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**ZX Virtual Machine Firmware Update Released**

Beaverton, OR - May 04, 2006 -- Elba Corporation announced today the availability of a firmware update for the ZX microcontrollers. The v1.2.0 release adds support for several new functions related to date computation as well as string search and string comparison.

The new version of the Virtual Machine (VM) also supports extended versions of the SPI and I2C commands that allow transfers of more than 255 bytes. Other changes include improvements to the X10 command and correction of a few newly reported issues.

Separate firmware updates are available for each ZX-series model and each may be downloaded from <http://www.zbasic.net/download/> at no charge. The firmware update may be installed using the update facility of the IDE or the ZLoad command line utility.

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