

WELCOME TO THE **JANUARY 1999** PERSONAL COMPUTER WORLD CD-ROM

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If you are looking for the very latest version of Netscape, you're in the right place. Version 4.5 is out and it's hot, so if you'd rather not download 13Mb from the internet you can get your own copy here, first!

We couldn't let a Christmas issue go by without including something for the season, so we've got an interactive Christmas Advent Calendar and some Christmas lights, too, to add a festive touch to your desktop.

There's fully-playable game action in the game-of-the-movie, The Fifth Element, in addition to cheeky action from the Robosaurs, as well as exclusive music and video in our Entertainment section.

The Fifth Element

The Fifth Element recreates the atmosphere of Luc Besson's hit movie, with gameplay that is a balanced combination of skill, exploration and combat. Purchase the full version and you will have to make your way through 15 distinct 3D levels, using your agility to leap across precarious platforms, solve puzzles and kill the baddies.

The art team from the film have assisted in carrying over the film's sumptuous visual feel, and Luc Besson's original drawings and design sketches for the film were used to

maintain the colour and atmosphere of the original. The detailed 3D graphics will run on standard PC video cards but there is also a direct 3D



mode, and native support for Power VR and 3Dfx based video cards.

The game also features 12 music themes. Eric Serra, composer of the original movie soundtrack (in addition to other films including The Big Blue, and Leon), wrote an additional track for the game. He also worked with the developer's musicians to recapture the musical atmosphere of the movie. Cinematic sequences, taken straight from the film, appear regularly, taking you into the Fifth Element universe with your favourite actors.

PCW DETAILS

Operating system

Windows 95/98

Limitations

Two-level demo.

Sales contact

Available from all good computer game outlets.

Technical support

0181 9449000 (9.30am-5.30pm)

www.ubisoft.co.uk

Technical information to help you use the CD

✓ System Requirements

You will need a PC running Windows 3.1 or 95. The disc will run under 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.

✓ How to use the CD-ROM

Put the disc into your CD drive. Windows 95 — The

PCW interactive loader will appear on your screen. If your CD doesn't autoloading, go to Start/Run and type <CD Drive>:\pcw.exe Windows 3.1 — From Windows Program Manager choose File/Run, then type <CD Drive>:\pcw.exe and press enter.

✓ Faulty Discs

If you get messages like "Cannot read from drive D:.", or your drive continually scans the disc without

starting, you may have a faulty disc. In this event, please return the disc with a covering note bearing your name and address, and clearly marked "PCW CD JANUARY 1999" to: TIB plc, HelpLine Returns, Unit 5, Triangle Business Park, Pentrebach, Merthyr Tydfil, CF48 4YB. A replacement disc will be sent to you by post. You must use this address as replacement discs cannot be supplied from the VNU offices.

✓ Technical Support

If you have technical problems with individual products, 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 (10:30am-12:30pm and 1.30pm-4:30pm) on 01685 354726. A live technical info page is also available through CD Online, direct from the CD (see p19). And see

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"Faulty Discs" (above) for replacement disc information.

✓ Getting software onto the CD

PCW 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. Phone Afshan Nasim on 0171 316 9592 or email afshan_nasim@vnu.co.uk.

Robosaurs versus the Space Bastards

• **Warning** — Please do not install and play this game if easily offended. It's a fun game but we would recommend that parental guidance be applied.

So what's it all about then? Well, a distant world and a powerful race of evil robots who are planning to enslave the known universe by landing on planets and shooting anyone who doesn't do what they're told. And then there are the four dedicated Robosaurs: Connery, Eastwood, Campbell and Van Damme. Hmmm... now you know where *this* game is coming from!

Your enemies are the Space Bastards, and to kill them all, you may "...move

crates, blow things up, leap off tall stuff, and slaughter innocent endangered species of alien life". Robosaurs has its tongue



firmly in its cheek and if you don't mind a few slightly rude Michael Caine sound-alike samples, you'll love it.

