

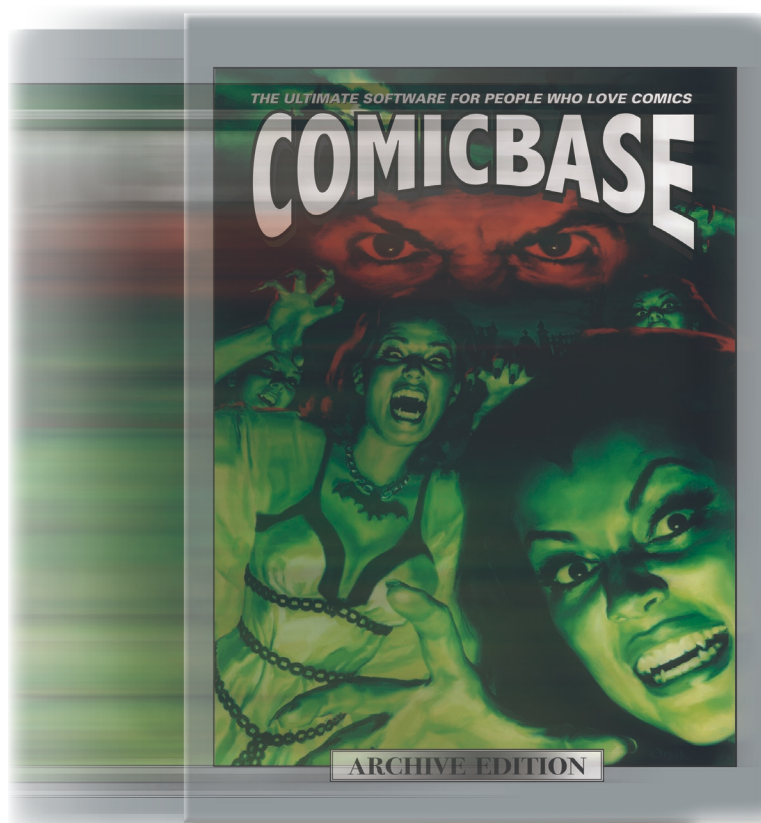
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*More is More:*

## **ComicBase 8 Arrives, Along With New Archive Edition**



For the past few years, we've been asking customers whether their computers had DVD-ROM drives. Finally, we're revealing the reason why.

By the time you read this, we'll have released the new ComicBase 8, and along with the CD-ROM-based Standard and Deluxe editions, we're introducing a new Archive Edition that goes way beyond anything seen before.

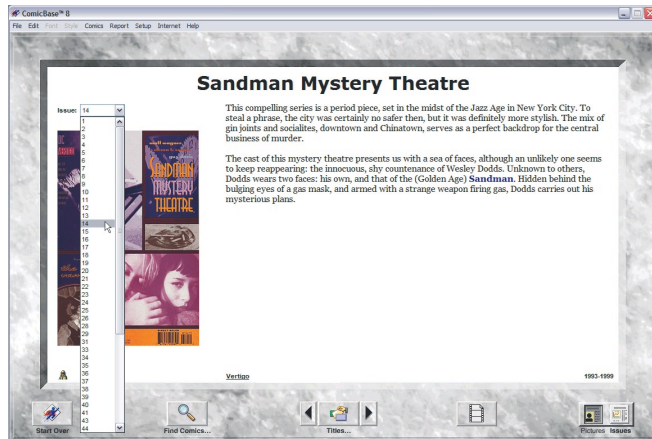
Shipping on two DVD-ROMs in a custom laser-engraved aluminum case, ComicBase 8 Archive Edition is a treasure trove of information for comic fans. Designed for both Macintosh and Windows computers, it includes an expanded version of the ComicBase database with circulation figures and CGC grading data first seen in the Standard Catalog of Comics.

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# ComicBase 8

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It also includes Human Computing's entire art library of over 55,000 comic covers, as well as dozens of exclusive video interviews with top comic creators including Frank Miller, Mark Waid, Julius Schwartz, Sheldon Moldoff, and Garth Ennis.



A tiny sampling of the 55,000+ covers included with ComicBase 8 Archive Edition

## Fully updated pricing for 2003-2004

The comic values in ComicBase 8 have been completely updated for 2003-2004, based on data from the *Comics Buyer's Guide*. Having gained a reputation as the most hard-hitting, no-nonsense guide to the comic market, the new edition draws on massive amounts of real-world data from retail, convention, and online sales to give users the most accurate measure of their collection's true value in today's competitive market.

