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New this month, we have a great new Entertainment Section for you from In Chair Viewing which includes exclusive music and video from top bands as well as a film trailer of the great new Nicholas Cage film, Snake Eyes.

Check out Grim Fandango in Featured Software if you fancy a game with a surreal twist. And, if you have access to the internet, take a look at Spinner which enables you to listen to your own choice of music, straight off the web.

Don't forget our Software Library, where there are over 50 more games, applications and essential utilities. If you want the best software, just load that disc up now!

Grim Fandango



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Operating system Windows 3.1 or higher

Limitations Full version

Sales contact

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Technical support 0181 207 1792 between 10am-

1pm, and 2pm-5pm (on Wednesdays there's a 2pm start)

Something's rotten in the Land of the Dead. Manny Calavera, travel agent at the Department of Death sells luxury packages to souls on their journey to eternal rest. But there's trouble in paradise and Manny needs help. This new and unusual graphic adventure from LucasArts is inspired by the films Chinatown, Casablanca and The Big Sleep, and mixes classic film noir with the exotic mythology of ancient Mexico. The elements at the core of Manny's struggle are danger, drama and greed.

Manny is employed to pick up people in the Land of the Living and set them off on a four-year journey to their eternal resting place. But he is caught in the middle of a conspiracy that prevents him from getting on, even if he meets his sales quota. By stealing a prime prospect, he sets a chain of events in motion that threaten the destiny of his soul. The game puts you right inside Manny's strange world. This demo contains a selection of the hundreds of puzzles contained in the full version which have been designed to challenge both the novice and veteran adventure gamer and it takes you to some of the full version's 90 exotic locations, ranging from the bustling metropolis of El Marrow, to the mountaintop portal to the Ninth Underworld.

Technical information to help you use the CD

System Requirements

You will need a PC running Windows 3.1 or Windows 95. Please check individual products for specific system requirements. For best results, run the CD-ROM on a Pentium PC with at least 16Mb of memory.

✓ How to use the CD-ROM

Quit existing applications – if you have 16Mb or more of memory, you do not have to do this, but you will nevertheless get

better performance if not too many other applications are running Put the disc into your

CD drive. Windows 95 - If you have got Windows 95 the PCW interactive loader will appear on your screen. But if your CD does not autoload, go to Start/Run and

<CD Drive>:\pcw.exe Windows 3.1 – From Windows Program Manager choose File/Run, then type in <CD Drive>:\pcw.exe and press enter.

CD-ROM Problems

If you have problems with individual products, please check in the magazine or on the CD for company contact details. If you have general problems with the CD, the technical helpline is open on weekdays from 10:30am 12:30pm and 1.30pm-4:30pm. Phone 01274736990. If you have problems with the CD-ROM

(such as a message reading "Cannot read from drive D:") return the disc, with a covering note and clearly marked "PCW CD November 98" to:

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Sin

Elexis Sinclaire, head of SinTek Industries, is spreading a DNA-altering drug as part of her plan to take over the world with an army of mutants. As Colonel John R. Blade, you are going to make her pay for her sins. Sin is a firstperson, character-driven, story featuring multiplayer gameplay powered by an enhanced Quake II engine. Your actions affect the course of the game, so no two

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Windows 95 Limitations Limited levels, cut-down features 01865 264 817 Technical support support@grolier

battles will be the same. Your arsenal includes snipers. remote control detonation and new weapons that may literally rip you apart.



Nightmare Creatures

With excellent graphics this third-person 3D perspective adventure is comparable to Tomb Raider. Playing the part of either Father Ignatius Blackward or Nadia F, you must find and destroy the cause of the virus that is turning Londoners into flesh-eating zombies. The game is set in a spooky atmosphere, with great sound effects and music, realistic smoke and fog. Nightmare Creatures pushes game

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graphics and audio to their limits so you will need a fairly powerful machine to appreciate all the features at their best.



letspeed

Jetspeed, from HP, is an office network racing game for up to four players. Designed to communicate the benefits of network-sharing printers and servers, you race in a virtual office environment. There's a full screensaver function and a selection of animated and 3D sequences to download. Network-ready, and with single and multi-player options you can choose from three LAN race circuits and

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Windows 95 Limitations Early-levels demo Sales contact +45 8680 2700 Technical support

a selection of cars which can be swapped between a London taxi, a pickup truck, a Jaguar XK8 or a black F355 racing Ferrari.

