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Thinking of setting up your own business? Well take a look at the full versions of PlanIT's business software on this month's cover disc which includes the PlanIT Start Up Business Plan. There's also an exclusive, full MultiPath movie offer from Brilliant Digital Entertainment and a range of excellent upgrade offers with PhotoEnhancer, NetTracker and Music Ace. You will also find no less than five games demos including Thief and Heretic II, two of the latest and greatest games around, plus a range of internet tools and utilities, and much more in our Software Library.

PlanIT (full version)

Yes, it's absolutely true — a CD with full versions of two PlanIT business packages. The **PlanIT Start Up Business Plan** (£49.99 inc VAT) is a program designed for those just setting out on the first steps of running their own business. Dealing with the need to attract investment and co-ordinating the first crucial months or years of your business, Start Up Business Plan shows you how to set objectives, implement strategies and raise finance. This program is straightforward and easy to use and is tailored specifically to the needs of UK users.

If you're going to be a millionaire the first thing you'll need is a good business plan and PlanIT will walk you through the process of analysing your business idea to create this important document.

You will also find **PlanIT Financial Adviser** (£29.99 inc VAT) which is designed to help with financial decisions and investments. It can be used in your personal and business life and offers a simple, user-friendly interface.

So, now you can use PlanIT to analyse your finances and work out what else you can spend the money on!

☛ **For further information** on any of the PlanIT range of software, telephone 0181 875 4444. Alternatively, you can visit their website at **www.planit.co.uk** direct from the CD Online section of our disc.

PCW DETAILS

Platform *Windows 95*
Limitation *Full version*
Sales Contact
01494 455551
Technical Support
0181 8754459

Technical information to help you use the CD

✔**System Requirements**
You will need a PC running Windows 3.1 or 95. The disc will run under 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.
Windows 95 — The

PCW interactive loader will appear on your screen. If your CD doesn't autoload, go to Start/Run and type
<CD Drive>:\pcw.exe
Windows 3.1 — From Windows Program Manager choose File/Run, then type <CD Drive>:\pcw.exe and press enter.

✔**Faulty Discs**

If you get messages such as '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 bearing your name and address, and clearly marked 'PCW CD MARCH 1999' to: **TIB plc, HelpLine Returns, Unit 5, Triangle Business Park, Pentrebach, Merthyr Tydfill, CF48 4YB.** A replacement disc will be sent to you by post. You must use this address as replacement discs cannot be supplied from our VNU offices.

✔**Technical Support**
If you have technical problems with individual products, 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 (10:30am-12:30pm and 1.30pm-4:30pm) on 01685 354726. A live technical info page is also available through CD Online, direct from the CD (*see p23*). And see

'Faulty Discs' (*left*) for replacement disc information.

✔**Getting software onto our CD**
PCW 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.

• Phone Afshan Nasim on 0171 316 9592 or email **afshan_nasim@ vnu.co.uk**.

Photo Enhancer

Originally supplied to be used with the Kodak DC50 digital camera, PhotoEnhancer is a simple program which enables you to correct faults in photographic digital images. If photos are too bright or too dark, or off-colour from the poor use of a flash, this will put it right quickly and conveniently without the need for a program like Paint Shop Pro or Photoshop, say. Tools include Marquee, Blur, Sharpen, Lighten and Darken. Filters include Daylight, Inside Flash and Heavy Shadow.

☛ **Note:** Camera operation options shown on the application menus only work with a Kodak DC50 digital camera attached to your system. If they are selected with no camera present, the program will crash.

PCW DETAILS

Platform *Windows 95*
Limitation *Full version*
Sales Contact
01420 83811
Technical Support
None available

Photo Enhancer Upgrade Deal — HotShots

Upgrade to HotShots from PhotoEnhancer for only £44.95 (inc VAT and delivery) saving nearly 30 percent on the recommended retail price of £62.28.

HotShots is a state-of-the-art photo-editing package which utilises all the best facilities available under Windows 95.

☛ Special features include:
• Picture enhancement
• Improved pictures with a one-step QuickFix
• Automatically correct lighting conditions with SmartPix
• Add shapes, arrows, text and special effects to pictures
• Quick one-step retrieval and organisation of your pictures
• In built internet access

For more information, contact Bit UK
Phone 01420 83811 or fax 01420 80657. Web **www.bit.co.uk**

HoTMetaL PRO 5

HoTMetaL PRO 5.0 is the most powerful version yet of SoftQuad's HTML authoring and publishing tool. It is suitable both for professionals and those less experienced in website development and has all the necessary features to help the user easily develop sophisticated websites. It offers a comprehensive range of site development tools, all within one application, including the production of HTML for all flavours of browser, a customisable user interface and tools to create the funky graphics that no up-to-date site should be without.

