



Welcome to the October issue of What PC?

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

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

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Help: Buyers guide for Psion 3a

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

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

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

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

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

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

Help: Downloading and installing files from the Software Library section

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Downloading Other type of files:

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

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

Installing a downloaded file:

Later, using File Manager or Explorer, locate the file on your hard disk. If you need to uncompress a zip file, then read [Installing PKUnzip](#). If the file is already uncompressed then run the program or its installer just by double-clicking the filename. The most likely filenames are SETUP.EXE or INSTALL.EXE. If you cannot find which file to double click in order to run the program, click on the associated readme file (if one exists).

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

Help: Hardware Requirements

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

Help: How to use the CD Rom

If you've got Windows 95

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

(If your CD doesn't auto-load, start Windows Explorer and double-click WPC.EXE.)

Windows 3.1 users

From the menu in Windows' Program Manager, choose File/Run. Then type in

<CD Drive>:\PCW.EXE and press Enter. The What PC? loader will appear (as above). If you don't have Video for Windows or Quicktime, the What PC? loader will give you the option to install them before proceeding (follow the on-screen instructions).

Help: Installing PKUnzip

PKUnzip is a valuable utility that is used to uncompress 'zip' files, a file-compression format widely-used on the Web and elsewhere. Before you can 'unzip' a file, you will need to install PKUnzip, as follows:

Go to the Software Library section and click the button marked 'Essential Utilities'

Click the link marked 'PKZip/PKUnzip' (a new page will appear).

Click the link marked 'copy PKZip'.

A dialog box will appear, so that you can choose where to copy the file to. (The file to be copied is called **PKZ204G.EXE**, and it's a self-extracting archive file.) A good place for PKUnzip to reside is inside your **C:\DOS** directory (where it's easy for your system to find it when it needs to).

Navigate through the directories window until you are inside the Dos directory, then click 'Save'.

At this stage, you might like to quit from Navigator, and from the What PC? menu (unless your PC has plenty of memory).

Next, using Windows File Manager (or Explorer if you have Windows 95), find your **C:\DOS** directory, then double-click on the file **PKZ204G.EXE**. It will expand into sixteen separate files.

Associating the file

The first time you double-click on a compressed file with the .ZIP extension, Windows won't know what it's supposed to do with that file, and will pop up a dialog box asking which program you want to use to run it. Browse until you find **PKUNZIP.EXE** (in Windows 95 you may have to press the 'Other' button to find it).

Once you've done this once, Windows will remember that all Zip files need to be extracted using PKUnzip.

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Help: Navigating and using the main CD Interface

In order to view the pages, in the Hands On section, it is necessary that you install the Acrobat Reader software (which includes the search plug in), from the What PC? loader. The loader will detect if it is already installed. This installation should be to the default location shown on the installer.

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

Help: Technical Helpline

If you have problems with the CD-Rom, you can phone for help on the VNU 24-hour Helpline on : **0891 715929**. Calls cost 50p per min.

Help: Using Acrobat

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Help: Using Netscape

Netscape Navigator is used in several of the sections of the What PC? CD-Rom. It is a convenient way to deliver text, images, and downloadable files, and runs on top of the main What PC? menu program in the Software Library section, the Arts section (Literature subsection), the Indexes section (Features subsection) and the Room section. Readers with access to the World Wide Web will be familiar with the way Netscape works. Just click on a hypertext or image link to jump from page to page. You can go backwards or forwards through the pages you have already visited by clicking the Back or Forward buttons on the toolbar.

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

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

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Index

The main What PC? CD interface is divided into nine sections:

Games

Multimedia

Arts

Getting Started

Focus On

Printshop

Software Library

Indexes

Index: Arts

This month the Arts section consists of:

Images

32 top quality Images from The Image Bank

Index: CD Index

A searchable index of What PC? cover disc content since the September 1996 issue.

Index: Focus On

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

Index: Games

This months games included on the CD cover disk are:

Dungeon Keeper(Windows 95)

The most eagerly-awaited game since chess, Dungeon Keeper boasts graphics, gameplay and depth to die for.

Curse Of Monkey Island 3 (Windows 95 only)

This is a demo of the third installment of the ever popular Monkey Island game from Lucas Arts.

Carmageddon(Windows 95/DOS)

The year is 2028 and you are in the race of your life. SCI's new state-of-the-art 3D auto-carnage game,

XWing Versus Tie Fighter (Windows 95 only)

The ultimate battle between the Empire and the Rebel Alliance can now be fought with the release of the first Star Wars network game, X-Wing vs. TIE Fighter, a Star Wars multiplayer space combat arena, from LucasArts Entertainment Company.

