Readers' websites

We feel it's time for something new, here at the back of the mag. So, it's time to ask you to tell us about your own websites and internet initiatives.

We'd like to hear from readers who have a website with material relating to the computer industry. Maybe you've set up a forum from your homepage — using such things as Delphiforums at www.forums.delphi.com — that is devoted to subjects like 'hints and tips' on using specific development or application software? Or maybe listing shortcuts and hidden devices in your favourite games?

Maybe you've got an altar on the internet at which you worship Lara Croft? — please try to keep the unfeasibly large morphing, using Kai's PowerGoo, to an absolute minimum. Or Linus Torvald? — I don't think we'd want to even imagine what PowerGoo might do for him. Or maybe a site where you loudly sing the praises of something distinctively unique — the iMac or the PalmPilot, for instance?

Possibly you've discovered the ease with which you can set up an internet mailing list? We recommend egroups at www.egroups.com for an easy way of launching a start-up, and if you haven't already set up a growing international mailing list that gives real expression to your interest in… well, any subject really,

in the wonderful wide world of personal computing. Maybe your site is about how to get more from Visual Basic or PageMaker? Or it's devoted to top games like the Star Wars titles or Quake? Maybe it's a graphics- or music-related site —from Voodoo2 to MP3 — or it details the joys of Vaio or the Delights of DreamWeaver? Anything that might interest us here at *PCW*; from upgrading your motherboard to the fortunes of the movers and shakers in the industry.

It might be a site with key links to other sites which help put you in touch with other enthusiasts. And it needn't be specifically technical. It could be a

website devoted to anything from computer-related jokes to urban myths about 'IT rage' — *can anyone send us the lost URL of a site we once saw and forgot to bookmark? It was a PC Graveyard with pics of the unfortunate dead mice, smashed monitors and shattered keyboards that were all victims of 'user frustration'.*

Readers may have a wider perspective on the net. It can be mailing lists, chat groups (take a look at www.volano.com), web-rings (if you want to start one up, check out www.webring.com), auction sites or whatever. And please don't just send us the URL. Tell us a little bit about the site, such as how it came about, and how it may have helped you.

☛ **In the near future,** we plan to give greater coverage to the best websites for our readers, but we'd also like to support and promote those websites and netplaces that our readers are developing. **Email your information to: readerweb@vnu.co.uk**

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PIII 550
Intel's latest processors may be the fastest yet, but do they hit the mark? We put ten 550s under the spotlight.

Comms hardware
Modem, ISDN, leased line? There are many ways to get on the internet, but how much bandwidth do you need and how much should you pay? *PCW* suggests the best solutions and tests the hardware options.

Spending spree
Five members of the *PCW* team get £1,200 in their sticky mitts to spend on a new PC, printer and software. So what did we go for? Find out in the August issue.

ALSO next month — the best way to protect your business from Melissa, Chernobyl and other devastating viruses. Plus, contact-management software.