HoTMetaL PRO 5.0 uses Internet Explorer components in its implementation and offers: an Asset tab in the Resource Manager, a WYSIWYG Frames viewer, Page Preview, Site Maker preview and macros. Thumbnail View and the Open dialog preview window also require that Microsoft Active Desktop be installed: the software still operates satisfactorily under Windows 95 and NT 4.0 if Internet Explorer and Active Desktop are not installed but the above features will not be available.

New features include the combination of the HoTMetaL PRO Editor and Information Manager from HoTMetaL PRO 4.0 into a single application, offering editing and site management functions. The Resource Manager is new, too: it is an asset management tool which allows access to all kinds of web objects such as images, cascading style sheets, scripts and dynamic HTML plus many more new features for you to play with!

PCW DETAILS

Operating Systems
Windows 95, 98 and NT 4.0
Limitations
30-day limited demo
Sales Contact
0181 387 4110
Technical Support
simon@uk.sq.com

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 interact with the action along the way. The online library includes adventures from Xena - Warrior Princess, Ace Ventura, Superman, Popeye and original titles — all available to order from the internet.

This month's cover disc contains a special copy of the Digital Player required to watch the movies. It carries watchable previews of an adventure with Xena - Warrior Princess and a spooky story called 'The Evil Pen Pal'. Other previews are available from the Box Office at the Brilliant Digital Website. By using this exclusive version of the Player, *Personal Computer World* readers can download the full length version of 'Evil Pen Pal' from the online Box 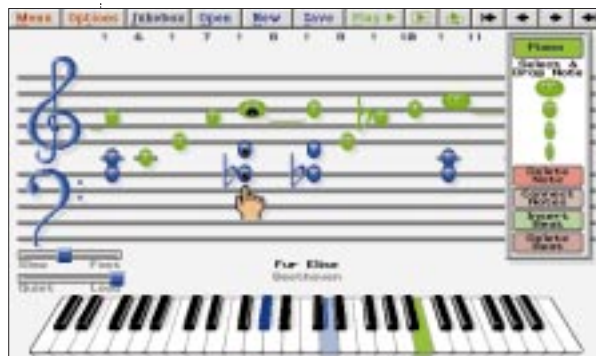Office completely free. Just install the Player on your system and watch the preview movies. Then, while previewing Evil Pen Pal, click on Get Movie. This will launch your browser and take you to an order page for the Evil Pen Pal movie. You will need to set up your account by supplying your email address and credit card details. Evil Pen Pal will be made available for you to download completely free. In future, if you want to purchase another film, your details will already be stored so you can just go straight ahead and download your new movie — your account will be debited automatically. The movies are compact and relatively quick to download. If you already have the preview movie inside the Player (*as mentioned*) only the key files that open the full movie are downloaded and these are very small.

PCW DETAILS

Platform *Windows 95*
Limitation *Fully working player with access to one free movie.*
Sales Contact
01895 831307
Technical Support
01895 831307

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Music Ace

Music Ace is an engaging and relaxed music education software program from Harmonic Vision, that provides an introduction to music fundamentals for new music students. It is suitable for both children and older students and its user-friendly interface (including Maestro Max) is continually present to direct and support the student. A choir of singing notes participates in a series of 24 comprehensive lessons, playing a variety of challenging games with users, who can compose and listen to their own music from the unique Music Doodle Pad. Students can also compose their own music using a variety of instrument sounds. These creative compositions can then be saved and played back. It is also possible to create pieces by modifying popular music selections from the Jukebox section of the Music Doodle Pad.

The 24 lessons cover stave and keyboard relationship, keyboard basics, major scales and octaves, pitch identification, note reading and listening skills amongst many other features. Individuals can track their progress through lessons and games with a 'completion count', which provides a record of the number of times the user has gone through each section of a lesson, as well as through 'games progress' which provides an account of high scores. Lively animations and colourful graphics complement the traditional music instruction.

