WELCOME TO THE APRIL 1999 PERSONAL COMPUTER WORLD CD-ROM

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Need to organise your office? We've got a FULL VERSION of SuperOffice Professional for Networks on this month's disc. And if your favourite OS flavour is UNIX, the FULL VERSION of Corel WordPerfect 8 for LINUX is also here. If that isn't enough, there are nearly 5000 animated GIFs and 10 web templates for you to use absolutely free. You might even win a Hi-Grade Mi-4000 notebook worth £1099 by completing the electronic version of the PCW Reader Survey from CD Online. So check it out and then you can tell us what you think!

SuperOffice Pro for Networks 4.0

This product requires the following serial code: 1410031619 SuperOffice Professional for Networks 4.0 is a must for any individual or office with information, reports, notes or memos scattered across computers, filing cabinets or sitting on various desks. Using a shared database, users can access their information in an orderly fashion, thereby increasing accuracy and efficiency.

☞ **SuperOffice sorts data** into seven databases relating to major areas:
• information about important companies and contacts
• day-planner and to-do list
• planned and completed activities
• customisable letters, faxes, emails and proposals

• projected and actual sales opportunities
• storing and tracking sales opportunities
• reports, mailing lists and labels

☞ **New features** in version 4.0 include a Monthly Calendar View, Activities linked to a Project, Cross-platform Compatibility, Segmenting the SuperOffice Database and Regional Office Support.

☞ **This software will function fully for thirty days.** After this time, *Personal Computer World* readers must apply to the SuperOffice Sales office (using the supplied fax form on the CD) to obtain a key that will activate the application as a full three network user version, free.

PCW DETAILS

Platform *Windows 3.1 or higher*
Limitation *Fully functional standalone or three-user network*
Sales Contact *01895 820280*
Technical Support *01895 820280*

The licence for this software is only valid in the UK and Eire. Tutorials and registration documentation can be found in Word 97 and RTF format on the CD.

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. 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.
Win95 — If you've got Windows 95, the PCW interactive loader will appear on your screen. If your CD doesn't autoload, 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.

✔ **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, detailing your name and address, and clearly marked 'PCW CD APRIL 1999', to:
TIB plc
HelpLine Returns
Unit 5
Triangle Business Park
Pentrebach
Merthyr Tydfill
Mid Glamorgan CF48 4YB

A replacement disc will be sent to you by post. Please use this address, as 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, or on the CD, for the manufacturer's support contact details. For general problems with the CD, the Technical Helpline is open weekdays from 10:30am to 12:30pm and 1.30pm to 4:30pm, on 01685 354726.
A live technical info page is also available through CD Online direct from the CD (see internet pages in these CD notes). Please see 'Faulty Discs' for replacement disc information.

✔ **Getting software onto our 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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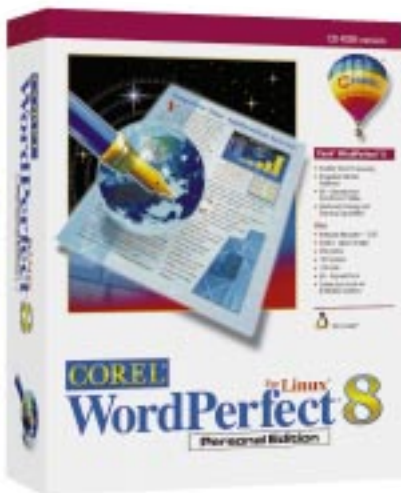
IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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.

Corel WordPerfect 8 for Linux, Personal Ed.

Note: This software will work ONLY on Intel x86 computers with the Linux Operating System, and X-Windows. It cannot be installed directly from the PCW interface, which will only copy the compressed file from the CD to a destination of your choice. See text, right, for full installation instructions.

As Linux continues to make inroads into the computer mainstream, Corel Corporation has introduced WordPerfect 8 for Linux. With the same word processing capabilities as the Windows version, there are also many features available only for Linux, like hardware support for over a thousand printers, conversion of web files directly into Corel WordPerfect format, and a built-in file manager that allows users to access files, create directories and change file modes without having to remember Linux commands. It uses the same file format as WordPerfect for Windows 95/NT/3.1 and Unix, letting users manage around 40 different file formats, including Microsoft Word 97 files.