The full product features different planets, with each one having ten levels to complete. Once you have completed

all the levels you will be immediately warped to a new planet.

The demo version, contained on the disc, allows you the choice of two Robosaurs, two planets, two sets of levels, and "training" mode.

PCW DETAILS

Operating system
Windows 95/NT 4.0

Limitations Limited characters and levels.

Sales contact
01634 226200

Technical support
Tech Support
01703 365071
(9.30am-5.30pm)

Player Manager

Player Manager — Season 98-99 is a football management game which puts you in control of teams from the top five European leagues.

Money is plentiful: more than 80 percent of the top world-class players play in these five leagues and the financial rewards of success are enormous. But top clubs across Europe are bidding for these players in search of national and European trophies. So, as a manager, you are under severe pressure to satisfy shareholders' expectations. The financial consequences of failure will be dire both for the clubs and the managers.



The game requires you to understand your individual players' skills and limitations and their role within the team. Buying the very best players

available doesn't guarantee success. To assist you, Player Manager provides a wealth of information and tools with which to assess your players, both on and off the pitch.

The full PC version includes more than 12,000 players, with 18 visible statistics such as passing, shooting, stamina and intelligence. There are 20 operational statistics such as fitness, fatigue, nervousness and hesitancy.

As the team's manager, it is up to you to decide what actions your goalkeepers, defenders, mid-fielders and forwards will take during the game.

PCW DETAILS

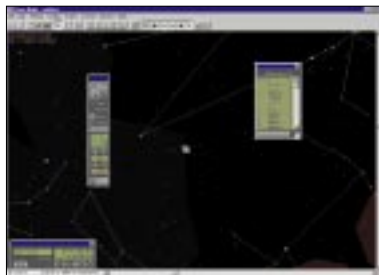
Operating system
Windows 95

Limitations Not all features are available or fully functional.

Sales contact
01252 795302

Technical support
support@anco.co.uk
(9.30am-5.30pm)

Starry Night Basic



• *Before installing, please note this product requires Quicktime 3 to be installed. This is not available on the disc.*

The full product of Starry Night lets you "view" the night sky from any place on Earth or in the Solar System, at any time in the past or in the future. It is used around the world by parents, educators and amateur astronomers as well as those just beginning to discover the wonders of astronomy. At the Starry Night website (www.siennasoft.com), you can view a reconstruction (which was created using the package) of how the sky looked to passengers of the SS Titanic, five minutes before the ship foundered.

Great fun and educational, too, this is a totally fascinating piece of software.

Using other features you can:

- Place yourself from your own backyard to anywhere on earth and experience an accurate recreation of the sky at that place.
- Time travel from 4713BC to 9999AD.
- View constellations.
- Use the magnifier to zoom in on planets, stars and moon, with amazing clarity of graphics.
- Connect to www.LiveSky.com, for more information about what you are viewing.
- Blast off from the earth or create star charts for your next trip.
- See what the night sky looked like on your birthday.

Starry Night Basic is limited to views from the Earth only and has been designed for those who have a developing interest in astronomy.

PCW DETAILS

Platform
Windows 95/NT 4.0
Limitations
Ten-day trial, with views from Earth only.
Sales contact
orders@siennasoft.com
Technical support
support@siennasoft.com

Christmas Magic

Because it's that time of year, and we'd like to get into the festive spirit, here's one for the children and others still young at heart: a demo of Christmas Magic, an interactive Advent Calendar from Jellyfish Software.

This demo of Christmas Magic gives you a different window for



the first five days of December, which open onto lavish animations relating the history and customs of Christmas around the world. These have been written by a recognised expert and author on Christmas traditions and are supplemented with Christmas-orientated fun and games — the full version offers the whole month, of course. Children will enjoy the traditional excitement of seeing what each new day has in store.