> **Special Offer to readers of Personal Computer World**
> Music Ace normally sells for £29.95 (inc VAT, plus £6 p&p) but is now available to *PCW* readers for only £19.95 (inc VAT, plus £6 p&p).
> ☞ *Personal Computer World* readers should contact Guildsoft by phoning 01752 895100 and quoting the reference **903GUWOR**.

PCW DETAILS
Operating systems
Windows 3.1, 386MHz or better.
Limitations *Only a limited number of tutorials and games available.*
Sales Contact
+44 (0) 1752 895100
Technical Support
01752 895100 (9am to 5.30pm)

Wargasm

Wargasm is a new kind of combat game, released by DID. It's a simulation game where the players check out battlefield and weather effects as if in the real world. The game allows players to fight from the air, on foot or in a tank. In addition to the combat action, Wargasm allows strategic and tactical control of your forces and offers a multiple-player option.

When entering the game, you are presented with a map of global territories and your objective is to turn the map one colour. Once an enemy is identified you must assemble your forces from a selection of virtual troops and armoured fighting vehicles before going into battle. But if your force is made up from the wrong elements, it could spell disaster! Once in the midst of the battle, the tactical control of your forces is in your hands via a drag-and-drop interface. You can jump into any tank commander's seat to enjoy the full excitement of the combat!

PCW DETAILS
Operating System
Windows 95/98
Limitations *Training levels and first level only.*
Sales Contact
0161 827 8000
Technical Support
0161 827 8060

Heretic 2

Activision brings you Heretic II, a third-person action game based on the Quake II engine. It sets players on a quest through city and outdoor environments as they search for a cure to an evil plague. Players take on the role of Corvus, the character from Heretic who has been banished to the Outer Worlds by D'sparil. As Corvus, the user can perform a variety of acrobatic, swimming and climbing manoeuvres in order to penetrate the mystery of the plague. Exploring city, swamp, canyon and dungeon levels, you use a variety of offensive and defensive spells such as the Sphere of Annihilation, Repulsion and Fireball in conjunction with a magical bow and staff to defeat the plague-ridden inhabitants of Parthoris.

Heretic II is not a battle tale but rather tells the further story of Corvus, the hero of the original Heretic game. For those who haven't played the first in this semi-series, Heretic was rather like Doom with a medieval setting.

PCW DETAILS
Operating System
Windows 95/98
Limitations
Restricted levels and weapons.
Sales *Any good software retailer.*
Technical Support
None available.

Thief

Thief is a first person action adventure. You take the role of the hero Garrett, the master thief, and you are assigned a mission by your patron, Constantine, to steal a guarded sword. Stealth and intellect are best your weapons as you slip through the silent corridors of a sleeping ancient town. You walk around a city with guarded prisons, haunted cathedrals and large mansions. Your victims are the city's corrupt and privileged nobility whose wealth is yours — provided that their guards don't hear you coming! Having successfully completed your first mission your patron explains to you that this was merely a test and you are then assigned your real mission: to steal a gem known as the 'Eye'. As your quest progresses, a mystic dark world unfolds exposing the true identity of Constantine. Strength is all important in trying to discover, and get out of, the web of intrigue that surrounds you.

You are supplied with unique weapons to succeed in your goal. There is a blackjack which can be used to knock out unsuspecting opponents, a noise arrow to throw them off the trail and moss bombs to silence your footsteps in stone corridors. If all these weapons are not enough then the fire arrow, or your sword are always available. The revolutionary 'Dark Engine' provides advanced environmental simulation and advanced artificial intelligence brings you creatures with 'hearing' capabilities, which react to all sounds in the environment.

PCW DETAILS

Operating system *Windows 95/98*
Limitations *Restricted levels and weapons.*
Sales Contact *0121 3324647*
Technical Support *0121 6061800*
techsupp@eidos.com

Tomb Raider III

Version three and we find Lara in India for her new adventure! Compared to previous versions Tomb Raider III is non-linear, both in the style of the game and within the levels. Users are able to choose their own path through the game by selecting the order in which they play each of the four main levels. These levels are also more open, with multiple routes to the same end so the player must make wise choices — if you don't replay every level of this adventure you'll probably miss parts of it.

Tomb Raider III contains five separate worlds which link together. After completing the first adventure, the subsequent three can be played in any order before the fifth, concluding, level is undertaken. New features include enemies with 'pack' mentality, a new landscape system, improved texture palettes and improved water effects. New moves including crawl, monkey swing and speed dash.

