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**T**his month we've got the full version of Serif's powerful yet easy-to-use desktop publishing software package, PagePlus version 4. To accompany it, there's also DrawPlus 2, with all the features you'll need for fast and effective vector-based drawing.

What's more, there's a full unrestricted version of the new AutoStreet 2000 Lite route planner (worth £19.99) and a chance to try out the fascinating new UK-Info Power database of companies and directors, which is available for a free 30-day trial.

### PagePlus 4 & DrawPlus 2

**FULL VERSION**



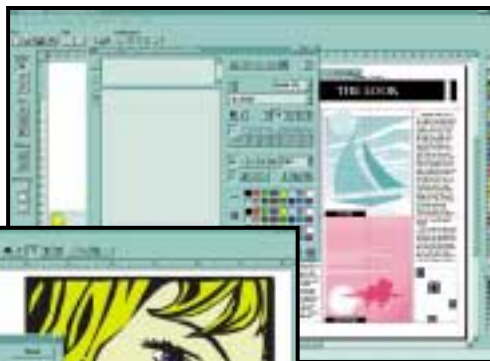
- Pantone colour matching
- Professional CMYK separation
- OLE and TWAIN compatibility.

You also get 400 TrueType fonts, 3,000 clipart images in Windows Metafile format – in fact, everything you need for producing great DTP documents.

PagePlus 4 is perfect for creating ads and brochures, business stationery, flyers and forms, newsletters, notices and handouts, event programmes, posters, price lists and reports, announcements, invitations, greetings cards, and much more.

#### DrawPlus 2

DrawPlus is a stunning vector drawing and illustration application that lets you create illustrations quickly and easily, as well as modify and recolour clipart. Features include Intelligent QuickShapes and multicolour blends, making it the perfect complement to PagePlus.



*DrawPlus 2 (left) and PagePlus 4 (above) can be used in conjunction with each other*

PagePlus has won many awards for its professional features and ease of use. You can do just about anything with this application that bigger, more expensive packages can do and you don't have to be an expert to get great results.

Some of PagePlus 4's features include:

- 200 design wizards
- Powerful layout tools
- Proof reader and AutoCorrect
- 70 import and export files

#### Clipart library

The clipart library included with PagePlus and DrawPlus cannot be accessed directly from the default folder on the CD-ROM or DVD. This is because the installation folders were moved in order to integrate them with the PCW menu and the other programs on the disc. To access the clipart from within PagePlus (ie using Import Picture Wizard) you should choose: 'Other Pictures' – 'Windows metafile' then navigate to the folder <CD:>\Software\Serif\Serif\Clipart.

The folders are organised by picture categories and highlighted images are displayed as thumbnails within the file browser.

Serif DrawPlus 4 (MSRP £49.95)

### Free registration

If you want to continue using PagePlus after 30 days, then you will have to register.

However, you'll have to register DrawPlus straight away before you can start using it. But don't worry, registering the programs is simple and completely free (Serif even pays for the call). Readers simply have to install the software and call up Serif's FreePhone number quoting the product registration code (below) and an installation number (which will appear on the screen after you have installed the software).

**Registration codes:**

**Serif PagePlus 4:** PCW/PP4/0800

**Serif DrawPlus 2:** PCW/DP2/0800

**Serif's FreePhone registration line:**  
0500 454 645

# AutoStreet 2000 Lite

FULL VERSION

worth  
£19.

This powerful new routeplanning software covers the whole of Great Britain, using high-quality maps and a very intuitive interface. It will quickly calculate the best route to take and includes some very useful extras, such as a database of all the petrol stations in the country – so there's no excuse for running out of fuel when you're off travelling.

AutoStreet 2000 is unique in that it uses only the very latest Ordnance Survey data to produce its high-quality, high-resolution maps in a software-only product. It uses Year 2000 and 1999 data sets (the latest available) rather than historic 1995 data that is sub-licensed from Navigational Technologies (NavTech). Other companies use this old data in their latest products. The NavTech street data is very cheap but the information can be over five years old and it doesn't have GPS support. After all, many changes have happened to our roads over the past five years.