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FreeHand 8

FreeHand 8 has been developed to combine the sophistication required for PostScript print output with the need to generate compact graphics for web pages. It offers an ideal authoring front end for Flash. You can use the familiar



illustration environment to create effects, layouts, or entire animation sequences and transform any multiobject blends or text on a path, into Flash animations, thus creating vector morphs and animated text. Other features include printable transparency capabilities which keep documents in an editable vector format, and a magnifying lens which can be useful for creating live insets or annotations. You can also export and import new file formats including Corel 7, WMF, and EMF, DCS 2, Flash 2 and the latest versions of Acrobat, Illustrator,

Photoshop, and Insta.HTML 2 which provides an easy way to transform FreeHand files into a WYSIWYG HTML format.

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EarthTuner

EarthTuner combines RealAudio and RealVideo with a database of audio, video and web links, to access radio, TV, and net broadcasts from the web. By selecting from this huge list of sites providing streaming media, you have instant access to programs being broadcast from around the world. Choose stations in a number of ways: from an animated globe, to a browse window, using the integrated search engine to find any radio station whose name you can remember.

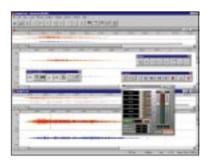




Spinner

Spinner lets you access over 100 channels of music via a simple, free, interface that works with your web browser. With immediate access to Title, Artist, Album and Channel information, you know exactly what you're listening to, and on which Spinner.com channel you're hearing it. View the album cover of the current track, pre-select seven favourite channels, customise two channels with favourite songs and see what's playing on any other channel by rolling over it with your mouse. Then, you can go ahead and purchase the CD online.

WaveLab 2.0



WaveLab 2.0 is a fast audio editor that enables real-time processing during playback in an easy-to-use graphics interface. This application contains all the tools you need to record, edit and make detailed analyses right through to a final cut and mastering, with quality results in 24-bit, using an appropriate audio card. The package can be used to archive files using the integral database. WaveLab can

communicate with most current samplers, via SCSI and can transfer multisamples in a matter of seconds. WaveLab is designed to allow you to add third-party plug-ins and processing tools, expanding your system to suit your particular working requirements. And, to realise good ideas spontaneously, WaveLab's speed-optimised audio editor lets you take care of the smallest detail in real time, whether you are adding more punch to the bass, boosting the high

frequencies, or filtering out noisy notes from a clumsy bass player and, you don't need an audio engineering qualification to do it.

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Software Library

Unless otherwise stated, new versions of featured software are not upgrades, but standalone installations. If you wish to install the latest version of a product onto your machine, ensure that you uninstall or remove the older version first.

Essential Utilities

• New

WebLeech 2.1

(Windows 95/NT) The purpose of this application was to enable the user to download files which are attached to web pages, but without having to click on each link and file individually to save them. Instead, a list

of available files is created and either all or selected files can be downloaded. (Freeware)

Microsoft Excel Viewer (Windows 95/NT) Excel Viewer 97 is a tool that lets Excel users share their spreadsheet files with more people than ever before! (Freeware)

New

Microsoft Word Viewer 97

(Windows 95/NT) Word Viewer lets those who already use any version of Word to share their documents with users who do not. (Freeware)

Add/Remove 4Good 1.0

(Windows 95) The utility that helps rid you of those

unwanted entries in Control Panels³ Add/Remove list. (Limited use shareware)

Adobe Acrobat Reader 3.01 + Search

(Windows 3.1/95) The free Adobe Acrobat Reader lets you view, navigate, and print PDF files across all major computing platforms. Fully functioning reader)

• DirectX 6

(Windows 95) The latest set of essential video and audio drivers that are required to run some of today's processorhungry games and applications. (Fully functioning drivers.)

EzDesk for Windows 1.8

(Windows 95) A utility that manages the desktop icons' layout. EzDesk can restore a desktop icons' layout to a previously saved arrangement.

(Limited function shareware) • Fontastic 4.2

(Windows 95)

Fontastic is a powerful font management tool designed for Windows 95. It allows quick and easy access for viewing all the fonts stored within your system as well as providing printed samples.

