WELCOME TO THE DECEMBER 1998 PERSONAL COMPUTER WORLD CD-ROM

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If you are really getting into this web thing and want to bring your graphics up to scratch, this CD is where its at! There's a great *full version* of Xara Webster 1 in our *Featured Software* section. With an upgrade to version 2 on offer, and the version 2 demo actually on the disc, you've got to take a look!

Those of you who enjoyed our debut *Entertainment* section in the November issue will love the collection on this month's CD which includes music videos *and* an exclusive and candid interview with motor-mouth-car-star Jeremy Clarkson. There's loads more software, too, so load up the *PCW* CD-ROM now and enjoy yourselves.

Xara Webster 1 Full Version
Xara Webster 2 Demo

To install and use the full version of Xara Webster 1 you will need to enter this serial number: **103-500054063**.
Xara Webster is a general purpose graphics tool for creating and optimising vector and bitmap graphics for the web, including animated GIFs. Import and combine ready-made graphics in a wide range of vector and bitmap formats and then scale, rotate, colour and fade them (great for producing soft shadows). Images can be anti-aliased and dithered for the best on-screen quality and kept compact using colour reduction and palette optimisation. The CD contains hundreds of ready-made web images for buttons, bullets and backgrounds which you can personalise to be any size, angle, colour, or text you choose. These can be found at <cd drive>:\ software\featured\ applic\webster *and then* \Clipart *or* \Animated GIFs.

☞ **UPGRADE OFFER — SAVE 50%**
In addition to the full version of Webster v1, the *PCW* disc also contains a demo of Webster version 2. *Personal Computer World* offers you the opportunity to upgrade to the full version 2 for just £18 — that's half the normal retail price. This is a special offer available until 31st December, 1998. Upgrade via the web at https://secure .commerce.xara.com/ webster/pcw.asp or phone 01442 350 000.

PCW DETAILS
Operating system
Windows 95 or NT 4.0
Limitations
Webster 1 (Full version)
Webster 2 (15 day trial)
Sales contact
01442 350 000
Fax: 01442 350 010
Technical support
01442 350 000 between 1:30pm and 4:30pm

Technical information to help you use the CD

✔ **System Requirements**
You will need a PC running Windows 3.1 or Windows 95. The disc will run under Windows NT but functionality may be reduced. 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 do not have to do this but you will get better performance if not too many other applications are running.
Put the disc into your CD drive.
Windows 95 — If you have Windows 95, the *PCW* interactive loader will appear on your screen. But if your CD does not autoload, go to Start/Run and type <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; 10:30am-12:30pm and 1.30pm-4:30pm. Phone 01685 354726. A live technical information page is available through CD Online direct from our CD-ROM (*see p19*).
If you experience hardware problems with the CD-ROM (such as a message "Cannot read from drive D:") return the disc, with a covering note, marked "PCW CD December '98" to: TIB plc, HelpLine Returns, Unit 5, Triangle Business Park, Pentrebach, Merthyr Tydfill, CF48 4YB. A replacement disc will be sent to you by post.

✔ **Getting your software onto our CD**
PCW is keen to promote quality software and would like to hear from you if you would like to have your product included on our disc. Please telephone Afshan Nasim on 0171 316 9592 or email him at afshan_nasim@ vnu.co.uk.

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CD-ROM HELPLINE 01685 354726

Bryce 3D

Bryce is an ideal application for anyone who is interested in 3D but has been intimidated by the cost of professional applications and the hardware required to run them. Using presets, it's possible to get immediate results. Alternatively Bryce allows you to create sophisticated custom 3D images with full animation and camera control.

Looking quite different to most applications, with a refreshing and easy-to-use interface, Bryce 3D dedicates itself to the task of designing and animating natural-looking 3D worlds and abstract 3D landscapes. Using a wide selection of 3D tools, you literally sculpt your own peaks, valleys and plateaux and then add natural-looking erosion for extra realism.

The program mimics nature so that your landscapes contain realistic atmospheric effects and, once your world is complete, the entire scene can be brought alive by getting the application to set it all in motion.