Dark Colony (Windows 95 only)

Dark Colony is a fast-paced real-time strategy game where Humans and Aliens battle it out for domination over the planet Mars.

Index: Getting Started

This section contains our easy-to-use interactive guide to PCs, printers and software. This month we cover the basics of the desktop PC, printers and notebooks. Just point and click for explanations of all the different parts, complete with buying tips.

Index: Hands On

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

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

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

Index: Indexes

Products Review Index
CD Index
Advert Index

Index: Multimedia

This months multimedia included on the CD cover disk are:

CakeWalk Pro (Windows 95 only)

Cakewalk® is the world's best-selling software brand for creating music and sound on the PC.

Fontographer (Windows 95/Windows 3.X)

Macromedia Fontographer is the easiest way to create royalty-free fonts for print, multimedia, and Internet projects.

Internet Explorer 4.0 Preview 2 (Windows 95 only)

This demo is Windows 95 only, but the full version can be run on Windows 3.X as well. Internet Explorer 4.0 offers groundbreaking interactivity with Dynamic HTML and the broadest set of communication and collaboration tools, including versatile Outlook Express e-mail and the award-winning Microsoft NetMeeting conferencing tool.

AA's A To B (Windows 95/Windows 3.X)

AtoB is a simple routing package that occupies a small amount of desktop and hard disc space.

Index: What PC? Printshop

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Index:Reference

Glossary of computer terms.

A 15-month products and features searchable database.

This month's advert Index.

General Information about the CD.

Index: Software Library

Hands On

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

Essential Utilities

Utilities you just can't be without.

Utilities

Utilities you shouldn't be without.

Internet

Programs to make your surfing more productive.

Kids

Software for children, including games and educational programs.

Graphics

Here you'll find image-editing and drawing utilities

General

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

Psion

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

Media

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

note: The resources section of the CD is viewed through Netscape. If you are unfamiliar with this browser, or not used to uncompressing (unzipping) files, see the [Help](#) page. Alternatively, if you would prefer to use your own browser, see the [Locations](#) page to find out where the resources home HTML file is situated on the disk.

Locations: Acrobat Files

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

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

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

Locations: Games

Installing and/or playing the demos from outside of the Games section:

Dungeon Keeper

(Windows 95 only)

From Windows Explorer, Run:

<CD-DRIVE>:\GAMES\DUNGEON\KEEPER\WINSETUP\SETUP.EXE

Curse Of Monkey Island 3:

(Windows 95 only)

From Windows Explorer, run:

<CDDRIVE>:\GAMES\MONKEY3\CURSE.EXE

Carmageddon:

(Windows 95)

From Windows explorer double click on **CARMINST.EXE** in the directory

<CDDRIVE>:\GAMES\CARMAG\

(DOS)

From File Manager double click on **CARMINST.EXE** in the directory

<CDDRIVE>:\GAMES\CARMAG\

before quitting to DOS to play the game.

XWing Versus Tie Fighter:

(Windows 95 only)

From Windows Explorer, run:

<CDDRIVE>:\GAMES\XWINGTIE\XVTDEMO.EXE

Dark Colony:

(Windows 95 only)

From Windows Explorer, run:

<CDDRIVE>:\GAMES\DARK\SETUP.EXE

Curse Of Monkey Island 3:

(Windows 95 only)

From Windows Explorer, run:

<CDDRIVE>:\GAMES\MONKEY3\CURSE.EXE

Locations: HTML Files

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

Software Library :

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

The Room:

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

Locations:Images

This months images from the Arts section are located in the directory
<CD drive>:\CDIMAGES

Locations: MULTIMEDIA

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

CakeWalk Pro:

(Windows 95 only)

Double click on **SETUP.EXE** in the directory
<CDDRIVE>:\MULTI\CAKEWALK\

Fontographer:

(Windows 95 only)

Double click on **SETUP.EXE** in the directory
<CDDRIVE>:\MULTI\FONT\

Internet Explorer 4.0 Preview 2:

(Windows 95)

Double click on **IE4SETUP.EXE** in the directory
<CDDRIVE>:\MULTI\IE4\

AA's A To B:

(Windows 95/Windows 3.X)

Double click on **SETUP.EXE** in the directory
<CDDRIVE>:\MULTI\ATOB\

Locations: Music

Although there is no music on this month's CD, music in the Arts section of the main What PC? interface is usually located in the directory

<CD drive>:\MUSIC

Locations:Video

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

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

Locations

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

Games

Multimedia

HTML Files

Acrobat Files

Video

Images

