

WELCOME TO THE **OCTOBER 1998** PERSONAL COMPUTER WORLD CD-ROM

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Whether you're browsing in a shop or hurriedly opening this new-look issue of *Personal Computer World* at home, you are probably dying to find out more about the three full-version applications advertised on this month's cover! Well, they're all here: full versions of MYOB, a small business accounting suite; CUBASIS AUDIO LITE, a digital multitrack audio recorder and sequencer; and SERIF MAIL PLUS, for creating and sending fun emails. On top of that, there are seven more featured games and applications demos, and over 60 other applications in the Software Library. So read on and find out more about the contents of one very full PCW CD-ROM!

Cubasis Audio Lite full version

Have you ever fancied having a recording studio on your desktop? Well now you can, with Cubasis Audio Lite, from Steinberg. Users of Cubase will be familiar with the



interface of the popular MIDI sequencer, but now you can add real sounds such as vocals or acoustic instruments. Using the full version on this month's disc, and with adequate resources, you can mix up to four tracks of simultaneous audio alongside music data that has been created from a MIDI instrument. Just lay down your drums and keyboard tracks on your computer and then record vocals onto the audio tracks.

You will have access to all the different instruments in your sound card or external sound module, combined with the spontaneity of real-world sounds. To get the most out of this application, check out our three-page workshop (starting on page 242) in the *Hands On* section of this issue.

PCW DETAILS

Operating system

Windows 3.1 or higher

Limitations

Full version

Sales contact

0181 970 1909

Technical support

0181 207 1792 between 10:00am

& 1:00pm, and 2:00pm &

5:00pm (on Wednesday's there's a

2:00pm start)

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 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 don't

have to do this, but you will still get better performance if not too many other applications are running). Put the disc into your CD drive. Win 95 — If you've got Windows 95, the PCW interactive loader will appear on your screen. If your CD doesn't autoloading, go to Start/Run and type in <CD Drive>:\pcw.exe Win 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 individual company support contact details. If you experience general problems with the CD, the technical helpline is open on weekdays from 10:30am to 12:30pm and

1.30pm to 4:30pm. Telephone 01274 736990.

If you experience problems with the CD-ROM (such as a message reading "Cannot read from drive D:") return the disc with a covering note showing your name and address and clearly marked "PCW CD OCTOBER 98" to: TIB plc, TIB House, 11, Edward Street, Bradford, BD4 7BH

A replacement disc will be sent to you by post.

✓ Getting your software onto our PCW CD-ROM

Personal Computer World is keen to promote quality software and would like to hear from you if you are interested in having your product included on a future cover disc. For cover-mounted disc enquiries please telephone Afshan Nasim on

0171 316 9592 or email afshan_nasim@vnu.co.uk.

✓ Software Limitations

Unless otherwise stated, all the software contained on the CD is for demonstration purposes only. The guidelines we use for describing the limitations of software are as follows:

Freeware

A fully-operational

Dreamweaver

Macromedia's Dreamweaver is a great visual tool for creating professional web sites. It is particularly useful in the creation of pages that use Dynamic



PCW DETAILS

Platform
Windows 95
Limitations
30-day trial
Sales contact
0181 358 5857
Technical support
None

HTML, but may be used in a multi-browser environment. It offers visual web-page layout and provides a convenient HTML source editor. You can create web sites that look great and run smoothly on all browsers. Features include conditional hyperlinks, integrated Image Editor and colour-coded HTML.

MYOB 6.0 full version

● Check out our workshop in the Hands On section (p246) of PCW.

MYOB 6.0 combines a range of small-business accounting functions with a set of contact and management tools. A straightforward interface allows users with no previous accounting knowledge to maintain extensive and detailed records. MYOB has won awards internationally, in no small part due to its "customisability" which allows records to conform to differing taxation, accounting and business practices. Output is via a range of reports, invoice types, statements and cheques. Detailed budgets and job estimates can be prepared.

Accounting data can be exported to, and imported from, other programs. All financial analysis tools are available so you can produce financial performance and budget data and graphs. Stored details of customers and suppliers offer built-in contact management, and there is a "To-Do List" and mail-merge facility. Users are entitled to one free technical support call if they register the product.