PCW DETAILS

Operating system
Windows 95 and NT
Limitations
First five days only.
Sales contact
01625 539494
Technical support
0161 4773773 (9am-6pm) support@jellyfish.com

Xara WebStyle



Xara WebStyle lets you create top-quality, custom-designed, web-optimised graphics: buttons, bullets, dividers, 2D and 3D headings and backgrounds of any colour, with any text. Its aim is to make the creation of professional

web graphics quick and easy for all. Using vector graphics, high-quality on-screen appearance and design can be achieved. Graphics are generated by modifying the extensive, professionally designed, WebStyle template graphics. As these templates are vector files, they can be scaled, re-coloured and your own text applied, without loss of quality. Xara's technology means that rendering is fast and output is anti-aliased and dithered for the sharpest possible on-screen result. Xara WebStyle can be used for all web graphics. An unlock code for the trial version can be bought over the net for around £49. If you press the "Purchase" button that appears when the Xara WebStyle trial starts, you will be connected to a secure purchase site. A CD with a backup copy of WebStyle and the complete set of graphics templates is sent to all those who purchase an unlock code online. The normal retail (non-internet purchase) price is £60 (ex VAT).

PCW DETAILS

Platform
Windows 95/98 or NT 4
Limitations
15-day trial
Sales contact
01442 350000
sale@xara.com
Technical support
technical@xara.com
www.xara.com/support

Hip Hop eJay

• *Please ensure that the CD-ROM is in the drive when using this software.*

The full version of Hip Hop eJay includes more than 1,300 original hip hop samples, all recorded by professionals for eJay's fully-fledged

8-track recording studio. By dragging and dropping selections of these samples onto eJay's innovative user interface, you can instantly hear how kickin' your mix is going to sound — and it really is surprising how good that can be! After you have laid down the basic tracks, you can add your own raps using the built-in recording studio, or scratch to your mix using eJay's unique turntable device. And, when it's complete and you are happy with the overall sound, you can record it for posterity. Take some time out though, this application is addictive!



PCW DETAILS

Platform
Windows 95/NT 4.0
Limitations
Limited samples and functionality.
Sales contact
01923 495496
Technical support
01923 495496 (9am-5.30pm)

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

OS/2 Warp Fix Pak #8 for Warp 4.0

This can be found in the directory <CD drive>:\handson\os 2\fixpack8. Please read the how2fix.txt file for important pre-installation data. More information can be found in the *Hands On OS/2* column (p272).

Essential Utilities

• Adobe Acrobat Reader 3.01 + Search

(Win3.1/95/NT)
This lets you view, navigate, and print PDF files across all major computing platforms. (Fully-functioning reader.)

• DirectX 6

(Windows 95)
Latest set of essential video and audio drivers that are required to run some of today's processor-hungry games and applications. (Fully-functioning drivers.)

• New MacSEE

(Win3.1/95/NT)
MacSEE allows simple, fast, transfer of files between a Macintosh and a PC-compatible system by reading and writing directly to and from Macintosh disks on

your PC.

(Limited demo)

• Netscape Communicator 4.5 (Standard)

(Windows 95)
Latest version of the premier internet suite, including Netscape Navigator. (Free version)

• Paint Shop Pro 5.0

(Windows 95)
This is the latest version of this popular graphics

to-use yet powerful software photocopy solution. Containing more functions than most Photocopiers, SoftCopier will revolutionise the way you copy documents.

(Time limited demo)

• UBE 98 1.8

(Windows 98)
UBE 98 is a security program which can encrypt your work in hand. It also has the ability to create encrypted self-extracting .exe files for distribution to others. The program uses 2,048-bit encryption technology. (Shareware)

disk Zip files.

(21-day evaluation version).

