

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

## August COVER DISC

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Whether you want a convenient method of accessing a remote computer, a helpful hand to guide you through filling in your tax assessment form, or a backing band to accompany you on that guitar solo you've been practising for six months, you're in the right place. All this is available from the full-version software on this month's disc. There's even a summer-flavoured screensaver, too. Check out the Software Library [page 19] for more demos, utilities and patches, and don't forget you can find even more online by going direct to the internet from CD-Online.

### LapLink 6 (full version)

**NOTE: To use this software you need to insert the following serial number: 90-5126UN**

The disc contains a full version of Traveling Software's LapLink 6 for Windows, an integrated package of communication services that allow a user on one computer to communicate and operate one or more other computers remotely.

Also on the disc you'll find a demo of the latest version of the application LapLink Professional, which is version 7.5 with additional features. It includes:

- Support for USB, offering up to 6Mbps/sec connections
- Fast infra-red
- Optimisation for Windows 98
- Scheduling of file transfers using Task Scheduler in Windows 98 and Internet Explorer
- CE client via web
- Print redirection

#### PCW Upgrade Offer

➔ Call Traveling Software on 0800 374849 to take advantage of this offer:

- Upgrade to LapLink Professional £54.99
- Upgrade to LapLink Technical £69.99
- LapLink parallel cable (can only be purchased with an upgrade) £9.99
- LapLink serial cable (can only be purchased with an upgrade) £9.99
- LapLink USB cable (can only be purchased with an upgrade) £24.99
- Offer ends 31 August. A delivery charge of £5.00 applies on all orders.



#### PCW DETAILS

**Platform**  
Windows 3.1, 95/98  
**Limitations**  
Version 6 (full version);  
Professional (function-limited demo)  
**Sales Contact**  
0800 374849  
**Technical Support**  
01344 867300

## 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 autoloading, go to Start/Run and 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 8'.

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](mailto:afshan_nasim@vnu.co.uk).

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

These products are for personal use only, on one PC at a time. You may not rent, lease, assign, re-sell or otherwise transfer the rights to anyone for any product contained on this CD, or use any product for public performance. Neither the publisher nor the publisher shall accept responsibility for any losses or damage resulting from use of this software, including any loss of profit, damage to equipment, interruption of business or data or any other damage either direct or accidental. It is recommended that you back up any programs and data on your hard disk before installing any software. Please read installation and system requirement instructions carefully before using.

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.

## Self Assessment Tax 98/99

**Sorting out your tax?** Self Assessment 98/99 software will guide you through this terrifying and tedious task, and help you avoid having to pay too much tax because you have failed to complete the forms accurately. Self Assessment Tax 98/99 provides an introduction to self assessment which tells you what documentation you need, and includes a diary of what to do and when. It's a must for anyone who is faced with self assessment. Other features:

- Outlines what



records should be kept.

- Leads you through the completion of the SA100 form for private individuals.
- Tax wizards allow details to be entered more easily than on the form itself.
- Tax-code checker helps you to determine whether the Inland Revenue has issued you with the correct tax code.

### PCW DETAILS

**Platform**  
Windows 95/98  
**Limitations**  
Full version  
**Sales Contact**  
01889 570156  
**Technical Support**  
01889 570589

## Big Breakfast Screensaver

**Summer is here,** and what better way to have fun in the sun than with Kelly and Johnny. Install the screensaver of C4's Big Breakfast stars, Kelly Brook and Johnny Vaughan, as they lark about at the beach. It's guaranteed to add a dash of sunshine to your desktop. For more Channel 4 downloadable goodies, check out the website at [www.channel4.com](http://www.channel4.com). Recently redesigned,



the site contains interactive listings, a sports betting

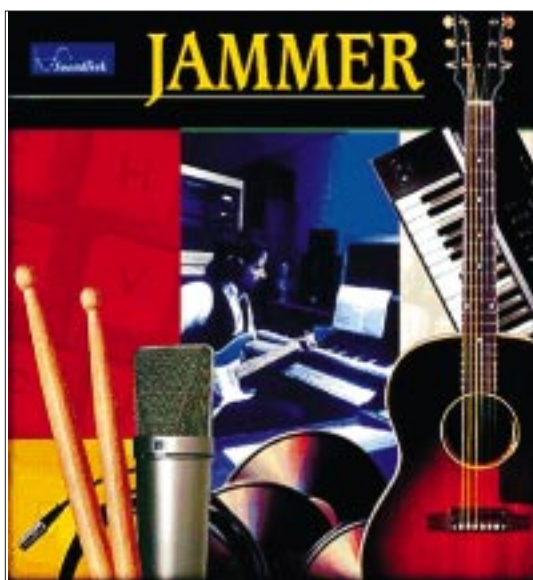
### PCW DETAILS

**Platform**  
Windows 95  
**Limitations**  
None  
**Contact**  
[www.channel4.com](http://www.channel4.com)

service, film information and the opportunity to chat online to stars such as Harry Hill, Johnny Vaughan and Boyzone.

