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Emily Bell, live online - Wednesday July 30, 3pm

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The Editor-in-chief of Guardian Unlimited, Emily Bell, will be online to answer your questions this Wednesday July 30 at 3 pm, the day the site launches new paid-for services.

This is your chance to ask questions or air your feelings on the new services, as well as any other queries you may have about the Guardian Unlimited network.

You can find out more about GU's paid-for options here:
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■ **masterpj** - 03:02pm Jul 30, 2003 BST (35.) | [Reply](#)

Emily, **why isn't book publishing included in the Guardian's definition of "media"**. It obviously should be. It feeds into the rest of the "media" virtually every day. Sometimes your attempts to cover it come across as hamfisted, I assume because there is a knowledge blackhole. And this is a shame because the £2bn a year market sector could do with some proper analysis. So anyway, if you are looking for an experienced journalist in this field, get in touch. . . Rgds. PJ

▶ **will789** - 03:07pm Jul 30, 2003 BST (35.1) **New:** [Edit](#) | [Delete](#) | [Reply](#)

Surely books get all the space in the Saturday Review, the best printing available. This is proper culture. The comics are cut down in size as the cost of

creeping in there.

If all Guardian graphics were available as PDF there could be much more dialogue between book and digital culture.

■ [Boo9](#) - 03:06pm Jul 30, 2003 BST (36.) **New:** | [Reply](#)

Emily, why are you late?

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▶ [emilybell](#) - 03:22pm Jul 30, 2003 BST (3.1) | [Reply](#)

I don't think our sports editor Scot Scott Murray and his penchant for Inverness Caledonian Thistle (his dad had a trial for them!) would thank you for calling him parochial. Sadly we are again restricted by resource - though it's hard to believe it, there are only five staffers on sport and football, which means that we do have to prioritise the leagues and games we cover.

■ [will789](#) - 10:10am Jul 29, 2003 BST (4.) | [Delete](#) | [Reply](#)

Hello again. I have left messages elsewhere asking about PDF. Maybe this will all be cleaned up one day.

What is the intention with the 'digital version of the Guardian' with graphics such as illustration and photos. I have seen a hard copy announcement but nothing about this on the web. Worth £98.50 a year so it should be good.

Is it PDF? If so, **can we load it in Adobe Reader so we can copy text and graphics?** Zinio is being used by some UK mags but I don't find it as useful.

By the way, I think html is just ht on the link above to the details on new offers.

▶ [emilybell](#) - 03:25pm Jul 30, 2003 BST (4.1) | [Reply](#)

On the Digital Edition, although we haven't launched it yet, it will be browseable through a standard browser, and I believe there will be a PDF option.

■ [will789](#) - 10:29am Jul 29, 2003 BST (5.) | [Delete](#) | [Reply](#)

From a previous message now in the wrong place

Look at this link as an example.

http://image.guardian.co.uk/sys-files/Books/documents/2002/07/12/review_130702_page37.pdf

hint, left and right pages have sequential numbers but this PDF is not easy to find through any search.

Clifford Harper's books can be found at <http://www.agraphia.uk.com/home.html>
It is a Flash site. To get past the first page, you have to move the mouse around till you find a red dot. I'm sure PDF would sell if it was available, understood and promoted.

■ [PaulRH](#) - 11:52am Jul 30, 2003 BST (16.) | [Reply](#)

Hi Emily,

I have been an avid Guardian Reader for 18 years now. For the past 6, I have been living and working in China, first in Shanghai and now in Hong Kong.

As it is difficult to get the Guardian within a couple of days of printing, so I rely heavily on the unlimited site, which I have always found easy to use navigate and full of interesting articles, almost as good as the actual paper!!

I also each morning, print out the crosswords and do them over my morning coffee.

I also received copies of the wrap and informer.

Life was bliss!!!

So you can imagine my dismay when I found out that it is all to change.

I cannot now print out the crosswords or get the wrap and informer for free. I now have to pay. I have subscribed but am not really that happy.

Cannot understand why and think this is a step too far. Do you really need the money? Part of my job is to up-date my company's intranet with information I spend time collating and I certainly wonder what colleagues around the world would think of me if I started charging them for some of the content!!

I am sure there are many like me, who live abroad and rely on this information to keep up with matters at home in the great editorial style of the Guardian.

Anyway, one more thing. I also have read that you are going to do a real on-line version of the paper. I really, truly hope it is like the new version the telegraph have just released (by Olive Software). I tried it for a month and it was perfect. I have not subscribed as I was hoping that the Guardian would do the same.

I now hear that this may just be a PDF file, which will not be anywhere near as good as the one from the telegraph. Have a look yourself?

I will still continue to read your great site, but hope this is not the tip of the iceberg leading to pay per view for all the unlimited information!!

Kind regards,

Paul Hayes

▶ [emilybell](#) - 04:00pm Jul 30, 2003 BST (16.1) | [Reply](#)

Paul, thanks for sticking with us for so long and sorry to have spoilt your blissful life, but yes we really do need the money. I think it is worth saying that as a journalist I would always prefer to have a larger audience than a revenue stream, but we do have a duty to the employees here to try and keep GU as viable as possible. I'm pleased you think of us in the same terms as an intranet - unfortunately we are still a business.

As for the Digital Edition as I said before, it won't just be a PDF, and it will be better than the Telegraph.

Let me assure you this is not the tip of a paid for iceberg and thanks for continuing to use the site.

▶▶ [will789](#) - 04:08pm Jul 30, 2003 BST (16.1.1) [Edit](#) | [Delete](#) | [Reply](#)

Can you clarify what 'just a PDF' means?

Is this always worse than html? I don't think so. It depends on design and so far not much attention has been given to PDF design to be viewed onscreen. PDF could be better for graphics if people want to print them out. I even had agreement from Jakob Nielsen on this point on a previous chat.