New Software This Month

• Business

(Windows 95 and NT)
Business is a multi-user PC software package for small companies but will scale up to hundreds of users if required. It integrates the sales, service, human resources and accounting functions with email, fax and telephone functions. Business is written in Microsoft Access (Limited demo)



editor, with powerful new features such as complete layer support, picture tube brushes, CMYK separations and pressure-sensitive tablet support. Also includes enhancements to Paint Shop Pro's flexible painting and retouching brushes, adjustable cropping and selection tools, and image enhancements. (30-day evaluation)

• SoftCopier 3.4.2.2c

(Windows 95/NT)
SoftCopier, used in conjunction with a scanner, is a simple-

• New

Winarj 95/98

This is a 3-bit Windows shell for ARJ Archive Software, written for Windows 95/98 and supports long filenames. (Time limited demo).

• New

WinZip 7.0

(Windows 95/NT)
Industry-standard compression/decompression utility for Windows 95 and NT with automatic built-in disk-spanning support for multi-

• Holiday Lights

(Windows 95/NT)
Holiday Lights places rows of festive light bulbs around the edges of your screen. It plays cheery music and includes a screensaver. (Shareware)

• K-Chess Elite

(Windows 3.1/95)
An educational chess program which is simple-to-use, informative and plays a good game. K-Chess Elite is highly customisable and you can change

PhotoDisc



PhotoDisc offers a unique internet photo-library service, and on this month's CD we offer a preview of their collection. In addition to the ten images on this disc, PhotoDisc offers access to 74,990 other stunning images direct from the web. From the PhotoDisc website at www.photodisc.com/uk, you can search, select, purchase and download the entire collection of 75,000 images. The images on offer are of the highest standard and this has lead to PhotoDisc becoming one of the world's leading sources for royalty-free innovative, diverse, and compelling images. If you need an image quickly and easily, visit the site direct from our PCW CD by going to the CD Content Links section of CD OnLine (see p19) accessible from the front screen.

dozens of the options which control the game's operation.

(Shareware)

• Shailoo

(Windows 95/98)
Shailoo has massive four-way scrolling screens packed with monsters, deadly fungus, firestones and some brain-bending puzzles. (Limited demo)

• Tracking Santa

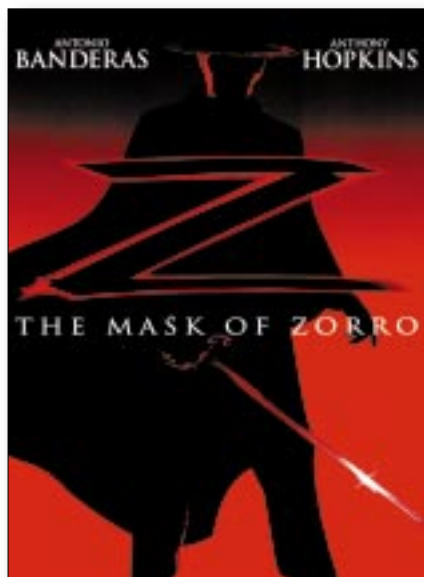
(Windows 3.1/95/NT)
Santa's sleigh is not big enough to hold all the toys for his trip around the world so he periodically returns to the North Pole for re-supply. The elves used to have a problem with this: they didn't know where he was, or

when he was coming. Their solution is this Tracking Santa program. Now they always know where Santa is, how many homes he has visited and when he is heading back for another load. (Shareware)

• Wall Street Raider

(DOS)
This corporate takeover game simulates a real-time stock market, with constantly moving ticker and financial news headlines as you attempt to react to the ever-changing economic model. One to four players, or play against computer. (Shareware)

ICV Entertainment Section



This month's ICV Entertainment Section is packed full of video and music. There's an exclusive opportunity to see the film trailer for "The Mask Of Zorro" and videos from four of today's top artists.

The Mask of Zorro

Antonio Banderas dons a mask and swishes his way into history as the latest actor to play Zorro and you can see the trailer for this great new action adventure film right here. Twenty years after the original retired his black sash, the adversary who robbed Zorro of his fortune returns to terrorise the Mexican countryside. Banderas is the mysterious drifter who accepts his fate to renew the

legend. Also starring are Anthony Hopkins and Catherine Zeta Jones in her first major Hollywood role.