## More flexible reporting and exporting

In addition to the huge amount of new information in ComicBase 8, we've also made key improvements to the program itself. Of particular note, you now have more control over the data that appears on standard reports. In addition to the regular reporting options, you can now choose to report only on marked issues. Combined with the ability to mark issues from the Find Results window (see tutorial on page 3), it's now possible to exactly choose the issues you'd like to have appear on price lists or issue checklists.

Better yet, you can use the same ability with the Export command, which not only lets you choose which issues you'd like to see, but exactly what information about those issues you want included. Whether it's the current selling price, the cover date, or even information from a custom field like "Box number", ComicBase 8 makes it possible to quickly generate exactly the lists you want, or exactly the comics you're interested in.

## Improved data entry

Windows users can now rearrange and resize the columns of the issues view, letting them more easily enter their data in a spreadsheet style. If you're primarily interested in tracking just, say, the condition, quantity, and cost of an issue, you can put those columns next to each other and quickly enter that data without ever needing to go to the more detailed data entry screens.

## Custom Reporting with Find results

When you search for issues, the Windows version of ComicBase now brings back *all* the issue fields, letting you see all the details of the found issues without having to go to each one in turn. Also, ComicBase 8 for Windows adds a new "Copy as Table" command to let you copy selected information in a tabular form—perfect for pasting into Excel or Word to create your own custom reports. Since you can rearrange, resize, or even hide columns at will, this means it's possible to create your own custom reports by Finding the data you want, organizing the columns as you'd like them to appear on the report, choosing Copy as Table, and pasting the data into a word processor or spreadsheet.

***"The Archive Edition is something we've dreamed of doing ever since we first heard of the DVD format.***

***Thanks to DVD, we can literally put hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of research, as well as covers from comics that would cost millions of dollars to buy, right in the hands of the average collector."***

— **ComicBase creator Pete Bickford**

## All New Bonus Disk 4

Starting with ComicBase 5, we introduced Deluxe Editions of ComicBase which include a second CD packed with thousands of covers and other extras that we couldn't fit on the regular version. This year, the Deluxe Edition comes with a brand new Bonus Disk #4, which can be combined with previous years' Bonus Disks (also available for purchase separately) to give you a library with over 30,000 comic images.

This year's bonus disks fills in the rest of the DC cover collection, as well as adding thousands of Marvel covers to the ones included on previous Bonus Disks. Thanks to our friends at AD Vision and Central Park Media, it also includes trailers from numerous anime

films ranging from *Gall Force: Eternal Story*, and *RoboTech Masters* to *Nadesico*. It also includes the *Hitman* interview with Garth Ennis previously only available as a limited (and lengthy!) download.

Need another reason to get the Deluxe Edition? Bonus Disk 4 also includes updated tools for both Palm and Pocket PC computers to allow you to easily transfer your ComicBase's inventory reports to your Palm or Pocket PC computer. Of course, if your computer's got a DVD-ROM drive, this is a great time to upgrade to the Archive Edition, which includes everything from ComicBase Bonus Disks #1-4, plus almost twice as much information again.

## Tutorial: Creating Genuinely Bizarre Reports With ComicBase 8

You say you want a price list of all the comics in your collection? A checklist of all your missing X-Men issues? A bibliography of everything Bill Mumy has ever written? Heck, you can get all those just by choosing standard report options, or by printing the results of the Find Comics command. But what if wanted to generate something really esoteric, like a list of all the Marvel and DC issues published since January 1st, 1996, showing their cover price, value, and cover date?

As luck would have it, we recently (as in, "right before it was time to") choose the subject for this tutorial column") got a call from a user wondering how to do just such a report. In previous editions of ComicBase, this would have been impossible, since none of the standard reports include cover date, and the Export command didn't allow for the necessary filtering. In ComicBase 8, however, you can accomplish this—and other previously impossible reports—using the Marked field.\*

The Marked field was previously infamous as the little checkbox at the leftmost column of the issues view which many assumed was meant for "checking off" the books they owned. What it was really intended for was designating that issue as "special" to you in some way. The problem was, with the exception of Find Comics, nothing in ComicBase actually made use of the field.

All that's changed in ComicBase 8. Now, "Marked" is a parameter of both the Export command and the Price List and Issue reports. Crucially, this lets you have total control over the issues you want selected on a report just by Marking the issues in question, then reporting (or exporting) just the Marked issues.

For instance, we were able to assemble the aforementioned list of post-1996 Marvel and DC issues by doing the following:

1. Find Comics with Publisher is Marvel
2. Find Comics with Append Results chosen to add Publisher is DC
3. Find Comics with Narrow Results chosen and select Cover Date is greater than or equal to 1/1/1996.

