

apc

HIGH-PERFORMANCE COMPUTING

FEBRUARY 2006

EXTREME ADSL2+

Inside the rollout, the best plans so far



First head-to-head

THE FASTEST CPUs EVER!

We test the hot new Athlon FX-60 against Intel's Pentium Extreme Edition 955

apc 7 CDs' worth of software on DVD

XP TRICKS
This month:
installing XP by remote



CODER'S KIT
Omnis Studio 4.0.1 Standard Edition Development Kit
Free online registration required

\$395 value



PLAYABLE DEMO TRACKMANIA SUNRISE EXTREME



ACOUSTICA
Cleanup LPs and tapes

worth \$25



DVD If you don't have a DVD drive, we can mail you a CD of programs selected by APC from this DVD. Details at www.apcmag.com/cdmail. Use of this disc and its content is subject to the disclaimer on the back of this case and on the DVD, and any applicable third party license terms.

DEBIAN'S BIG UPGRADE
Over 2,000 new packages in the OS

Debian 3.1 (i386) for power Linux users: includes OpenOffice 1.1, 3D Support

IT'S HUGE 1.9GB

No need to burn CDs, Installs from this DVD

Includes complete Debian base system plus packages from install discs 1, 2, 3



FIX YOUR DIGITAL PICS!
Quickly rename thousands of digital photos with Name Dropper v3.0.

worth \$27

Best Buy Version



Explorer View 2.60
Instant preview of file contents - works with Windows Explorer

AS SOLD FOR US\$29.95

Best Buy Version



"COMPUTER, START MY PROGRAMS"
Simple, hassle-free speech recognition - Exclusive 4 month trial

Microphone recommended



THE ULTIMATE HARD DRIVE
Seagate's 500GB Barracuda




DELL'S 30in LCD SCREEN

We love it, but is it overkill?

labs comparison

FLAT PANEL TELEVISIONS



THE BOOM IN I.T. SUPPORT FRANCHISING

WORKSHOPS

- Program with ASPNet 2.0.
- How to extend wireless range.
- AND MORE!

NO COVER DISC? PLEASE ENQUIRE AT YOUR PLACE OF PURCHASE

Print Post Approved
PP25500300559

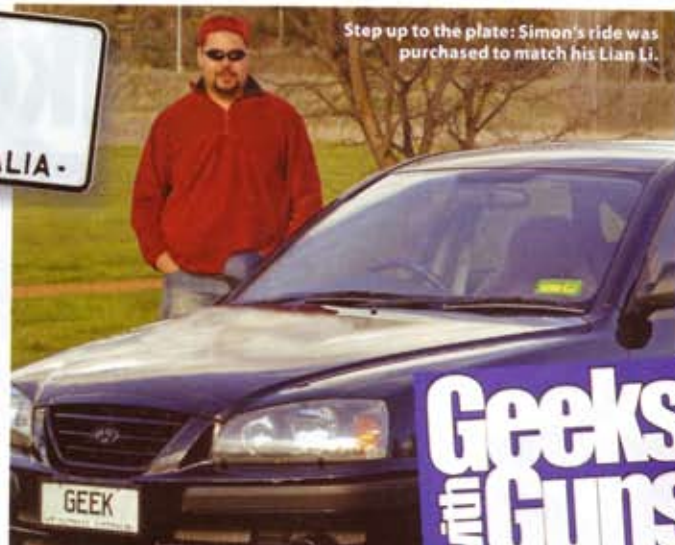
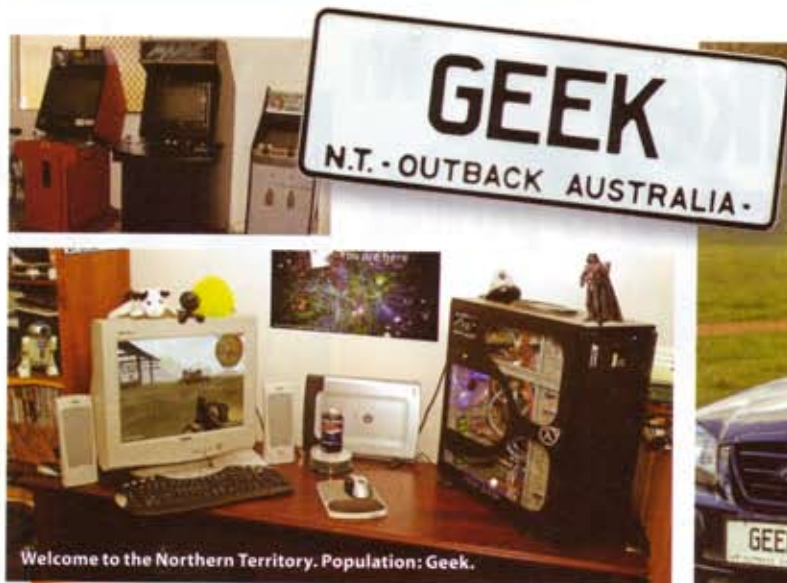
\$9.80 inc GST
NZ \$9.95 inc GST
ISSN - 0725-4415

