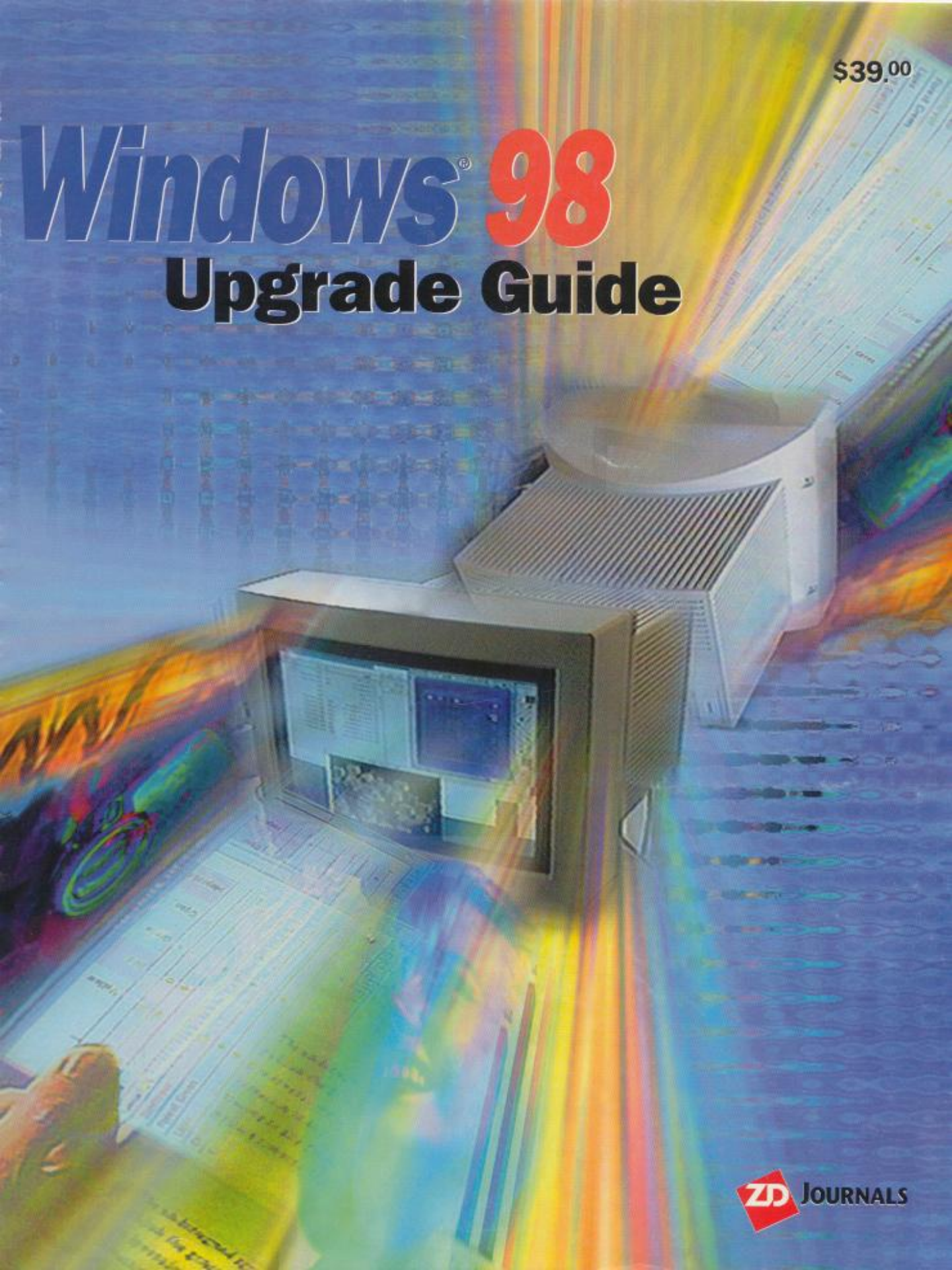


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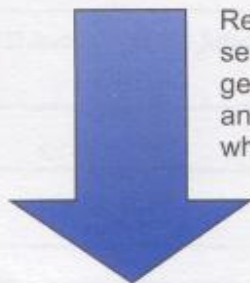
# How to use the *Windows 98 Upgrade Guide*

**U**pgrading to Windows 98 is a big step, and we've made every effort to make this guide a concise, friendly tool that will make the upgrade process easy and predictable. The information in this guide is tailored to several different upgrade scenarios, one of which is sure to meet your specific needs. We've organized the sections in a way that gives you all the help you want, without bogging you down with a lot of information that you just don't need to know. So, to get the most out of the *Windows 98 Upgrade Guide*, you should work through it without leaving the path we've laid out for you.

