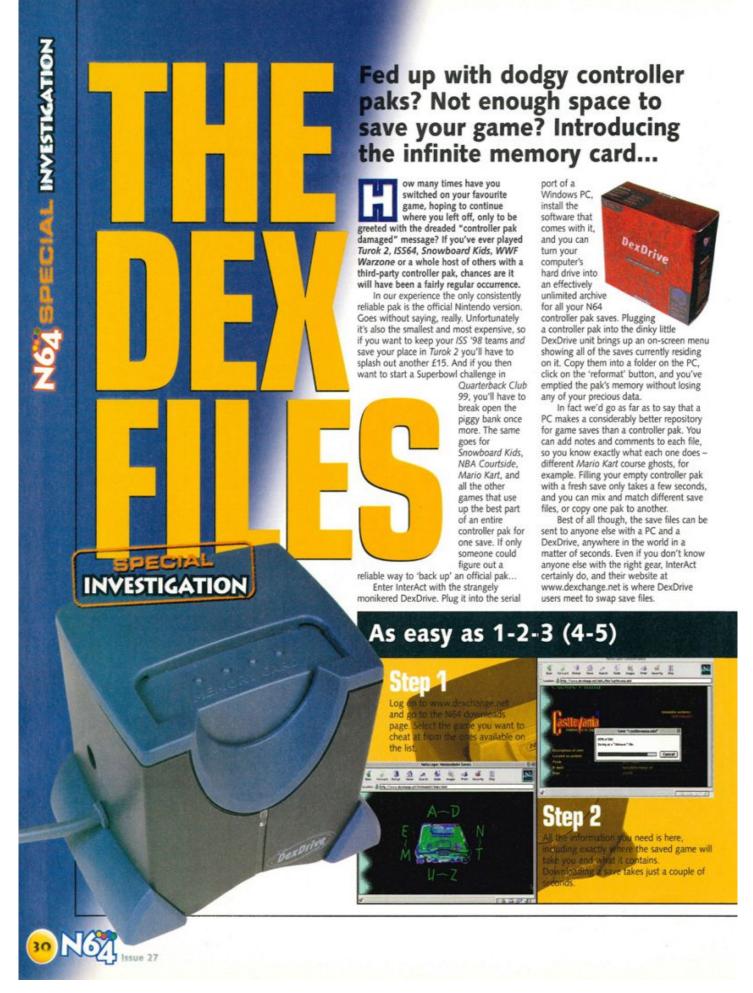
The Dex Files

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Fed up with dodgy controller paks? Not enough space to save you game? Introducing the infinite memory card...

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Dexscape

So Internet gaming has come to the N64 somewhat ahead of schedule. Or at least, a sort of Internet gaming. By swapping saved games with people over the net you could, for example, compete against the Mario Kart ghost of the Mexican national Royal Raceway champion. Or you could take on the weirdest creations of the Alaskan WWF Warzone

Appreciation Society.

Why bother? Well it's a big world out there, and wouldn't you like to know just how close to being truly The Best you really are. Some kind of international league competition in any game would let you know where you stand and just how much practice you need to catch up.

The only meeting place for Internet N64 gamers we've found so far is on dexchange.net's discussion

board, which is worth a look if only to sample life on the dark side of the gene pool (America). Decipher their strange Yankee abuse of the Queen's English and you might just find a few e-mail "homies" to swap "dope saves" and "fly ghosts" with, bro. Yo.



Support

If games companies decide to get in on the act, we'll be seeing a lot more than just game saves and cheats flying around the Internet. EA Sports have already decided to produce Dex files with extra teams and track data for some of their top-selling titles, and Acclaim are looking into the possibility of releasing limited edition customised wrestlers for their WWF games. If the DexDrive really takes off it's

inevitable that one developer or another will include a more advanced form of Dex compatibility. As soon as



IMPORTING

The only way to get your hands on a DexDrive at the moment, at least until importers in this country start shipping them over in bulk, is to buy one directly from the States. Be careful though, because there are certain hidden costs to look out for. The retail price of the thing is a mere \$40 (around £25), but once delivery and import tax are taken into account the final total is likely to be pushing the £50 mark. The easiest way to buy is on the Internet with a credit card. Check out www.ebworld.com

n-cart saves

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cheats? DexDrive

Game Shark to

Many new games these days, including all of Nintendo's in-house titles, don't use the controller pak at all, opting instead to use a more reliable built in memory chip such as an EEPROM. Luckily the DexDrive can cope with this in conjunction with the Game Shark

device (Action Replay over here), which allows you to hack into a cartridge's memory and download it onto a controller pak.

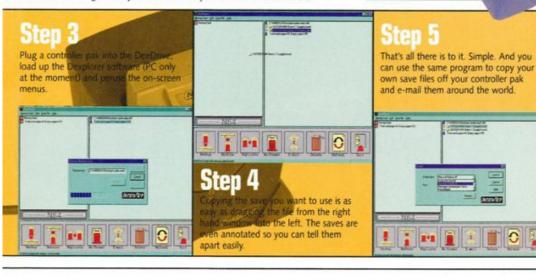
Consequently, games such as Diddy Kong Racing and Lylat Wars aren't quite as tamperproof as they used to be. Can't get all the cheats in

GoldenEye? There's a DexDrive save just for you. Missing the last couple of gold medals in Pilotwings? Now you can cheat like you've never cheated before.



CLONING

No sooner had the DexDrive proved to be a success in the States than the first Dex-alikes were announced from other manufacturers. including the multipurpose Xploder from X-Gear and a Dexcompatible device from Mad Catz, We'll certainly see at least one of them in the UK, assuming InterAct's lawyers fail to prevent their release. The Xploder sounds like the most interesting one, since it includes a built-in Action



Replay-style device as a bonus

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