## Jammer Hit Session 2.12.1 (full version)

**Create full musical arrangements** on your PC in minutes, with this easy-to-use yet powerful program. Enter the chords on the lead sheet, pick a style, then listen as the program creates a full arrangement using drums, bass, percussion, melodies and harmonies within correctly placed intro, breaks and stops. An instant backing band for the solo performer! Using drag-and-drop you can create professional-sounding music the first time you use the program. For many songwriters, too, the advantage of Jammer will be the ability to build instant arrangements around musical ideas that come only in passing moments of inspiration.



**Featured highlights** of Jammer Hit Session 2.12.1 include:

- 256-track MIDI studio with automatic punch in and out.

- 100 assorted intros, grooves, breaks, stops, holds and endings.
- Drum styles with dynamic fills.

### PCW DETAILS

**Platform**  
Windows 95  
**Limitations** Full version  
**Sales Contact**  
01706 228039  
**Technical Support**  
[support@soundtrek.com](mailto:support@soundtrek.com)

## Upgrade from Jammer Hit Session to Jammer Hit Professional

**PCW readers** can upgrade to **Jammer Hit Professional** for only **£49 (inc VAT)**, saving £50 on the retail price. Cut out and take this coupon to your nearest participating music stockist (telephone Et Cetera Distribution on 01706 228039 for addresses) and take advantage of this unique reader offer today.

Note: Offer closes 30 August 1999. No cash alternatives. One voucher per person. No photocopies accepted. Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer or promotion.



## Dance eJay 2



**Dance eJay 2** turns an ordinary PC into a 16-track recording studio and allows you to create great dance music right on your desktop. The retail version of eJay2 comes complete with more than 1000 current, original and professionally edited 140bpm samples. There are 500 drum sounds for creating your own drum sequence, and a sample editor that will give each sample an original touch. Anyone familiar with the original Dance eJay will love the many new features in Dance eJay 2, which maintains

many of the original characteristics too — ease of use, intuitive layout and loads of fun value. You get: a 16-track recording studio in CD stereo quality, more than 1300 original dance samples, microphone recording, wave import/export, and a drag-and-drop interface. No musical knowledge is required. Then there are some groovy additional features for the more experienced: The Groove Generator™ for creating your own Drum Samples,

an effects studio, individual track and sample volume adjustment, and time-stretching. In addition to the program, three add-on sample kits, available separately, each contain more than 500 additional Dance eJay samples, including House, Trance and Latin House.

### PCW DETAILS

**Platform** Windows 95/98/NT  
**Limitations** Function-limited demo  
**Sales Contact** 01923 495496  
**Technical Support** [fasttrak@polaron-group.co.uk](mailto:fasttrak@polaron-group.co.uk)

## Net Support Manager 4.11

**Using NetSupport Manager**, staff can provide on-the-spot support to users without leaving their desks. And it doesn't matter if you are working in a multi-platform environment, because NetSupport Manager is fully cross-platform compatible — one package supports all the major operating systems. Remote dial-up support is standard. Other features include the facility to watch, share or control the screen and keyboard of a client.



### PCW DETAILS

**Platform** Windows 3.1/95/98/NT, DOS, OS/2  
**Limitations** 30-day trial for five users  
**Sales Contact** 01733 322505  
**Technical Support** 01733 322505

Connection options let you dynamically find all clients on a network; connect by client name or connect groups in one step.

## QuickKeys 1.0

**QuickKeys automates** all those time-consuming tasks you do on your computer every day, but offers more than a standard 'macro' recorder by giving you handy toolbars, hot-keys, and recording and playback options. From installation, QuickKeys can automatically scan your computer and set up actions that launch your favourite programs, open folders or type your email address. A facility to build your own toolbars means you can trigger quite complex tasks by just clicking an icon. In addition, the useful

QuickKeys Clipbook stores and organises frequently used text or graphics files so that selections are ready to be pasted in a document at a moment's notice.



