume that this will remain the case when it is transferred to CD-ROM, via DAT or Exabyte. This is because the CD-ROM drive works more slowly than a hard disk.

On the other hand, if you have pressed a Gold Disc on a CD-R (CD Recordable) machine and tested it on a range of playback CD-ROM drives, you can be confident that this is how the pressed disks will work. For this reason, CD-Rs are the preferred format.

Prices of the popular CD-R systems range from as little as £1,400 for the Micronet 1x speed system (which includes Astarte Toast software), to as much as £7,500 for a JVC 4x speed RomMaker system which includes proprietary JVC software. A 2x speed version of the JVC RomMaker is available for £6,500. These

JVC units also include a 1Gb drive which is dedicated for use with the system. At present, a popular choice is the Yamaha 4x speed drive, which costs around £2,500 and is often sold as a package with Astarte Toast software for the Macintosh. Philips, Sony, Kodak, Ricoh, and others all produce hardware systems which are worth considering. Prices for the hardware range from about £2,000 to around £4,000. Several software packages are now available such as: WinOnCD, from CeQuadrat for the PC; CD-It! All from OptImage; or QuickTopix from Optical Media International for the Mac. Prices of these range from around £800 to about £1,200.

Mastering costs range from £350 to £500 but would be higher if faster turnaround or additional formatting was required. Unit and packaging costs can be a little harder to pin down. Emile Dudek, of Nimbus Information Systems, explains: "We advise clients to initially budget for about £1 per finished disc, to include packaging and label printing costs. Then we can fine-tune a quote to individual circumstances when the client is ready to proceed. Obviously, the volume of discs

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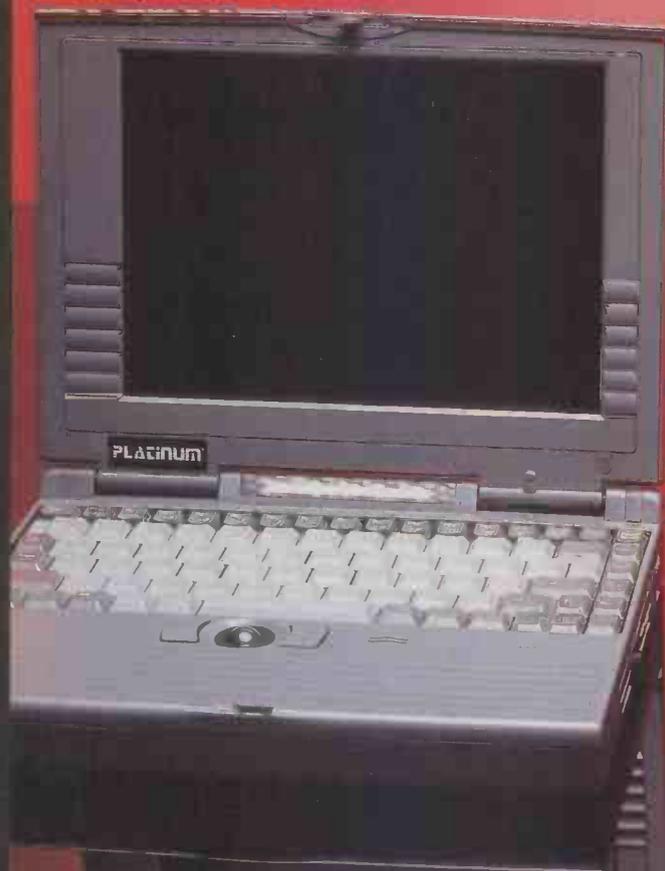
John Powell of MPO (Moulages Plastiques de l'Ouest) added: "Unit prices are going to be about 70p per unit for runs of 500 or so and come down to about 50p per unit by the time you increase the runs to 10,000. Packaging alternatives include the standard jewel box with a booklet and inlay card, then there is a slimline box which requires a J-card, card wallets, and plastic wallets for magazine front-covers. And there are 'DigiPacks'; printed cards with a moulded plastic tray glued inside which can hold a floppy disk as well as a CD-ROM.

Customers also need to consider what information they want printed on the disk. Usually, manufacturers include two colours within the price, but many of us now offer four at a higher price. On short runs, this costs about 12p per disk for four-colour. Packaging prices can vary enormously depending on the artwork involved; from £150 to £450 per thousand."

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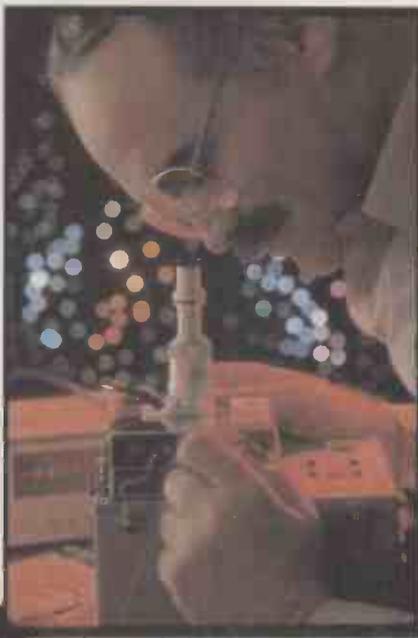
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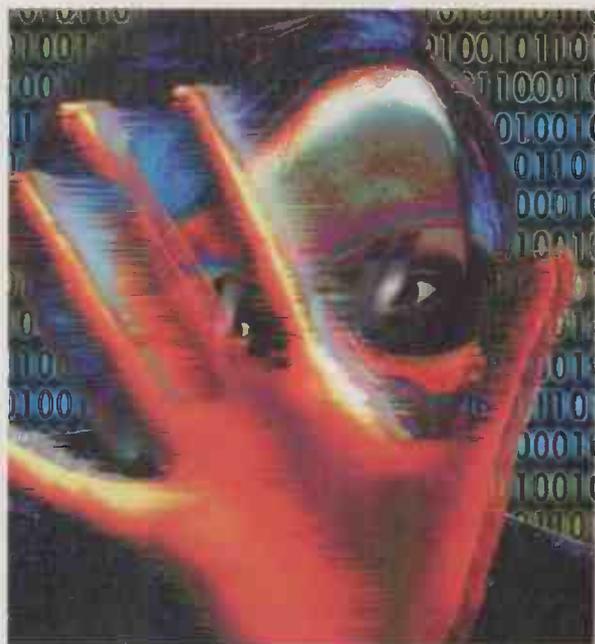
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# Mr. Invisible

**Kevin Mitnick** — computer terrorist, cyberpunk, or just plain thief... however people may view him, the fact remains that he is one of the cleverest and most elusive hackers in the world. But has he been unfairly demonised? There are other, more venomous hackers around and it seems that Mitnick's predilection is not for self-interested fraud. **Wendy M Grossman** investigates the facts and the myth surrounding this shadowy figure.



PCW Illustrations by Stephen Caplin

**L**ate March, 1994. Chicago, 8am. There's a knock at the door: a dark-haired young man, dressed only in his underwear asks, "Who's there?" "FBI," comes the reply. The young man opens the door. "You're Kevin Mitnick." "No, I'm not — I'm Lee Nussbaum." "Oh yeah? We know all about the aliases..."

Actually, it was Lee Nussbaum — and a very frightened Lee Nussbaum at that — as the FBI agents found out within half an hour of taking him downtown and running a make on him. They had some justification for the confusion: Nussbaum looked vaguely like the description they had of Mitnick, and his name was similar to one of Mitnick's known aliases. Having apologised profusely, they let him go with details of their direct line numbers and instructions to use them if he was troubled again.

Nussbaum had been arrested at the fourth "Computers, Freedom, and Privacy" (CFP) Conference, which then proceeded to spend the rest of the week angrily criticising the FBI's transgression of the rules of hospitality. By the time the fifth conference came around, a year later, newspapers and magazines all over the world had reported the capture of the real Mitnick, and Nussbaum was now getting a lot more fun out of telling the story of "My ten minutes as Kevin Mitnick" than he had previously.

The news photographs that had flashed around the world last February, when the real Mitnick was arrested, showed a dark-haired guy wearing glasses and dressed entirely in black — even down to his running shoes. Nussbaum's unfortunate resemblance to him seems extremely superficial; limited to the fact that both have dark hair, somewhat sallow skin, and a tendency to slight pudginess. Although critics at the CFP Conference had criticised the FBI for not having been well enough briefed with Mitnick's description, the fact was that despite his notoriety, Mitnick had maintained a shadowy figure so there are relatively few photographs of him and no published interviews.

Mitnick made an early start in hacking. As early as secondary school age, he was said to have broken into his high school's administrative system. And as a teenager, he was sentenced to probation

after being caught stealing technical manuals from Pacific Bell's LA computer centre. He is reputed to specialise in telephone networks and also to have a particular fondness for DEC VMS systems.

He was first arrested in December, 1988 on several counts of computer crimes. The case never went to a jury trial; instead the judge accepted a plea bargain and sentenced him to a year in jail plus a requirement to join a rehabilitation programme to treat his addiction to computers.

According to Kent Walker, the former US District Attorney who spearheaded an investigation that caught Mitnick in 1992, Mitnick missed three consecutive appointments with his parole officer. One

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this realm that's  
dark and anarchic  
and harbouring  
criminals and evil  
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or two missed appointments is OK, says Walker. "You do have some latitude, because people sleep late or get jobs. But three missed appointments sets off the alarms." Had Mitnick simply been caught on a parole violation say, at the 1994 CFP Conference, he would have gone back to jail says Walker, "potentially for as long as 15 years, it's at the discretion of the court".

As it turns out, the CFP Conference was not such a far-fetched place to have looked for Mitnick: the original idea behind the founding of the conference was to get people together, in the same room, who would never normally talk to each other. For instance, the first CFP Conference was the first time that hackers had ever sat down with members of the law enforcement community to talk about issues that mattered to them both. Over the past couple of years, the hottest topic has been encryption.

It was the organiser of the third CFP Conference, Bruce Koball (a software engineer), who received an email message on the morning of 27 January this year about one of their accounts; "cfp",

which was used by the conference organisers. The account was held at the Well, the Sausalito-based conferencing system whose initials stand for "Whole Earth 'Lectronic Link".

It was the Well's conference manager, Gail Williams, who mailed Koball about a long-dormant cfp ID. Her staff had been running a Disk Hog program, which checks hard disk usage, and had discovered that this old cfp ID had the largest file directory of any account on the Well system; 158Mb of files. Could Koball perhaps clear out some of this old stuff? asked Williams. Even though Koball didn't have a password for the account, he nevertheless went over to investigate the situation.

The first thing he noticed was that all the files in the directory were world-readable — in other words, anyone on the Well system could have access. The second was that the files were unfamiliar; some were very large and compressed using Unix utilities. There were also several megabytes of compressed Unix mailbox files (mboxes) which he examined, using a utility that allows you to view compressed files on the fly.

Koball was a little squeamish about looking at the stuff because it was someone else's email.

However, having sampled some of the files, he discovered the email was all addressed to someone named "tsutomu@sdsu.edu". "It didn't ring a bell at that point," says Koball, "until later that evening, when I got home, and thump! — there on my doorstep landed the 28 January edition of the New York Times, and there, on the front page of the business section, was a John Markoff article about Shimomura's system break-in and of course this set alarm bells ringing in my own mind."

At that point no one had connected the break-in with Mitnick. The thinking was simply that here was a problem to be solved and apparently this is typical. Former DA, Walker, says that the police do not spend time on the Net searching out computer crimes; instead, they investigate because someone has brought a problem to their attention. After all, the leads had gone somewhat cold after two years.

"There are a number of things you can do," says Walker. "You can figure out characteristic things the guy has done in

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the past and look for somebody out there doing those characteristic things." If you know, for instance, that your man is an avid huntsman, you might check hunting licence records. "Or if you know he's used certain aliases in the past, you'd look for that. You might maintain physical and electronic surveillance on friends' and relatives' residences to see if there's contact." Walker then carefully adds that he's speaking only in general terms, and that not all of these things were necessarily done in Mitnick's case, "in fact many of them weren't" he admits.

"You would probably keep an eye on police reports throughout the country to see if there's anything interesting there. But the most significant point here is not that you start out looking for Mitnick; it's that you have a computer break-in and the more you learn about it, the more it looks to be Mitnick."

Once a break-in has been reported, procedures vary. "You interview the complainant and find out as much as you can," explains Walker. "In some cases, you start to investigate; in others you say, 'keep us apprised'. Sometimes the technical community possesses better skills than the police." However, the technical community — organisations such as the Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT), which is often called in to resolve hacking problems — has different interests from the police: "CERT isn't really concerned with getting the guy caught; they're concerned with fixing the problem and getting the hacking to stop."

In Mitnick's case, a monitoring operation was set up on the Well, calls were traced to the San José Internet access provider, Netcom, and then finally to North Carolina. So far, more than 20 charges have been filed there: one is under Title 18, US Code, Section 1029, which covers access device fraud; this is primarily used in cases of credit card fraud but also extends to other kinds of numbers and passwords, including cellular phones and calling card numbers. Others come under Title 18, US Code, Section 1030, which covers computer fraud, including unauthorised access to computer systems.

Walker says that each case of illegal use was counted as a criminal charge: "Obviously, he has potential exposure in a lot of other districts, but negotiations are continuing. He's been indicted in North Carolina; he could be indicted everywhere he committed criminal acts. There is even an argument to be made that he could be indicted in each place to

which he sent electrons across the line to commit criminal acts, but that would be a stretch." Less of a stretch would be indictments in areas such as San Diego (where Shimomura's system is situated) and in the San Francisco Bay area. Walker says that in such a case the various departments of justice negotiate and aim for a plea agreement or some kind of global disposition. "From a defendant's point of view, you don't want to face six different trials in a row with exposure in each," he adds.

One difficulty with prosecuting hackers like Mitnick is putting a value on what's been done. According to JJ Buck BloomBecker's account of events (in his 1990 book, *Spectacular Computer Crimes*) at Mitnick's original 1988 arrest, DEC estimated that Mitnick had cost the company over \$4m in computer downtime. Five months later, this estimate was reduced to \$160,000 by the assistant district attorney, when he argued that the judge should accept the plea-bargain.

Now, this time around, Mitnick is accused of copying a file of 20,000 live credit card numbers from leading Internet service provider Netcom, as well as source code for different types of cellphones, all of which he is said to have stored in the Well directory of that cfp ID. As Emmanuel Goldstein, editor of *2600* (the publication that bills itself as "The Hacker Quarterly") pointed out in a recent editorial: the Netcom credit card number file was known to be on the loose as far back as six months prior to Mitnick's arrest; the information had, in fact, been published in the Autumn 1994 issue of *2600*.

Other close followers of the hacker scene add that rather than great technical know-how, Mitnick's premier skill lays in getting people to give him information they shouldn't. Phil Karn is best known in the UK as the author of KA9Q (the dialler software that Demon uses) and works as a staff engineer at Qualcomm. "One of the lessons to learn about this guy is his skill at social engineering," he says. Karn is, if anything, relieved that although the Internet was involved, it was only as a means

of getting the files out of the company, not as a way of breaking in. "A firewall is irrelevant for something like that: I breathe a sigh of relief that he didn't come in by exploiting some vulnerability in the firewall."

As many commentators, including Bruce Koball, are pointing out: if Netcom had stored its credit card files in encrypted form, their copying would not have mattered nearly as much; the same goes for source code. They find it ironic that the FBI, which is constantly warning against the dangers of hackers like Mitnick, is also one of the agencies campaigning against the widespread use of strong encryption on the grounds that it will make law enforcement more difficult.

Hackers seem to possess the same sort of mythical status that bank robbers once had in the Wild West and seem to evoke the same wild emotions of fear, rage, self-righteous moralising, and admiration.

Some have even inspired the drafting of legislation: in the UK, the House of Lords decision that existing laws did not cover Gold's and Schifreen's famous hack into Prince Philip's electronic mail-

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box, prompted the introduction of the Computer Misuse Act. In the US, both legislation and a 1990 nationwide raid seem to have been inspired by three widely reported incidents: Clifford Stoll's tangle with Pengo, a German hacker who had penetrated the computer system at the Lawrence Berkeley Lab, which was written up in his 1989 book *The Cuckoo's Egg*; Robert Morris's 1988 Internet worm, which paralysed many government and academic computers; and Kevin Mitnick's arrest in December, 1988.

Particular venom is reserved for Mitnick, yet nothing he's ever done has had the impact of Robert Morris's 1988 worm, which paralysed portions of the Internet and inspired a wave of anti-computer crime legislation. And, he's not alleged to have committed self-interested fraud like the less famous Kevin Poulsen, a former programmer for Sun Micro-

systems. Poulsen was sentenced on 10 April 1995 to four years in prison for having blocked incoming telephone calls to radio stations in order to fraudulently win a variety of prizes including two Porsches, two trips to Hawaii, and \$20,000 in cash. Neither is Mitnick accused of having broken into life-critical systems like the hospital system that UK hacker Paul Bedworth was accused of

book about recent events with Tsutomu Shimomura, the security expert who helped catch Mitnick. Even before publication, the book's movie rights are said to have been snapped up by movie-maker Miramax: hacker versus hacker, *mano a mano* in the wilds of cyberspace, must sound like a good storyline to them.

This will be Markoff's second book featuring Mitnick. The first, *Cyberpunk*, co-written with Katie Hafner, used about a third of its length covering Mitnick's story up to the time of his first conviction. The remaining two-thirds told the stories of Robert Morris, the Cornell graduate student who released the 1988 Internet worm, and Pengo, the hacker caught by Clifford Stoll, as related in *The Cuckoo's Egg*. Markoff is a well-respected journalist with a long career as science correspondent for the New York Times; his stories often appear to be a primary source for most other press reports about Mitnick.

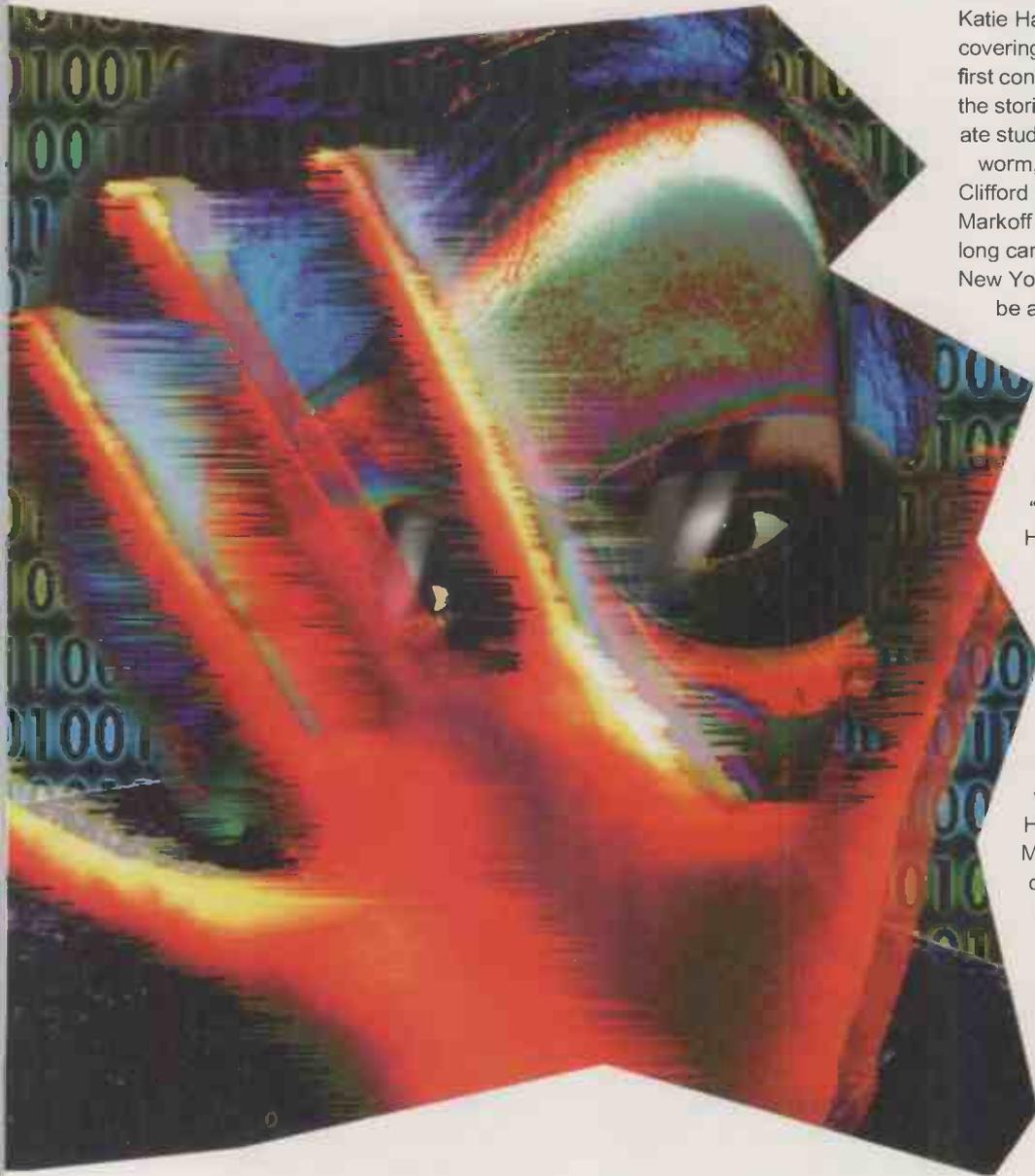
Generally ignored is the fact that Mitnick himself, writing in the Summer 1991 issue of *2600*, wasn't happy with Markoff and Hafner's portrayal of him, which he described as "20 percent fabricated and libellous". He went on to propose that Katie Hafner (he refers only to her in his comments, never mentioning Markoff) probably "acted with malice" after he had refused to cooperate as a factual source without payment. He wanted, he said, to be compensated for his time but the authors refused, claiming this would "taint my [Mitnick's] objectivity". He accused them of picking up an anti-Mitnick bias from their informant, his convicted co-defendant, Lenny DeCicco, and also of having covered up some of DeCicco's misdeeds.

Koball, among others, believes that some of the media coverage of the more recent arrest has been unfair: "I really think he's been demonised unfairly. What I see happening is; Mitnick gets demonised, and, by extension, so does the entire thing called cyberspace — this realm that's dark and anarchic and harbouring criminals and evil deeds and is crying out for regulation and new laws." Beyond that, Koball objects to Mitnick's being labelled as a computer terrorist: "He had the potential to be a terrorist, because he possessed the combination of information and skills that would, for example, let him take down an entire regional telephone system if he really had wanted to at some point. But he never wanted to do that — that was never his motivation."

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cracking (he was later acquitted). Nevertheless, Mitnick has been demonised far more than any of these and the media has dubbed him a "computer terrorist".

Silly sums are being paid by the US media for Mitnick's story. One rumour has it that *Rolling Stone* is paying some fortunate freelance \$12,000 to write up Mitnick's case. Another (and this one is well attested) has it that John Markoff of the New York Times has signed a \$750,000 deal to co-author a





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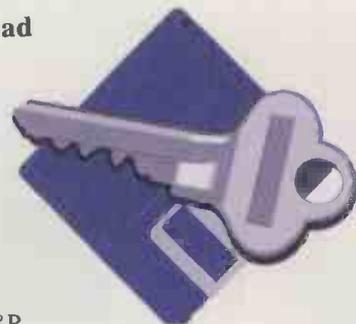
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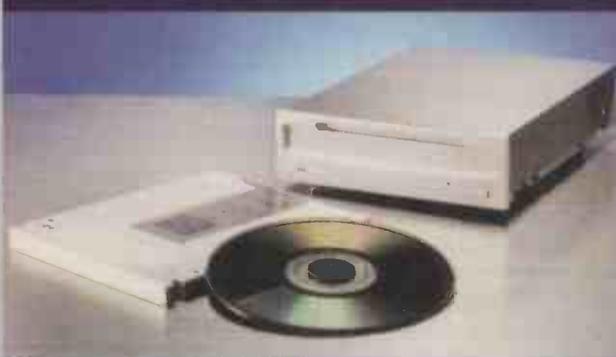
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**Kevin Kelly is a remarkable man. Executive editor of the USA's Wired magazine, key player in The Well, and recently, author of the cyber-book *Out of Control*, he would nevertheless be happy to live in a world with no reading or writing. Michael Hewitt asks how he came to this conclusion.**

**O**ne of PCW's tame photographers was supposed to turn up on the morning I interviewed Kevin Kelly. It's perhaps fortunate that he forgot. Both Kelly and I looked as if we'd scored some bad Mogadon. In my case it was an excess of Chilean Cabernet Sauvignon the night before. In his, it was down to some sort of virus, exacerbated by a week of non-stop interviews, book promotions, meetings, and knock-on jet-lag. Unsurprisingly, therefore, he greeted me with all the enthusiasm of a man about to undergo major root canal surgery.

So I tried to keep it as painless as possible and started with some very general questions. What was his background? "What do you mean, 'background'?" he grimaced, in much the same way as Elton John does if you ask him if it's a wig. So I tried another tack. Was he of a scientific bent from a very early age? Bingo.

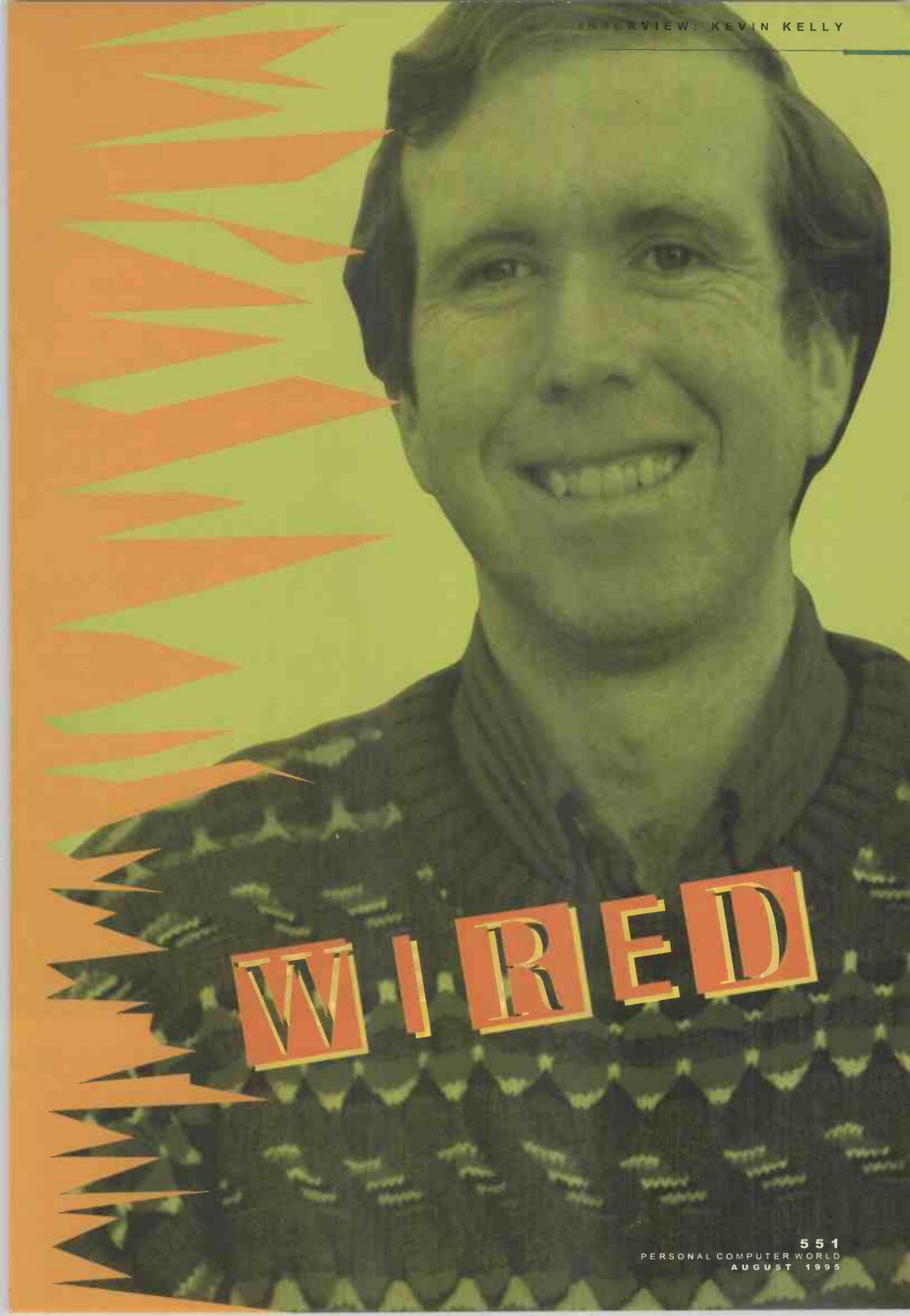
He was born in 1952. At school he was a science junkie and studied advanced physics and chemistry: "I wasn't a particularly good student, but I really had an interest in it." Back home, he set up a chemistry lab in his basement. He also had his own little natural history museum, stocked with deceased members of the local flora and fauna. Then in the sixties, while at high school, he discovered *The Whole Earth Catalogue*, considered

by many to be the counter-culture Bible.

"When I first saw it, it was like an instant mind-meld. It had all sorts of wild ideas you would never have encountered in a normal suburban life. It taught you such things as building your own house, growing your own food, and basic survival techniques. The overall message, which I took to heart, was: 'Invent your own life. Make it up. Do it yourself.' Interestingly, the same sort of counter-culture ideas are now found on the Internet."

And with that, he's off. Suddenly, sore throat forgotten, he enthusiastically expounds his theories on computer connectivity, the future of online systems, the blurring of distinctions between machine and biological life, and so on. And, of course, talking about his book, *Out of Control*, the plugging of which was the main reason for his visit to the UK. It's like watching a Ferrari speed into fifth gear after a cold start.

Kevin Kelly is perhaps best known over here as executive editor of the US edition of *Wired*, the Day-Glo mouth-piece of the cyber-generation. Or maybe, as co-founder of the annual Hackers' Conference. But one of his earlier claims to fame is that he was instrumental in actually getting the online generation online. As a founding board member of *The Well*, one of the pioneering computer



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conferencing systems, he helped lay down the ground rules for "virtual" communities. How did it happen?

"In the early eighties, like just about everyone else at the time, I decided to go into business. I had a company that produced mail order catalogues and travel guides. In 1981 I bought a computer, an Apple II, to handle the database for the mailing lists. I also bought a modem in order to be able to send the text to my local newspaper for typesetting." The modem link-up proved to be his Road-to-Damascus Experience. "Once I had the modem, I discovered there was also an embryonic Net out there. Being plugged into this meant I could meet kindred spirits on a daily basis. This turned my life in a different direction and led, eventually, to The Well."

### Life in The Well

Like a lot of things in computer evolution, The Well was started by hippies — specifically, by a hippie doctor, heavily involved in eradicating blindness from Third World countries. He wanted to set up a conferencing system that would enable him to exchange information on the subject with his colleagues. The group therefore purchased an old VAX mainframe for \$90,000 on which to run the software. Then another bunch of hippies from a Tennessee commune was hired to run the system itself. Kelly's role was in the business development and the design of the architecture.

"Since its inception in 1985, The Well has gone some way towards establishing the principles and standards for a successful online community. We established three basic tenets. First, you don't want branching threads with lots of diverging comments. This is absolutely sure to kill a conversation. So The Well ensures a very linear sequence of messages. Second, you need a clear indication of what's new since you last logged on. Third, you want to empower the users to create their own topics. This is really essential and where, in my opinion, more rigid, controlled services such as CompuServe fall down."

However, for a GUI-enamoured newcomer, logging on to The Well is somewhat akin to being demoted from Word for Windows 6.0 to WordStar 2.1. The raw Unix front-end isn't just user-unfriendly, it borders on the plain vindictive. Doesn't Kelly think that this is off-putting? "Certainly, it tends to restrict

the user-base to fairly technical college-educated people. So even though I'm on the board of The Well, I don't recommend it to my friends because it's too difficult to get to grips with. Then again, this helps limit the number of users, giving it a friendly, small-town feel which lots of members like."

Kelly's experiences gained here were crucial in forming the overall shape and outlook of Wired magazine back in 1993. Along with fellow founder, Lou Rossetto, he aimed to combine The Well's qualities of interactivity and community into something that would effectively act as the mouthpiece of the digital revolution.

"The agenda was to create a successful magazine that served the digital culture. That was the explicit goal we sold to the potential advertisers. But at first they didn't understand. Where is the digital culture? they asked. They didn't believe



there actually was one." But current ABCs of 300,000 readers in the USA and 10,000 for the UK edition tend to suggest otherwise. And those figures are increasing by the month. So was Kelly surprised by Wired's success?

"No, but by the speed at which the success came. We didn't expect to do well until at least a few years down the line, given the problems we had in the beginning getting funding and the hard sales job. So when it took off as it did, we were quite astounded."

For those who've never seen it, Wired looks like something your colour laser copier might produce if you ever fell out with its service engineer. Many are entranced by the "hip" graphics and the "with attitude" editorial. Others complain that they can't read the copy because there are too many overlaid tints. In fact, the way-out design was part and parcel of

the whole package.

"We wanted to produce a magazine that looked as if it had been mistakenly mailed from the year 2020 back to today. It therefore had to look very different from everything else. So we hired some guys — corporate designers — who had never designed a magazine before to create the appearance. The editorial, too, is meant to read as if it's reporting on present day events from some time in the future. So if, for example, Bruce Sterling goes to Moscow, he talks about ordinary Muscovites as if he were reporting on them from the year 2020."

Wired's readership is a combination of impecunious 20-year-old "netsurfers" (the sort of people who read Rolling Stone), and overly-peccunious fortysomethings with highly paid jobs in the information industry (the sort of people who used to read Rolling Stone). One thing both groups have in common, apart from being online, is that they're almost exclusively male. Why?

### Female?

"I think it's a self-reinforcing thing. The early Net users were male, and so a male culture started. Male culture attracts more males. Unfortunately, the accumulated testosterone tends to repel women. The question is, how do we change things? There has to be change if cyberspace is to become a true community. A place isn't civilised until it has a normative — that's to say, 50:50 — ratio of genders. The way I see it, cyberspace is still frontier land, like the Wild West once

was. So at the moment, there are a lot of cowboys out there. However, just as the Wild West was tamed, cyberspace will eventually become civilised and a safe place for women to venture."

But what relevance does cyberspace have to the average, non-technical gunslinger? Indeed, isn't there a risk that it could polarise society into technological haves and have-nots — people who understand and use the technology, and others who never will?

"No. Here's why. There's a pretty general pattern to technological dispersion in society. First, things are very expensive and relatively complicated, bought primarily by the rich and élite who have the time and money to play with the stuff. The more they buy, the cheaper it becomes. If enough of them buy it, the mass-market price becomes very low, the technology simplifies, and so on. You see

this with television. At first, only middle-class people owned sets. Now there are very few places in the world where even people of limited income can't afford a television.

"In the same way, in the near future, everyone will be using online communications and computers. The questions are: how long will it take, and how can we simplify the technology so that it's accessible to everyone, not just the techno-élite? The problem at the moment lies in the computers themselves. I hate the things. They're pretty dumb and stupid. You have to use your fingers to talk to them. They're there on your desk, taking up space. This is not the future. You shouldn't have to learn English, or even be able to read and write, in order to use computers effectively. Furthermore, they should be invisible. They should blend into your environment.

"Take the example of the industrial revolution. When the great engineers, the hackers of their day, imagined the future, they saw big rooms full of huge motors, running households, driving factories and the like. But what actually happened is that these motors became 'invisible'. They're now in everything, such that you don't even think about them any more. I have a laptop motor. I have a wristwatch motor. They effectively disappeared. Likewise, computers are going to become submerged into our environment and disappear — which is how it should be, because it's then that they're at their most powerful.

"The thing about standalone computers is that their time is basically over. All the effects that our society will experience as a result of the standalone computer have already happened. They've helped speed things up a little, but that's all. What I'm interested in — and what *Wired* and my book are about — are the consequences of the communications revolution. What happens when computers are hooked up to one another?

"In my view, they form a web of interactions. They become an ecology of machines. As a communications event, this is pretty fundamental and powerful, because this is what culture is: a large-scale, collective communications event. So we're actually talking about amplifying and electrifying culture."

And so, ultimately, to the book, *Out of Control* — a 666-page tome available from all good bookshops, and doubtless a few bad ones, too, for £8.99. It combines Chaos Theory, cybernetics, and Kelly's own experiences of online

## "Computers are forcing us to re-think what humans are about and why we're here"

culture. Unlike many "future shock"-type books, *Out of Control* dispenses with jargon, sermonising, and naive New Age rubbish. As such, it's eminently readable and highly persuasive. The gist is that we're entering a "neo-biological era" where the distinction between man-made systems and biological organisms is gradually disappearing. The new computer networks, and indeed computers themselves, are showing signs of evolutionary, autonomous life. Indeed, Kelly argues that we should be happy to let them get on with it and develop of their own accord.

### The autonomous Mickey Mouse

One of my favourite examples of this is the autonomous Mickey Mouse. By the beginning of the next century, says Kelly, the drudgery of frame by frame animation will have been taken over by computer. Mickey, Donald, and others will exist simply as digitised images that respond to a film script, just like human actors. Not only that, they'll be hard-coded with facets of personality, too. So if, for example, Mickey gets hit over the head by Donald, he will react naturally in an irritated manner and, of his own accord, kick Donald up the backside in retaliation. No-one will have to program in this reaction. He'll be self-learning and self-motivated. To such an extent, indeed, that he may eventually begin to throw luvvie strops like Stephen Fry and refuse to turn up on set. We'll just have to put up with this sort of thing. Likewise, we may have to accommodate the idiosyncrasies and foibles of other computerised mechanisms, too. In return, however, they'll take over all the more mundane tasks for us, allowing us to do more interesting things with our time.

"Computers are forcing us to re-think what humans are about and why we're here. The sorts of tasks we thought humans were about we're now giving over to machines — weaving cloth, for example. I think it's quite inhuman to force humans to weave cloth. It's boring,

repetitive, and complicated. A machine can do it so much better. Likewise I don't think we've ever had the skill to do arithmetic. So it's not a skill we've lost by giving it over to an electronic calculator.

"So, if we're not cloth-making animals or mathematical animals, what are we here for? My view is that we're here to create things: art, music, books, new ideas, and to assist others to be creative. Certainly, at the moment people do create things, but they have relatively little choice in what they create.

"To make one analogy: if Beethoven had been born in a prehistoric society, even with all his talent, he wouldn't have had the chance to play the piano, only the drums. A person born today can still play the drums if he feels the need to, but he can also play the piano. He has the choice. He can be a smallhold farmer if he wants to. But equally, he can now also go and write HGML pages. Just as organic life creates environment and makes more life possible, technology and creative thought create a space in which more thought and more creativity are possible. It's an ever-expanding, open-ended space we're making."

So what next for Kelly? "People are constantly harping on about the idea of the post-literate society. Personally, I'm open to the idea of a civilisation that doesn't require reading and writing, but uses oral and visual media instead. As a result, the centre of culture will no longer be the book. So just to see if it can be done, I'm going to give up reading and writing for two months. I most probably won't be online, or, if I am, I'll have my messages read by a machine, while all my news will come from radio and television rather than from newspapers. It's a daunting prospect."

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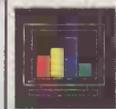
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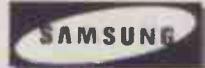
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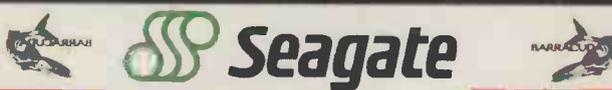
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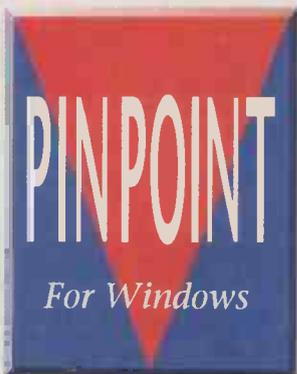


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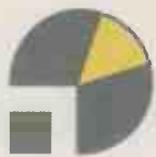
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# The zappy shopper

Wheeling his trolley into the virtual hypermarket, Michael Hewitt dodges between the aisles to look at what's on offer. And what about paying for it all at the virtual checkout? AmeriVisaDiner Express? That might not do so nicely any more with new payment methods like E-Cash in the offing.



To some, it's an appealing thought: from the comfort of your swivel chair you would click on an icon and would be instantly transported into a virtual Tesco. But there would be no screaming children, no independently-minded shopping trolleys, and no seemingly endless queues for the check-outs. That is, unless your comms software could be configured to add these homely little features to convey a hint of verisimilitude.

You would simply browse the empty aisles, moving from the virtual cat food shelves to the virtual frozen vegetables section, selecting items here and there. Then, at the end, you would click on the "Send" button and your chosen goods would be automatically despatched to your home address and your credit card billed for the appropriate cost.

If the Internet hypsters are to be believed, this is how we'll all be shopping in the future. "The Internet is a marketer's dream come to life," says one. "In 1989, online purchases totalled \$10.4m," says another. "By the year 2000, commerce on the Internet will exceed \$2 billion and be as common as catalogue shopping is today."

People do like to shop from

home. It's a growing trend: in the US last year, nearly 95m people made purchases via catalogues; an increase of 57m on the 1984 figure. Much of this has been stimulated by the growth in the number of double income families who simply don't have the time to go out after work and hit the high street. For them, browsing through a catalogue and then buying items using the 24-hour phone service is a godsend. And what is online shopping if not a glorified, electronic catalogue? There are a few niggling problems, however.

A rather silly one, but one that's dogging home shopping TV channels such as QVC, is that many people seem to be rather wary about buying anything they see on a television screen or monitor. But print it in a catalogue and they're quite happy to pick up the phone and offer their credit card details. However, display that same item in glorious PAL or NTSC, and the doubts begin to creep in.

Part of the difficulty must be purely "cosmetic": a brochure is something you can hold in your hand; with its quality colour pictures and PR puffery, it looks good. In comparison, few online shopping

services offer anything like this. If you're unlucky, all you'll get is an ASCII interface with a very terse textual description of the goods. Or if you're using a WWW browser, you may get a colourful 2x2in photo of what's on offer and perhaps a few sound effects.

## The Electronic Mall

All this apart, what is the current situation? CompuServe is the first place to look because with its Electronic Mall, CompuServe actually invented the concept of online shopping. Having come on-stream in 1985 it now has about 150 registered merchants, and is just about the only online shopping service that's actually making any money — so far. There's a heavy bias towards computer and gift items, the sort of goods you don't really need to see before you buy.

Indeed, the very nature of the Electronic Mall probably dictates the type of goods it can most successfully sell. Despite CompuServe's CIM front-end, the descriptions of the goods on offer are still largely in pure ASCII. There are few graphical representations.

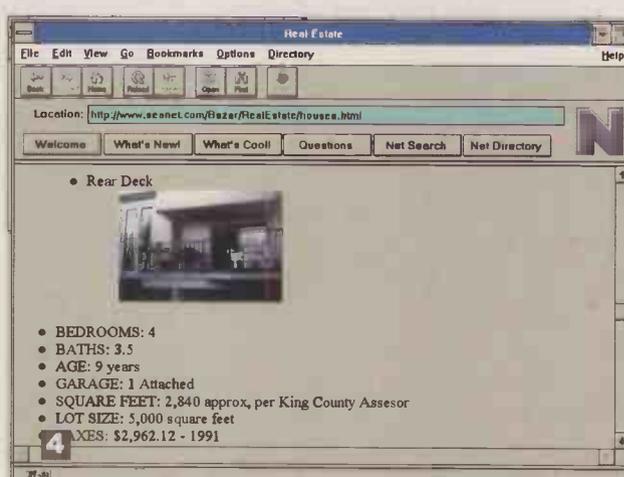
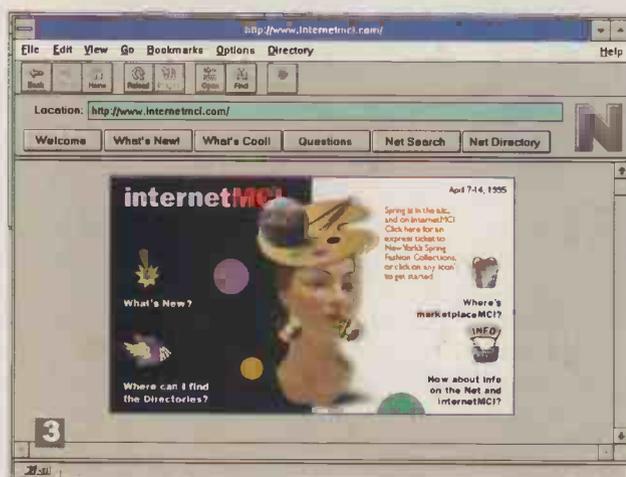
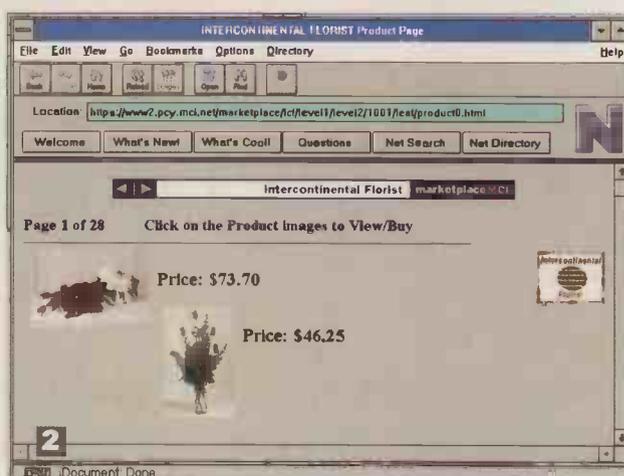
While this is no problem when it comes to purchasing, say, Word for Windows or Ken

Collet's latest opus, not many people are going to trust a written description, no matter how witty and informative it may be, when it comes to items such as clothes or soft furnishings; items you really do need to try before you buy. Yet for all this, the Electronic Mall has a sizeable and ever-increasing following, no doubt persuaded by the discounts as well as the relative convenience.

When you click on the Shopping icon in CIM, you're taken through a hierarchical menu structure. You can shop by merchant or by product category. Helpfully, for those of us who live outside the US, there is now a separate category for retailers who, for a fee, will ship overseas. A number of major UK retailers are also joining CompuServe's Electronic Mall, including Tesco, Virgin, Dixons, Interflora, PC World and WH Smith. Although there are occasional special offers, as a rule prices tend to be only slightly lower than those on the high street. But at least buying from the UK dealers on CompuServe avoids the twin hassles of import duty and VAT levies that HM Customs routinely inflict on people who buy via American merchants.

Available merchandise

## Shop till you drop — from the comfort of home



- 1 DigiCash introduces the concept of virtual money
- 2 In MCI's mall, you see high-resolution colour images of the goods
- 3 MCI's new mall is perhaps the glitziest online store on offer
- 4 For those wanting to purchase a more substantial gift than flowers or chocolates, houses can be purchased online

includes computers, cameras, electronic equipment, flowers, speciality foods such as smoked salmon and ham — indeed, most of the goods you would expect to find in a conventional shopping mall. Having located your desired item, you click on "Order" and then either go to the "Checkout" or continue shopping. At the end, the costs are totted up and you're asked to supply your credit card details — it's as easy as that. The average time taken on one of these virtual shopping trips is reckoned to be about 15 minutes, which would cost only 25p if the call was made off-peak. CompuServe doesn't charge its members for access to the shopping services, and in

addition recently announced plans to help its Mall members onto the web.

#### Internet shopping bag

At the moment the virtual tills aren't ringing as loudly as they might, although there are actually dozens of Internet-based shopping services. These range from online supermarkets to vendors of some of the most esoteric objects such as tarot cards and strange herbal teas. Check out <http://rare-teas.com/teas/teas.html> and see what's on offer. Or if you fancy a used car, <http://www.dealernet.com> will get you into a Seattle used car lot.

But perhaps the ultimate online shopping experience is

MCI's new mall, found at <http://www.internetmci.com/>. Thanks to its high-resolution colour graphics and expertly designed layout, this is as near as dammit like shopping from a glossy catalogue — except, of course, that it's interactive. A complete range of goods from major US retailers is on offer including clothes, jewellery, food and flowers. As you move from one department to the next at the click of a mouse button, logos and colour photographs assemble themselves before your very eyes.

Which brings me back to the reason why the tills aren't ringing madly. If we return to the catalogue analogy: shopping online can be rather like using a catalogue where the

pages keep sticking together as you try to turn them. I was using a modem that sucked data down the line as fast as my Internet provider could supply it, yet I was sometimes waiting for up to a minute for each of my colourful department store shopfronts to assemble itself; likewise when I moved from the shop-front to the graphical representations of the goods on offer. And every minute I sit there navel-gazing puts more money in BT's coffers.

It is a fact that the current bandwidth and level of online traffic means that graphics can often be a very slow business: in my opinion, Internet shopping will be dead in the water without snazzy graphics. Hopefully, advances in data com-

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pression allied to some speeding up of the network will help to sort this problem out.

The colourful front-end is causing another problem: software compatibility. Most online malls use NetScape's server and since NetScape claims about 70 percent of the Windows browser market, it could be assumed that NetScape-equipped merchants should be in the position to process orders from 70 percent of Internet users. But this is misleading, because about half of all Internet users only have access via email, and many of the remainder are using computers with operating systems that NetScape doesn't support. Therefore, perhaps only a quarter of Internet users are able to place orders. So until someone develops a true cross-platform front-end, sales will continue to be slack.

Finally, there are those fears about security: people have been wary about inputting credit card details to the Internet, lest some spotty teenager hacks in and starts living the high-life at their expense. These are probably the same card holders who will happily ring up a theatre or cinema box office and reveal their MasterCard's life story to a YTS trainee.

In fact, advances in encryption technology now mean that entrusting your credit card details to the Internet is only as risky as entrusting them to an ATM (automatic teller machine). Built-in encryption software, such as that found in NetScape's servers, mean the chances of someone obtaining financial information fraudulently is maybe one in several million.

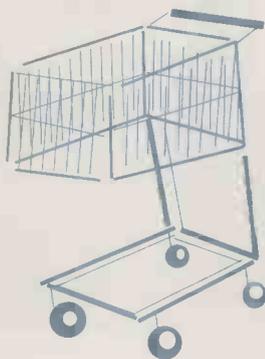
Once these problems have been sorted out, Internet shopping will become as hassle-free as shopping with the Innovations catalogue. Combine this with a culture change, brought about by a gradual acceptance of the computer as an ordinary piece of consumer electronics equipment, and you have the

makings of a potential online sales boom.

#### E-Cash in hand

While a credit card would, on the face of it, appear to be the best way of paying for things online, there are many people who would disagree; in particular, the vendors of low-price items such as shareware, who are hit by the comparatively high surcharges imposed by the credit card companies.

This is where the concept of digital cash comes in: actually, what with the recent announcement of the Mondex "smart" credit card and other such financial innovations, it



seems to be very much in vogue. Yet digital cash is hardly a new idea. In fact, for most practical purposes, money has been digital for decades. Take payment by cheque, for instance: were I to send a cheque for say, £200 to the editor of PCW, my bank wouldn't then send round a man with a wheelbarrow, heaped full of pound coins, to Ben Tisdall's bank. At this level, all that happens is that credit points are subtracted from one bank's computer and passed on to another.

In essence, this is the concept behind E-Cash: a "virtual cash" service being offered by Dutch company, DigiCash. If and when the system becomes fully established, users of any PC or workstation will be able to send money across the Internet — either to each other, or to E-Cash registered vendors — as easily and securely as sending email messages.

There are two types of E-Cash user: the consumer and the retailer. Each has his own version of the E-Cash software. For his part, the consumer is able to ftp his "client" software down to his own computer's hard disk free of charge from the E-Cash server on the Internet. Having done so, he then uses the software for logging back on to the server, whereupon registration takes place.

The procedure is exactly the same as registering with a conferencing system like CIX or CompuServe, in that credit card or bank account details are entered online, together with various security details such as passwords. Thereafter, to obtain cash the user simply logs on, specifies the amount required and clicks "OK". This is then downloaded to the user's PC in E-Cash units. Simultaneously, his credit card or bank account is debited with that sum. The same follows for each subsequent transaction.

At this stage, the user is left with a hard disk full of "virtual cash". If a thief intended to mug him and steal it, he would first need the special password. But there again, E-Cash is of no use anyway until you can find a retailer to accept it, in exactly the same way as American Express or Diners Club cards are just bits of plastic until you find a shop that's willing to deal with them. So who is likely to sign up as an E-Cash vendor?

