

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

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Have you ever wanted to create 3D artwork but been put off by the complexity and cost? trueSpace 2 will give you the chance to get stuck in today — straight from our disc. And if you're always looking for that definition, quote or historical date, the Penguin Hutchinson Reference Library links to your favourite word processor as a fantastic add-on, besides being a fascinating product in its own right. All this, plus demos of the very latest Star Wars game, HTML editing software, and everything you need to know about Y2K in a searchable database from Action 2000.

The Penguin Hutchinson Reference Library

The Hutchinson Reference Library is a British-originated CD-ROM encyclopedia that makes learning a fun experience. This month's disc contains the FULL VERSION as available through retail and comprises a set of the most comprehensive UK-compiled reference works within one convenient interface. There are seven books included in the package which can be searched either individually or together in any combination. Leading reference works included in the collection are *The Hutchinson Encyclopedia*, a British encyclopedia that contains articles and illustrations on thousands of subjects, *The Longman Dictionary of the English Language*, which alone contains more than 220,000 definitions, and *The New Penguin Dictionary of Quotations*, which puts almost 2000 sources and more than 10,000 quotations at your fingertips. All in all, you should



never be lost for words again! For further sources of wide-ranging data, the program also references the *Chronology of World History*, *Roget's Thesaurus*, *Usage & Abusage*, and finally *Helicon Book of Days*, which features interesting events for every day of the year.

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Platform

Windows 3.1 or 95

Limitations

FULL VERSION

Sales contact

01889 570156

Technical support

01889 570589

Technical information to help you use the CD

✓ How to use the CD-ROM

Put the disc into your CD drive:
Windows 95 If you've got Windows 95, the PCW interactive loader will appear on your screen. If your CD doesn't autoloader, 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 95. 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.

✓ Physically Damaged Discs

If your disk is PHYSICALLY

DAMAGED, please return it with a covering note including your name and address, to:

TIB plc Damaged Disks
Unit 5 Triangle Business Park
Pentrebach

Merthyr Tydfil
Mid Glamorgan CF48 4YB

quoting reference

'PCW Vol 22 No 9'.

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 [Cover Disk Notes] or on the CD for the manufacturer's support contact details.

For general problems with the CD, the Technical Helpline is open weekdays from 09.30am to 4.30pm

on 01685 354726.

A live technical info page is also available through CDOnline direct from the CD.

● Please use the address printed here, as replacement discs cannot be supplied direct from the VNU offices.

✓ Getting software on to the CD

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-mount enquiries please telephone Afshan Nasim on 0171 316 9592 or email afshan_nasim@vnu.co.uk

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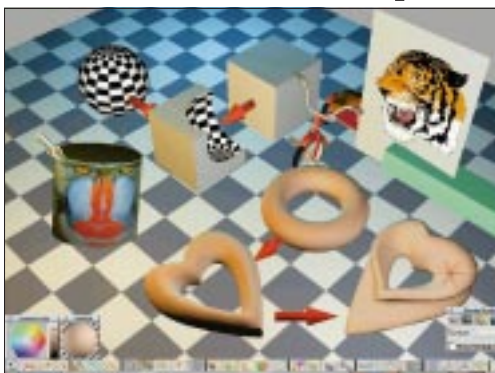
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The publisher, VNU, has checked the Personal Computer World CD-ROM for known viruses at all stages of production, but cannot accept liability for damage caused either to your data or your computer system, which may occur while using either the disc 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 also to 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.

trueSpace2 (full version) and trueSpace4 (demo)

trueSpace2 is a 3D graphics and animation application aimed at 2D artists who want a straightforward route to 3D graphics. Utilising direct-manipulation tools, every task is intuitive and as easy as pointing, clicking and dragging your mouse. With a few moments taken to follow the built-in trueSpace2 step-by-step tutorials, you can be modelling, rendering and animating your own 3D creations in no time at all. Straightforward painting and drawing just becomes 3D modelling as you paint on surfaces and shape objects like clay. Click on the surface,



line or point you want to edit and you can rotate, scale or move it any way you like. A new creation, once completed, can be rendered with true photo-realistic, ray-traced quality – you too could create a 3D glass of water to sit on top of a modelled desk, gently reflecting the image of a pen you modelled previously. You can even turn your images into broadcast-quality animation that could be output to video. The CD also contains a demo of trueSpace4 for you to try, once you have got to grips with trueSpace2.