In the **Lite version** (featured unrestricted on this disc), you get the following features:

- Latest Ordnance Survey map data
- Calculate and display the quickest routes (shortest and cheapest routes in Standard product only)
- High-resolution raster maps
- Five levels of zoom (1:4.5m, 1:1.5m, 1:625k, 1:250k, 1:100k)
- IntelliZOOM technology – draw a box and zoom into nearest scaled map
- Over 220,000 named features & places of interest
- New multidirection and multi-speed scrolling – makes easy work of moving around maps
- Push-pin database of petrol stations or

simply create your own.

- Laptop zoom feature – up to 400 per cent zoom magnification for distance reading.

Here's what else you'll get if you **upgrade to the standard version** of AutoStreet 2000:

- Street-level maps within the entire M25 orbital road network
- Full GPS tracking throughout Great Britain
- Seven zoom levels – five routes and two street zoom levels (M25 only). Professional version has ALL streets for the entire Great Britain
- GPS tracking to street level within the M25
- Complete 1.6 million postcode database for the whole of Great Britain
- Address checker and postcode locator
- Latitude and longitude navigator.

## GPS tracking to street level\*

All the other products that use the NavTech data provide street addressing based on 1995 data. However, none of them give you GPS (Global Positioning System) tracking down to street level on a realtime basis. The reason for this is that NavTech produces the majority of all in-car navigational systems. In order to stop a cheap software solution

stealing its market it only licenses its software for GPS tracking down to route level rather than street level. However, the publishers of AutoStreet license data directly from Ordnance Survey, which allows for realtime GPS tracking.

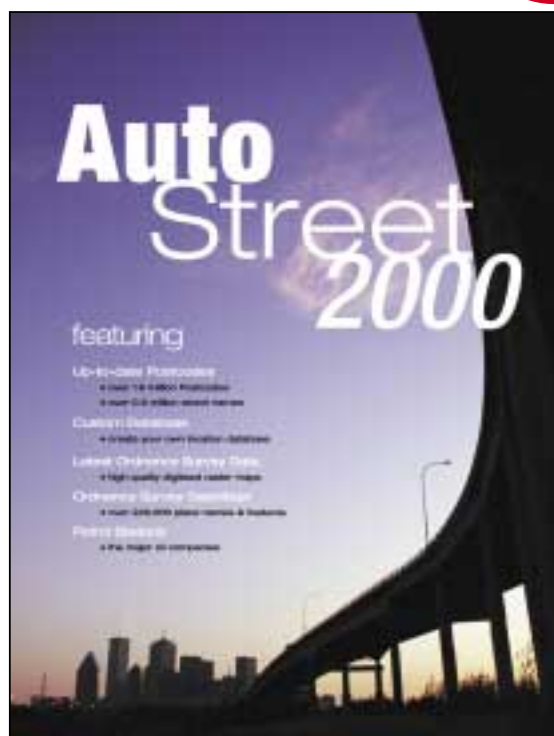
## Accurate postcode locator\*

AutoStreet's Postcode Locator uses a highly efficient algorithm to calculate the best, mean position for each postcode. In this manner the postcodes are actually much more accurate than the original Royal Mail postcodes since an exact latitude and longitude is calculated on a root-mean-square average. This means that all the postcodes on street-level maps are more accurate than any other software product. (\* Not in Lite version)

## Competition

We have teamed up with Garmin, the world's largest producer of handheld GPS receivers, to give away the GARMIN ETREX GPS Receiver to one lucky winner who loads the trial version of the software and enters their details into the FREE DRAW COMPETITION (details on the website at [www.auto-street.com](http://www.auto-street.com)). The good news is that you don't actually need to purchase the software to enter.

Full details on the disc.



Note: box shows AutoStreet 2000 Standard



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### Special offers for PCW readers



#### OFFER 1 – Serif PagePlus 6 & Graphics Pack

**Serif PagePlus 6** (MSRP £99.95)

Special reader offer price **£39.95** (including CD and manual)

**Serif 100,000 Graphics Pack** (MSRP £69.95)

Nine CDs of clipart, photos and web art  
(including a full printed reference guide)

Special reader offer price **£29.95**

**Get both (including manuals) for just £49.95!**

#### OFFER 2 – Serif DrawPlus 4 & Graphics Pack

**Serif DrawPlus 4** (MSRP £49.95)

Special reader offer price **£29.95** (CD, Design CD and manual)

**Serif 100,000 Graphics Pack** (MSRP £69.95)

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#### OFFER 3 – Serif PagePlus 6, Serif DrawPlus 4 & Graphics Pack