#### Currency conversion

"The niche for electronic money is primarily for low-value purchases, of typically less than £10," says DigiCash MD, David Chaum. "Here, cheques are impractical. This is especially so if the merchant is in another country, using a different currency. Currency conversion charges would render low-value international transactions uneconomic. Similarly, it isn't cost-effective for small dealers to accept a small sum by credit card due to the individual transaction surcharges

imposed by the credit card companies."

According to Chaum, E-Cash transaction surcharges will be far less than those for credit cards, thereby encouraging smaller businesses such as takeaway food outlets and small software houses to sign up. In particular, he sees E-Cash giving shareware a boost. "The vast majority of people don't pay for their shareware," he says. "It's not necessarily because they're dishonest but simply because there's no satisfactory payment mechanism. With E-Cash, there will be, and this will encourage more shareware to be written."

So retailers will advertise their willingness to take E-Cash in the same way that shops place credit card symbols in their windows. Buyers will then contact the retailer, place their order, and email their payment through the Internet. That sum will then be subtracted from the buyer's hard disk and transferred to the vendor's. On each occasion, a small percentage of the sum received by the retailer will go to DigiCash. The buyer can continue to make purchases in this way until his stock of virtual cash has been exhausted. E-Cash accrued by retailers, and any surplus left on a user's hard disk, can be converted back to "hard currency" at any time, simply by uploading it back to the E-Cash server, which then automatically credits the user's bank account.

Also, E-Cash may be transferred between individual users without any transaction charges. But DigiCash has ensured that its server is intelligent enough to recognise when private individuals are processing multiple transactions, perhaps trying to act as retailers without registering as such.

In due course, systems such as E-Cash may mark the end of "there's a cheque in the post" type excuses. There may yet be a successor to this, however: "Your cash is in a bad sector," perhaps?

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## Business on the Net II

Last month, we began to answer the following questions about business on the Internet: What marketing can a small business safely carry out on the Internet? What would it cost? How hard would it be? What results could be expected?

We noted that some care was required when pursuing promotional activities on the net, mainly because some traditional Internet users are still not happy that it is being used for commerce at all. You have to be very subtle about promoting yourself or your company through newsgroups and mailing lists.

One place where you are free to bang your drum as loudly as you like is on the World Wide Web. Fortunately, you can establish a Web presence very quickly and relatively cheaply, and you can use it to tell the world about your company, your products and

services, your staff, your track record, your accomplishments — anything you want. You can also use your Web presence to snag names and contact information from prospective customers — for example, people can order your catalogue or brochure. You can even take orders via the Web, although there are a number of practical restrictions on such activity.

### Web researching

So how do you go about establishing your Web presence? The first step is to spend some time exploring the Web yourself. This might sound obvious and you may have done it already, but a surprising number of business people are saying things like “We need to be on the Web” without having a clue as to how the people who use the Web actually see it.

To explore the Web you will need, in addition to an Internet account, a good Web

browser such as NetScape. There are now more than 70 Internet providers in the UK and a selection of them are mentioned in our *net.newbies* section (page 582).

Four things to look for as you browse the Web in this research phase are form, content, function, and findability. The latter refers to the ease with which pages can be found. Are they listed by the main search tools such as Yahoo? Are there links to them from a lot of other places? *Net.answers* in the May issue of *PCW* showed a list of places to register your Web pages (as well as places to look for other people’s).

Form and content refers to the design — does it grab your attention right away? Try browsing with a teenager looking over your shoulder; they have a very low tolerance for pages that are slow to reveal their point or fail to spark off any interest.

Function refers to how well the pages are woven together, how quickly they load, and how well they handle added features such as sounds, video, and feedback forms.

### Web page hosting

When you click on a link in a Web page to visit another location, or when you enter a URL, such as <http://www.vnu.co.uk>, you are visiting a “home page”; the starting point for exploring a set of related Web pages.

If you choose to establish a presence on the Web, the next step is to decide who will host your home page, and the balance of your Web pages (if you decide to have more than one).

There are three main options. The first is your own Web server; although this is expensive, labour intensive, and much technical ability is required, it does offer the possibility of complete control. The second option is someone else’s Web server which is cheaper, less work, with little technical ability required. But you have less control. The third choice is a cybermall; this is cheapish, there is even less work involved than in the two latter options, and no technical ability is needed. With this option a reasonable amount of control is available.

We will cover these three choices in reverse order, but initially it should be borne in mind that Web pages do constitute a truly global media. The physical location of the page is entirely irrelevant; people from around the world have 24-hour access to a page whether it is in Luton or Los Angeles.

A cybermall is a Web presence operated by a company that specialises in online marketing. The emphasis tends to be on selling goods and services, and credit card orders may be able to be handled online. The entry level cost at CyberMalls of Colchester, Vermont, is about £170 for one page (up to three images and 500 words of text) for six months. Additional content costs more but on a volume discount sliding scale. Other malls include the Internet Shopping Network, at <http://www.internet.net> (CyberMall is <http://www.cybermall.com>). One advantage of this approach

## Goods and services on CyberMall

1 The entrance to CyberMall on the World Wide Web

2 The Vermont pages within CyberMall are accessed via these buttons

3 The latest version of NetScape lets you know when you are sending information, over the net, that could be compromised

is that the provider will be working hard to promote the mall and attract visitors. They may not be coming specifically to view your pages, but as with any shopping precinct you stand to benefit from the traffic flow.

Placing your Web pages on someone else's server makes a lot of sense if you don't have your own computer staff to handle TCP/IP, HTML, and more advanced operating systems such as Unix or Windows NT. For less than £100 a month you can get a fairly rich set of pages, hosted on a reasonably powerful server. You should ask the provider how many "hits per hour" they can cope with; you don't want people to miss your pages because the host system can't handle the volume of traffic.

Not all Internet providers offer Web page hosting, but most of those that do will work with you, for a fee, on creating pages based on your designs. In fact, if you are reasonably competent in desktop publishing and word processing, then you shouldn't have too much trouble setting up pages in HTML and thereby avoid the cost of professional input. However, some features such as forms for visitor feedback, can be tricky and a professional Web page designer will probably give your pages a more polished look. Consider spending

## Sources

Here are some online sources of Web services. The last item on the list is a comprehensive catalogue of UK Internet providers:

- <http://www.cityscape.co.uk>
- <http://www.demon.net>
- <http://www.pipex.net>
- <http://www.bt.co.uk>
- <http://www.britain.eu.net/>
- <http://www.limitless.co.uk/inetuk/providers.html>

upwards of £300 per year for a reasonably complex home page, with additional pages each costing substantially less.

The subject of whether or not to set up your own Web server is a major consideration in itself. Basically however you will need hardware such as a Pentium or RISC machine, an operating system like Windows NT or Unix, Web software such as O'Reilly's WebSite, and a continuous Internet connection via a leased line. BT, Mercury and Pipex can help you with the latter item (see "Sources", above). Costs can be as much as four figures for the setup fee plus another three or four figure sum as a monthly service charge. The rates will vary depending upon line speed and bandwidth.

Clearly, setting up and running your own Web server is a serious budget item. If your company already has a domain name and a good Internet connection, you are part of the way there. But you may still want to dedicate a machine to the Web task; preferably not one that is connected to the rest of the network, so as to avoid security problems. It is generally cheaper and less risky to run the Web service from a stand-alone machine with a regular backup, rather than on a network machine which requires a firewall and continues to carry some risk.

## Great expectations

What results can you expect from creating a Web presence?

- 4 An attractive company page can aid customer relations, sales, support, and service (this is the BNet home page)
- 5 The CompuServe classified section, as seen in WinCIM running under Windows 95

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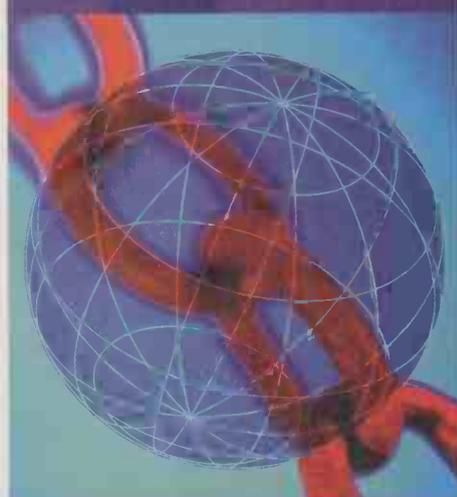
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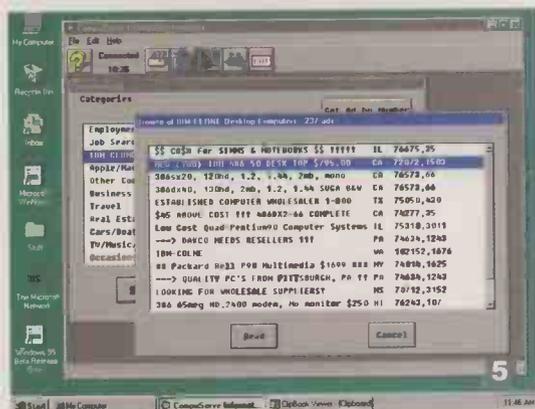
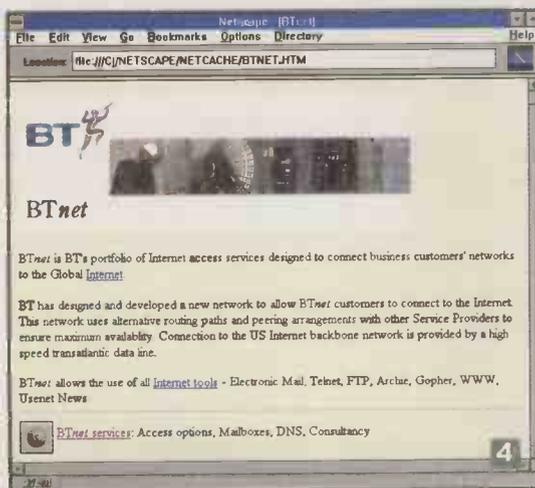
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We have read that Vermont Coffee Time, which sells coffee in the CyberMall, reports that ten percent of people who ask for information actually order coffee. But it does not say how many people who visit or "hit" its pages actually request information.

According to researchers Donna Hoffman and Tom Novak writing in *Hot Wired*, the online manifestation of *Wired* magazine, there are broadly three ways to view Web-based activity from a business perspective: "One is as a vehicle to productivity savings; another is through marketing/sales savings; and the third is through incremental or new revenue streams." They see evidence of "enormous opportunities for efficiency gains and savings through marketing and sales efficiencies." Evidence that new revenue streams can be generated "seems to be clustered in businesses that focus on a single product category that fits fairly well with Web

## Web snobs and snags

Some people seem to think that the only respectable way to host company Web pages is on a company server, which means a company domain name, as in *ibm.com* which hosts as <http://www.ibm.com> — this is referred to as the Web page's URL (Uniform Resource Locator). But getting your own domain name and running your own server can be expensive and doesn't make the pages themselves look any better. They may be marginally easier to find, so that someone who is looking for Apple on the Web can enter <http://www.apple.com>, but there is no automatic right to a specific domain name and not everyone uses them: *virgin.com* doesn't put you in touch with Richard Branson, and *ba.com* connects you with Bell Atlantic, not British Airways.

My personal Web page is on computer in Florida, at a site called *iu.net*. My URL is [www.iu.net/customers/cobb](http://www.iu.net/customers/cobb). If it was a commercial page, for which there is an extra charge, it would simply be [www.iu.net/cobb](http://www.iu.net/cobb). For example, Network

One, a large New York-based network consultancy and firewall supplier has its pages at [www.iu.net/n1](http://www.iu.net/n1), while the specialist motorcycle manufacturer, American Motor Works, is [www.iu.net/amw](http://www.iu.net/amw).

In fact, the trick in getting people to visit your site is to get the word out about why they should visit and where it is located. This requires you to pursue two paths simultaneously: digital and analogue. The latter involves traditional PR skills, getting your page mentioned in every printed publication you can think of, from national newspapers to trade journals. The digital path involves getting your URL listed in every online directory, search tool, and index possible. These resources list pages as links, so if the listing sounds interesting people can click to go there right away. The richer the content of your pages, the better your chances of getting mentioned, listed, linked and visited. Unique or interesting content will also help you get mentioned in analogue sources.

users." Here, they point to software and music that can be demonstrated online. They warn that viewing the Web only as a money-making opportunity is "too narrow — there are opportunities beyond the mall concept."

As an example they cite Michel Perdreau, whose organisation created a home page "with the purpose of providing ready reference to our services, our publications, and to create a one-stop access point to our narrowly defined endeavour." He reports a big payoff from "enhanced access to and from our members, and prospects," particularly those located in distant time zones such as the Far East, New Zealand and Australia. He says

the Web presence has also produced sales: "45 percent from people who had never heard of us before."

So the potential is definitely there, but tapping it will require more than just a phone line and a computer.

### Alternatives to the Web

The World Wide Web is not the only place to hang out your shingle or hawk your wares. There are several ways to advertise on CompuServe (which now has over three million members worldwide and is the largest commercial online service in Europe). The simplest way is to use its classified section.

This may sound like a rather low-key approach, but you might be pleasantly surprised by the number of responses you get. We have spoken to several small businesses who consider their ads in CompuServe Classified to be a good investment, including a locksmith and a professional sound equipment dealer. Almost by definition, anyone who reads your CompuServe ad is likely to earn above the average income level and be above average in terms of computer literacy.

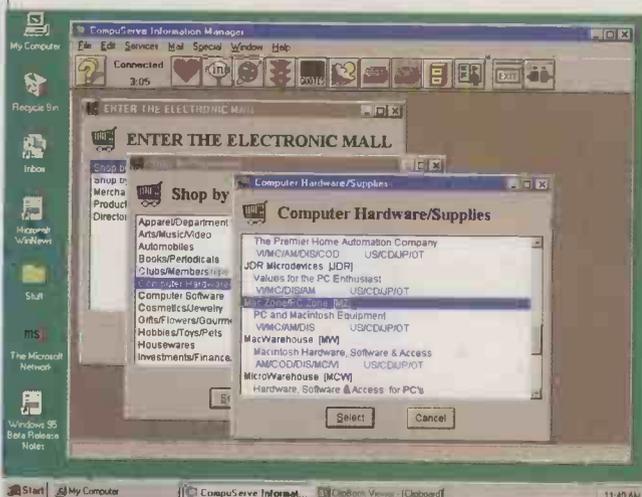
Another marketing option on CompuServe is The Mall, a

large collection of merchants that is easy to search and browse through and is set up to allow orders to be placed online. These days you can order anything from flowers to coffee to computer kit, and if you want your online presence to be a revenue producer this is a well established option and worth consideration.

The third CompuServe option for online promotion is to host your own forum. If your company is substantial enough, CompuServe will help you to set up the forum and promote it in their magazine (circulation two million plus) as there is a symbiotic relationship here: it is in CompuServe's interest to increase its content, since this increases revenue. You might not qualify if you are Big Ed's Fish & Chip Shop, but you don't have to be a huge company to get a forum. The main factor is the level of interest the forum is likely to generate. A forum can be a valuable customer service and support tool, generally considered to be cost-effective relative to fielding voice calls. You can fill the libraries with product information and FAQs (frequently asked questions) that can pre-empt a lot of telephone enquiries.

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The CompuServe Mall, as seen in WinCIM running under Windows 95



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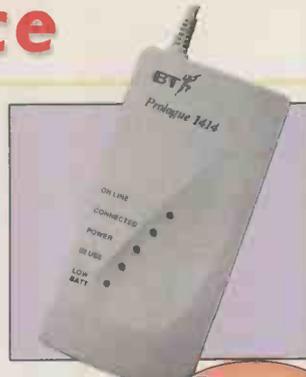
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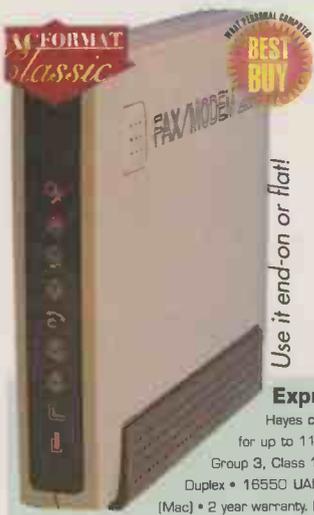
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## CompuServe news

Even though CompuServe has launched full Internet access for its members as well as a UK online shopping service, the pace of new development shows no sign of slowing.

A third party, Bonzi Software, has launched software to make it easier to send voice instead of text messages. CompuServe plans to offer rudimentary "television" through CompuServe Viewer by the end of this year, and it has ambitious plans for its companion CD-ROM product.

The voice email software from Bonzi costs \$29.95 to download. It uses MPEG-2 compression to shrink voice files and the examples it gives suggest that a 15-second voice clip could be shrunk in size to 59kb and sent for a cost of 64 cents (39p) plus the cost of the call. At present it only works between CompuServe members, each of which has to own the software. Type GO VOICE-MAIL for more information.

The CompuServe viewer will enable "television broadcasts". It will take a live television feed and compress it as it comes in so that users will be able to see still images refreshed every 30 seconds. Continuously-scrolling text in an adjacent window will contain the text of the broadcast and allow CompuServe users to comment on events as they happen. Dialogue excerpts and sound effects could be downloaded automatically as well. All of this would be available over ordinary modem links. CNN (Cable News Network) has been working with CompuServe to test the product.

The latest (May) edition of CompuServe's \$5.95 CD for Windows will include CompuServe's free NetLauncher Web software which will contain direct links to selected Web sites, as well as links to CompuServe forums and files.

By the end of the summer, CompuServe expects to produce these Windows CDs monthly instead of quarterly and by the time that you read this, a Macintosh version of the CompuServe CD should be available.

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### All that glisters

One could well imagine that the crassest commercial enterprise I have seen on the web would be American, but InternetWeb's good old-fashioned appeal to our baser instincts beats the competition hands down: it hosts marketing material for a variety of companies across the UK but is different to the more conventional host sites or "web malls". Its principal founder, David Gold (who claims to have started the Carnaby Street scene and Brent Cross shopping centre), recognising the need for something to pull the punters onto his site decided that there was probably nothing more enticing than sex and money.

Gold is giving the first 500 visitors each day a chance to share in the proceeds from 200 lottery tickets purchased each week. Just connect to his site, fill in your contact details and you could be a winner. But perhaps this isn't enough to whet your appetite? The latest news flash from InternetWeb has

informed me that they are building some supermodel pages.

Aside from these incentives there was little, at the time of writing, to entice the web browser to check out the pages — there is no index and they are badly organised. Nevertheless, you can be sure that I'll be checking back every week to see if it improves — after all, "it could be me!"

<http://www.internetweb.co.uk/>

### Free web pages

As we pointed out in PCW June, getting yourself onto the World Wide Web needn't cost the earth: in fact, if you play your cards right it needn't cost you anything (as long as you're not planning to use the pages to sell things directly). The best-known source of free pages, at Ohio State University, has had to restrict its provision of web pages to its own students because it was being swamped with demand. But in the meantime, plenty of generous companies and individuals have popped up to make space available on the Web.

We could try to keep you up to date within these pages, but as is so often the case on the

Internet a generous individual, Jon Pennycook, has volunteered to keep track of organisations offering free web pages through his own Web page (which was itself provided free of charge by one of the companies we mentioned).

Prodigy, one of the top five online services in America, is the first to offer free web pages to its subscribers, together with point and click tools for simple page authoring. The others are likely to follow within a few months, including CompuServe. In CompuServe's case, the biggest problem it faces is whether or not to police the contents of people's web pages and if so, how. A web page provided for a CompuServe subscriber would presumably look something like, "<http://www.compuserve.com/users/fred/>" and if it pointed to archives of pornography, people might mistakenly draw the conclusion that CompuServe was behind this. The other problem is that such sites might become too popular and accesses to them would use up a lot of CompuServe's bandwidth through to the Internet.

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**Right** The UK equivalent to NCSA's "what's new" page  
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"Internet for Learning" service (as described in PCW June) will get free web pages in addition. Free web pages index: <http://metro.turnpike.net/J/JonsPage/index.html>

### UK web page registry

For those with a passion to be right up to date, there's no substitute for the "What's New" pages scattered around the web. They are like a continu-

ally scrolling stock checker; listing in no particular order any new web pages which turn up each day or week.

The NCSA, which wrote the original Mosaic, had the original "What's New" page, but the task of maintaining it soon became too onerous for volunteers so it was handed over to a private company, GNN. Now, a British company, Internet Development, has set up a national UK equivalent with the aim of producing a list, updated twice weekly, of new British web sites and pages. If you can't stand the thought that you might have to wait a month or more before the major web indexers spot a new page, this site could be for you.

GNN <http://src.doc.ic.ac.uk/gnn/wn/whats-new.html>

New UK Web Sites <http://www.u-net.com/develop/intdev/ukweb/ukweb.html>

#### You bet

How often has somebody told you to put your money where your mouth is when you were confidently predicting the future? Have you ever wished that you could go to Littlewoods and ask them the odds on the Higgs particle being found by 2005, or whether Unix would be irrelevant by the year 2000?

Now, there's a real "marketplace of ideas" on the Internet where you can go and bet funny money on world events. The Idea Futures web page was inspired by an article by Robin Hanson, a Phd student at Caltech in the US: it allows anyone to make a prediction and others to gamble on whether or not it will come true. At the moment it's strictly experimental and no real money changes hands, but it is fun to bet pretend money, trying to come out ahead of other players on the net.

If Intel PCs continue to dominate the market in the year 2000 and both VRML and Java are ubiquitous Web protocols by next year, I could stand to win a (pretend) fortune.

<http://sk Tyler.arc.ab.ca/~jamesm/IF/IF.shtml>

#### Windows 95 on the Net

The computer community's second favourite topic at the moment, after the Internet itself, must be Windows 95. If you don't already have it you are probably considering using it, so here are a few resources to help you decide or to make the most of your installation when you switch. At the time of writing, the information available included 20 stories in American magazines, how to install

TCP/IP support in Windows 95, how to make it work over a modem and some shareware software written to take advantage of Windows 95.

Microsoft's Web site mirrored in the UK <http://forth.emwac.ed.ac.uk/>

Microsoft's Official Windows 95 page [http://forth.emwac.ed.ac.uk/pages/peropsys/win\\_news/chicago/wwwhtml/home/w95.htm](http://forth.emwac.ed.ac.uk/pages/peropsys/win_news/chicago/wwwhtml/home/w95.htm)

The most comprehensive list of Windows 95-related links is on <http://www.tiac.net/users/snipe/win95home.html>

There is the comp.os.ms-windows. advocacy newsgroup

IBM's response to Windows 95: a page which tells you just why you should choose OS/2 Warp instead

<http://www.austin.ibm.com/pspinfo/os2vschg.html>

#### Internet applications

Keeping up to date with the latest applications for use on the Internet is not easy — much of it is shareware and is therefore updated regularly on the net itself. One way of staying up to date is to keep an eye on the Internet itself.

Windows users have it easy: Forrest H. Stroud is a junior at the University of Texas who, for no good reason, seems to have spent all his spare time gathering information about Windows Internet applications. He runs the Critical Applications Distribution List (CADL), a weekly emailed summary of the latest Windows Internet applications, and The Consummate Winsock Apps list, a set of web pages now replicated worldwide.

Mac owners aren't so lucky. While there are plenty of places to find Mac Internet software, there is no one site we know of that is updated with the same obsessiveness. Below is listed InterQuest's Macs and the Internet page, the only one we could find that specialises in Macintosh Internet software. Once you have found the name of the software you are looking for, we suggest you look at the Nexor index and find the closest place from which to download the software.

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## BT to charge by the second

At long last BT has moved to charge calls by the second instead of by the 5p unit, and is reducing the cost of local calls over the weekend. BT says it expects the average phone bill for dialling BBSs and Internet providers within a local area to drop by nine percent.

From the end of June all calls will be billed in 1p units, rounded down, with a minimum cost of 5p per call. Local calls on Saturdays and Sundays will cost 1p per minute, a reduction of 22 percent.

While Internet providers are pleased, they don't feel it goes far enough. David Mooring, a marketing consultant at Pipex, said: "It's about time, and a welcome development for the SoHo market, but it's not the main barrier to Internet adoption as business users are not as concerned about call costs — they are trying to find ways to make and spend money on the Internet. Ultimately, charges for Internet use derive mainly from the cost of leased lines, which are three to five times more expensive here than in the US."

Phil Barrett, deputy editor of Delphi UK, said: "Obviously it's a step in the right direction, but it's still not the full answer. The success of the Internet in America is in part due to fixed-rate local calls. BT has made what looks like a magnanimous gesture, but it's still making a fortune off local calls."

## SurfWatch and Net Nanny

Two companies have launched software packages which they claim will allow children to browse the Internet unsupervised without being exposed to obscene material.

SurfWatch combines a

database of sites known to harbour obscene material, with a keyword search for obscenities and other tell-tale words (like "Playboy") to block, it is claimed, the vast majority of sexually explicit material



while allowing children to explore the rest of the Internet freely.

As with anti-virus software it is necessary to keep the database up to date as sites containing contentious material spring up, disappear and move around frequently. A subscription to the encrypted database of "banned" sites is available for \$5.95 per month per licence. Because of the way it is designed it only works on computers which use TCP/IP to connect to the Internet — it can't protect CompuServe or CIX users, for example. A later version will allow parents to create their own lists of banned words or sites.

The Macintosh version of SurfWatch is available now and the Windows version is due to ship in July. UK distributors have not yet been set up: the US price of the product is \$49.95 but discounts will be available for schools.

Less information is available about how Net Nanny

operates. It is a Windows product which should be available by the time you read this. It monitors what is typed or the text that is received for banned words, logs every occurrence, and can lock the keyboard when violations occur. It is not yet known if parents will be required to set up their own list of banned terms or if a "stop list" will be provided by the company — it would be hard for a parent to foresee all of the keywords that need to be

message accusing an investment firm of criminal conduct, and the firm is suing Prodigy for \$200 million. Prodigy has attracted controversy in the past for censoring messages in forums; this policy now seems to have backfired, as the judge argued that this makes Prodigy responsible for those it lets through. Prodigy pointed out that 60,000 messages per day are posted in its service, making it impossible to monitor all of them, and it says it stopped selling itself as a controlled "family" environment in 1992. It is appealing.

The judge, Justice Stuart L. Ainsworth, explained in his judgement: "Prodigy's conscious choice, to gain the benefits of editorial control, has opened it up to a greater liability than CompuServe and other computer networks that make no such choices."

The organisation which most resembles Prodigy in the way it plans to operate is UK Online, which will be patrolling its own forums and will be excluding obviously contentious material. Its MD, Dr Tim King, said: "This question concerns us all and raises a lot of questions about anyone carrying Usenet news. Our view is that the person posting a message is responsible for its content. Though we will act on anything brought to our attention, we can't possibly read everything. At the moment the boundaries of responsibility are grey: if you connect to UK Online through BT, is BT a distributor of the information?"

There are no test cases currently in the UK so it is not clear how laws will be interpreted here, but a definitive ruling in the US could affect services in the UK like CompuServe which are based there.

## NetScape Navigator improves

NetScape, which makes the Web browser that's currently leading the pack, has announced plans to stay ahead by adding support for the two

*SurfWatch promises to make it safe to put your kids online*

monitored. It is available from Leaf Distribution for £50.

Parents should not be complacent. A sufficiently determined child will always be able to find a way around any limitations, but if these packages operate as advertised they could provide a front-line against offensive material.

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http://www.leaf.co.uk/netnanny.htm

## Prodigy suit

In a court case that could have wide-ranging implications for online services in the US, a New York judge has ruled that Prodigy can be held responsible for the content of its subscribers' messages.

One subscriber posted a

hottest Web technologies, Java and VRML.

As described in last month's Horizons, these two technologies have the potential to revolutionise the way users interact with the World Wide Web. VRML stands for Virtual Reality Markup Language and allows web page designers to put objects and environments on their pages which people who connect to them can walk around and manipulate. Sun's Java language lets web pages send program code to browsers, allowing them to display anything that the programmer can dream up, from realtime stock displays to interactive games.

NetScape has not announced a date when these capabilities will be added, nor is it saying which platforms they will be available on first. According to Interactive Age magazine, the next major version is due towards the end of the year, and it is expected to include better handling of bookmarks (a weak spot at present), support for more document types (better Acrobat support has already been announced), better integration with Windows 95 and improved security.  
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### Gender and the Internet

It has commonly been assumed that men outnumber women on the Internet by as much as nine to one, but a new survey by Matrix Information and Directory Services claims the ratio is now more like two to one. The survey, conducted in October 1994, polled 1,463 organisations, which MIDS claims represents over ten percent of Internet users. It claims its figures should be accurate within a three-percent margin of error.

It is not clear why conventional wisdom should be so wrong on this point, but there are a number of possible explanations; perhaps women online are less likely to post

and therefore less visible, or the early surveys taken on the World Wide Web were skewed by the fact that at the time they were done, the web was dominated by Unix browsers, and technical users are traditionally male.

*mids@mids.org*  
*http://www.tic.com/mids/pressgen.html*

### Microsoft shifts Internet bits into Plus pack

Microsoft has elected to remove the Internet email facility from Windows 95 as it ships and to put it into the Plus Pack instead. Win95 will still include the basic building blocks to connect to the Internet, however.

The Plus Pack is expected to cost less than £40 and ship at the same time as Win95 itself. It will include disk compression, games, backdrops and other features, plus an Internet Jumpstart kit.

The latter consists of an Internet Wizard to take you through initially connecting to the Internet, the aforementioned electronic mail client, and a Web browser based on Mosaic, which Microsoft licensed from Spyglass. It has been integrated with Windows 95 so that a link can be dragged from a web page and dropped on the desktop. Double-clicking on the link launches the browser and goes directly to the relevant page.

Unless Microsoft and/or Spyglass does some additional development work on the browser between now and the expected ship date, power users will still prefer to download the 32-bit version of NetScape and use that instead.  
*Microsoft 01345 002000*

### Nautilus encrypted voice calls

In a natural extension of existing software technology, three American programmers have released a freeware package called Nautilus which offers PC owners untappable "telephone" conversations across

the Internet.

It uses encryption techniques already tested in conventional email packages which are believed to be unbreakable, and combines them with voice-compression software. Since encryption software this powerful is illegal to export from America without a licence it has been put on a server that only American Internet users can access, but given the difficulty of controlling the distribution of software it would not be surprising if it had leaked out onto public servers by the time you read this.

As with other packages available on the Internet which send voice, conversations are "half duplex" — one person speaks while the other listens.

Camelot, publisher of Digiphone, a commercial product which should be available by the time you read this, also promises to include encryption in its software, which will be "full duplex" like an ordinary telephone. It will not be able to sell its software abroad with a high level of encryption, though.

- *Camelot 001 214 733 3005*  
*HTTP://WWW.IKON.COM/digiphone/*
- *Nautilus FTP.CSN.ORG* in the *mpj* directory

### DiscNet

If you want to read lots of Usenet news groups or frequently download software and images, you could end up raking up large phone bills. Common Knowledge Publishing sells CD-ROMs consisting of all the publicly available Usenet newsgroups it can find (including several of the controversial, and popular, ones containing sexually explicit material).

An annual subscription (104 discs) costs \$660 (£410). That would buy roughly 500 hours of off-peak local calls, so you'd have to be pretty serious about your newsgroup reading (or perhaps a BBS owner) before buying. Because of the

time it takes to press and ship a disc, each one is estimated to be a week to a week and a half out of date when they arrive.

You can buy two discs for \$15: one of usenet-reading software and other useful files, and the other full of usenet news.  
*Common Knowledge Publishing 100450.3457@compuserve.com*



### Poptel inexpensive Internet access for Labour

You might be thinking of joining the Labour party for any number of reasons at the moment, but one you might not have considered is a particularly reasonable rate for Internet access. Labour party membership costs £15 per year, and Labour members can join the Labour Party Online through Computing For Labour and get Internet access through Poptel for £5 per month.

Poptel is, appropriately enough, a co-op, with points of presence in London, Manchester and Kirlees. It has been in operation serving primarily non-profit organisations for ten years. In addition to email and telnet, it gives members access to more than 120 commercial and non-commercial information databases.

If you join the Liberal Democrats, you can join CIX, its preferred online service, for free; but as CIX still levies an hourly charge, this isn't much of a deal. As for the Conservatives, to the best of my knowledge they still haven't got a web page, let alone an online service for their members.

- *Computing For Labour:*  
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## Cheap Modems

by Stephen Cobb

I have previously mentioned that I had purchased a US Robotics Sportster V.34 internal modem. Although "Man Buys modem" is hardly headline news, I did get several requests for more details, mainly because I mentioned that I bought it from the US for just under £140, plus tax.

Some people asked for updated pricing with is rather difficult to supply, taking into account PCW's production cycle and the fluctuating exchange rate. But as of 1st June, the mail order price in the US for a named brand 14.4kb/sec (V.32bis) internal faxmodem was between \$90 and \$110; the price for an internal 28.8kb/sec (V.34) faxmodem was from \$180 to \$210; the price for a V.34 PCMCIA faxmodem was around \$340. One place to check current pricing is in the Electronic Mall on CompuServe where direct mail vendors have outlets — be sure to check their policies on UK orders.

If you are considering the purchase of a modem from the US, the first thing to do is to convert the above prices to £ sterling at the current rate. For example, this would mean that the cost of the V.34 models would be as low as £117 if the rate were £1:\$1.54.

The second step is to check the latest ex-VAT mail order prices in the UK for comparable models. To be fair you should compare American prices to UK prices on non-BABT approved models because the modems you buy in America are unlikely to carry the green BABT approval sticker (even though they may appear identical).

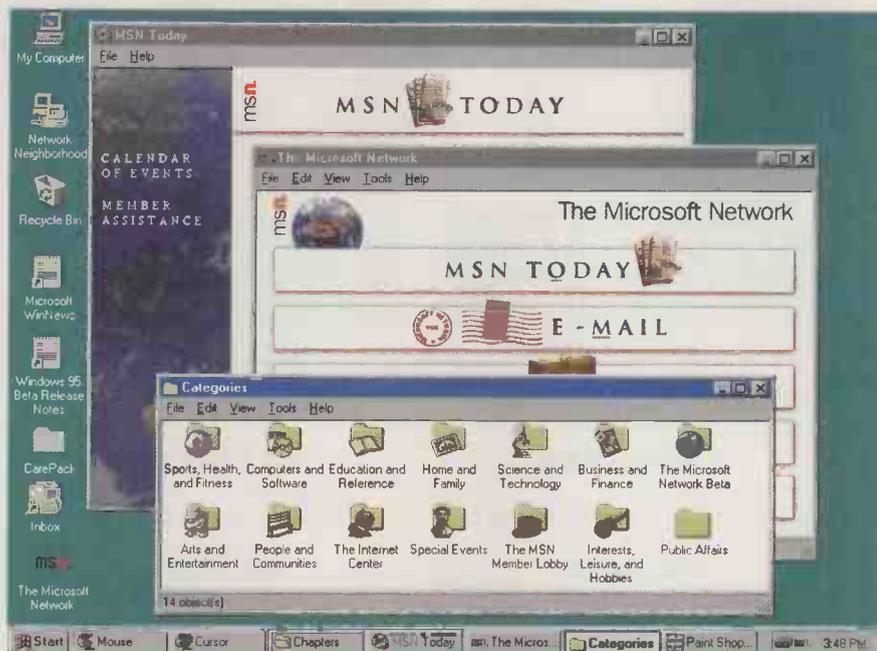
The third stage is to consider shipping costs, which may be higher if you order from the US, plus the tax. Several messages I received asked for information about the taxes and my understanding is that, in theory, VAT may be payable at 17.5 percent plus an import tax of up to 5 percent. I have, on occasion, declared computer equipment when flying into Heathrow and have had to pay these taxes. But I am not a tax expert — there may be legitimate ways of minimising these taxes.

The fourth consideration is service and

support — a rather grey area, despite the fact that manufacturers have been selling globally for years. Sadly though, some companies don't honour warranties beyond the country of purchase. Some will make annoying statements such as "If you bought it in America you'll have to take it back there for service." If you respond to this nonsense with enough indignation and disbelief, it is often possible to get the company to think again. But you have to ask yourself whether it is worth the hassle; I tend to favour and support companies that have sensible worldwide warranty policies. For example, I have had excellent support from Compaq's worldwide warranty on my beloved Concerto notebook, even when calling from outside the country of purchase.

So, is it worth buying from the States? The answer will depend on: UK pricing levels (the gap with the US continues to narrow), exchange rate, your own US connections, and your assessment of the risks involving warranty service. Over the last ten years I have purchased nearly 20 modems and have not experienced a hardware failure with any. However, I am touching wood as I say this and entering a note for the record that many of these were retired following relatively brief service, due to the steady increase in access speeds. My advice would be to buy in the UK unless you visit the US quite frequently, or have a computer literate friend or colleague over there.

As to the question of voltages and phone connections when using US-sourced modems, the latter are easily taken care of with a small converter available from Tandy or other electronics shops. The voltage issue does not arise if you are using an internal or PCMCIA modem. Most external modems use small plug-style AC-to-DC adaptors, for which you can usually find UK substitutes (again at Tandy). But since modems are very sensitive to their power supply you should ensure that you get both the correct voltage and the correct wattage, and that the connector is of a suitable polarity.



### Comms in Windows 95

As Windows 95 lumbers ever closer to reality, you may be wondering whether it will bring any improvements to the communications aspect of computing? The short answer is yes.

Perhaps the most talked about aspect of Win95 comms has been the Microsoft Network; MSN for short. This is unfortunate for two reasons. Firstly, it obscures the valuable improvements offered by the Windows 95 comms architecture. Secondly, if my first experiences of MSN are anything to go by, it may end up being a sideshow compared with the other communications features of Win95.

So far, MSN has been a big disappointment to me: difficult to get started, slow to operate, and less than logical in operation. But is this really a surprise? As a 32-bit graphical operating system, Windows 95 is now several years behind schedule, partly because Microsoft had to keep adding to the feature list so as to keep pace with the opposition (Apple Macintosh System 7.x and IBM OS/2).

If you have used CompuServe, you will know that Microsoft has a large number of support forums there. In fact, the Windows 95 bug report program suggests that reports are submitted via CompuServe. So why re-invent the wheel? The answer is revenue and control: CompuServe now has over three million members and the potential for this market, within the decade, is easily ten times that; so Microsoft, which also wants much greater control over its online presence, decided to cut itself a slice of the pie.

But you can't just throw money at a project in an attempt to guarantee success.

This is Microsoft Network, or MSN, Microsoft's attempt to grab a slice of the online pie

In my experience, MSN is darned tricky to set up, very slow to use, and there are some obvious design flaws. A check on the online discussion groups tells me that I am not the only person who thinks MSN pales beside CompuServe (not that CompuServe is perfect: it still has its share of annoying quirks, despite more than a decade of evolution). Could it be that Microsoft has found a product category it can't handle?

### Moving into Windows 95

Bear in mind that criticism of MSN as the after-thought, is not necessarily criticism of Windows 95 the operating system. Despite the fact that it obviously borrows so much from OS/2 and the Mac OS that it may confuse current Windows 3.1 users, I am enjoying Windows 95 immensely.

I have now installed it on two machines, the first of which was an ageing 386DX40 with 5Mb of RAM. I was amazed when the install from floppy disks went without a hitch, particularly since the same hardware had thoroughly defeated my attempts to install OS/2 Warp. I was even more amazed when I upgraded the system with a Mitsumi CD-ROM drive mated with an Escom 16-bit sound card. Both were automatically recognised and configured. Both worked first time and allowed me to get at the mass of documentation and cool video clips on the Windows 95 Migration Planning Kit CD (also known as the Windows 95 Preview

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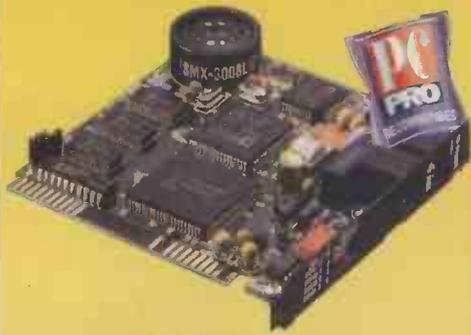
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Program or final beta release).

My experience of installing and registering with the Microsoft Network was less cheerful. The process kept crashing halfway through, requiring me to begin again, and it repeatedly filled in and transmitted my credit card information.

(Microsoft promises it will not bill beta users.) When I finally got online MSN was very slow, so I logged onto CompuServe from the same machine to discuss MSN in the Wugnet Forum. In the process I discovered that WinCIM 1.4 works just fine and is plenty fast under Windows 95. Messages from other MSN testers suggested that a lot more RAM and "horsepower" were required (use GO WINNEWS to meet up with other "95ers").

The second computer to "go 95" was a DEC Venturis. This superb PCI machine has a 90MHz Pentium, 16Mb of RAM, Media Vision sound card and quad speed CD-ROM. In fact, I was rather nervous about making any changes to this system since it had only just arrived on loan from Digital and was already performing perfectly under Windows for Workgroups 3.11. (I especially like the video playback

Like most Windows 3.1 apps, WinCIM runs fine under Windows 95 but with a slightly different look and feel

which is a whole step beyond my colleague's Macintosh PowerPC.) Fortunately, the Windows 95 installation went smoothly and at high speed: I clocked it at 18 minutes 30 seconds, well under the 30 minutes estimated by the Setup program itself.

This is particularly impressive when you bear in mind that Windows 95 is not just an upgrade like Windows for Workgroups 3.11 but a whole new operating system — one that replaces both DOS and Windows 3.1 while maintaining the ability to run existing DOS and Windows applications. As soon as I had loaded Windows 95, I was able to make a network connection to a Windows for Workgroups machine and transfer files. I was also able to install an external Zoom modem and get Windows 95 to correctly identify and configure it.

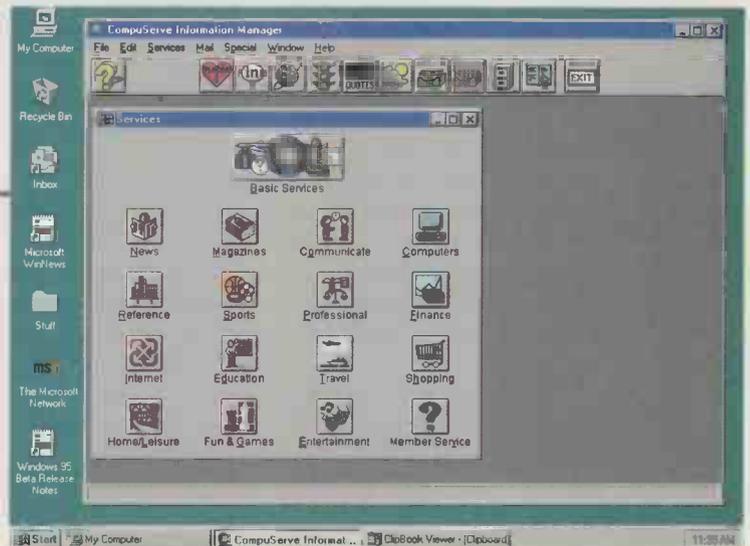
For a while I experienced

serious "frozen keyboard" level problems with Explorer, the enhanced alternative to File Manager. After numerous cold reboots these eventually disappeared, taking part of the desktop with them. Nevertheless I was able to test Microsoft Exchange, which is perhaps the best comms innovation in Windows 95. The program is designed to handle all your electronic communications from one place; from faxes to email, Internet to CompuServe. For those of us who currently have to run three different programs to handle faxes, CompuServe messages and Internet mail, Microsoft

Exchange promises a huge leap in productivity.

There are plenty of search and sort and filing tools at your disposal in Microsoft Exchange, and I found it relatively easy to set up the CompuServe connection so that the InBox program could get messages from both CompuServe and Microsoft Network. Here at least, the playing field is reasonably level.

When it comes to faxes, there will be a lot of sad faces among vendors because Microsoft has thoroughly integrated fax facilities into Windows 95 to the extent that you



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"Windows 3.1 used a monolithic communications driver, COMM.DRV, that provided an API for Windows-based applications to interact with communications devices and the code that served as the communications port driver. The monolithic approach made it necessary to completely replace the Windows communications driver if new functionality was required by a hardware device."

Windows 95 provides a more flexible communications architecture by separating communications operations into three main areas:

1. Win32-based communication APIs and TAPI.
2. The universal modem driver.
3. Communications port drivers.

And here's what that translates into in terms of features and benefits:

The Windows 95 communications subsystem allows you to make simultaneous connections to a variety of communications services, including electronic mail, fax, and online services.

- The monolithic communications driver architecture of Windows 3.1 is to be replaced in Windows 95. The new modular driver model will allow other software and communications device manufacturers to easily plug in new communications device drivers.
- Windows 95 supports more reliable communications at higher speed because it keeps pace with data arriving from the communications port. No characters are lost due to interrupt latency. To speed up communications, the amount of code in the kernel that can only be used by one process at a time has been reduced.
- The network architecture and the 32-bit protected-mode file system, of the communications sub-

system, reduce the required mode transitions and interrupt latency. In other words, the baud rate in Windows 95 is limited only by your hardware, such as the processor speed and type of communications port.

• The 32-bit communications subsystem takes advantage of the pre-emptive multitasking architecture of Windows 95. This provides better responsiveness to communications applications, thus supporting higher data throughput. Communications transfers in Win32-based applications is less affected by other tasks running in the system than was the case with Win16-based applications under Windows 3.1.

• The Windows 95 communications architecture supports time-critical protocols and controls real-time serial devices.

• Plug-and-play support simplifies the installation and configuration of modems and other communications devices. It also detects existing modems — we can attest to the fact that this impressive feature works as claimed.

• Windows 95 supports communications devices with higher transmission speeds than basic RS232 devices. For example, it supports ISDN cables (at speeds of 64 or 128 kbits/sec, provided that your ISDN vendor comes up with a suitable driver).

• Windows 95 provides consistent device-independent access to control communications devices for operations such as dialing and answering incoming calls. This is thanks to TAPI, the Windows Telephony API. TAPI arbitrates among applications that want to share the same communications ports and devices. For example, if your computer is supporting a remote user with Dial-Up Networking in standby mode, Microsoft Fax can send an outgoing fax without a user first having to terminate Dial-Up Networking.

can send document files between faxmodems. That's right: provided that a recipient's fax number is actually answered by a faxmodem running under Windows 95, then when you fax them a document such as a WordPerfect or Excel file, you can choose to have it turn up in their InBox as a document file rather than a fax image version.

### Comms-conclusions 95

In future columns we will explore the comms features of Windows 95 in greater depth, mainly because they represent a huge step forward from Windows 3.1. You may not wish to upgrade to Win95 right away — after all, the reliability of the first shipping version of Win95 on your hardware is currently an unknown factor. I would certainly delay adopting Win95 for mission critical applications until you can get detailed feedback on the shipping version. However, the comms improvements make it a promising candidate for your next operating system.

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If you don't understand what's written here or you have any suggestions, please don't hesitate to mail me at [derb@pcw.cityscape.co.uk](mailto:derb@pcw.cityscape.co.uk), or via "snailmail" — Internet-speak for paper mail — at *PCW*.

Meanwhile, here's an easy-reference guide to the tools which will help you make the most of the Internet.

### What is it?

The Internet is a global network of computers which share a common method of communication. Not everyone on the Internet has access to the same communications tools. The best-connected people can use the Internet to talk to one another, view film clips and "surf" through connected databases of text illustrated with pictures. The simplest connections only let you send and receive mail electronically, as plain, unadorned text.

The population of the Internet is difficult to measure for a variety of reasons, but the number of those worldwide who can at least send an electronic mail message is estimated at 30 million, and appears to be doubling annually.

### What do I need to get on?

A PC of almost any age can be connected to the Internet as long as you can plug it into a modem. You don't even need to be able to view graphics on your machine to look around

(although it helps).

You will need a fast modem, though. A 2400 baud V.22bis model would be fast enough to exchange electronic mail messages, but to send and receive files, or use the more exciting services on the Internet, a modem which supports at least 14,000 baud (V32.bis) is vital. Fortunately, these have plummeted in price over the past few years and now cost as little as £100.

If you have the money, I would recommend spending even more on a 28,800 baud (V.34) modem. When you are using the Internet, the speed at which things work is more likely to be limited by the speed of your modem than by the speed of your computer.

For a modem to pull down information, it has to have a number to dial. This is where the third element you need comes in; the "service provider". Typically, you can gain limited access for around £5 a month. "All you can eat" Internet access costs £10 to £15 a month. Access to the Internet, plus connection to a large online service's own information, tends to cost between £6 and £10 per month plus an hourly charge if you are online more than a set number of hours that month. There are extra charges for accessing online games or business databases.

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rates. Once connected, though, it doesn't matter where you receive the information from; you are charged at the same rate.

The best possible way to access the Internet is to be connected directly through a "leased line". Such lines cost from £5,000 a year but can be shared by several computers on an internal network — this is how we are connected at *PCW*. Some businesses, a few schools and most further education establishments already have a full-time direct connection to the Internet available to their members (see TCP/IP below).

### Service Providers

If you are connecting using a modem, there are three main ways to get onto the Internet:

#### TCP/IP

The *lingua franca* of the Internet is the TCP/IP network protocol which, in theory, is the best way to access the Internet. And it is often the cheapest way if you plan to use it a lot; you can get unlimited TCP/IP access for as little as £10 per month.

#### Advantages:

- Once you're set up, you can use any of dozens of sophisticated Internet applications including graphical World Wide Web browsers (the sexiest Internet tool around), Internet Voice Chat (using the Internet as a telephone), and rudimentary video-conferencing applications. Most of these are given away free across the Internet.

- The normal way to access it is using PPP (point to point protocol) or SLIP (serial line Internet protocol), which allow you to connect using a modem via a

host. But if you are willing to pay for it (or if your company or university supplies it) you can connect at Ethernet speeds.

Already some cable TV companies in the US are offering this as an add-on service through set-top boxes, and cable companies here look like providing similar services in future (see *Newsprint* in *PCW* May and June 1995 issues).

- CompuServe is now offering three free hours of Internet use per month to its members via TCP/IP. CIX plans to offer TCP/IP as an option as well, perhaps by the time you read this.

- If the software you are using allows it, you can do several things at once when using TCP/IP; read your mail in the foreground while downloading a file, and search for a document in the background.

#### Disadvantages:

- Can be difficult to set up, though this is getting easier all the time as software becomes more advanced.

- The access software can be unreliable, even when it is commercial software.

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You dial a bulletin board and access Internet resources by typing commands to the host machine — i.e. the computer at the other end of the line.

**Advantages:**

- Works with any communications software, avoiding setup hassles.
- Gives text-only access to almost any services.
- Using a local BBS this way can be your cheapest route online. The BBS or online service often has its own local community and local resources, as well as providing access to the wider world. Because it is difficult to charge for information on the Internet, you will often find that valuable information is available only through online services like CompuServe, CIX and Delphi.

**Disadvantages:**

- You can't use any of the graphical tools emerging for navigating the Internet, which makes them much harder to use. Long-established services like CIX or CompuServe put a graphical "gloss" on some of the services, though, and Delphi is working on one.

**Sample providers:**

- CIX 0181 390 8446  
cixadmin@cix.compulink.co.uk (optional TCP/IP service planned).
- CompuServe 0800 289378  
70006.101@csi.compuserve.com.  
Also see TCP/IP.
- Delphi 0171 757 7080 uk@delphi.com
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**UUCP**

This stands for Unix to Unix Copy Protocol (though these days you can use it to connect almost any machine to another). It isn't used much any more, as the tools for offline TCP/IP connection have improved.

**Advantages:**

- The protocol is very simple and robust and the software that uses it is well established, making for hassle-free connection.
- It works "offline" — you call up and get all of your files in one go, which saves on phone bills.

**Disadvantages:**

- UUCP gives you access to files, newsgroups and electronic mail (anything that can be batched together and sent as a file), but not to Telnet or other "interactive" services (anything where you and the host computer interact "live"). Some services allow you to combine terminal-based and UUCP-based connections.

**Sample providers:**

- The Direct Connection 0181 317 0100  
helpdesk@dircon.co.uk
- Exnet 0181 244 0077  
sysadmin@exnet.co.uk
- PC User Group 0181 863 1191  
info@ibmpcug.co.uk

**What can I do once I'm connected?  
Mail**

Almost every BBS and online service can offer you some kind of gateway into the Internet for electronic mail (email) — it is the "lowest common denominator" service. The standard way of addressing Internet mail is:  
person@organisation.something.  
something

But the way you send mail out from a local system varies from system to system.

On CompuServe, to send a message to me at CIX, you'd type  
"internet:derb@cix.compulink.co.uk"  
in the address field.

To send a message from the Internet to my CompuServe account (70007,5442), you'd send to  
"70007.5442@compuserve.com"

Because many users are limited to electronic mail-only access to the Internet, a number of ways have been devised to allow email-only users to read newsgroups and search for and download files. These methods tend to be clumsy though, and are not to be recommended unless you have no choice.

