# WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF THE WEB

## What makes up the Internet?

The simplest explanation is that it is a network of networks. University, military, government and commercial networks throughout the world are linked to each other in a vast web, allowing users to exchange information and communicate with each other quickly and efficiently.

## What do you need?

A computer is certainly an important requirement - don't laugh - often Internet Service Provider (ISP) Support Staff have to explain to eager customers that they need more than a starter kit to get on the Net.

Next up are a modem and an account with anInternet Service Provider. The ISP has a permanent, direct link to the Internet and the modem allows the user to connect to the Internet, via the ISP, using a normal telephone line.

You pay the ISP a monthly fee for access to the Internet. Most ISPs will also provide you with one or more e-mail addresses and space on their server (a very powerful computer) for your own homepage.