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Stuff loves

This month, these were things that made us take notice...



Solar-powered gadget jacket

See that bloke smirking up there? That's 'cause he has a solar-powered jacket and his gadgets are quietly charging while he moves from meeting A to meeting B. The fact that he is clearly a Terminator is by the by. www.scottevest.com



Virtual failures

Kids are so damned lazy these days. It appears that they now can't be arsed to leave the sofa to learn to drive. This *Pass Your Driving Test* software includes virtual driving scenarios, as well as a mock timed theory test (which some of us failed...oops), www.drivethiscar.net

On the Stuff PC/Mac



Pass Your Driving Test PC £30

Whether you are learning from scratch or showing off your knowledge, the 3D scenarios in this program are a blast. It includes full versions of the Highway Code, official theory test questions and hazard perception video clips. *****



Adobe Photoshop CS Mac, PC £605

Photoshop is a firm favourite with anyone who likes to play artist. As befits the huge pricetag, it is a bit complex: the improvements in this version alone need a graphics dictionary to translate. Still the best. *****



Apple Garage Band Jam Pack Mac £70

If you have already tired of Apple's *Garage Band* software, you need to get out more. Or buy the *Jam Pack*, which triples the music content, including 100 new instruments, 100 new effects and 15 new guitar amps. Rock on... *****



Adobe Encore DVD PC £460

If you are at all serious about making your own DVDs, the Freeware that came with your burner just won't cut it. *Encore* is at once simple to use and powerful: it supports eight audio streams and 32 subtitle streams. *****