**All of the above software**

Serif PagePlus 6 plus Serif DrawPlus 4  
plus Serif 100,000 Graphics Pack for **only £79.95!**

All prices include VAT, shipping and handling at £6 per order

All products are supplied complete with manuals

CALL FREEPHONE 0800 376 4848 and quote code **RO/PCW/0800**

### Using the cover disc and where to find Hands On

The PCW cover disc uses a web-browser-style interface. As well as cutting the time needed for development, content designed for the web can be easily ported to the disc (and vice versa). Compatibility issues are reduced as your browser has been installed to work on your individual PC.

However, to get full functionality from it, you will need to use Microsoft Internet Explorer (version 4 or later). This is because we use a special ActiveX plug-in that allows us to install software directly from the browser, without all the options, dialogs and security warnings you normally get. Unfortunately, Netscape doesn't properly support this software. For non-Microsoft users, we've included a small installer that will run when you insert the disc, or when you run the program PCW.EXE in the root of the disc. Of course, you can still launch the main browser to read all about the software on this month's disc.



#### IMPORTANT

Please note that we cannot give support on individual programs contained on this disc.

If you have problems running the disc or any of its content, please follow these guidelines:

- Faulty disc (ie, the disc is physically damaged and will not load) – return the disc for a replacement to: PCW August cover disc, TIB plc, Helpline Returns, Unit 5 Triangle Business Park,

Pentrebach, Merthyr Tydfil, Mid Glamorgan CF48 4YB, quoting ref 'PCW Vol 23 No 8'.

- You have problems installing/running some of the software check the support page on the CD, or the support website at

[www.pcw.vnuet.com/cd](http://www.pcw.vnuet.com/cd). You should also check the manufacturer's website (the details in most cases are given on the CD).

- For general difficulties call 01685 354726

- If you're still stuck, drop us an email at [pcwcd@vnu.co.uk](mailto:pcwcd@vnu.co.uk) – we may be able to help.

#### Hands On

This is where you will find those useful bits of code and software to save you time and effort when you're following *Hands On* projects from *Personal Computer World* (see the back of this issue for more details). Any *Hands On* files included can be found in the *Hands On* folder on the CD-ROM drive. Also included this month is WindowBlinds. If you're bored with bog-standard looking windows, WindowBlinds lets you customise them.

**Auto Street 2000**

featuring

- 100-Notable Products
- 4 new '98 critical technologies
- 4 new '98 million-dollar bargains
- Expert Decisions
- 10 new place-based features & destinations
- Latest Chevrolet, Buick, Oldsmobile
- 4 high-quality, affordable value picks
- Exclusives: Ferrari, Chevrolet
- 4 over \$25,000 place names & more, too
- Petrol Shopping
- 4 top-1000 car companies

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# UK-INFO POWER

'So powerful the powerful already want it banned'  
'Know your customers and business associates'

- build your business
- find contacts – reduce bad debt
- save time and money

**There's nothing else quite like it.**  
**This unique business**  
**database features:**

- Information on 2.7 million companies and 3.8 million company directors
- Search for companies by name, turnover, activity, location and director
- Export up to 250 records per search
- Covers the whole of the UK
- Search for directors by name, age, location, company, salary and occupation
- View company/director details instantly, including accounts information
- Allows information to be searched with just partial search criteria and wildcards
- Includes company name, full trading address, parent and ultra-parent company, telephone number, half a million fax numbers, directors' names and home addresses, company accounts, employment band, profit band, company registration number, multiple SIC code descriptions describe a company's activities
- Sort records by any field
- Windows 98/2000 interface design makes it easy and fast to use

### Benefits

- Reverse searchable – by using anything from names, street names, door numbers and other criteria you are able to find anyone, in a variety of ways

- Research a company's history, reveal associations between companies, such as common directors



VERSION ONLY

- Research directors and list all company directorships
- Create databases and mailing lists using business criteria, SIC code, line of business, turnover band and employment band
- Research directors' salaries
- Protect yourself from fraud – arm yourself with information on your business partners, competitors, business customers, suppliers, debtors and creditors

### Upgrade version also includes

- Unlimited access – no timeout
- Street atlas and road directions to companies in Great Britain with Route66

### PCW reader upgrade offer

The upgrade includes unlimited access (no timeout) plus street atlas and road directions to companies in Great Britain, provided by Route 66.