● PCW Special Offers in conjunction with MYOB:

1. A full set of MYOB 6.0 manuals for £30
2. A year's technical support for £75
3. Upgrade to Version 7.5 (+ full set of manuals) for £99 (Normally £195)
4. Upgrade to Premier (+ full set of manuals) £395 (Normally £495)

The above pricing excludes £6 carriage charge and VAT.

Contact: Best!Ware (UK) 01752 201901 (fax 01752 894833), email sales@myob.co.uk, web site www.myob.co.uk



PCW DETAILS

Operating system
Windows 3.1 or later
Limitations
Full version
Sales contact
01752 201901
Technical support
01752 201901 (subject to registration)

Authorware

Multimedia authors will know Authorware as a well-established tool, used by many corporations, educational institutions and government organisations to produce dynamic, interactive,

PCW DETAILS

Platform
Windows 95
Limitations
30-day trial
Sales contact
0181 358 5857
Technical support
None

successful learning applications. Designed to allow subject experts and non-programmers to create interactive courseware, its icon-based, drag-and-drop interface employs a simple flowchart convention that anyone can understand.



Straightforward to use, it readily connects with the web and runs native on all important platforms. By incorporating Shockwave files, including Director 6 movies, Flash animations, and audio, fast playback can be achieved across intranets.

product which can be used for no cost.

Shareware

This type of software is supplied in a fully working form that allows the user to evaluate all its features. The licensing conditions of this kind of software would normally require you to register it for a fee, if you intend to use it after a specified trial period has ended.

Time Limited Demo

"Time Limited" software products contain the same

functionality as the commercial version but will not run after a certain date, nor after a specified period of time has elapsed since its installation onto a computer.

Function Limited Demo

This type of software has no time restriction, but certain features will have been removed. For example, you may not be able to save anything created by using the program. Or, in the case of a game, it may contain only one level.

Evaluation

Although all the features in this form of software are active and there is no time restriction, there is a limit to the "range" of the program, which is set against the scope of a purchased licence. For instance, a demo of a database program may be set up to store only 100 records in order to evaluate its functionality. On the other hand, if it were to be purchased, it would then be sold

with different prices: for example, a 1000-record licence and a 10,000-record licence.

Full Version

The software contained on the disc is the full commercial product. This means that it is currently available, or has been

previously available, for purchase from retail suppliers.

IMPORTANT NOTICE



The publisher, VNU, has checked the Personal Computer World CD-ROM for known viruses at all stages of production but cannot accept liability for damage caused either to your data or your computer system which may occur while using either the disc or any software contained on it. If you do not agree with these conditions you should not use the disc. It is good practice to run a virus checker on any new software before running it on your computer and to also make regular backup copies of all your important data.

Unless otherwise stated, all software contained on the CD is for demonstration only. This means it may be restricted in some way. For example, it may be time limited or have certain functions disabled.

CD-ROM

HELPLINE

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Serif MailPlus full version



Serif MailPlus will enable you to produce fun, creative, personalised emails with your own graphics without being a graphic artist. It is the perfect way to email your family and friends. The program is designed to work with all popular email software and enables you to combine different message layouts with your own personal text to create a unique look. The point-and-click interface makes it simple to start creating graphic email right away, and built-in intelligence means Serif MailPlus handles the spacing, formatting and colour balancing. Emails are delivered to the recipient using the popular GIF file format so that they are displayed either in the

email window or in a supported program.

Personal Computer World Special Upgrade Offer

Serif is able to offer all PCW readers specially discounted prices on additional content packs, which would increase the number of supplied design templates; from 13 to a potential 170.

Serif's MailPlus Professional Edition (MSRP of £29.95 inc VAT) offers an extra 100 templates. PCW readers can upgrade to this version for only £14.95 (inc VAT).

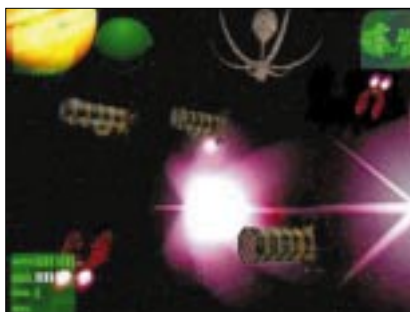
Alternatively, purchase both MailPlus Professional and the MailPlus Business Contents Pack for only £24.95 (inc VAT). The MSRP of the Business Contents Pack is £19.95 (incl VAT), which means a great saving of £24.95 when purchasing the full 170 extra design templates.