PCW DETAILS

Platform *Windows 95/98*
Limitations *One level only.*
Sales Contact *0121 3324647*
Technical Support *0121 356 0831*

Glover

Hasbro Interactive brings you Glover! The story is that a good wizard, with magical gloves, accidentally mixes the wrong potions which results in one almighty explosion! This explosion sends one of his magic gloves sailing through the air while the other flies into a cauldron of evil — and suddenly the entire kingdom's power crystals are bouncing around like rubber balls. What a mess!

The user is challenged to put everything back in order again. For the user to restore the kingdom, he must return the gloves and crystals. He must also transform the balls and gloves to magical spells to beat his enemies, discover the secret sections and the crush level.

PCW DETAILS

Operating systems *Windows 95/98*
Limitations *Restricted levels and weapons*
Sales Contact *Hasbro Interactive 0181 569 1234*
Technical Support *0990 745745*

☞ **The full game features**
• Control of the glove and ball as a team, to solve unique puzzles
• The possibility of casting a variety of magical spells and exploring huge levels
• Unique 3D platform action
• Bizarre characters
• Seven different fantasy worlds to explore.
• There are more than 20 levels.

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Software Library }

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

What follows is a selection of just some of the many utilities included on our cover disc this month.

Some essential utilities
• **Add/Remove 4Good 2.0**
(Windows 95)
Get rid of those unwanted entries in Control Panels' Add/Remove list.
(Limited-use shareware)
• **Adobe Acrobat Reader 3.01 + Search**
(Windows 3.1/ 95/NT)
View, navigate and print PDF files across all major computing platforms.
(Fully-functioning reader)
• **Awave 4.9**
(Windows 95/98/NT)
Read a host of audio file formats from different platforms, synthesisers and trackers. Awave can be used as an audio file format converter, an audio editor, and audio player.
(30-day shareware)

• **Catch-UP 1.2**
(Win95/NT/3.1/32s)
Search for the newest versions of many popular internet-distributed software applications and hardware drivers and generate a custom list of software updates and corresponding download sites.
(Freeware)
• **GIF Construction Set 1.0Q**
(Windows 3.1/95)
A quick and professional way to create transparent, interlaced and animated GIF files for web pages.
(30-day shareware)
• **Ed for Windows 3.80**
(Windows 3.1/95/NT)
Intelligent, language-sensitive editing. A one-stop productivity tool for programmers that slashes coding.
(45-day trial)
• **EzDesk for Windows 1.8**
(Windows 95/NT)
Manage desktop icons layout and restore a previous desktop icon layout from a saved arrangement.
(Limited function shareware)
• **Fontastic 5.0**
(Windows 95)
A font management tool that allows quick and easy viewing of all the fonts stored on your system, and the printing of samples.
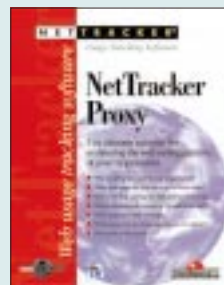(31-day evaluation)

• **GetRight 3.2**
(Windows 95/NT)
Resume on errors while downloading files from web or ftp sites, schedule downloads and more.
(30-day evaluation)
• **Graphics Workshop Professional 2.0a**
(Windows 95/NT)
View, convert and catalogue your images in a wide variety of formats.
(Shareware)
• **Macro Express 1.0k**
(Windows 95/NT)
A macro utility that allows you to create macros manually or by recording them. Macros can be created and edited with an easy 'Scripting Editor' which allows you to see each step and command.
(30-day trial)
• **MacSEE**
(Windows 3.1/ 95/NT)
Simple and fast transfer of files between a Mac and a PC-compatible system. Read and write directly to or from Macintosh disks on your PC.
(Limited demo)
• New version
Microangelo 98
(Windows 95)
Browse, manage, create and edit Windows 95 icons from 8 x 8 to 64 x 64 pixels in size and up to 256 colours.
(30-day shareware)
• **Microsoft Excel & Word Viewers**
(Windows 95/NT)
Allows documents from any version of Microsoft Word or Excel to be shared

with others.
(Freeware)
• **UBE 98 1.8**
(Windows 98)
Security program which encrypts your current work as well as creating encrypted self-extracting .exe files for distribution to others. Uses 2,048-bit encryption technology.
(Shareware)
• **Winarj 95/98**
(Windows 95/98)
A 32-bit Windows Shell for 'ARJ Archive Software'. This version is written for Windows 95/98 and supports long-file-names.
(Time-limited demo).
• **WinZip 7.0**
(Windows 95/NT)
Industry-standard

compression/decompression utility for Windows 95 and NT.
(21-day evaluation).

