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or closing them up entirely. Also, as one might expect with a web design "studio," the hard disk space it requires of your computer is substantial.

The Bottom Line: If you need to create a new library web site painlessly from the ground up, this is the package for you. Dreamweaver 3 Fireworks 3 Studio offers both novice and experienced web designing librarians the means to build powerful, attractive new sites with no knowledge of HTML. Even with its fairly steep learning curve, this product will serve you well. Highly recommended for all libraries.—Enrique Diaz, Information Technology Svs., Harvard Coll. Lib.

**DATABASE DISC REVIEWS**

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If you've ever wondered where Amazon.com founder Jeff Bezos went to college (answer: Princeton) or when U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright was born (answer: 1938 in Czechoslovakia), check out *The International Who's Who* (IWW), published by Europa Publications. While the CD-ROM version of this standard print resource facilitates searching to an extent, it fails to use technology to its full potential.

The content includes biographical data on some 18,500 distinguished men and women throughout the world in the fields of politics, business, education, arts, and literature. Entries include nationality; date and place of birth; education; family details; past career and current position; honors; awards and publications; leisure interests; current address; and telephone number. The IWW is strongest in its coverage of politicians and government officials. Additional features include a section on reigning royal families and a list of eminent persons who have died since the publication of the last edition. While the content here is strong and accurate, the search interface could use some improvements.

To search for an entry, the "Home" screen offers Name Search and Extended Search. Clicking the Name Search icon brings up the entire index of names and a box into which one types the surname. The list moves to the point in the index that matches what is being typed. It's then necessary to highlight the name one wants and click the "ok" button. The printed user guide states that "If the typed surname is not listed, it does not exist in the *International Who's Who CD-ROM.*" Unfortunately, that statement is misleading. For example, if one searches "Sadam Hussein," one might type "Hussein" in the surname search, which points only to two entries for men with the surname "Hussein" but provides no cross reference to the leader of Iraq being indexed under "Sadaam." Some simple "see also" cross-referencing would mitigate potential user disappointment.

The Extended Search feature lets you limit by all the categories in the entries, in addition to an "any word" search. This is a nice extra if you want to find, for example, all entries for doctors in North America or all female politicians in Ireland. However, to search multiple terms in the "any word" search, the words are automatically matched as an "or" search, rather than an "and", the end result being that if you search on the two terms "Prince" and "Charles" you get a combined list of the 619 entries that include the word "Charles" and the 339 entries that include the word "Prince" (a list that is far too long to scroll through). It took several failed searches to determine that Prince Charles is listed in the name index as "Wales, Prince of." Navigation could be improved by providing a button for the Name Search at the top of each entry. Entries include the abbreviation q.v. (which see) next to names that appear in entries that have their own individual entries, but jumping to that reference is almost as time-consuming as it would be in print.

**The Bottom Line:** While the ability to limit searches by the various data elements adds value, *The International Who's Who's* current search interface and navigation would be vastly improved by enhancements like cross references, additional navigation buttons, and quick links for q.v. (which see) entries. Libraries should save the difference between the print resource ($490) and the CD-ROM ($660) and buy the book.—Elizabeth McKeigue, Access Svs., Widener Lib., Harvard Univ.

**THE NEW BOOK OF POPULAR SCIENCE ONLINE**

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Science teachers of grades five through 12 will welcome the addition of *The New Book of Popular Science Online* (NBPSO) into the curriculum. Based on the six-volume print title, the online version offers students a variety of encyclopedic science articles, news briefs, puzzles and games, sky charts, and several thousand science web links. Over 400 articles cover the fields of astronomy, human life, mathematics, physics, the plant world, and technology. Articles are comprehensive, though not exhaustive. There are over 8000 article-to-article links in the Sciclopedia, as well as hundreds of color photographs and graphics. In addition, each entry has a fun fact associated with the topic, a selected reading list, relevant web links, a Careers section, and a link called A Closer Look. For example, the entry for the Early Sky Watchers in the Astronomy and Space section presents an ancient Chinese star map as its fun fact. In the Careers section one can read a forthright introduction to astronomy as a profession detailing the years of study required to obtain a professional position, the state of the job market, and a realistic appraisal of salary expectations.

NBPSO is updated irregularly. Consequently, the editors can offer a variety of changing features. Each week a new sky chart is available for printing along with instructions and hints for its use. NewsBytes looks at three current science news stories each week. Accompanying each story is a lesson plan for the teacher with suggestions for leading classroom discussions and questions for students to research. The week I reviewed this resource the stories in NewsBytes were on discovering light planets, new baseball parks from a technological perspective, and the discovery of a new Egyptian pyramid. Ask Pop Sci answers three questions each week that are submitted by students. For those who like brain teasers and puzzles, the SciZone section has Math Brain for mathematical problems, Photo Bizarre for identifying odd or scrambled photographs, and Element Click for the student who wishes to test his or her knowledge of the periodic table of the elements. The SciFiles section is a collection of appendices of items such as conversion factors, mathematical formulas, and Nobel prize winners in the sciences.

**The Bottom Line:** *The New Book of Popular Science Online* can easily be incorporated into any school science curriculum. The Sciclopedia entries are written on a middle to high school level. The quantity and quality of graphics and features such as NewsBytes and SciZone are appealing to students, teachers, parents, and librarians. Recommended for school and public libraries.—John Carpen, Cabot Science Lib., Harvard Univ.