Upgrades also include a specially-reduced shipping charge of only £3 for guaranteed delivery.

To receive your upgrades, call the **Freephone Sales Hotline on 0800 3767070**.

PCW DETAILS

Platform
Windows 95
Limitations
Full version
Sales contact
0800 376 7070
Technical support
None



Xenocracy

Xenocracy is a space flight combat game set within an accurately represented Solar System. You must balance the interests of Earth, Mercury, Mars and Venus as they divide the resources of the Solar System. The game is a mix of action and strategy that emphasises tactical flying skills against your hyper-intelligent opponents. Graphically it features large, well-populated 3D mission environments,

multiple camera real-time perspectives, and an extensive range of information features about the strategic situation in a Solar System at war.

PCW DETAILS

Operating system
Windows 95
Limitations Limited levels. Cut-down features
Sales contact
01865 264 817
Technical support
support@grolier.co.uk



S.C.A.R.S

The year is 3000 AD. The world is controlled by nine supercomputers which have developed intelligence greater than that of their creators, as well as extremes of human emotions including *boredom*. They overcome their apathy by racing, and their drive for victory compels them to build supercars that mimic the Earth's most fearsome creatures and then pulverise opponents on variously

treacherous courses. The game features a powerful 3D graphics engine, real-time lighting effects and four modes of play.

PCW DETAILS

Platform
Windows 95
Limitations Limited tracks, cars and race duration
Sales contact
0181 944 9300
Technical support
0181 944 9000



BHunter

In **BHunter** you are one of a number of bounty hunters in a city set some time in the future, taking over the work that the police gave up on long ago. You must attempt to make your way to fame and fortune by hunting down the criminal elements in this world.

Features include VGA 3D accelerated graphics, along with support for all major 3D accelerators. There is multiplayer

gameplay, a variety of different weapons, and real-life collisions with explosion blasts featuring advanced sound and doppler sound bending.

PCW DETAILS

Operating system
Windows 95
Limitations
Early levels demo
Sales contact
(Denmark) +45 8680 2700
Technical support
None

Max 2

PCW DETAILS

Operating system
Windows 95

Limitations
One early level

Sales contact
01628 423723

Technical support
europe@interplay.com

The enemies call themselves The Concord. They have governed the territory for years but only a small number of their species can

provide direction to the overall population, and they are too rigid to accept change. You must monitor the situation and find ways to weaken their control. One of their species, called The Oomans, who are more adaptable, have joined the Concord. Together, the Oomans and the Concord are involved in a shared-DNA process that has great potential for upsetting future plans. Features include 3D parallax scrolling, fully-rendered worlds, a scenario editor and enhanced audio.



Starcraft: Brood War

Starcraft: Brood War continues the saga of galactic warfare as the Zerg, the Protoss and the Terrans struggle for their continued survival.

The shattered Zerg hive has been torn apart by fierce in-fighting, and the Protoss seek to reunite with their

Dark Templar brethren and rebuild their homeworld, Aiur. Terran Emperor Mengsk I, having achieved his goal of total power over the human colonies, must now turn his attentions to the rising power of Kerrigan, Zerg Queen of Blades, the woman he betrayed, as well as a conspiracy within the ranks.

Three new campaigns are featured in the game, plus new weapons, new worlds, original cinematic scenes and 100 new multiplayer maps.



PCW DETAILS

Platform
Windows 95

Limitations
Restricted missions

Sales contact
0118 9209111

Technical support
None

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, please ensure that you first uninstall/remove the older version.

Essential Utilities

New Regulars:

• **GetRight 3.2**
(Windows 95/NT)
With GetRight you can resume on errors or partial requests while downloading files from the web or ftp sites. It allows scheduling and many other advanced downloading features. (30-day evaluation).

• ThumbsPlus

(Windows 95/NT)
ThumbsPlus is a graphic file viewer, locator and organiser that simplifies the process of finding and maintaining graphics, clipart files, fonts and animations. It displays a small thumbnail image of each file. You can use ThumbsPlus to browse, view, edit, crop, launch external editors and copy images to the clipboard. (30-day evaluation).

