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Stressed? Feeling under the weather? Sort your health out with Dr Schueler's Medical Adviser and organise your life with the full version of the Sidekick personal organiser. Oh, and Lara needs a hand sorting out humanity – try out our Tomb Raider demo.

Dr Schueler's Medical Adviser

Have you ever needed the answer to a medical question and not been able to consult a doctor? Or are you just fascinated by health and the human body? Dr Schueler's Medical Adviser on this month's cover disc could be the answer.

Health Perfect's package works both as a reference source for medications, nutrition and diseases, as well as a self-diagnostic program which, while not attempting to supplant a doctor's assessment, can help you come to your own conclusions through straightforward question and answer sessions.

Dr Schueler is on call 24 hours a day in the comfort of your own home, offering expert medical advice and guidance whenever you need it. The package can advise you on the causes and prevention of illness; help you detect and diagnose potential problems at an early stage; warn you when urgent professional attention may be needed; and reassure you with

the advice you need until professional help is available.

Dr Schueler's offers information and advice on:

Symptoms
Question and answer sessions help you analyse your symptoms, and there are thousands of colour images to illustrate the text.

Injuries
Learn how to handle any injury, from burns and ankle sprains to stab wounds and animal bites.

Poisons
You can find out what steps to take if poisoned by any of over 500 household substances.

Health and diet
There is extensive information on vitamins, minerals, nutrition, safety and first aid, lifestyle

health risks, vaccinations, weight loss, special diets and travel advice.

Medications
Explore a mass of information on over 4,000 prescription and non-prescription drugs. Find out when and why they are used, their side effects and interactions, and any precautions you need to take.

Diseases
There is up-to-date information on the causes, symptoms, evaluation, treatment and prognosis of over 600 diseases, as well as special sections devoted to women's and children's health problems.
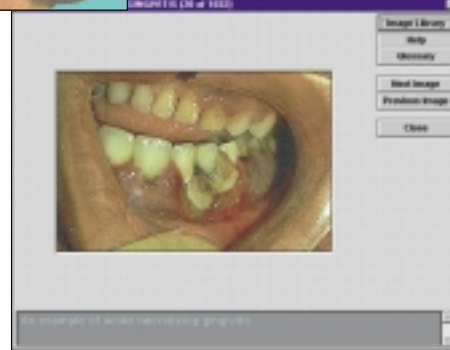
Medical tests
The most frequent medical tests are described and Dr Schueler's will tell you how and when they are performed and why they are necessary, as well as their known risks and complications.

Dr Schueler's Medical Adviser is an invaluable medical encyclopaedia for every home.

Upgrade offer
Once you've tried out the first version of Dr Schueler's Medical Adviser on the disc, why not upgrade to version 2.0 for only £25? (See opposite page.)

The new version includes over 1,500 full colour images and over 90 minutes of video clips.
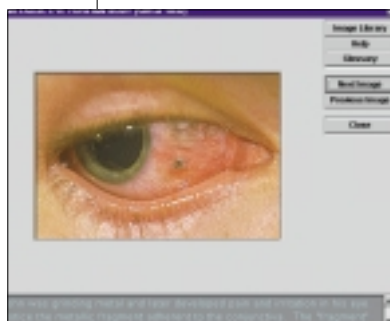
PCW DETAILS

Platform *Windows 3.11/95/98*
Limitations *Interactions are disabled*
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Sidekick
Get organised

FULL VERSION

**Organise your social and business lives with the full version of this brilliant and versatile program.
As computer programs have become increasingly specialised, Sidekick stands out as a bit of a rarity – a good all-rounder. Under the hood you will find not only a calendar, scheduler and to-do program, but also a word processor, card-index style database, world clock and expenses checker. The program is suitable for home or business use and is particularly useful if you have a Windows CE machine, a Palm Pilot or a REX handheld computer, since it includes built-in features that allow you to synchronise them with a computer.**

1 Following the instructions that came with the CD-ROM, to install Sidekick 98. There are a few points to note here. First, if you don't want to enter a company name, just type a full-stop. Second, don't install Truesync unless you have one of the handheld computers mentioned above. Third, always look at the Read Me file in case it has any information that's relevant to your particular setup.

When you first start Sidekick, it'll load the Setup Wizard. Follow the dialog boxes
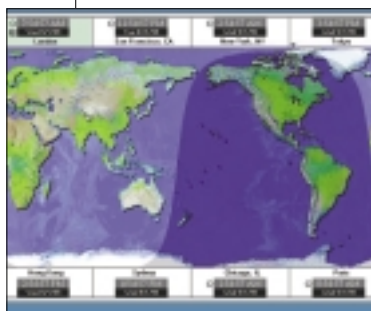

through, choosing your country and city locations but when it comes to the email bit, choose the third option, Do Not Set Up Messaging System Now. You can do this after the program has been installed, but for this project none of the Internet-based features are used. If you accept the defaults, the first screen you see should be the one shown above, EarthTime.

