

# InfoTech Review

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## PC120 The Internet Using Netscape Communicator 4.x

**PC120 The Internet Using Netscape Communicator 4.x.** Teknimedia Corporation, [www.teknimedia.com](http://www.teknimedia.com), 800/366-4614. 1999. \$99.95. Win 95, Macintosh. [6-12, CS] *PC120 The Internet Using Netscape Communicator 4.x* is a self-guided, multimedia tutorial designed for introductory Internet instruction. The information presented includes topics pertaining to the history of the Internet, Internet access, navigating the World Wide Web using Netscape Communicator 4.x software, Internet security, and e-mail usage. A log-in feature is used for individual tracking purposes. The course includes twenty-two lessons, ten hands-on exercises, and three question/answer quizzes. Lessons contain videos, graphics, animations, and narration. A "FAQ" (frequently asked questions) button appears throughout the program to provide additional information. As part of a lesson, students complete interactive exercises that use sample Netscape screens and audio prompts for practice and reinforcement. As part of the feedback, help is provided if students continue to make incorrect responses. Interactive quizzes consisting of true/false and multiple-choice questions are used to evaluate progress. Students and/or teachers may refer to quiz review and assessment scores. The program reports individual progress regarding number of section visits, section completion, time spent, and quiz scores. Progress results can be printed. An "Index" feature permits students to select a term from an alphabetical listing to find a specific topic within the course sections or to enter a keyword. A narrated help feature is available.

**Weaknesses:** Other Internet browser interfaces are not represented. Text explanations are not available to accompany the narrated video presentations.

**Strengths:** Current information is presented utilizing high quality animations and videos. Hands-on exercises improve retention of the presented material. *Uses:* *PC120 The Internet Using Netscape Communicator 4.x* could be used for independent learning activities when introducing an Internet unit in a classroom environment. Teachers also could use this resource for individual professional development. Basic computer skills are a prerequisite. **Keywords:** Internet, tutorials, computer skills

**Subject Areas:** Computer Skills

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**Publishers Note:** *PC125-The Internet Using Internet Explorer & Outlook Express* has been released since this review was published in May 2000. In addition, *PC120* is now also compatible with Windows 98, 2000, NT and Me.