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This month's *Hands On* sees the second in our ten-part series on **millennium bug** issues covering possibly the largest concerned audience: **Windows** users can breath a sigh of relief as Tim Nott confirms that the most directly affected areas are compliant and there are only a few straggling issues to take care of. And, to complement the inclusion of **Quicken SE 6** on our cover CD, we have Alex Singleton's two-part workshop. Nik Rawlinson continues his *Hands On* presence with part two of the excellent **web authoring** workshop. This time, the humble web page is addressed as to its content and style. There's a **new look** to our *Internet* section, with something for both surfers and servers to get their teeth into. In addition, there's the launch of a new **discussion forum** on the internet with an open invitation for all you readers to keep Nigel Whitfield on his toes. As always, the contents of our *Hands On* columns are really down to you, the reader, so please feel free to send me your comments and suggestions or you can contact our contributors directly.

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