Acceleration methods such as Direct 3D are employed by the program to reduce the render time, so you will spend more time creating and less time waiting. Your final images and animations can be saved in the most popular formats, including TIFF, PICT, BMP, QuickTime, and AVI.
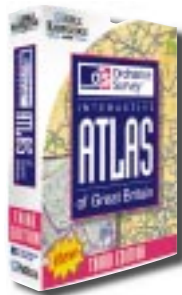
PCW DETAILS

Operating system
Windows 95/NT 3.5/NT 4.0
Limitations *Save disabled, limited demo*
Sales contact
Computers Unlimited 0181 358 5857
Technical support
None

Upgrade Offer — Ordnance Survey Interactive Atlas of Great Britain, from Attica

If you bought last month's issue of *Personal Computer World* you will have received your free CD of the "Ordnance Survey Interactive Atlas of Great Britain — Second Edition". Were you impressed? What did you think? We'd like to know your views.

Attica has now launched the Third Edition of this best seller and is offering *Personal Computer World* readers and users of the First and Second Editions the opportunity to upgrade for the very special price of just £24.99 (inc VAT and P&P). New features include a searchable street map of London, Personalised Map Pins, letting you customise maps with text about places of interest to you, and thousands of interactive tourists symbols. There are 56 City Centre Plans and Multi-Point Distance Measuring so you can measure the distance between any number of places around the country. In addition, there are new video clips and photographs, too.

■ Call Attica FREE on **0800 072 0171**. Lines are open 9am-5.30pm (answerphone at other times). Visa, MasterCard and Switch cards are accepted, or send a cheque (payable to Attica Interactive Limited) to Attica, Angel Court, St Clements, Oxford, OX4 1AW. Previous-edition disc must be returned to qualify. You can visit Attica on the internet at www.attica.com.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: ORDNANCE SURVEY ATLAS OF GREAT BRITAIN 2ND EDITION (PCW NOV 1998)

Last month we brought you a copy of the Interactive Atlas of Great Britain, Second Edition, as a cover disc. We apologise to anyone who had difficulty with the product as we are aware that some defective discs were issued. We would also like to draw your attention to the user licence conditions associated with the CD-ROM, which should have been included. The key points are as follows. You are licensed to use the software on a single machine only, you may not modify the software in any way, and it is your responsibility to ensure that you have adequate backups of the software and data on your computer before loading the software. Printouts of the maps and other content, except photographs and video, may be made for your own use, including educational and personal research projects and documents, however, copyright in this material is vested in the owners, Ordnance Survey and Attica Interactive Ltd. Printouts or copies of the maps and other content may not be used for re-publication, promotional purposes, or sale. Copying or reproducing any of the photographs or video sequences is strictly prohibited. The depiction of any road, path or track on mapping is no indication of public right of way. In no event will either Ordnance Survey or Attica Interactive Ltd be liable for loss or damage of any kind associated with the use of this product.

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Small Soldiers

This is a fun game for the whole family and features all-out warfare in a battle to save the neighbourhood! The game is based on the film, Small Soldiers Squad Commander and sets out to provide an entertaining action strategy game that kids (from 8-year-olds upwards) can play. You can choose to fight as either the mighty Commando Elite or as one of the noble Gorgonites. The action takes place over a number of challenging missions. Intricate puzzles are layered into each mission to encourage players to use their wits and problem-solving skills while under enemy fire. Battles become increasingly difficult and desperate as your enemy reinforcements flock to aid their comrades. Small Soldiers features upgradeable weapons, bonus artillery and special power gadgets and, to ensure children stay interested, there are impressive graphics, dynamic music and an overall kid-friendly design. The full version of Small Soldiers allows you to build your own armies and contains 20 intense levels of explosive action. There are dangerous traps, awesome weapons and the voice of Tommy Lee Jones as Major Chip Hazard!

PCW DETAILS
Platform
Windows 95 or NT 4.0
Limitations
Restricted characters and levels.
Sales contact
01429 855038
Technical support
0990 745745

Recoil

Recoil puts you among the rebels and in command of a state-of-the-art battle tank in a bid to overcome forces from the future who have taken over all military computer systems. Players are transported to a futuristic 3D world where fast shooting and quick thinking are required to save the entire world. Your battle tank possesses unprecedented agility and speed, and has the ability to navigate swiftly through different environments. You can manoeuvre it from first to third person perspective or morph it into a hovercraft. The full version of the game features 18 high-tech weapons and action that takes place across six explosive mission-based worlds. Save the world alone, or compete in a 32-player deathmatch to save the planet.