2 Look at the right-hand side of the screen and you'll see Sidekick's main features
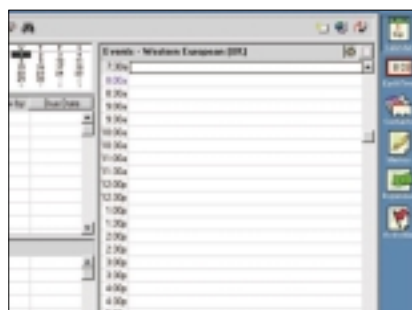
depicted as icons. In turn, they're the Calendar for appointments, to-dos, for remembering special events and so on, the world clock EarthTime, Contacts for storing names and addresses. Memos is the word processor, Expenses is as you'd expect and Activities is a summary view of all upcoming events, appointments and to-dos. Click on the Calendar icon at the top.

3 Along the bottom are four tabs marked Daily, Weekly, Monthly and Yearly. These are your different Calendar views and the one highlighted in bold is the current view. Assuming you haven't changed any of the defaults, you'll see that the Daily view is split into sections: To Do, Calls and Events. Click on the empty space to the right of 12.30pm in the Events section and type in 'Lunch with Alison'. Next, move the cursor to the bottom line of the outlined box and you'll see it turn into a vertical line with arrows top and bottom. Hold down the left
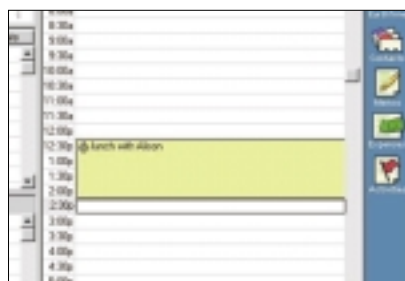
mouse button and drag the line down to the end of the 2pm slot and let go. Now you've got a decent leisurely lunch. Click anywhere outside the box.

4 Having set an appointment such as this, you can, of course, edit it. You can change its start and end times by clicking on the clock icon and dragging the box up and down the Event list, or by re-sizing the appointment box if you want to shorten or lengthen the appointment.

You might also want to add some extras to an appointment. Click on it once with the right mouse button and from the pop-up menu choose Edit Single
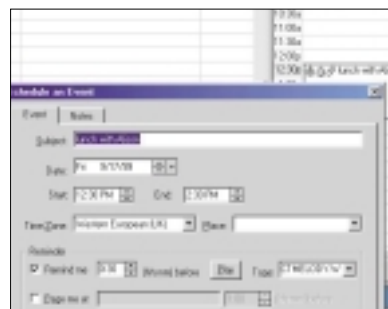
Day Event. In this dialog box put a tick next to the Remind Me option and then choose a sound file from the dropdown list to get an audible reminder of your upcoming appointment. Click on the Notes tab at the top of the box to type in directions, or any background stuff you need to read before leaving and click OK to close.

Your appointment now has bell and paperclip icons

indicating there's an alarm and a note attached to it.

**5** Sidekick is clever enough to handle overlapping appointments too, so if you have got an optional meeting that's due to start at 1.30pm — should you finish lunch early — you can see them side by side. Click on the 3pm

slot and enter the appointment as you did in Step 3. Then, click on the clock icon in your new appointments and, holding down the left mouse button, drag it up to the 1.30pm slot and let go. The lunch and meeting times sit side by side.

6 Now add a to-do. Click on the first line in the To Do section and type 'Sort out mobile phone'. Then, double-click on the empty column to the right, headed Due Date. In the dialog box you can prioritise this to-do, add notes to it, assign it a category (you may want to run a single calendar with business and personal stuff in it, for example)
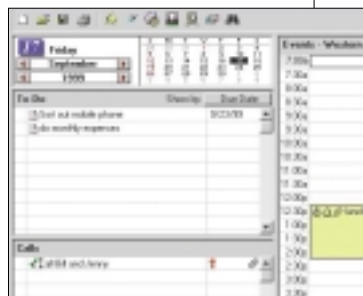
and give it a due date when the task should be completed. Fill in the options you want and then click on OK to close the box.

Do the same in the Calls section below. Type in 'Call Bill and Jenny' and double-click in the right-hand column to open the settings box where you can mark a call as urgent – hence the red exclamation mark – add a note and so on. You can mark both to-dos and calls as recurring, entering regular jobs just the once and having them recur at specified intervals.

