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FACT SHEET – MICROSOFT ENCARTA

REFERENCE SUITE 2001

What type of program is Microsoft® Encarta Reference Suite 2001?

- Reference Suite 2001 brings together four award-winning Encarta reference products, Encarta Encyclopedia Deluxe 2001, Interactive World Atlas 2001, World English Dictionary 2001 and Online Deluxe in a fully integrated, easy-to-use package
- Encarta Reference Suite 2001 creates the best user experience by integrating the best of the web with the richness and immediacy of a CD

What features make Encarta Reference Suite 2001 such a great package?

- Reference Suite's Pinpointer function makes the package the most efficient package in its category, allowing you to explore all elements of the product quickly and seamlessly. Users search once and find every topic in every product and on the Web
- Reference Suite has the largest collection of information resources, including over 480 000 articles, more than 27 700 photos and illustrations, more than 80 700 sound clips and pronunciations and 25 000-plus hand-picked, quality web links
- Videos, animations and sound clips bring subjects to life
- 200 editors from around the world update Encarta, ensuring you receive the most accurate information
- Encarta is designed to for users in Australia, with a full-time editor and team of contributors based in Sydney
- The advantage of CD-ROM reference materials is speed and richness of information
- Reference Suite 2001 has something to offer every member of the family. Article content is age-appropriate, for example, articles on "organic chemistry" are written at high school reading level whereas introductions to articles on spiders are written to be accessible to younger readers

Why are the programs in Microsoft® Encarta Reference Suite 2001 so good?

Encarta Encyclopedia Deluxe 2001

- Encyclopedia Deluxe 2001 stands as a strong reference base with thousands of updated articles
- NEW Encarta News lists fresh content on your PC screen so you can stay up-to-date
- The NEW Encarta Web Centre connects you to quality websites relevant to your topic
- Encyclopedia Deluxe 2001 includes a NEW Dynamic Timeline containing 3 000 events in political and social history, science, technology and the Arts
- RESEARCHER collects useful information from Encarta, the Internet and other sources
- NEW sidebars from The Times and the Sydney Morning Herald contain commentaries, obituaries and contemporary news reports dating from early editions of these newspapers

Encarta Interactive World Atlas 2001

- NEW Flat Maps offer a global perspective on climates, eco regions and other trends at a glance
- NEW Dynamic Place Names show the local spellings and pronunciations of place names around the world
- World Atlas 2001 reflects the needs of Australian users, offering more Australian content than ever

Encarta World English Dictionary

- Choose from a quick definition to quickly grasp a word's basic meaning or read on for a more detailed description, including word origin, usage notes or pronunciations. 75 000 pronunciations are included!
- Users can copy the World English Dictionary, Encarta Thesaurus, Encarta Book of Quotations and Harrap's Concise French and German Dictionaries onto their hard drives for easy access

Encarta Online Deluxe

- A very exciting new feature which offers users of the CD to access this version of Encarta, optimised for the Internet

Who is most likely to enjoy Microsoft® Encarta Reference Suite 2001?

- Families with school-aged children and home PCs
- Adults looking to satisfy their curiosity and inform themselves on various general knowledge topics

How good does your computer need to be for Microsoft® Encarta Reference Suite 2001 to work?

- You must have a multimedia PC with Pentium 133 MHz or higher processor
- If your PC's operating system is Windows 95 Windows 98, you need 24 MB of RAM (memory). If you have Windows NT or Windows ME, you need 32 MB of RAM. If you have Windows 2000 Professional, you need 64 MB of RAM
- Up to 150 MB of hard disk space is required for installation
- Encarta Interactive World Atlas and the Researcher require Microsoft® Internet Explorer 5.5 software (which is included on the cd). These programs also need up to 45 MB of hard-disk space and an additional 25 MB during installation
- A local bus video with 1 MB or more of video memory is required
- Encarta requires an MPC-level 2 compliant quad speed CD-ROM or DVD-ROM drive or faster
- Encarta requires a Super VGA, 256 colour monitor supporting 640x480 or higher resolution
- Microsoft® Mouse, Microsoft® Intellimouse or a compatible pointing device is required
- Your PC must have Internet access in order to use Encarta's Internet functions

Optional Extras

- A 16-bit sound card with speakers or headphones is recommended
 - To use Encarta Web Links and Encarta Yearbook monthly updates, you need a 14.4 bps or high-baud modem and up to 2 MB of additional hard disk space for each monthly instalment
 - Using Encarta Reference Suite's Copy to Hard Drive feature requires up to 2.1 GB of additional hard disk space for Encarta Encyclopedia Deluxe, up to 1.4 GB for Encarta Interactive World Atlas and up to 125 MB for Encarta World English Dictionary
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