### PCW DETAILS

**Platform** Windows 95/98, Windows NT 4.0  
**Limitations** 30-day limited  
**Sales Contact** 0181 358 5857  
**Technical Support** 0181 358 5851



## StarSiege

**(Note: to install this software you will require an internet connection.)**

**Where would a cover CD** be without a game demo? This month we feature StarSiege, from Dynamix. The Earthsiege series has been redesigned and the result is this action-packed 3D science-fiction combat simulation. You can play as a Human or a Cybrid and battle through more than 55 training, single-player and multi-player missions.

### PCW DETAILS

**Platform** Windows 95/98 with DirectX 6, Windows NT 4.0 with Service Pack 4  
**Limitations** Level limited  
**Sales Contact** [www.starsiege.com/site/](http://www.starsiege.com/site/)  
**Technical Support** N/A

# Software Library

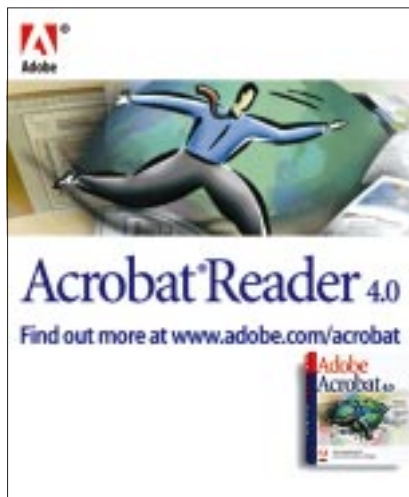
Unless otherwise stated, new versions of software featured are not upgrades, but standalone installations. If you wish to install the latest version of a product version onto your machine, please ensure that you uninstall/remove the older version first.

## Essential Utilities

- **Acrobat Reader 4.0**  
(Windows 95/98/NT)  
**LATEST VERSION!**
- **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
- **Macro Express 1.6e**  
(Windows 95/98/NT)
- **Netscape Communicator 32 - 4.6**  
(Windows 95/98/NT)  
**Latest Version!**
- **Paintshop Pro 5.03**  
(Windows 95/98/NT)  
- Latest Version
- **PhonePad 1.2a**  
(Windows)
- **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

- **Close Approach 1.1**  
(Windows 95/98/NT)  
Close Approach is the first 3D accelerated space shoot 'em up action. The aim is to pilot your ship and two probes in true 3D space and blast the asteroids out of existence before they collide with the earth. (3-level demo)
- **DesignCAD Pro 2000**  
(Windows 95)  
DesignCAD Pro 2000 is a comprehensive computer-aided design package that incorporates a full range of 2D and 3D drawing functions. You can use it to construct realistic 3D models of your projects. You can show them in wireframe view, with hidden lines



removed, or with full-colour shading—from any viewing angle. You can also create animation files, which step the viewer around your drawing in smooth

increments. (30-day trial)

- **Half Life Patch 1.0.0.9**  
(Windows 95)  
This is the latest update for Sierra's Half Life. Contains Team Fortress Classic and a variety of fixes for the single-player game. (Freeware)
- **Inside Information 1.3**  
(Windows)  
Inside Information helps you find software and hardware in the UK. The directory gives web sites, phone numbers and fax numbers for over 2000 software publishers and hardware manufacturers. It lists every product review published in the major computer press over the last three years. (Evaluation — half size database)
- **InstallConstruct 3**  
(Windows 95/98/NT)  
Creating Package, Setup Wizard, and Uninstaller for software delivery

and installation has never been this easy. InstallConstruct is

## OS/2 Warp 4 Fix Pak #10

OS/2 Warp Fix Pak #10 for Warp 4.0 can be found in the folder <cd drive>:\handson\software\os2warp\ on the PCW CD. Please read the README.1ST file for important pre-installation information. We have included a utility, FASTKICK.ZIP, created by Dmitry Niqiforoff, which allows the Fix Pack to be installed from a hard disk.

designed with a user-friendly expanding wizard system to make creating Windows 3.1, 95, 98, and NT Packages, Setup Wizards, and Uninstallers easy, with intuitive step-by-step procedures. (Evaluation — single-user)