7 Sidekick can also handle multi-day events, which are day-long appointments, such as conferences, festivals, and exhibitions, that span a number of days. Click on the Weekly tab at the bottom of the screen and then, from the Calendar menu, choose Multi-Day Event. When the dialog box appears, type in a name in the Description box and then, using the Date Range commands underneath, give the

event a start and finish date. You can also specify here whether

the event will last the entire day or not. Make the appointment stand out by giving it a bright colour, then click OK to close the box.

8 Now look at the Memos feature. Click on the Memo icon on the right of the screen. You can load memos by choosing Open Memo File from

the File menu and then selecting Sidekick 98 Tips from the dialog box. Click OK. On the left now, you can see a list of all of the tips. Try clicking on a few and you'll see the right-hand pane displays the full text of what's in any particular memo slightly offset to the right. To get a full-screen view of the page, click on the icon towards the top right that looks like a square of paper with arrows pointing outwards.

The button bar resembles a word processor and lets you format the text, find specific words, spell-

check, do word counts, print and so on. To move to another memo, click the arrowed icon again. To add a new memo, click the New button on the top left.

9 Click on the Contacts icon next. You'll notice that the screen is similar to Memos, with the individual cards on the left and their contents in the right-hand pane. In both Memos and Contacts you can have more than one folder open at once. Choose Open Cardfile from the File menu and then load in Business 98. The Special Offers 98 collection of cards is still open and available for you to use at the bottom of the screen. Switch between the two by clicking on their tabs, edit individual card entries just like Memos – the same icon opens a card to the full-screen width, while the icon to the left creates a new card. Click the New icon to create a new cardfile and follow the dialogs to create your
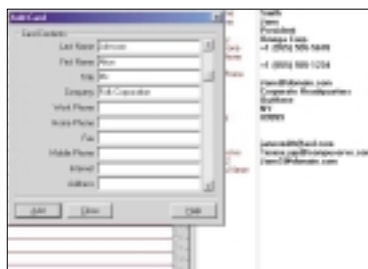
own field names such as Name, Address and Phone number

10 Of the two remaining features, Expenses works in a similar way to Cardfile, but there is a useful Activities view. Click on the icon and you'll see a list of tabs which let you view all your upcoming appointments, calls and to-dos, either collectively by clicking the All tab, or individually by clicking the relevant category tab. To the right you'll see a dropdown box
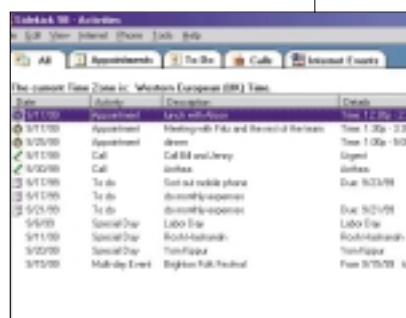
entitled Show where you can specify a date range to display. The screenshot above shows all the appointments, calls and to-dos for a single month.
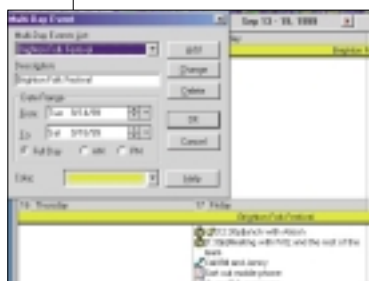
Tomb Raider: The Last Revelation

Our legendary heroine is back again, for the fourth time and her adventures just keep on getting better! Join Lara Croft in Egypt as she confronts the evil secrets of a Lost Tomb.

This episode of Lara's adventures is subtitled 'The

Last Revelation' and its plot revolves around ancient Egyptian mythology and the alignment of the stars at the millennium. While Lara Croft is exploring Egypt she discovers a lost tomb and foolishly unleashes the ancient evil. In a race against time Lara must use all her wit to re-imprison the evil and rectify a situation that threatens to destroy humanity.

None of the releases of Tomb Raider have shied away from pushing gameplay technology to the limit and The

Last Revelation is no exception. New programming routines alter the whole feel of the game and deliver a familiar theme as a completely fresh experience. Most notable is the elimination of loading screens so that now the adventure becomes one continuous experience.

The demo on our cover disc gives you a taster, but the full game is now available.

With Lara's popularity this game can't fail to appeal, but The Last Revelation comes up to all expectations.

FreeBee

FreeBee combines the searching power of the most popular web-based search engines into one fast, easy-to-use tool.

This is a global, automated search program that quickly gathers Internet results from the most popular web-based search engines to deliver comprehensive answers to your search requests – fast. It effectively combines five products into one:

- Find Information on the web
- Read the latest news
- Locate email addresses
- Download the latest software
- Keep track of articles posted in newsgroups!

FreeBee is extremely easy to use, with an intuitive interface so that you can start searching right away.