UPGRADE OFFER

If you thought 3D seemed easy, intuitive and powerful with trueSpace2, just try trueSpace3, which introduces powerful features like Metaballs, Collision Detection, Physics and Inverse Kinematics. Caligari is offering *Personal Computer World* readers the opportunity to upgrade to trueSpace3 for just £195 (£240.88 inc vat and delivery). Or would you like more power? More capabilities? trueSpace4, the latest in Caligari's flagship line of trueSpace products, has just been released, containing all the new features introduced in trueSpace3 plus new high-end features like Bones, Nurbs, Function Curves and Scripting. A brand new hybrid radiosity renderer

allows you to create the ultimate in realism, and the renderer alone costs as much as the full version of trueSpace4! Caligari offer all this power exclusively to *Personal Computer World* readers for just £325 (£393.63 inc VAT and delivery).

Caligari guarantees that if trueSpace doesn't revolutionise the way you work with 3D graphics, you can return it within 30 days for a refund.

These offers are valid until September 30th.

To order, contact Caligari Corporation on tel: 0118 982 9826, fax: 0118 982 9827 or

<http://forms.caligari.com/store/uk/pcw>

Please quote the reference number PCW0999 for either product.

PCW DETAILS

Platform Windows
Limitations 30-day limited
Sales contact 0118 982 9826
Technical support None available

Repbase

Repbase was designed for the typical UK sales rep who travels extensively around the country. It not only stores accounts data, but



also UK grid positions for 12,000 UK locations and 4000 hotels. These are all accessible using the search facilities and various filter conditions which can be customised to select specific ranges (i.e. A, B, C/category/ all textiles/all head offices). Extracts of sets of filtered accounts can be used for mail merges and there's an

option to print out meeting sheets and report forms. Selecting INSTALL from the PCW interface will unzip the

software to a folder on your hard drive. After this completes, open the target folder and click on REP.EXE to run the software.

PCW DETAILS

Platform Windows 3.1/95/98
Limitations FULL VERSION
Sales contact 01765 635251
Technical support 01765 635251

HotDog Professional 5.5

HotDog Professional 5.5 is a powerful, comprehensive application that will be a boon to web professionals and newcomers alike.



HotDog websites are based on a local mirror system, you can create, edit and

Useful and intelligent features like the HTML Property Sheet make obscure and exhaustive tasks easier, leaving you to concentrate on the more enjoyable and creative elements. Using the editor, you can assign tasks, filter files or perform multiple search-and-replace procedures on designated files, and because

preview files on a local computer before automatically copying any changes to the web server for the world to see via the internet.

PCW DETAILS

Platform Windows 95/98
Limitations 30-day limited
Sales contact mark@sausage.com
Technical support helpdesk@sausage.com

Exploit Submission Wizard

This software is free to use for one year, but you will have to enter the key provided in the product information on the CD-ROM.

Exploit Submission Wizard is a

convenient piece

of software that guides you through the process of getting your web pages on to the internet search engines. This fully automated submission tool is powerful enough to submit your site to more than 100 search engines within one submission, and by removing the human input factor it ensures that all submissions are made in the format required by each engine, quickly and conveniently. Through the use of Pro-Wizard scripting, changes to a submission form are applied to the data file in minutes, meaning no further re-coding of software is necessary. In the long-run, this will save both expensive on-line time and your own precious 'operator' time.



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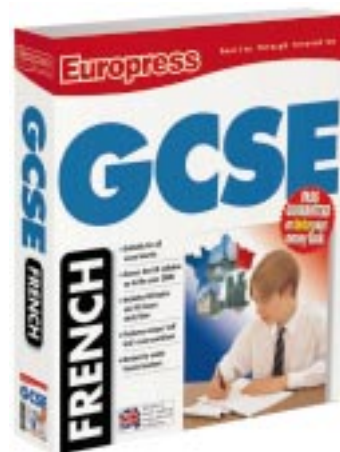
Platform
Windows 95/98/NT
Limitations
One year limited
Sales contact
sales@submissions.com
Technical support
support@submissions.com

GCSE French

GCSE French is part of the chart-topping series from Europress that offers an enjoyable and fun approach to studying and learning at GCSE level. This French course divides its content into everyday activities, personal and social life, the world around us, and work. Using sound files and visuals, the package shows you how to interpret verbal and written instructions, and how to answer appropriate questions both orally and in writing. A vocabulary builder enhances pronunciation, and you can record your voice to improve your spoken French.

GCSE French is recommended for A-level students using a foreign language to study another subject, or for those wanting to brush up on their skills.