- **IT-Map 2000 3.0**  
(Windows 95/98/NT)  
IT-MAP 2000 is an innovative and powerful computer system designed to assist corporate management in the control and planning of information technology as it relates to their businesses. IT-MAP 2000 incorporates the very latest in year 2000 support technology and provides a timely, cost effective and highly appropriate support to all corporates seeking assistance in their millennium projects. IT-Map 2000(tm) has a comprehensive product catalogue and includes a 'starter' compliance database. (30-day evaluation)

- **Jammer Professional 4.0**  
(Windows 95)  
JAMMER Professional is the ultimate automated music composition software for Windows. JAMMER automatically

creates everything from rock solid drum beats and original bass lines to full professional arrangements of drums, bass, keyboards, guitars, strings, brass, and more, all under your control. (30-day trial)

- **MidWavi Pro 2.59**  
(Windows 95/98/NT)  
MidWavi Pro is a full 32-bit multimedia program for displaying and playing various sound, graphic and video clips. MidWavi Pro is capable of playing audio CDs (programmable), playing sound files (MPEG Layer 2 & 3, MID & WAV), displaying full screen video (AVI and MPEG including VideoCD), displaying and printing various graphic files (BMP, GIF, ICO, JPG and WMF). (Function limited demo)

- **MP3 Strip\_It!5**  
(Windows 95/98/NT)  
MP3 Strip\_It! allows you create perfect digital copies of CD tracks and save them as .wav files or encode them directly to MP3 format using the bundled BladeEnc.dll It also supports other popular MP3 command-line encoders and

codecs. You can quickly create crystal-clear exact copies of the tracks of your favourite music CDs. (30-day trial)

- **Net Vampire 3.02**  
(Windows 95/98/NT)  
Net Vampire is a powerful, yet easy-to-use, download manager. You can drag and drop or ALT-click links in the browser to schedule them for immediate or deferred download. The program will restart broken connections automatically and continue where it left off until it receives the whole file. You can use multiple downloading locations for the file and switch among them on-the-fly. (Freeware)

- **SMS Centre TAPI 6.33**  
(Windows 95/98/NT)  
With this software you can send SMS messages to any GSM mobile phone. SMS Centre is a 32-bit client for sending SMS Messages to a mobile phone on any of the four major UK Network networks or SMS/Paging Messages to any world-wide network whose dial-in service centre supports the TAP protocol. (30-day trial)

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• **StarSiege Patch 1.002r**  
(Windows 95)  
Latest update for Starsiege.  
(Freeware)

• **SuperSonic 4.3**  
(Windows 95/98/NT)  
SuperSonic is a professional software-driven audio rack. It includes 12 audio devices and an intuitive interface, which hides a multitude of features and functionality. Twenty-six media

formats are supported, including MP3. A powerful audio library makes it easy to stay organised. Beyond its obvious use as a media player, SuperSonic is a powerful tool for audiophiles, DJs and radio broadcasters.  
(Shareware)

• **TurboZIP 3**  
(Windows 95/98/NT)  
TurboZIP is a convenient and powerful ZIP archive and email manager

for most commonly used internet compressed file formats (zip, exe, tar, gz, z) including Microsoft Windows compressed file format, and email formats, UU Encode (uue), Binhex (hqx, hex), and MIME (mme). (30-day evaluation)

• **WebZip 2.75**  
(Windows 95/98/NT)  
Download and save websites to your hard drive and view them off-line fast. WebZIP lets you

quickly mirror entire websites or specific sections of a web site, onto your PC so that you can browse them offline at your leisure. (Fully functional for 28 days)

• **Zapcode 3.5**  
(Windows 3.x/95)  
Zapcode is a fast, inexpensive solution that will save time on data entry while ensuring address information is as accurate and up to date as possible. Using the Royal

Mail's Postcode Address File, Zapcode will give you all elements common to that Postcode (street, town and county, together with company name, building name and house number information where stored). All you usually have to enter is the postcode. (30-day trial)

• **ZipMagic 98**  
(Windows)  
Immediately know what's inside a zip

file — and use zip files without having to unzip them first. ZipMagic safely and transparently shows zip files as normal Windows folders within most Windows programs (or a DOS program within Windows). The contents of zip files you download, receive or create become instantly accessible, so you can view and modify files, run programs, archive files, all with spectacular ease. (30-day trial)

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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. You can find out more about these companies and their products, or send them an email and talk to them directly. If you are 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](http://Vnunet.com) and [Jobworld.co.uk](http://Jobworld.co.uk) web sites. There is also a Technical Info page which is updated daily to handle 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 IES (customised) straight from the disc.

