

PCMedic & NetMedic 97

McAfee Associates introduced PCMedic 97 and NetMedic 97, a pair of diagnostic software utilities that integrate with client/server help desks.

The utilities diagnose, repair, and prevent common Windows 95 problems.

NetMedic is a networked version of PC Medic. It integrates with McAfee Service Desk help desk and SaberLAN Workstation.

PC Medic and NetMedic provide protection against general protection faults and stack overflows. The Crash Monitor feature intercepts crash-causing 16 and 32-bit system events, allowing users to save their work before exiting. Users can also revive frozen applications and save work that would otherwise be lost.

PC Medic and NetMedic automate system backups. The products' QuickBackup feature gives users simple point-and-click backups to most industry standard tape drives, Zip and Jaz drives, rewritable CDs, or the Internet. QuickBackup allows users to back up data files to any FTP site, including McAfee's electronic vaulting service, the McAfee Personal Vault.

Customers can download PC Medic from McAfee's website for a free 30-day evaluation. Downloaded versions are identical to shrink-wrapped versions and contain no time bombs, according to the company.

McAfee Associates Inc. is at <http://www.mcafee.com/>.

24x CD-ROM Drives

Panasonic may be the first to market a 24x internal CD-ROM drive in an IDE/ATAPI version next month. A SCSI version is due in May.

Panasonic hasn't set pricing, but expects the new drives to cost only a bit more than today's 12x drives, said Doug Feldner, product manager for Panasonic's multimedia systems division.

CD-ROM drives in 18x, 20x, and 24x speeds are expected from other vendors before June.

Today's current line of 12x drives that retail for about \$195 are still a smart buy for users who need greater throughput than the standard 8x speed.

Damar Group, Ltd. offers 12x and 16x CD-ROM drives as an option (in lieu of an 8x CD-ROM) in its custom-designed **DGL Gold** personal computers.

Plans include offering a 24x CD-ROM option when these drives are standardized and available from multiple manufacturers.

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Safe Online Transactions

Microsoft has announced its new Internet software, Marble, which is designed to secure a financial institution's website.

Marble allows customers to securely view statements, transfer funds, and pay bills online. The platform is based on an open systems approach to financial software programming known as the Open Financial Exchange specification.

Marble is one part of Microsoft's strategy to expand its software offerings to banking and other financial concerns. It will join other financial products such as Investor, which allows users to access information about public companies and the stock market.

Marble is expected to be available in September.

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