COMPUTER SOFTWARE REVIEWS

Corel GALLERY 1,000,000, Version 3.0

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Designing and developing Web pages, while no longer a difficult task, is still a time consuming task. While most web sites today seem to use an great excess of images (still and animated), some graphics are useful. In the past I have searched the internet, using Yahoo! and AltaVista to find collections of images and always hoped the collections I found would have some good material to use. For the most part the searching was rather lengthy and resulted in few, if any, useful images.

When I received a copy of the 14 CD-ROMs that make up the Corel Gallery 1,000,000 Version 3.0 of images and photos, I found this product to be an inexpensive, quick, and easy way to get many useful images for the web pages I was working on. Best of all, most of the images and photos are of a sensible size, so loading a gif or jpg file goes quickly. The search and browse features allow for ease of use. The slowest step in the whole process is inserting the proper CD-ROM disk since, for example, a search for "chemistry" resulted in dozens of images and photos spread over a quite a few of the 14 CD-ROMs that comprise the entire package.

The program and CD-ROMs require a Windows (95, 98, or NT) operating system, an Internet browser supporting HTML 3.0 or higher, and a CD-ROM drive. Installation was quick and easy. The collection includes a large selection of many images, including backgrounds, textures, arrows, bullets, buttons, and so on. The Corel Photo House 2.1, a photo editing software package that allows one to edit an image for customizing, is needed, in any web page or document you create. The package also comes with a large book (about 700 pages) of all the clipart, fonts, images, and so on, which are on the 14 CD-ROMs. Thus one can flip through this book and look for what you want as well as being able to search on keywords within the computer program.

In summary, this is a very useful and reasonably priced package which will be useful to anyone working on developing and designing Web pages.

Core GALLERY 1,000,000 Version 3.0 has a retail price of $129.00 and is available from Corel Corporation, 1600 Carling Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1Z 8R7 (http://www.corel.com).

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