The version on the CD includes only the application and is fully functional for ninety days. In order to continue using the product completely free, beyond the initial evaluation period, PERSONAL USE users are required to register at **livewire.corel.com/wp8LinuxReg/register.html**

To install the product on a LINUX machine, users should do the following:
☛ Insert the CD into the drive
☛ Copy the file into a separate directory on your system. The file can be found at: <CD drive>:\SOFTWARE\ FEATURED\ APPLIC\LINUXWP8\GUILG00.GZ
☛ Once the file has been copied, perform the following operation: gunzip guilg00.gz ; tar -xvf guilg00
☛ After this, type ./Runme to start the install program.
If possible, run the install from a terminal window, from within X Windows, because the X-based install is a more familiar interface (this is not a required step, however).
☛ **Minimum requirements**:
Linux OS,
9Mb RAM.
Installation information contributed by supplier.
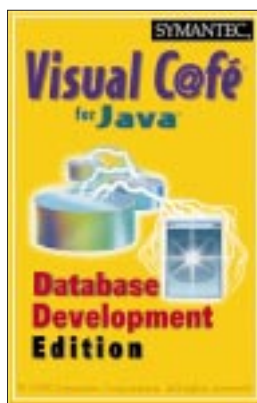
PCW DETAILS
Platform *Linux*
Limitations *Fully functional. Registration required after ninety days.*
Sales Contact *01703 814142*
Technical Support *FAQs posted to* **linux.corel.com**

Visual Café 2.5 & Visual Age for Java 2.0

In association with the Visual Programming group test in this month's issue [p198], we bring you evaluation versions of two of the featured packages for the Java platform:

Visual Café for Java 2.5
Visual Café 2.5 from Symantec is an easy-to-use Rapid Application Development (RAD) Java Integrated Development Environment (IDE) featuring an editor, debugger and compiler as well as an extensive array of wizards. Symantec's code helper is also included, plus a Java Beans component library with source code. The supplied compilers in Visual Café create not only conventional applets and applications, but also standalone Windows

executables. User-friendly and easy to learn, other features include JFC/Swing support, the latest Java technology, powerful debugging tools and fast application performance.

Visual Age for Java 2.0
IBM's VisualAge for Java is a Java application development environment for building Java applications, applets, servlets and Java Beans components. The developer productivity, ease of use and powerful features offered by version 1.0 are here, but there's a new High Performance

Compiler, connections to more enterprise systems, team programming support and exploitation of the very latest in Java technology.
☛ **Features include**:
• Support for JDK 1.1.6 and Swing 1.0.2
• IDE with visual programming support for creating Java applets and swing beans
• Support for object serialisation
• Import GUIs built in other Java development environments
• Java Beans for easy access to data
• Tool Integrator APIs for extending VisualAge for Java
• Domino agents in the IDE
• HTML documentation with advanced search capabilities

PCW DETAILS
Platform *Windows 95/98 and NT*
Limitations *30-day trial*
Sales Contact *0171 616 5600*
Technical Support *0171 616 5809 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm)*

PCW DETAILS
Platform *Windows 95 and NT 4.0*
Limitations *Entry Edition supports a maximum of 500 classes*
Sales Contact *01329 242728*
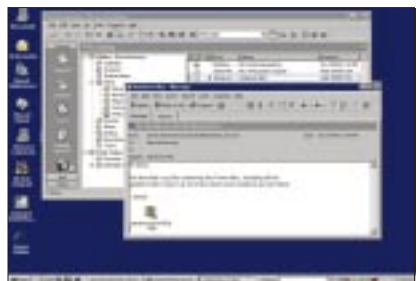**Technical Support** *None*

CD-ROM **HELPLINE** **01685 354762**

LapLink Professional

LapLink Professional offers powerful remote comms and internet solutions to computer professionals, with access to information on their office computers anytime, from anywhere. Solving such problems as the need to share data between the user's home or portable PC and the PC in the office, it also offers the ability to run office-based applications at home or while travelling. LapLink Professional now offers better images by utilising performance-enhancing options and advanced GDI-based graphics. Large bitmaps can be filtered out, and the Active Desktop in Win 98 can be optimised so that data transmission is improved. LapLink Professional also caches icons and bitmaps between remote control sessions, so the more it is used, the faster it works. The Streamlined LinkBar puts you just one click away from connecting, and support for USB cable means users can transfer files up to five times faster than with parallel cable and seven times faster than with serial cable.