(31 day evaluation) • GIF Construction Set 1.0Q

(Windows 3.1/95) The quickest and most professional way to create transparent, interlaced and animated gif files for web pages. (30-day shareware.)

Graphics Workshop 1.1Y

(Win 3.1/95) À superlative image management package that allows you to view, convert and catalogue your images in a wide variety of formats. (30-day shareware.)

• Microangelo 2.1

(Windows 95) Provides access to icons of all sizes and colour formats used by Windows 95. Browse, manage, create, and edit icons from 8x8 to 64x64 pixels in size and up to 256 colours. (30 day trial)

• MIRĆ 5.41 (Windows 3.1/95)

Provides a userfriendly interface for use with the Internet Relay Chat (IRC) network. The network is a virtual meeting place where people from all over the world can meet and talk.

(30-day shareware.) • NearSite 6.1

(Windows 95) NearSite allows you to retrieve and store internet files so you spend less time online. NearSite bookmarks can be set to automatically retrieve web pages from the net and keep them refreshed as often as you wish. (30-day evaluation)

• Net Toob 3.5

(Windows 3.1/95) Net Toob Stream enables playback of online streamed, as well as online and offline downloaded MPEG-1, Video for Windows (AVI), QuickTime for Windows (MOV), QuickTime VR "object" files, Autodesk Animations (FLC/FLI), WAV audio and MIDI audio. It is reliable, easy to use and integrate, and works with multiple browsers.

Netscape Communicator 4.05

- Standard Edition (Windows 3.1/95) One of the premier internet suites, including Netscape Navigator.

(Free version) Paint Shop Pro 3.11

(Windows 3.1) Fully-featured painting and imagemanipulation program. Features include powerful

painting tools, photo retouching, image enhancement functions, batch file format conversion and support for over 30 different file formats. (30-day shareware.)

• Paint Shop Pro 5.0

(Windows 95) The latest version of this popular graphics editor, with powerful new features such as complete layer support, Picture Tube brushes **CMYK** separations and pressuresensitive tablet support. It includes enhancements to Paint Shop Pro's flexible painting and retouching brushes, adjustable cropping and selection tools, and image enhancements. (30-day evaluation)

• SpellWrite for Windows 1.6/2.1

(Windows 3.1/95) A unique utility that can spell-check any Windows program instantly (e.g. email, accounts, database etc) from a designated hot-key. It has an 85,000word dictionary in UK format. (30-day shareware).

• VuePrint Pro 6.0

(Windows

3.1/95) VuePrint is the most widely used Windows program for viewing images. You don't need to know anything about images or file formats to use VuePrint, just tell it to open a file and it automatically displays any images it finds.

(15 day evaluation) • WinZip SR 6.3 SR-1

(Windows 3.1/95) Industry-standard compression/decom pression utility with

automatic built-in disk spanning support for multidisk Zip files. (21-day evaluation version)

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New This Month

Asteroid Impact (Windows 3.1/95)

Enjoy seemingly endless levels of asteroid blasting, rock smashing, mayhem. This is massive and relentless obliteration on a grand scale, and loads of fun. (Shareware)

• Alma Page Generator

(Windows 95) À simple utility to transform the life of most web site developers. Massive sites can be created using databasedriven pages but requires no CGI scripts. Runs on any server. (21-day evaluation)



Critical Mass

(Windows 95) Critical Mass is an original, hideously addictive game set in the future, where you are the commander of a squadron of spaceships. You will

Campaign - a usereducation initiative to advise and educate computer users regarding the importance of correct display selection on their machines. (Freeware)

management principles to help you stay in control of your time and information. It provides you with a system that supports delegation, planning, tracking and workgroup interaction. The underlying principle is to help you make the best use of your

(Sponsored free version)

Exclusive **Firefight**

(Windows 95) The latest release from the stable of Sean O'Connor's Windows Games is Firefight, a WW II real-time simulation game. It relies on the use of artificial intelligence to create the most realistic and fun game of this genre to date, while having a user interface so simple and intuitive that you can learn to play in minutes. (Shareware)

• Mother Of All Battles

(Windows 95) A great strategy game for two to six

human or computer players. The object of the game is to capture the world, starting from your single home city. Each city can build units (using a range of weapons from tanks, to planes, paratroopers, submarines or even aircraft carriers) in order to explore the world and defeat your enemies. (Limited demo)

• Turbo Solve! Pro (Windows 95 & NT) Turbo Solve! Pro is a powerful, easy-touse, 32-bit word puzzle solving program for Windows 95 and NT, capable of solving a wide variety of word puzzles including crosswords, anagrams, in-words, pair-up puzzles, word searches etc. (Shareware)

· And, there's lots more to keep you amused: Microfile Pro, Star Stream Birthday Reminder, Table of Contents, Terrapin FTP Browser and WordSpin.