PCW DETAILS
Operating system
Windows 95
Limitations
First level only
Sales contact
0171 368 2255
Technical support
0171 368 2255 between 9:00am and 5:00pm

Jagged Alliance 2

In Jagged Alliance 2, you will recruit your ideal team of mercenary soldiers and interact with merchants, assassins and scientists in a deep, entirely character-driven game. Strap on your M16 and step into new levels of role-play, strategy, and tactical combat. This is a pre-release demo of the final product, which will feature more than 150 characters. Your customised mercenaries will run, duck, climb and crawl as they battle a horde of enemies in environments of high-colour, high-resolution graphics.
* Note: information about this product on the CD-ROM is incorrect.

PCW DETAILS
Operating system
Windows 95
Limitations *Special two-level demo version (set characters)*
Sales contact
Fax: (613) 736 5301 (Canada)
Technical support
www.sir-tech.com

Swat 2

Take command of the Special Weapons And Tactics squad to bust Los Angeles' worst criminals. Alternatively, you can play the bad guy and go on the ultimate crime spree! Many of the SWAT 2 scenarios are based on real events, (although sometimes adapted to balance the odds!). Playing as a SWAT officer means following the rules while playing as a terrorist means cooler weapons and weaker combat skills than SWAT's. Enjoy the feeling of paranoia and persecution when the SWAT officers start closing in, or else you can use your training as a SWAT officer to outwit the enemy.

PCW DETAILS
Platform
Windows 95/98
Limitations *Limited levels*
Sales contact
0118 9209144
Technical support
0118 9209111 9:00am - 5:00pm

V2000

V2000 is the follow-up to the classic eighties hit, Virus. Alien creatures are hell bent on spreading a deadly virus wherever they go, as they venture from world to world via their hives. Your mission is to save the remaining worlds from these deadly creatures by putting to use all that each world can offer. You can rescue members of each indigenous population to be used for your own gain, but you must make your own weapons and solve strategic puzzles in order to rescue the world in time. Features include a multiplayer option and different flight modes.

PCW DETAILS
Operating system
Windows 95
Limitations *2-level Interactive Demo.*
Sales contact
01865 264800
Technical support
01865 245 770 between 9:00am and 5:00pm

Software Library }

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

Essential Utilities

• Adobe Acrobat Reader 3.01 + Search
(*Win 3.1/95/NT*)
The free Adobe Acrobat Reader lets you view, navigate and print PDF files across all major computing platforms.
(Fully-functioning reader).
• New
Awave 4.9 (*Windows 95/98/NT*)
Reads audio-carrying file formats from different platforms, synthesisers and trackers. It can be used in a variety of ways: as an audio file format converter, audio editor, player, and as a generic wavetable synthesiser instrument editor and format converter.
(30-day shareware).
• New
Catch-UP 1.2
(*Windows 95 or NT, or Windows 3.1 with Win32s*)
Catch-UP is a worldwide web-based software updating service that automatically searches for the newest versions of many popular internet-distributed software applications and

hardware drivers. The Catch-UP Scanner helper application will run with your browser to generate a custom list of software updates as well as the corresponding download sites. (Freeware).
• Latest set
DirectX 6
(*Windows 95*)
The latest set of essential video and audio drivers required to run today's processor-hungry games and applications.

(Fully-functioning drivers).
• New
ED for Windows 3.80
(*Windows 3.1/95/NT*)
ED leads the way in intelligent language-sensitive editing. It is the one-stop productivity tool for programmers that slashes coding time while placing all your tools just a mouse click away. It powers-up your development environment without tying you in

to any particular language or platform. (45-day trial).
• New
Go!Zilla 3.1
(*Windows 95/NT*)
Recover from download errors and resume failed downloads, manage and categorise files to download later and get those files from the most responsive site, with Go!Zilla. (Freeware)
• New
Graphics Workshop Professional 2.0a
(*Windows 95/NT*)
Graphics Workshop is a superlative image management package which allows you to view, convert and catalogue your

images in a wide variety of formats.
(Shareware).
• New
Macro Express 1.0k
(*Windows 95/NT*)
Macro Express is the foremost macro utility, allowing you to create macros manually or by recording them. Macros can be created and edited with a powerful, yet easy Scripting Editor which allows you to