New Software
• **Roulette**
(Windows)
This great new game combines 100 percent accuracy with brilliant 24-bit rendered graphics, smooth animation and a genuine 'real feel'.
(Limited demo)
• **STD Code Decoder 6.0**
(Windows)
List UK Telephone STD Codes and selected overseas codes, in numerical order, avoiding wasted calls, identifying mobile phones and

premium rate lines.
(Limited demo)
• **Web Scrapbook 1.00**
(Windows 95 and NT)
Eight simple steps to creating a web page. You don't need a single word of HTML!
(Freeware)
• **Budget Tracker 1.0**
(Windows 95 and NT)
A budgetary control system that sets up single or multiple budgets, earmarks funds, registers commitments and spending of funds against budgets.
(Limited demo)
• **Hardware Organizer 3.0**
(Windows 95/98/NT)
Allows computer

owners, small offices, and hardware dealers to organise, catalogue, and manage their hardware on their PCs.
(Limited demo)
• **MailKing 1.1**
(Windows 95 and NT)
A powerful and easy to use email merge tool for Windows which uses many contact databases, spreadsheets and

address books directly, without importing.
(Limited demo)
• **Music Organizer 3.0**
(Windows 95/98/NT)
Allows music collectors, audiophiles, hobbyists, dealers, and clubs to organise, catalogue, and manage their collections.
(Limited demo)

• **Oxford University Press Patch**
(Windows 95)
The Press Patch is a fix patch for our readers who experienced 'Run Time Errors' and were unable to run the Concise Oxford Dictionary that was given away with the January '99 issue of *PCW*.
(Freeware)

• **Recipe Organizer 3.0**
(Windows 95/98/NT)
Recipe Organizer enables recipe collectors, and chefs to organise, catalogue, and manage their recipe collections.
(Limited demo)
• **Software Organizer 3.0**
(Windows 95/98/NT)
Software Organizer

enables computer owners, institutions, and software dealers, as well as computer clubs to organise, catalogue, and manage their information about software.
(Limited demo)
• **Stay Alive 2.0**
(Windows 95/98/NT)
Keep your applications running after they crash. Stay Alive

enables you to save your work and avoid the pain of having to repeat it.
(Limited demo)
• **Wine Organizer 3.0**
(Windows 95/98/NT)
Wine collectors, hobbyists, wine clubs, and cellar owners can organise, catalogue, and manage their collections.
(Limited demo)

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JOBNET   WWW.VNU.CO.UK

Jobworld.co.uk is a free service which provides you with access to thousands of new IT, business and finance vacancies every day. All you have to do is browse the site by job sector or search on a specific set of job skills or requirements.
The Jobworld Email Alert service offers extra freedom by sending only details which match the job seeker's preferences, allowing the recipient to control exactly what information is sent and when. Jobworld also offers links to job sites overseas, a guide to IT contracting and comprehensive lists of jobs from the top recruitment agencies in the UK.
www.jobworld.co.uk — be the first to know!

PCW CD OnLine

Access the internet direct from the opening screen!

CD Online offers an extension to the normal content contained on the disc by taking you directly to the on-line web sites of the companies featured. You'll be able to find out more about their products, the company itself and you could even send them an email and talk to them directly. 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 a live up-to-date Technical Info page about this month's cover-mounted CD-ROM. There is even a sneak preview of what will be on next month's 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.
☞ **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.

CompuServe

You can enjoy one month's free membership to CompuServe, which includes
• **Free** Unlimited access for one month*
• **Free** Online tour of CompuServe
• **Free** Email address
• **Free** 5Mb of web space
CompuServe is the UK's most exciting online internet service offering fast and easy access to the internet and its own exclusive online services. CompuServe organises the internet into easy-to-use categories so that you can find what you want at the touch of a button. Go shopping, book holidays and flights, find out about the latest films, keep up-to-date with news as it happens or simply keep in touch with family and friends around the world with CompuServe email.

*The free online time is available during the first month following registration only, subject to our Fair Use Policy (GO UKFAIRUSE). You must be 18 years old or over to register for CompuServe 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 due, unless you decide to cancel your membership.

PCW DETAILS

Platform
Windows 95 and 3.1
Limitations *One month free membership. Unlimited access.*
Contact
0990 134819

CompuServe