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• AntiViral Toolkit Pro (Windows95/98 & NT) A complete package of protection against computer viruses. AVP is easy to use and has a very large antivirus database. (Limited Demo) • Auto ShutDown

(Windows 95 & NT) Automated shutdown scheduling utility for your computer. (Shareware)

be sent on one of 30 different types of mission, ranging from protecting a convoy, to attacking an enemy starbase, or defending Earth. (Limited demo)

 CheckScreen (Windows 3.x/95/NT) This software was produced by the Monitors Matter

• Easy Zip 98 (Windows 95/NT) Easy Zip 98 is a comprehensive Zip Manager that perfectly accommodates your everyday needs. (Freeware)

• Edesk '97 (Windows 3.x/95) A fuss-free PIM based on time

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ICV Entertainment Section

The first-ever dedicated entertainment section in this month's CD-ROM is brought to you by In Chair Viewing. ICV is rapidly establishing itself as a front runner in non-game multimedia entertainment. Since its conception three years ago, the company has gone from strength to strength placing its work on over seven million CDs around the world, from movie promotions for Armageddon and Tomorrow Never Dies, to enhanced music CDs for Garbage, Brian May and Sean Lennon, amongst others. The ICV Entertainment Section requires Windows 95 or NT. Your display should also be running in 16-bit or thousands of colours. The program will detect whether your PC is running at these levels and, if necessary, will prompt you to reset your graphics card if necessary. In this first ICV Entertainment Section. the stops have definitely been pulled out with world exclusives from Garbage and the Beastie Boys, a trailer from the new Nicholas Cage film "Snake Eyes" as well

Shirley Manson saw the multimedia work that In Chair Viewing had produced for the band, she personally requested that their website be based on it. So once you've seen the entertainment section, go and visit

www.garbage.com to find out more about the band.



Mansun

LEAD SINGER OF

GARBAGE, SHIRLEY

MANSON

A chance to view part of the Legacy video, recently released as the first single from Mansun's new album, Six. For more information on the band and their forthcoming tour dates, check out the Parlophone website at www.parlophone.co.uk.

THE BEASTIE **BOYS PLAY** BASKETBALL, THEIR FAVOURITE GAME

Garbage

Mansun.

Another In Chair Viewing exclusive, this is the first time that this interview with the band has been publicly available in any form. Garbage discuss their latest album Version 2.0 which entered the UK chart at number one. There is also a chance to see excerpts from the excellent videos from I Think I'm Paranoid and Push It. When Garbage lead singer

as the excellent "Legacy" video from

Beastie Boys An insight into the way-out world of the Beastie Boys sees the band doing the other thing that they love playing basketball. This feature coincides with the release of the band's Hello Nasty album and precedes the release of their

second single from that album, Body Movin'. The Beastie Boys will be touring Europe in the new year and you can find out more from the band's web site at www.grandroyal.com

Snake Eyes

In this suspense thriller, tarnished police detective Rick Santoro (played by Nicholas Cage) is drawn into an intricate conspiracy plot to assassinate the US Secretary of Defense at a heavyweight boxing match. Cage joins forces with old friend and Department of Defense staffer Gary Sinese to untangle the events preceding the assassination, find the mysterious woman who spoke to the Secretary before the assassination, and pin-point the suspects in a crowd of 14,000 fight fans. The Snake Eyes trailer plays full-screen ICV Video which enables an ordinary personal computer to play full-screen and fluid video with no installed software or MPEG cards. Not only this, but you no longer need to worry about having the right video software or having to install material onto your hard drive. ICV Video needs no installation and plays directly from the CD-ROM drive, leaving no residue whatsoever on the computer.

A trailer for the forthcoming Brian de Palma film Snake Eyes, featuring Nicholas Cage and Gary Sinese.