The program understands non-technical, plain English requests and will query more than 40 of the most popular search engines and return only the most accurate results.

Any duplicate results and dead links are automatically eliminated to reduce some of the frustration of searching the Internet.

The results are combined into one list and ranked in order of relevance. Summary information for each result is available by simply moving the mouse pointer over it.

You can use FreeBee not only in English, but also in Spanish, Italian, French or German. You can easily switch between these languages to suit your particular preferences.

PCW DETAILS

Platform
Windows 95/98/NT4/2000
Limitations *Function-limited (limited number of simultaneous search engines)*
Sales contact
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Technical support
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Win98 SP1

Windows 98 Service Pack 1 resolves known customer issues with Microsoft's operating system and refreshes Windows 98 for owners of the original version.

Some of the fixes include:

Windows 98 System Update
Security fixes and hardware-specific updates

IE4.01 with Service Pack 2
Internet-related updates and security fixes

Outlook Express Update
for version 4.72.3612.1713

Windows 98 Y2K Update
Corrects date generation and leap year calculations

Windows 98 Y2K Update 2
Corrects additional minor Y2K issues

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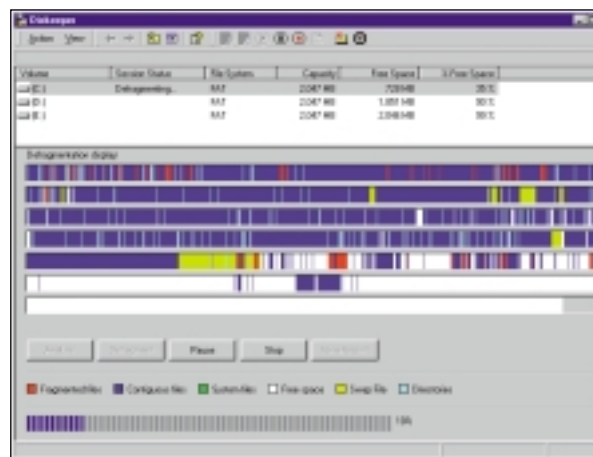
Platform
Windows 98
Limitations *None*

Diskeeper 5.0

Diskeeper is the first automatic disk defragmenter for Windows 95*/98/NT that has been developed. It provides complete administrative functionality and control over the Windows NT network for both servers and workstations.

It significantly restores system performance lost to fragmentation – something noticed particularly in the load times of heavily used applications, which is a major user concern. It consolidates and defragments the paging file and directory files, improving performance results.

Diskeeper is easy to deploy across a network and manage remotely, and it can operate across a network with full administrative functionality.

The NT version of Diskeeper 5.0 introduces Frag Guard, a feature that permits automatic defragmentation scheduling of the Master File Table (MFT) and paging file at boot-time, when needed. Frag Guard also has an online feature to ensure that MFT and paging file frag-mentation is at a minimum.

* Please note that Diskeeper 5.0 will only run on Windows 95 OSR2 or above.

PCW DETAILS

Platform
Windows 95/98/NT*
(* For Windows 95 OSR2+ only)
Limitations *30-day time-limited demo*
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Technical information to help you use the CD

✔ **How to use the CD-ROM**
Put the disc into your CD drive:
Windows 9x If you've got Windows 9x, the *PCW* interactive loader will appear on your screen. If your CD doesn't autoload, go to Start/Run and type in <CD Drive>:\pcw.exe
Windows 3.1 From Windows Program Manager, choose File/Run, then type in <CD Drive>:\pcw.exe and press enter.

✔ **System requirements**
You will need a PC running Windows 3.1 or Windows 9x. The disc will run under Windows NT but functionality may be reduced. Please check individual products for specific system requirements. For best results, run the CD on a Pentium PC with at least 16MB of memory running in 16bit colour depth (thousands of colours).

✔ **Faulty discs**
If your drive continually scans the disc without starting, or displays read errors, you may have a faulty disc. In this event, please return the disc with a covering note, detailing your name and address, and clearly marked '**PCW CD FEBRUARY 2000**', to:
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HelpLine Returns
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Mid Glamorgan CF48 4YB
quoting reference
'**PCW Vol 23 No 2**'.

A replacement disc will be sent to you by post. NOTE: *Replacement discs cannot be supplied direct from the VNU offices.*

✔ **Technical support**
If you have technical problems with individual products, please check in the magazine or on the CD for the manufacturer's support contact details. For general problems with the CD, the Technical Helpline is open weekdays from 10:30am to 12:30pm and 1.30pm to 4:30pm on **01685 354726**.
A live technical info page is also available through CDOnline direct from the CD. Please see 'Faulty discs' for replacement disc information.

✔ **Getting software on to the CD**
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