At the end of the installation, the program may unnecessarily ask for a CD. Simply click OK to continue.



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Platform
Windows 95
Limitations
Function-limited demo
Sales contact
01625 855060
Technical support
01625 855070

Descent III



This action-shooter has the same fast pace of the previous games and contains

many new features — a new engine built by Outrage, for instance, that makes the game look great. This is actually the second playable demo of Descent III, and although the object of the game is simple, you're still faced with a challenging mission to accomplish. The various levels could prove difficult, but you are given twenty different weapons to choose from. So, jump into your combat ship and take it for a spin around the Descent III 3D environment. Then you can fight off some of those nasty robot enemies.

PCW DETAILS

Platform Windows 95/98 & DirectX 6.1
Limitations
One level limited
Sales contact
0171 551 0000
Technical support
0171 551 0000

X-Wing

THIS PRODUCT REQUIRES DIRECTX DRIVERS. The latest version of these can be found in the Software Library — see page 16

A neutral family fights for its business and survival and is swept up in the struggle against the encroaching Empire. You must defy the strong-arm tactics of the rival family who will stop at nothing to destroy your trading company. Ultimately, you will join the Rebel Alliance for a series of covert assignments to uncover information about the Empire's second Death Star project. X-Wing Alliance puts you right in the middle of the epic Star Wars conflict as you take control of the 'fastest ship in the galaxy', the Millennium Falcon, as well as X-wings, A-wings, B-wings, Y-wings and other Corellian transports. Other features include updated graphics, special effects and expanded battles on an incredibly vast scale, an immersive playing environment with 3D cockpits that give full 360-degree views inside and out, and a rich and luscious soundtrack to fill out the experience.

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Platform
Windows 95/98
Limitations
Limited demo
Sales contact
011 (44) 1 895 456 700
Technical support
0990 143525 (9am-5pm)

Software Library

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

Essential Utilities

Acrobat Reader 4.0

(Windows 95/98/NT)

Add/Remove 4Good 2.0

(Windows 95/NT) Awave 5.0

(Windows 95/NT)

Catch-UP 1.2

(Windows)

DirectX 6.1

(Windows 95/98)

Disk Piecharter 2.2

(Windows 95/98/NT)

Go!Zilla 3.5

(Windows 95/NT)

Internet Explorer 5

(Windows 95/98/NT)

- Please note this is a customised installation that upgrades IE4

Macro Express 1.6e

(Windows 95/98/NT)

Paintshop Pro 5.03

(Windows 95/98/NT)

- Latest Version

PhonePad 1.2a

(Windows 95/98/NT)

RealPlayer G2

(Windows 95/98/NT)

StayAlive 2.0d

(Windows 95/98/NT)

ThumbsPlus 4.02-S

(Windows 95/98/NT)

VuePrint Pro 32 - 7.4

(Windows 95/98/NT)

WebLeech 2.4

(Windows 95/NT)

Winamp 2.21

(Windows)

95/98/NT)

WinZip

6.3/7.0 (Windows)

New this month

Emergency Undelete Freeware 1.2

(Windows NT only) Emergency Undelete recovers accidentally deleted files directly from any NTFS or FAT disk and can even recover files that were deleted prior to its installation. It can eliminate the hours of time spent searching through back-up tapes for vital lost files, and can quickly restore what was previously unrecoverable. (Freeware)

SoftOffice 2.2.1.0

(Windows 95/98/NT)

SoftOffice provides a suite of essential office tools to centralise your valuable data and maximise your productivity. A toolbar discreetly placed on your screen to provide an easy single click method for launching the range of BuzzSoft office applications such as SoftBulkEmail, SoftCardManager, SoftCopier 4, and SoftViewer. (Evaluation)

Rocket Scrambler & RetroVaders 2.0

(Windows 95/98/NT)

They may not look too pretty, but they play like a dream. Experience some retro arcade fun in these updates of the classics Scramble and Space Invaders. (Shareware)

MightyFax 2.9j

(Windows 95/98)

MightyFax installs as a printer driver so you can fax from any Windows program. If you can print it, you can fax it, with MightyFAX. (Shareware)

Window Washer 2.6

(Windows 95/98/NT)

Window Washer cleans up your machine from all unwanted files. Unneeded files such as internet cache, cookies, history, the web site drop down list, temporary internet files, and junk/temporary Windows files are all washed away. Thus Window Washer recovers valuable hard drive space. Cleaning can be scheduled at various times or when your system starts up or shuts down. (Limited Demo)