see each step and command. (30-day trial).
• New version
Microangelo 98
(*Windows 95*)
Provides access to icons of all sizes and colour formats used by Windows 95. Browse, manage, create and edit icons from 8 x 8 to 64 x 64 pixels in size, and up to 256 colours. (30-day shareware).
• New
Neotrace 1.22
(*Windows 95/NT*)
An internet utility used to trace the connections between computers on the internet. NeoTrace enables you to trace the connection from your computer to other sites on the

internet and analyse this information. (Shareware).
• Latest version
Netscape Communicator 4.06 — Standard Edition
(*Windows 3.1/95*)
Latest version of the premier internet suite, including Netscape Navigator. (Free version).
• Latest trial version
Norton AntiVirus 5
(*Windows 95/NT*)

The latest trial version of Symantec's Complete Virus Protection Suite (30-day trial) enhancements. (30-day evaluation).
• SpellWrite for Windows 1.6/2.1
(*Windows 3.1/95*)
A unique utility which can spell-check any Windows program instantly (email, accounts, database and so on) from a designated hot key. It has an 85,000-word dictionary in UK format. (30-day shareware).
• Spinner Plus 1.0.13
(*Windows 95/NT*)
Spinner Plus is a free application which gives you access to more than 100

channels of continuous music. You can launch it, start the music and then continue to listen while you use other programs on your computer, surf the web, or take a break!
(*Freeware*).

• VuePrint Pro 6.0f
(*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 in this file. (15-day evaluation).
• Web Leech 2.2
(*Windows 95/NT*)
The purpose of this application is to enable the user to download files which are attached to web pages, but *without* having to click on each link/file individually to save them. Instead, a list of available files is created and either all or selected files can be downloaded. (Freeware).
• WinZip SR 6.3 SR-1
(*Windows 3.1/95*)
Industry-standard compression/decompression utility with automatic built-in disk spanning support for multi-disk Zip files. (21-day evaluation).

New software titles this month

• 3D Goldrush 1.0
(*Windows*)
A multi-feature 3D slot machine game. True to life animation and classic sounds give this game brilliant realism. You will feel the tension as you gamble your winnings for more, and more... feel the frustration when you lose! (Shareware).

▲**Bang! Crash! Wallop! Mister Drumstix Lite lets kids enjoy the sounds of drumming and preserves their parents' nerves**

• **3D Proslots 1.0**
(*Windows*)
3D Proslots is the very latest slot machine simulation to be released by Gamescape Studios. It includes a whole stack of new features, many ways to win, the usual great 3D-rendered graphics and brilliant casino-type sounds.
(Shareware).
• **Crossword Construction Kit 3.0**
(*Windows 95*)
Crosword Construction Kit is the Desktop Publisher for creating theme-based crossword puzzles. You can design your own puzzle page layout and drop, place and size the puzzle, graphics and text components. Select fonts, colours, columns, borders, alignment and more.
(21-day shareware).

• **Medieval**
(*Windows 95*)
Medieval is a tactical combat game depicting various field battles that took place in the period from about 500 AD to 1500 AD.
(Limited demo).
• **Mr. Drumstix Lite 2.0**
(*Windows 3.1/95*)
Teach your children the joys of music without spending a bundle. With Mr. Drumstix, music education is built right into the fun.
(Limited demo).
• **Optio 1.10**
(*Windows 95*)
OPTIO helps you to sort out your long-term finances, without having to rely on insurance salesmen and other financial advisors. It builds a permanent record of your entire financial position and then identifies any gaps in your long-term plans.
(Save-disabled demo).

• **SmartDoc 95 2.1**
(*Windows 3.x/95*)
SmartDoc allows you to extract all the text from a Windows Help file and put it into a plain-text file which you can then print or load into your favourite word processor.
(30-day shareware).
• **SmartSum 1.6b**
(*Windows 3.x/95*)
SmartSum is a Windows-based implementation of an adding machine/printing calculator. It also adds a number of tricks that a normal printing calculator cannot do.
(Shareware).
• **SnagIt 4.2.1**
(*Windows 3.x/95*)
SnagIt captures anything on the Windows desktop quickly and easily. From one-step capture of scrolling web pages to video capture and text conversion, SnagIt does it all.
(45-day evaluation).