One of the most commonly asked (and understandable) questions about the Internet is "how do I find a person on the Internet?" There are at least ten different ways of doing this, none of them particularly reliable. It is a subject in itself. To get a mail message giving some of the options, send mail to

mail-server@rtfm.mit.edu

with

"send usenet/news.answers/  
finding-addresses"  
in the body of the message.

It is hardly surprising that finding people is tricky, since there is no central authority with which every user has to register to get online, the population of the Internet is growing incredibly quickly, and many companies and individuals don't want their internal electronic mail addresses listed.

Mail was Tool of the Month in last October's Internet column.

**Newsgroups & Mailing Lists**

The ability to read and post to newsgroups and mailing lists is probably the second most popular service after mail. They are the equivalent of forums or special interest groups on bulletin boards, and cover every special interest imaginable.

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also be used to broadcast files, though it is clumsier than other methods.

A mailing list, as the name suggests, uses email, which has the advantage that anyone with mail can use it; accessing newsgroups requires a newsreader program and access to a "news server", usually provided by your service provider. Some service providers will censor your news feed, as this is one of the most common ways to send erotica and/or pornography.

Specialist newsgroups such as [bionet.molbio.embl.databank](mailto:bionet.molbio.embl.databank) (discussion about the EMBL nucleic acid database) generate a manageable number of messages daily. But a popular newsgroup such as [rec.arts.movies.reviews](mailto:rec.arts.movies.reviews) generated 10,117 messages in May this year, from its 190,000 readership. Reading through a couple of newsgroups of that size without sifting through them beforehand could be a full-time job and run your phone bill into the stratosphere.

#### WWW — the World Wide Web

This tool was designed at CERN (the European Laboratory for Particle Physics) in Switzerland. It is by far the sexiest interface to the Internet, and if someone wants to produce an impressive Internet demo, nine times out of ten they'll use WWW to do it.

The good news is that it can provide a graphical front-end to almost any Internet resource, and like Gopher (see later) it provides links to information all over the Internet. The bad news is that unlike Gopher, it lacks mature search tools to allow you to find just the item you want. Instead, it encourages you to browse from link to link. This is a good way to learn and have fun, but a poor way to get things done.

There are many WWW searching tools you could try; the best one is probably the Yahoo search page at <http://www.yahoo.com/search.html>

If this doesn't help, there is

an index of indices at

<http://home.mcom.com/home/internet-search.html>

The WWW's graphical interface requires a lot of speed. Unless you have a V.32bis modem or better, you may as well forget about the pretty pictures, alluring sounds and even video clips on the Web. A large number of the more interesting resources on the Net are arriving on Web pages, so it's worth knowing that a much faster, if less glamorous, connection to the Web is available via telnet (see later).

CompuServe subscribers now have WWW access (three free hours a month, plus more if you pay), and most other BBS-based services like Delphi and CIX offer at least text-only access. For full graphical WWW access, you need a TCP/IP connection (ask for it by name).

#### Gopher & Veronica

Gopher, designed in 1991 at the University of Minnesota, is so called because it "goes for" information, and because the football team at the college is called the Golden Gophers.

It resembles the WorldWide Web in that it provides a way of linking together different information resources. While the WWW provides links in the form of "hot-buttons" on pages of styled text with pictures, Gopher takes the form of a series of menus and sub-menus on each server, some of which lead to other Gopher servers.

CIX and some other service providers allow you to run Gopher from their systems, but if your provider doesn't have it set up you can download your own Gopher client software and use it, or telnet to [gopher.ebone.net](mailto:gopher.ebone.net) to try it out (type "gopher" to connect).

Rather than wander through the maze of menus to find the information you are interested in, you can use Veronica to search through all the menu entries on all the world's

Gophers (in theory) for the information you want. To use it, direct your Gopher software to [info.mcc.ac.uk](mailto:info.mcc.ac.uk) and select the Veronica menu item.

#### Anonymous FTP & Archie

Both these services are all about files — how to find them and how to get them. FTP stands for File Transfer Protocol. It is "anonymous" because FTP servers require a user name and password before you can connect to them, but often allow you to connect to parts of them by giving them a login name of "anonymous" and your email address for a password.

Once you are connected, looking around the server for a file usually works much like DOS. DIR or LS tells you the contents of your directory, cd directoryname puts you into that directory.

There are several graphical interface programs available to make FTP easier to use. Many files stored on other servers are compressed or encoded in various ways, indicated by an extension at the end of the file name: .HQX, .TAR, .ZIP, .SIT and .ZOO each indicate a different kind of file, requiring one or more utility programs to convert them.

Finding the file you want on the Internet is not as hard as finding the person you want, but it is still neither straightforward nor dependable.

There are several tools available to help you find specific documents, but Archie is, as far as I know, the only tool which helps you find the file you want from the 2.5m or more binary files in its database. You can use it via mail — send mail to [archie@doc.ic.ac.uk](mailto:archie@doc.ic.ac.uk) to find out how; via telnet, to [archie.doc.ic.ac.uk](mailto:archie.doc.ic.ac.uk) or one of 23 other Archie servers; via the WWW — (<http://src.doc.ic.ac.uk/archieplexform.html>) or using one of several pieces of front-end software.

If you know the name of the file you are looking for, your task is fairly easy. Archie

allows you to search for exact file names or files containing a set string. If you don't know the name and it isn't obvious, life gets more difficult. There is a database which indexes files by keyword — it's called "whatis" — but it isn't very well kept.

Archie is supposed to provide a complete index of publicly accessible files, and each of the several available servers should have the same data. This is not the case in my experience. Each night, the servers index one thirtieth of the files on the Internet, so they should be a month out of date at most. But the Internet is growing so fast that being a month out of date can exclude many files. Also, not every publicly accessible file archive is indexed. Demon, a service provider for personal and small-business use, maintains a 5Gb archive of useful software at [ftp.demon.co.uk](ftp:demon.co.uk).

Lastly, each server seems to have a slightly different database, so if you're sure a file is out there somewhere but you don't find it on one of the UK servers, try one in the US.

#### Telnet

This is probably the easiest command to understand. Telnet to a site by running one of the many telnet programs (in many cases, this is as easy as typing telnet <site> from the prompt of the computer you normally dial into); you will be confronted by the login prompt of your target computer. Whatever you type will be transmitted directly to the remote computer as if you were typing on its keyboard and its replies are returned to your screen.

Normally when you log in like this, you either have an account on the target machine already or it is set up to give you access for specific tasks. To see what you can do, try telnetting to [telnet.w3.org](mailto:telnet.w3.org) (a computer in Switzerland). This gives you text-only access to the World Wide Web. The Web program runs on the Swiss machine, but you can manipulate it from the comfort of your chair. **PCW**

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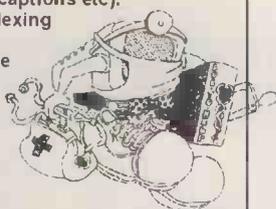
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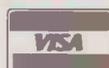
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**Tim Frost takes a look at CD+G and ITTS, two relatively new additions to the CD format which aim to add pictures and interactivity to your music.**

Yet another addition to the CD format is going to hit the streets later this year: CD+G, the graphics extension to CD.

Originally developed to add electronic images and text to a standard audio CD, the technology was simple. Data bits were placed within the spare data areas of the CD bitstream, and these were used to build up a simple TV graphics image or deliver on-screen text. Because there isn't a huge amount of spare data capacity within the bitstream, the data rate is inevitably pretty slow, so it takes quite a few seconds to build up the image. Text, stored as reference numbers similar to ASCII, works faster and can be put on-screen more or less in realtime, making it useful to display lyrics or a libretto as they're being sung.

It was thought at the time that users would be happy to sit in front of their TVs reading the lyrics and other background information, and would be entertained by the slowly updating graphics images of the band.

When CD+G eventually hit the streets, it was met with a wave of apathy. The graphics capability was crude and too slow, and reading the lyrics was hardly a major attraction.

Over the last couple of years, though, CD+G has made a comeback with the success of karaoke. Spending an evening at home karaoke'ing is not considered the idea of heaven by us reserved Europeans, but in Japan and other parts of the Far East, home karaoke is big business. In clubs and bars LaserDisc is used as the main source of karaoke by combining high quality stereo music with the lyrics laid over suitable TV images. But this proved expensive in terms of both equipment and discs, so CD+G was resurrected. The graphics chips add just a few pounds to the cost of a CD player and have been

added to many CD karaoke players, which have a microphone input connected to the inevitable reverb unit for that "I'm singing in the bath" effect that comes to the rescue of most so-called singers.

But this is hardly a mainstream use, and the latest system uses techniques developed for the digital tape format, DCC, to bury more useful display information with the data stream.

The format of the Interactive Text Transmission System (ITTS) has been developed from the user reaction to DCC and Mini-Disc. Both these newer audio formats offered the user text information that could be displayed on the LCD panel on the player. So, even if you had a small, personal DCC or Mini-Disc player, you could still make use of the display information.

ITTS brings many of the same functions to CD, and since it co-resides with the audio, it can be added to any CD for very little additional cost. Research has shown that consumers like to have the track title, album title and artist's name displayed, and as this is a vast improvement on a normal CD display, this is the priority use for ITTS.

On the most basic level, when you play a CD on your CD-ROM drive, ITTS will be able to load your computer with the data it needs to display all the track infor-

mation. But this can be expanded to link in with software packages for interactive use. CDs of sound effects or specially produced audio/games CDs will use the data to create a level of interactivity between the CD and the computer.

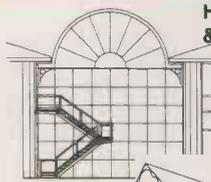
ITTS has not ignored the image display possibilities, although these will only really be usable on home CD players or on your PC. Originally, the low data rate meant that if an image was to be displayed in any reasonable amount of time, it would have to be pretty crude. But combining the low bit rates with a high-quality image compression system such as JPEG allows ITTS to display a good number of TV-quality still images.

The record industry is also looking at the extra sales opportunities presented by ITTS. They are looking at adding biographical information, as well as listings of other discs available by the same artist or simple sales pitches for other CDs.

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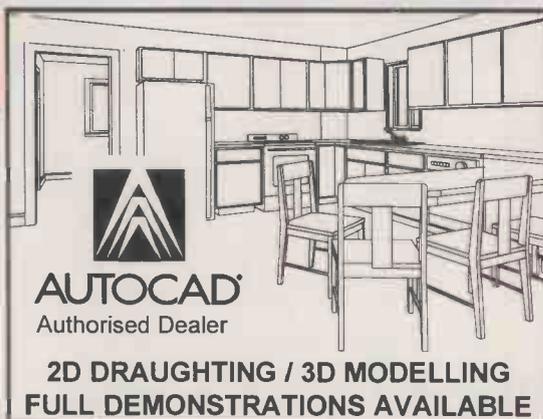
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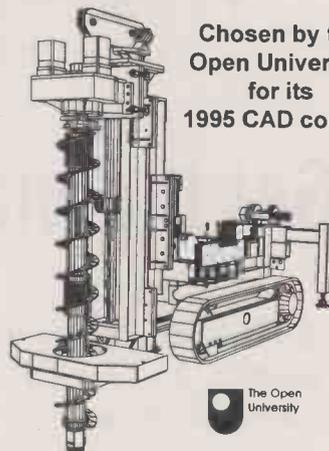
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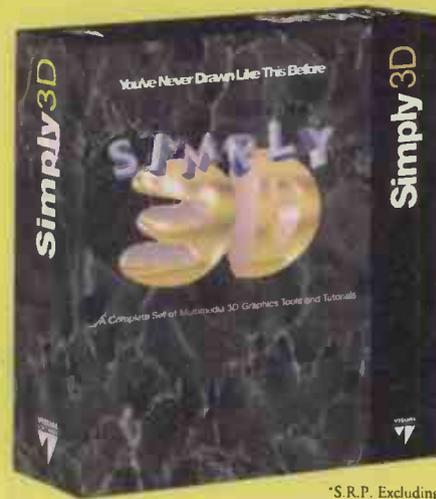
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# Ball control

**Ball Grid Array technology has a new adaptation in low cost, plastic packaged manufacturing. Ben Tisdall explains what it is and how it's likely to affect the PC market, sooner rather than later.**

**C**oming to a motherboard near you is BGA (Ball Grid Array). The latest acronym to hit the computer industry isn't a new graphics standard as you might expect, but a chip packaging technology.

Look at any current PC motherboard and most of the bigger chips will be what are known as Plastic Quad Flat-Packs (PQFP); a chip in a square package with connectors on each side. There are technical problems which make it almost impossible to have more than 300 pins in a quad flat-pack; somewhere between 200 and 250 is the normal limit.

Intel's Pentium processor uses Pin Grid Array, where pins beneath the main processor plug into a ceramic package. It's expensive though, and a single package costs more than the whole PC chipset, but ceramic packages can handle more signals, more heat and a larger die or chip size.

There are ways to enhance a standard PQFP but these tend to increase the cost without increasing the number of leads to a chip. The main problem lies in finding a way to get more connections onto each chip.

BGA is not new. It's been used for years in mainframes and high-end and niche applications. What is new is its adaptation to low-cost, plastic-packaged manufacturing.

With BGA, a chip is glued and connected to the top of a small PCB beneath which is a grid of solder bumps. Copper pads on the main PCB line up with these bumps. The two are then aligned and the whole motherboard is heated to fuse board and chip together. This means it's possible to squeeze many more connections onto a fairly small chip. It is also more reliable because the bumps or balls of BGA are



*BGA technology allows more connections per chip*

less likely to break than the pins or leads of conventional chip packages.

However, BGA does create some manufacturing problems of its own. In particular, once the chip has been fused into place it's impossible to inspect the connections. If a bad connection emerges during testing there is no option but to remove the chip which usually means junking it, if not the board itself.

VLSI Logic, working with IBM, has already announced a series of six packages offering from 380 to 672 solder bumps. VLSI uses a variant of the technology called

Tape Ball Grid Array and has licensed this technology from developer, IBM. VLSI's packages have a built-in heat spreader which is claimed to give them three times the heat dissipation of similarly-sized quad flat packs.

As far as main processors are concerned, Motorola is leading the way using technology licensed from IBM as part of the "gang of three" agreement (Apple, IBM and Motorola) to develop the PowerPC chip family. The PowerPC 604 will use BGA based on a grid of 16 balls square, making 256 balls in all. But there are also plans to produce a BGA version of the 603 device. When the 64-bit 620 ships, it will have a grid 25 pins square, or 625 pins in all. Although the sockets are still being designed, Motorola's implementation of BGA is intended to allow the chips to be swapped in and out rather than hard soldered to the motherboard.

The implications of BGA for people who buy and sell PCs are lower cost, more compact products. Surface mount technology helped to drastically cut manufacturing costs a few years ago and BGA looks set to take on a similar role.

Pentium chips remain leading edge technology but once they have migrated down to entry level, plastic packaging and BGA will be the way to squeeze down costs as Motorola's initiative demonstrates. Apricot expects to use BGA in its third-generation Pentium motherboard and by 1996, BGA is likely to be a must-have for every self-respecting SMT plant. Suddenly, a Pentium PC for £800 by the end of next year doesn't sound quite so far-fetched.

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## The many faces of logic

**If you thought there was only one type of computer logic, think again. Nick Beard sets the record straight, looking at the similarities and differences between Boolean, temporal, and classical logic.**

**W**e rely increasingly on databases, and we therefore generally prefer them to hold statements which are true. However, databases' contents age, and may slowly become false. Most of us, for example, receive mail which is addressed to the previous occupant of the house we live in. This is because a database now holds a statement such as "the resident of No 1, World's End is a Mr Knobbesworthy". Unless the database is maintained, its contents will gradually become a less and less accurate reflection of the real state of the world. As you take over No 1, World's End from Mr Knobbesworthy, the database will become flawed.

### Predictability and forecasting

Sometimes, preventing this is simply a matter of having update processes in place, although this is easier said than done. Other problems are more predictable, and there's something which can be done about them within the very structure of the database. Predictability is obviously connected with forecasting. The future is generally hard to forecast accurately, but at least some things will always follow from others. One of them is that if someone gets married, they will

acquire a spouse. They will not necessarily always retain that spouse, but with certainty, we can know that when someone marries, a new thing can be said about them: they have a spouse. Not a major feat of reasoning, I grant you: but illustrative of how "predictive structures" may be built into databases. Reasoning about things which vary with time is an important area of computational research. A whole field of "temporal logics" is being developed, enabling the application of the tools of formal reasoning to computational problems which involve properties dynamically changing in time.

A major review of temporal logic was published recently (*Temporal Logic: Mathematical Foundations and Computational Aspects: Volume 1*; Dov Gabbay, Ian Hodkinson and Mark Reynolds). It opens with a survey of eight major application areas for temporal logics: databases, program specification, hardware design, natural language processing, distributed computing, planning, realtime systems, and temporal logic as a programming language (in the way classical logic can be used, as seen in Prolog). Computing has only recently begun to cope with temporal reasoning. Its proper formulation in

logic is one of the key steps in doing so. The arguments for using formal logical representations to explore time-varying properties are founded in the prior need for logic as a key computational formalism.

### A time for logic

People naturally associate logic and computers, but in fact, many programmers need know nothing of logic beyond the Boolean basics. Yet Boolean logic is a tiny fragment of the full swathe of symbology logicians have to play with. The logic is classical, first-order logic. First order, or classical, or predicate logic (we will call it classical from now on) is also the foundation of logic programming, an important and increasingly practical branch of computer science. Classical logic, like any other language, has a syntax and a semantics. The syntax, the grammar, is made up of notions such as inference rules and well-formed formulae (wffs, or "legal" constructs). It describes what symbol shuffling can and cannot be done legitimately within the proper rules of the logic. Semantics refers to ideas like models, truth, satisfaction and validity of sentences, and discusses what the logic actually means.

Classical logic is more powerful than the well-known logic of computer gates, Boolean logic. Boolean (or propositional) logic is a subset of predicate logic. Such a logic allows reasoning about the properties of things, as in the famous syllogism: Socrates is a man, all men are mortal, therefore Socrates is mortal. In a logical expression (such as that used in the programming language Prolog) this argument might be represented as:  $\text{man}(\text{Socrates})$  and  $\text{mortal}(X)$  if  $\text{man}(X)$  therefore  $\text{mortal}(\text{Socrates})$ . Logic enables us to deduce Socrates' mortality.

Logic has been used traditionally as a computational specification tool. Recently, however, the overt computational role of logic has become more important. The language Prolog is specifically designed according to its principles. A neat and tidy Prolog program can, theoretically, be read as a set of sentences of classical logic. Logic

programming is the use of classical logic for the representation of problems and their associated knowledge bases, and the use of controlled inference to solve them. It arose from automated theorem proving, but is now more widely used in AI — in research and “outside world”.

Idealists might argue that computer programs should above all be expressions of logical reasoning. An algorithm — a problem-solving recipe — is a sequence of instructions guiding a computer to a solution. There's a trade-off between speed of execution and code comprehensibility, and most computer programs are difficult to understand for anyone other than the person who wrote them. This is not just a problem of documentation and lack of REM statements; according to the tenets of logic programming, the confusion has deeper roots.

#### Algorithm = logic + control

Niklaus Wirth summed up the essence of a program thus: program = algorithm + data. Robert Kowalski, Professor of Computational Logic at Imperial College, extended the definition with the dictum: algorithm = logic + control. The logic of the algorithm states the programmers' assumptions about the problem. Control is the method of directing the computer to interpret the program in a particular fashion, including implementation-technique specific statements, the strategic considerations of efficiency, memory handling and so on. The latter elements are things that are dependent on the details of the chosen hardware or programming language, and have no necessary connection with the specific problem being addressed. So understanding a program means grasping the logical core of the problem and its representation, separately from the program-control strategy, separately from the hardware and operating system of the target computer.

How is this central, logical core to be expressed? No programming language satisfies everyone. C is too free-for-all, according to some, allowing people to make errors. Conversely, its lack of built-in constraints may enable skilled coders to draft lightning routines which break rules to buy time. All computer programming languages are ultimately equivalent. A similar consideration appears to apply to logic. Not all logics are geared to express all things in a simple fashion. People have therefore developed variants on classical logic.

Some logics, such as fuzzy and many valued logics, compete with classical logic. Others, such as temporal logics, seek to widen its scope. These “extension” logics are sometimes known as “modal” logics. Temporal logics are one example, others attempt to represent notions such as possibility. Default logic attempts to formalise a common mode of reasoning, where we propose and work with default conclusions until they are shown, on fresh evidence, to be false. For example, “Ron has a PhD”, therefore “Ron is intelligent” seems a reasonable conclusion, until we receive more information — “Ron was US President in the eighties and has an honorary PhD” — and have to adapt our conclusion.

The key to a successful temporal logic is the choice of representation of time. There are two main approaches: linear time, and branching time. In linear time, each time instant has a unique successor. In branching time, each time instant may have several immediate successors, each of which corresponds to a different future, such as those

resulting from “non-determinism” in a program.

These logics are still computationally experimental, in that they are not at the heart of accepted programming or knowledge representation systems. There are also penalties for leaving the realm of classical logic. The inference mechanisms underlying any programming system would necessarily be more complex: there would be no automatic access to the powerful arrays of conclusions, tools and techniques already available for classical logic. In addition, there is no obvious way of combining non-standard logics. Even when viable programming schemes are built with, say, temporal logic, there are difficulties. Although a program's representation of temporal reasoning may be more concise, the programmer would still have a problem in representing default reasoning. The debate becomes one between advocates of compact representations in designer logics, and those who prefer to stick with classical logics, even if occasional programs appear more cumbersome. In principle, classical logic can be used to simulate other logics.

Some logicians argue that all logics are ultimately equivalent, reducible to some pure, core form. There's a reasonable basis for suspecting that this may be true, founded in the essential equivalence of all computers. If all computers are ultimately of equivalent power (computationally, in terms of what they can and cannot compute, rather than how long the process takes) then perhaps the logics used to specify their functioning may be ultimately equivalent. The debate about the computational wisdom of developing specialist logics, such as temporal logics, centres around the existence (or otherwise) of this one true logic.

However, the debate involves concerns about practicality too. The absolutists' stance is that this perfect core exists: usually thought to be classical (first order) logic, in which anything which needs to be represented can be. The pluralists' view, how-

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ever, is that practicality — if not more a theoretical argument — demands more than a one-size-fits-all logic. VR Pratt argued: “There's a tradition in logic, carried over into computer science, to think of pure first-order logic as a universal language. In fact, first order logic is about as useful in verification as a Turing machine is in software engineering: cute to watch, but not very useful.” This is now doubtful, since Prolog is a demonstrably effective programming language. However, whether there will ever be a Microsoft VisualProlog (with optional add-on modal modules dealing with temporal logics, default reasoning and so on) remains to be seen.

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# Auf Wiedersehen, PET

Seventeen years ago, when 4kb RAM and a 1MHz processor were state of the art, Commodore's PET was the hottest property around. In the wake of the company's recent buyout by Escom, Simon Rockman looks back at this grand old man of the PC world.

Commodore has been bought by Escom. It's the latest, and perhaps the last stage for a company which changed the lives of many computer users.

The Commodore PET was perhaps the first ever home computer. Trendy marketing types talk about the emergence of the SoHo market, but the PET was there in 1978. Sadly, there's no *PCW* exclusive, first ever review of the PET because the computer predates even the longest lived magazine in the country. In France it was sold as the CBM, for Commodore Business Machines, because PET is worryingly close to "fart" in French.

A quick look at the specifications shows how much we've moved on. The original Commodore Personal Electronic Transactor had 4kb RAM and a 40 x 25 character-mapped display. The 8-bit 6502 processor ran at 1MHz and data was stored on a built-in tape drive. The "calculator" keyboard made today's sub-notebooks look king-sized, and yet it was state of the art.

One of the things which made the PET a watershed was that it was sold complete. There was no soldering — you didn't even have to plug it into a television or home cassette recorder. The first model was

called the 2001 and had a suitably sci-fi look to it. A nun's cowl in negative, the sloping monitor surround was white and black. The PET didn't use straight ASCII, but its own variation, nick-named PETsky. All the alphabetic characters were the same as ASCII in upper case but lower case offered the alternative of a number of shapes such as playing card symbols, lines for drawing boxes and currency symbols. Little quarter-squares gave the impression of a slightly higher resolution but for most purposes the standard symbols dictated the appearance of all games. Simple things like Space Invaders and Pong seemed wonderful. Sound was produced by a simple piezo-electric speaker.

The built-in software made no distinction between the Basic language and an operating system. The interpreter was written by Microsoft, one of the earlier projects for the now dominant company. It was possible to program a PET in machine code, either the hard way — using hexadecimal codes typed into a machine code monitor built into the machine, or by loading an assembler program — but most applications were written in Basic. The PET had a full-screen editor, which meant that

for the most part, characters which appeared to be in a program listing on the screen could be changed directly. Rival machines needed programs to be edited with special keys or codes. The one oddity was a system of cursor codes which allowed the programmer to embed movements in text strings.

Expansion was limited: the machine could take more RAM, but the ports were limited to taking two cassette decks and a special flat-edge connector version of the IEE488 standard.

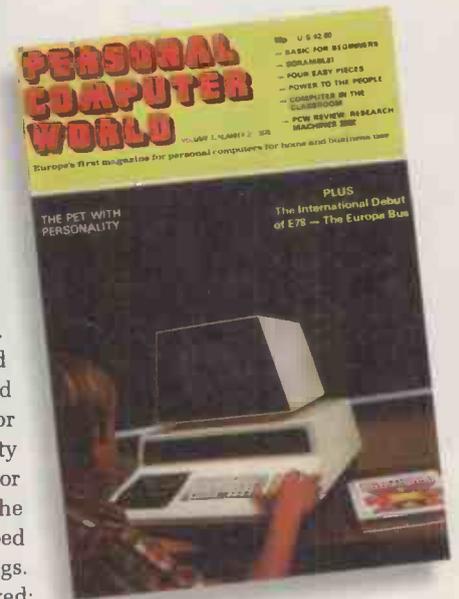
This made cables very expensive. Printers were incredibly crude — smudgy 9-pin dot-matrix — but it was best to use one which had the special PET character set if you wanted to be able to read listings.

Later generations of machines replaced the keyboard with something more usable and relegated the cassette deck to an external device. The cassette was still slow — 300bps — and not particularly reliable. A 5.25in floppy drive became available, first from a third party called CompuThink and then from Commodore itself. In the early days Commodore had been a

typewriter repair company and the owner, Jack Tramiel, made and sold a vast number of non-computer products, including watches and barbeques. The disk drive cases were reputedly made in the same factory as the barbeques, which might explain their over-engineered solidity. Unfortunately the software was crude, and programming the Commodore floppy disk, which had its own processors and RAM, was something of a black art.

The PET begat the SuperPET, officially known as the 8096. A machine with an 80x25 display, the VIC 20 had colour but only a 22x25 line display; this was followed by the Commodore 64. Of course, that line is dead, but it will be interesting to see what Escom does with a formerly great name.

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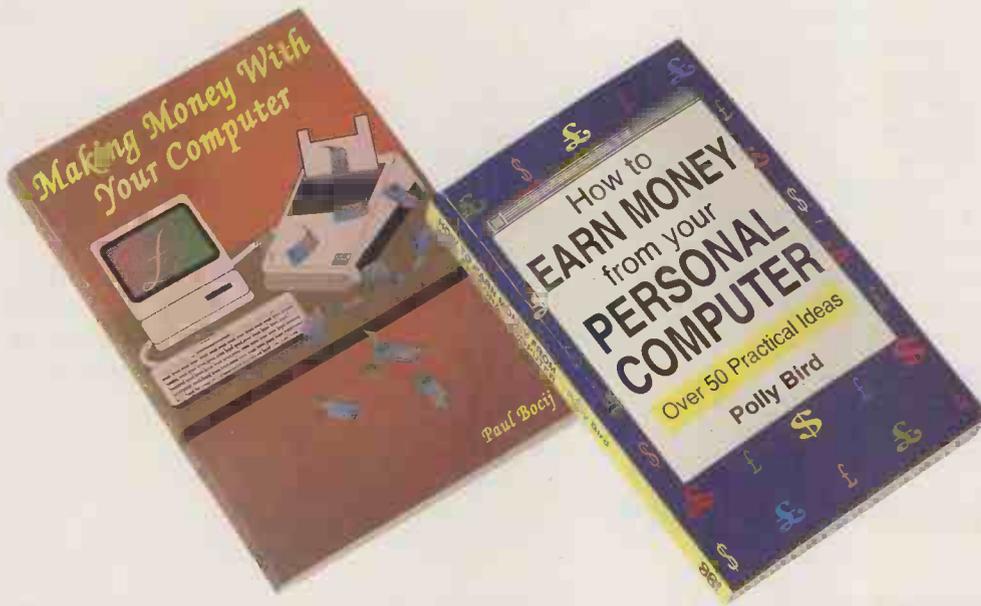
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*Making Money with Your Computer* is logically arranged; it starts with a section on Business Basics and continues with Selling Your

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This book is strong on services for computer users. There is a chapter devoted entirely to "exciting" mail order opportunities such as ribbon re-inking and disk recovery — not that re-inking sounds like a brilliant business opportunity now that most people are using inkjet or laser printers.

There's also a whole chapter devoted to Speculative Ventures: "this chapter looks at a number of high-risk ideas including gambling and various kinds of investment." Throughout the book, short case studies are used to illustrate business opportunities using unnamed people who have made a good living from the businesses described. Mr B, for example, is apparently now earning enough from his highly customised horse race prediction software to allow him to leave his full-time job!

The whole book has obviously been typeset on a laser printer, so although it's perfectly legible it lacks polish and the design looks as if it has come straight out of the Word

for Windows outliner.

Polly Bird's *How To Earn Money From Your Personal Computer (Over 50 Practical Ideas)* has at least been professionally typeset and takes a generally more rounded look at how to make money using your personal computer.

The first two chapters deal with buying the right computer and with computer viruses, before moving on to the meat of the book with those money-making suggestions. They range from the "not a chance in hell" ventures like selling poems and plays, through the mundane ideas like producing CVs, to off-the-wall ideas such as producing coats of arms, fortune telling or will-writing. Incidentally, will-writing is an idea that features in both books.

Later chapters deal with some of the business nuts and bolts like book-keeping and paying tax. And the final chapter covers health issues such as avoiding RSI (repetitive strain injury), or the loneliness of working at home.

If you're completely stuck for inspiration, both books do contain ideas but don't expect too much from them. None of the ideas are stunningly original — if they were, I suppose the authors wouldn't be writing these worthy but rather dull books.

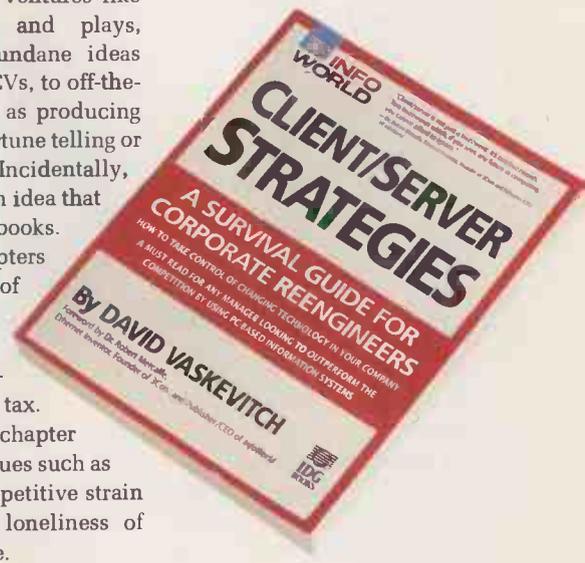
Both are rather thin on technical information about personal computers and neither has enough of the detailed information required to produce a business plan to actually set up a small business. I slightly preferred Polly Bird's version but there's little to choose between the two.

**Ben Tisdall**

**Client Server Strategies**

Author: David Vaskevitch  
 Publisher: IDG Books (Transworld)  
 Pages: 460  
 Price: £26.99  
 ISBN: 1-56884-064-0  
 Rating: ♦♦♦♦♦

Even the title of this book is a real buzzword-fest. This is not meant to imply that the quality of the content is any



less valuable, however, although it is an indication of the tone of the text that readers will face when turning the pages of this fat paperback.

Dubbing it "a survival guide for corporate re-engineers" is an attempt to add business process re-engineering gloss to the book's appeal. It attempts to be at once a historical survey, a manifesto, and a practical-ish guide to getting stuff done.

As a result, it is tempting to be smugly dismissive of this rather smug book. Yet that would be an error. Although the book is much too long, the quality of the content is good.

The move to client server

computing is happening in one form or another and information technology managers have to be aware of these trends. IT markets, once moving in this (or any other) direction, affect the way in which existing technologies can actually be implemented. A certain critical mass of customers is required for a technology to be affordable outside of military circles say, and technology strategists unaware of the interplay between medium term market movements and longer term technology trends, risk being caught out.

This can mean being left behind; being stung by the

expense of maintaining obsolete kit; and being forced to migrate suddenly because old systems are suddenly unsupported (or insupportable). Worst of all, the business can lose the competitive advantages which prompted the initial investment in information technology. All are good ways of losing a job.

While client server means many things to many people, it doesn't just mean implementing PC networks. One section which should be widely read is that which explains what mainframes actually do. This is a simple, patiently explained background to complex enter-

prise-wide computing, including the role of the mainframe. Many of those with a purely PC background may have little grasp of these issues, believing a PC-network to be sufficient to automate all organisations. But this is wrong, as the book clearly explains and then makes positive suggestions as how best to exploit personal computers and networks, in a move towards distributed organisations.

Covering not just rationale, but design techniques and implementation "roadmaps" as well, makes this a book worth reading.

**Nick Beard**

## Comparative Reviews: OS/2 Warp Guides

### The Complete Idiot's Guide to OS/2 Warp

Author: Jennifer Fulton  
Publisher: Alpha Books  
Pages: 361  
Price: £13.95  
ISBN: 1-56761-589-9  
Rating: ⚡⚡⚡⚡⚡

### OS/2 Warp for Dummies

Author: Andy Rathbone  
Publisher: IDG Books  
Pages: 336  
Price: £18.99  
ISBN: 1-56884-205-8  
Rating: ⚡⚡⚡⚡⚡

### Using OS/2 Warp

Authors: Barry Nance and Lenny Bailes  
Publisher: Que  
Pages: 741  
Price: £27.49  
ISBN: 0-7897-0088-3  
Rating: ⚡⚡⚡⚡⚡

An operating system (OS) that needs an accompanying book to explain it just isn't doing its job properly. It ought to just sit there and do its own thing without you needing to know anything more than the location of the on-off switch. But since most operating systems do require explanatory books, then the logical conclusion is... yes, the world still is

waiting for the OS that does its job as it ought.

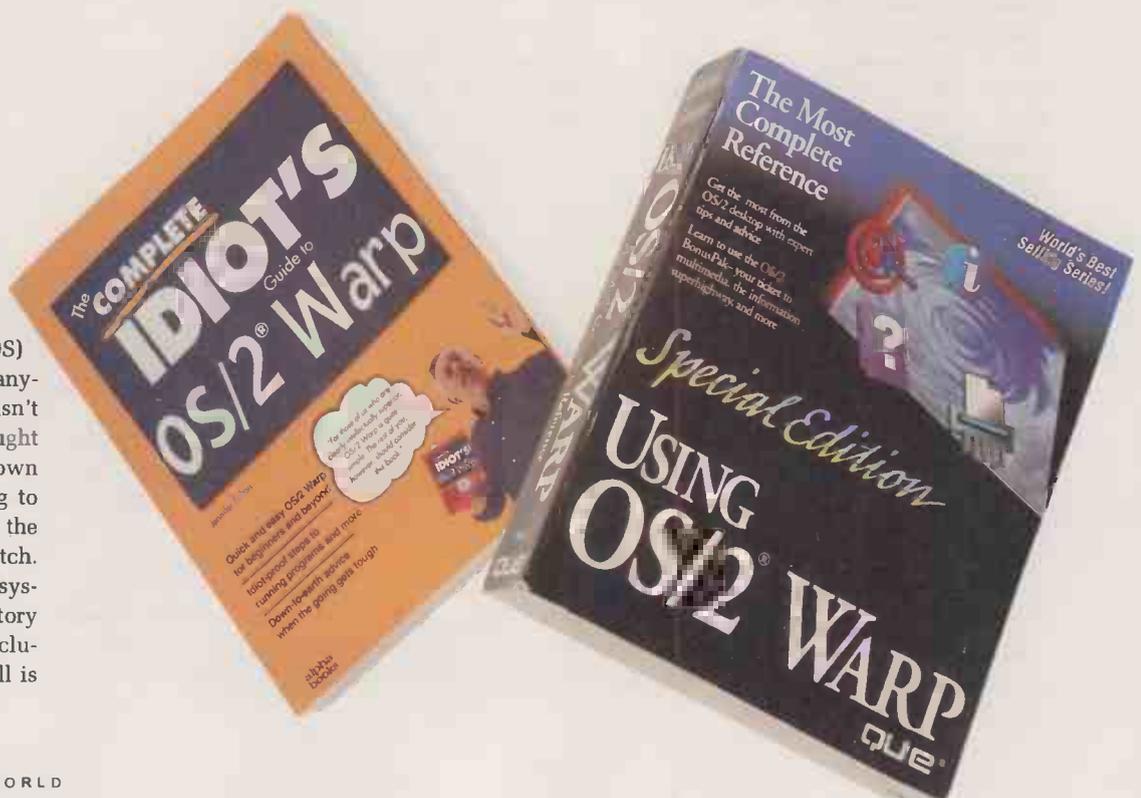
The problem with OS/2 is that having started out with such high hopes, as the Windows 95 of its day, it has matured into a stable and effective working environment, and thanks to its Windows compatibility there is virtually no software that doesn't run better under OS/2 than anywhere else. But every time you move from a WinOS/2 application to

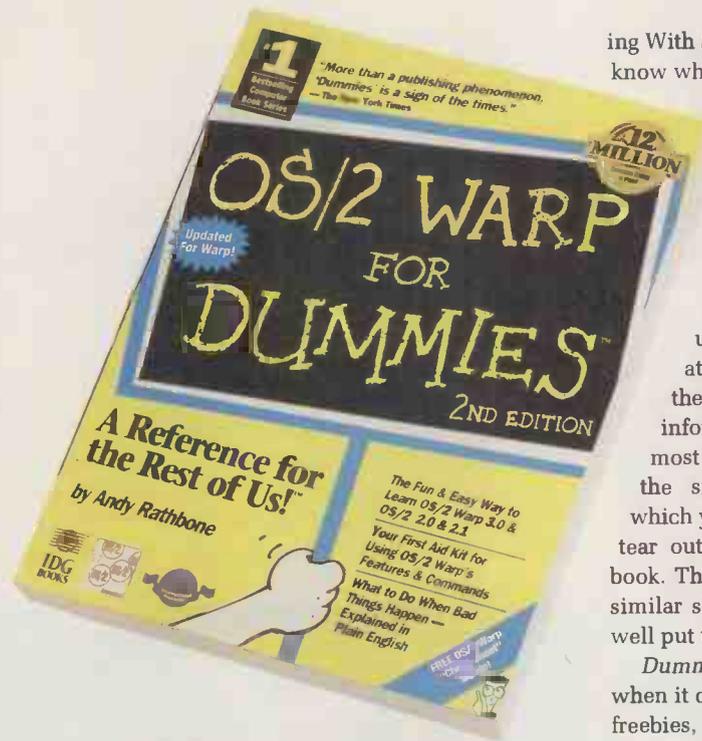
native OS/2, there's a severe case of culture shock as you have to remember things like under OS/2 you drag'n'drop with the right-hand mouse button, which is reserved under Windows for displaying object properties.

All this is to do with the user interface, that part of an operating system most users have to work with all the time. Of course, under the OS/2 hood, all sorts of other things

are purring away and you can put them to work if you're willing to get to grips with the fairly easy REXX (Restructured Extended Executor) programming language for instance. But most users won't want to bother and quite right too.

As their titles imply, *OS/2 Warp For Dummies* and *The Complete Idiot's Guide* aren't designed for doing things like REXX, and in fact the *Idiot's*





*Guide* doesn't even mention it. The *Dummies* book might as well not cover it since it merely gives the dismissive definition: "a programming language included with OS/2 for nerds to play with", without bothering to tell you what you might be able to do with it. For example, when defining variables (price = cost + markup), or when displaying output in a scrollable window, neither of which is possible with simple batch files.

Frankly, I found the tone of these two entry-level books to be objectionable in the extreme. I know the *Dummies* series has been phenomenally successful, and the jokey "let's treat computers as if they weren't really serious" approach obviously appeals to readers who find the DOS prompt daunting. But they are actually much harder to work one's way through.

I mean, titles like "Harassing Your Objects" (*Idiot's Guide*) or "What Are All Those Little Pictures?" (*Dummies*) may seem fun when you pick up the book in a shop, but they become merely infuriating when you want to know how to create a shadow of an object, or find out

how the OS/2 desktop works.

By contrast, *Using OS/2 Warp* has a chapter headed "Creating a Shadow of an Object (Teach Yourself: Work-

ing With Shadow Copies)" — I know which book I prefer.

If you are a self-confessed idiot, or dummy, I suppose the *Dummies* book is the better of the two, mainly because under the tedious attempts at humour there is some fairly solid information, even though most of it is condensed to the single "cheat sheet" which you are encouraged to tear out of the front of the book. The *Idiot's Guide* has a similar sheet which is not so well put together.

*Dummies* is also better when it comes to the so-called freebies, like IBM Works, correctly pointing out that "the program still has some rough edges," which is a polite way of saying, "give yourself 12.5Mb extra space by deleting it because it's just plain lousy."

If you think you are ready to

graduate from baby-talk, then *Using OS/2 Warp* is more informative and less jokey. It is the only one which goes through the installation process in any detail and since it is installation problems that terrify so many users, this is a valuable benefit. But for some reason, instead of being dealt with early on, it is not covered until chapter six.

Actually, installing OS/2 is fairly easy most of the time; but it is deciding things like whether to have dual-boot or boot manager which requires some explanation.

What none of these books tell you, though, is how to deal with some of the installation problems which pack out the OS/2 newsgroups on the Internet (but which, to be fair, I have never personally encountered throughout numerous installations). Disregarding its high price tag, I found *Using OS/2* to be the most consistently helpful volume.

**Karl Dallas**

### Top Ten Books: May 1995

Author	Title	Publisher	Price	This	Last
Matcho	Using Delphi	Que	£27.49	1	—
Touhey	Building OCXs (Book/CD-ROM)	Que	£37.49	2	—
Jewell, Dave	Instant Delphi (Book/Disc)	Wrox	£22.99	3	(1)
Ethington et al	Introducing Microsoft Windows 95	Microsoft Press	£11.99	4	(5)
Lemay	Teach Yourself Web Publishing with HTML in a Week	Sams	£19.50	5	(2)
Minasi et al	Mastering Windows NT Server	Sybex	£40.99	6	(4)
Morris	HTML for Fun and Profit (Book/CD-ROM)	IDG	£29.95	7	—
Duntemann et al	Delphi Programming Explorer (Book/CD-ROM)	IDG	£38.99	8	—
Getz et al	Microsoft Access Developer's Handbook (Book/Disc)	Sybex	£41.17	9	(6)
Schofield, Sue	UK Internet Book 2nd Edition (Book/Disc)	Addison Wesley	£19.95	10	(10)

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# CD-ROMs

Read all about the first UK CD-ROM magazine, a history of the world, a reference library, and a somewhat blinkered US look at the 20th century.

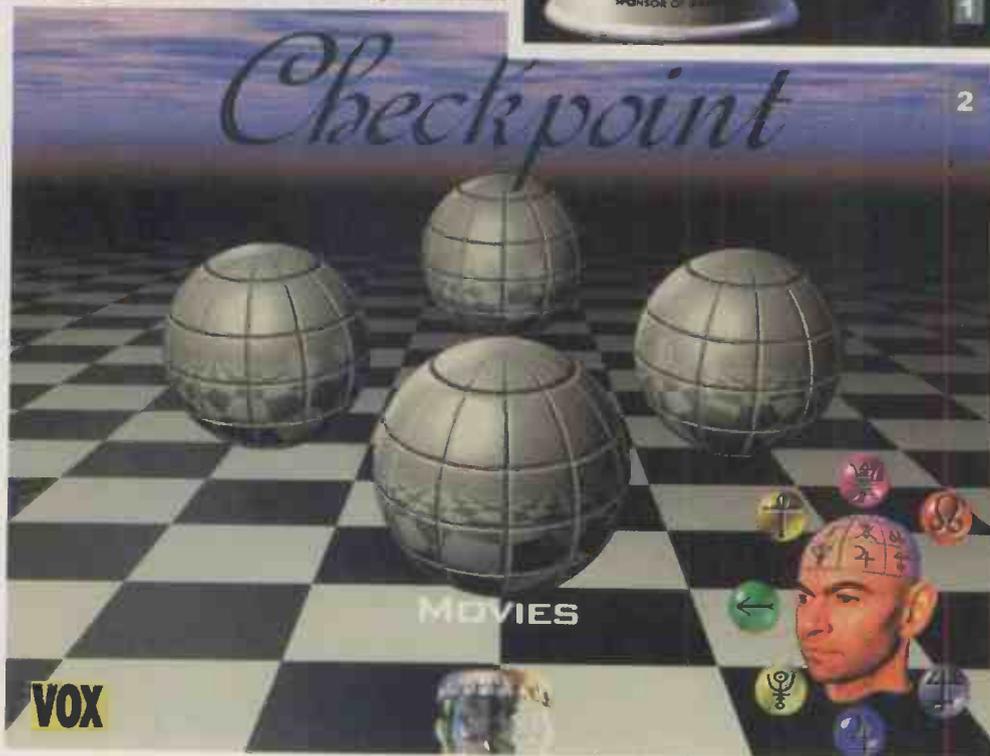
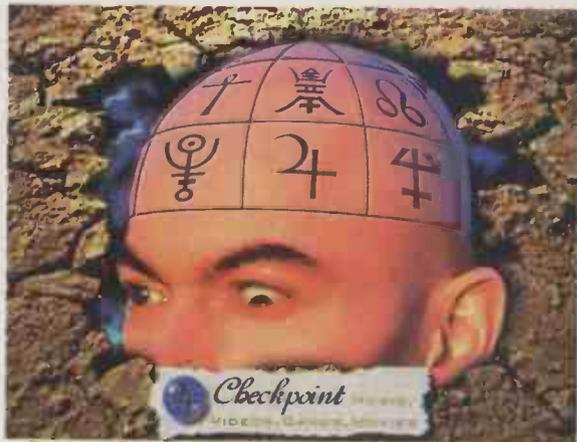
UnZip is the first UK magazine to be launched entirely on CD-ROM. It's a tough nut to crack, translating something that's normally flicked through, browsed and read from the back, the front or the middle, into something that works on a PC screen. UnZip is a valiant attempt at doing so.

IPC Magazines worked with



Zone UK to produce UnZip. Zone UK is the organisation responsible for the VidZone music consoles at Tower Records and HMV, while IPC publishes magazines like the NME, Vox and New Scientist.

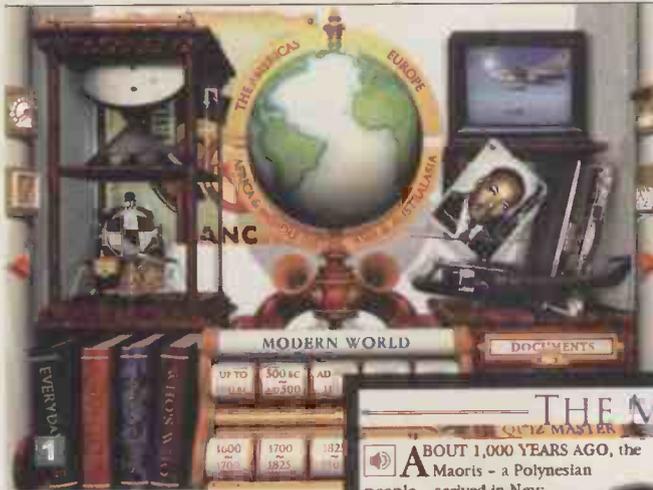
When you load UnZip, music plays and a smiling head begins to spin on the screen. When you double click on the head a woman's voice announces "UnZip and Discover", then there's a pause



until the man's head starts to UnZip and the woman cries, "Oh my God!"

You navigate UnZip by clicking on the graphical head. There are six main sections: The Music Documentary featuring Tim Simenon from Bomb the Bass; Intersection, which is about Japanese animation; Pleasuredome, with mad bungee jumping video clips; Checkpoint, with reviews and previews of videos, films, games and music; Netropolis, a newbies Internet guide; and

- 1 Intersection — profiles of the Japanese Manga animation craze
- 2 Checkpoint — the section sponsored by Vox which contains reports on music, video, games and movies



Alter State, which contains work by photographer David Scheinman, street art by a new York graffiti artist and 3D graphics from Zone.

The graphics are superb and the whole thing has a hip, cyberpunkish, trendy air to it. If you want weird, try "Hi, my name's Polythene Jon, and I want to take you through the book of sodium lit viscera," which is the voice-over for one of the Alter State animations.

Unfortunately, once you've been dazzled by the spinning, rotating, pulsating graphics, listened to the sound bites and flicked through some of the videos and demos, there's precious little of lasting interest, despite the claims of the press release that "UnZip contains up to six hours of truly interactive entertainment". The articles and reviews are short and superficial, and although you should be able to print them out, they wouldn't on our office PostScript printer.

Multimedia developers will buy UnZip to see how far Zone has pushed Macromedia Director, fashion victims will buy it because it's hip. But overall, the whole thing is a triumph of form over content: as full of froth and good taste as a Zabaglione pudding and just as ephemeral.

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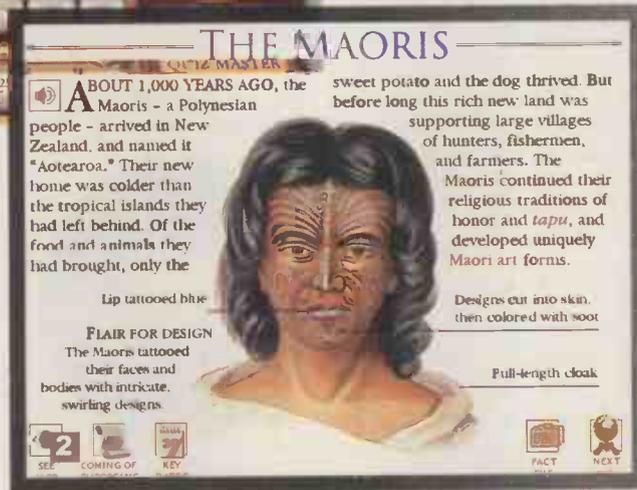
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1 "Eyewitness" has a title page for each "age", a globe and reference books, as well as a pick'n'mix of objects to browse through

2 The interface is in the usual clear DK style, making it easy to concentrate on the text



### Dorling Kindersley — Eyewitness History of the World

Dorling Kindersley has a real talent for producing fun and informative CD-ROMs. The Way Things Work won the best CD-ROM category in this year's PCW Awards and Eyewitness History of the World follows in the tradition.

Mercifully, the history of the world has been broken up into easily digestible time periods. Time is broken down not into centuries but into easily recognisable eras, so the Renaissance is one period, as is post-1945. A theme is assigned to each period — the age of the great explorers, or the age of great religions, for example — by picking out the most important events.

Each period has its own title page with a plethora of objects forming a tableau that you can use to access the information. The post-1945 period, for instance, has a picture of Martin Luther King, an ANC poster and a spy case full of

MI6 gadgets. Alternatively, you can spin a globe to pick a different part of the world from which to start your investigations.

Of course, no CD could cover every significant event in world history, but because everything is arranged according to themes you are given a real feel for a period and how events relate one to another. The key dates boxes give a lot of information in a compact form, and there are boxes on more subjective or specific events to complement the main historical facts. In the section dealing with the founding of Israel, "key dates" gives details of the main events, and a second box on "the trouble with Israel" explains the rea-

sons behind many of Israel's fundamental disagreements with its neighbours.

Additionally, you are allowed a peek at other matters of general interest from a historical perspective. The Maoris are given a short section which covers their arrival in New Zealand and their life there before the European settlers arrived, and comes right up to date with a mention of their recent land rights and compensation struggles.

The general knowledge part of the package is bolstered by general "reference books" on such things as famous people, inventions and daily life, and there's a quiz section which you can play with more than one contestant.

In true Dorling Kindersley style the entire package is beautifully designed and executed. There are 25 video sequences and 75 animations, and the text itself is engagingly and enticingly written — quite a feat for a CD-ROM. Although it is aimed mainly at children, it kept me quiet for hours — and I'm older than I would care to admit in these pages.

