

Fact Sheet: Zim® 7



Zim®, ZIM Technologies International Inc.'s foundation product, is based on almost 20 years of experience developing and deploying data solutions to meet the ever evolving needs of our customers. Zim is recognized as one of the most advanced and efficient development tools available on the market today, complete with superior deployment and connectivity technology. Whether you want to engineer solutions, merge information, manipulate data or move data, Zim is the answer. Zim's data manipulation, data connectivity, and high performance relational database enables rapid prototyping and deployment of enterprise solutions.

New Release – Zim 7

ZIM is pleased to announce the upcoming release of Zim 7, scheduled for May 2002. With the release of Zim 7, ZIM Technologies is positioning the Zim product to provide future support for ever-increasing connectivity solutions. By upgrading to Zim 7 you will be the first to know as new connectivity enhancements are released, including our superb SMS functionality. Design superior user interfaces with Zim 7's enhanced ActiveX support, and extend your solution offering by taking advantage of Zim 7's extended ODBC driver support. Zim 7 also features cutting edge application monitoring technology that will ensure the reliability and peak performance of your applications, for your developers and your clients. This new release promises to build on the powerful development environment Zim has long been known for, including flexible deployment options, and multiple connectivity classes.

New Features

Connectivity Foundation

Zim has long been known as a premier application development tool for building powerful and elegant applications. As you are aware, applications must increasingly deal with new emerging standards that include XML, .NET, SOAP, Web Services, integration with other applications and services such as report writers, spreadsheets, enterprise systems (SAP, Peoplesoft, LDAP directories) as well as new small form factor devices such as cell phones and PDA's with their own protocols (SMS, WAP, etc.). Zim 7 implements the infrastructure that will enable upcoming releases to seamlessly "plug and play" in this environment. It is the new connectivity foundation going forward.

Zim 7 will support whatever application architecture best suits your needs from client-server to multi-tier to server only. As developers, you will be able to select best of breed components that can be combined to create a complete solution. To enable this connectivity, Zim 7 customers will have access to upcoming 'connectivity class' products, which will be released in conjunction with other product updates, on a quarterly basis. Some of the planned connectivity classes to be released in the upcoming months include, LDAP, Exchange, SAP, two-way SMS, and SMTP mail servers.

SMS Connectivity

Zim 7 is the first release from ZIM to provide the framework for ongoing SMS support. Subsequent Zim releases will provide additional applications that will enable such functionality as two-way SMS messaging. For those of you who wish to integrate your existing Zim applications with your overall corporate environments or provide your message recipients with relevant up-to-date information, Zim 7 is your answer

Zim Application Monitor

Do you want to find out about your application problems before your users tell you? Then the Zim Application Monitor is exactly what you need. The Zim Application Monitor is a new component of Zim that enables your developers to monitor existing Zim applications. You can monitor disk space, active processes, process count and file size to name a few options. Based on user defined option criteria, the Zim Application Monitor will then alert you, via SMS or email, to any met, or defined criteria – anytime, anywhere. In essence you can be notified before situations become critical. Benefit from real-time issue resolution, more reliable systems, proactive versus reactive system maintenance, and improved user support.



Enhanced Maintenance Package

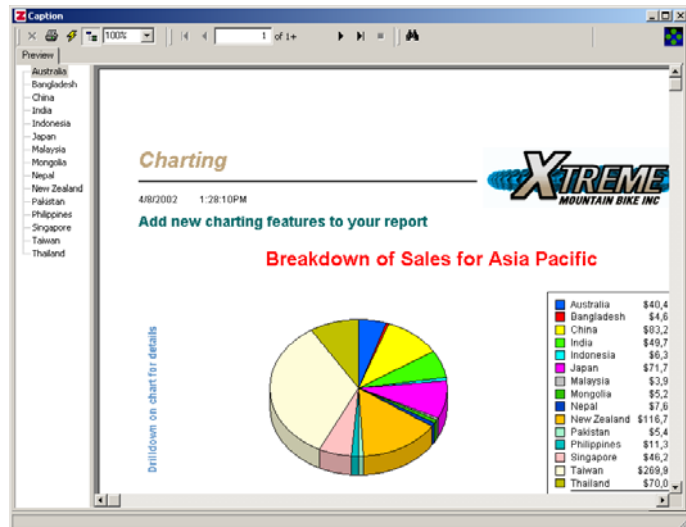
With the purchase of, or upgrade to Zim 7, and a subscription to the enhanced maintenance package, comes access to frequent product updates via the ZIM website (www.zim.biz). You will be able to access technical support information and product change updates more quickly and easily than ever before. ZIM is planning to release quarterly updates, including additional connectivity tools, bug fixes, new features and documentation updates, thus making your applications more reliable and stable. Please note that connectivity tools will be priced individually.

Zim[®] 7 features continued



Enhanced ActiveX Support

Zim 7 expands the Zim catalogue of supported ActiveX components, thus offering you more flexibility in the creation of your user interface needs or requirements. For example, tree widgets, progress bars and pie charts can now be part of your Zim application development.



Enhanced Development Centre

With the release of Zim 7 comes new and improved Development Centre functionality that makes your development faster and easier.

- Improved UNIX Screen Painter functionality that makes your development in UNIX faster and easier
- Select objects, fields and operator links with the new Roles Object and Fields selector
- Quickly construct relationship conditions with the selection of objects, fields and operators in the new Relationship Condition Expression Builder
- Perform Named Sets Maintenance from the component name level with the new Set Components Dialog Box
- Locate and update Foreign Directories from within Zim with the introduction of the new Foreign Directory Dialog box.
- Edit Labels and at the same time assign tab stop numbers and conform to Tab Stop entry fields with the Label Tab Stopping feature.
- Benefit from improvements made to the Development Centre such as error message handling, field tab creation, and keyboard shortcuts.

Extended ODBC Drivers

Zim 7 expands your ability to deliver full solutions using both Zim and 3rd party software, such as the Crystal Reports[®] Wizard, with the extension of our ODBC driver support. The ODBC Drivers extension now increases the number of clients that can access the Zim database. Your Zim applications become even more flexible and you can develop best in class solutions that include 3rd party software and Zim.

Windows 2000 and XP Support

Zim 7 offers enhanced deployment options that enable you to take advantage of 64 bit platforms. In addition to the currently supported operating systems, Zim 7 is now fully certified to run on both Windows 2000 and Windows XP.

Customer Documentation

With Zim 7 you will now be able to address your development issues quickly and easily using the full power of Zim Online Help. With Zim 7 additional Online Help is available:

- PDF files are now included with your software thus enabling easy access to chapter information as well as print capability for UNIX and Window customers
- Web Help is provided so that you can download and access information via your web browser

As in previous releases the Zim Developers Library online manual will also continue to accompany the software in CD format.

Contact a ZIM Account Executive

For more details regarding the release of Zim 7, slated for May 2002, please contact your ZIM account representative today, or email us at info@zim.biz.

For more information on ZIM Technologies and our entire product suite, please visit the website at www.zim.biz. If you are interested in being updated about news and events involving ZIM, when you visit the website, please sign up for our updates via email or SMS.

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