New This Month

• **Asteroid Impact**
(Win 3.1/95)
Enjoy seemingly endless levels of asteroid-blasting

rock-smashing mayhem. This is massive and relentless obliteration on a grand scale — loads of fun! (Shareware).

• Blitz 98 Draughts

(Win 3.1/95)
BLITZ 98 is one of the world's strongest draughts-playing programs. You need to be a very good player to beat Blitz. (30-day evaluation).

• Cricket Statistics

(Win 3.1/95)
Allows you to produce detailed averages for your cricket club with the minimum of effort. It also provides facilities to help you automate many of the tasks associated with the day-to-day running of a cricket club. (Shareware)

• Critical Mass

(Windows 95)
Critical Mass is an original, highly addictive game set in

the future, where you are the commander of a squadron of spaceships. You will be sent on one of 30 different types of mission, ranging from protecting a convoy, to attacking an enemy starbase, to defending Earth. (Limited demo).

• Diskeeper

(Windows NT only)
Diskeeper is the first automatic defragmenter for Windows NT, restoring and maintaining Windows NT system speed and performance. Diskeeper defragments multiple disks automatically while the system is in use and is transparent to end-users. (Trial version).

• Evolution Dance Station

(Windows 95)
Evolution Dance Station is a realtime

dance music production package which allows the user to mix their own tunes, live, using a 25-note keyboard to trigger high-quality audio dance loops. (Limited demo).

• FineReader 4

(Windows 95/NT)
FineReader is a superb optical character recognition system (OCR). It transforms a scanned image into text (i.e. into codes of letters, which your computer can recognise) to be used in any word processing package. (Time-limited demo).

• Fractopia Screen Saver

(Windows 95)
Fractopia Screen Saver lets you roll your own fractal screensavers, allowing you to delve beneath the surface of fractal images,

discover the secrets within and convert your discoveries into animated screensavers that play when your computer is idle. (30-day shareware).

• Mother of All Battles

(Windows 95)
A strategy game for two to six human or computer players. The object of the game is to capture the world, starting from your home city. Each city can build units either of tanks, planes, bombers, paratroopers, aircraft carriers, destroyers, battleships, or submarines) in order to explore the world and defeat your enemies. (Limited demo).

• NetGraphics Studio 2

(Windows 95)
There is no easier way to make your web graphics smaller than with

NetGraphics Studio2 which includes automatic transparency generation on vector art, interactive image resizing and compression, batch processing and more. (Limited demo).

• **Omniquad Desktop Surveillance**

(Windows 95/NT)

Omniquad Desktop Surveillance breaks new grounds in the field of systems management and network security. It enables you to take full advantage of a system which is similar to a real CCTV camera operating across your network, but without the need for hardware! (Function-limited demo).

• **Omniquad Omnilook**

(Windows 95/NT)

Omnilook 97 is a multi-format image browser. The explorer-style interface displays combined thumbnail previews of images as you change folders. (30-day trial).

• **Omniquad Outlines**

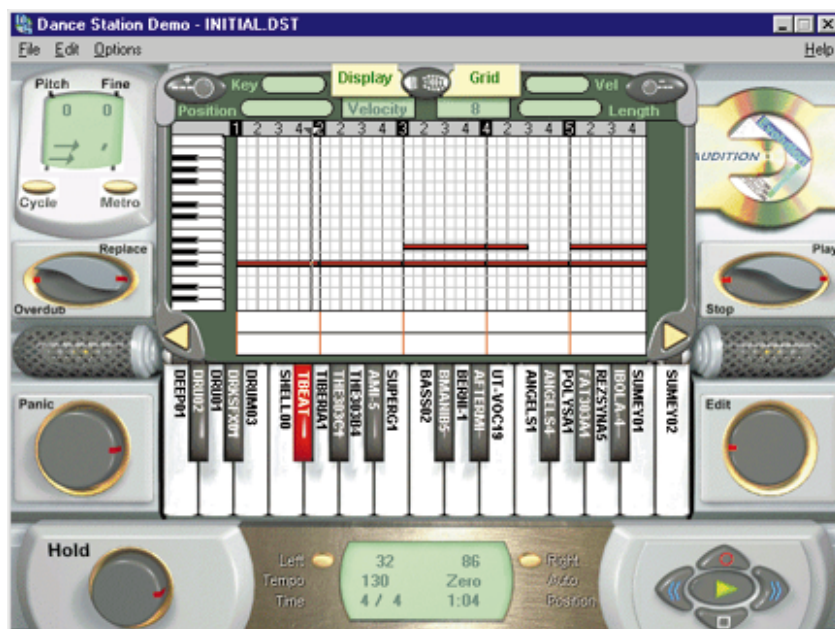
(Windows 95/NT)