**Adele Dyer**

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Rating ●●●●○

### Complete Reference Library

For those with groaning book shelves, Complete Reference Library provides a lightweight solution to your general knowledge queries. It contains ten reference books, including a dictionary, encyclopedia, thesaurus, and dictionary of quotations.

The reference works complement one another well, and the cross-referencing of dictionary and encyclopedia entries via a single, simple interface is particularly useful. Search for a word and you are offered a variety of definitions, and then by clicking on words in the definition you can widen your line





of enquiry. All your searches are saved, so you can go off at a tangent and still come back to the same place.

Altogether, the reference works give comprehensive coverage of just about anything you would want to know. The Reader's Companion to American History may sound of very little interest to British users but actually provides such things as detailed biographies of famous Americans. I looked up Marilyn Monroe and was treated to about 500 words on her life and times, including her first, often forgotten marriage and her best-forgotten first film.

A fun addition are the multimedia sections of the CD. If you search for references on volcanoes there is a photograph, a video clip, and an explanatory animation of an exploding volcano. Regrettably, this facility isn't available for all the entries you might ideally like to see — for example, there are no pictures of hieroglyphics. Short animations demonstrate such things as how a human heart works and how television pictures are snatched from the airwaves

and transmitted onto your TV screen.

There are 75 maps as well, but for all European users, especially Britons, this is where the package fails. A large number of the maps are rough street plans of US cities — not a great deal of use either to the average tourist or for a geography project. All the maps of countries are exactly the same size, so Russia is squashed onto a map the same size as that of the Vatican City. And judging by the map of Britain, someone at Mindscape obviously doesn't know the difference between Brighton and Bournemouth — the result of a bad day out at the English seaside?

The other disappointment is the Simpson's Contemporary Quotations dictionary. There are very few quotes from actual novels, plays or poems and I couldn't find any of my favourite, well known, off-the-cuff remarks by the rich and famous. This is a shame as there's no Shakespeare (as he's not contemporary) and, to my great disappointment, none of Oscar Wilde's witticisms (on or off stage). Dorothy Parker has numerous entries, but few of any note.

But this is a minor gripe. Calling it the Complete Reference Library might be stretch-

*Complete Reference Library's main dictionary and encyclopedia look-up allows you to continue your search through hypertext*



ing the point a bit — after all, this is not the British Library condensed — but it is an easy way to search for and cross-reference a lot of information.

**Adele Dyer**

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Rating ●●●●○

### 20th Century Video Almanac

The last hundred years have seen an explosion in mass media, and some of the most



powerful images of the century have been on film: the shooting of Kennedy, the unknown protester stopping the tanks in Tiananmen Square, and the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. So it makes sense to encapsulate the best of the 20th century on CD-ROM.

All the above events, and a great deal besides, have been included on 20th Century Video Almanac. There's over an hour's worth of video clips and over 2,400 colour photographs with associated commentaries. The entries are inter-linked through hypertext, so you can start your search through the index of subjects and people and continue a line of enquiry without having to go back to the index. Entries can be looked up via a time-line and world events can be pinpointed using a map. Trivia fans can look up events for any particular day.

All the video clips can be viewed full-screen and there is music of the period to accompany each video clip. Glaringly absent from many of the clips, however, is the real sound track. It is pointless and frus-

trating to have pictures of Martin Luther King making a speech if you can't hear what he's saying.

But this is a minor niggle compared with the 20th Century Video Almanac's worst fault. The Chinese call their country the Middle Kingdom because they regard it as the most important place on Earth. They would get a real shock, however, if they glanced at this CD-ROM, because they have been knocked off their pedestal and replaced by the good ol' US of A as the most egocentric nation.

According to Mindscape, the 20th Century belongs to the USA and world events are only important in relation to the part the USA had to play in them. Maybe as a European I am biased, but it rankles for example that the First World War is only reported from 1916 onwards and that the "Troubles in Northern Ireland" only gets three entries. But the discrepancies go even deeper. The Khmer Rouge are not mentioned at all, unlike Vietnam... Enough said, I think.

This could be overlooked if events were linked with a little more care. In order to get to the bottom of events in Iran, with the toppling of the Shah and the triumph of the Ayatollah Khomeini, you have to flick through endless accounts of the American Embassy hostage crisis and accounts of United States intervention. The events in Iran itself, taken from an impartial position, are hard to unravel.

It is unfortunate that these discrepancies arise, as the overall concept is good and the interface gives the impression of a very polished product, but it is sadly let down by poor explanations and the lack of a decent soundtrack.

**Adele Dyer**

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# Kids' Stuff

There's a definite fun feel to Kids' Stuff this month. Paul Begg and daughter Siobán (aged nine) venture into a haunted house, have some fun with an encyclopedia, go riding, vanish down a rabbit hole, and finish off with some educational software.

**W**hen I was a child there used to be backstreet newsagents. You went to them to get stuff that wasn't generally available in main-street newsagents, to keep up to date with the adventures of Superman, Batman, Flash, Green Lantern or the Justice League of America, and where, later, I went to get pulp science fiction magazines like Analog, Galaxy, Worlds of If, and The Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction.

Gahan Wilson wrote a few stories for Fantasy and Science Fiction — I think his first story was published in the December 1967 issue — but he was better known for his monthly cartoon. His work was bizarre then, and it's pretty bizarre now.

If you aren't familiar with the insane world of Gahan Wilson, you have a chance to get acquainted with Gahan Wilson's Ultimate Haunted House, a Byron Preiss game CD-ROM available from Microsoft.

While I don't usually give much space over to games in this column, the kids will love this one. It's a bit like one of the

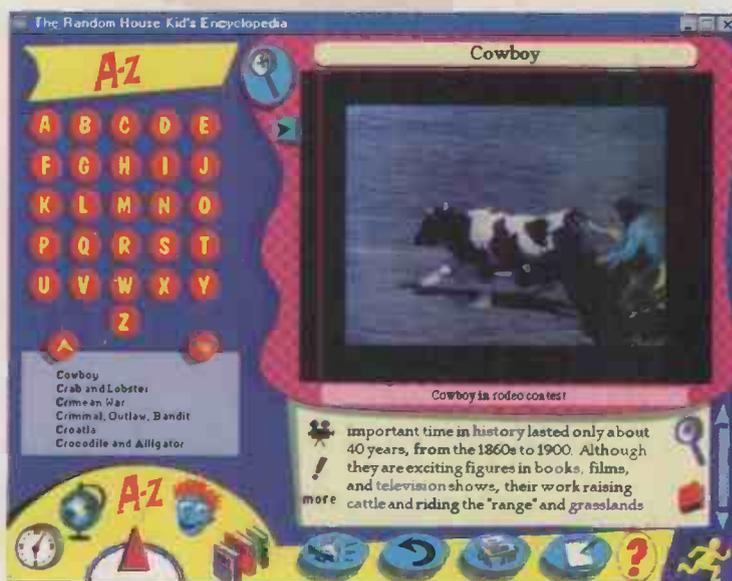
Broderbund Living Books in that you click on something and something happens, but instead of simply following a story, you have to find 13 keys. And you have to find them within a given time or be locked in the haunted house forever. If you find all 13 keys, you earn a cartoon, a sound or a screensaver that can be exported to your hard drive.

There are 13 scary rooms in the house for you to explore and lots of things to do — an art gallery of Gahan Wilson cartoons, a library full of books, a laboratory where you can play Frankenstein and build your own monster — and there are loads of monstrous sound effects and music.

For children aged eight and upwards, this is a nice little package to add some chills to the spine, but laughter is a more likely reaction...

## Kid's Encyclopedia

I was with some people from Microsoft recently who told me that they were producing



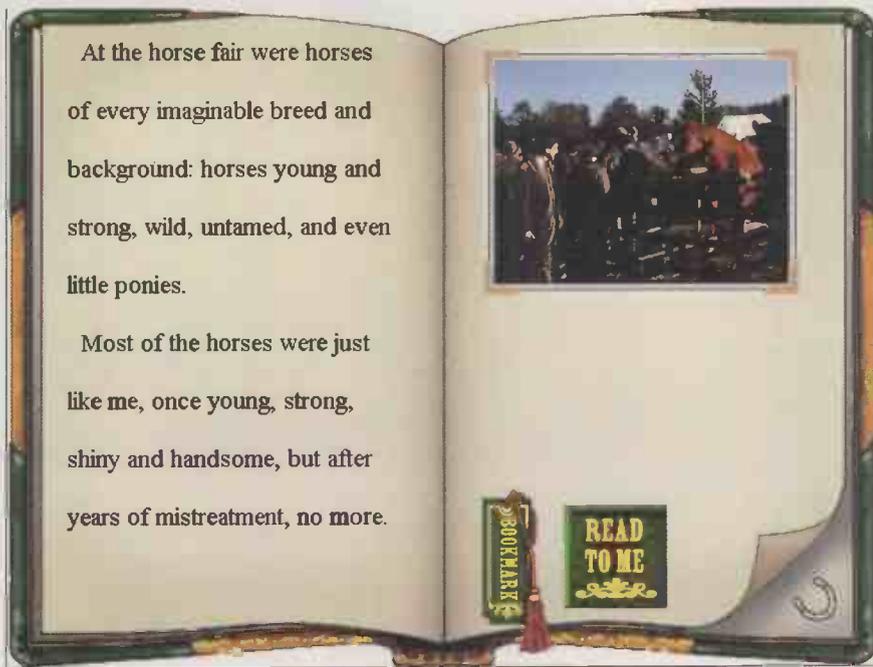
*Yeehaa! An end to those embarrassing "What's a cowboy, Daddy?" questions*

UK versions of some of their software titles; for example, having a narration by someone with an English accent, using UK spelling, and, perhaps the best news, getting a UK-specific content when applicable (watch for Encarta 96). This could cause a few headaches for competitors who will have to make a similar capital investment in nation-specific software if they want their titles to compete favourably with Microsoft.

I thought about this when looking at the Knowledge Adventure Kid's Encyclopedia. Knowledge Adventure has been in the encyclopedia business since it began with the eponymous Knowledge Adventure. All its titles have been encyclopedias, devoted to specific topics such as science, space, undersea,

dinosaurs and so on. It was only a matter of time before the company would go the whole hog and produce a full encyclopedia. That's what it has done in conjunction with US publishing giant, Random House.

The trouble with the encyclopedia is that the voices, narration, spelling and content are all American. There's no mention of Margaret Thatcher or John Major (arguably a good thing, but not when they feature in a school essay and you need information). And the product obviously doesn't conform to UK National Curriculum topics, which means that again it might be lacking the very information you are likely to need the most.



At the horse fair were horses of every imaginable breed and background: horses young and strong, wild, untamed, and even little ponies.

Most of the horses were just like me, once young, strong, shirny and handsome, but after years of mistreatment, no more.

A CD-ROM of a classic book, aimed at getting children to read the actual book — now, there's an idea

The stop press news is that Knowledge Adventure is considering giving its products a nation-specific feel, but to what extent this will be done — and whether it will happen to Kid's Encyclopedia — remains to be seen. This said, Kid's Encyclopedia is a crackerjack product. It is easy and fun to use, packed with information, narration, and over 200 movies and animations. You can find information in five ways: through an A-Z, by timeline, category, or geographically. Or you can join a Kid's Tour centred around a specific subject and see what there is to discover.

The disc itself offers up its information in various fun ways. There's Reference World, where you go to find that specific piece of information; Movie World, where you can watch one or more of the 120 film clips; and Games World, where you put your new knowledge to the test with Letter Rip, Match-o-Rama, or Slider.

The Kid's Encyclopedia is colourful and exciting to use. As with all Knowledge Adventure products it teaches thorough exploration — the child picks up information as he or she explores the product. I'm a little dubious about some of the entries — Bermuda Triangle, for example, which tends to perpetuate the myth rather than explain that most accounts of the disappearances are grossly inaccurate and play down rational explanations such as bad weather — but its overall coverage is fairly extensive and seems reliable.

For the seven to 12 age group, it comes on two CD-ROMs and is certainly worth taking a look at. I think you'll be impressed.

**Black Beauty**

Far more mysterious than the Bermuda Triangle is whatever people get for making the fastest exit from the cinema when the movie is over. I don't know what the prize is, but surely there must be one. Why else do people rush from the cinema as fast as they can as soon as the credits roll? I've seen people almost come to blows as one or the other tries to push out through the exit doors the moment the movie is over. The aim, I think, is to hit the street before the first line of the credits rolls off the screen.

Except recently. I took Siobán to the cinema and you'll appreciate my surprise when the credits rolled and nobody moved. They just sat and watched the credits rolling over scenes from the movie. The experience was as bizarre as a Gahan Wilson cartoon.

Mind you, the movie was the Caroline Thompson version of Black Beauty and the audience was full of little girls, so maybe it wasn't all that bizarre. So, if the movie gave so much pleasure, think about what you could do if you mixed text with clips from the movie and used the result to encourage children to read the book.

That's basically the idea behind the Interactive MovieBook series from Sound Source Interactive, and I think it's great. We all worry about children spending too much time watching TV, so why not harness TV programmes (or in this case movies) to excite children into reading?

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Black Beauty is a good idea, not implemented as well as it could have been. More text would have been nice, and maybe some information about the author and the author's motives in writing, but overall Siobán liked it a lot.

Be warned, you really need 8Mb RAM to run this program effectively. Indeed, although it should run on 4Mb, it probably won't.

Other titles in the series include the recent remakes of *The Secret Garden* and *Lassie*.

### Alice in Wonderland

While on the subject of children's classics, 133 years ago a maths lecturer took three little girls for a picnic and entertained them with a story. The story was *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, and it has since been published in almost every language, and transferred to film, cartoon, talking book, and now, by Europress Software to CD-ROM.

I should warn you that I had a lot of trouble getting Alice to

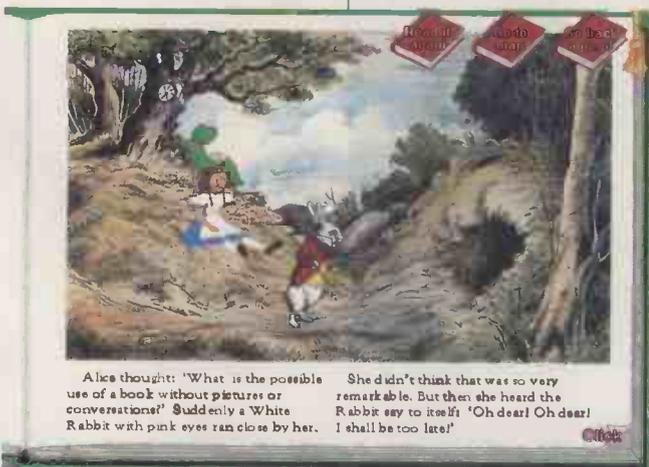
run properly — she'll run on 4Mb RAM, but is happier with 8Mb. Europress also warns that Alice is unsociable with other running applications, and that you could experience problems with unusual combinations of graphics boards, sound boards and CD-ROM drivers.

This said, when up and running, Alice is worth it. This CD-ROM has great charm — mainly, I think, through the use of Sir John Tenniel's original illustrations and the voices of Delia Corrie and David Mahlowe. You can choose to read the story yourself, or have it read to you, the latter option rendered particularly appealing by the multi-voice talents of Delia and David. The picture screens are animated and, as with the Broderbund Living Books, a mouse-click on something on-screen often causes something to happen. There are also games to play: simply click on a pulsating heart when you see one.

Two things to note: it was produced using Klik & Play, the no-programming-needed games developer from Europress; and you can use the CD-ROM as a talking book and play it in a regular CD player.

Overall, I suppose Alice is simply a talking book and you'd probably be as happy with the animated movie. However, Siobán and I were

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*Kid's School House, one of the latest batch of entertaining, educational shareware*

charmed by this CD-ROM and, with reservations about the installation problems, we both recommend it, especially at the price.

### Shareware

Finally, a few people have commented to me that my raving on about this or that piece of software is all right, but to have to fork out £40 upwards is another story, especially when the boredom factor sets in and the program sits on the hard disk gathering dust. As one correspondent put it, if only the kids could have a few hours to play with the software, you'd know whether it was going to get used enough to make the expenditure worthwhile. And this, of course, is the philosophy behind shareware — try before you buy!

But even the cost of shareware can add up. A program might come on a couple of disks costing a few pounds apiece, and although the risks seem marginal, some people are concerned that shareware spreads viruses. You can get round some of these problems by buying a compilation disk.

At a recent computer show my eye was caught by some shareware collections, in particular, one called *Kid's School House*. For children aged three to eight, the collection on CD-ROM contains 13 programs

teaching numbers, letters, shapes and colours. It even had a kid's typing tutor! At a cost of just under £15, it's not a dramatic investment and is one way of beating the boredom factor.

Other collections include 3D Multimedia Games (*Doom*, *Wolfenstein* etc) and *Kid's Fun House* (a collection of less bloodthirsty scrolling arcade games) — well worth taking a look at.

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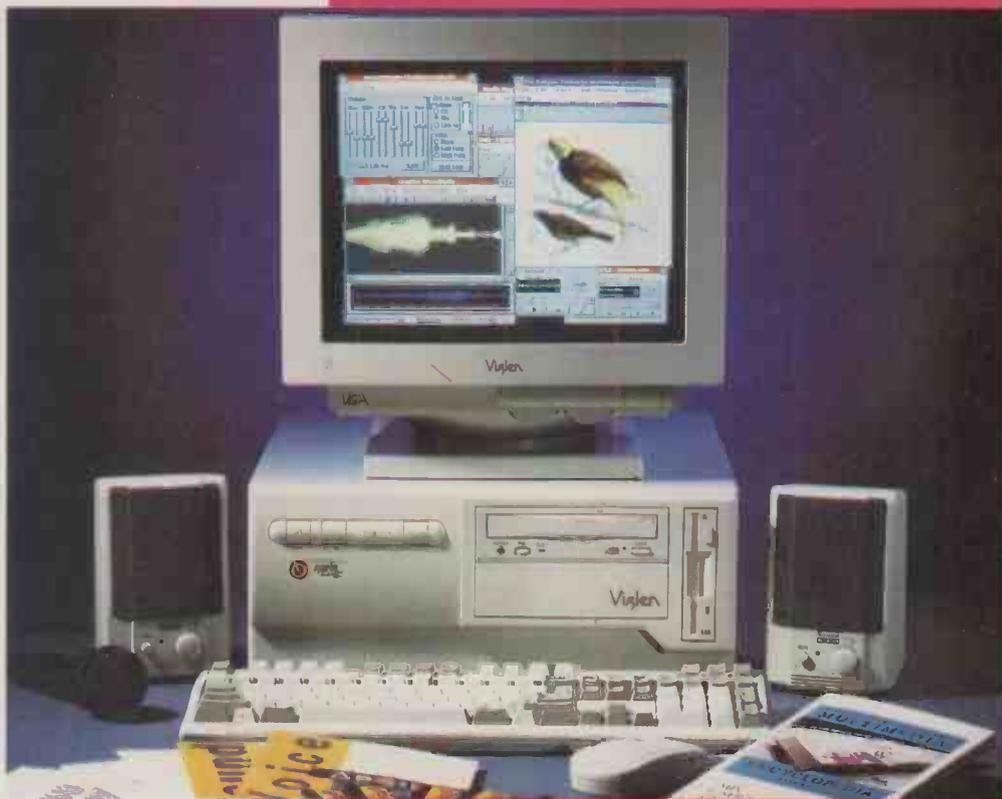
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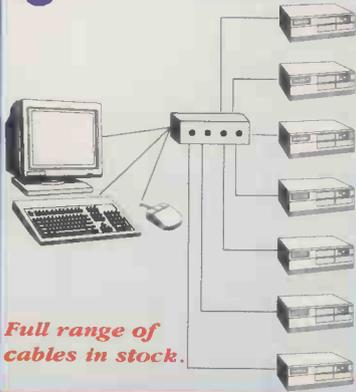
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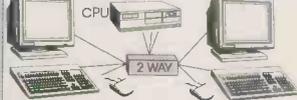
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## screenplay NEWS

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Marines

**E**lectronic Arts has announced Marine Fighters, an add-on data disk for its top-selling PC combat simulator, US Navy Fighters. The new supplement offers players an additional three aircraft — the US Marine AV-8B Harrier II, the British FRS.Mk 2 Sea Harrier, and the unfortunately named Russian Yak 141 "FreeStyle". According to EA, each aircraft has revolutionised air warfare and is equipped with vectoring

nozzles that let it hover like a helicopter. Cool.

The add-on also offers a new game scenario, set in 1997 and with 35 challenging missions.

Electronic Arts 01753 549442

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With Sega's 32-bit Saturn game system now available in the US for \$399, Sony has announced that its rival Playstation will launch in September exactly one hundred dollars cheaper. The \$299 price will include a single joystick, but no games pack as with Sega's system. Titles such as Toshinden, Ridge Racer and Tekken will be available separately at launch.

Sony UK could not give PCW a price for the UK machine at time of writing, but a direct translation to £299 isn't unlikely.

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**F**ollowing the phenomenal success of Donkey Kong Country last Christmas, Nintendo is set to convert its long awaited arcade beat 'em up Killer Instinct to the 16-bit SNES. Using the same Silicon Graphics technology to render lifelike characters, the company hopes this title will stave off the attack from new 32-bit games systems.

Killer Instinct  
from Nintendo

Written by Rare, Killer Instinct features large rendered characters, and this time the combatants include Jago, a fighting Tibetan monk, a werewolf called SabreWulf, and Fulgore, a prototype military cyborg. As well as lashings of blood, guts and ear-bursting sound effects, there are plenty of hidden secrets and combinations to keep players happy. **PCW**

## Need for Speed

**D**esigned in conjunction with *Road & Track*, America's premier car-enthusiast magazine, Need for Speed is the latest release for PC racing fans. The game gives you the chance to get behind the wheels of the world's most exotic sport cars, including a Lamborghini Diablo VT, a Porche 911 and a Ferrari 512TR.

After selecting one of eight vehicles, players can race against the clock in a Time Trial or Head to Head against the computer or a modem-linked opponent for a greater challenge. Publisher Electronic Arts claims that photorealistic 3D graphics, video footage, CD-quality sampled sound and Dolby Surround effects make this the most realistic and enjoyable driving simulation ever — and in fact, the screens *do* look pretty good.

Already playing on 3DO, Need for Speed will be out in August on PC CD-ROM. No RRP has been set. **PCW**

# Screenplay

## Metal Marines

If you fancy blowing away an enemy task force or two and your PC is up to the job, this action-packed game should keep you amused for hours, says Richard Barry.

**M**etal Marines is loads of fun and extremely challenging. You are a commander in charge of a company of units which include the élite Metal Marines, and you have to blow up your enemy's task force. When the game starts you have to position a set of bases that can be well guarded, and then position the rest of your facilities, ranging from missile launchers through to Metal Marine factories. Each time you build something, you get an animation of a tractor digging and flattening a site followed by a crane erecting your chosen building, and most of the buildings have radar dishes that spin or other animations.

Once you've set up your facility, you have to defend it from the *blitzkrieg* your opponent throws at you. First come the missiles which, if you have enough radar sites, are easily intercepted by your missile droids. If your opponent sends in the Marines, though, you're in a bit of trouble.

Marines come in two flavours: standard blue, who die after about 50 shots from a gun turret, and Super Gold, who are rather nasty and can completely ruin your hard work. The trick with these is to set up a load of minefields around your turrets so that

Metal Marines



*An excellent combination of action and strategy, Metal Marines is guaranteed to keep you hooked for hours*



while the guns are shooting at them, they're also being blown up by the mines. Simple.

One downside of this game is that if you're running anything less than a 486DX2/66 you'll have problems. Metal Marines is a brilliant game, but boy, is it slow. Microsoft wants the whole world to run games on Windows 95 but if this is anything to go by, it will need

something of a re-think.

We tested the game running on a Dell Dimension XPS P75 with 16Mb RAM and a Mach 64 graphics board with 2Mb VRAM running on Windows 3.11 and then on Windows 95. Even with this configuration, movement is blocky and screen refresh is appalling. It's a pity, since being a Windows game it's easy to install and learn,

and can use your existing sound and video cards.

Metal Marines is one of those games that will keep you late at work and have you tearing your hair out in frustration. One of its greatest assets is that it runs over a network, albeit slowly. The music and sound effects are fairly atmospheric (if rather samey) but we found that if you turn them off the

animation response improves dramatically. If it were released under DOS, had bigger sprites and a more varied soundtrack it would be perfect.

System Requirements: 486 PC with 8Mb RAM, Windows 3.1 or higher, CD-ROM drive, SVGA 640 x 480, Netbios-capable Network services (for network play)  
Price: £39.99  
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## SlipStream 5000

In Gremlin's Slipstream 5000 you pilot a well armed ship around a twisty maze of passages in competition with up to four other human opponents and/or robots, picking up goodies as you go to refuel your ship. This description makes it seem similar to the highly popular shoot 'em up, Descent (see PCW, June '95), but while Descent is like Doom in three dimensions, SlipStream is a flying racing game where guns play a fairly minor role. In fact, except for the odd unmanned drone, you are unlikely to destroy anything while you fly around.

The SlipStream flyers are remarkably sturdy craft. Just as in most racing-car games, running off the course into cliffs at 400mph just makes you spin around for a few seconds and lose your lead. The weapons you can have fitted don't blow up your opponents, they just cause them to lose manoeuvrability or speed. Any damage can be repaired during the game by picking up repair

"tokens" lying around the track or flying through a pit stop. As you can imagine, it is next to impossible to steer your fast-moving ship around a track and line up your sights on an enemy craft at the same time — fortunately,

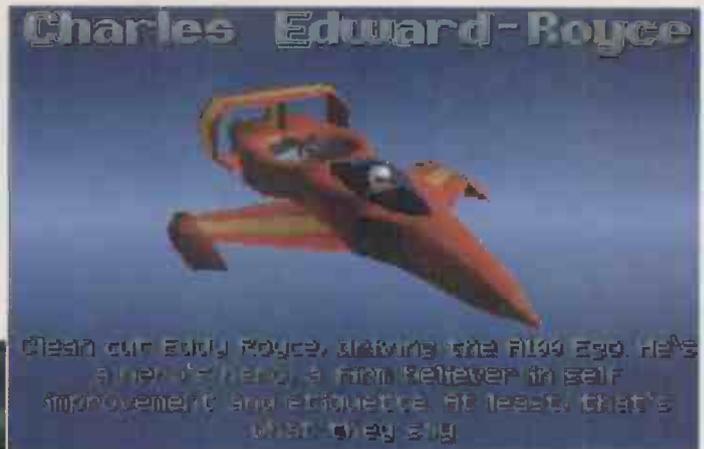


This is a long and narrow ravine, winding through the jungle just like a long and

the game takes care of much of this for you. As long as you're pointed roughly at an opposing ship, your targeting computer will do the rest.

There are ten race-courses on the CD, scattered all over the globe from Norway to Egypt to London, many including famous landmarks from the cities or countries featured. There are also ten

**This is a networkable racing game with a difference — you're not on the ground, but in the air. David Brake donned his flying goggles and set off on the ride of a lifetime.**



Above One of the rather one-dimensional characters from SlipStream 5000

Left You'll need nerves of steel to make it through this one

Below Fancy blowing up the House of Commons? Now's your chance



craft to choose from, and each has a cartoon-like pilot. Each craft is supposed to have different characteristics, but none of these are explained in the manual and it's difficult to tell the difference between them in play. The large storage capacity of a CD also allows Gremlin to include a pair of sports commentators who talk while showing a fly-through on each new course and indulge themselves in a little light-hearted banter. Like the pilots you are given, though, they are so witless and one-dimensional you'll wish Gremlin had used the space they take up to add a few more courses.

As you might expect, if you've had a particularly interesting circuit, you can replay the race from one of several views. You can fly through individual courses but the real challenge is the championship. There, you fly through each of the ten courses in turn — a good result in a single race gives you points that you accu-

mulate to win overall, and cash which you can use to buy better weapons, faster engines and other gadgets like mines or a smoke screen.

SlipStream has an impressive range of ways to bring in human opponents: you can play across a serial cable or modem, across an IPX network against up to four opponents or even split the screen horizontally and play against another person on the same computer. Since to play SlipStream you need to have the CD in your drive, the latter is the only way you will be able to play against another person without buying a copy of the game for each opponent, and it doesn't feel as cramped as you'd think.

If you like racing games and you've got the horsepower to run this rather demanding package (at the highest-detail setting, even my Pentium 60 with 8Mb RAM was occasionally over-worked), you'll find this an entertaining addition to your game collection, espe-

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## Leisure Lines

### Brain teasers courtesy of JJ Clessa.

#### Quickie

A perfect cube is painted red on all faces. It is then cut into 27 equal cubes using 9 cuts only. How many of the smaller cubes will then have:

- No faces coloured?
- One face coloured?
- Two faces coloured?
- Three faces coloured?

#### This Month's Prize Puzzle

The idea for this month's puzzle came from an article in a national newspaper about children's mathematics tests. We've modified it slightly to give you this problem.

A 2-digit number ring can be defined as a series of 2-digit integers with the following property: From any given value in the ring, the next value can be obtained by

multiplying the larger digit of the value by the single-digit ring factor and then adding the remaining digit. And eventually, after a succession of values, the original value will be returned to.

We can illustrate with a ring factor of 4, and start the ring with a first value of 35.

The second number in the ring is obtained by multiplying the larger digit (5) by the factor and adding the other digit, i.e.  $5 \times 4 + 3 = 23$ .

From 23, the third number is obtained by  $3 \times 4 + 2 = 14$ .

The fourth and subsequent values are then:

$$17(4 \times 4 + 1)$$

$$29(7 \times 4 + 1)$$

$$38(9 \times 4 + 2)$$

$$\text{and finally}$$

$$35(8 \times 4 + 3)$$

at which stage we have arrived back at the starting number with 6 different numbers making up the ring:

35, 23, 14, 17, 29, 38

The ring ends as soon as a number is repeated. A ring is valid only if it returns to the starting number. If a number less than 10 is encountered, it should be written with a leading zero. It will soon be seen that not every number can be part of a ring, although all numbers lead to a ring — rather like railway sidings going into the main loop.

For example, the number 01 will lead to a ring, but it can never be returned to, for reasons that with a little thought should be apparent.

I want you to find the ring factor which yields the longest ring possible in which all digits (0-9) are present — **except the ring factor digit itself.**

Answers (ring and factor) on a postcard or the back of a sealed envelope — no letters or floppy disks, please. Send to: PCW Prize Puzzle — August 1995, P.O. Box 99,

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#### Winner of May 1995 Prize Puzzle

A good response — almost 150 entries to our problem about pythagorean triangles. Most gave the correct solution, but we had to smile at one entrant, who shall be nameless. He wrote: "At last, a mathematical problem that I can do" — and promptly got the wrong answer. Life can be so cruel. Anyway, we used our random number generator to select the winner, and this month it is Mr S Bains of Harlington in Middlesex. Congratulations, Mr Bains, your prize will be with you shortly.

The required answer was: 27,304,196 : 27,304,197 : 38,613,965

Usual message to all the also-rans — keep trying, it could be your turn next.

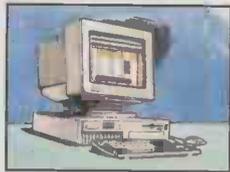
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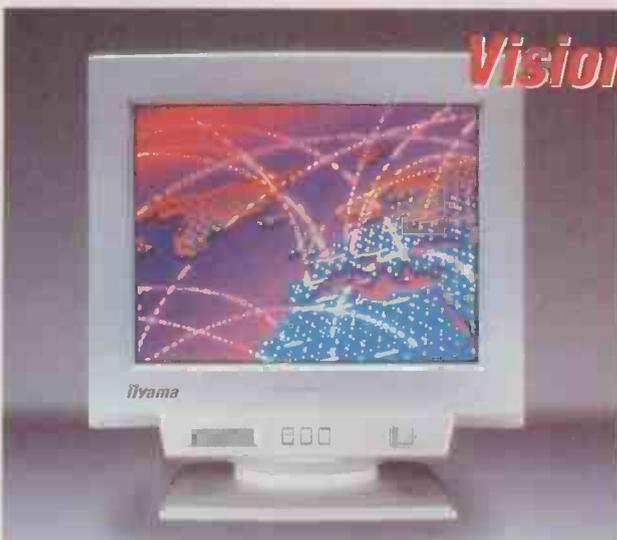
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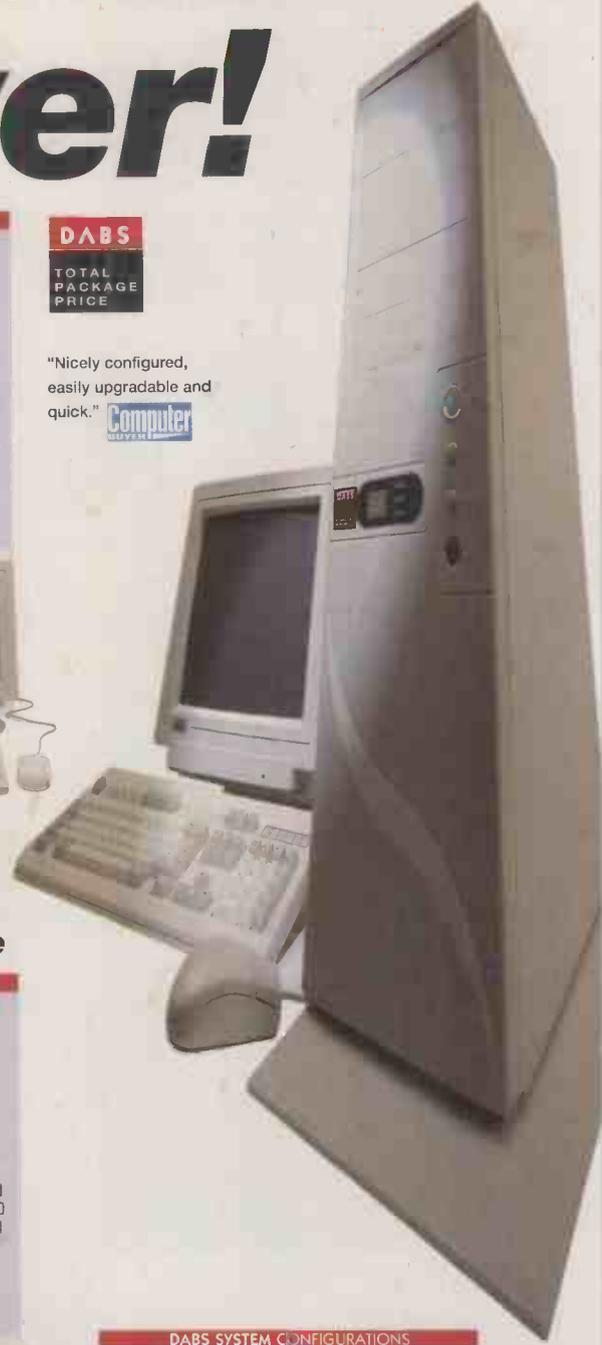


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## In the Windows seat

**So, you've got Windows 95 up and running, but what now? Never fear, for Tim Nott is on hand to help you navigate from Taskbar to Explorer.**

**H**aving concentrated on installation and thrown in a sprinkling of tips last month, it's perhaps the time to tackle the philosophical issues, or as most upgraders from version 3.x would put it, "What the hell is going on here?"

Let's start at the very beginning. Windows 95 loads, and having digested the "Tip of the day", you're left with a bar at the bottom, if it hasn't been moved, and some icons, usually at the left of the screen. Underneath all this is the desktop. Now, the icons on the desktop look very much like a minimised application did in Windows 3.x. But they're not. These are more like the icons in the old Program Manager in that they launch applications or open folders from scratch. The Taskbar is where minimised applications "go" — in fact, they're there all the time. The more applications and folders you have open, the more buttons will appear on the Taskbar. Click on one, and the corresponding window will either be restored, if minimised, or brought to the top, if covered. Once you have a few windows open, you'll find that the buttons on the Taskbar squeeze up and truncate the description, which can be rather confusing. To see the whole thing, waft your mouse pointer over the Taskbar button without pressing a mouse button, and a "Tooltip"-style pop-up will appear with the full text. If you prefer, you can create more room on the Taskbar by dragging its edge towards the centre of the screen.

### Step inside

On the left of the Taskbar is the Start Button. This is the way into Windows 95 and is the nearest thing you're going to find to the old idea of Program Manager. Click here and a menu appears. Starting

from the bottom, you should have the self-evident Shut Down, followed by Run..., which is similar to Program Manager's Run... command, and very useful. Next up the ladder is Help, again obvious, followed by Find. You might have several choices here, but for the moment we'll just consider "Files or Folders...". I'm not going to go into this in depth, as it's fairly obvious how to use it, but do check out the Advanced tab. Users of Word or WordPerfect will be accustomed to this, but you can search for files containing specified text, which is a wonderful facility to have at system level.

I'll come back to Settings, but up again, Documents lists the last 15 data files you've worked on — another extremely useful feature as clicking on one resumes work where you left off, without having to launch the application first. Finally we get to the Programs menu. This is the nearest thing to the old-style Program Manager, in that the menu subdivides into further sections, rather like Program Manager groups. Unlike Program Manager, you can have groups within groups, and note the rather cool, but annoyingly slow, way the menus will expand without touching a mouse button. If you want to indulge in a little nostalgia, start PROGMAN.EXE from the Run... option. You'll see the same groups and programs here, too, but without the nesting.

### A few little arrows

So, back to the rest of the desktop. Any icon with a little arrow in the corner is a "shortcut". A shortcut is like a free-range Program Manager icon (or item, to be pedantic). As with its ancestors, you can move or delete it without affecting the

application it relates to. Unlike a Program Manager item, it can go practically anywhere: on the desktop, on the Start menu or in a folder. And since that's the fourth time I've used the f-word this month, perhaps it's finally time to get to grips with this concept.

"Directory" is now a non-word. Search for it in the help files and you'll draw a blank. What we used to know by the term is now a *type* of folder, in that anything that was a directory now appears as a folder. Double-click on the "My Computer" icon and you'll get a window showing all your drives and a few other things. Double-click, say, your C: drive, make sure "large icons" is selected in the View menu, and you'll see a Program Manager-style display of files (with various icons) and yellow folders, each of which corresponds to a directory. To keep the screen tidy, go back to the View menu, and from Options select Browse in a single window. Keep drilling down, and you'll find more folders (sub-directories) and files. The point of all this is that you don't need a utility such as File Manager to access a folder. Try holding down the right mouse button and dragging a folder out onto the desktop. From the menu that appears when you release the button, choose "Create shortcut here". Double-clicking on the Shortcut icon will then open the folder, cutting out all the middlemen.

### Put another way...

For a more traditional view, start the Explorer from Start button/Programs. You'll see something vaguely reminiscent of File Manager, with a tree display on the left and the contents of the current directory on the right. Unlike File Manager, it won't let you have multiple windows, which is a pet hate of mine only partly compensated for by the fact you can have multiple Explorers. The important thing to note is this is not a straight hierarchical view of your disks. Right at the top of the tree is Desktop. Click on this and you'll see System Folders such as My Computer and Recycle Bin, together with any shortcuts or files that you've put on the Desktop. Click on My Computer and you'll see all your drives, as well as system folders for Control Panel, Printers and maybe other things. It doesn't take long to twig that this doesn't correspond to the view from File Manager — run WINFILE.EXE to compare. While all directories appear somewhere as folders, not all folders — e.g. Control Panel — are directories. To cause further confusion to traditionalists, you'll find that the user-defined contents of

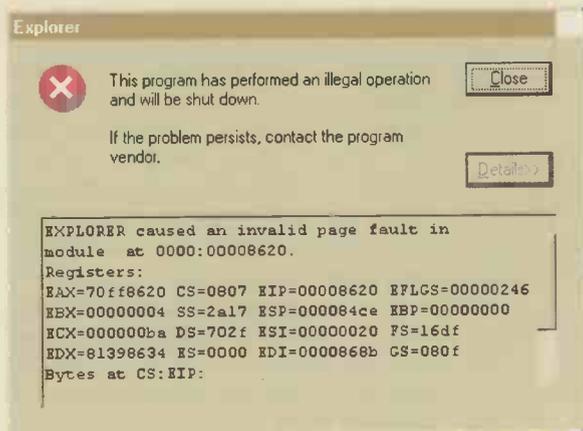


Left Windows 95 in a nutshell — shortcuts, an open folder, the Taskbar and the cascading Start menu

Below One day this will be a thing of the past, we hope. But remember it's still in beta

Paintshop are the best respective choices. If, however, you wanted to do some hefty image processing then Photoshop is your man. Alternatively, you may have one extension that covers different types of file — .SCR, for example, is used by Windows screensavers as well as the script files of many comms applications.

The facility for multiple associations has long been on my wish-list, and while the documentation doesn't exactly shout about it, it's possible with Win95. The



secret is in the View/Options menu item which you can find either in Explorer or any open folder. This produces a tabbed property sheet from which you select File Types. Scroll down the list and highlight the document type you want to change — for this example, we'll use Bitmap Image. The details show that this has the .BMP extension and opens with MSPAINT. Click on Edit... and a new dialogue box opens to show the description of type and possible actions. Click on New... and yet another dialogue box appears. In the Action box, type in a description such as "Open with Paintshop". In the "Application used to perform action" box type in the path to Paintshop, or use the Browse button to find it. You can then OK and Close your way back up the hierarchy of dialogues, while trying to keep a straight face about the "simple to use" philosophy of Windows 95. Now double click on a .BMP file — it will load into Paintbrush (MSPAINT) as usual. Right-click on it, however, and you'll have a choice of Open (i.e. with Paintbrush), or Open with Paintshop.

the Desktop are stored in a folder named Desktop corresponding to the C:\WIN95\DESKTOP subdirectory (or if user profiles are enabled, C:\PROFILES\USERNAME\DESKTOP). And the Recycle Bin actually corresponds to different directories for each drive letter.

It's downright illogical, confusing and embarrassing to existing users — rather like waking from a 20-year sleep to find that flared trousers are no longer compulsory. My only advice is to try to come to terms with it, and in time you'll start to accept that perhaps the old directory model, much like flared trousers, wasn't such a good idea in the first place.

**Top tips**

Just one tip this month, but it's a good one. With Windows 3.x you can double-click on a data file from Program or File Manager, and if you've associated the extension with a program, the latter will be launched with the file loaded. The drawback with this is that the default association may not always be what you want at the time. Say, for example, you have a picture file in .BMP format, and installed on your system are Windows Paintbrush, Paintshop Pro and a high-end bitmap editor such as Photoshop. If all you want to do is a little simple editing, or convert to another format, then the fast-loading Paintbrush or

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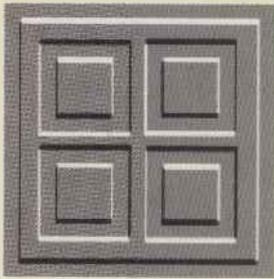
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## You can take it with you

**Tim Nott explains a couple of ways you can take your hard disk with you when you next upgrade, and provides some vital do's and don'ts. From his postbag of unsolicited software he finds a gem of a system monitor, and gives the first batch of a new series of Ten Top Tips for Windows.**

**F**ollowing my recent spring cleaning advice, Vince Brittan emailed from CompuServe. He was so pleased with the results that he wants to take the contents of his hard disk with him when he next upgrades. But, as he says in his message: "How do I get all this stuff from one computer to the other? The thought of sitting in front of my new computer with a huge stack of floppies and feeding the disk drive for hours on end fills me with horror."

Making the reasonable assumption that Windows is already installed on the new machine, the most elegant solution (for the brave) is to remove the hard disk from the old machine and install it in the new one as a "slave". Make a note of the BIOS settings of the disk type first, so you can set these in the new machine. Check also that your LASTDRIVE= setting leaves enough room for the extra drives you are about to accumulate. I'm not going to go into the nitty-gritty of this as it's way out of my field, and it's been well covered in Frank Leonhardt's articles in the April and May issues of *PCW*. Note though, that if your old drive had a compressed partition, you'll need to set up the new machine to read this. Another way is to use the DOS 6.x program, Interlink. This allows you to copy files over a serial or parallel cable but needs a little setting up. For a detailed explanation, type "HELP INTERLNK" at

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Dos
File Search
MS-DOS Help: INTERLNK
Notes Examples
INTERLNK
Connects two computers via parallel or serial ports and enables the
computers to share disks and printer ports. For example, you could connect a
laptop computer to a desktop computer and share files. You must install the
<INTERLNK.EXE> device driver before you can use this command.
Syntax
INTERLNK [client:] [=server:] [:]
To display the current status of the Interlnk program, use the following
syntax:
INTERLNK
Parameters
client
<Alt+C=Contents> <Alt+N=Next> <Alt+B=Back>
N 00001:002
  
```

**Do you need help with Interlnk? Type HELP INTERLNK at a DOS prompt**

the DOS prompt, but for a brief overview, read on.

Let's call the new computer the Client and the old one, holding all your data, the Server. First, switch off both PCs and set up the physical connection with a serial or parallel cable. For those with a "Soldering" award badge on their anorak, the connections are given in the DOS help file. You then have to install Interlink on the client by adding Device=C:\DOS\INTERLNK.EXE to CONFIG.SYS, amending it to suit the location if necessary. Put this at the

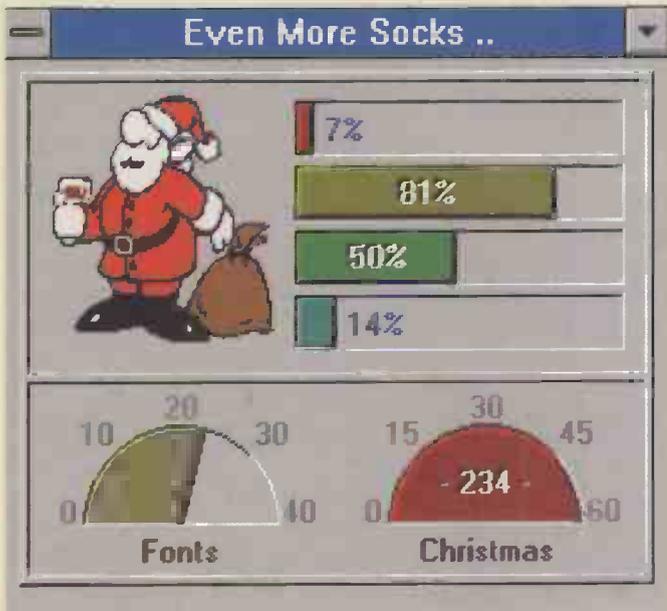
end of your CONFIG.SYS, as it gets very confused by things such as RAM drives or CD-ROM drivers that may be loaded subsequently. You may need to add a switch to stop Interlink trying to access the same port as your mouse — I didn't, and got away with it. As before, check that the LASTDRIVE= setting leaves room for expansion.

You must then install INTERSVR.EXE on to the server by copying it via a floppy; this should be the only bit of floppying you need to do. Run INTERSVR on the server, and reboot the client to the DOS prompt. You can then run INTERLNK.EXE on the client with a plethora of switches to determine how various drives and printers are mapped. I'm not going to bore you with these — they're all in the help files — but by default (i.e. without running INTERLNK.EXE again) you should be able to access the first three drives on the server from the client. If you want something a little more user-friendly, buy a commercial package such as LapLink Remote. I use this as it came installed on my notebook and has the advantage of remote installation. Once the physical connection has been made, you can install the soft-

ware on the second machine over the cable and unlike Interlink it's two-way — you can transfer files from either end.

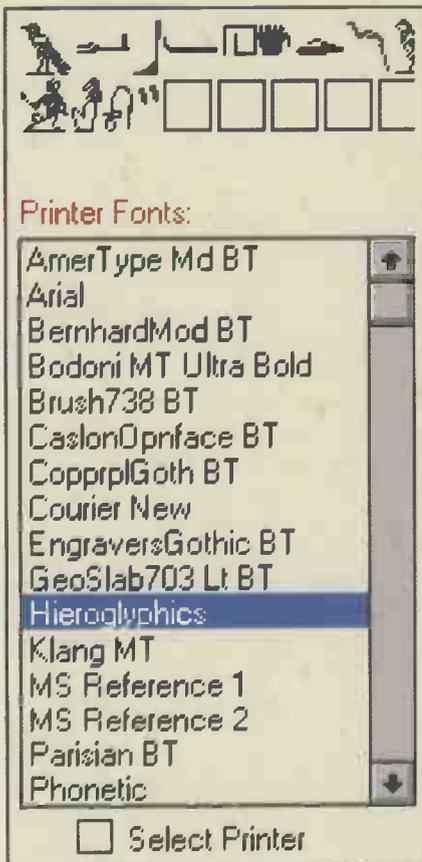
Whatever route you take, you should end up being able to start Windows on the client and find some new drives in File Manager. Drives on the server will be mapped to the client: for example, if both the server and client have drives A: and C:, those on the server will appear as D: and E: in the client's copy of File Manager.

Then it starts to get tricky, as there are so many cases to consider. At the simplest level, you might have the same version of DOS and Windows on both hard disks with no extra software on the new machine. Alternatively, the new machine might have



Left Syswatch — monitors both your system and the countdown to Christmas

Below Syswatch offers a quick way to view your fonts



which may contain machine-specific information.

- DO read the licensing agreement for your applications — you probably don't have the right to run them on two machines. Once you've successfully set up software on the new machine you will often be obliged to remove it from the old.
- DO try to ensure that data and applications preserve their original path names, otherwise you will have a long job editing .INI files, .GRP files, the Registration Database and more.
- DO use common sense. Whereas it's possible to copy over fonts and the "[fonts]" section of WIN.INI, it's actually much easier to re-install them from the new Windows by pointing Control Panel/Fonts at the old directory and adding them from there.
- DO remember that those applications which keep all their bits in one directory are easy to deal with — just copy the whole thing over. These might have a .INI file in Windows or a section in WIN.INI as well. Others which use .DLLs or shared files are much trickier — see the next item.
- DO know when to admit defeat. With complex packages such as office suites it might actually be quicker to feed in those twenty-odd disks again than to hunt out every shared file, .DLL and other settings.
- DO take a copy of your old WIN.INI and rename it before copying bits and pieces to the new one. That way you won't have the confusion of two windows titled "Notepad — WIN.INI".
- DO remember to run REGEDIT.EXE to merge the old associations and OLE object settings from applications — but do this before you reinstall any applications from scratch. It also makes sense to run

a more recent version of Windows and DOS, and come bundled with software such as an Office suite, so mileage, as they say, will vary considerably; the best I can do briefly is to offer some Do's and Don'ts.

- DO "copy" rather than "move" — for obvious reasons.
- DON'T copy the old SYSTEM.INI over the new; this will screw up all the hardware-specific settings such as the display card, for instance. Ditto CONTROL.INI,

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REGEDIT.EXE on the old machine first to clean out any redundant entries.

● DON'T try to upgrade to the Windows 95 beta at the same time. Install to 3.x, then upgrade.

#### A resourceful monitor

Among the unsolicited software received this month was a collection of utilities from UK software company, BitSoft. There was: an icon manager that didn't include an icon editor; a suite of zip and unzip addons that I found to be hideously complicated compared with WinZip or Drag'nZip; a course in Visual Basic programming and a Phoneday .DLL, both of which I managed to resist. Further gloom was caused by the fact that most of these wouldn't get on with my display card (the very sexy Videologic PCI Movie that Stephen Rodda reviewed last April) resulting in the curious phenomenon of transparent Windows. I was just about to delete the lot with a clear conscience when I came across Syswatch, the system monitor. Like many such utilities this shows you the free space on each drive, the free memory, user and GDI resources. All this is attractively set out in 3D bar gauges and at the bottom of the panel are two semi-circular versions: one showing the number of running applications; the other being a "take a break" reminder.

When I started playing with this in earnest, I realised that this was My Kinda Monitor. Wave the mouse pointer across various parts of the screen, and unusual things happen. Click on the "User Resources" gauge and you can change various control panel settings, such as wallpaper and screensaver. Unlike the control panel, wallpaper changing happens in realtime so you can browse through files and see the result without having to exit on each occasion. Click on the GDI meter and you get several options for restarting Windows, including reloading all current running applications (but alas, not their data files). This is a handy way of regaining memory and resources that have "leaked". The task gauge expands to show the title of each application — you can use this just like the Windows task manager — and the Break Time pops up a window to set the interval.

But the real joy comes from pressing F1, which produces a wealth of options to play with. I won't go into all of them, but my personal favourite was to have the left-hand gauge display my fonts — a pop-up list shows a sample of the selected font — and on the right, a countdown to the days remaining until Christmas. Pass the

pointer over this and a jolly little Santa Claus appears, with an appropriate gift suggestion in the titlebar. The Cher Fitness Video, Even More Socks, Cheap Perfume and a Copy of OS/2 are already on my shopping list. Despite the fact that it needs VBRUN200.DLL, consumes about 300kb of memory and seems somewhat unstable (to put it politely) the sheer lunacy factor redeems it.

At the time of writing I've been unable to locate an online source and I'm still waiting for permission to put it on the cover CD, but the distributors are Pan European Software.

#### Security forces

Returning to your letters and email, a letter arrived this month from Hereford, addressed to "Tim Nott, Security Problem, PCW...". Fearing the worst, I opened it carefully, but it wasn't the SAS putting the frighteners on me. It was Christopher Reed with his own security problem, and he wanted to know how to prevent users of a PC running games off floppy disks. Well, Windows 3.1 security is notoriously lax, but what I think he's after is the "[Restrictions]" section which you can put into PROGMAN.INI. This has been covered in past issues of PCW (September 1993, and December 1994) but a brief summary has been included in the tips panel (opposite).

Michael Pritchard wrote from Devon to say that since reinstalling Windows, he can't see any of his TrueType fonts in applications. Although the "Enable TrueType" box is checked in Control Panel/Fonts and they show up correctly in the preview, they don't appear in applications. I hope he's guessed by now, but the overwhelmingly probable answer is also in the tips panel.

David Williams wrote from Borstal — not the institution, but the town in Kent — concerning Smartdrive. I must apologise for not responding earlier; it has taken me some time to understand his problem. But I think I've got the gist of it now: Windows 3.11 has 32-bit file access and this incorporates disk caching, so you don't need Smartdrive as well. In fact, it's a bad idea as a whole chunk of memory is taken up for nothing. David has written a batch file to disable Smartdrive from caching his hard disk when starting Windows and re-enabling it on exit. I don't know how I can break this gently, David, but you are re-inventing the wheel. The command C:\DOS\SMARTDRV.EXE 2048 128 (tailor it to suit) does this for you. The cache will be 2048kb in DOS but reduces

## Ten Top Tips for Windows

- Calculator** Obvious really, but I for one spent a long time stabbing at this with the mouse before realising the numeric keypad works with this. Use "Enter" for "equals". Other keystrokes are given in the help file.
- Screen Savers** You can launch or configure a screen saver straight from Program Manager. First add "SCR" to the list of "programs=" in the "[Windows]" section of WIN.INI. Running "saver.SCR" will launch the configuration options. Running it with the "/s" switch will launch the saver itself
- Task switching** Hold down Alt and keep pressing Tab to cycle through running applications. If you see an outline of the window instead of a small panel, check that "Fast Alt+Tab switching" is checked in the Desktop section of Control Panel. As it suggests, it's faster.
- Fonts** TrueType fonts enabled and showing in Control Panel but not in applications? Check that you have a printer driver installed that will use TT fonts — the Generic/Text Only one won't.
- Program Manager /File Manager** To keep your current settings without closing, press Alt+Shift +F4 or hold down shift as you close it with the mouse.
- Write** Although Write doesn't have drag and drop editing, if you highlight some text, hold down Shift + Alt, then click elsewhere with the mouse: it will move the text to the new location. Alt on its own, copies.
- Program Manager** You can limit user access by adding a [Restrictions] section to PROGMAN.INI, with the following entries:  
**EditLevel= 1** — can't create, delete or rename groups, **2** — ditto program items, **3** — can't edit item command line, **4** — can't make any change to item properties. Restrictions are cumulative.  
**NoRun=1** — disables File/Run...  
**NoFileMenu=1** — removes the File menu completely.  
**NoClose=1** — can't close Program Manager.  
**NoSaveSettings=1** — can't save settings.
- Startup group** Holding down the Shift key as Windows loads, prevents the contents of the Startup group loading.
- Program Manager /File Manager** Create new program icons by dragging the .EXE files from File Manager to Program Manager.
- Program Manager** Squeeze rows of icons closer by adding **IconVerticalSpacing=60** in the [Desktop] section of WIN.INI. Experiment with the actual value; on my PC this just allows two lines of text below.

to 128kb (small, but useful for CD-ROM and floppies) when Windows is running. If you set up 32-bit file access from Control Panel/Enhanced, Windows should make the necessary changes to AUTOEXEC.BAT.

### Not a lot, Terry

Okay, so I was polite about the first two, but that's it: please, no more National Lottery programs, especially those written in Visual Basic. So thank you, Terry Robson, Paul Stevens and Robert Akroyd for your efforts, but no thanks. Even if PCW were to start a separate *Hands On National Lottery* column, I regret to say I'm not qualified to write it.

You will notice a new addition to *Hands*

On *Windows* this month; a tips panel which appears above. Given the breadth of *Windows* expertise among *PCW* readers, the tips could range from the elementary to the esoteric. Hopefully though, there will be something for everyone and if you have any tips you'd like to share please let me know, either by letter to *PCW* or via email.

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## Batch pedalling

**Simon Collin gets on his bike to implement a help facility for batch files, free-wheels through some multiple commands and becomes the spokesman for an assembly language utility.**

**A** reader writes: "I have been following your batch files listing over the past months but have one problem that's common to all batch files: once I have typed in the listing and filed away the magazine, I can never remember how to use the file. Most utilities allow you to enter the file name with a question mark, to display a help screen showing how to use the arguments. Is there any way of adding this facility to a batch file?"

The simple answer is to add *REM* statements within the batch file as you enter it. This way, you can just look at the contents of the file using the *TYPE* command and you'll see an explanation of how it was written and how it works. However, this is rather cumbersome and certainly not worth including as a tip.

As you suggest, an alternative is to add a header to your batch file that detects whether it is entered with a "?" argument. If so, the file displays a short help message with notes on how to format and use the arguments correctly. You'll find the simplest way to do this is to check the first parameter following the command; if it is any character other than a "?", even a null character, then the help section will be skipped and the batch file will execute normally.

A template piece of code is shown in Fig 1 which can be added to the beginning of any batch file to implement a help facility. The help text is written as a series of *ECHO* statements. You can edit this for your own requirements, from a single line

to a whole pageful. In the example provided, I've used the "?" character to activate the help text, but this could be any character or string such as 'HELP':

There is a problem with this technique: if the batch file uses arguments, then this little header routine could get in the way of your processing. Additionally, if you enter the name of the batch file without the "?" argument, nothing happens. To cover this eventuality, we'll add another routine that can check for the case when no arguments are entered and, again, display the help screen.

The simplest way around the problem of no arguments is to re-run the batch file with the correct "?" argument and process as before. It's easy enough to detect if there's no argument: just use the