## Vnunet.com [www.vnunet.com](http://www.vnunet.com)

Visit [www.vnunet.com](http://www.vnunet.com) for the definitive online source of IT industry news and analysis. Up-to-the-minute content is generated specifically for this site by a team of journalists working across the world <[www.vnunetwire.com](http://www.vnunetwire.com)>, and is supplemented by the best material selected from VNU's printed publications. Other features of the site include vnunet radio, the UK's first IT web radio service <[www.vnunetradio.com](http://www.vnunetradio.com)>, plus online IT book reviews and shopping services <[www.vnunetbooks.com](http://www.vnunetbooks.com)>, as well as a variety of games and software downloads.

## Jobworld.co.uk [www.jobworld.co.uk](http://www.jobworld.co.uk)



The [Jobworld.co.uk](http://Jobworld.co.uk) web site provides you with access to thousands of new IT, business and finance job vacancies every day. Updated by the minute, 24 hours a day, Jobworld also offers links to job sites overseas, plus a guide to IT contracting and comprehensive lists of jobs from the top recruitment agencies in the UK. You can browse the site by job sector or search on the basis of a specific set of job skills or requirements, or make use of the Jobworld Email Alert service. This service enables you to specify your preferences as a jobseeker and have details of positions relevant to your skills delivered directly to your mailbox, every day.

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## Win a Sony XB80 Stereo System with Demon Internet

**Out of the thousands of cover disks** distributed this month, one is unique. By simply installing the FREE 30-day trial of Demon Internet from the 'Lucky CD', you could win a fabulous Sony XB80 Stereo 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 has processed your details, you will see a message informing you if you are the winner.

**If the prize is not claimed** within 90 days, every person who tries Demon Internet using the software on the disc will be entered into a second prize draw. The first name out of the hat will be awarded the prize. And in addition to the main prize, one out of every 25 people who use the free trial will receive 90 days' FREE subscription to Demon Internet, rather than the standard 30 days. Winners will be notified by email.

➔ **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.
- An unlimited number of email addresses.
- Nationwide 0845 local call access\*
- Experienced helpdesk support, 24 hours a day, every day, on a local-rate 0845 number.
- Access to fast, dedicated online games servers.
- Free, regular magazine.
- \* The opportunity to receive faxes to your internet mailbox with D-fax — free for a year.

**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 and enquiries team on 0845 272 2666 during the trial period, and they will cancel your subscription.

➔ **What do I need for the free trial?**

All you need is a PC with Windows 95 or 98,

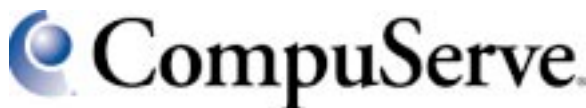


# Demon Internet

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.

*\*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 and enquiries team and the technical support help desk may be monitored for training purposes.*

## CompuServe



**CompuServe** — the internet and much more — combines speed, reliability and ease of use with excellent technical support to bring you the world's most comprehensive and informative online internet service. Whether you are an experienced internet user or an occasional visitor to the online world, harness the power of the internet and CompuServe's exclusive content.

**With CompuServe** you can enjoy free unlimited internet access for a month and discover an exciting new world on the internet.

- Free one-month trial including unlimited internet access.
- Free 5Mb of web space and personalised email address.
- Free regular-user guides.

➔ **The free online time** is available during the first month after registration only, subject to CompuServe's Fair Use Policy (GO UKFAIRUSE). You must be 18 or over to register for membership. Premium Services (clearly marked) carry a surcharge and are excluded from the free online time. After your free trial your membership will continue and payments will be charged automatically when they are due, unless you decide to cancel your membership.

## FreeUK

**FreeUK is a completely free internet service provider** — you pay only for your internet calls, at the local call rate. FreeUK supports V90 modems, ISDN and Windows 95, 98 and NT operating systems.

➔ **FreeUK subscribers** benefit from:

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

➔ **FreeUK** is at [www.freeuk.com](http://www.freeuk.com). Technical support is available on 0900 9000 999 (calls charged at 50p per minute). For customer services, call 0900 9000 900.

*Note: The software included on our cover disc only allows users with Microsoft Internet Explorer 4 already installed to register with FreeUK online.*