apc magazines



9 513006 001362

02



Welcome to the Northern Territory. Population: Geek.

Step up to the plate: Simon's ride was purchased to match his Lian Li.

Geeks with Guns

Extreme geek

A Geek with a gun

Now we're not advocating guns here, but *Simon Woolley* is both an army-trained geek and a relaxed guy who could shoot a few holes in golfers on the weekend if he wanted to.

"You would be hard pressed to find a geekier geek than me," reckons Simon. We can't disagree, nor would we want to. Simon was in the army for 15 years, "shooting real guns, not those namby pamby BF2 ones, but ones with real bullets".

Despite his hardened mercenary façade, Simon's job was the building, maintaining and supporting of computer networks and servers in the field.

"Military geek training helped with setting up LAN parties on

weekends," he said. "First person shooters are the preferred games for a good military geek LAN party. Even if you're in the Army, it's nice to pretend to be a sniper for a few hours."

But such trifles as guns and hardened battlefield computer networks were not enough to qualify Simon for APC Extreme Geek status. We wanted more.

Then Simon dropped the real pearly: he picked his car to match his Lian Li computer case, and fitted

it with a personalised "GEEK" number plate.

This act of unbelievable geekness put him well over the finishing line. But that wasn't all.

Simon disclosed that he tried to put cold cathode neon lights in his car just like his Lian Li computer. "Only problem was I'm not good with electrics and I also found out it was illegal," he lamented.

In his spare time, Simon collects and rebuilds old arcade machines. He has original Golden Axe and

Tekken machines, each with 26in monitors, and a MAME emulator machine with a 21in monitor attached.

Simon declined to say what his current job is except that it is for a shadowy "government organisation", and that he now supports its worldwide computer systems. Simon may well have a dossier on you and me, but we've just done the dossier on him. Simon is officially an APC Extreme Geek.

Dan Warne



HOW GEEKY ARE YOU?

Have you wired up your car? Shared your home media library with five family members in three states? Made a 16 terabyte file server? If you've done something interesting with computing technology, APC wants to hear about it.

Email a description of your project to dwarne@acpmagazines.com.au and include photos (we need at least one of you pictured with your gear!). This month's Extreme Geek wins a digital HD USB TV tuner from Pioneer Computers. The DreamVision Digital TV tuner (\$199 RRP) turns a desktop



PC or notebook into a high-definition digital television receiver which also performs real-time digital video recording, scheduling and time shifting. The tuner supports USB 2.0 (and is also USB 1.1 compatible). More information at www.pioneer.net.au or call (02) 9690 2888.

January's Extreme Geek received a VoIP port Analogue Telephone Adaptor Kit from MyNetFone, which can be used to make and receive phone calls over broadband Internet. The Kit includes a MyNetFone SuperSaver account with \$5 call credit, so January's Extreme Geek will be able to connect it up and make phone calls straight away. The MyNetFone VoIP Adaptor retails for \$129. More information at www.mynetfone.com.au or call 1300 731 048.