```
IF %1 == ""
```

statement. To re-run the batch file might

seem complex, but it's not thanks to the argument %0. This always holds the full line of text that was last entered. In our case, this would be the command without an argument. By entering %0 followed by '?' you will re-run the batch file with the help argument and the previous header will pick this up and display the help screen. The crucial line is:

```
IF "%1"=="%" %0 ?
```

This tests the first argument. If there isn't one, it will re-run the batch file with argument '?'. This is a useful technique which can be used to provide default parameters for any batch file.

### Multiple commands

This month, there have been a lot of letters in my postbag about batch files. What seems to be annoying many readers is how to get to grips with the *FOR* command within a batch file to execute a command several times. On the face of it this is simple enough, but there are a number of pitfalls, starting with why you have to use *FOR* at all.

Take an example: to display the contents of all files with a *TXT* extension stored in a particular directory with the extension *.TXT*. Try this in *DOS* and the only way to do it is to repeat the *TYPE* command for each file, with the full file name entered; wildcards won't work. The way around this problem is to use a batch file to carry out the multiple *DOS* commands. This batch file is simple, consisting only of a *FOR* loop which will repeat a command on all files which match a given template. For instance, to display the contents of the *TEXT* files using the *TYPE* command you could use the following line:

```
FOR %F IN (*.TXT) DO TYPE %F
```

This is a rather rigid structure because as it stands, the command will only list *TEXT* files using the *TYPE* command. To make the line far more flexible, we can simply replace the commands with user-

**Fig1 A template code**

```
ECHO OFF
IF NOT "%1"=="?" GOTO BEGIN
REM
CLS
ECHO Information about batch file TEST.BAT
ECHO
ECHO Syntax of TEST.BAT
ECHO TEST Argument1 FileName
REM
GOTO END
REM
:BEGIN
REM Main part of batch file inserted here
:END
```

definable parameters:

```
FOR %%F IN (%2) DO %1 %%F
```

Compare this line with the previous one and you'll see that %1 is the first input parameter (the file-matching information, such as .TXT) and %2 is the command to be executed on the multiple files (such as TYPE).

Save this single line as a batch file called MULTI.BAT and you can use it with any command, for example:

```
MULTI TYPE *.TXT
```

The MULTI.BAT file will execute any DOS command you enter as an argument, but it cannot cope with other application files such as standard COM, EXE or BAT files. To make it flexible enough to run application files, we have to start a secondary command processor. This is another copy of COMMAND.COM that will run the application for you. To do this, use the line

```
COMMAND/C APP.EXE
```

to load in the secondary DOS command processor and run the application APP.EXE.

The /C switch ensures that the file APP.EXE is run, and that COMMAND.COM removes itself from memory once it has finished its work and returns control to the primary processor. The modified MULTI.BAT now looks like this:

```
FOR %%F IN (%2) DO COMMAND/C %1 %%F
```

You might want to use this technique with a program, or utility, that requires command-line switches. As it stands, the batch file cannot cope with switches as these are lost when executing the second

COMMAND processor. To carry switches through to MULTI.BAT, we can specify further arguments and three should be enough:

```
FOR %%F IN (%2) DO COMMAND/C %1 %%F %3 %4 %5
```

In this new line, %3, %4, %5 are the three extra command-line switches with which MULTI can cope and pass on to the application that is being repeated.

### Assembly language utility

Ken James of Balham recently wrote to tell me: "In previous issues, you have often used the ANSI.SYS file together with ANSI escape sequences, to 'paint' text and block graphics on screen. This works well, but it does rely on ANSI.SYS being loaded from the CONFIG.SYS file when you boot up.

"I have a rather elderly PC that has only 1Mb RAM, so I'm keen to conserve as much of this as possible. To get around the problem of loading ANSI.SYS and losing precious memory, I have produced an assembly-language utility that will position the cursor at any location on the screen. The CURSOR.COM command is very easy to use within any batch file, its syntax is simply: CURSOR row number,column number."

*This is a very useful utility you have sent in, Ken, since it lets you position the cursor anywhere on screen and, as you say, it saves RAM because ANSI.SYS isn't loaded.*

*To assemble the program, you can use DEBUG (see Fig 2): write the script and save this as an ASCII file, with no blank*

**Fig 2 The debug script**

```
N CURSOR.COM
E 0100 BE 81 00 E8 21 00 E8 2D
E 0108 00 74 10 88 C6 52 E8 16
E 0110 00 E8 22 00 74 07 5A 88
E 0118 C2 EB 04 B6 00 B2 00 B7
E 0120 00 B4 02 CD 10 CD 20 AC
E 0128 3C 20 76 FB 3C 2C 74 F7
E 0130 3C 3B 74 F3 4E C3 53 31
E 0138 DB 31 ED AC 2C 30 72 11
E 0140 3C 09 77 0D 98 87 C3 B9
E 0148 0A 00 F7 E1 01 C3 45 EB
E 0150 EA 4E 89 D8 09 ED 5B C3

RCX
58
W
Q
```

*line except before the RCX command. To convert it to a .COM file use the following command:*

```
DEBUG < CURSOR.SCR
```

*The original ANSI command sequence that this CURSOR.COM utility replaces is ESC[r;cH*

*which positions the cursor where r = row and c = column.*

If any PCW readers would like a copy of Ken's assembly language utility, email me at the address shown below.

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## This is a job for DeskMan!

**For effortless transfer of desktops between OS/2 systems, Chris Bidmead reckons there's no better program than Deskman/2. He also performs a little queue-jumping in NeXTStep, and talks Unix to Tim King.**

Last month I said I'd report on using Deskman/2 to do the difficult job of transferring a complete desktop from one OS/2 system to another. The information that makes up the desktop is stored in a number of different ways. Firstly, there's the directory structure. All real folders and their contents are stored as files and directories below the DESKTOP directory. Other aspects of the desktop are stored in the OS2.INI and OS2SYS.INI files, or as extended attributes. DeskMan/2 is very good at backing up the information needed to rebuild your desktop objects on the same or a different system, but it can't put the substance of the objects back if it isn't there. If the program that a program object points to, or the DLLs it needs to work, aren't there on the second system, DeskMan/2 magics them out of thin air.

So, to carry over your desktop from one system to another, the first thing you have to do is set up an identical directory structure below DESKTOP on the new system. Make sure that program files and data files are duplicated and in the right place — or better still, keep them out on a network and point the new workstation at them using identical drive mappings. Then install Deskman/2 on the old system and use it to create a snapshot of all the desktop objects. It can do this in Deskman/2 data format, or, very conveniently, as a Rexx command file. If you pick the latter option you don't have to go through the process of installing

Deskman/2 on the new system. Just carry across the Rexx command file and run it (assuming you installed Rexx with the new system). It works a treat, but ensure you have on hand every file and folder which the newly recreated objects assume are there, and don't forget that apps will need their associated DLLs.

### Get in the queue

P.J.Kay@iti.salford.ac.uk (Peter) is writing a dissertation on the evolution of the GUI, and asks some questions about NeXT that come up regularly, so I'll expand on them here. He writes: "Chris, I've always assumed that NeXTStep can only run programs written specially for it. Is this true? As NeXTStep is basically an enhanced Mach kernel with an advanced X-like interface on the top, can it also run 'normal' X Windows programs?"

Readers who don't know what X is should carry on reading — explanation coming up later. NeXT is mostly an enclosed environment, in the sense that the people who use it do so because of the NeXTStep development and GUI loveliness. But not far beneath the covers it's a general-purpose, BSD-flavoured Unix. Because it uses Display PostScript instead of X11 it can't immediately run X11 apps. But there are some commercial X add-ons that bring the X Window System to NeXT, although I haven't tried them. Two companies listed in NeXTAnswers, the Internet information base maintained by NeXT themselves, are

Co-Xist and CUB'X Systemes (sic — I guess it's French). On the freeware side there's always Xfree, which should work with NeXT.

Peter describes himself as "OS/2 Programmer, WWW author and all round techie", and he's certainly earned some brownie points from me with a tip he passes on about the OS/2 queue problem: "There is a utility for OS/2 that enlarges the input queue, on ftp.std.com as /vendors/CEnvi-Cmm/share/PMQSIZ.ZIP."

We've talked about the problem of OS/2's single system input queue several times here in the past. In short, all apps have their own message queue, which defaults to 10 messages in size. All these application queues feed into a single system queue, which means that messaging can get jammed, causing apps to appear to freeze. Multiple system queues would be the way round this, but IBM says that many existing apps incorrectly assume a single queue. Fixing the queue would break these apps.

Warp makes it easier to kill apps that are blocking the queue, but the PMQSIZ fix aims to minimise blocking by increasing the default size of the message queue for each individual application. Instead of blocking when its application queue fills with 10 messages, PMSIZ can reset that limit to, say, 200 messages, making it much less likely for the app to block. Thanks, Peter. I'm testing this now, and it does seem to improve things, although I occasionally still get blocking when running multiple installations of the various TCP/IP apps.

### The hole truth about Linux

Thanks too to Warren Deane, a fan of this column, and a would-be fan of OS/2 — if only he could persuade at least one of his machines to accept an installation. Warren writes: "I thought I'd better just mention my appreciation for your section in PCW. Without wishing to cause any head-swelling on your part, it's often the only reason I buy the mag."

I replied promptly to Warren, because with piercing@perforations.co.uk as his email address he clearly isn't a person to fool with. (It turns out he's the proprietor of the Perforations Body Piercing Studio in Brighton. Thanks, Warren, but I have all the holes I need for the moment...)

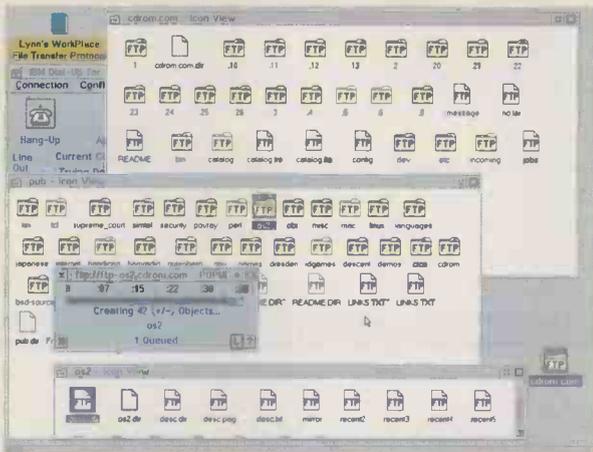
I see from your mailing, Warren, that I've managed to interest you in Linux. Good. And you add: "It's quite obvious that 32-bit OSs are the immediate future. So why, then, does a mag with as many

pages as PCW only have three on 32-bit OSs? Seems crazy to me." Well, yes, Warren, I could certainly do with more space. But I wouldn't want to sacrifice any of the existing stuff in the rest of the mag. We could make the mag even bigger, I suppose, but it's already twice the size and weight of the HP OmniBook on which I often write this column!

Warren adds: "As a side issue, can a Unix machine use Windows apps if it is running X Windows, and what is X Windows? Is it just a GUI front end?" As this is another of those FAQs I'll deal with it here.

Firstly, it's not "X Windows", it's "the X Window System", or just plain "X" to its friends. A couple of years ago you would have been lynched by a howling mob of Unixoids for getting this wrong, but more recently I've noticed Unix fans themselves calling it "X Windows", probably because it makes the thing sound more familiar to their non-Unix customers. Don't be confused — this is absolutely nothing to do with Microsoft Windows. X was a project that came out of MIT back in the mid-eighties, and the key idea is that in these days of networking, the machine that runs your application may not necessarily be the machine your keyboard and screen are attached to. They may not even be using the same operating system or even processor. So you need a way of sending messages across the network between your keyboard and mouse and the back-end system, and then returning messages that tell your local computer what to draw on screen.

The system MIT developed for doing this is X, and although it's usually associated with Unix, the concept is essentially cross-platform. There are three things to notice about X: the "X client" is the application running on the back-end machine, and the "X server" is the software or firmware running on your local machine that responds to messages from the client (NetWare-style networks think of client/server the other way round); it's a



**Top** The Caldera Desktop. Ray Nooda, the guru who used to run Novell, will be launching a desktop operating system based on Linux later this year. This isn't a snapshot from my own machine — alas, I haven't managed to persuade them to send me the beta yet. You'll find this picture and much else on <http://www.caldera.com>

**Above** Following our discussion of NCFTP last month, here's another FTP for OS/2 that's integrated into the WPS and works through its own special desktop objects. Each of these acts as a kind of shadow for the corresponding remote file or directory until you request a transfer via the menu that pops up on the RMB. You can get Lynn's WPS FTP from <ftp.tach.net/pub/los2> as a file called *LwpFtpnn.zip*, where *nn* is the latest version number

purpose-designed communications protocol rather than a GUI like Microsoft Windows, and the look and feel is defined by the Windows manager you run, and this is quite independent of X; and finally, the client and the server can be on the same machine, and typically are with Unix

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workstations. But the split architecture makes it simple for a Sun machine, say, to run applications wherever they happen to be on the network.

Over the years X has grown up into a wonderfully huge, clunky thing called X11, which is an application that takes up megabytes of RAM and does a million different things including managing fonts and handling the palette of colours. Last month we talked about how Portage raised the question of the different design philosophies of Microsoft Windows NT and Unix. Since then I've been reading a book from the Digital Press called *The Unix Philosophy* — essential reading for anyone interested in 32-bitness.

### Making the NeXT connection

From time to time in this column I've hinted at a little problem with the Canon object.station and the connection between NeXTStep and my NetWare servers, which I'm now, finally, going to go into. I realise a few of you out there may not be trying to run NeXT with NetWare, but please don't skip what follows. From time to time here we talk about problem-solving in general, and there are some problem-solving principles here that might be worth thinking about.

So, here it is. The Canon object.station is running NeXTStep, Intel version. NeXTStep comes with NetWare client software as standard, but ever since I first installed it here nearly a year ago I haven't been able to make the client hold a connection for more than about 10 minutes. This isn't a hardware problem with the 10Base-T wiring because the same machine running Windows or OS/2 stays happily connected. I talked to NeXT UK about it and was told the disconnection was a security feature. No, I didn't believe that either, but I think I must have been talking to one of those Unix gurus who has emerged from an immersive baptism in TCP/IP to believe that NetWare is the Work of the Devil. So obviously, any sensible client software is going to attempt to disconnect you from it with every chance it gets.

I talked to NeXT specialist Paul Lynch of P&L about it, and he said he had customers with NetWare and they didn't have any problems with it. He gave me some folk remedies to do with keeping the remote directories up on the shelf of the Viewer, but the damn things just went on disconnecting. The thing is, all my serious data is out there on the NetWare servers, so the NeXT machine has had no more than amateur status in my office so far.

And then I saw the light. I mentioned the NeXTAnswers database earlier — well, I was reading one of the very few papers on NetWare in there when I stumbled on the confession that NeXT had completely screwed up the 802.3 packet protocol in the NeXTStep 3.3 version of the NetWare client. 802.3 is a definition of the packets used to transmit data across the network. There's another very similar packet type called 802.2, and two other quite different ways of doing packets, favoured by the Macintosh community, called Ethernet II and Ethernet Snap. It doesn't matter which of these you choose, as long as all the workstations and servers you want to connect use the same protocol.

This discovery wasn't the solution to my problem because I was using 802.2 (now Novell's recommended standard) instead of the older 802.3. And in any case, the bug doesn't just disconnect you after ten minutes; it reportedly makes the client fall over in a heap of wet jelly after it's moved a couple of bytes.

But I was assuming that people who

charge you several hundred quid for an operating system that comes with NetWare must have a good idea how to do Ethernet packets. The NeXTAnswers paper told me otherwise. If they can make a complete pig's ear out of 802.3, I argued, maybe they've only got it half right with 802.2.

Try Ethernet II packets, then. Rather than change my whole network, I simply set up a second virtual network down the same cabling. All you have to do on the servers you want to connect to the new network is reload the LAN drivers for your network interface cards citing Ethernet II as the packet type, and bind them to the new network number you have chosen. It worked first time, and the object.station connection is now solid as a rock.

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### Talking to Tim King

*Wired*, the magazine that glows in the dark, rang me last month and asked me to do an interview with Tim King. Who? I said. I gathered he was someone who is starting up an Olivetti-funded electronic publishing and Internet provider service called UK Online. I quickly discovered that Tim is a helluva smart cookie, the guy who, among many other achievements, created the operating system for the Amiga.

He used to be a lecturer in computing at the University of Bath, until he discovered that his pupils were leaving to go to first-time jobs earning more than he could ever make in teaching. There's money in this Unix stuff... Unsurprisingly, Unix is the operating system he's using as the basis of his UK OnLine service, and he's spent the time since last October doing most of the nerd-work setting up the system himself.

He's done a lot of research into the best hardware for running Unix for Internet connectivity, and he

bet me I couldn't guess what he's settled on. It turns out to be the PowerPC, specifically the 601 in IBM's AIX box, the model 250. It so happens I had taken an early look at this machine, and reviewed it for this magazine last year. Tim says IBM's unfashionable MCA bus really pays off in speeding throughput, but the key issue is the processor's ability to switch context very quickly.

Context switching is an inherent part of multitasking. When it suspends work on one process and gets to work on another, the processor has to push all its registers on the stack and pull down the full set of register values off the stack belonging to the new process. To maintain the illusion of multitasking with a single processor you need to do this thousands of times a second, so efficient context switching becomes crucial to good performance. All this is irrelevant under DOS, which doesn't multitask. It happens that Intel's lumpy architecture makes context switching very inefficient, even with the

Pentium. The Sparc chip, too, says Tim, is relatively inefficient because although it's RISC, its register handling uses an over-complicated sliding window. Although IBM arguably invented RISC, the PowerPC arrived late in the game and so was able to incorporate lessons learnt from the Sparc, the Mips and HP's Precision architecture.

Tim tells me he spent a long time experimenting with various Unices on Intel boxes: "Everyone told me it would be very cheap, so I looked at UnixWare, SCO, Solaris, Linux, FreeBSD, BSD386 — the lot. Each one was a nightmare to install, and every one of them ran slow." His comparison of processors produced some interesting results. "Let's say the Pentium took 15 time units to complete a test; a fast Sparc came in at six; a 200MHz Alpha chip came in at five; and the PowerPC came in at 2.8." An amazing difference — but bear in mind that the test was focused specifically on context switching.

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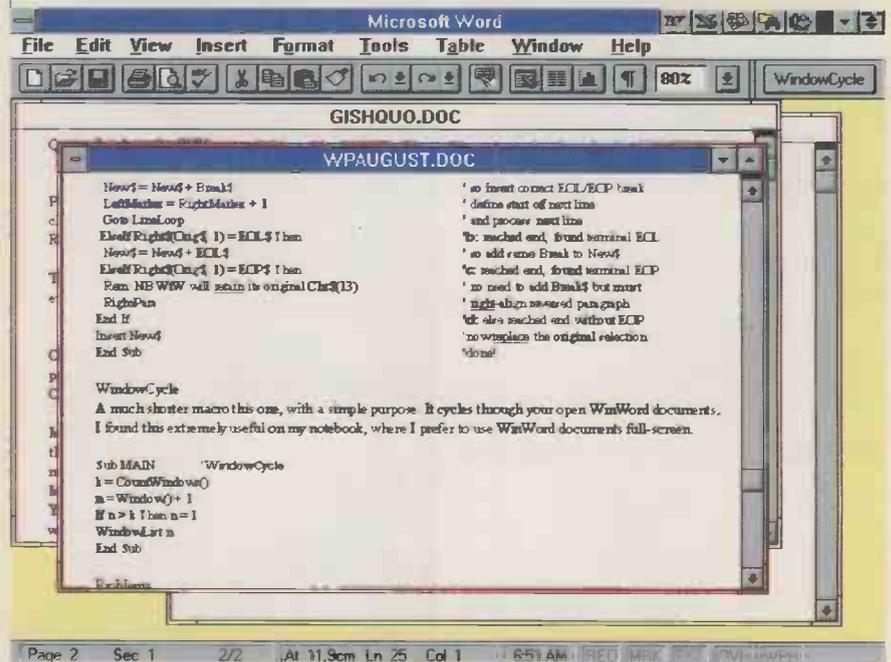
**Tim Phillips' mixed bag of word processing conundrums contains some clever solutions for Works and Word users, news of Wordcraft, and good news for Ami Pro users. And there are some more macro tips for DOS and Windows.**

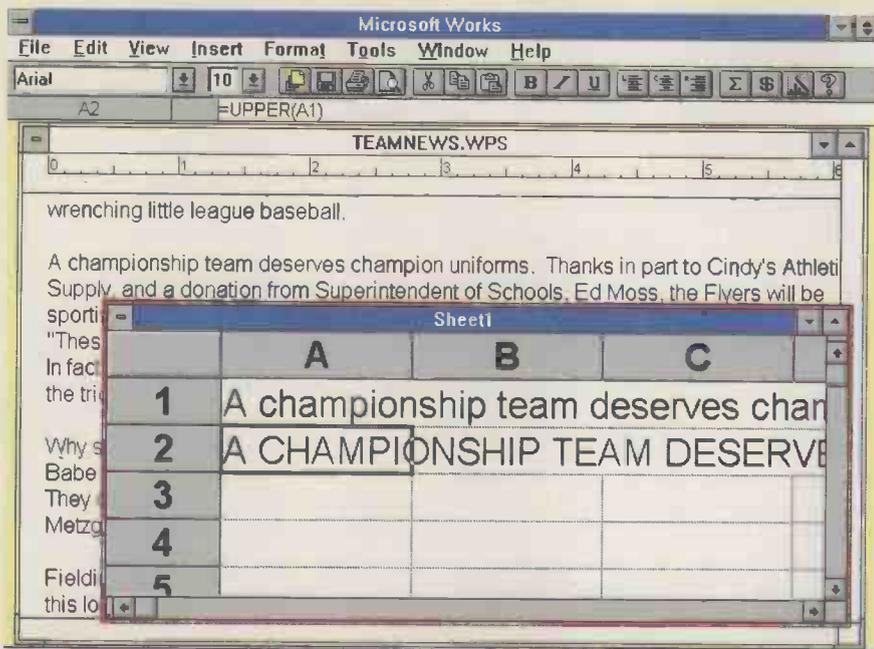
During the past couple of months, my post-bag has been overflowing with letters about Word for Windows. Even the normally reliable WordPerfect users have gone quiet. There are several possible explanations: firstly, all possible problems with other word processors have been

solved (but in view of the bug-ridden nature of modern software, this is unlikely); secondly, it could be that Word for Windows has more problems than other software (but as anyone who has experience of other major word processors will agree, this is not so). So that leaves us to conclude that it's Word that is capturing people's imaginations, just as WordPerfect did in the eighties.

The offer seems to be undermining Lotus as the company has just produced

*Using the macro to cycle in Word. It's quick and simple and you can stick it on the toolbar, like I did*





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some awful sales figures. I spoke to Clive Longbottom, a senior analyst with Meta Group, who told me that Microsoft Office currently has 80 percent of the Windows market. There are definite signs of something stirring at Lotus though and the all-new Lotus Word Pro (which looks, feels and uses .SAM file format like Ami Pro) puts the product on a par with Word 6.0 and WordPerfect 6.1 — well, the 16-bit version does anyway. A recent press preview of the Windows 95 32-bit version showed that there's still a lot of work to be done. Good for Lotus that Microsoft's late.

There's some good news for Ami Pro net users: you can now write HTML thanks to Steve Belleguelle at Nottingham University, who has created an excellent set of tools. This was brought to my attention soon after I told readers that they would have to wait for the next Ami Pro to get this functionality, so I offer my apologies. It was, as Nick Clarke emailed me to say, "One of the best examples of Murphy's Law I've seen for a long time — no sooner do you write something and the opposite happens." Thanks very much, Nick... anyway, he liked his Ami Pro add-ons: "The system consists of styles, macros, and a set of SmartIcons perfectly integrated into AmiPro — and it works, too."

Working software is a blessing, and if you want to try it, I suggest you ftp it from <ftp://micros.hensa.ac.uk/micros/ibmpc/win/e/e089/>. The file is Amiweb12.zip, and is only 55kb. The server is a bit fussy about the number of anonymous ftp visitors, so if you are having trouble, mail me for the file and I'll pass it on.

By the way, further to my recommen-

#### Changing the case of text in Works by using a spreadsheet

dition of Word for Word last month, there's now a new version available which will convert WordPerfect 6.1 as well as a bunch of more obscure word processing package filters. There are 150 supported in all: £105 for DOS or Windows, £350 for Unix. It also runs seamlessly with WinWord 2.0 or 6.0.

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#### DOS

Last month it was Locomotive. This month, it's "where are they now?" for Wordcraft. Eric Evans of Gwent has had Wordcraft 6.0 now for several years. He wants to know if there's going to be an upgrade soon. No, there isn't. However, marketing manager Lillian Glypti assures me that Wordcraft is available if you want it, but as the product ceased development a long time ago it will be withdrawn. Wordcraft is now moving into the Windows fax software arena, and even its LaserFAX product is now more advanced under Windows than DOS. Existing Wordcraft users will still be supported though. Incidentally, you can tell that Wordcraft is a relative veteran; if the company were to be formed today, the product name would have a capital C in the middle.

#### Macro Co-Op

Firstly, a call for participation to all macro-literate users, DOS and Windows. I'd like to set up some type of email exchange for those with macros to offer. I have noticed

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that some of you are truly ingenious with your macros while others are truly frustrated because they would like to achieve things, but the solutions just aren't coming to mind.

So if you have a problem you can't solve and you think a macro might be the answer, either send me an email message, or write. And if you reckon you'd like to have a go at solving the problems, email me and tell me which package you use. Then, when there are problems to be solved, I'll email them to all budding programmers and hope to keep everyone up to date. There will be book token prizes for the best solutions. Fancy a go? My email addresses appear at the foot of the opposite page.

You'll have to go some to beat Dr Lionel Kramer, who will have received his prize by now. He supplied many excellent Word for Windows macros, two of which I'm going to reproduce this month. The first is an excellent example of good style.

#### ● ReverseText

"Hebrew is written across the page from right to left," says Dr Kramer, "and trying to type Hebrew text backwards is very difficult." As we helpfully supplied a Hebrew TrueType font in January, I have reproduced his macro, in Fig 1, to reverse the letter order of text in a document.

When the macro has been installed, you type your Hebrew in dictation order. Then add carriage returns at the end of each line. Then highlight the Hebrew text, and run the macro to reverse the letter order. Unless you add the carriage returns, the lines will be in the wrong order.

#### ● WindowCycle

A much shorter macro this one, with a simple purpose: it cycles through your open WinWord documents. I found this extremely useful on my 640x480 notebook, where I prefer to use multiple WinWord documents full-screen:

```
Sub MAIN            'WindowCycle
k = CountWindows()
n = Window() + 1
If n > k Then n = 1
WindowList n
End Sub
```

#### Works workaround

Many thanks to Microsoft this month — I'd like to claim credit for the clever solutions provided below, but I would be lying.

Andy Gibbons of Bretton in Scotland flies the flag for users who don't want a word processor: "With the large number of PCs shipped with Works pre-installed, I

think it's about time you printed some tips for those of us who think Works is wonderful and wouldn't dream of upgrading to anything else," he says. Point taken. "My only real complaint with the word processor element" he continues "is that there appears to be no way to alter the case of the text after you have typed it in. With my DOS and CP/M favourite, Protext, it is simply a matter of using CTRL-/ or CTRL-\ to raise or lower the case of the letter under the cursor. The only remedy seems to be to delete the text and retype it, which doesn't sit too well with my expectations of good software."

But here's the bad news: there's no feature like the one you suggest in Works, so capitalisation of single letters has to be done the old way. But there is a workaround if you want to change the case of a big chunk of text. Try the following:

1. Highlight the text you want to change.
2. Create a new spreadsheet file, and paste the highlighted text into cell A1.
3. In cell A2, type "=Upper(A1)" to capitalise, or "=Lower(A1)" to put the text into lower case. The same text appears with its case altered.
4. Paste the text from A2 back into the word processor. Speed up the process by setting "Typing replaces selection" in the Tools, Options dialogue box, so the new text overwrites the old.

And that's the best we can do. As Works doesn't have a macro language, there's no way to automate the process efficiently. However, it does seem odd that you can manipulate text this way in a spreadsheet, but not in the word processor.

David Williams at dircon.co.uk wants to make Word work like Works, and has found one of the few things you can't customise. "When I use Word 6a the insertion point proceeds down the page as I type, until it reaches the bottom of the screen where it remains, and I end up typing there. If I want to type in the middle of the screen I have to scroll up and start typing again. When I used Works for Windows recently I noticed that when I reached the bottom of the screen, the insertion point automatically repositioned itself in the middle of the page. Can I get Word 6 to do this?" he asks.

Microsoft says that the cursor is at the bottom of the page by design, because that's where it would be on a typewriter. So there is no immediate solution. I would take issue with Microsoft here: there are many users who have never used a typewriter in their lives, and so this logic simply

**Fig 1 Reverse text macro for Hebrew**

```

Sub MAIN
REM Builds reversed-line text-block 'New$' from selected text-block 'Orig$',
REM incorporating appropriate line breaks via the 'Break$' variable
REM User must insert end-of-line (SHIFT+ENTER) markers before selecting text-block
EOL$ = Chr$(11) : EOP$ = Chr$(13)
Orig$ = Selection$: Length = Len(Orig$)
LeftMarker = 1
LineLoop:
NextEOL = InStr(LeftMarker, Orig$, EOL$)
If NextEOL = 0 Then NextEOL = Length + 1
NextEOP = InStr(LeftMarker, Orig$, EOP$)
If NextEOP = 0 Then NextEOP = Length + 1
If NextEOP < NextEOL Then
RightMarker = NextEOP
Break$ = EOP$
Else
RightMarker = NextEOL
Break$ = EOL$
End If
For N = RightMarker - 1 To LeftMarker Step - 1
New$ = New$ + Mid$(Orig$, N, 1)
Next N
If Length > RightMarker Then
New$ = New$ + Break$
LeftMarker = RightMarker + 1
Goto LineLoop
Elseif Right$(Orig$, 1) = EOL$ Then
New$ = New$ + EOL$
Elseif Right$(Orig$, 1) = EOP$ Then
Rem NB WfW will retain its original Chr$(13)
RightPara
End If
Insert New$
End Sub

```

'ReverseText Macro  
'Line-break & paragraph characters  
'Copy original selection  
'Positioned at start of block  
'If in lines, process one by one  
'Next EOL character; if none then  
'substitute end of selection  
'Next EOP character; if none then  
'substitute end of selection  
'a: EOP found first  
'so set marker to EOP  
'and Break\$ to Chr\$(13)  
'b: EOL first (or none present)  
'so mark to EOL (or end of block)  
'and set Break\$ to Chr\$(11)  
'Current line is now defined  
'Reverse-scan chars, omitting EOL  
'and add them to New\$ until  
'whole line is reverse-copied  
'a: not finished yet  
'so insert correct EOL/EOP break  
'define start of next line  
'and process next line  
'b: reached end, found terminal EOL  
'so add same Break to New\$  
'c: reached end, found terminal EOP  
'no need to add Break\$ but must  
'right-align reversed paragraph  
'd: else reached end without EOP  
'now replace the original selection  
'done!

doesn't apply. I prefer to type with the cursor directly in my line of sight, but I do that by mounting my monitor directly in front of my face rather than looking down at it.

Finally this month, there is help for the reader who sent me an installation question: "When I open a text file, or any other non-Word format document, I get a series of error messages indicating that the \*.cnv files are not properly installed. Although I have reinstalled the files and removed and reinstalled the program using Word Setup, the same problem persists. It appears that this method of removal leaves some installation on the disk as I noticed my toolbar was identical following reinstallation."

Sometimes this problem can be related to the Win.ini file in your Windows directory. It holds Windows configuration information, and you can view it using either Notepad or Write.

Scroll down to the section that starts with [extensions]. Check that there are no 'cnv=' lines here, and if there are, put ';' at the beginning of the line to Rem it out.

Save the file, restart Word and see if this solves the problem.

Information about the converters you have installed is available under Help, System Info. Choose "Text Converters" in the category list box for a full list of your filters.

When you remove Word using the "Remove all" setting in setup, it doesn't delete everything. It keeps the Word directory, the icon group, and any user-modified settings files — hence your icon bar persists. Finish the job using File Manager by deleting this directory and the files in it, but be careful not to delete any documents if your document directory is a subdirectory of the Winword directory. By the way, the Toolbar settings are stored in file Normal.dot.

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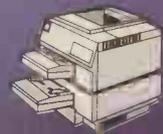
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## It is better to receive...

**Keeping track of repayments over a long period is no easy task. Stephen Wells outlines two possible methods, using Excel.**

**D**erek Boak emails: "In the organisation I work for, customers are given the whole accounting year to pay up and may clear their balance with as many payments as they like. Is there a method by which Excel could search through an invoices worksheet for all invoices to a specific customer and total them? Then search through a payments sheet for all payments made by that customer and total them. Then calculate the difference and place it on a balances worksheet. All this would have to happen automatically when either a new invoice or payment was made, so as to keep the figures in the balance worksheet up to date."

At first sight, Derek, what you would appear to need is an invoicing module of an accounting software package. These hold or refer to a database of customers and their transactions and provide an Aged Debtors report for credit control. Accounts receivable due from each customer are typically grouped according to whether they are current or 30, 60 or 90-days overdue.

As the only organisations which I've heard of that allow people up to a year to pay are hobbies and sports clubs, maybe your needs could be answered by a spreadsheet. Using Excel as you request, there are numerous ways of doing the job. Three approaches immediately come to mind: a multipage workbook, a database, and a macro. I'll discuss each method and you can use the one that suits you best.

### A workbook

Open a workbook called DEBTORS.XLW that has three worksheets: INVOICES, RECEIPTS and BALANCES. The INVOICES sheet looks like Fig 1.

Row 3 has a double row height. Each

category is automatically named, as described here last month. So, the names are the same as the column headings.

The block B4:B11 is named Dated\_Billed and H4:H11 is named Customer\_Number, and so on.

The totals use these names, so the formula in D12 is

```
=SUM(Amount_Billed)
```

and F12 is

```
=SUM(Total_Billed)
```

Obviously, the formulas used down column E will depend on whether you quote prices net or gross of VAT. Here, column D shows the net amounts billed and cell E4 has the formula

```
=TRUNC(D4*VAT_RATE,2)
```

When calculating VAT, you shouldn't round up but truncate the remaining decimals. And that's what Excel's TRUNC function does. The Name, VAT\_Rate is defined using Formula, Define Name. Here it is defined as 0.175. Column F's formulas are just totals with F4 having

```
=SUM(D4,E4).
```

The RECEIPTS sheet is made just the same way and looks like Fig 2.

Now we can produce what you're looking for, Derek — the BALANCES work-

sheet (Fig 3).

Each customer has one row to himself. To keep things as simple as possible, each name and number is entered from the keyboard when the customer first asks for credit.

The formula for showing the total billed to the first customer, is

```
{=SUM(IF([DEBTORS.XLW]Invoices!Customer_Number=D4,[DEBTORS.XLW]Invoices!Total_Billed))}
```

That simply means that if there are any invoices for the customer in cell D4 (i.e. No. 501) then add up the total amounts billed.

Similarly, cell F4 has the formula

```
{=SUM(IF([DEBTORS.XLW]Receipts!Customer_Number=D4,[DEBTORS.XLW]Receipts!Total_Received))}
```

And that means that if there have been any cheques from the customer in cell D4 (No. 501) then add up the total amounts received.

If you show all three worksheets on your screen, the result should look like Fig 4.

As mentioned here in the June issue, you don't enter the curly brackets. Excel puts them in. You just enter the rest of the formula and then press Ctrl+Shift+Enter, which produces an array. So Excel runs up and down all the entries covered by the names (Customer\_Number, and Total\_Billed or Total\_Received) and totals the appropriate amounts.

Cell G4 just takes one total from the other, =E4-F4.

The trickiest part of the whole operation is recording the date of the last transaction, whether it was an invoice sent out or a cheque received. Still, the good thing about spreadsheets is that once you've got them to work, they'll keep doing the job until kingdom come.

Cell B4 has the formula