Omniquad Outlines is a management tool which enables you to define the boundaries and general rules for use of the computer and the internet. (30 day-trial).

• **Omniquad Set Me Up 98**

(Windows 95/NT)

The aim of this application is to cover all the system set-up and customisation features that are either hidden or not directly available to the user. The application also offers several enhancements to the operating system features. (30-day trial).



• **PhotoRecall Special Edition**

(Windows 95/NT)

PhotoRecall incorporates the latest imaging technology into a dynamic photo management system that can be used with digital cameras, scanners and the Internet. It builds virtual photo albums on PCs, while automatically managing all images in a central database. (Function-limited demo).

• **PowerUser Suite 95**

(Windows 95)

A software package which increases productivity by making Windows work the way you want. Designed with the serious Windows user in mind, this product represents a professional, one-stop, easy-to-use set of utilities, designed to save you time and effort in any Windows application. (Limited demo).

• **Rats!**

(Win95)

Kill all the rats before they have a chance to mate and overrun the maze.

To kill a rat, pick up the objects which appear at random in the right-hand side of the window by clicking the mouse on them and placing them in the maze. (Function-limited demo).

• **repliGATOR**

(Windows 95/NT)

repliGATOR is a standalone program which takes existing digital images and changes them, with easy-to-use graphical effects, into new images. It is just what you need for creating great new web images. (Function-limited demo).

• **Snakey**

(Windows 95/NT)

Snakey is a multi-user Tron-like game for up to 16 players (one server and 15 clients). (Freeware).

• **SoftCopier**

(Windows 95/NT)

SoftCopier, used in conjunction with a scanner, is a simple-to-use yet powerful software photocopy solution. It contains more functions than most photocopyers, and will revolutionise the

way you copy your documents. (Time-limited demo).

• **SpaceMan**

(Windows 95/NT)

SpaceMan 98 is an application that can help you find out which files and folders are using most of your hard disk space. It additionally contains facilities to help find files that

▲ **GET KICKIN' — MIX YOUR OWN TUNES, LIVE, WITH THE EVOLUTION DANCE STATION REALTIME DANCE MUSIC PRODUCTION PACKAGE**

can be deleted to make more space available. (30-day trial).

• **Surf Express**

(Windows 95/NT)

Surf Express speeds up your internet browsing by using the most intelligent

web-caching technology available. It identifies the web pages you visit repeatedly and stores them on your hard drive. Then, while you browse other pages, Surf Express will regularly check stored pages for updates. (7-day trial).

• **Tax 98**

(Windows 95)

Tax 98 is a software program designed specifically to ease you through the process of completing your 1998 Tax Return. The standard Tax Return form SA100, issued by the Inland Revenue, can be completed with Tax 98. (Function-limited demo).

• **VET Anti-Virus**

(Win3.1/95/NT)

VET Anti-Virus is a fully-featured anti-virus solution for your PC, paving the way for a permanent pain-free virus upgrade solution. (Unregistered full version).

SPECIAL NOTICE — HANDS ON OS/2 JDK 1.1.6

On the cover disc this month, we have provided, courtesy of IBM, the latest Netscape (NETS202.EXE), the latest Feature Installer (FIRUNPKG.ZIP), the Java Runtime package with Unicode Fonts (JAVAINUF.ZIP) and the 1.1.6 JDK Development Package (JAVAIN-TK.ZIP).

Be sure to read the README.1ST file for installation instructions as it is relevant to the order in which you install the packages. You need only install the Java runtime package (JAVAINUF.ZIP) to execute Java applets and applications. The Development toolkit is required if you wish to develop your own Java code.