Brownbag Arranger 1.0

(Windows 95/98/NT)

Brownbag Arranger is a multi-functional document organiser and word processor. It allows you to keep all your documents organised in just one Arranger file. Data can be entered by using the built-in word-processing



▲ YOU WON'T LOSE ANY OF THESE PIECES BEHIND THE RADIATOR

functions, by dragging or opening an OLE link, or by using one of the common import file filters. (Shareware)

X-Win Pro 5.1

(Windows)

X-Win Pro is a simple but powerful

operating systems and transparently connects different operating systems and their applications together. You need not worry where these applications are physically located on your network. X-WinPro brings remote UNIX applications to your PC with each in a separate window. (Shareware)

Backup Plus 5.0.3

(Windows 95/98/NT)

This software allows you to create easy to use Windows backups of all your important data. It offers users great possibilities: Schedule hands-free backups with the Backup Plus Timed Backups Manager from every 30 days to every hour with command line backup support and shortcut backup support. (Evaluation)

Photorecall Deluxe 2.0

(Windows 95/98/NT)

When the amount of digital images on your computer becomes hard to manage,

PhotoRecall Deluxe is the solution. PhotoRecall will save you from spending hours trying to locate a special image. All you have to do is load your images into our customisable albums and save each picture with specific keywords. The software is user-friendly, which makes it a great solution for novice computer users. (Limited Demo)

NetCaptor 5.2

(Windows 95/98)

If you need to browse multiple web pages at the same time, then take a look at this. NetCaptor opens sites on separate browser tabs instead of filling your screen with many, smaller windows. It's fully customisable allowing you to arrange toolbars, open groups of sites with a single click and more. (Shareware)

BrainsBreaker 2.3

(Windows 95/98/NT)

A fun jigsaw puzzle game for all ages. You can select the difficulty level by

▲ IT DOESN'T STOP YOU AT ROAD JUNCTIONS AND ASK YOU FOR A POUND, EITHER

32-bit software package that provides a cost effective way to transform your PC into a powerful X Windows workstation. It enables easy access to different

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entering the number of pieces into which the image will be divided. You can

package includes buttons, checkboxes, direction pads,

internet browser that takes the wait out of the Internet and reduces your time online. Just some of the rather clever tricks that Opera can perform are: Opening multiple windows without running out of memory; opening documents in the background without destroying your search engine result listing, as well as redirecting the output from one window to another. (Shareware)

registering for a small fee you will get the chance to win special prizes as well as the leaderboard prizes, and get to keep the new course to add to your Prize Golf(TM) Course Collection. Tournaments are played off-line so you do not have to be connected to the Internet as you play. (Freeware offline course)

with this package. Smart Accounts 2000 provides all you need in a personal accounts package including - multiple accounts, regular entries, account analysis, reports, graphs and charts and more. (Shareware)

unique also by the simultaneous, mirror-screen display of conjugations of verbs in either language and by the size of its mirror-screen thesaurus. (Limited Demo)

PowerPoint Viewer '97

(Windows 3.x and above)
The Microsoft PowerPoint Viewer '97 allows users to share their presentations with people who do not have PowerPoint installed on their computers. You can use the PowerPoint Viewer to view and print PowerPoint presentations exactly as they appear in PowerPoint. (Freeware)

Word Magic Tools Deluxe 2.2

(Windows 95/98/NT)
A suite of English-Spanish translation dictionaries that besides affording 600,000 entries is capable of alternatively displaying translations or synonyms plus parts of speech, descriptors, shades and meanings of words at the click of a button. It is

Smart Accounts 2000 1.00

(Windows 95/98/NT)
A simple to use, but powerful personal accounts package for Windows. No need to understand double entry book-keeping; if you can understand your bank statement you'll feel at home

Prize Golf 1.01

(Windows 95/98)
Prize Golf includes a complete 18 hole course where you can participate in Internet Tournaments with players from all over the world. Upon

▲ TEE UP FOR TWO, OR THREE OR A HUNDRED OVER THE INTERNET

screens and can be incorporated into any application. (Freeware)

Opera 3.6

(Windows 3.1/95 and 98)
Opera is a small, fast, customisable, yet user-friendly

also make puzzles from your own images and even save them. (Shareware)

Active Candy 3.0

(Windows 95/98/NT)
ActiveCandy is a small set of Eye-Candy controls that gives a professional appearance to programs. The



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Action 2000

By clicking the Action 2000 image on the front screen, you can access the Action 2000 Software Status Database, free of charge and in a specially formatted off-line HTML version. Easy to use and visually dynamic, the Software Status Database is designed to help you identify the latest millennium status of over 500 of the most commonly used Operating Systems and Application Programs.