```
=IF(J4>K4,J4,K4)
```

This says that if an incoming cheque was the latest event with a customer, give the date of receipt, and if a new invoice

**Fig 1 The invoices sheet**

	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	Date	Invoice	Amount	VAT	Total	Customer	Customer
3	Billed	Number	Billed	Billed	Billed	Number	
4	5/1/95	101	123.45	21.60	145.05	J Brown	501
5	12/1/95	102	234.56	41.04	275.60	B Smith	502
6	27/3/95	103	345.67	60.49	406.16	J White	503
7	1/4/95	104	98.76	17.28	116.04	J Brown	501
8	1/5/95	105	98.76	17.28	116.04	J White	503
9							
10							
11							
12	Totals		£901.20	£157.69	£1,058.89		

Fig 4 Workbook

The three worksheets in a workbook for automatically calculating the balance owed by each customer

Fig 2 The receipts sheet

	B	C	D	E	F	G
	Date	Amount	VAT	Total	Customer	Customer
3	Received	Received	Received	Received	Number	Number
4	31/1/95	123.45	21.60	145.05	J Brown	501
5	22/2/95	134.56	23.54	158.10	B Smith	502
6	12/3/95	145.67	25.49	171.16	J White	503
7	9/4/95	198.76	34.78	233.54	J Brown	501
8	10/4/95	98.76	17.28	116.04	J White	503
9	12/4/95	50.00	8.75	58.75	B Smith	502
10	15/4/95	98.28	17.19	115.47	J White	503
11						
12	Totals	£849.48	£148.63	£998.11		

Fig 3 The balances worksheet

	B	C	D	E	F	G
	Last Transaction	Customer	Customer Number	Total Billed	Total Received	Balance
3	Transaction	Customer	Number	Billed	Received	Balance
4	9/4/95	J Brown	501	261.09	378.59	(117.50)
5	12/4/95	B Smith	502	275.60	216.85	58.75
6	1/5/95	J White	503	522.20	402.67	119.53
7						
8	Totals			£1,058.89	£998.11	£60.78

was the last transaction, show its date.

Cell J4 has the array formula  
 {=MAX(IF([DEBTORS.XLW]Receipts!  
 Customer\_Number=[DEBTORS.XLW]  
 Balances!D\$4,[DEBTORS.XLW]  
 Receipts!Date\_Received,))}

That translates to, if there has been any activity for the customer shown in cell D4, give the maximum (latest) date among their receipts.

Cell K4 has the array formula  
 {=MAX(IF([DEBTORS.XLW]Invoices!  
 Customer\_Number=[DEBTORS.XLW]  
 Balances!D\$4,[DEBTORS.XLW]  
 Invoices!Date\_Billed))}

This figures out the date of the latest invoice to this customer.

Going back to cell B4, a simple IF statement now displays the highest (latest) date

whether it was a cheque or an invoice.

Row 8 just totals all the amounts billed and received in the period, and gives the total outstanding balance.

**A database**

There has always been some controversy as to whether a spreadsheet should be used as a database. Purists will say that if you need a database, then buy that specialist application. Others will say that a spreadsheet plus a data access and reporting tool like Forest and Trees is as good as a database. Personally, I think that if the standard Excel database does the job, go for it.

In an Excel database, you can search or query using defined parameters to find specific information. You can sort all or



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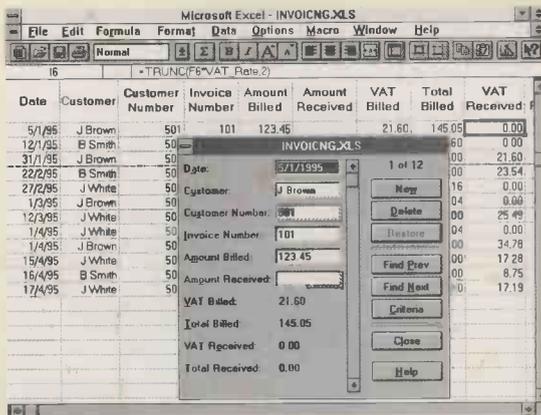
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**Fig 5 First entries and calculations in the database**

A	B	C	D	E
Date	Customer	Customer Number	Invoice Number	Amount Billed
5				
6	5/1/95	J Brown	501	101
				123.45
F	G	H	I	J
Amount Received	VAT Billed	Total Billed	VAT Received	Total Received
5	0.00	21.60	145.05	0.00
6	0.00	21.60	145.05	0.00

part of a worksheet alphabetically and numerically. And you can extract subsets of data based on rules you outline.

Each row of the database becomes a record. Each column represents a field. The field names needed here will be same as those used in the regular spreadsheet solution, above.

Fig 5 shows the first entries and calculations in the database.

You create the database by defining the range within your worksheet which you wish to use as a database. The row with the field names is the first row. Include at least one blank row below the last record for future expansion. Then just choose Data, Set Database. In the example, I've used the block A5:J19 for the database.

One handy helpmate that Excel throws in is a smart data entry form. It's created automatically once you've defined your database range. Just choose Data, Form and it appears, Fig 6.

On the form, the fields where data can be entered or edited have little boxes. Those which have formulas (like VAT Billed and Total Received) display results, but you can't change them on the form.

If you click the Criteria button, all the boxes go blank and you can enter the parameters of a query. If you enter >28/2/95 in the Date box, and click Find Next, the form will show the record dated 1/3/95.

For the job in hand, we won't set our cri-

**Fig 7 The results**

L	M	N	O	P	Q
Last Transaction	Customer	Customer Number	Total Billed	Total Received	Balance
5	1/4/95	J Brown	501	261.09	378.59 (117.50)
6	16/4/95	B Smith	502	275.60	216.85 58.75
7	17/4/95	J White	503	522.20	402.67 119.53

(Left) Fig 6 The database section of the worksheet with a data entry or searching form

teria via the form but will set up an area above the database. Copy and paste the field names from A5:J5 to A1:J1. In C2 to C4 enter the Customer Numbers, 501 to 503, respectively. Highlight the block A1 to J4, then choose Data, Set Criteria.

Now all we need is a

results section to produce the answers Derek wants. We'll move over to the right of the worksheet because an Extract section monopolises the full length of its columns down to the end of the worksheet. (Fig 7.)

If you wish, for some future use, you can highlight M5:P8 and choose Data, Set Extract. (Columns L and Q don't refer to fields.) With our present example, it works the same whether you establish this as an extract section or not.

Cell L6 has the formula =DMAX(Database,"Date",A1:J2)

DMAX is the database version of MAX, the function for finding a maximum, in this case the highest, or latest date. It has three arguments. Once you've highlighted a block (as we did with A5:J19) and chosen Data, Set Database, then you can refer to it simply with the word, Database. The second argument is a field name, in quotes. We're using the Date field. And the last argument is the criteria range. This has to include the field names (here in row 1).

Cell L7 has =DMAX(Database,"Date",A1:J3) and Cell L8 has =DMAX(Database,"Date",A1:J4)

Heaven only knows why this works, but it does, so we'll leave it at that.

Cells M6:M8 have the customer names, and N6:N8 have the customer numbers, entered from the keyboard.

Cell O6 has the formula =DSUM(Database,"Total Billed",A1:J2) The function DSUM uses the same arguments as DMAX.

Cell O7 has =DSUM(Database,"Total Billed",A1:J3) - O6

Cell O8 has =DSUM(Database,"Total Billed",A2:J4) - SUM(O6,O7)

Unlike the Date column, this column makes more sense and you have to deduct the previous amounts from each succeeding total.

Cell P6, logically, has =DSUM(Database,"Total Received",A1:J2)

Cell P7 has =DSUM(Database,"Total Received",A1:J3) - P6

and P8 has =DSUM(Database,"Total Received",A2:J4) - SUM(P6,P7)

The balance owed by each customer is shown in column Q and the formula is a simple deduction, my dear Watson. Cell Q6 has =O6-P6, and so on down the column. We don't need an elaborate report. Just highlight L5:Q8, set the Print Area, and print.

With a worksheet set up as a database, the normal spreadsheet row numbers and column letters are redundant. Delete them by de-selecting Row and Column Headers, under Options, Display.

This covers how to do the job in a regular workbook and using Excel as a database. I'll get around to the use of a macro when I've (a) got the space and (b) figured out how to do it.

• "Financial analysis" will resume next month.

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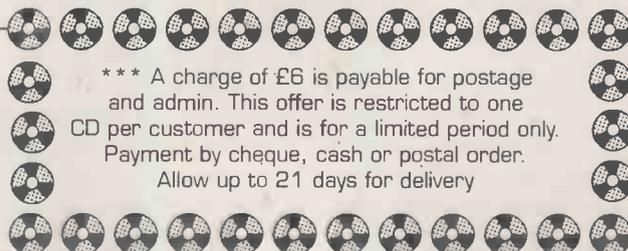
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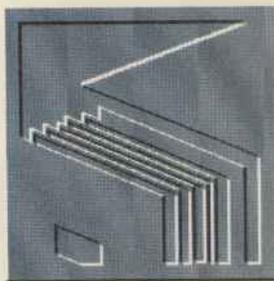
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## Codes, Codd's and primary keys

**Mark Whitehorn winds up the final pair of Ted Codd's rules and provides some tips and tweaks to tighten up your technique with codes and keys.**

**O**uch, I got it wrong — talking telephone numbers a couple of issues ago, I bemoaned the fact that the input mask supplied with Microsoft's Access for telephone numbers was wrong. Although I was right and Microsoft was wrong, the input mask I supplied as a replacement was incorrect. People who live in glass houses...

Thanks to all those who have emailed me about this and supplied helpful information. Phil Stanton said: "With regard to the input masks you mention in Access, the phone number mask is still not perfect. For example, Epson UK's phone number is (0442) 61144.

"The standard input mask will disallow this, as it wants another digit. I use `\(0009)` "000 0099. This is set up for post-PHONEday codes, and also allows the first digit to be a plus or a minus, which means I can enter international numbers; so a US 'number would be entered as (+1234) 123 4567, where the 1234 is the country code, followed by the area code. This should work for most international numbers and the + simply means 'add the appropriate international access code' (00 as of 16th April)."

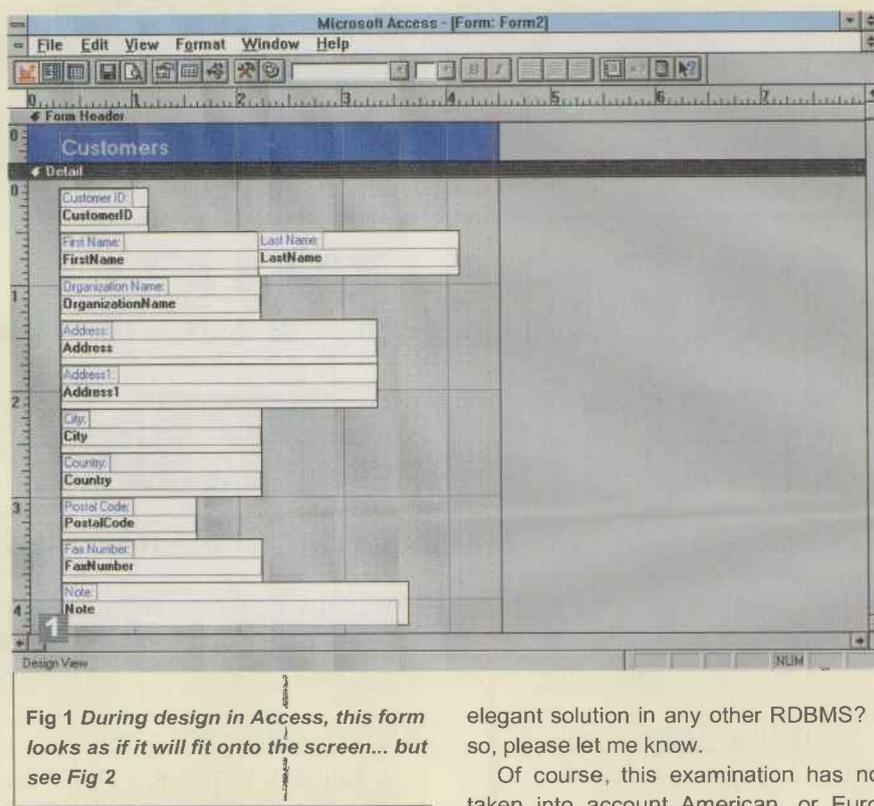
I talked to BT about this; the situation is rather complex but did we really expect anything else? Since phone day area codes, or NACs (National Area Codes) in BT parlance, can be either four or five digits long. Individual telephone numbers can be either six or seven digits. So what of Epson's number (which incidentally has been 01442 61144 since phone day)? Ah

(0123) 456 7890 which is 4 + 3 + 4; (01234) 567890 is 5 + 6. Clearly the good people at British Telecom have never had to design an input mask for a database.

It is of course possible to treat any phone number as a potential 16-character entity and design a mask to suit, as shown in Fig 3. This yields the input mask `\(00009)` "00090099. It will allow the input of either acceptable form but sadly will also accept mutant forms such as (01382) 45678901. The problem is that we need to apply two possible masks as either/or options: either `\(0000)` "000" "0000 or `\(00000)` "000000.

Phil's suggestion, `\(#0009)` "000\ 0099, works well, but it automatically splits the number (as opposed to the code) into 3+3 or 3+4 and will also accept mutant forms.

As far as I know, it is impossible to resolve this problem in Access without resorting to the programming language. Can anyone tell me of a better or a more



**Fig 1** During design in Access, this form looks as if it will fit onto the screen... but see Fig 2

well, you see, although BT is modernising all of its exchanges, the job is not yet complete so the old, un-modernised exchanges are still a law unto themselves. When the modernisation is complete, all UK phone numbers should consist of 11 digits; either a four code exchange + 7 or a five code exchange + 6. According to British Telecom the preferred, but by no means obligatory, representation of these numbers includes brackets and spaces:

elegant solution in any other RDBMS? If so, please let me know.

Of course, this examination has not taken into account American, or European, or other numbers throughout the world, which become increasingly important as our electronic horizons expand. Suggested solutions for the additional problems that these present will be enthusiastically received.

My suggestion for the postcode mask (`>LL0a\ OLL`) is still fine, as far as I know; postcodes and their layouts are more rigorously defined than telephone numbers.

However, Phil Stanton has suggested a

variant: "As for postcodes, I again use something slightly different: >LAaa 9?? This allows for situations where you only know the first half of the postcode, so N3 for instance is perfectly acceptable."

As with all input masks, you ultimately have the control. By default I will always use the tightest control I can to avoid GIGO (Garbage In, Garbage Out). But the tighter the mask, the more exact the data has to be before you can enter it; which in turn means that if the world throws inexact data at you (like incomplete postal codes), you will have to throw some of it away. Ultimately you have to resolve the balance between avoiding GIGO and losing data.

### A good primary key

I received the following from Nigel Taylor: "A small point regarding your Codd Rule 2 paragraph (the Guaranteed Access rule, which says, among other things, that each table must have a primary key); I gave car registration numbers as a suitable candidate for a primary key. Car registration numbers are very poor primary keys because they can easily change and therefore do not uniquely identify a vehicle. The chassis or VIN number is far more suitable, although not as easily obtained. People often argue that the registration number is good enough in the 'real world' but would probably not like to buy a written-off and repaired car just because it had a new registration."

In absolute terms Nigel is perfectly correct, I agree. However, as much as I hate to be contentious, I am one of those people who thinks registration numbers are (sometimes) good enough for the real world.

This brings us to a point with a wider relevance than car registration numbers; indeed it is an important principle about primary keys in general. The identifier that you choose as your primary key doesn't have to be unique in global terms, it just has to be unique within the context of the database in which it is used. In other words, a database exists to model a subset of the real world; as long as the identifier you choose remains unique within that subset, it is a suitable candidate for a primary key. For example, if I were building a

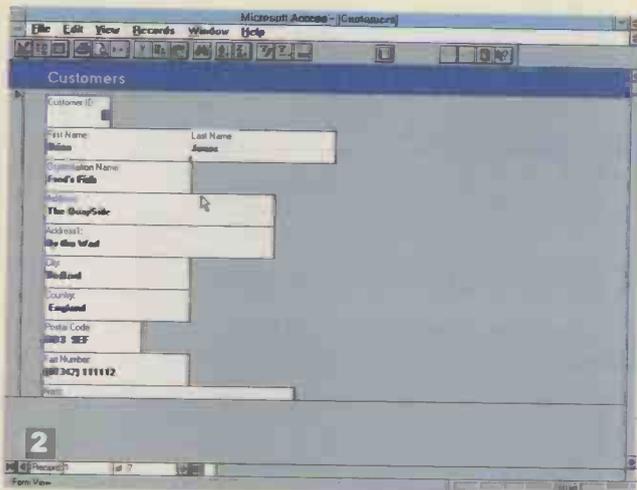


Fig 2 ...the form doesn't fit onto the screen however, and you have to use the scroll bar to see it all

database for the DVLC, I would without question use the VIN as the unique identifier because it is the one property of a vehicle that cannot (legally) be changed. So, no argument in this case.

However, consider a bona fide garage that services and repairs cars. Suppose that the owner of this garage uses a database to track the work carried out on his customers' cars; and that the sole function of this database is to ensure that each customer is billed correctly. Within the world of this particular database, the registration number uniquely identifies the car, so it is an excellent primary key. Even if the car happens to be legally re-registered during its time in the garage, the proprietor can simply change the registration number in the database because that new number will remain unique.

Now, let's make the situation more complex; suppose that the garage tracks the service and repair history of its customers' cars for several years. The chances are that one of those cars will eventually be legally re-registered and this will increase the problems in tracking the car's service history. So in this case, should the garage owner use the VIN or the registration number? My practical experience of garages suggests it would be a disaster to use anything other than the registration number.

Typically, mechanics fill out worksheets which identify the number of hours they have worked on each car; and they identify those cars by their registration numbers. Why use registration numbers? For the simple reason that it is so convenient. While I have no experimental evidence to

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back this up, I have little doubt that insisting that mechanics use the inaccessible and tortuously long VIN numbers to identify vehicles would introduce far more errors than it helped to avoid.

So, just as with the input masks, database designers have to balance opposing factors: using the chassis/VIN number as the primary key protects against problems as cars are re-registered; using the registration number will cause fewer errors due to "finger trouble". Our job is to choose the lesser of the two evils — in this case, I would unhesitatingly choose the registration number.

Another point about genuinely global primary keys is that they are very difficult to find, and even assuming that everyone were honest, chassis/VIN numbers are imperfect: for instance, early in the history of cars there was little standardisation and several manufacturers (such as Bentley) used very simple number sequences; a Bentley with a chassis numbered three still exists. Other manufacturers will have done the same, so we are likely to have multiple cars with chassis numbered three. In practice, this would mean that to get a global primary we would have to use a key combination of the manufacturer's name and the chassis/VIN number. And for certain old and valuable cars which have undergone extensive modification, or crash-damage and subsequent rebuilding, it has been known for two perfectly complete cars to vie for the same chassis number.

**Codding around**

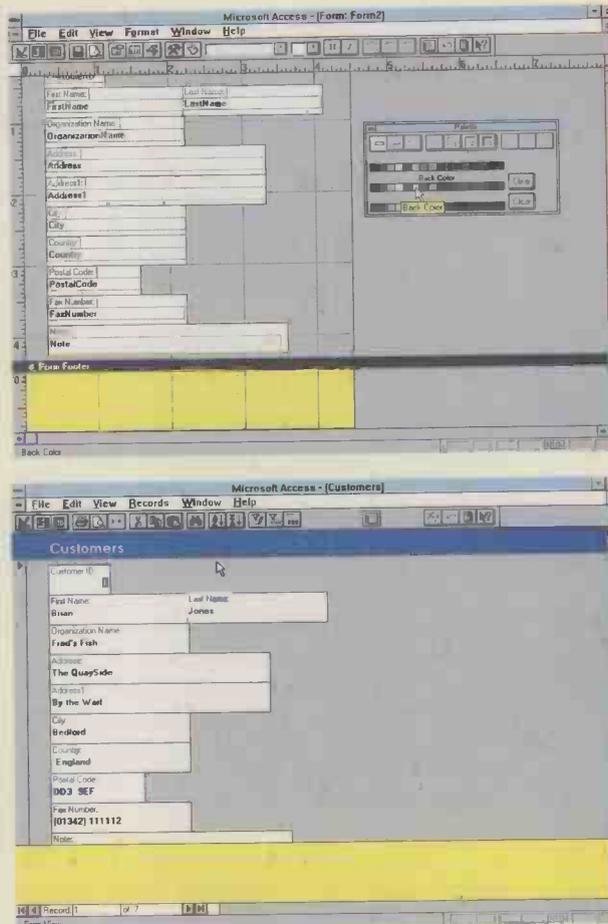
This month we complete our wander through Ted Codd's rules which a would-be RDBMS must satisfy in order to qualify as a real RDBMS.

**Distribution independence**

*Rule 11: A relational DBMS has distribution independence.*

This rule is vintage Codd; only six words and still difficult to understand. Still, he expands the rule as follows:

*"By distribution independence I mean that the DBMS has a data sub-language*



**Top is the footer; because it's empty, it may be unclear that this is causing a problem. But if I turn it yellow (above), it can be seen that this is the villain of the piece: delete it to remove the problem**

that enables application programs and terminal activities to remain logically unimpaired:

- when data distribution is first introduced (if the originally installed DBMS manages non distributed data only);
- when data is redistributed (if the DBMS manages distributed data)."

A big benefit of networking is that it allows multi-user access to a database; that is, the users can be distributed across the network. However, it is also possible to distribute the data across the same network. Thus you can have your "Employees" table stored centrally at company headquarters, and the "Customer" records held locally at branch level.

This rule means that even if the tables of data are moved around, your users

shouldn't even be aware of the change in location, neither should any applications that you have developed need to be rewritten. This carries several consequences: for a start, you should be able to develop an application on a standalone PC and then migrate to a fully networked system employing distributed data without pain; it also means that you should be able to easily make changes to the distribution of the data. So if the CEO suddenly decides that all data must be held centrally, this should be easy to implement.

**Non-subversion**

*Rule 12: If a relational system has a low-level (single-record-at-a-time) language, that low level cannot be used to subvert or bypass the integrity rules and constraints expressed in the higher level relational language (multiple-records-at-a-time).*

To put this another way; you must not be allowed to go directly to a table and add, delete or alter records with the 'low level language if such a change would be at odds with the higher level rules

(such as referential integrity) which have been applied to the tables and are stored in the data dictionary. Next month I'll look at the consequences of these rules for PC-based RDBMSs.

**A problem with Access**

"I am using the form wizard, and getting forms which are OK, but the middle section isn't as big as I make it in the design phase. In other words, I fill the screen with my design, and it looks fine, but when I swap into data entry mode I have to scroll up and down in order to see the entire form. Is it a bug?"

*No, it isn't a bug, believe it or not, it's a feature. The reason for this is probably that you have a footer at the bottom of the form. Even if this is blank, which is often the case, it still appears on the screen in data-entry mode. Simply remove it and your forms should fit onto the screen as you expect. [See screenshots above.]*

**Fig 3 Designing a mask**

Character Number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
4+3+4	(	0	1	2	3	)			4	5	6		7	8	9	0
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Input Mask	\	0	0	0	0	9	)	"	0	0	0	9	0	0	9	9

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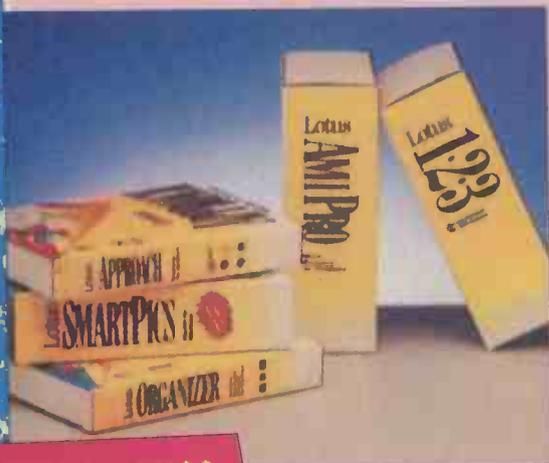
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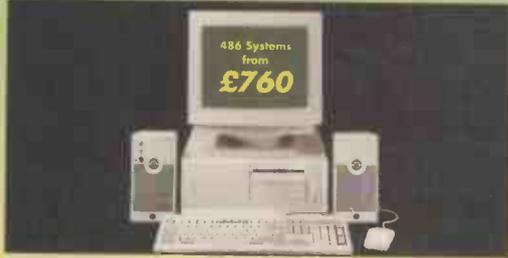
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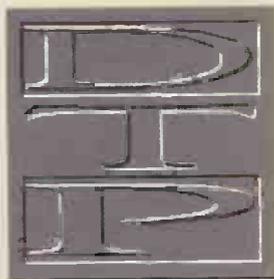
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## A little off colour

**Wondering why June's column had two black and white pictures with captions saying "look at all the colours"? Gordon Laing explains the reasons for this sort of mistake, takes a look at FotoTune, and investigates a brand new CorelDraw .CDR filter.**

**E**ver picked up a magazine where a picture clearly has the wrong caption? Where the photo may be upside-down, back to front, or even not there at all? How can the people who produce magazines be so stupid? How can this sort of thing happen?

This month I'm looking at the cause of such mistakes, offering excuses and hopefully some solutions and precautions. There's also news of a CorelDraw .CDR filter and the regular Font of the Month.

One of the interesting things about this

column, which makes it unique in the Hands On section, is the fact that it's supposed to be about graphics and desktop publishing, the actual tools used to create these very pages. The interesting part — no, honest — is when things go horribly wrong. I'll be trying to demonstrate some fabulous trick, or illustrate a process, when along comes the sod's law gremlin and the rest, as they say, is history.

Unfortunately, due to certain tight schedules, it's often impossible to check everything, and the first we know of a

mistake is when the issue hits the shelves and the phone starts ringing. I suppose I ask for trouble: captions reading "just look at those wonderful colours" accompany black and white pictures, while jagged, bitmappy graphics are described as "fabulously smooth vector objects". Honestly, it all looked okay when it left our office.

June's column was particularly infuriating. I'd written about histograms and illustrated what they can do with three colour pictures. Eagle-eyed readers may have spotted that two of them were reproduced in black and white, and there was nothing I could do about it. I found out what went wrong and thought it might be fun to have a quick look at what we can do to avoid such catastrophes occurring in the future.

Proofing should reveal most troubles, and that's one of the beauties of PostScript. One PostScript printer will produce the same sized shapes in the same places on the page as another, only one may be at a higher resolution, or in colour. Consequently, just about every magazine uses a PostScript laser printer for proofing. We use an A3 model which offers full A4 pages with bleeds at 100 percent size.

### Let it bleed

Bleeding is the term used to describe elements which extend beyond the intended size of the page. If you want, say, a photo or a coloured bar to go right to the edge of the paper, then you bleed it a short distance over. When the final page is printed and trimmed to the desired size, bleeding will ensure that element goes right to the edge. All printers must hold the paper round the edges, so an A4 printer won't be able to print an A4 page at 100 percent. Instead you need a larger format, such as A3, which allows the whole A4 page to be printed, complete with bleeds and crop marks.

But what about colour? A colour printer



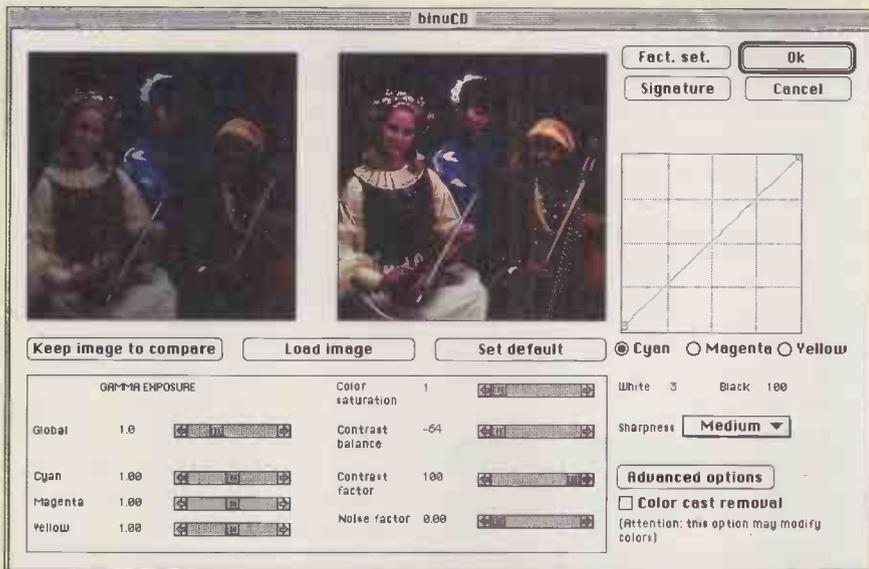
*Tense, nervous colour headaches? Try Agfa FotoTune, left, or Binuscan ColourPro, top right, for fast relief*

would help, but there are two problems. The first is quality, with most colour printers not up to the job of matching the colours seen on the final pages. The other

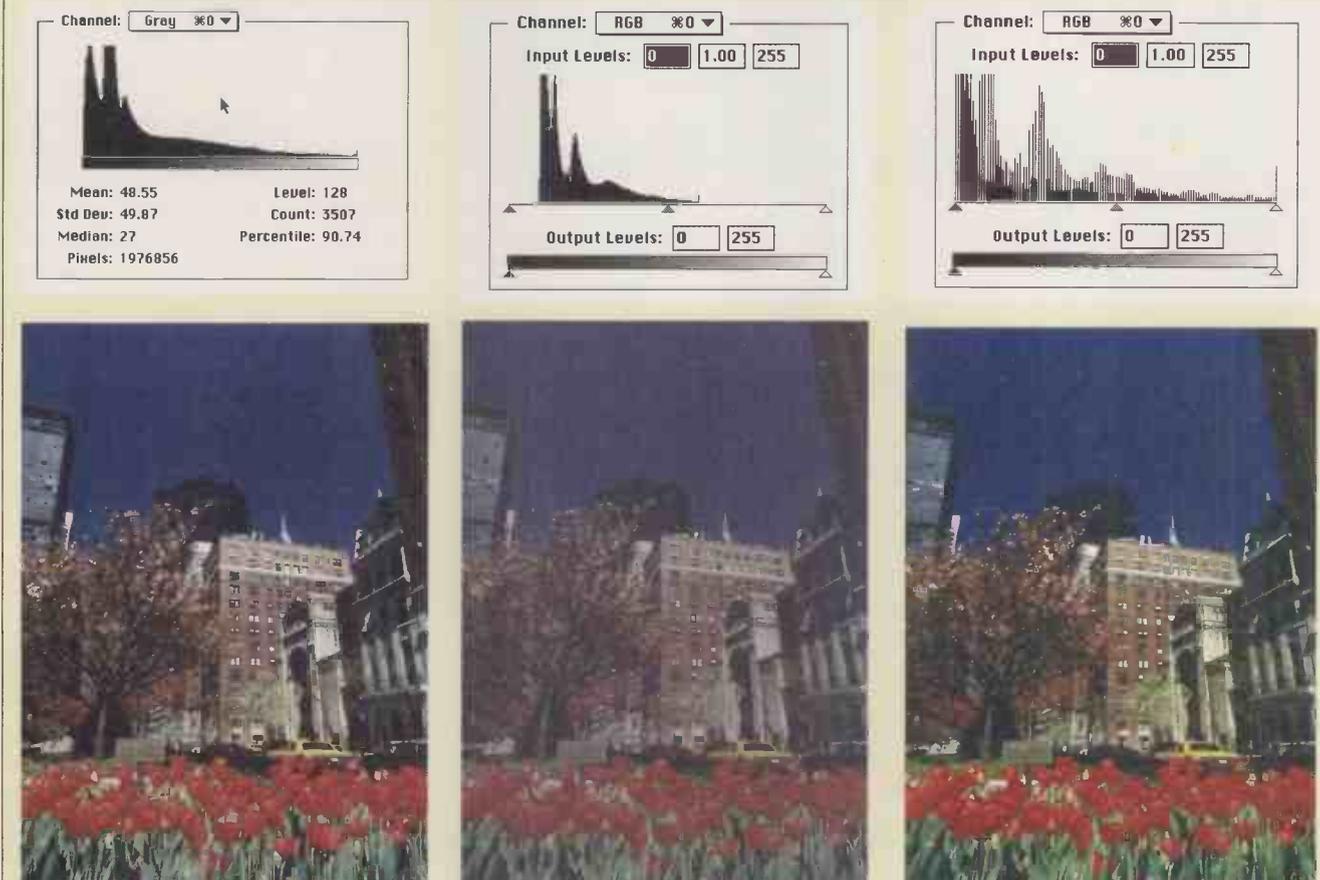
is images. We put the screenshots in ourselves, but photographs have to be scanned, and for publishing, that means a decent drum scanner which we, like most

magazines, don't have in-house. In our layout, we leave a gap and send the actual photo with it to the imagesetters with the instructions to fill the hole with this picture. Suddenly it all becomes clear why so many captions are wrong, pictures upside down, or not even there at all. In fact, it's remarkable that there aren't more mistakes.

The problem for proofing with a colour printer in-house is that most of the pictures are yet to be scanned, resulting in a colour proof with gaps where the pictures should be, and no real indication or guarantee that they'll be okay. There is a solution, but it's expensive: have a Cromalin made at about £30 a go. A Cromalin is a very high quality colour proof made from the actual separated film, so the pictures are all present and potential disasters can't hide. Cromalin by DuPont is probably the best known system, but alternatives include Agfa Proof.



### Colour correction



Above are the three images and their corresponding histograms we presented in June 1995's issue to illustrate image correction. Sadly, two of them were reproduced in black and white, so fingers crossed, let's try again. On the left is the original full-range scan representing the ideal — notice how the histogram extends right to the edges. In the middle is a poor, low contrast

scan — notice the compressed range revealed on the histogram. Such an image can be corrected by stretching the histogram, as seen on the right. This final image is no comparison with the ideal (left) but is a big improvement over the poor image in the middle

Often it may be too late to do anything about any mistakes you notice and they make it through. However, I've managed to work out some solutions specific to what goes on in this column which may be of interest to some readers.

Jagged, bitmappy EPSs occur when the PostScript RIP can't find or interpret the EPS, and instead prints the accompanying low-resolution TIFF preview. With so many EPS flavours out there, it's worth finding out which ones will work with your printer.

When printing professionally, everything has to be separated, most frequently into the four process colours: cyan, yellow, magenta and black. Additional or alternative process colours may be used, but

again will have to be separated for individual passes of ink.

The drum scanner operator should produce CMYK TIFFs for final use, but problems can occur with your own scans or colour images, which also will have to be converted to CMYK before making film. The problem is that you may forget, sending indexed-colour 8-bit, or 24-bit RGB images. If the imagesetters don't recognise these, they may assume they've already been converted to CMYK and send them straight to the RIP, in which case do not pass go or collect £200, and proceed directly to greyscale images. In future I'm converting everything into CMYK before layout to be sure, but that's a subject for another time.

## Scan time

Last issue was scanner month, with an 18-page group test and this column devoted to the subject of colour correction and separation. If a scanner captures a full range of colours, then any casts can be corrected with the right calibration. At the time, I looked at two colour management software packages, Agfa FotoTune costing £599, and Binuscan Colour Pro, available from IMC for £1,395. A demo of Binuscan is available for £195, limited to 50 separations.

Both work on similar principles of scanning a special target, then comparing it to a reference scan. The differences are then made into a profile for that device, be it a printer, monitor or scanner. Using calibrated profiles for your scanner and printer should, in theory, produce perfect results. In practice it would be nice just to be reasonably close.

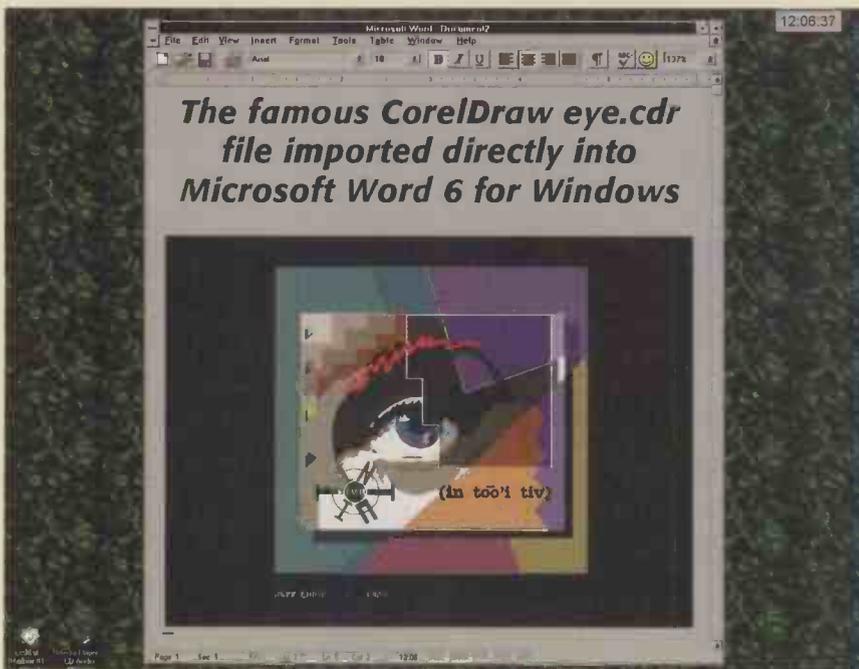
We'll be running proper reviews of these packages and alternatives some time in the future, but for now I can offer you the really important bit: what the results actually look like. Last month I took two colour originals, a 5 x 7in print and a 35mm transparency. The print was scanned on a budget Microtek ScanMaker II and a top of the range £3,250 Agfa Arcus II. The raw results, along with FotoTune-corrected images for both scanners and a drum scan for reference, were printed side by side. The trannie was scanned using the Arcus II's transparency adaptor, and by the Kodak Photo CD film scanner. Again, the raw images were printed alongside the Arcus II corrected by FotoTune, with the Photo CD corrected by Binuscan and a reference drum scan. Both FotoTune and Binuscan start with a default RGB image and separate it to CMYK at the same time as correction.

When writing July's column, I thought I'd have to wait until the issue arrived on the shelves before I could comment, but a little bargaining here and there got me Cromalins of all four pages, which I now have before me. I didn't want to tempt fate and reprint them again this month, so you'll have to find July's issue or even order a back issue (well, it's one way to increase our circulation...).

I couldn't believe the quality of these colour management packages. Starting with the print, the colours of the corrected images were very good, and extremely close to the drum scan. Perhaps most impressive was the transformation of the very poor original Microtek scan.

In terms of dynamic range, the drum scanner won hands down while the

## Keeping an eye on CDR Import



Want to open native CorelDraw .CDR files directly? CDR Import will do just that with certain applications

## Font of the month

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ScanMaker II was clearly lacking. The Arcus II's wide 36-bit range certainly came pretty close to the drum scan. Again, the drum scan produced the sharpest results, although to be fair, the flatbed scans could have been at a higher resolution, and you could run the images through Photoshop's unsharp mask filter. So saying, it looked unlikely that the ScanMaker II could be improved any further. The Arcus II at a higher resolution with software sharpening would have produced a result virtually indistinguishable from the drum scanner in this instance. It would be no substitute for A4, but A5 reflective images would be perfectly adequate.

Kodak's ultimate problem with Photo CD was and still is that it's designed for display in RGB. When raw images are printed, they're badly discoloured and very soft. Huge improvements are possible just by sharpening Photo CD images for printing, and indeed some Photo CD filters do this automatically on import.

The second set of results for the 35mm trannie illustrates Photo CD's downfalls, but also how good the Binuscan correction is — just check out the sharpness and depth of colours. Interestingly, the FotoTune correction on the Arcus II scan is closer to the drum scan, but also proves that flatbed transparency adaptors are better suited to larger format film; 35mm is a pretty small original, and even at 600dpi optical resolution, it's best not to enlarge beyond 2:1.

My conclusions? FotoTune is brilliant, particularly when used with a top scanner like the Arcus II. Binuscan appears to do the impossible by making Photo CD actually usable in a professional publishing environment. It will also do a similar job to FotoTune for other scanners, but we haven't tested this yet.

**CorelDraw filter**

Returning briefly to the subject of graphics filters, US developer Access Softtek has on offer an item many of us have been waiting a long time for: a CorelDraw .CDR filter for many essential packages. Imaginatively titled .CDR Import, the product post

installation simply adds the .CDR extension as a valid importable file. You can then import CorelDraw 3.0, 4.0 and 5.0 vector image files directly into Adobe PageMaker 4.0 and 5.0, AmiPro 3.01, Word 2.0 and 6.0, ClarisWorks for Windows, PowerPoint and WordStar without having the intermediate step of opening in CorelDraw and exporting as an EPS or WMF.

Available directly and exclusively from EC Parker Ltd, .CDR Import costs £59.95 and comes with filters for CorelDraw versions 3.0, 4.0, and 5.0, the latter from July 1995 onwards. Also included is a highly useful .CMX filter offering direct access to the CorelDraw clip-art CD-ROM, again without the need for an intermediate export stage.

There are some restrictions of course. The version 5.0 filter wasn't out at the time of writing, but should be by now. Only the apps listed above are supported; no Quark XPress or Word for DOS or WordPerfect, but both PageMaker 4.0 and 5.0 are supported. Embedded bitmaps can cause difficulty, with those rotated at anything other than zero or 180° not displayed at all. It's also recommended not to use it in Windows 3.0, and stick instead to 3.1.

**Just my type**

Continuing the theme of the PCW fonts, here's Novarese from ITC. Designed in 1980 by Aldo Novarese, it's used primarily as the bodycopy in PCW's front columns, and occasional news headlines. A smart serif face with lovely lower-case italics.

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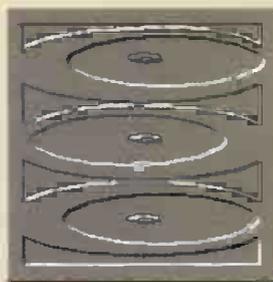
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## Trick of the light

**With some digital video dodges up their sleeve, Panicos Georgiades and Gabriel Jacobs bring you a bird's eye view of some major authoring packages, plus hints, tips and news.**

**W**hat is it that almost every multimedia developer wants but can't quite afford? A CD-writer. Most of us who are involved in multimedia development have been patiently waiting for prices to fall without having seen much movement — well, it's finally about to happen, and quite dramatically too.

Exactly a year ago, the best bargain to be had was about £2,500. But you can now start thinking in that magic sub-£1,000 bracket — and we're not talking about a drive from an unknown manufacturer trying to break into the market with some "bitsa" machine made up from bitsa this and bitsa that. We're talking about a machine from Sony, one of the key multimedia players. We've just received details of this piece of equipment, and we're expecting to test it soon.

It's the CDU920S, a twin-speed CD-writer/player. As a CD-ROM player it has a relatively slow 420ms access time, but as a writer it features a large 1Mb cache memory which limits problems with hard-disk thermal recalibration, and it's said to render the creation of a CD image on a hard disk unnecessary. An internal version is already available to original equipment manufacturers and a mass user option will be available soon.

Just before our deadline, we received a very late beta version of Authorware, nick-



*Morphing effects require a good amount of patience and lots of detail (see page 653)*

named "Merlin B7". This is Macromedia's authoring software, for the PC and the Macintosh, which has been heralded by many as the top package in its category — a claim emphasised by the huge cost of the software. But we've always been unhappy with the lack of certain features which you would otherwise expect to find in a top of the range program: particularly so, given that the price of £3,750 is justified by Macromedia on the grounds that the package is easier to use than others.

This new release doesn't go as far as we'd like but it does put many things right: two major enhancements are the addition of Online Help, and support for RTF (Rich Text Format) files, so you can edit and for-

mat your text in the word processor. There's also full search and retrieval, embedded text styles, text in scrolling windows, and a multilingual spellchecker. Many developers will also be glad to see integration with Director 4.0 movies, and genuine two-way portability between Mac and PC. On top of that, there are claimed performance improvements of up to 20 percent. Above all, we liked the new support for ODBC, which expands the product's application areas to include those that need to use large-scale databases.

Another piece of good news for those considering Authorware, is that for a limited period it comes bundled free with Director Multimedia Studio, so you also get Director 4.0, Macromodel 1.5, Adobe Premiere 4.0 and SoundEdit (Mac) or SoundForge (Windows), which at list price totals over £2,000 worth of software.

What about those things still missing from Authorware? Well, we don't want to appear too nit-picking but we can't understand why, in a package of this overall quality, there's still no direct support for MIDI files and CD-audio playback: you need to use MCI commands. (Authorware is available from Peritas.)

### Fast movers

We've always taken a great interest in video grabber cards, and one name that usually crops up at the top of our tests and reviews is Fast Electronic. In

fact, we have yet to see another card that provides clearer images than those of Fast's Screen Machine.

Over the past few years, Fast Electronic has managed to infiltrate the video production and broadcast markets, although believe it or not they make more money from selling hardlock keys (dongles) than any of the video-related products for which they've become best known.

Some of the technology developed for their broadcast systems has been downgraded and applied to two new products, designed for the domestic and multimedia developer markets. Movie Machine II (still beta testing) is for the consumer market and video enthusiast. It features a TV tuner with Teletext, overlay and video capture. You can use it to mix two analogue video signals, insert titles and graphics,

and perform real-time effects such as wipes, dissolves, zoom, mosaic, chrominance/luminance keying, and so on.

The second board is the FPS60 which is targeted at developers and offers a cheaper alternative to those wanting to grab high-quality video.

Both boards work at 4:2:2 YUV and use S-VHS and VHS inputs and outputs. Unlike other boards on the market, they can capture up to full PAL video resolution at 50 frames per second (thus capturing both the odd and even frames of an interlaced PAL signal). This is done using an on-board M-JPEG chip. An MPEG playback extension board for playing VideoCDs will be available for both boards. Prices range from £499 to £999. Bundled software includes Adobe Premiere and Xing CD.

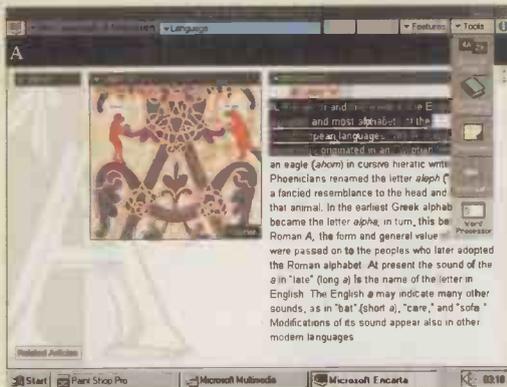
Moving on from Macromedia to that other major player in the authoring software market, Asymetrix; the talk on the Internet last month about the company being in some kind of financial trouble now seems to have evaporated and the fact that Asymetrix is moving forward with new ideas seems finally to have quashed any rumours.

The latest news is that Asymetrix is selling Digital Video Producer (DVP) as a standalone product. Up until now, this digital video editing tool (similar to Adobe Premiere) has been bundled with Multimedia Toolbook 3.0. But DVP offers video capture (using an MCI-compatible video capture board), two preview windows, special effects, transitions and overlays.

Editing is carried out by dragging and dropping video clips onto a visual timeline where multiple video and audio tracks can be synchronised and overlaid. You can also animate and overlay text titles using standard Windows fonts, and the so-called SmartEdit feature provides quick builds of video files by rebuilding only those frames that were changed during the current edit session. DVP supports batch video recording and allows multiple video segments to be pre-selected. Suggested retail price is £279, but for a limited period there is an introductory offer price of only £129.

### Squash your viewer bugs

If you use Word 6.0 for Windows to author Microsoft Multimedia Viewer titles and compile them using version 2.0 of the Viewer compiler, you'll notice that the fonts will not display correctly in your compiled application. The problem is that Word 6 (which was released after MM Viewer)



*Users can copy text and pictures directly into their word processor from Encarta 95*

modifies the way it saves font information in those RTF files that the Viewer compiler uses as its source.

To overcome this, you must update your Viewer compiler, WMVC.EXE. The updated file is available as a self-extracting file (WMVCUP.EXE) from the Microsoft Software Library on CompuServe (GO MSL), and on the Microsoft Download Service on 206 936 6735 in the US, and 01734 270065 in the UK. You can also get it by anonymous FTP on the Internet at ftp.microsoft.com (change to the /SOFTLIB/MSLFILES directory). When you run WMVCUP.EXE, the file WMVC.EXE will be extracted and this should be copied to your MVPUBKIT\MVTOOLS subdirectory.

Two other bugs in Viewer 2.0 have been fixed in version 2.0a. The first causes problems with the Viewer Project Editor and the Topic Editor and is caused by incompatibility with the TRHREED.VBX file of Visual Basic 3.0. The second bug is related to setting the print/tab parameter to zero in the PanelID command. Viewer 2.0a is available in the Microsoft Software Library, as described above. You need to download VWR20A.EXE which is a self-extracting file.

### Mac Encarta tip

A number of Mac users have complained that they can't copy some of Encarta's graphics to other applications.

This may be a problem when the monitor is set to use millions of colours, due to the huge amount of memory required to copy graphics at this level. One solution would be to set the colour-bit depth to thousands rather than millions of colours. But another way, which would allow you to keep the colour-bit depth, is to increase

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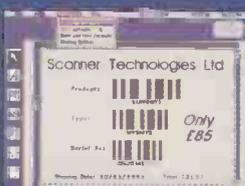
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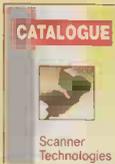
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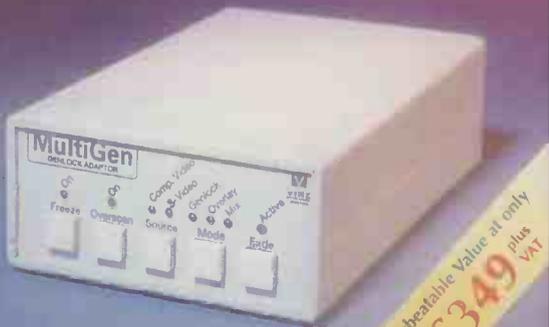
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### Digital video tricks

Morphing, or turning one image into another (man to robot, cat to bird, Margaret Thatcher to John Major and so forth) has now been overdone to the point of cliché in TV advertisements and action films. It can, however, still be a very effective tool in multimedia applications.

Apart from its use as a dramatic special effect, it can also be used for interesting transitions to join consecutive video scenes if you don't have sophisticated video editing software. But even if you do, the additional morphing effects will enrich your repertoire. If you've worked with the Video for Windows VidEdit accessory, you'll be frustrated by now with not being able to join two scenes in any other way apart from using simple cuts. Well, there are a few programs on most platforms that perform morphing and some are quite inexpensive.

We have used PhotoMorph 2 and the newly released add-on Stylise Pack, a selection of 30 interesting filters. (PhotoMorph 2 and the Stylise Pack are available from LTS for £99.)

In any case, all morphing programs work on the same lines; you require two images, a Start and End image and with some programs (such as PhotoMorph 2), you can use video clips instead of static images so that the morphing effect takes place while the object is moving. But to create smooth morphing effects requires quite a bit of detailed work, as you have to patiently define corresponding married pairs of points on the two images. Each married pair represents a beginning and end location of the morph operation. With video clips as your source and destination material, you have to define married pair points for each set of corresponding frames to be merged.

Here are a few rules for achieving good results:

- Rule 1. You can work with very few colours but always try to start with so-called photorealistic images or video clips; those that use true 24-bit colour. If you must end up with fewer colours for your final product, do the conversion at the end. Working with 24-bit colour will be slower and require more memory, but it will give better results; representations which are closer to reality and smoother colour transitions.
- Rule 2. Select images or video segments in which the background shapes and colours look similar.
- Rule 3. If you're using video clips in which the objects to be morphed are in motion, try to ensure that the motion paths and speeds of each object are similar.
- Rule 4. Consider the relevant transformation points: if you want just a straight transformation from one face to another, matching points on the features of each face are the obvious choice. However, if you're considering a warping or stretching effect as part of the morph, consider key intermediate points too.

In addition to morphing, PhotoMorph 2 can also perform transitions, warps, distortions, filters, and overlay effects. And it's for this that its use as a digital video editing accessory comes into its own. You can easily achieve fades, curtain effects, shrinking and stretching, as well as effects such as Lens, Ripple, Rotate, Shear, Rotate and Shear, Spherise and many more. Furthermore, a mask option enables you to create special effects by hiding part of the original image behind a pre-defined shape. By using a mask colour, only certain parts of the image are allowed to pass through the mask. Filters are exactly the same as in image retouching software but in this case they are applied to a whole video clip and the depth of the effect can vary gradually. For instance, you can apply a gradual emboss effect over time.

You can see some moving video examples of transitions and filters created using PhotoMorph 2 on this month's CD-ROM.

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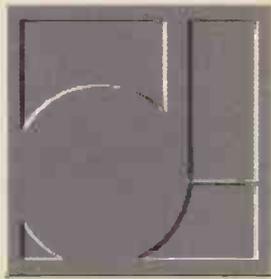
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## MIDI management

If you're aiming to be top of the pops you won't get far without MIDI — Steven Helstrip takes you through the basics. He also tunes in to the latest batch of Funky Elements, but not before he's brought you up to date on some new releases.

I was recently sent a beta release of Steinberg's Cubasis Audio which, if all goes as planned, should be in the shops by July. It's based on the industry-standard Cubase, and although it doesn't have all the editing and sync facilities, it does provide four tracks for recording digital audio. This is a particularly welcome feature allowing you to lay down vocal and live instrument tracks or anything else that takes your fancy. Its identical to Cubase in look and feel, and it's just as easy to use.

Audio parts are recorded in much the same way as MIDI and are represented in the Arrange window as waveforms. They can be treated in just the same way as MIDI parts, allowing sections to be moved around and copied in part or whole.

Cubasis will cost £250 (inc VAT) from Harman Audio.

Steinberg is also busy writing the first major upgrade to Cubase Score, and not before time. Although I haven't had a chance to see it yet, I'm told the Arrange window has been given a whole new look. The score editor has been vastly improved and will include guitar tablature, polyphonic voicing and 230 new tools. The Studio module, which has so far been a plug-in, will be included as standard.

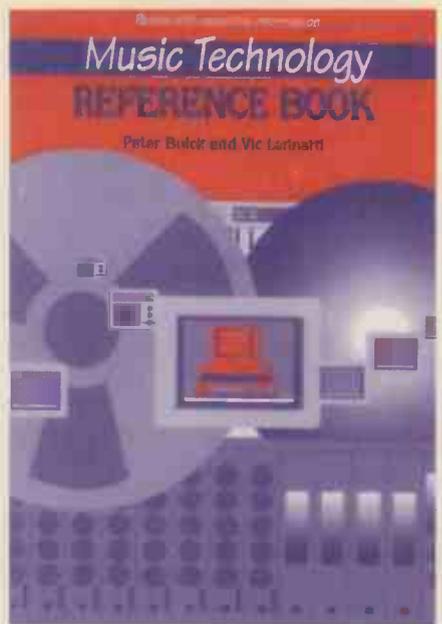
iMedia has released two CD-ROMs for Turtle Beach SampleStore cards (including the Tropez, Maui and Monterey) containing hundreds of professionally recorded samples. They include multi-sampled pianos, bass patches, orchestral and synth voices. The two CDs, Leading Edge and Composer's Toolkit, are priced at £49 each or £89 for the two from Et Cetera Distribution.

Yamaha is launching a WaveTable daughterboard based on the XG-439 synthesiser. It's compatible with most 16-bit sound cards and provides over 400 samples in 4Mb ROM, including 22 drum kits. Three digital effects can be applied to each part which include 12 reverbs, eight chorus settings, distortion and rotary speaker to name just some. It is expected to cost around £139 and should be available from July, from Et Cetera.

I have had several queries about books on music technology and which ones are worth taking a look at. I would recommend the *Music Technology Reference Book*, which PC Publishing has sent me. It covers the MIDI specification in detail, including system exclusive, hard disk recording and synchronisation methods. On recording and production it has tips on patchbay layouts, microphone placement, EQ guides, and tables for calculating delay settings according to tempo. It's quite techie so it's not ideal if you're just getting into MIDI. If you know your stuff, though, it's an invaluable reference. It costs £12.95 from PC Publishing on 01732 770893.

### Understanding MIDI

Over the next couple of months we'll be taking a closer look at MIDI, from the basics through to using con-

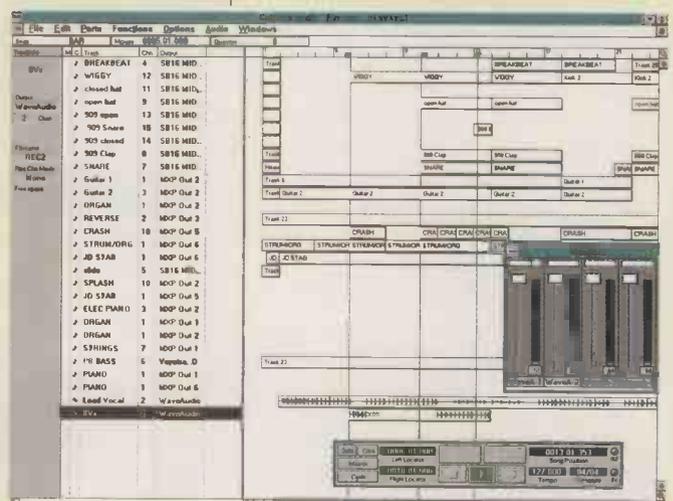


tinuous controllers and system exclusive messages.

MIDI (Musical Instrument Digital Interface) has been around since the early eighties. It was designed to allow musical instruments to "talk" to each other. Initially, this meant being able to play the sounds of one synthesiser from another. Today, its main application is for sequencing using several sound sources or synthesisers, allowing complex arrangements to be written.

The first thing to understand about MIDI is that it doesn't actually transmit any sound, just very simple messages which the receiving instrument responds to. When a key is pressed on a MIDI keyboard, a message is sent down one of 16 MIDI channels describing which key was pressed (note on), and how hard it was struck (velocity). When the key is

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released, a "note off" message is sent.

If for any reason no note-off message is sent, the receiving device will continue to play indefinitely. This can happen when too much information is sent down a single cable and note-off messages get lost. Most MIDI sequencers have a "panic" button which sends note-off information to every note on every MIDI channel should this happen.

MIDI is a serial system, which means no two things can happen at the same time. So when you play a chord, for example, the note data doesn't arrive at the receiving device at the same time but within milliseconds of each other. The human ear cannot detect this, however.

Like SCSI devices, MIDI instruments need their own unique ID. There are 16 settings (MIDI channels).

Whereas SCSI cannot have two devices set to the same ID, MIDI can have instruments set to receive on a shared channel. This allows you to layer sounds; a piano and strings pad, for example. It would be possible to send the same information on two channels, but this creates unnecessary MIDI traffic.

Connecting a MIDI keyboard to your PC requires a MIDI interface, which most sound

cards already have. To use it, though, you need a MIDI adaptor kit. Last month I mentioned a new MIDI kit from PC Services which provides an input and two MIDI outputs. It also has a two-into-one line mixer, and costs just £29. Each MIDI interface, or port, has

16 MIDI channels, making it possible to play 16 separate parts, or instruments, simultaneously.

**General MIDI**

The lack of consistency in MIDI equipment gave musicians all sorts of problems in the eighties. While one synthesiser might have been polyphonic and capable of playing two instruments simultaneously, others were monophonic and not multi-timbral: when sequences were played back on equipment it was not recorded with, all the sounds would be wrong, if heard at all. To address this, the MMA (MIDI Manufacturers Association) developed a specification for synthesisers known as General MIDI.

General MIDI specifies the types of

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Prog No.	Timbre	Prog No.	Timbre	Prog No.	Timbre	Prog No.	Timbre
1	Piano 1	33	Acoustic Bs.	65	Soprano Sax	97	Ice Rain
2	Piano 2	34	Fingered Bs.	66	Alto Sax	98	Soundtrack
3	Piano 3	35	Picked Bs	67	Tenor Sax	99	Crystal
4	Honky-tonk	36	Fretless Bs	68	Baritone Sax	100	Atmosphere
5	E. Piano 1	37	Slap Bass 1	69	Oboe	101	Brightness
6	E. Piano 2	38	Slap Bass 2	70	English Horn	102	Goblin
7	Harp	39	Synth Bass 1	71	Bassoon	103	Echo Drops
8	Clav.	40	Synth Bass 2	72	Clarinet	104	Star Theme
9	Celesta	41	Violin	73	Piccolo	105	Sitar
10	Glockenspiel	42	Viola	74	Flute	106	Banjo
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15	Tubular-bell	47	Harp	79	Whistle	111	Fiddle
16	Santur	48	Timpani	80	Ocarina	112	Shanai
17	Organ 1	49	Strings	81	Square Wave	113	Tinkle Bell
18	Organ 2	50	Slow Strings	82	Saw Wave	114	Agogo
19	Organ 3	51	Syn. Strings 1	83	Syn. Calliope	115	Steel Drums
20	Church Org. 1	52	Syn. Strings 2	84	Chiffer Lead	116	Woodblock
21	Reed Organ	53	Choir Aahs	85	Charang	117	Taiko
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25	Nylon-Str. Gt.	57	Trumpet	89	Frantasia	121	Gt. Fret Noise
26	Steel-Str. Gt.	58	Trombone	90	Warm Pad	122	Breath Noise
27	Jazz Gt.	59	Tuba	91	Polysynth	123	Seashore
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The General MIDI patch list including program change numbers for reference.

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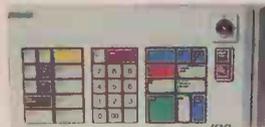
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instruments a synthesiser should have, the layout of percussion sounds on drum kits, and a minimum polyphony of 24 voices. Therefore, a composition written for General MIDI should sound much the same played on any GM device. All GM modules, including current WaveTable sound cards, are capable of playing 16 instruments simultaneously.

MIDI doesn't just allow you to play the sounds from different sources: it also lets you control individual sound parameters and select the sounds, or patches, you want to use (see page 655). After note information, the three most basic messages are program change, volume and pan settings.

Every software-based sequencer and MIDI keyboard has the ability to send and receive program change information. When you select a sound from your synthesiser or sequencer, it sends a program change message down the MIDI cable. Using program change data it is possible to select the first 128 patches from an external instrument. As well as program change there is Bank Select, allowing you to choose patches above the first 128, but I'll cover this next month.

MIDI volume should speak for itself. Since MIDI data is a 7-bit system, there are a possible 128 levels for volume settings, and indeed every other controller.

Panning is the positioning of a sound across a stereo field. Although there are 128 steps for pan, most synthesisers only have 21 steps: centred, 10 steps to the left and 10 to the right. Panning your instru-

### Mo' Funky Elements



This is the second Funky Elements CD from Time + Space, containing another massive selection of percussion loops, rhythm guitar, horn, keyboard and bass samples. The CD kicks in with around 80 loose soul grooves and fills with exact tempo listings for each. They have been recorded with some seriously old drums for that authentic sound, with no effects or EQ. The loops are either one or two bars and are in mono.

Following the loops come the individual percussion samples which include numerous kick, snare and hi-hat samples. The samples are clean and sound great when a touch of EQ is applied. The hi-hat samples cover just about every nuance from tight closed, to loose open and various pedalled hats. After these come some tambourine loops recorded at different tempos.

Funky Elements wouldn't be complete without Fender Rhodes samples. They have been multi-sampled at octave intervals over four octaves, and at two velocities. If you haven't already got a decent rhodes patch, then it might just come from this CD.

The horn riffs are varied in style and tempo and are well suited for that jazz rap sound, but could work equally well in different styles. Wah-wah guitar samples are disappointingly few and far between and only recorded in two keys, as are the seventies bass patterns. Overall, though, there's a lot of inspiration on this CD and some very usable samples if you're into that funky, jazzy, swinging disco sound. There are the usual ten samples on this month's cover CD, along with ten from A2D2 which were omitted last month. They can be found in the sample folder as .wav files.

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ments within a mix can be performed quite simply using the on-screen mixing console within a sequencer, but for finer control you may need to insert individual events from within an event editor. But this is something I'll look at next month too. I'll also be looking at sampling in the digital domain and how to add SP/DIF output to the AWE-32 sound card.

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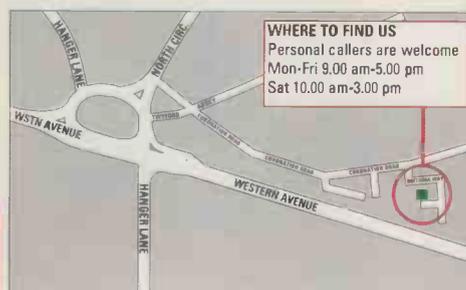
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## Nudge, nudge, know what I mean?

**Why does error nudging differ in Delphi? Tim Anderson comments on this and on objects in Visual FoxPro, and Visual Basic. New versions of VB Assist and Formula 1 are put in the spotlight.**

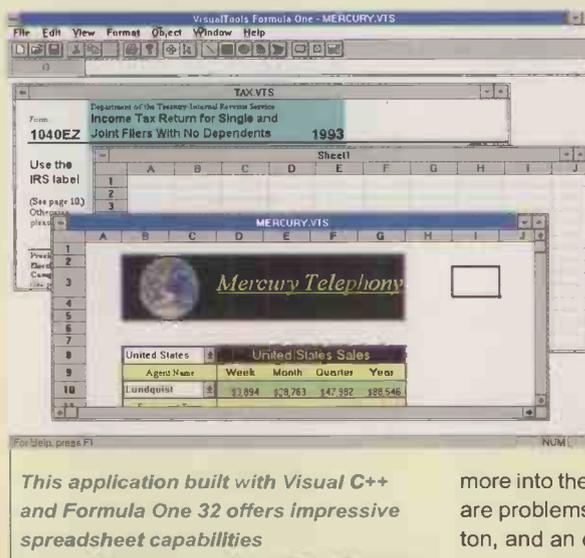
This year could prove to be a vintage one for visual programming tools: Borland's Delphi has shown that you can more or less combine Visual Basic's ease of use with the performance of a fully compiled language. By contrast, Microsoft's Visual FoxPro 3.0 offers object orientation that is even easier to learn and use, and is well integrated with a visual design environment. Last month, Hands On struggled to inherit from Delphi's Tform class, but in Visual FoxPro there's no problem. Some example code is shown in Fig 1.

Why is this code so impressive? Although it doesn't do a lot, it illustrates how simple it is to create reusable code in Visual FoxPro. A form class, form\_a, is derived from FoxPro's base FORM class; it's like the base class, except that it has a label with a company logo. Next, a further class, form\_b, is derived from form\_a.

This second class inherits the label from form\_a and further adds a small graphic. It's not hard to see how these principles enable you to build a range of reusable objects, both forms and controls, that greatly simplify building standard applications. Debugging and enhancing is easier as well, since improvements made to a parent class are automatically inherited by all the subclasses.

You don't need to include the class definitions in each program that uses them; FoxPro has a SET PROCEDURE command that lets you keep your class definitions in a separate file, for example:

