

WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE?

Publisher: Eidos Interactive Developer: Hothouse Creations

Format: PC, PlayStation & Dreamcast

Release Date: September 2000

ELSPA Rating: 3+

Eidos Interactive, one of the world's leading publishers and developers of entertainment software, announces it has signed a deal with Celador Productions to publish *Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?* in the UK. The game will be available for the PC, PlayStation and Dreamcast formats.

Due for release this September, the game is based on the hit TV quiz show *Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?* PC and console games players can now experience for themselves the excitement and tension of the TV show as they try to win one million virtual pounds. The game features audio clips of the TV show's host Chris Tarrant, who will be offering comment and of course, uttering the famous line, "Is that your final answer?" The game is being developed by Hothouse Creations of Bristol, England.

Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? was first screened in the UK in September 1998. Its UK audience figures have reached over 19 million. The format to the show has been licensed or optioned to 77 countries worldwide.

Ian Livingstone, Executive Chairman of Eidos says:

"Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? is a TV phenomenon and has captured the nation's imagination. Eidos will be aiming to replicate the appeal and the success of the quiz show with the ultimate challenge in interactive gaming."

Adrian Woolfe, Head of Marketing at Celador International, says:

"The Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? format lends itself perfectly to PC and console games. We are delighted to be working with Eidos in developing these exciting new products."

Chris Tarrant, Host of the TV show says:

"I am very excited to be involved with this project. Families and friends will now have the ability to play *Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?* on their PCs and consoles."



Features:

Over 1,000 new questions. Questions will not be repeated until they have all been asked.

Single Player game – whereby the player is asked 15 questions of increasing difficulty as they attempt to win one million virtual pounds

Multi-player modes:

Fastest Finger – the first person to put four answers in the correct order then enters the game proper (1-4 players)

Head to Head – players or teams take turns answering questions in an attempt to be the highest up the money escalator (1-4 players or teams)

Team Game - allows a family or group to play as they take turns answering questions (max 4 team members)

Includes all the familiar features of the TV show:

50:50 – 2 random answers are taken away

Ask The Audience – sample of 100 people polled

Phone-A-Friend – pre-recorded answers with a variety of responses, 10 different voices have been used including male, female and regional accents

Audio clips provided by the TV Show's host Chris Tarrant

Includes all the TV show's music and sound effects. (Over 140 different pieces)

The game visually recreates exactly what the actual TV contestants see when they are in the Hotseat

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