Music Videos

Four great videos from current chart-topping bands. Audioweb can be seen and heard performing "Get Out Of Here". Ian Brown, legendary former member of the Stone Roses, is also here with his new single "My Star". Ian has just completed a UK tour with Audioweb playing support. Other hit videos come from Fastball and The Cardigans. What a line-up!

CompuServe trial

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Free Gift

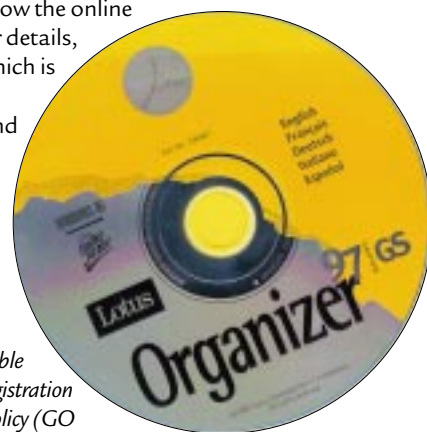
Once you have signed up to CompuServe you are entitled to claim as your free gift a *Lotus Organizer 97*, the world's most popular time management software. It integrates Calendar, To-

Do List, Address Book, Call Manager, Planner, Anniversary Reminder and Notepad in one easy-to-use electronic book. How to claim your free gift — "Lotus Organizer 97" online.

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This offer applies to *Personal Computer World* readers resident in the UK or Northern Ireland. Offer ends 1st January 1999.

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JOBWORLD WWW.JOBWORLD.CO.UK

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 extra freedom by sending only 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.



PCW CD OnLine

Access the internet direct from the opening screen!

Want to find out more about any of the software products contained on this month's disc? Are you connected to the internet? Well, you can visit the software manufacturers' web sites via the Content Links of the CD-Online section. Simply click on the web link banner at the top of the main screen to run your browser and access PCW CD-Online direct from the disc. CD-Online gives you access to the *Personal Computer World* web site, Vnunet.com and to Jobworld.co.uk. And, if you are interested in any particular product or section on the CD, the Content Links



Section gives you direct access to the latest information at the live company web sites. You will also find live, up-to-date technical information about the CD and there's even a preview of what will be on next month's disc! And, if you've enjoyed the magazine and the CD, you will even be able to subscribe via email while you're online!

Virgin Net Offer



Virgin Net is the award-winning online service from the Virgin group. It's easy to use, help is available 24-hours a day and best of all your first month is free. We even throw in 10Mb of webspace and five email addresses so that you can really get the most out of the internet.

After your first month's free service, Virgin Net costs only £11.99 per month (incl. VAT) for unlimited access.

PCW DETAILS

Platform
Windows 3.1/95
Limitations
One month's free membership.
Sales contact
0500 558800
Technical support
0845 6500000

AOL Offer

Easy-to-use internet online service free this month with 50 hours' online time! AOL

channels cover everything from the latest news and sports to travel and entertainment. Net access is easy; go direct to web pages from your AOL menu bar. AOL offers 33.6K access speeds and has Explorer 3.0 integrated as its main browser. Remember, 350,000 UK subscribers can't be wrong!

- 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



PCW DETAILS

Platform
Windows 95 and 3.1
Limitations
One month's free membership
Sales contact
0800 3765432
Technical support
0800 2797444

ClaraNet Offer



ClaraNet offers a full range of packages to suit all budgets. All accounts include free 24-hour tech support, 100 percent UK local call access, no connection or startup fee and free technical help to set up your web pages. All accounts have free access to a dedicated online games server. All calls are at local rate, including the online registration process.

- Choice of connection packages from £3.99(ex VAT) per month

- Free; three hours online per month*
- Free; up to 25Mb webspace*
- Unlimited email addresses*

*Subject to package

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Platform
Windows 3.1/95
Limitations
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Sales contact
0845 355 1000
Technical support
0845 3553000

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