In addition to the plain English summaries, the database also provides detailed technical statements on millennium readiness and is essential reading for all PC users, whether IT specialists or non-technical users. Although an invaluable tool for all users, business managers who need to understand and assess the limitations and possible risks that their current software poses to their business will find it especially useful. The database should also save you time and money when researching software compliance via helpdesks and websites.

As the big day approaches we hope to be able to regularly include off-line updates on the cover disc, but if you need to check the latest Y2K news and updates, you can't do better than visit the Action 2000 website direct from the pages on the disc or by typing <http://www.bug2000.co.uk> into your browser.

CD Online

CD Online offers an extension to the normal content contained on the disc by taking you directly to the on-line web sites of the companies featured. Find out more about their products or the company itself, or send them an email and talk to them direct. If you're connected to the internet, you can visit these sites via the Content Links of the CD-Online section. In addition to the links, you can access the *Personal Computer World*, vnunet.com and jobworld.co.uk websites. There is also a Technical Info page which is updated daily for any problems that may occur with the CD after it has gone on sale.

To access CD Online, click on the banner at the top of the main screen. This will automatically start your browser and open the main menu. If you don't already have a browser installed, you can install the latest versions of Netscape and IE5 (customised) from the disc.



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AOL 4.0i GOLD

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has a new look, easier navigation, and many other features. With one-step web access, enter the web address/URL in the input box on the toolbar and simply click on the forward button. The fully customisable toolbar allows you to go directly to websites and to any AOL area. You can add or remove buttons, move it to the bottom of your screen, or collapse it to display text labels only. Add your favourite areas, and keep track of the last 25 websites you visited. Emails can contain pictures and images in the messages, and you can attach up to nine files to a single email. Customise them and use the AOL 4.0i spell-checker to ensure the grammar is correct.

AOL 4.0i GOLD includes:

FREE – One month's membership! 100 hours on-line time! Five email addresses! Technical support! 10Mb of web space!
PLUS – 100% local access and up to 56K access speeds nationwide.



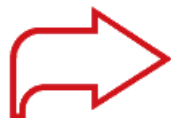
Win a fabulous XPS R450 DVD Multimedia System with Demon Internet!

Of all the cover disks distributed this month, one is unique. By installing the FREE 30-day trial of Demon Internet from the 'Lucky CD', you could win a fabulous XPS R450 DVD Multimedia System!

To find out if your cover disk is the Lucky CD, run Demon Internet's FREE 30-day trial online registration from the disk. Once Demon Internet have processed your details, you will receive an email informing you if you are the winner.

Your 30-day trial includes:

- Unlimited access to the World Wide Web, email, newsgroups and the rest of Demon Internet's services;
- 20Mb of web space for your own web pages; and
- helpdesk support.



Demon Internet

Full-time membership costs £10 per month (£11.75 inc VAT). If you decide Demon Internet is not for you, call the Demon Internet Sales & Enquiries Team on 0845 272 2666 during the trial period, and they will cancel your subscription.

➤ Demon provides 0845 numbers for connectivity, described by OfTel as 'BT local call rate'. Contact your telephone company for details of their pricing structure. Demon Internet Standard Conditions of Use apply. Calls to the Sales & Enquiries Team and the

Technical Support Help Desk may be monitored for training purposes.

➤ What do I need?

A PC with Windows 95/98, a modem installed and connected to a phone line, and a credit card (don't worry – your card will not be charged if you decide to cancel your Demon Internet account before the 30-day trial period has elapsed). Just put the disk in your CD-ROM drive and follow the on-screen instructions. If you need any help, simply call Demon Internet's Technical Support Help Desk on 0845 272 2444.

FreeUK



The FreeUK software contained on the CD can be used in two ways. You can install a customised version of Internet Explorer 4 from the FreeUK folder that, once installed, will connect you to the internet and allow you to register with FreeUK online. Users who already have a browser installed can simply access the SignUp option, which will register you with FreeUK online using your existing software.

FreeUK is a free internet service provider – pay for just your internet calls at the local call rate. FreeUK supports V.90 modems, ISDN and Windows 95, 98, and NT operating systems.

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- 25Mb of web space
- Full newsgroup access
- Unlimited email addresses
- 24-hour technical support

Contact Information

www.freeuk.com

Customer services: 0900 9000 900

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