You can upgrade saving 10% on the normal price, for just **£206.95** including VAT.

Call the sales hotline: 08000 192 192

Why not visit the InfoPower website at [www.192.com](http://www.192.com)?

\*Trial version included on the DVD-ROM edition of *Personal Computer World*



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# What's on the DVD

This month sees the arrival of the first *Personal Computer World* DVD-ROM. If you didn't buy the DVD edition this month, why not look out for it on sale next month? Or you can subscribe to the DVD edition by phoning the DVD subs hotline on 01858 438 885. You can also buy the DVD-ROM separately by phoning the same number – see page 10 for details.

The huge capacity of DVD allows us to include the equivalent of around six CD-ROMs worth of great content. In addition to the programs on the CD, we've got six months worth of product group tests from *PCW* in PDF format, a new Games section and much more.

## Lotus SmartSuite 97



It's been around for a while now, but this professional office suite from Lotus still offers some powerful applications with a great set of Internet features.

SmartSuite comes with no fewer

than five closely integrated pro-quality programs:

- WordPro word processor
- Approach – easy-to-use database
- 1-2-3 – groundbreaking spreadsheet
- Organizer – award-winning PIM
- Freelance – graphics & presentation

## NetObjects Fusion 2



One of the top names in website development. Fusion encourages a structured approach to planning and executing your website that will save you time and effort in

the long term. Check out the NetObjects website for information about the latest version of Fusion and other great NetObjects products.

## Guardian Century CD

100 years of history from *The Guardian* with the BBC World Service. Look back on the century that's just passed, through news stories of the time. *The Guardian* Century makes fascinating reading and you'll also find many high-quality photos and audio clips to accompany the stories.

**System requirements:** Pentium or

faster; 32MB of RAM; Windows 95, 98, or NT; 800 x 600 16bit colour display

## UK-Info Power – 30-day trial

This is your chance to try out in full for 30 days, the New CD-ROM business directory that is 'so powerful the powerful already want it banned'.



UK-Info Power contains information on 2.7 million companies and 3.8 million company directors. You can search for companies by name, turnover, activity, location and director, and export up to 250 records per search.

The data includes company name, full trading address, parent company, ultra-parent company, telephone number, half a million fax numbers, directors' names, directors' home addresses, company accounts, employment band, profit band, company registration numbers, multiple SIC code descriptions describe a company's activities.

*PCW* readers can upgrade to the full version at a special discount price. Check the upgrade offer on page 20.

## Atlantic Business Suite

A complete solution to project and resource management. The system consists of three powerful applications,



Timesheet Expert Server which offers comprehensive timesheet management. Timesheet Expert Web, which extends the functionality of the timesheet software and project management tools to the Internet, and Atlantic Projections, a project management tool which provides project and resource scheduling and completely integrated project and timesheet management.

**PLEASE NOTE** the first time you run the software you will be asked for a user name and password. Enter 'Supervisor' as user (leave the password field blank).

## Games

Check out some of the latest playable games demos, including:

- Dogs of War (pictured)
- Rollcage Stage II



- Hidden and Dangerous
- Thief II – The Metal Age
- Shadow Watch
- Resident Evil 2
- Star Trek Klingon Academy
- UEFA 2000
- Evolve
- Die Hard Trilogy 2

## Essentials sections

This is where you'll find all those utilities, updates, and accessories you just can't do without. Split into Internet, Office, Creative, Utilities and Other, plus the Library selection from our own vnunet downloads website, you'll find more than 50 great programs. We'll be adding to and updating this section as time goes on, so you'll know where to go to get the latest versions.



## Editorial

In addition to the *Hands On* files and utilities mentioned in the magazine, you'll also find six months worth of product group tests from *PCW* in Adobe Acrobat format. This month we've got 18 group tests covering printers, monitors, motherboards, PCs, databases, anti-virus software, CD writers and much more.

## Starting the DVD-ROM

The DVD should auto-start, just like the CD. If it doesn't, double-click the DVD-ROM icon in My Computer or, alternatively, run the file PCW.EXE on the root of the DVD. Check out the support website at [www.pcw.vnunet.com/cd](http://www.pcw.vnunet.com/cd) for late-breaking news on the programs on the disc.