PCW DETAILS

Platform
Windows 95/98 and NT 4.0
Limitations *30-day evaluation*
Sales Contact
0800 374849
Technical Support
01344 867300 (9am-5pm Mon-Fri)

Taxi

Taxi Interactive is a personal shopping assistant for the internet, exploiting eCommerce and giving convenient access to some of the best online stores. You may be confused by all the different methods of purchasing from the web, but Taxi sets out to make it simple by allowing you to place credit card and delivery information in one secure and trusted place. Also, Taxi does not collect personal contact information for other use, so avoiding unwanted email from vendors.

All you have to do with Taxi is select and click, and the transaction is done! With 'InstaBuy', you need only enter your credit card and shipping information once. Then buy anywhere InstaBuy is accepted, without having to re-enter the information each and every time.

TAXI also offers a unique shopping comparison guide to help you find the best product at the best price. The interface can be personalised to individual interests by entering details during the original configuration. Taxi then continues to watch and remember your shopping patterns and interests.

PCW DETAILS

Platform
Windows 95 and NT 4.0
Limitations *None*
Sales Contact
www.mytaxi.co.uk
Technical Support
support@mytaxi.co.uk

MultiPath Movies Digital Projector

Multipath Movies, from Brilliant Digital Entertainment, are a new hybrid of video game and video movie which allow you to watch a story unfold in 3D animation, and to interact with the action along the way. The online library includes adventures from Xena — Warrior Princess, Ace Ventura, Superman, Popeye and original titles. This month's CD contains a special copy of the Digital Player required to watch the movies, and includes watchable previews of an adventure with Ace Ventura and fun with cartoon classic, Popeye. Other previews are available from the Box Office at the Brilliant Digital web site. To buy the full movie, just click on Get Movie while viewing any of the previews, to launch your browser. This will take you to the order web page. You will be asked to set up an account by supplying your email address and credit card details. The full movie will then be made available for you to download. In future, if you want to purchase another film, your details will already be stored — you can just go straight ahead and download your new movie, and your account will be debited automatically.

Movies are compact and relatively quick to download. If you already have the preview movie inside the Player (as above) only the key files that open the full movie are downloaded — these are very small. If you already have the player that was on last month's CD installed, the new previews will be added to the existing installation.

PCW DETAILS

Platform
Windows 95
Limitations *Fully working player with watchable preview movies*
Sales Contact
www.bde3d.com
Technical Support
+44 (0)1706 228039

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Star Wars: Rogue Squadron

Lucas Arts brings you its great new 3D action game, Star Wars: Rogue Squadron. Taking place between the original Star Wars movie and The Empire Strikes Back, the settings in the game emulate those of the Star Wars series, with a variety of deserts, volcanoes and forests. Players can switch to various views within these worlds. The player assumes the role of Luke Skywalker, becoming an elite member of the Rogue Squadron, a team of excellent Star Fighters. The full

version of Rogue Squadron offers up to 16 missions including escort, base defence and basic patrol, and a redone Battle of Hoth. Players can start the game immediately without having to memorise key commands first. There are also a variety of ships to choose from and these differ within each mission.

PCW DETAILS
Platform
Windows 95/98
Limitations
Limited functionality
Sales Contact
01895 456732
Technical Support
0990 456767

Get Medieval

Get Medieval is the new action game from Monolith and is set on the outskirts of Dirindale, a town where lay the ruins of a castle once belonging to King Aaron of Arrivus, former ruler of the realm. Your task? To battle the minions of a dastardly dragon named Daramil. The game supports various multiplayer options, which include a two-player game on the same keyboard! Get Medieval shows off some very good 3D graphics, a variety of more than twenty different enemies, a choice of four different characters and spectacular audio, with panning/fading, ambient and trigger sound effects, and unique music for each level.

The game is packed with fast and fun gameplay, hilarious one-liners and monsters by the bus load. If you enjoyed the classic arcade game Gauntlet, then Get Medieval is for you.

PCW DETAILS
Platform
Windows 95/98
Limitations
Single quest
Sales Contact
0171 363 6133
Technical Support
getmedieval@mediatech.co.uk

XOOM.COM Web Clip Empire 250,000

Five thousand free animated GIFs, a selection from 250,000 animated GIFs, web objects, music and sounds, MIDI/FX, Java buttons, photos and videos in a 12-CD collection from XOOM.COM, called Web Clip Empire 250,000. BIT(UK) is offering PCW readers the chance to upgrade to the full 250,000 collection at a special offer price of £29.95 inc VAT, postage and packing, a saving of over 50% of the normal RRP of £49.95 (plus P&P).