```
SET PROCEDURE TO "myd1gs.prg"
ADDITIVE
```



```
dlgTest = CREATEOBJECT("myd1gA")
```

I've given the above example as pure code since it makes it easy to see what's going on. Visual FoxPro goes one further by allowing you to create classes visually. Classes are designed using FoxPro's form designer, much as you would design a form in Visual Basic. Classes can be based on controls as well as forms. One key difference from VB is that you can add your own properties and methods, and these can be "protected", in which case they are only visible to other methods in the class definition. You can add your custom classes to the form designer's toolbar.

Once created, visual classes can be used in code in much the same way as the above example, except that instead

of SET PROCEDURE TO you use SET CLASSLIB TO.

Object orientation in Visual FoxPro combines xBase simplicity with visual design tools and a powerful object model. At the time of writing it remains in beta form, so the jury is still out regarding its final stability and performance, with particular worries about the strain it may impose on 16-bit Windows and Win32S. FoxPro is interpreted so that it can never achieve the speed of routines written in Delphi; but its xBase database engine is more than a match for the Borland Database Engine on DBF tables.

It supports OCX custom controls but with limitations that mean not all OCXs will be compatible. Ironically, Visual FoxPro has many features (such as the visual class library) that would be great to see in Visual Basic 4.0. I can't help feeling that Microsoft has at least one product too many in its armoury of database and language tools, and that they have posed themselves a tricky product positioning

exercise. I hope FoxPro survives, since its brand of object orientation is exceptionally useful and usable.

### Still out of focus

Judging by my email box, the problem of Visual Basic's LostFocus event discussed in June's column is a hot topic for many developers. Thanks to Richard Howells for the following:

"Just to throw a little more into the pot for this discussion. There are problems with the use of a default button, and an exit button. If you have a button with the default property set, probably captioned 'OK' or some such, then the user can cause that button's click event procedure to be executed by pressing the enter key. If the user does this, then the control which currently has the focus does not lose it, and the LostFocus event procedure for that control is not executed. If you have your validation code in that procedure then it will not be triggered, allowing unvalidated data into your system. If the user uses the mouse, rather than the enter key, to press the button then the focus does change and the LostFocus event runs.

"The converse problem may occur if you have a button with the exit property. If the user presses the escape key then this button's click procedure is run. Typically,

**Fig 1 Creating reusable code in Visual FoxPro***(Note that in FoxPro "\*" and "&&" introduce comments):*

```

frmone = CREATEOBJECT("FORM_A") && instantiates form_a object
frmone.SHOW && displays form

frmtwo = CREATEOBJECT("FORM_B") && instantiates form_b object
frmtwo.SHOW && displays form

READ EVENTS && prevents program terminating

*****Class definitions*****

DEFINE CLASS form_a AS FORM && inherit from FORM base class

    ADD OBJECT lbllogo AS LABEL;
        WITH CAPTION = "Successful Inc",;
        FONT = "Arial", FONTSIZE = 18,;
        AUTOSIZE = .T. && add label object

    PROCEDURE INIT
        THISFORM.CAPTION = "Instance of Form_A"

        * centre label
        THISFORM.lbllogo.LEFT = (THISFORM.WIDTH-THISFORM.lbllogo.WIDTH)/2

    ENDPROC

    PROCEDURE DESTROY
        CLEAR EVENTS && terminate READ EVENTS
    ENDPROC

ENDDDEFINE

DEFINE CLASS form_b AS form_a

    ADD OBJECT imlogo AS IMAGE && add image control

    PROCEDURE INIT

        form_a::INIT && inherit INIT procedure from parent class

        THISFORM.imlogo.PICTURE = "BULLSEYE.ICO" && load a picture
        THISFORM.CAPTION = "Instance of Form_B"

    ENDPROC

```

you use this to cancel or abort a process. If the user presses the exit button with the mouse, the focus changes and any LostFocus validation code will run. This can give rise to a nasty user interface problem.

"Suppose the user cannot get past one of your validations, because he does not have the right data. He may become trapped in the form because every time he presses the exit button with the mouse, the validation tells him he needs to enter valid data. I can see why programmers like to use the LostFocus event for validation. I think finding a bullet-proof implementation requires a lot of work."

Richard makes some good points here

and you may, reluctantly, conclude that using LostFocus for validation is not a good solution. I also observe that Delphi's similar OnEnter and OnExit events do not suffer from VB's LostFocus problems.

Unfortunately, every development tool involves compromises. Al Lawrence has found a problem with rounding in Delphi:

"Rounding was one of the first aspects of Delphi I tried because it is a problem I have encountered with other languages when first using them. I have also learnt by experience that you can never write accounting or payroll-type systems without having to incorporate and use a nudging routine, to prevent penny errors.



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"So, on a field entry object with a Display-Format property of ###,###0.00, entry of numbers gave the following results: 1.505 redisplay as 1.50; 1.506 redisplay as 1.51. Both examples should display 1.51. Having contacted Borland, I was told that this is known as Banker's Rounding, and is now the preferred method as it introduces less bias than the more conventional errors. Apparently a number is rounded up if the preceding digit is odd, and down if the preceding digit is even. Few of my accounting friends have heard of this, and those that have say it is little used. It sounds a bit suspect to me and means that I will have to write a nudger of my own, and intercept and round prior to Delphi's re-display.

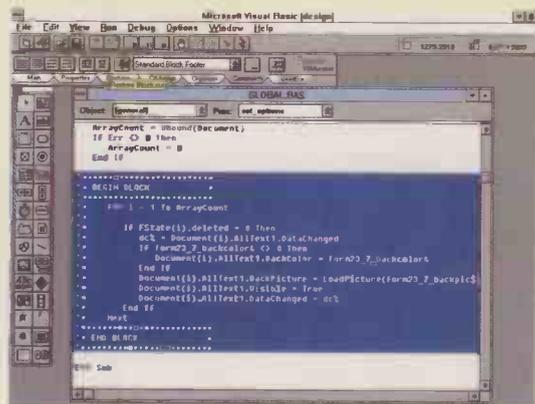
"Delphi is the third Windows programming system I have looked at. I didn't like Visual Basic, and couldn't cope with C++, but Delphi does seem to have much more going for it. I hope it's a huge success."

I can see the logic of the answer AI received from Borland; if halves are always rounded up, there is more bias than if they are only rounded up half of the time. However, some quick experimentation shows that Visual Basic, Excel and FoxPro (to name but three) take the same view as AI: always round up.

Another curious thing is that Delphi does not precisely follow the rule that AI describes. I used the FmtStr function, with a format string of "%.2f", which rounds to two digits after the decimal point. I noticed that 1.505 rounds to 1.50. But 1.515 rounds to 1.51, so it is not the parity of the preceding digit that makes a difference. And both 2.505 and 3.505 round up, not down. At the moment, I can't see the logic that Delphi is using, but clearly AI is right to be cautious. Sometimes, anomalies such as these are caused by the way computers store floating point numbers, but in this case it seems only Delphi has a problem.

## VB Assistance

An enduring favourite among VB developers is Sheridan's VBAssist, an extension to

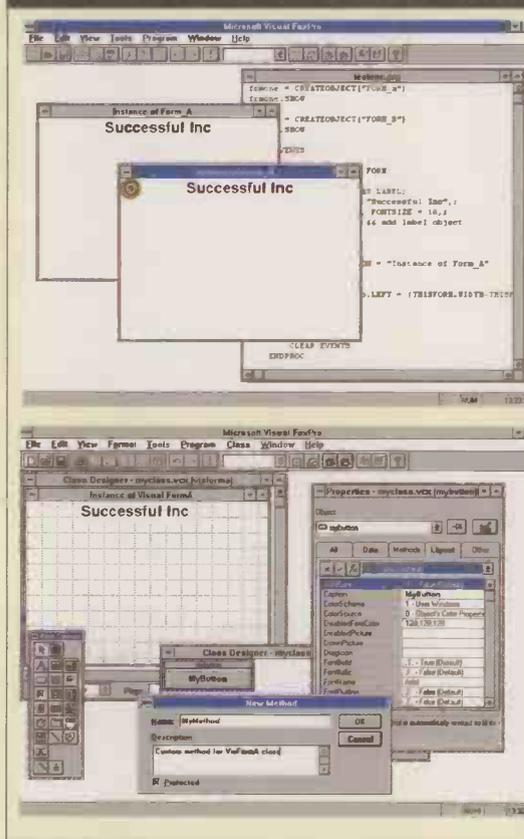


or copied to the clipboard during a session. There are enhancements to the code librarian and property templates for network users sharing code, and a very useful Comment Assistant that lets you comment out and restore highlighted blocks of code.

Although nicely enhanced,

*VBAssist 3.5 has a neat tabbed interface but still looks like a stopgap release*

## Class structure



*Subclassing a form object in Visual FoxPro is easily done in code or visually*

*The Visual Class Designer lets you create classes with point-and-click*

VB's design-time environment. If you can cope with its tiny icons and a longer loading time, VBAssist adds some great time-saving features to VB, including automatic control alignment, visual tab-order setting, and property templates which instantly set multiple properties to predefined values. This latter feature saves no end of clicking and typing, and in fact Microsoft has put a similar gadget into Visual FoxPro (it will be interesting to see if VB 4.0 has an equivalent).

VBAssist 3.0 is now two years old, and Sheridan has released an update; version 3.5. Enthusiasts of version 3.0 will want the new product, if only for the much nicer tabbed toolbar that forms the main VBAssist interface. Another new feature is called "Clipboard History", an extended clipboard that provides access to all items cut

this is a minor upgrade. But I sympathise with Sheridan and other VB add-on vendors. Most serious VBX developers have a stack of new OCX and other add-ons waiting in the wings for Visual Basic 4.0. But Visual Basic 4.0 is waiting for Windows 95, and Windows 95 is late. That has left the third-party companies with a dilemma: continue to hold back on new products, with dire consequences for turnover, or release stopgap upgrades for the remains of the VB 3.0 market. VBAssist 3.5 looks like the latter. Corporate developers using VBAssist should snap it up; those on a tighter budget should wait for a flood of add-on products likely to come when VB 4.0 finally appears. My tip for the VBX vendors? Well, some neat VCL add-ons for Delphi would be nice.

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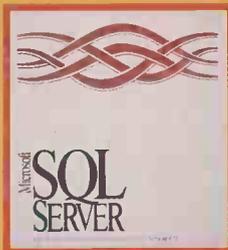
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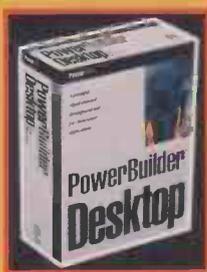
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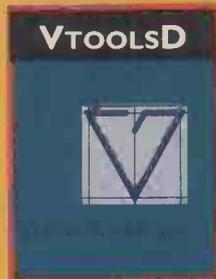
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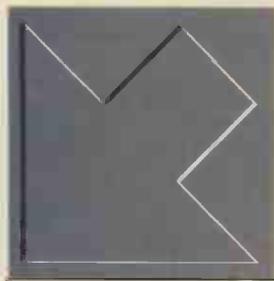


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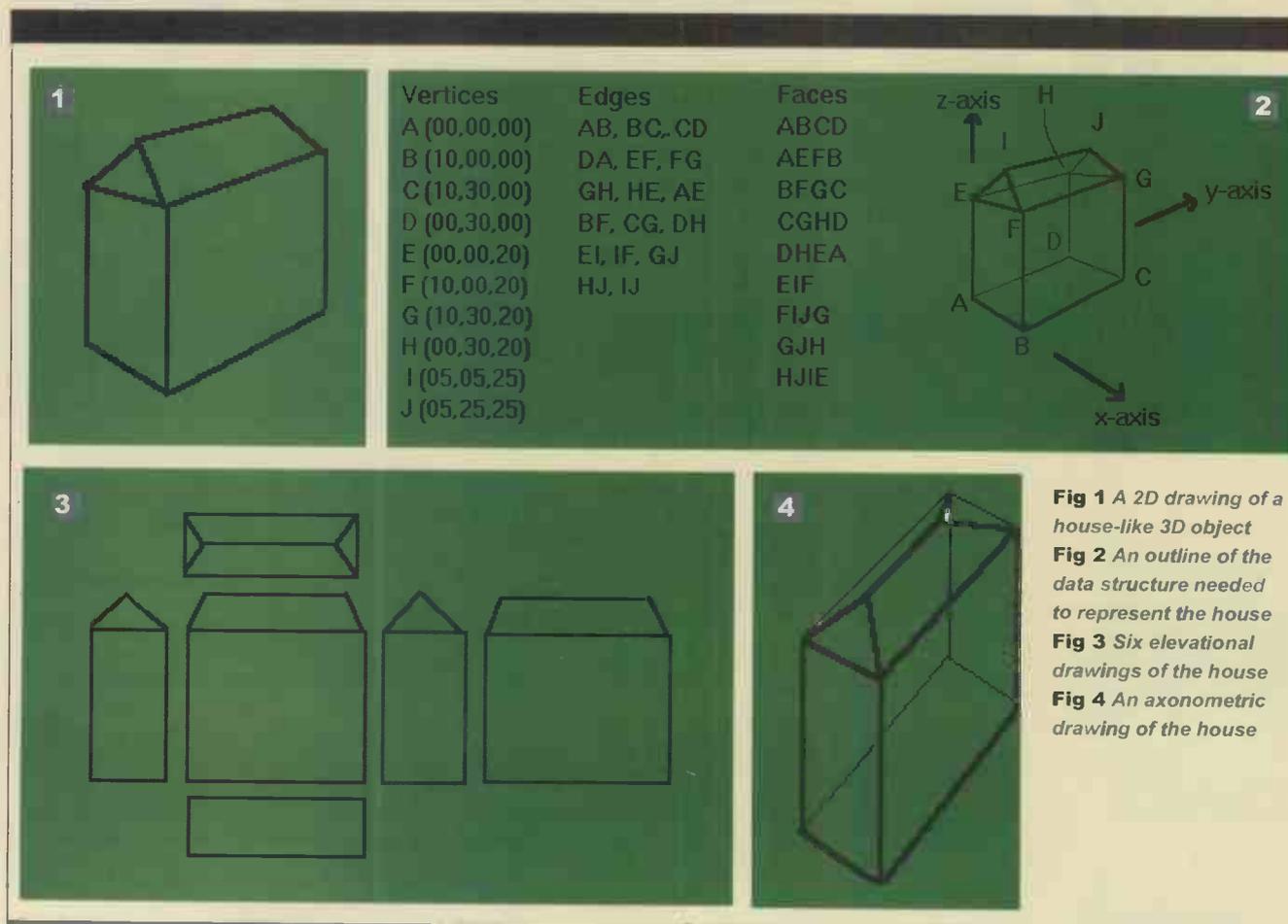
displays of a realistic but fictitious world which the player can move through and investigate in realtime, using a joystick, mouse or keyboard to direct operations. There are practical applications for this type of software as well, most notably in Computer Aided Design (CAD) where the

user can create on screen a complex object such as a car, building or aeroplane, and test it without having to go to the expense of actually building it.

This month we're going to investigate some of the techniques that lie behind these applications. Forgetting the details of whether the host software offers football, aeroplanes or dungeons, we can say that in the main these programs all have two principal components. Firstly, they have a 3D modelling system that can represent, in a data structure, the shape and purpose of all the underlying objects in its simulated world. And secondly, there's a 3D graphics engine to display these objects from any angle at any given moment in time.

We have already presented a simple 3D modelling system in this column (July 1994). This could be used to build up data structures representing moderately complex objects built out of small cubes. The system had a graphics engine that could also display these objects, using simple 3D graphics techniques, but the method we used was rather crude. In this month's Low Level we will show some more sophisticated techniques.

It would be relatively trivial to display 3D objects if the computer had a 3D output



**Fig 1** A 2D drawing of a house-like 3D object

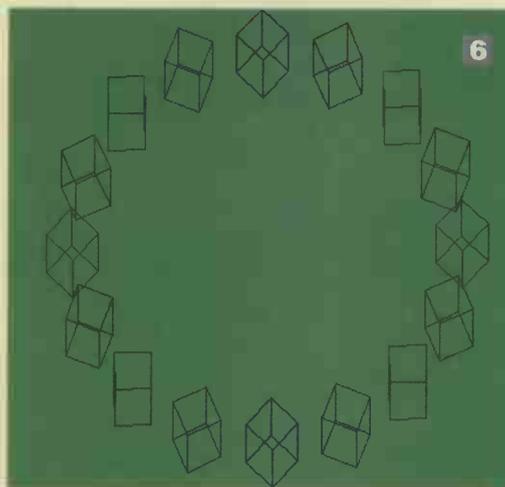
**Fig 2** An outline of the data structure needed to represent the house

**Fig 3** Six elevational drawings of the house

**Fig 4** An axonometric drawing of the house



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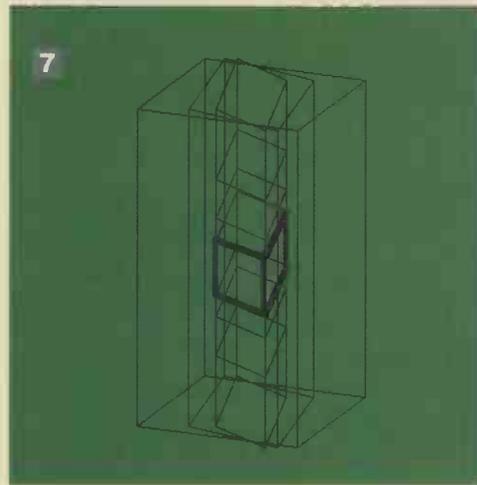


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**Fig 5 Translation** allows movement in any of the three directions. Two of the possibilities are shown here

**Fig 6 Rotation** spins an object about a central axis. Here the object is some distance from the vertical axis and moves around it in a circular orbit

**Fig 7 Scaling** increases the size of an object in any or all directions. Here a small cube (in bold) is expanded three times in the vertical direction and then twice in the horizontal



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$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1*5+2*7 & 1*6+2*8 \\ 3*5+4*7 & 3*6+4*8 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 19 & 22 \\ 43 & 50 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 5 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1*5+2*4+3*3+4*2 \\ 2*5+4*4+5*3+1*2 \\ 3*5+1*4+4*3+2*2 \\ 5*3+3*4+2*3+1*2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 30 \\ 35 \\ 35 \\ 35 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Fig 8 Matrix multiplication in action.** The first example shows two 2 x 2 matrices being multiplied to produce a third 2 x 2 matrix. The second example shows a 4 x 4 matrix multiplying a 4 x 1 matrix to produce a 4 x 1 matrix

device, but of course the only commonly available output media, namely screens, plotters and printers, are completely flat: in other words, they are two-dimensional. Fortunately the human eye is very good at interpreting 2D drawings of 3D objects. In fact, it could be argued that (ignoring the finer points of our binocular vision system) the eye only ever does see a 2D world, because our retinas are essentially two-

dimensional, like the focal plane of a camera. Thus we spend our entire lives adding the third dimension from the subtle clues given to us in a two-dimensional scene.

What this means is that given the problem of displaying a 3D object on a 2D screen, we have simply to arrange for an appropriate 2D drawing that the eye can interpret as a 3D object. For example, Fig 1 shows a 2D drawing of a 3D object,

which most of us would interpret as a house. Suppose we had an application which had this house shape represented in some sort of data structure. Such a data structure might contain the information given in Fig 2, typically held in various structures and arrays. This house shape is a specific instance of a general mathematical object known as a polyhedron and this

**Fig 9 Visual Basic routines to multiply matrices**

```
Sub MatMult (a() As Single, b() As Single, ab() As Single, M As Integer, NM As Integer, N As Integer)
'Set ab(M-1,N-1) as the result of multiplying a(M-1,MN-1) by b(MN-1,N-1)
Dim i As Integer
Dim j As Integer
Dim k As Integer
For i = 0 To M - 1
For j = 0 To N - 1
ab(i, j) = 0#
For k = 0 To NM - 1
ab(i, j) = ab(i, j) + a(i, k) * b(k, j)
Next k
Next j
Next i
```

End Sub

```
Sub MatVectMult (a() As Single, v() As Single, av() As Single, M As Integer, N As Integer)
'Set av(M-1) as the result of multiplying a(M-1,N-1) by v(N-1)
Dim i As Integer
Dim j As Integer
For i = 0 To M - 1
av(i) = 0#
For j = 0 To N - 1
av(i) = av(i) + a(i, j) * v(j)
Next j
Next i
End Sub
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos A & 0 & -\sin A & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \sin A & 0 & \cos A & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Fig 10** The rotation matrix used to rotate an object by A radians about the Z axis

is the type of object we will be considering here. The polyhedron is a useful concept in computer graphics because it can be used to represent a wide range of objects, but as it has no curves it is comparatively simple to draw.

The word "polyhedron" comes from the Greek: poly = many and hedron = seat, although in the modern era it is more helpful to think of it as meaning "many faces". Polyhedra are made up of a number of flat faces each bounded by straight lines, which are referred to as edges. The edges meet at corners, which are known as vertices. Notice that each face is actually a 2D polygon. It can also be seen that each edge always connects two vertices and

always separates two faces. Any number of edges can meet at a vertex, although for most simple objects there are usually only three or four edges at each vertex.

In Fig 2 the vertices themselves are represented by 3D co-ordinates, giving their position in space, measured from some arbitrary axes (which are shown in the figure, with origin at vertex A). Thus we can find vertex G (10,30,20) by starting at A then moving 10 units in the X direction, 30 units in the Y direction and 20 units in the Z direction.

In order to generate a meaningful display from this data structure, an application must pre-determine a number of things. Firstly it has to decide on a viewpoint and direction of view. For example, in the case of Fig 1 the view-point is approximately at roof level, some way out from one of the corners, looking towards

the middle of the house. This is the view that a bird might see at, say, (40,-30,25) when pointing directly towards the point (5,15,10). Obviously we would get a very different drawing from a different viewpoint or if pointed in a different direction.

Once the viewpoint and direction of view have been determined it is necessary to decide how big to plot the drawing on the screen. For example, we might choose one pixel on the screen to represent one unit in the object, although with the object co-ordinates given here that would produce a very small drawing. This size may be appropriate if we are simulating an object at some distance. Indeed, by rapidly and repeatedly drawing the object larger and larger, possibly going up to a scale of 10 pixels or more per object unit, we can simulate movement towards it.

It is also necessary to decide on the type of "projection" method that is to be used to produce the drawing. The projection is the mathematical technique that combines the three co-ordinates for each vertex in some mysterious way, to produce just two co-ordinates which can actually be fixed on the computer display. The drawing in Fig 1 is a perspective projection, so that lines that are parallel in reality actually meet at some point on the horizon, and angles are distorted. For example, in reality the walls and floor of the house all meet at right angles, but in the drawing they don't.

There are many alternatives to the perspective drawing. Fig 3 shows a number of elevational drawings of the house, as viewed from all four points of the compass along with a bird's eye view from directly above and a mole's eye view from below. Mathematically, elevations are fairly easy to arrange: you simply ignore one of the three vertex co-ordinates and plot the two that are left. For example the side views of the house ignore the Y co-ordinate so that a vertex in the object at (X,Y,Z) gets drawn at (X,Z) on the screen.

The axonometric projection is also useful because it preserves many of the original object's properties but looks rather like a perspective drawing. Fig 4 shows an axonometric of the house shape. Notice that angles and lengths in the horizontal plane are not distorted in the drawing, but of course some of the information in the vertical (Z) dimension is lost. To plot an axonometric, a point at (X,Y,Z) is drawn on the screen at (X,Y+Z).

In order to present realistic graphics it's also necessary to perform a hidden-line removal in the final image. For example, the perspective drawing in Fig 1 shows

**Fig 11** Subroutine to set up a rotation matrix. The routine can handle any angle of rotation about any axis

```
Dim cs As Single
Dim sn As Single
Dim ms As Single
cs = Cos(ang)
sn = Sin(ang)
ms = -sn
Select Case axis
Case AXIS_X
r(0, 0) = 1#: r(0, 1) = 0#: r(0, 2) = 0#: r(0, 3) = 0#
r(1, 0) = 0#: r(1, 1) = cs: r(1, 2) = sn: r(1, 3) = 0#
r(2, 0) = 0#: r(2, 1) = ms: r(2, 2) = cs: r(2, 3) = 0#
r(3, 0) = 0#: r(3, 1) = 0#: r(3, 2) = 0#: r(3, 3) = 1#
Case AXIS_Y
r(0, 0) = cs: r(0, 1) = 0#: r(0, 2) = ms: r(0, 3) = 0#
r(1, 0) = 0#: r(1, 1) = 1#: r(1, 2) = 0#: r(1, 3) = 0#
r(2, 0) = sn: r(2, 1) = 0#: r(2, 2) = cs: r(2, 3) = 0#
r(3, 0) = 0#: r(3, 1) = 0#: r(3, 2) = 0#: r(3, 3) = 1#
Case AXIS_Z
r(0, 0) = cs: r(0, 1) = sn: r(0, 2) = 0#: r(0, 3) = 0#
r(1, 0) = ms: r(1, 1) = cs: r(1, 2) = 0#: r(1, 3) = 0#
r(2, 0) = 0#: r(2, 1) = 0#: r(2, 2) = 1#: r(2, 3) = 0#
r(3, 0) = 0#: r(3, 1) = 0#: r(3, 2) = 0#: r(3, 3) = 1#
End Select
End Sub
```

**Fig 12 Subroutine to set up a scaling matrix that can resize an object in any direction**

```

Sub MatRotate (r() As Single, ang As Single, axis As Integer)
'Set up rotation matrix in r() for given angle about given axis
Sub MatScale (s() As Single, sf, axis As Integer)
'Set up scaling matrix in s() to stretch/shrink object by given
'scale factor in direction of given axis
  Select Case axis
  Case AXIS_X
    s(0, 0) = sf: s(0, 1) = 0#: s(0, 2) = 0#: s(0, 3) = 0#
    s(1, 0) = 0#: s(1, 1) = 1#: s(1, 2) = 0#: s(1, 3) = 0#
    s(2, 0) = 0#: s(2, 1) = 0#: s(2, 2) = 1#: s(2, 3) = 0#
    s(3, 0) = 0#: s(3, 1) = 0#: s(3, 2) = 0#: s(3, 3) = 1#
  Case AXIS_Y
    s(0, 0) = 1#: s(0, 1) = 0#: s(0, 2) = 0#: s(0, 3) = 0#
    s(1, 0) = 0#: s(1, 1) = sf: s(1, 2) = 0#: s(1, 3) = 0#
    s(2, 0) = 0#: s(2, 1) = 0#: s(2, 2) = 1#: s(2, 3) = 0#
    s(3, 0) = 0#: s(3, 1) = 0#: s(3, 2) = 0#: s(3, 3) = 1#
  Case AXIS_Z
    s(0, 0) = 1#: s(0, 1) = 0#: s(0, 2) = 0#: s(0, 3) = 0#
    s(1, 0) = 0#: s(1, 1) = 1#: s(1, 2) = 0#: s(1, 3) = 0#
    s(2, 0) = 0#: s(2, 1) = 0#: s(2, 2) = sf: s(2, 3) = 0#
    s(3, 0) = 0#: s(3, 1) = 0#: s(3, 2) = 0#: s(3, 3) = 1#
  End Select
End Sub

```

only the edges in the house shape that could actually be seen from that direction, whereas the axonometric in Fig 4 also shows lines that would not normally be visible (although in this case they are drawn more faintly). Newcomers to 3D graphics are often surprised to learn that it's easy for the computer to draw objects with all their lines shown (something that people would find quite hard to do by hand), whereas it's quite difficult to eliminate the

lines that you wouldn't normally see.

For a single convex polyhedron (i.e. a polyhedron with no indents or holes) it is relatively easy, using some basic co-ordinate geometry techniques, to establish which faces are facing the wrong way (i.e. pointing away from the viewer) and then simply not draw them. This means that only visible lines are drawn, and all the

**Fig 13 Subroutine to set up a translation matrix that can move an object in any direction**

```

Sub MatTranslate (t() As Single, ds As Single, axis As Integer)
'Set up translation matrix in t() to move object given distance
'in direction of given axis
'NB t() times v() later not v() times t(), hence ds vals go in
'column 3 rather than row 3
  Select Case axis
  Case AXIS_X
    t(0, 0) = 1#: t(0, 1) = 0#: t(0, 2) = 0#: t(0, 3) = ds
    t(1, 0) = 0#: t(1, 1) = 1#: t(1, 2) = 0#: t(1, 3) = 0#
    t(2, 0) = 0#: t(2, 1) = 0#: t(2, 2) = 1#: t(2, 3) = 0#
    t(3, 0) = 0#: t(3, 1) = 0#: t(3, 2) = 0#: t(3, 3) = 1#
  Case AXIS_Y
    t(0, 0) = 1#: t(0, 1) = 0#: t(0, 2) = 0#: t(0, 3) = 0#
    t(1, 0) = 0#: t(1, 1) = 1#: t(1, 2) = 0#: t(1, 3) = ds
    t(2, 0) = 0#: t(2, 1) = 0#: t(2, 2) = 1#: t(2, 3) = 0#
    t(3, 0) = 0#: t(3, 1) = 0#: t(3, 2) = 0#: t(3, 3) = 1#
  Case AXIS_Z
    t(0, 0) = 1#: t(0, 1) = 0#: t(0, 2) = 0#: t(0, 3) = 0#
    t(1, 0) = 0#: t(1, 1) = 1#: t(1, 2) = 0#: t(1, 3) = 0#
    t(2, 0) = 0#: t(2, 1) = 0#: t(2, 2) = 1#: t(2, 3) = ds
    t(3, 0) = 0#: t(3, 1) = 0#: t(3, 2) = 0#: t(3, 3) = 1#
  End Select
End Sub

```

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hidden ones are left out. Unfortunately, this technique breaks down when there is more than one polyhedron in a scene, or when a polyhedron has concavities.

For concave or multiple polyhedra there's a technique that always draws everything, but carefully orders things so that the most distant faces are drawn first. If something is in front of a face then it will be drawn later and overwrite it, so the invisible part of the object will play no part in the final display. This technique demands that all the faces of the object be rendered and that the drawing is not just presented as a wire-frame picture. Unfortunately there are efficiency considerations with this technique, and it may be too slow to work in a real-time simulation. But that is as much as I'm going to say on the subject of hidden-line removal here as it gets very complex after this, and somewhat beyond our scope.

Returning to the basic projections we were considering earlier, these projections may indeed look mathematically very simple, but of course it's necessary to get the object into the right position and at the right orientation before they can be used. For graphical purposes there are only three fundamental operations that can be performed on any object, and these are known as rotation, translation and scaling. Figs 5 to 7 show these operations in action. In practice they can each be performed about any of the three axes, or indeed on a combination of these axes. For example, we can rotate an object about the Z-axis, when it will spin like an ice dancer, or about the Y-axis when it will somersault, or alternatively about the X-axis when it will do cartwheels. Similarly, scaling can make an object fatter (or thinner) in either of two directions, or taller

**Fig 15 Subroutine to set up an Identity matrix**

```
Sub MatIdentity (a() As Single, N
As Integer)
'Set up a() as the N by N Identity
matrix
Dim i As Integer
Dim j As Integer
  For i = 0 To N - 1
    For j = 0 To N - 1
      If i = j Then
        a(i, j) = 1#
      Else
        a(i, j) = 0#
      End If
    Next j
  Next i
End Sub
```

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$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Fig 14 A four by four Identity Matrix**

or shorter. Translation can move it left, right, forwards, backwards, up or down.

The mathematics for positioning, turning and scaling objects is surprisingly simple if you're prepared to put a little effort into learning matrix algebra. A matrix is simply an array of numbers — a concept which will already be familiar to most programmers through the "array" data structure which is a part of most programming languages. For example, to rotate an object a certain amount about the X-axis we simply set up a matrix (or in programming terms, a 2D array) with some special values and then this matrix to the co-ordinates of each vertex in the object. The "apply" operation is known as matrix multiplication.

The matrix multiplication operation is shown in action in Fig 8 working on two pairs of sample matrices. Obviously it is not the same as ordinary multiplication, but mathematicians still call it multiplication because in certain respects it works in the same way (for example, multiplying two one by one matrices gives exactly the same result as multiplying two numbers). In general, any sizes of matrix can be multiplied in this fashion, but the second matrix must have the same number of rows as the first has columns. This means we can always multiply an M x N matrix (M rows, N columns) by an N x P matrix, and the result will be an M x P matrix. To determine the value of the element in the x'th row and the y'th column in the answer matrix, we take the numbers in the x'th row of the first matrix and the y'th column of the second, pair them off with their opposite numbers for multiplication and add the whole lot together. The examples in Fig 8 should make this clear.

In order to perform our 3D graphics operations we will want to multiply 4 x 4 matrices with other 4 x 4 matrices and also with 4 x 1 matrices. Fig 9 shows the Visual Basic code for doing this, which can in this case handle any size matrices. In theory only one routine should be necessary to handle all matrix multiplications, but it is convenient when programming to represent N x 1 matrices as 1D arrays, rather than using a 2D declaration like 'dim NbyOne(0 to N-1, 0 to 0)'. Visual Basic complains if a 1D array is given to a routine that is coded for 2D operations, and hence the extra MatVectMult routine. (The "Vect" part of this name comes from the fact that single row or column matrices are usually called "vectors".)

In order to rotate an object we must know the required angle of rotation and the axis about which this is to happen. Given this information we can set up a rotation matrix which will be used to perform the rotation itself. Fig 10 shows the rotation matrix for rotating an object through A radians about the Y-axis. The code for setting up a rotation matrix through any angle around any axis is given in Fig 11. It can be seen that this setup operation is completely straightforward — it's simply a matter of using the VB cos and sin functions and assigning the right values into the 16 elements in the supplied 4 x 4 array.

Given the rotation matrix we can rotate an object by using the matrix multiplication operation to apply it to every vertex in the object. Given the routines that we already have, the code for this is trivial. The co-ordinates for each vertex in turn must be loaded into a four-element 1D array (if they are not already stored in this way). The first element in the array gets the vertex's X co-ordinate, immediately followed by the Y and Z co-ordinates. The last (fourth) ele-

**Fig 16 Demonstration code to show how multiple matrix transformations can be combined into one matrix**

```
Sub MatCombineDemo(ans() as single)
'Demonstration of how several matrix transformations
can be combined...
Static t(3,3) as single
Static x(3,3) as single
Static tx(3,3) as single
Dim Ang as single, Sc as single, Dist as single
Dim Axis as integer

'Initialise with an identity matrix
MatIdentity(t(),4)
'For each axis...
for Axis = 0 to 2
'Put rotation in if user wants it
if UserWantsRotation(Ang,Axis) then
MatRotate(x(),Ang,Axis)
MatMult t(), x(), tx(), 4, 4, 4
MatCopy tx(), t(), 4, 4
endif
'Put scaling in if user wants it
if UserWantsScaling(Sc,Axis) then
MatScale(x(),Ang,Axis)
MatMult t(), x(), tx(), 4, 4, 4
```

```
MatCopy tx(), t(), 4, 4
endif
'Put transformation in if user wants it
if UserWantsTrans(Dist,Axis) then
MatScale(x(),Dist,Axis)
MatMult t(), x(), tx(), 4, 4, 4
MatCopy tx(), t(), 4, 4
endif
Next Axis
'Now copy the answer for outut
MatCopy t(), Ans(),4,4
End Sub

Sub MatCopy (s() As Single, d() As Single, M As Integer,
N As Integer)
'Copy M by N matrix s() to d()
Dim i As Integer
Dim j As Integer
For i = 0 To M - 1
For j = 0 To N - 1
d(i, j) = s(i, j)
Next j
Next i
End Sub
```

ment gets the value 1. Calling MatVectMult with the rotation matrix and the 1D array will return a second 1D array, which contains the new co-ordinates for the vertex. These can be stored immediately in the vertex data structure, reflecting its new position in space.

It is worth noting that straight lines in polyhedra always remain straight, no matter how much the shape is twisted, turned and stretched, as long as we confine ourselves to the classic manipulations of rotation, scaling and translation. This means that after we have applied our rotation matrix to all the vertices in the object, there is nothing further to be done. We still have the same connectivity in the object, so if vertex A was connected to vertex X beforehand, it will still be so afterwards: the connection was a straight line before and it will be a straight line thereafter. It only remains to use the required projection method (i.e. perspective, axonometric etc) to locate the new vertex positions on the screen and, where they are connected together in the object, to draw straight lines between them.

The basic principles behind translation and scaling are much the same as rotation. We initialise a matrix for these operations as appropriate. Then, to move or re-size the object we apply the matrix, using matrix multiplication on each vertex in turn. Figs 12 and 13 give the code for initialising translation and scaling matrices. As with the translation matrix initiali-

sation, both these routines simply set up 16 values in a 4 x 4 array.

The matrix manipulation system really comes into its own when we want to combine a number of operations and apply them simultaneously to an object. In real-time graphics simulation this is quite often what's needed. For example, with a flight simulator, the aeroplane may be speeding towards an object (so scaling will be needed to make it larger as well as translation to move it relative to the pilot's view), while simultaneously rolling the aircraft (so rotation will be needed). In general, all these changes could be happening at split second intervals and so it would be nice if they could all be taken into account at one go as the screen is being redrawn.

With the matrix transformation method, this is easy to arrange. First we start with what is known as an Identity matrix. Fig 14 shows a 4 x 4 Identity matrix and Fig 15 gives the code to set one up. The Identity matrix has the interesting property that if it is multiplied with any other matrix then it changes nothing, so we will use this matrix as the starting point for building a sequence of transformations.

Suppose we want to rotate an object, then increase its size and finally move it. It is only necessary to individually set up the transformation matrices using the routines we already have and multiply them all together to produce one transformation matrix which will do everything.

Fig 16 shows how this might be done,

assuming the existence of some functions, such as UserWantsRotation, that can poll an input device to determine what transformations are needed and how much in each case. The routine in Fig 16 can potentially combine up to nine transformations in the one matrix it returns. If the user wants nothing, it will simply return the Identity matrix. Alternatively, it is quite likely that the matrix resulting from this routine will read a little like the script for a high-dive: move this way, twist that way, turn the other way, move in this direction and so on. Unlike a high-diver this matrix will perform all these actions as one simultaneous operation, and this means that when it is applied to the vertices in an object each vertex will instantly jump to its new position, with no need to go through the trail of intermediate actions that actually got it there.

Next month I will show how to tie up all these routines inside a practical user interface that can manipulate and control the display of objects on the screen.

### PCW Cover Disk

The full code for this month's Low Level is on the cover disk given with this issue of PCW.

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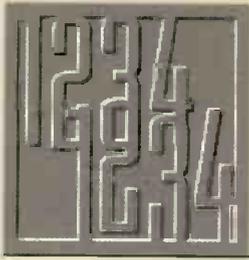
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## Pseudo\*Skills

### Pseudo\*Sequences (according to Florentin Smarandache) and Generalised Russian Multiplication, presented by Mike Mudge.

**T**he problem areas this month have an absolute minimum of mathematical prerequisite and are published to support a request from some readers in the USA for "addresses of editors, mathematicians, etc. who may be interested in our publications." There is, however, considerable scope for programming skills and it is possible that the algorithms constructed may yield results that require sophisticated algebra for their full interpretation.

#### PROBLEM A

Background reading: Only Problems, Not Solutions! by Florentin Smarandache; ISBN 1-879585-00-6, Fourth Edition, 1993, Xiquan Publishing House, c/o Dr. R. Muller, Box 42561, Phoenix, Arizona 85080-2561, U.S.A.

A number is a PSEUDO\*PRIME, in the sense of Smarandache, if and only if some permutation of its digits is a prime number.. including The Identity Permutation.. thus all PRIMES are PSEUDO\*PRIMES but the converse is not true.

PSEUDO\*SQUARES, CUBES etc; PSEUDO\*FACTORIALS; PSEUDO\*ODDS/EVENS; PSEUDO\*TRIANGULAR; and PSEUDO\*(MULTIPLES of  $n$ ) are similarly defined and discussed in the above reference.

Given any sequence of integers called, say  $S(n)$ , construct an algorithm to generate the PSEUDO\*S sequence and output this as an ordered sequence of integers.

Example: The PSEUDO\*SQUARES begin:  
1, 4, 9, 10, 16, 18, 25, 36, 40, 46, .....  
961, 972, 982, 1000, ...

Also, the PSEUDO\*MULTIPLES of 5 begin:  
0, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 51, 52, .....

The instructions given by F. Smarandache are " Study this sequence." What

would this mean to a PCW Numbers Count reader?

#### PROBLEM B

Background reading as in A above.

A NATURAL SEQUENCE, in the sense of Smarandache, is a sequence of positive integers,  $n$ , where each  $n$  is repeated  $f(n)$  times for some given function  $f$ . For example:

- (i) If  $f(n) = 2n + 1$  then between  $n^2$  and  $(n+1)^2$ , the latter excluded and the former included, there are  $(n+1)^2 - n^2$  different numbers. Here  $s_q(n)$  is the superior integer part of the square root of  $n$ .
- (ii) If  $f(n) = 3n^2 + 3n + 1$  then between  $n^3$  and  $(n+1)^3$ , the latter excluded and former included, there are  $(n+1)^3 - n^3$  different numbers. Here  $c_q(n)$  is the superior integer part of the cube root of  $n$ .
- (iii) If  $f(n) = (n+1)^m - n^m$  we find that  $m_q(n)$  is the superior integer part of the  $m^{\text{th}}$  root of  $n$ .

Investigate these sequences when  $f(n)$  is specified above and for other functions  $f(n)$ .

Suggestion: following upon empirical analysis, with graphical support, obtain algebraic expressions for the sum of  $m$  terms of such sequences.

#### PROBLEM C

Background reading: Some Notions and Questions in Number Theory, by C. Dumitrescu and V. Seleacu, 1994, Ehrus University Press, Department of Sciences, Box 10163, Glendale, Arizona 85318, U.S.A.

#### Smarandache Multiplication

Another way to multiply two integer numbers,  $A$  and  $B$ : ...let  $k$  be an integer greater than or equal to 2; write  $A$  and  $B$  on two different vertical columns:  $c(A)$  and  $c(B)$  respectively... multiply  $A$  by  $k$ , and write the product  $A_1$  on the column  $c(A)$ ... divide  $B$  by  $k$ , and write the integer part of the quotient  $B_1$  on the column  $c(B)$ ... and so on with numbers  $A_i$  and  $B_i$

replacing  $A$  and  $B$  until we get a  $B_j$  less than  $k$  on the column  $c(B)$ ; then... write another column  $c(r)$ , on the righthand side of  $c(B)$ , such that for each number of column  $c(B)$ , which may be a multiple of  $k$  plus the rest  $r$  (where  $r = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k-1$ ), the corresponding number on  $c(r)$  will be  $r$ ... multiply each number of the column  $A$  by its corresponding  $r$  or  $c(r)$ , and put the new products on another column  $c(P)$  on the righthand side of  $c(r)$ ... finally, add all the numbers of column  $c(P)$  to obtain the product  $A \times B$ .

**Remark:** Any multiplication of integer numbers can be done only using multiplication with 2, 3, ...,  $k$ , divisions by  $k$ , and additions. When  $k = 2$  we recover the so-called Russian Multiplication, known to the ancient Egyptians.

Implement Smarandache Multiplication on a computer, with particular attention to the layout of the columns  $c(A, B, r, P)$  described above.

**PROBLEM C\*** From an understanding of the algorithm construct a parallel process for division by  $k^n$  where  $k$  and  $n$  are integers greater than or equal to 2.

**Remark:** Any division of an integer number by  $k^n$  can be done only by divisions by  $k$ , calculations of powers of  $k$  multiplications with 1, 2, 3, ...,  $k-1$  and additions.

Complete or partial responses to the above problems may be sent to Mike Mudge, 22 Gors Fach, Pwll-Trap, St. Clears, Carmarthen, Dyfed SA33 4AQ, tel 01994 231121, to arrive by 1st October 1995. Any complete or partial solutions received will be judged using suitable subjective criteria, and a prize in the form of a £25 book token, or equivalent overseas voucher, will be awarded by Mike Mudge to the "best" solution arriving by the closing date. Such contributions should contain a brief description of the hardware used, details of coding, run times and a summary of the results obtained; all in a form suitable for publication in PCW. Additionally, readers comments upon the general or specific structure of this month's column would be most welcome. In particular, should the Numbers Count column be one page or two, and why? [See the Fax Survey, page 607.]

#### PCW Contributions Welcome

Mike Mudge welcomes readers' correspondence on any subject within the areas of number theory and computational mathematics, together with suggested subject areas and/or specific problems for future Numbers Count articles.



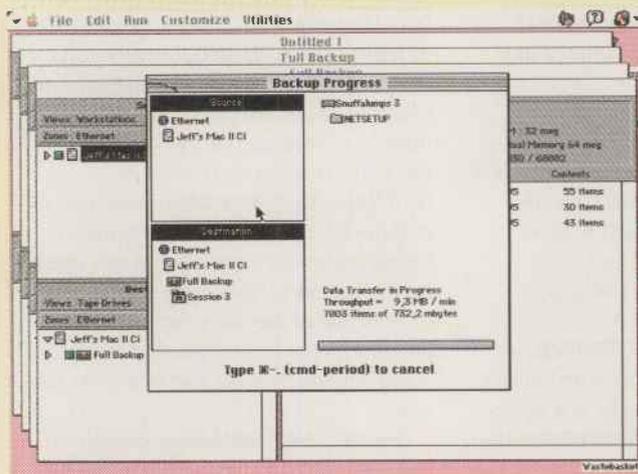
## Back up... now!

...says Stephen Rodda, who tries out an excellent new 8Gb DAT drive from Hewlett Packard, has a good whinge about EIDE drives, and still finds time to deal with your networking dilemmas.

It's a while since I had a good rant, and today seems like a good opportunity, so here goes. A problem I hear about time and again seems to be with EIDE disk drives. While you're running these things under a dumb operating system like an earlier DOS, there seems to be no problem inherent in the design. Once the operating system approaches anything sensible (this includes Windows NT, OS/2, NetWare, Linux, Windows 95 and any others you can think of) you'll need specific drivers for the particular type of EIDE adaptor you're using. I appreciate that SCSI, my interface of choice, requires specialised drivers too, although an operating system manufacturer which didn't support a SCSI adaptor from Adaptec (my and many others' favourite manufacturer) wouldn't be in business long.

Other problems I have already mentioned in an earlier column involve PCI adaptor cards; some of which are network interface cards (NICs), others are just SCSI adaptors. My advice is to make sure that the SCSI adaptor you are going to buy is either made by Adaptec or NEC, or is hardware-compatible with them, and that the NIC you're currently considering is either NE2000/NE3200 or 3Com-compatible, again to hardware level. This way you won't be left with what we now call "legacy" equipment — leftovers which used to work on old operating systems but won't on the up-to-date versions.

Those of you who buy blue-chip equipment (machines made by Compaq, Dell, IBM, Olivetti and others with big names) will find that whole machines become



**The Arcada Backup program cataloguing a tape**

obsolete. But if you buy from perfectly acceptable clone assembly companies (although you should check on replacement options before purchase) such as Dan, Opus and Viglen, once a development in motherboard technology catches on, you can change the motherboard to a more modern model for a fraction of the price of a new machine.

### Windows 95

The last month has been relatively quiet, although this probably has something to do with the number of bank holidays we've had. Luckily, this leaves me with room to talk about my continuing experiences with Windows 95. I have had a little problem with the somewhat aged Mitsumi CD, but this was only inasmuch as I had to insert

the driver entry into the CONFIG.SYS. I picked up a newer version from the Microsoft Network (basically a BBS and mailing system) and installed it onto my machine. This enabled me to remove the CONFIG.SYS entry and have the CD available using all 32-bit Windows 95 native-mode drivers.

Another thing I noticed after a little time was that I was able to use a real NetWare login, processing login scripts and so on. The only thing was that it took a fair while to process the login script, and I think I've worked out why. I keep all my PostScript fonts on the fileserver, and it seems Windows 95 wants to read all the font width tables before it will start with the NetWare logon process.

### Backups

Now, I'm always writing about backups, and I heard a very worrying figure the other day. Apparently, about 90 percent of users don't have an up-to-date backup of their data. With the current crop of cheap hard disks — you can get a 1Gb drive for well under £400 now — it's easy to buy a new, faster hard drive and ignore the necessity of backing up the data, especially as a backup solution for the drive is now more expensive than the drive itself. Remember, it's like buying a Rolls Royce. It's not

just the purchase of the car you should take into account; it's the cost of servicing, the tyres, the petrol and the insurance costs that you'll also have to pay. The same applies to a very large hard disk. A 1Gb hard disk costs you only £400, but you must be prepared either to pay whatever you need to in order to get the data backed up, or risk losing it.

