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Welcome to February's *Hands On*. We may still be in the depths of winter, but Roger Gann, being the tidy chap that he is, has already embarked on his spring cleaning. His *16-Bit* column this month contains all those **hints and tips** he has collected over the years and just dug out from under the bed or behind the cushions of his armchair. Ben Woolley, meanwhile, takes a second look at the development of **3D on the net**. Is Microsoft poised to capture this arena too, or will **Java** give it a run for its money? Have you ever wondered exactly what is a **firewall**? Or how it works? Our beginner's guide is here to help and Bob Walder investigates in *Networks*. Cliff Joseph, meanwhile, laments the fact that whereas PC users are spoilt for choice when it comes to hooking up a new printer, the iMac is somewhat forgotten. Perhaps **USB** is the answer...? As always, *Hands On* is the section of *PCW* which relies on you. Feel free to post your hints, tips and comments to the usual address, or email the columnists or myself directly.

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