SCREEN ICV VIDEO ON YOUR

►THE SNAKE

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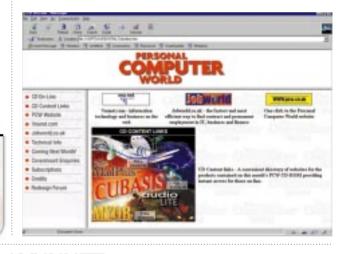
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Access the internet direct from the opening screen!

By clicking on the web link banner at the top of the main screen, you can run your browser and access the PCW CD OnLine direct from the the disc. CD OnLine gives you up-to-date access to sites and information relating to the content of this month's disc. And you have access to the

Personal Computer World web sites, Vnunet.com and Jobworld.co.uk, plus up-todate Technical Info about the CD and a preview of what's on next month's disc! And if you have enjoyed the magazine and the CD, subscribe via email while you're online!



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sending only details that match the job seeker's preferences,

allowing the recipient to control exactly what information is sent and when. lobworld also offers links to job sites overseas, a guide to IT contracting and comprehensive lists of jobs from the top recruitment agencies in the UK. Jobworld.co.uk — be the first to know!



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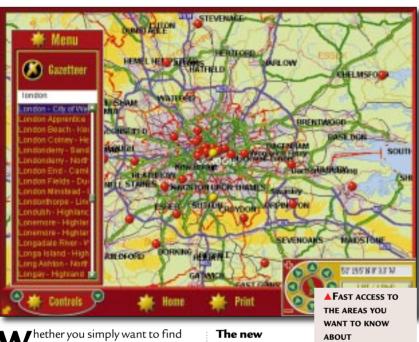
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monthly publications, including such titles as Personal Computer World and Management Consultancy, plus some of the best editorial material from our portfolio of 15 business and consumer titles.



The OS Atlas 2

Find your way around Great Britain



whether you simply want to find your way around London, or to find details about economic and social statistics in the European Union, then look no further than this month's cover disc and the interactive Ordnance Survey Atlas of Great Britain (OS Atlas 2). This second edition OS Atlas from Attica, gives you easy-to-use, high quality-reference and map information with the added facility of multimedia so it can be used for fun or serious study. There are five main areas in its content: Ordnance survey maps, Map Skills, Quiz, GB Data and EU Data.

The OS Atlas 2 offers faster access than before to a huge range of mapping detail with full coverage of Great Britain at 1:250, 000 scale, plus extracts at 1:50,000, 1:25,000 and 1:10,000. The Atlas provides a comprehensive gazetteer of 45,000 locations with fast access to mapping of a precise area of interest. And there is the added bonus of a zoom capability to enlarge all maps and a fullscreen print facility for maps and plans. The map display can be easily customised by switching certain features on or off. For example, you could tailor a map to only show you the railways and water features of a particular location.

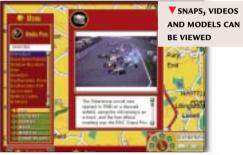
additions to OS

Atlas 2 includes 45 city centre and town plans, a locator map for fast and easy navigation, and distance measuring, in addition to over 300 Media Pin hotspots. These hotspots give you access to pictures, text, video or landscape models illustrating sites of cultural, architectural or historical interest in any given area. And yes, that does include snapshots of the racing at Silverstone and the "Corkscrew" ride at Alton Towers!

Statistical information maps of Great Britain are included, together with European Union facts and figures so, at the touch of a button, you could discover the employment rate in Finland or military expenditure in Italy. There is also a map skills section, which provides guidance and activities on using and interpreting map legends and symbols, and understanding latitude and longitude. You can also test your geographical knowledge of Great Britain with the Around Britain Quiz.

The system you will need to run the OS Atlas 2 CD is a 486DX 66MHz







processor, 8Mb RAM, Windows 3.1, 16Mb RAM Windows 95, 8Mb hard disk space (minimum 4Mb), SVGA display of 256 colours, a double-speed CD-ROM drive, Microsoft mouse or compatible, a 16-bit sound card, headphones or speakers. Additionally, you will need to be running MS-DOS 5.0 or later, Microsoft Windows 3.1 or later, or

Windows 95. You will also need Microsoft CD-ROM Extensions 2.2 or later. Full installation instructions are provided.



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