• **UBE 98 1.8**
(*Windows 95/NT*)
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).
• **WordSearch Construction Kit 3.0**
(*Windows 95*)
WordSearch Construction Kit is the desktop publisher for creating word-search puzzles. Design your own puzzle page layout. Drop, place and size the puzzle, graphics and text components. Select fonts, colours, columns, borders, alignment and more.
(21-day shareware).

• **And,** there are lots more utilities, too.

PhotoDisc

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

ICV Entertainment Section

Our entertainment section this month, is again packed full of exclusive material. There is a preview of Virgin Records' music videos and an advance preview of the Robin Williams film "What Dreams May Come", plus an exclusive interview with Top Gear's Jeremy Clarkson.

Jeremy Clarkson
This is the first and last place that you will be able to see this candid interview with motoring journalist Jeremy Clarkson. Click on any of the video boxes on-screen and experience Top Gear's Clarkson at his best. This exclusive interview coincides with the release of "The Most

Outrageous Jeremy Clarkson Video in the World…Ever" which sees him put the world's fastest cars through their paces.

The Raft
The Raft is a taster of what you can get from the official Virgin Records web site at www.raft.vmg.co.uk. It includes excerpts from the music videos of Placebo, Malcolm McLaren, Whale and Wagon Christ.

What Dreams May Come
An opportunity to see the trailer for the forthcoming Polygram film starring Robin Williams and Academy Award winner, Cuba Gooding Jr. Released in the UK on 26th December, this epic romantic drama boasts an outstanding cast including Annabella Sciorra and Max Von Sydow.

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CompuServe trial

The UK's leading Online Internet Service offers fast and easy access to the internet and a one-month trial which includes *free*: 650 hours' online time, personalised email address and web space. The offer is valid for the first month only and the free online time must be used within the first month. All prices are set in US Dollars but will be charged in your local currency, based on the prevailing exchange rate.

PCW DETAILS

Platform
Windows 95 and 3.1
Limitations
One month free membership. 650 free online hours to be used in the first month.
Sales contact
(Account enquiries)
0990 134819

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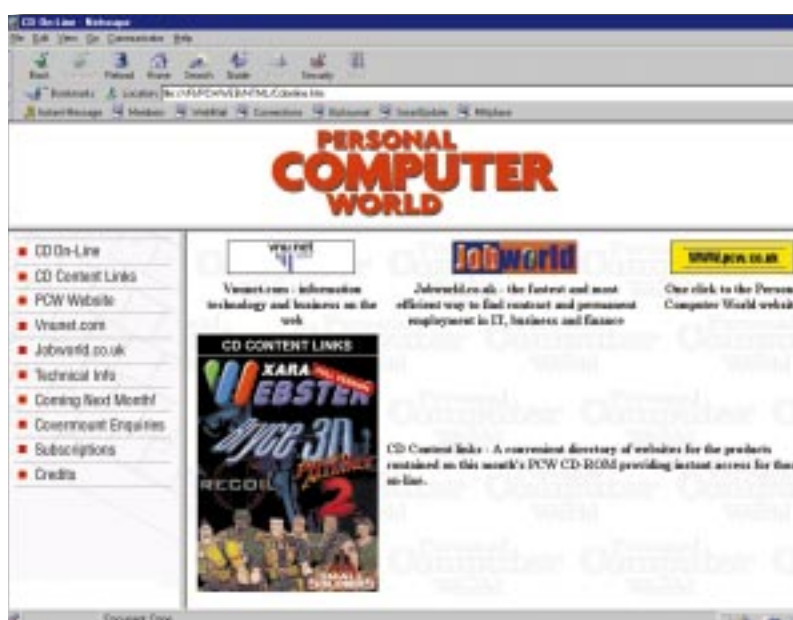
PCW CD OnLine

Access the internet direct from the opening screen!

If you want to find out more about any of the software products that are included on this month's cover-mounted disc, and you are connected to the internet, you can go to the particular company web sites via the Content Links of the CD-Online section on the CD. 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 Jobworld.co.uk.

If you are interested in any product or section on the CD, the Content Links Section gives you direct access to 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! Remember, if you have enjoyed the magazine and our CD, you can subscribe via email while you are online!

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