The latest version of the Netscape Navigator for OS/2 is a much smaller package as it no longer includes its own Java runtime. Therefore you need to install Netscape Navigator for OS/2 and the Java runtime package. The Code is copyrighted, distributed with permission of the copyright owner, and may only be used in accordance with the license agreement included therein:

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PCW CD OnLine

Access the internet direct from the opening screen!

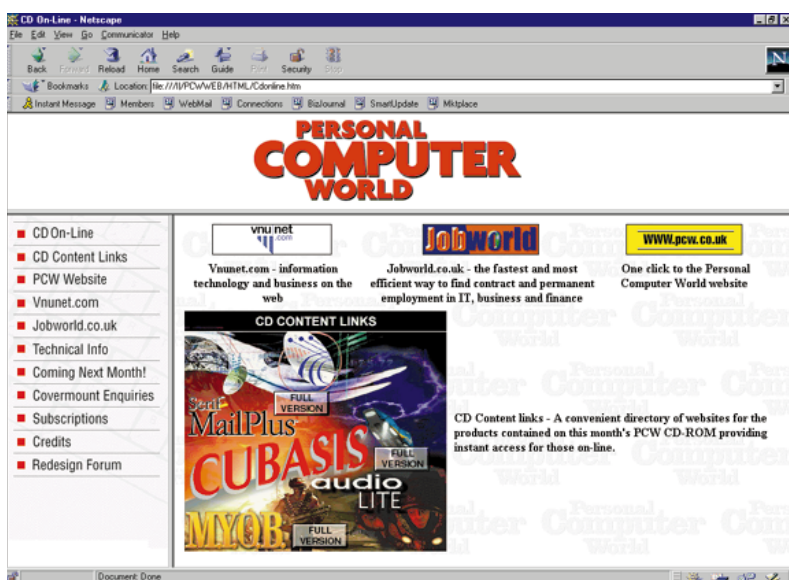
Would you like to find out more about the software contained on our PCW CD-ROM? Would you like to gain direct access to the companies which created the games, utilities and applications that appear on this month's free cover disc?

If you click on the web link banner at the top of the main screen you can run your browser and access PCW CD OnLine direct from the disc.

CD OnLine is an extension of the normal CD, giving you up-to-date access to sites and information that relate to the

actual content on this month's cover disc. You can access our *Personal Computer World* web site, plus Vnunet.com and Jobworld.co.uk, too.

In addition, there is an up-to-date technical information page which relates to the CD-ROM, and a preview of what is coming up on next month's free cover-mounted CD! And, if you would like a regular copy of PCW and our CD delivered to your home, you can contact our subscriptions department and subscribe via email while you're online.



AOL Trial

Easy-to-use internet online service **FREE** this month with 50 hours' online time!

AOL channels cover everything from the latest News & Sport to Entertainment & Travel. Internet access is easy — go directly to web pages from your AOL menu bar.

AOL offers 33.6K access speeds nationwide and has Microsoft Internet Explorer 3.0 integrated as its main browser.

- 50 hours online!
- One month's AOL membership!
- Five email addresses per account!
- Free technical support!
- 10Mb of web space!
- 100 percent local call access!
- Run the software from the main screen or from the Software Library ISP section.

PCW DETAILS

Platform
Windows 95 and 3.1

Limitations
One month free membership, 50 free online hours

Sales contact
0800 376 5432



JOBWORLD

Jobworld.co.uk is a free service which provides you with access to thousands of new IT, business and finance vacancies every day. All you have to do is browse the site by job sector or search on a specific set of job skills or requirements. The Jobworld Email Alert service offers

further refinements by sending only the details that match

the job-seeker's preferences, allowing the recipient to control exactly what information is sent and when. Jobworld 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.

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PC Dealer, *Network News* and *PC Week*, generating up to 50 stories every day of the working week. With correspondents in Europe, the US and Asia contributing daily to the VNU Newswire, a round-the-clock news service is available exclusively at vnunet.com. More detailed information is available from a collection of in-depth articles covering news, analysis and product reviews, from VNU's stable of monthly publications including *Personal Computer World* and *Management Consultancy*, plus some of the best editorial material from VNU's portfolio of 15 business and consumer publications.