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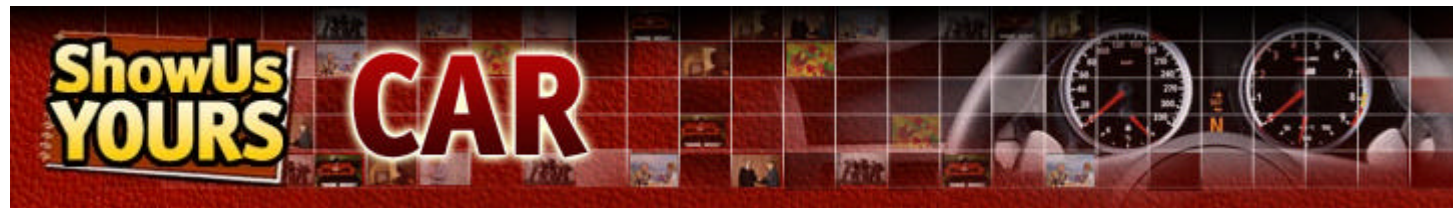
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Vauxhall and I

(Submitted: July 27, 2005)

Name: Terran Brown, technology project manager

Location: Lancashire, United Kingdom

Current car: Vauxhall Vectra

Dream car: Vectra C GSI

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CNET editors' take

Terran has done something most people can actually get their arms around: Put a PC in his car without a huge budget or fiberglass fabrication skills. Now he has intelligent, flexible control of his navigation, data access, and digital entertainment. It's a "libertarian" system--he can do what he wants when he wants while underway--which is good and bad.



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Editor at large

As far as the GUI, I'm not as fond of [Road Runner](#) as I am of [Centrafuse](#), but both are heartening evidence that there is plenty of good car-interface software out there.

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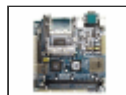
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