First, in section A, "Getting Ready for Windows 98," we'll give you some general background on the new operating system, help you determine which upgrade scenario is right for you, and then spell out a custom table of contents for you as you continue through the *Windows 98 Upgrade Guide*. In section B, "Upgrading to Windows 98," we'll walk you through the upgrade process from start to finish, based on your specific upgrade situation. Finally, in section C, "Optional Reading," we'll cover a few core Windows 98 issues in greater depth, just in case you want the additional support.

Good luck with the upgrade, and welcome to the world of Windows 98.

## Section A



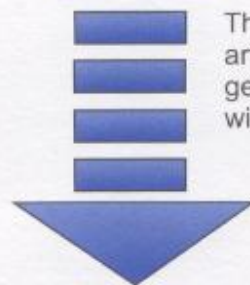
Read this section first for general information and to determine what scenario best suits your upgrade needs.

## Section B



Follow your custom table of contents for a quick, easy installation process tailored to your specific goals.

## Section C



These optional articles can help you get off to a solid start with Windows 98.

**Success!**

# Welcome to ZD Journals' Windows 98 Upgrade Guide

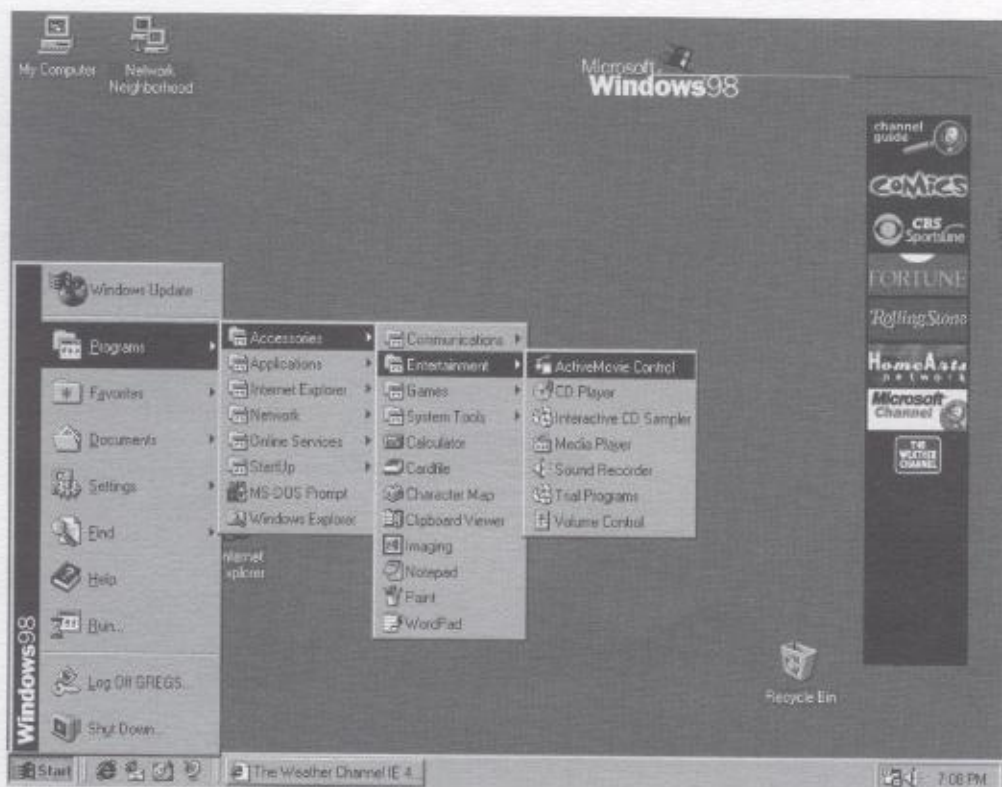
**S**o you're getting ready to install Windows 98, Microsoft's newest operating system and the successor to Windows 95. However, as a conscientious computer user, you want to learn all you can about the new operating system before you install it. While there is some information available on upgrading your system to Windows 98, few of these resources provide all the available information in a single, straightforward, quick-and-easy-to-read format. That's why we've put together this exclusive guide for upgrading to Windows 98.

