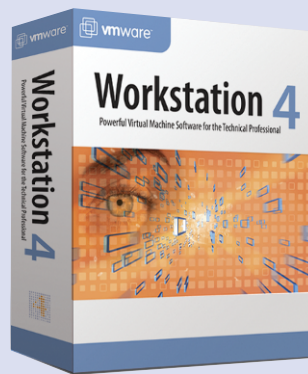### 31 Postfix

As the Postfix mail server continues to gain in popularity, due to its simple configuration and modification features. We show you a range of typical scenarios in which it can be deployed. For each of the practical environments we examine the settings and features that you need to configure to make the mail server work how you expect.

The scenarios are carefully chosen to represent the most likely cases that you will find in a range of differently sized companies.

42 VMware Workstation 4.5.3

The next release of VMware is about to be launched. We take a look around the virtual machine environment and discover both the good and bad points to using such a system.
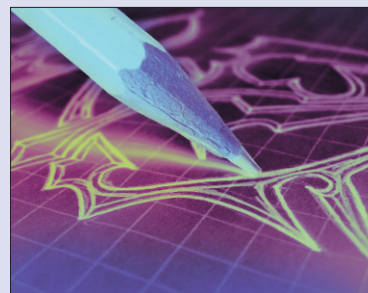
Not everything is perfect, and there are plenty of alternatives available for free or at a fraction of the price. However, this software may be the only practical option to allow you to run a virtual machine on your desktop.

44 Vector Graphics Programs

Vector graphics have one major advantage over the traditional pixel orientated images – they can be scaled without degrading to a mass of jagged, staircased squares. This makes then ideal for any work that is likely to be enlarged, such as posters and technical drawings.

Unfortunately, not all vector graphic programs are equal, whether on grounds of ease of use, or import and export facilities.

We take the latest range of programs for a test drive, comparing features and facilities, so you can choose the best for your needs.

60 Reiser 4

The newly developed Reiser 4 journaling system is rapidly approaching its premiere in the 2.6 Linux kernel. It adds atomic transactions and faster reading speeds than the previous ReiserFS version.

With better hard disk storage usage, and the ability to add plugins to extend the features, it offers a new level of functionality. We take a look at what the new system offers.

80 JBidWatcher

This month, we take a look at a Java-based application that lets us control our Ebay activities. JBidWatcher allows Linux users to organize and automate many of the Ebay functions, such as sniping and even multisniping auctions, to ensure you only win one in a grouping of auctions.

Simple to install and configure, JBidWatcher could save you time and money on your Ebay dealings.

86 UKUUG Developers' Conference

The UK Unix User Group recently held its summer developers' conference in Leeds. With only four full days to fit in all the lectures and tutorials, the schedule was tight and some some overlap inevitable. Topics ranged from embedded development on Linux, through the future of GNOME, to practical tips and tricks on vim.

We went along to listen and take part in the lectures as well as talk to other like-minded people about what is really new and exciting in the Open Source world.