## Upgrade Savings for ComicBase Customers

Already own a previous version of ComicBase? Enter your current serial number when ordering and save up to 70% when upgrading to ComicBase 8. Best yet, you can upgrade from any old version of ComicBase—even the *ComicBase Encyclopedia of Comics*—to the new ComicBase 8 Archive Edition for just \$99 until November 1st, 2003.

4. Now that you've got the list you wanted. Select all the issues, and choose the "Mark" command from the Edit menu to Mark them.
5. You can now generate a Price List or Issues Checklist by choosing the desired report from the Report menu and checking the "List only marked issues" box to limit the report to just Marked Issues.

Or, you can make your own custom report by choosing the Export command from the File menu, choosing the fields you'd like to see in your report, then checking the "List only marked issues" box before exporting the data. Then, just load up the data you exported in your word processor or spreadsheet of choice, and you're ready to go.

### \*Bonus Tip For Windows Users

Windows users can use the new ability to reorder and resize the Find results grid, along with the new Copy As Table command to roll their own custom report right from the Find results window.

After you're done finding just the comics you want, drag the column headings of the Find results window into the order you'd them to appear on the finished report. If you don't need a column, you can resize it up to nothing and it won't appear on the final report.

Title	Issue #	Cd	Qty	Cover Price	Price	Cost	2000	2002	Notes	Storylines
Young Justice	30	NM	0	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$0.00	\$2.50	\$2.50		Round Robin
Young Justice	31	NM	0	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$0.00	\$2.50	\$2.50		Quester
Young Justice	32	NM	0	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$0.00	\$2.50	\$2.50		Anti's Date
Young Justice	33	NM	0	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$0.00	\$2.50	\$2.50		Wash and V
Young Justice	34	NM	0	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$0.00	\$2.50	\$2.50		Bright Light
Young Justice	35	NM	0	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$0.00	\$2.50	\$2.50		War Torn
Young Justice	36	NM	0	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$0.00	\$2.50	\$2.50		Kissing on t
Young Justice	37	NM	0	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$0.00	\$2.50	\$2.50		War of the V
Young Justice	38	NM	0	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$0.00	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$2.50	Staff Hoppe
Young Justice	39	NM	0	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$0.00	\$2.50	\$2.50		Retal to the
Young Justice	40	NM	0	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$0.00	\$2.50	\$2.50		The Night Bi
Young Justice	41	NM	0	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$0.00	\$2.50	\$2.50		The Ray appear
Young Justice	42	NM	0	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$0.00	\$2.50	\$2.50		Dirty Little S
Young Justice	43	NM	0	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$0.00	\$2.50	\$2.50		Liberty Thro
Young Justice	44	NM	0	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$0.00	\$2.50	\$2.50		Strange Ori
Young Justice	45	NM	0	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$0.00	\$2.50	\$2.50		Worst WMo
Young Justice	46	NM	0	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$0.00	\$2.50	\$2.50		Four to Go
Young Justice	47	NM	0	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$0.00	\$2.50	\$2.50		Fighting Ma
Young Justice	48	NM	0	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$0.00	\$2.50	\$2.50		Fighting Ma
Young Justice	49	NM	0	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$0.00	\$2.50	\$2.50		Fighting Ma
Young Justice	50	NM	0	\$3.95	\$4.00	\$0.00	\$3.95	\$3.95		Fighting Ma
Young Justice	51	NM	0	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$0.00	\$2.50	\$2.50		Includes preview of Aquaman (... Zand on the
Young Justice	52	NM	0	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$0.00	\$2.50	\$2.50		The Unreal 1
Young Justice	53	NM	0	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$0.00	\$2.50	\$2.50		Dead Men 5
Young Justice	54	NM	0	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$0.00	\$2.50	\$2.50		Break on Th
Young Justice	55	NM	0	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$0.00	\$2.50	\$2.50		Final Issue
Young Justice	1000000	NM	0	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$0.00	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$2.50	1st Appearance of Young Justice, Cu
Young Justice	05 1	NM	0	\$4.95	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$4.95	\$4.95		80 pages
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Young Justice: Sons of Youth	1	NM	0	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$0.00	\$2.50	\$2.50		Justice for J...
Young Justice: Sons of Youth	2	NM	0	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$0.00	\$2.50	\$2.50		Sons of You...

Select the rows you want, and choose the "Copy as Table" command from the Edit menu. Then, just open up Word or Excel, and Paste the data. Voila! Instant custom report!

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