XOOM.COM WebPage Power Pack - Web Site Templates 250

Also contained on this month's disc are ten web templates to help you get your own web site up and running quickly. These are a selection from a full package that contains over 250 pre-configured web sites for you to use complete or with your own modifications. The full package also contains a library of GIF animations, all royalty free. Personal Computer World readers can upgrade to this full package for just £19.95 inc VAT, postage and packing, a saving of over 30% on the normal RRP of £29.95 plus postage and packing.

Furthermore, if you upgrade to both of the above products at the same time, BIT(UK)'s special offer price is £45.99 inc postage and packing.

Please contact BIT(UK) by telephone on 01420 83811 or by fax on 01420 80657. Alternatively use the cut-out coupon from this page for postal applications.

All the supplied animated GIFs and web templates can be previewed in your browser, by accessing CD Online. Click on the banner at the top of the main screen to start your browser. Then at the top of the main page access the preview pages of the 5000 images or 10 web templates.

Individual animated GIFs can be downloaded from your browser by clicking them with the right mouse button and selecting 'Save Image As…'. From the Software Library within the CD interface, COPY will only allow you to copy the entire folder contents to your hard disk.

PCW DETAILS
Platform
Windows 3.1 and above
Limitations
Free for personal use
Sales Contact
01420 83811
Technical Support
01420 83811

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☐ Web Page Collection £19.95 inc
☐ Web Clip & Web Page Offer £45.95 inc

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Normandy House
Nether Street
Alton, Hants
GU34 1EA

PCW CD OnLine

CD Online offers an extension to the normal content contained on the disc by taking you directly to the online web sites of the companies featured. Find out more about the products and about the company itself. You could even 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 web sites, and there is even a sneak preview of what will be on next month's disk!
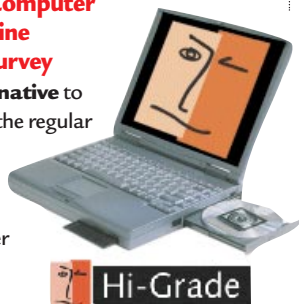
☞**To access CD Online,** click on the banner at the top of the main screen. This will automatically start your browser and open the main menu. If you don't already have a browser installed, you can install the latest versions of Internet Explorer or Netscape straight from the disc.

If you've enjoyed the magazine and the CD, you can subscribe via email while you're online! If you have any other comments to make about the CD, please feel free to email us at PCW_CD@VNU.CO.UK.

Personal Computer World Online Readers Survey

As an alternative to completing the regular survey in the magazine, this month you can enter your views through an

online version on this month's CD. From the main CD screen, or from the main screen of CD Online, you can access the survey form using your browser. This form is stored on the CD so you don't have to be online to complete the form. However, you will need to connect to send the form at the end. Only complete this electronic version of the survey if you CAN connect to the internet without restarting your browser. The survey is also available in an online version at the Personal Computer World web site at PCW.CO.UK.

When you complete and return this survey, your details will be entered into a prize draw to win a fantastic Hi-Grade Mi-4000 notebook worth £1099. Fast, efficient and fully equipped with Intel Pentium II processing power, Hi-Grade's Mi-4000 brings users highly portable multimedia versatility.

Please complete the survey as fully as you can, thereby helping us to constantly publish a magazine that meets your needs and requirements.

Note: The Prize Draw closes on 1st April 1999 — so fill in the questionnaire now.

AOL 4.0i GOLD

AOL 4.0i GOLD has improved navigation and many new features. With one-step web access, simply enter the web address/URL in the input box on the toolbar, click on the forward button, and you're there! The new, fully customisable toolbar allows you to go directly to web sites and to any AOL area. Emails can contain pictures and images in the text of the messages, and you can customise them with a personal letterhead, font, colours and typestyle.

☞ **AOL 4.0I GOLD includes**:
- **Free** One month's membership!
- **Free** 100 hours online time!
- **Free** 5 email addresses!
- **Free** Technical support!
- **Free** 10Mb web space!

PLUS
- 100% local access
- Up to 56K access speeds nationwide

PCW DETAILS

Platform
Windows 3.1 and 95
Limitations *One month free membership.*
Sales Contact
0800 376 5432
Technical Support
0800 376 5432

VNUNET   WWW.VNU.CO.UK

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JOBNET   WWW.VNU.CO.UK

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CD-ROM   HELPLINE   01274 736990