The purpose of ZD Journals' *Windows 98 Upgrade Guide* is to provide you with the information you'll need to make your upgrade experience as pleasant as possible. In this guide, we'll advise you on the factors you should consider before you upgrade, examine the different upgrade options available, show you what's involved in performing the upgrade, and tell

you what you can expect during the actual upgrade procedure.

Since we designed this guide as a workbook, you won't find a traditional table of contents in it—it's not meant to be read from beginning to end. Rather, you'll find several paths that allow you to perform the upgrade that best suits your needs and working environment.

We'll begin by introducing our new Web site and journal; then we'll discuss Windows 98's system requirements and provide you with some general upgrade tips. Next, in the section titled "Upgrade Guide Paths" on page A-8, we'll explain the different upgrade paths presented in this guide. Once you've chosen your path, you'll look in the section titled "Upgrade Guide Maps" on page A-11 to see what information you need to focus on for your particular upgrade path. We recommend that you read through all the sections in your upgrade path before you



*Windows 98 encompasses more than 3,000 improvements and many new features.*

proceed. That way, you won't encounter any surprises as you perform the actual upgrade.

We designed this unique organizational structure to help you quickly and easily work through the Windows 98 upgrade process without having to wade through material that doesn't apply to your particular situation. We've also included checklists and tables to help you keep track of your progress. We hope this customized

approach makes your upgrade chores go as smoothly as possible.

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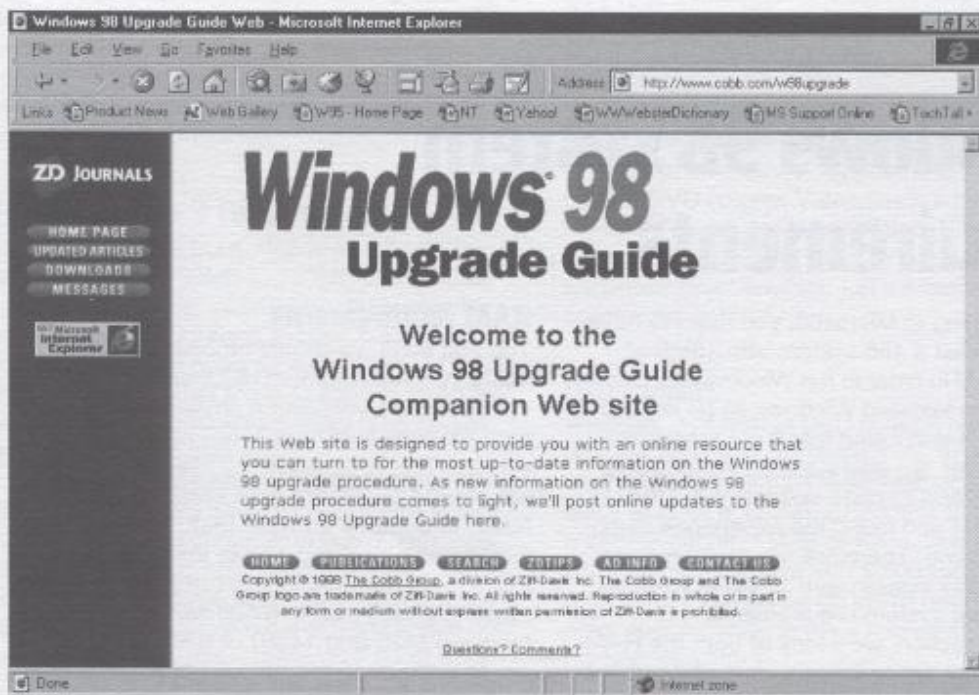
## The Windows 98 Upgrade Guide Web site

**W**e know that new and different upgrade situations may arise and that new information on the Windows 98 upgrade procedure may come to light between the time this guide goes to print and the time it reaches your hands. Therefore, to keep you abreast of the latest developments, ZD Journals has created an exclusive Web site to serve as a companion to the *Windows 98 Upgrade Guide*.

Besides containing articles that update the *Windows 98 Upgrade Guide* as changes occur, the companion Web site also includes a mes-

sage board where you can ask questions and share information about your upgrade experiences with other *Windows 98 Upgrade Guide* readers. In addition, the Web site provides you with links to pertinent information and files that you may want to download.

We hope that you'll take advantage of this special value-added benefit that we're making available only to our *Windows 98 Upgrade Guide* customers. To do so, point your browser to [www.cobb.com/w98upgrade](http://www.cobb.com/w98upgrade).



The Windows 98 Upgrade Guide Web site will provide you with an online resource for the most up-to-date information on the Windows 98 upgrade procedure.