Hewlett Packard recently announced a family of tape drives and, with my usual curiosity, I decided to look at one of them. They sent me the top-of-the range SureStore 6000, an 8Gb Digital Audio Tape (DAT) drive. I tried it under a variety of operating systems: I first attached it to a Mac and ran Cheyenne ArcServe for the Macintosh. It backed up the whole 1Gb hard disk, an attached 270Mb Syquest and the Novell server at a combined data rate of 7Mb/min which, taking into account the fact that AppleTalk over Ethernet isn't

## Questions & Answers

### Starting off

I have been a freelance software engineer for the past 20 years (mostly in realtime applications). I currently have time to spare and am contemplating gaining some knowledge of networking, possibly for future work prospects. I know very little about networking apart from running a couple of PCs via WfWG at home. A friend has told me there's some sort of home study course (perhaps from Novell) leading to a qualification called CNE. Is this true? Can you give me a contact telephone number? (Although I live in Germany, I prefer dealing with technical matters in English.)

Ray, rgj@cix

*It's always difficult to recommend home study courses, let alone networking ones. Obviously it will also depend upon the value you place on being a Certified NetWare Engineer. Although many companies ask for this as a qualification, I have come across CNEs with less of a clue about Novell NetWare than other people who have no qualification. I would mention that achieving a CNE is no cheap option, but perhaps living in Germany affects your possible choices. Your best approach would probably be to contact Novell; I seem to remember they offer the opportunity of distance learning for their CNE qualification. You can reach them on +44 1344 724000.*

### Forward planning

In your June column you say it's possible to connect a network to the Internet, but you have to use TCP/IP over the entire LAN, or have some means of routing data from the LAN to the Internet. We are currently running Novell NetWare 3.11, on top of which is running Windows for Workgroups 3.11. We use Microsoft Mail server 3.2 for all our email, which connects via modem to other sites. We have bought the Microsoft Gateway for SMTP software, and now want to bring this machine onto the Internet, to send and receive email from Internet/Sprint sites and allow certain people spread around the network full access to FTP/TELNET/USENET. Can you suggest a way in which we can connect our LAN to the Internet?

Also, talking to Demon, we have come to the conclusion that a reserved line at their end would suit us, but the considerations at our end aren't quite as easy. In one telephone call we were told that we would need a router machine, which would connect to the modem and connect to Demon as and when requested. The email gateway would run on a separate machine, connected to the router via a network cable & NE2000+, and to our network by another NE2000+. The router would be connected to the server via another NE2000+ in the server, and a network cable.

On the machines we want to give access to, we would run a Windows Winsock-compatible program called Novix. We have also been told that we don't need the £2,500 router, as it is no more than a high-spec PC running Chameleon NFS. From your column, it appears that all we need is to run something like Novell Lan Workplace, which uses TCP/IP, and connect a machine (presumably the server) to a modem, and it will route via Demon. Any advice?

eamonn@demon

*There's no wrong answer. As long as a system does what you intend it to, then you've found the right solution. Whether this would be applicable to your own particular usage — or projected usage — of the Internet will depend on how much use you're likely to make of it, and how long you're likely to remain connected. I know that Demon charges ten pounds a month for a connection and that a dedicated line would obviously be a lot more expensive. Whether you're going to save enough money on a dedicated line, in a quarter, over and above telephone charges, to justify a kilostream or megastream link should be subject to a proper telecomms and networking consultant's survey. Just as a doctor can't categorically say on the radio or television the cause of a person's illness, I can't give you an easy answer. There are data switching programs, boxes, port and modem sharers, Internet routers and firewalls and a whole host of other things which would need to be considered.*

*I can, however, give you a few pointers: you might like to consider a mail routing package such as Wizard's Message Switch (01494 837515); or you might consider a complete Internet bridge such as Performance Technology's (01344 382020).*

*Considering the amount of money you could end up spending, you would be a lot better off calling in a consultant who, for something like a couple of hundred pounds, would suggest the correct path for you.*

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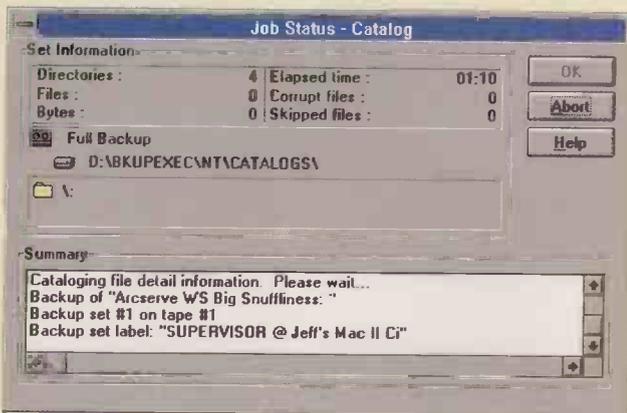
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ArcServe Macintosh during the backup process

the most efficient medium for data transfer, seemed pretty impressive. Again, another limiting factor is the inherent speed of that particular Mac's SCSI bus, which isn't too hot. During the backup I examined the data transfer rate, and while reading from local hard disks it was hitting 9.7Mb/min. This is slightly more realistic as a backup speed, although if you're running on one of the later Quadras or on a PowerMac you should expect a far better transfer rate, perhaps around 20Mb/min.

Next I used the NT system, since I wanted to try out Arcada's program. Here, the data rate was far better — in the region of 27Mb/min while accessing a FAT partition and around 24Mb/min on NTFS. Of course, the NTFS partition was fragmented, but the FAT one certainly wasn't, since I had defragmented it just before running Arcada.

Windows 95 came last. I wanted to see how backup performed using Windows 95's own backup program. I set it up and discovered one slight problem: it doesn't support DAT drives! I thought I'd better browse on the Microsoft Network (an online service) for more details. I found none. I then thought I might give ArcSolo for Windows a test run under Windows 95. It worked beautifully, giving me a data transfer rate of a scorching 21Mb/sec while accessing the local FAT partition of the hard disk. Admittedly, the hard disk is a DEC DSP 5200 (a SCSI-2 device) and it does turn in a pretty fair performance figure all by itself.

The HP SureStore 6000 drive I tested has a suggested price of £1,179. I really will regret having to return it.

**Pitches and patches**

The Internet seems to be teeming with demos of software and with patches for existing operating systems. Since all new

operating systems, and complex ones in particular, need bug fixes to be applied it makes good commercial sense for manufacturers to make these available over the Internet. It saves the user time in getting hold of any upgrade available and it saves the manufacturer distribution costs.

This month I've downloaded Arcada Backup Executive from CIX. It's available in the windows.nt/files topic and the filename is BNT6I90.ZIP. (It should also appear on this month's CD-ROM.) It's a 30-day time-limited demo and will give you full functionality for the duration of the trial period. The fully-featured version costs around £900 and comes with Mac, Win95, OS/2 and Windows clients. The cut-down version for single-user operation will set you back around £100. Arcada's Backup program is the same as that supplied with Windows NT, although the NT version is a heavily cut-down copy. You can see the other options available simply by installing it.

I used Arcada backup to back up both the NT drive and the NetWare network (although I had already done so using ArcServe on the Mac). I discovered that Arcada doesn't actually detect Mac name spaces (nor, presumably, does it back up resource forks) which ArcServe Solo, even running under the old Windows 3.1, will. Presumably a backup job submitted to it by the Mac client running on a Mac will eliminate this omission. Unfortunately I had no opportunity to test this — I have requested the complete evaluation software from Arcada and shall report on its workings in a future column.

As far as the patch portion of this section is concerned, we have the second patch available for Windows NT (Service Pack 2) and NetWare 4.10 is not without its bug fixes. These are pretty important, so I'm including them on the CD this month. Remember to make sure your system is backed up and that your backup will restore before you even contemplate any form of patch upgrade to anything!

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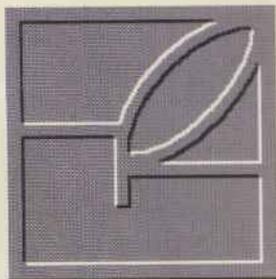
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## The next-generation game

**It's all go on the Mac front as Apple unveils its new operating system, codenamed Copland — Chris Cain lets you in on a few intriguing developments. He also gets his hands on a finished Performa 5200, and reveals a few tasty secrets of the Mac system software.**

**W**ith the roll-out of the PowerMac 9500 well under way, this month has been a busy time for Apple and the Macintosh. Not only do we now have PowerPC 604-based Macs with industry standard PCI expansion slots, but Apple has finally started to lift the lid on its next-generation OS, codenamed Copland. Journalists and developers were recently invited to a detailed all-day presentation of the company's new system software strategy and components.

Currently slated to ship in mid '96, Copland will give the Mac OS a much needed boost. Key new features include pre-emptive and concurrent multi-tasking, memory protection for improved stability, and a highly customisable interface. Perhaps even more important is that the current code is 95 percent native for PowerPC — Copland will not be available for 68K machines.

Following the success of Apple Guide introduced in System 7.5, Copland will take the help system a stage further with "active assistance". The idea is to make the computer do as much work as possible, leaving the user to cope with more

creative tasks. The help system will not only teach users how to perform a certain task, such as how to send email using

PowerTalk or how to change the display to a different resolution, but will also offer a "Do it for me" option. In the case of sending an email, the system would prompt the user only when it needed additional information such as the address and contents of the message. The current mail application would be launched automatically, and the appropriate options needed to send a message would be selected by the computer.

Virtual memory will be vastly improved in this release, considerably reducing the physical RAM requirements needed to get the system up and running. Apple believes



*With its space-saving all-in-one design and 75MHz processor, the 5200 could well become the new entry-level standard. It's also got a TV tuner option for those all-night working sessions*

that a setup will require a minimum of 8Mb RAM and 50Mb hard disk space to take advantage of all the new features on offer. This figure supposedly includes memory-hungry items such as PowerTalk, AppleScript, QuickTime and QuickDraw GX, which need 16Mb to work together in 7.5. Although RISC programs generally require more memory than their CISC counterparts, the move to a more efficient virtual memory module will cut the amount of RAM needed by applications. Obviously, the more physical RAM you have, the better the overall performance.

Changes to the interface include Themes, à la Windows 95, which customise the look and feel of the machine to a user's taste. In Copland's case Themes will change not only the colour and font sizes but the whole interface — window style, system sounds, icons, even the required level of interaction. One example of the latter is that the machine can be set up so that you don't have to double-click anything, an activity that, according to Apple, is a big problem with new users. Themes can be saved under a user's name and the OS will change its setup depending on who logs on.

Other intriguing Copland developments include new I/O routines for the fastest possible save/load times, a file system that now supports up to a scary 256-Terrabyte size limit, hardware abstraction to allow Copland to be used with Mac clones, and the ability to restart individual parts of the OS if a rogue application causes a portion of the system to crash.

Due for release later this year is QuickDraw 3D, an extension that will give PowerMacs 3D support as part of the OS. This native extension will not be converted to 68K, but, like QuickTime 2.0, will be re-coded for Windows approximately six months after the Mac release. QuickDraw 3D technical information was limited at the time of writing, but a demonstration given at the conference showed some nice texture mapping and object manipulation. As soon as I have more details on this new technology, I'll report them.

### Performa

I have finally managed to get my hands on a finished Performa 5200. Reviewed in the June 95 issue of *PCW*, this entry-level PowerMac, which boasts the low-cost 603 processor, is sure to become the entry-level standard. The all-in-one design is especially appealing to those who have little desk space or who want to introduce a computer into their living room without it dominating the decor.

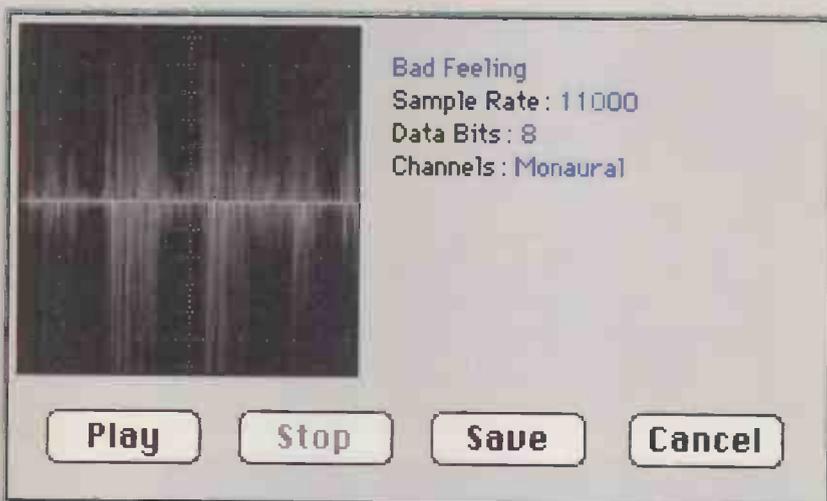
## Utility of the Month

There were three contenders for the August Utility of the Month title. First up is Balthazar 1.5, a small utility that converts sound files from the Windows WAVE format to Mac System 7 SND files or vice versa. All you have to do is launch the program and open your sound file using the file menu, or drag and drop the data onto the Balthazar icon. Either way, the sound will be loaded into memory and can be played and saved out to another format.

Thanks to its simplicity Balthazar doesn't have many options, but it does allow blind conversion: you can drag a whole load of WAVE files onto the Balthazar icon and it will assume you definitely want to convert them and just ask for new names to save the files under. With an easy-to-use interface and a footprint of just 32kb, Balthazar 1.5 is a utility for every collection.

The second contestant for an award was one of those extensions you never think you actually need but then really enjoy once you install. Program Switcher gives Mac users the ability to switch quickly between open applications by pressing the Option and Tab keys together, in the same way as with Alt Tab in Windows. It's available in both 68K and PowerPC flavours and is installed with a quick drag and drop on the System folder. After using Program Switcher for a while you become dependent on it and wonder why Apple didn't include it as a standard feature.

The final contender, and overall winner of this month's award, is PowerPCheck by Alessandro Levi Montalcini of Turin, Italy. This FAT binary application checks for the existence and amount of PowerPC native code in applications, extension, control panels etc. Once you point it at a folder or file it scans its way through and delivers a detailed report as to just what's going on where. Running it on my System Folder revealed that a frightening amount of System 7.5 is still very much 68K based. I thought my PowerMac was fast. I can't wait to see it with a fully native OS.



*Balthazar 1.5 converts Windows WAVE sounds into Mac SND files and vice versa — handy for multimedia developers and anyone who wants to transfer their favourite sounds from one platform to another*

During extended tests with the 5200 I've found it to be a nice machine, although not without its quirks. The IDE hard drive supplied is slightly noisier than the SCSI devices most Mac users are used to, but it's bearable and the speed isn't bad at all. At 75MHz the processor is no slouch either, and as a measure of performance you can play software movies recorded for QuickTime 2.0 at full screen in thousands of colours with only minimal glitches.

The screen supplied with the Performa supports 640 x 480, 800 x 600 and 832 x 624 pixel modes, but strangely, although the unit has 1Mb of video RAM you can't

have thousands of colours in the higher resolution. With 1Mb it should be possible, but the 5200 just doesn't give you this option. Quite why is beyond me.

Another oddity occurred when I installed RAM Doubler 1.5.1. The 5200 reported a System Software size of -9Mb in the About This Macintosh box. Everything appears to work as it should but I daresay Connectix will need to update their software for full compatibility with the 603.

Over the coming months I'll be doing

further tests with the Performa 5200. If you use one of these new machines and discover anything interesting (good or bad) drop me email or a letter at PCW. I want to hear from you.

### Pssst... it's a secret

One thing I like about the Mac's system software is that there are always a few little secrets waiting to be discovered in each release. A programmer's name hidden in a menu or a quick way of closing all open windows — something that can make working easier or a bit more fun. While poking around in System 7.5 recently I came across some messages I hadn't seen before.

The first hidden messages can be

accessed from the Monitors Control Panel. Open it up, and instead of selecting one of the options, click once on the version number in the top righthand corner. Hey presto — a list of OS programmers appears complete with a smiley face. Hold the option key down at the same time and the face pokes its tongue out at you. Press it a few more times and the names jumble themselves up. Totally meaningless, but great fun to find.

Another secret lies in the virtual memory section of the Memory Control Panel. If you switch on VM, then hold option and click on the name of the hard drive to be used, up pops another hidden menu with a list of names. Selecting any name reveals a submenu with a message about that

person. My personal favourite is Mr 601 "The Power To Crush Other Microprocessors". Don't believe me? See for yourself.

Of course, not all hidden goodies are simple messages: there are some that can help the way you work. A few months ago I found out and reported that you can rebuild the desktop file without a complete restart simply by quitting the Finder. Very handy. And there's more.

Have you ever had so many windows open on screen that you've had to move one to get to an icon behind it? It's a pain, especially as you have to move out of the active window, click the offending area and bring it to the front before you can move it. The funny thing is, you don't. If you hold down the Command key, you can click in the title bar of a non-active window and drag it around without it popping to the front and messing up your arrangements. A nice feature, although it only works with Finder windows.

### Flashback!

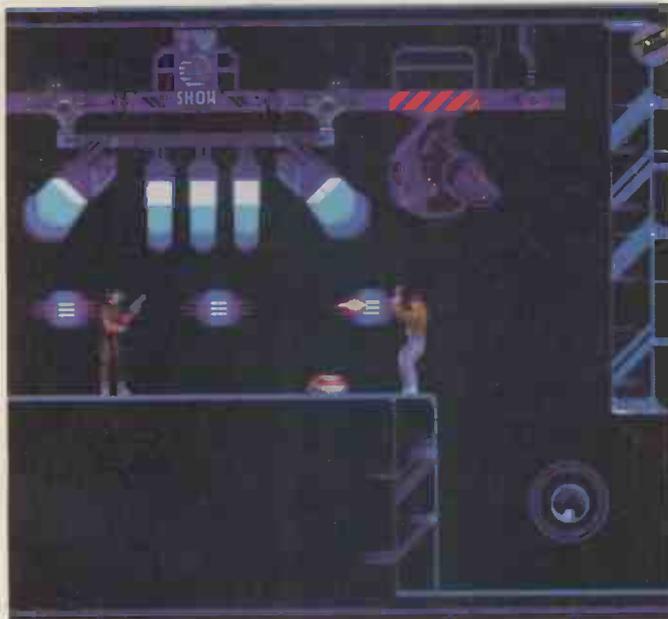
If you like action or platform games, get your hands on Flashback, the latest title from French software supremos, Delphine. Best described as Prince of Persia with a leather jacket, Flashback is the tale of one man's quest to find his true identity while cunningly avoiding the bad guy's bullets. It's your basic running, jumping, shooting affair with outstanding animation, an intriguing plot and addictive game play.

Flashback is distributed by US Gold, Softline and is part of the up-and-coming MacPlay label. RPG fans will be glad to hear that the timeless Atari classic Dungeon Master II will also be making an appearance on this label soon.

### It's flash, it's French, it's here



*Flashback, the latest Prince-of-Persia-alike from our cross-Channel chums. Combining stunning graphics and excellent game-play, it should become quite a hit*



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The Performa 5200 is available from Apple on 0181 569 1199.

Blathazar 1.5 and Program Switcher are freeware and should be available from any good Mac BBS or public domain library

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## Any questions?

**If you've got a PC problem or think you could help other readers out, contact Frank Leonhardt.**

### CD-ROM at the double

I was thinking about upgrading from a single-speed CD-ROM to a double-speed. Roughly how much should this cost me and how would a double-speed improve things? Would the change be worthwhile?

I use the CD-ROM mostly for Encarta.  
**D Mullins, Waterford**

*Double-speed CD-ROM drives themselves start at under £100 and are currently considered the low-cost option. Single-speed drives are now almost unobtainable. The snag you may find when you come to upgrade is the CD interface.*

*When CD-ROMs first appeared, each manufacturer had their own particular interface and these were all incompatible. High-end drives used the SCSI standard, but this was expensive. It added at least £50, and more often £150, to the drive, and you probably needed a SCSI host adaptor board to go with it for a further £75.*

*By the time double-speed drives became popular there were three clear front-runners in the proprietary CD-ROM interface stakes — Sony, Mitsumi and Panasonic. The Panasonic 562 drive (also known as the Creative 563) and hence the Panasonic interface, became the most popular largely thanks to Creative Labs supporting it on their SoundBlaster cards.*

*SCSI drives had their fans too but were still rather expensive in comparison.*

*We have now reached the third generation — quad speed. Realising that incompatible interfaces were discouraging customers, and that SCSI was always going to cost more, the CD-ROM drive manufacturers have started fitting their drives with IDE interfaces. This allows them to be added to 90 per cent of PCs simply by plugging them in to a spare hard disk connector — no special*

*interface card necessary. With the latest Enhanced IDE supporting four devices instead of just two, IDE looks like a good way forward. The SCSI fan club might not agree though, and SCSI is still best for high-end servers.*

*The interface problems you are likely to face are due to this evolutionary process. Unless you have a standard one on your single-speed drive, you will probably have to change it when you go to double-speed. However, if you go to quad-speed or a recent double-speed with an IDE interface, things should be a lot easier.*

*As to the speed advantage, you may be a little disappointed. There are two factors to consider here — transfer rate and access time. Transfer rate is important for multimedia applications: for example, video requires data at a particular rate in order to work. If you don't achieve this transfer rate, the picture will be jerky and the sound will keep breaking up. If you can exceed it there is no advantage, but you must be able to achieve it.*

*A double-speed drive is all that is required for the MPC2 standard, which includes the ability to handle video clips, therefore you will find a big difference if you go to double-speed for multimedia applications. With single-speed they won't work; with double-speed they will.*

*For information retrieval and other non-multimedia CD-ROM applications, it will make less difference. For these, access time is all*

*important. The data you are searching for might typically be 32kb long. This will take 200ms (i.e. 0.2 second) to actually read in on a single-speed drive and 100ms on the double-speed. For encyclopaedias you are unlikely to notice a benefit from a higher transfer rate.*

*What is important is the access time. As the system is searching through the disk, it may have to access it at several points. Each time it does this it may take anything from 100ms to 500ms+. A low-cost, modern, quad-speed drive will generally manage 225ms, which isn't that much better than the 300ms typical of older double- and single-speed models.*

*My advice to someone in your situation would be to either keep the drive you have or to skip double-speed and go straight for a quad with an IDE interface. As the lack of video has not bothered you so far, you are unlikely to see much benefit in buying a cheap double-speed; and quads only cost some 50 per cent more at time of writing.*

### Bits and pieces

**Luponelo Chambaka**

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**wrote to me with a whole list of good questions which are typical of those I keep getting asked. So here they are:**

**Q.** I have read in PCW about the ZIF socket for 486 machines, and that with a ZIF socket it is easy to upgrade a 486 machine to a Pentium machine. But I don't understand. Could you explain this to me?

**A.** This isn't quite true. Intel has recently



Intel's P24T (see "Bits and pieces")

released a chip called the P24T which will plug into the ZIF socket of a 486 motherboard (or even a standard 486 socket). This chip uses some of the Pentium technology and will run standard Pentium code. The snag is that it can't do it as fast as a true Pentium because it doesn't get the special support from the motherboard.

ZIF actually stands for Zero Insertion Force, and it is a special type of socket used for expensive chips so you can change them easily with the minimal risk of breaking the pins off.

**Q.** I have read about Windows accelerator cards. What do they really do? Is it important to have one in my machine? What is its advantage?

**A.** A Windows accelerator card speeds up graphics operations by having a processor of some kind on the card itself. This is used to reduce the workload on the machine's processor, which allows it to get on with running your applications. Because the processor on the graphics card is optimised for graphics, it should also be able to complete the task quicker.

For example, if your software wants to draw a line on the screen, Windows has to calculate which of the pixels (dots) on the screen the line will pass through, and go along changing their colour individually. With an accelerated graphics card, Windows just has to tell the card to draw a line from point A to point B and the card gets on and does it.

A fast graphics card can do more for overall system performance than a fast CPU.

**Q.** In computer cache systems, what is the difference between internal cache and external cache?

**A.** A cache memory is a high-speed memory which goes between the system's main memory (DRAM) and the processor. High-speed memory costs a lot more than DRAM, but it is needed to keep up with the processor's demand for data. The area of DRAM which the processor is currently interested in gets copied to the cache memory, and the processor accesses this in preference to the DRAM whenever possible. When information is not available in the cache there is a delay while the DRAM is accessed instead.

An internal cache is built inside the processor chip itself. An external cache is present on the motherboard. Internal cache is the fastest available but is necessarily quite small in size. External cache can be much bigger — and the bigger the cache is, the better. Having

both internal and external is best.

**Q.** What is the difference between DX & SX machines in a hardware context? Where do they differ?

**A.** Intel's SX and DX processor type suffixes are a bit confusing: it depends on which processor they have been applied to. A 386SX differed from a 386DX in that it had a 16-bit external data-bus structure while the DX had the full 32 bits. The SX was popular because it allowed machines to be built cheaply, though they were noticeably slower.

When the 486DX was released, one of the improvements over the 386 was to incorporate a maths co-processor on the chip itself. With the 386 series this was a separate chip called the 387, available in SX and DX varieties depending on your CPU type. Later, Intel released the 486SX, which is simply a 486DX without the maths co-processor part.

You can get a 487SX, which appears to be the missing co-processor for a 486SX. In fact it is a 486DX which, when plugged into the co-processor socket, disables the existing 486SX and takes over everything.

In practical terms it makes little difference whether you have a 486SX or DX, as most software does not take advantage of the maths co-processor anyway.

**Q.** Is it possible to connect hardware parts of different architectures on the same machine? For example, can you have a PCI motherboard and a VESA I/O card.

**A.** Generally speaking, no. It's possible, but it's not worth it. You can get motherboards with ISA, PCI and VESA slots, however.

**Q.** I have a PC with the following specification: 386DX/2 33MHz processor (128kb cache), 4Mb RAM (upgradable to 32Mb), 260Mb disk, Windows 3.1 and DOS 6.2. I need to be able to use the Internet: what hardware and software should I purchase?

**A.** I'm afraid a processor of the type you claim to have doesn't exist! If it's a 386, you may find that it's a bit slow at dealing with the data from a high-speed modem. If it's a 486, of any type, you should have no problems. The only hardware you will need is a modem. This would ideally be of at least V.32bis standard, and preferably V.34. That being said, I used V.22bis, which operates at just one sixth the speed of V.32bis, for over a year and found it perfectly acceptable for Internet mail.

Your Internet provider (such as Demon or Direct Connection) should be

## Moving home

In July's *Computer Answers* there was a short note about NetScape's home page having moved to

<http://mosaic.mcom.com/home/welcome.html>

Since this was written it has moved again, this time to

<http://home.mcom.com/home/welcome.html>

I can't guarantee that it won't have moved again by the time you read this.

able to advise you on the software required to connect to them — this is why you are paying them!

## Printing problem

How can I direct the printing to print to FILE instead of to the LPT1 port, when I choose print from any application in Windows?

**Ali Alyahyae**  
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In Control Panel, open the Printers icon. Select the printer you want to redirect and click on the "Connect" button. If you scroll down the list of ports you will come to FILE:. Select this, and when you come to print you will be prompted for the name of the file you want to save the data to.

Note that the file you create will probably be in a bit-image format specific to the printer driver you want to use. If you want a text file, set the printer driver to "Generic/Text Only".

This technique is useful if you don't have a printer of your own, or wish to borrow someone else's expensive colour laser printer.

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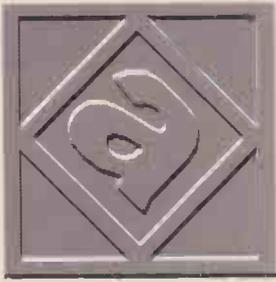
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# Prevention is better than cure

**Computer viruses — they've caught the media's attention and sound pretty scary, but what exactly are they, and what can you do about them? Eleanor Turton-Hill explains all.**

**T**he threat of virus attacks is one computer issue which has caught the imagination of the mainstream press, and we're often hearing about virus disasters where entire company databases are infected beyond repair.

Viruses are not like other computer problems. They are not caused by hardware faults or programming errors but by infestations created out of sheer malice. The comparison is often made between computer viruses and biological viruses, but in fact a virus infection in your personal computer is more like an arson attack, than a bout of the 'flu.

When your PC gets ill it's not necessarily because it's got a virus: computers suffer from many different ailments, most of which are nothing to do with infections from outside. However, viruses do strike occasionally and anyone who owns or uses a PC should know something about virus identification and prevention.

## What is a virus?

Essentially a virus is a computer program designed to destroy programs and data files by placing itself on your PC in such a way that it interferes with the normal processes of the operating system. Viruses are also designed to be able to replicate themselves from one computer to another. Anyone who can write programs in a high-level programming language like C is capable of writing a virus.

As time goes by, viruses develop and change and as they become more and more sophisticated, and the problems of

users are completely in charge of managing system resources and security. On mainframes and mini systems, these administrative tasks are handled centrally by a team of experts.

There's a third, more fundamental reason why the PC is open to virus attack: its lack of built-in protection. Unlike minicomputers and mainframes, PCs don't have the hardware and software controls which protect programs from each other. Mainframes have had these controls since the sixties, and they are of great importance in system architecture because they protect application programs from each other, as well as protecting the operating system from application programs. Compared to PCs, minicomputers and mainframes are well protected.

PCs provide a user-friendly environment and it is this which has led to their widespread acceptance. The most common way for a virus to spread is by transfer on a floppy disk. Most PC users

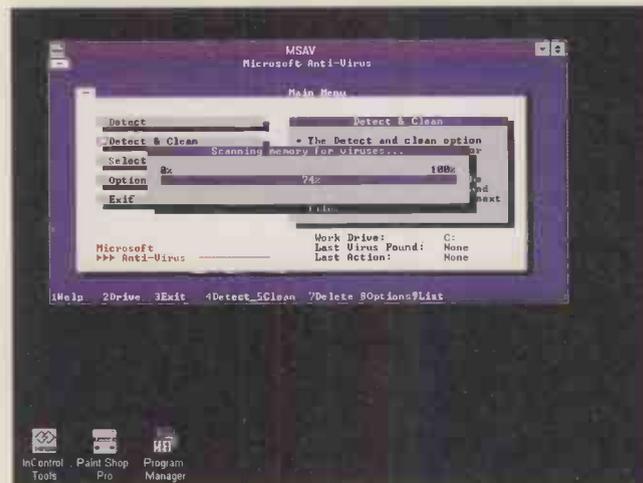
regularly share and copy applications and games either by taking software from bulletin boards, collecting freeware and shareware, or simply by installing pirated software. This free flow of programs on disk from one machine to another provides the ideal method for viruses to spread.

Once the system is contaminated, the

virus can spread via floppy disks or via a network to other computers. The most typical LAN (Local Area Network) system consists of a small number of linked PCs, or Macs, plus a fileserver which provides applications and services. When a virus gets into any part of the system, it can spread in multiple directions. However, the freedom which viruses have to spread on a LAN depends on the network software you're using. Novell NetWare provides some excellent security features which help prevent the spread of viruses.

## How do you know when you've got one?

Not all viruses jump out at you and declare themselves in obvious ways. In fact most common viruses will merely lurk around quietly on your system and slowly eat away at its foundations. Then one day

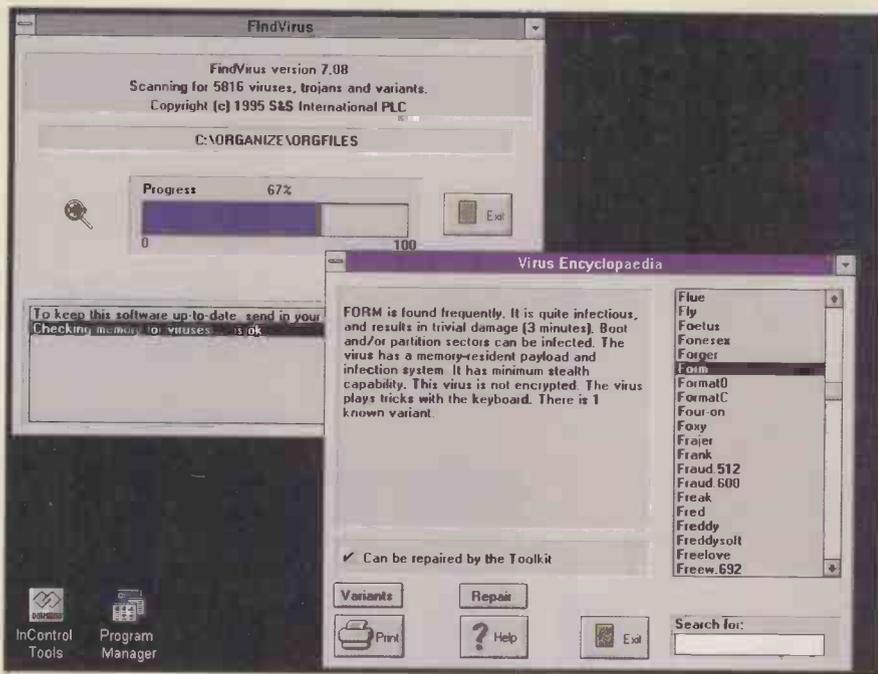


*Microsoft Anti-Virus is useful for checking your system for the most common viruses*

detection, recovery and prevention become more complex. Thus, developers of anti-virus software must work hard to maintain effective, up to date products.

## How do viruses spread?

Although mainframes and minicomputers can be attacked by viruses, PCs are far more vulnerable and are more frequently affected. In many ways the PC provides the virus with the perfect breeding ground. First, the sheer proliferation of PCs makes them more accessible to viruses from a number of different sources. Second, the reason the PC is so popular is that it provides a user-friendly environment — and that means that



*Dr Solomon's Anti-Virus Toolkit is up-dated on a monthly basis*

an application that you have been using for months or even years starts to behave in a strange way.

A virus which has been lying dormant on your system for a while can be awoken in any number of ways depending on how it has been programmed to behave. Some viruses will suddenly leap into action on a certain date while others will hang around and wait until a specific operation is performed. But more often than not, the presence of a virus will be indicated by problems with system performance. For instance: programs may take longer than usual to load, disk accesses may take longer and longer for the simplest of tasks, or perhaps less memory than usual may be available.

Other more obvious symptoms include: strange messages appearing on screen, or lights flashing on peripheral devices for no apparent reason. If you are really unlucky, you might find that some files have completely disappeared, but they will be more likely to have changed their size in a dramatic way, or else the data in the file will have changed.

### Dealing with viruses

There are plenty of anti-virus utilities available on the market and most of them provide the two most essential virus-handling features: detection and restoration. Some also have utilities which prevent viruses from initially entering your system. DOS 6.0 has its own built-in virus-scanning utility, Microsoft Anti-Virus, which is useful for

checking your system for the most common viruses. Just type "msav" at the DOS prompt and select "Detect and Clean" from the menu. There are other utilities available, but the best-known is Dr Solomon's Anti-Virus Toolkit which is updated on a monthly basis for an annual charge.

Using anti-virus software and scanning your hard disk on a regular basis is only part of the solution when it comes to protecting your system from virus attack. Whether you're a home user or part of a small business, you still need some kind of security policy in place to protect documents and data, because the truth of the matter is that there is no way of guaranteeing complete protection against viruses. Here is a basic guide:

- Make a regular backup of all data and documents. Always keep a rotating catalogue of previous backups. There's nothing more frustrating than finding that your only backup is infected.
- All new software should be passed through a virus-checking procedure before being allowed onto the system. In a small office, this should be carried out on an isolated PC.
- Freeware, shareware and programs downloaded from bulletin boards should be carefully evaluated before installation. Many companies insist that the only software installed on their machines should be the product of a reputable software house.
- Always be particularly careful to check that boot disks are virus-free.
- Make sure that users are aware of the need for security procedures and that they understand the potential threat to data integrity.

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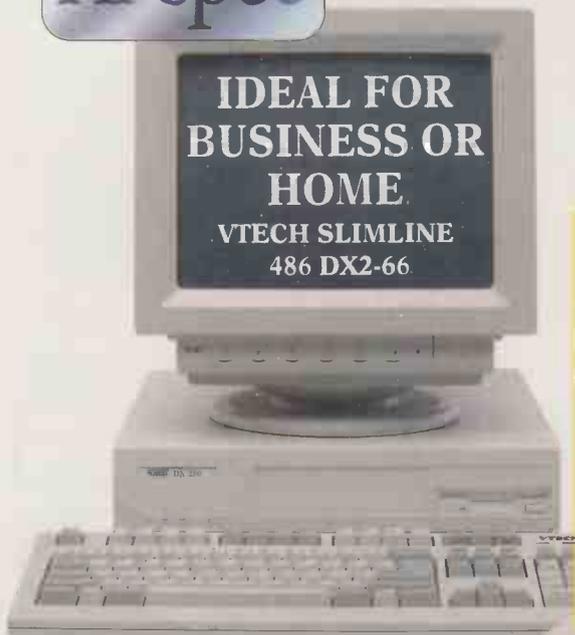
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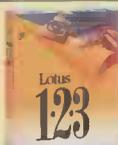
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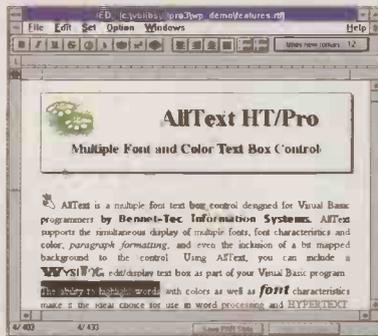
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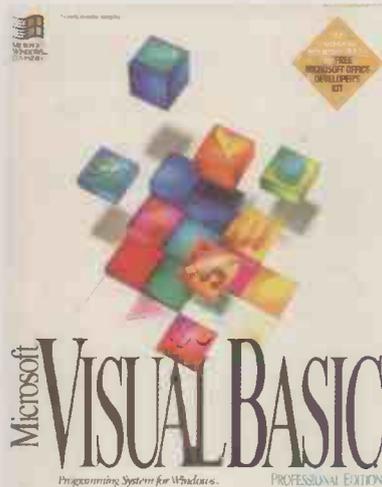
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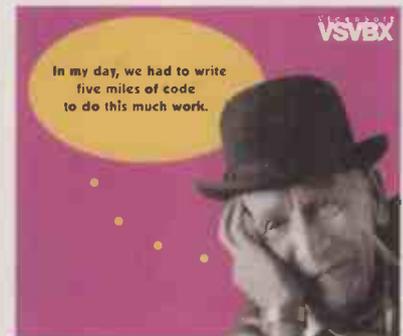
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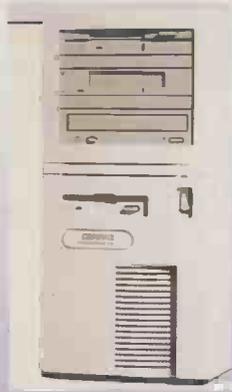


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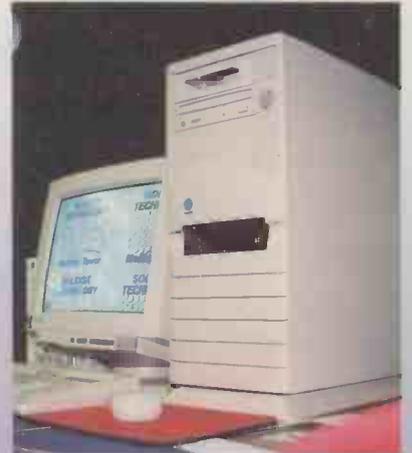
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● Perhaps the ultimate in useless information on the Internet originates in the US: the breakfast product called the "Pop Tart" can be dangerous when hot. In fact, you can make flaming torches out of them. How do you do it? This site gives you a fully illustrated, step-by-step guide: <http://sci.tamucc.edu/~pmichaud/toast/>.

● Apple's advertising department has always seemed on the ball and quite capable of producing catchy slogans to pull in prospective punters. Who can forget the original 1984 takeoff, or the new PowerMac ad with "the serious business computer"?

But these are nothing compared to its new slogan, as seen in the 12th January

● Another recent online session resulted in the discovery of this bizarre list of the top ten netsurfer anagrams of Information Superhighway:

10. Enormous, hairy pig with fan
9. Hey, ignoramus — win profit? Her!
8. Oh-oh, wiring snafu: empty air
7. When forming, utopia's hairy
6. A rough whimper of insanity
5. Oh, wormy infuriating phase
4. Inspire humanity, who go far
3. Waiting for any promise, Hugh?
2. Hi-ho! Yow! I'm surfing Arpanet!
1. New utopia? Horrifying sham

Surprisingly our favourite wasn't listed. The number one anagram of Information Superhighway in the PCW office is: "I'm on a huge wispy rhino fart."



*A headline on a news release caught the eye of PCW's more mature males: "Replacement balls extend life." Priced at just 69p each, in quantities of ten or over, they sounded like a bargain. Closer inspection revealed, sadly, that they only work on mice*

edition of the Auburn Plainsman on page A3:

"Buy an Apple Macintosh now. Pay for it later."

● AT&T launched itself onto the PC market this month, but not everything went as smoothly as it might have wished. The assembled press had to sit around for an hour while the company's representatives struggled to get their overhead projector to work. First they took the top off and tried to mend it, then they took it down and put up another one. When the second one didn't work either, they put the first OHP back up and fiddled with it again.

Eventually, everyone was treated to a video on AT&T's faultless reputation in the field of communications.

● We all know VNU Labs can't be beaten when it comes to benchtests: Messrs Barnes, Phillips, MacDonald and Evans are the best in their respective fields. Judging by the tunes that blare out of their stereo when they're hard at work, they're also a bit of a musical bunch on the side. Rather fitting when the "lab four" are also known as John, Paul, George and, er, Julian...

● At the Win95 reviewers workshop,

### Fab email corner

Dear Clive Akass,

I found the article about "Smart Tickets" in Australia interesting. However, Sydney isn't the capital. Canberra is. I know, 'cos I've been there.

Yours etc,  
David Cuff

one of the tips they showed was how to create a cascading control panel in your start menu. "Create a new folder in Start named "Control Panel.{21EC2020-3AEA-1069-A2DD-08002B30309D}".

Come back short DOS file names, all is forgiven...

● We had to laugh when we heard about the man who gave his boss a copy of shareware Doom to while away those hours in between making important decisions. Apparently, said boss played it for about three hours then denounced the game as boring, with not many monsters and not much for you to do. He really couldn't see what all the fuss was about.

Pity he hadn't grasped the concept of doors.

### Sorry, our mistake

Apologies must go to Aztech because the WaveRider 32 sound card was omitted from the Best Peripheral section of our annual PCW Awards in the June issue. Although this group test winning product was nominated, it somehow failed to make the final layout.



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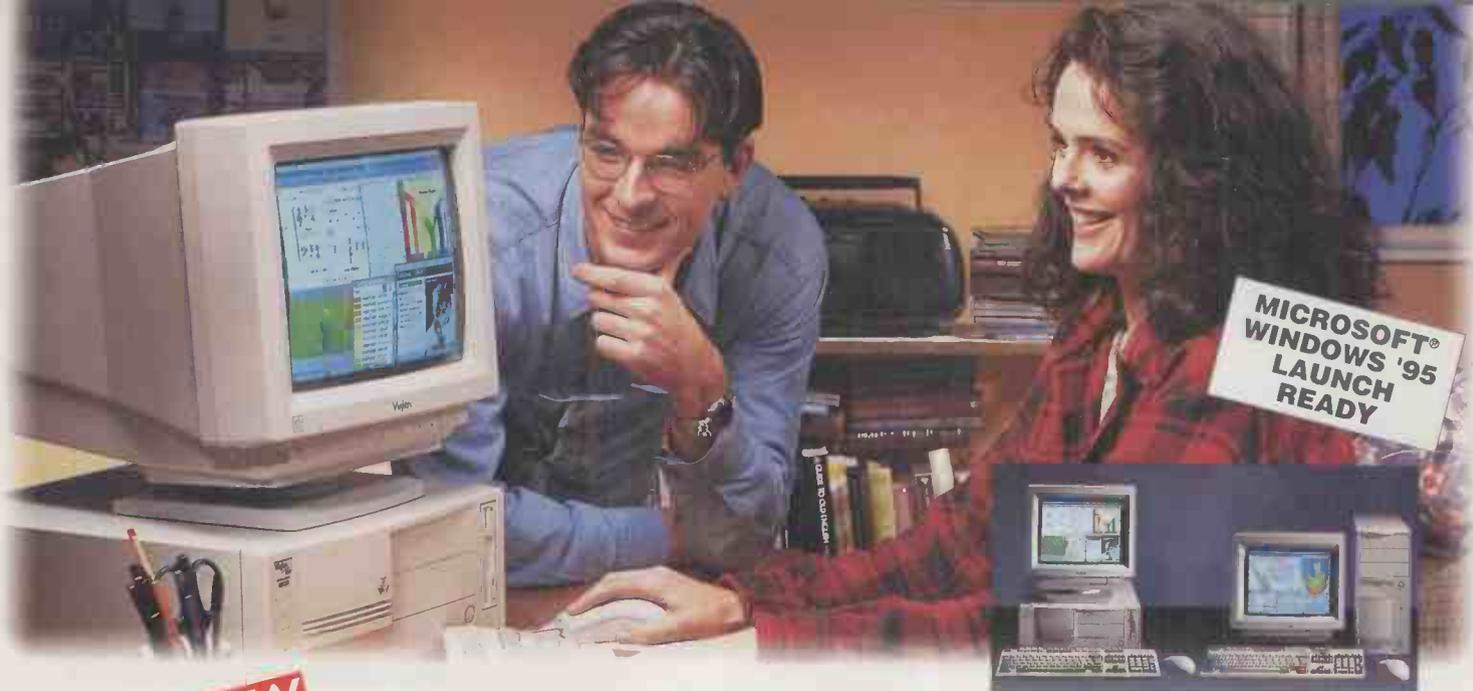
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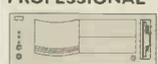


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  - PDDXPAT4** High Performance ATI Mach 64 SVGA card with 2MB of VRAM instead of the standard Contender SVGA card £149
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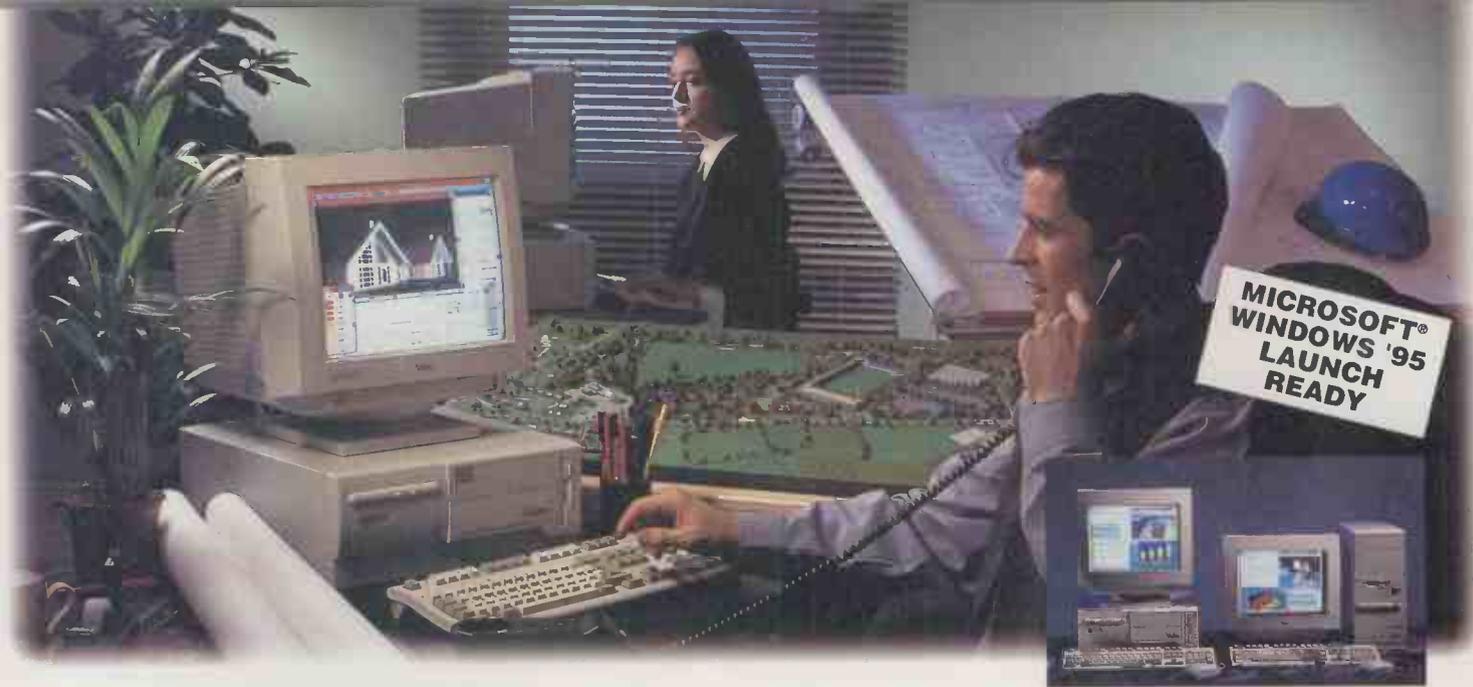
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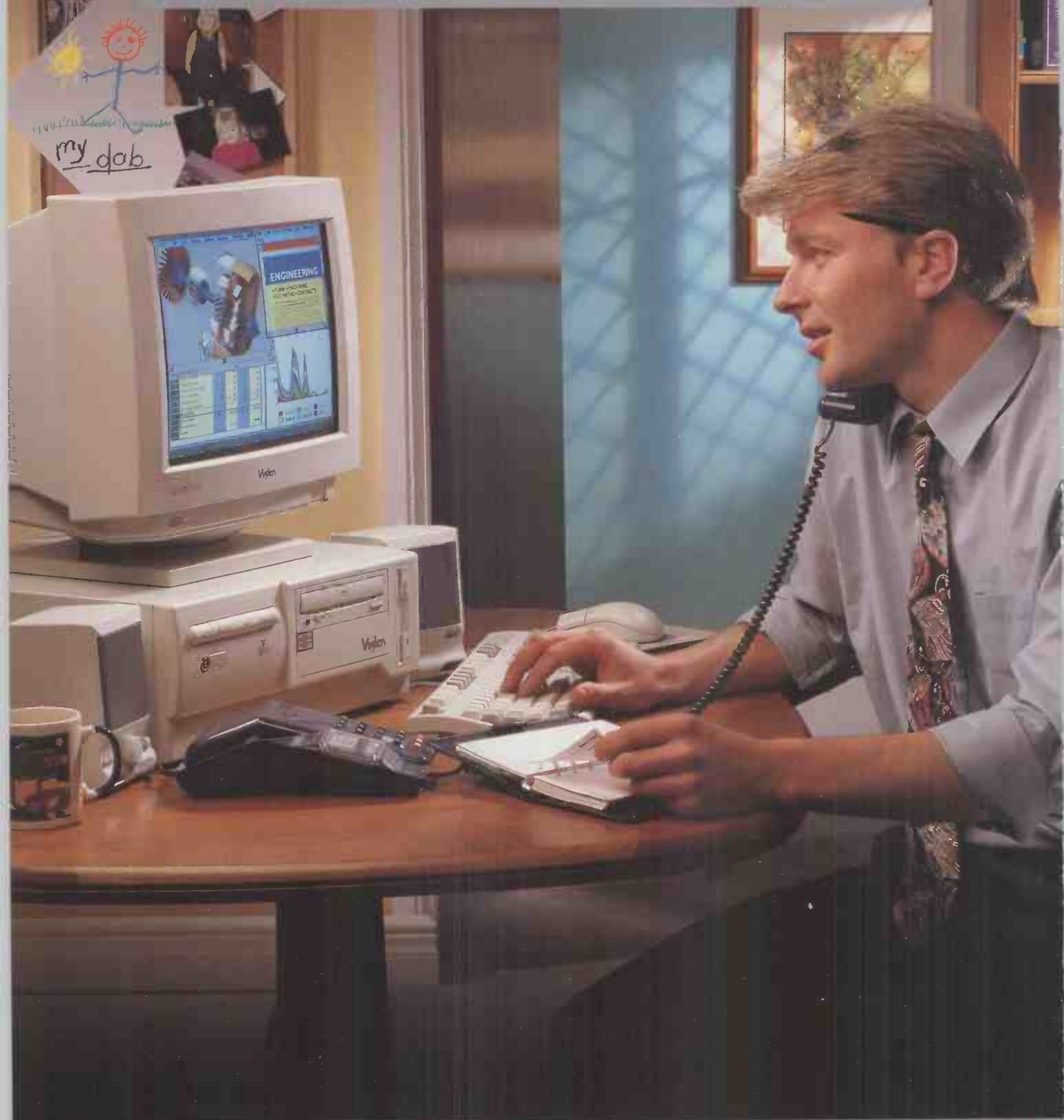
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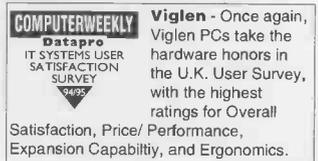


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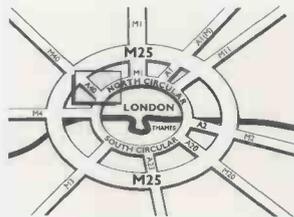


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