

Training in The Netherlands and Sweden

In February, I visited The Netherlands and Sweden to conduct two training sessions on BBj®. The Netherlands training took place in the small town of De Bilt, near Utrecht, in the center of Holland. We held a three-day class on the elements of BBj. On the fourth day, we held an additional session, where students who had participated in a class in November, joined us for a workshop on BBj programming. Six seasoned Business BASIC developers attended the class. While all six were experienced with Business BASIC, four were more familiar with PRO/5® and Visual PRO/5®, and two attendees were with a company in the process of converting from MAI Open BASIC to BBj.

All-around, it was an excellent class. The participants were very impressed with BBj and will be using the features they learned in the BBj training. The workshop on the fourth day was informative, both to me, and to the students. We ended the day by writing a short program using the BBj _qres utility and Java TreeMaps to generate the code for objects built from a resource. Writing this program gave the participants ideas on how to simplify their coding and gave us the beginnings of a great utility program for BBj.

The class in Sweden took place in a suburb of Stockholm, Bromma.

From left to right: Erwin van Aken, Kees Vis, and Monique Aarts from Inter Access work on problem during BBj Class in Holland.



From left to right: Mattias Granström from Autotank AB, John Gustin, HWTEC Data, Jan Sidenfaden, Q8 Denmark, and Michael Burkowski, BIT AB, attend BBj class in Sweden.



Again, we had several experienced PRO/5 programmers interested in learning about BBj. This training was similar to the one in Holland except that the first day was spent entirely on installation and configuration of BBj, including discussions about installing BBj on Linux and UNIX systems. The students were especially interested in BBj configuration management from the Enterprise Manager.

The Swedes were quick to pick up the use of objects in BBj. They liked the way GUI programs can be built and managed using objects, particularly the BBj Grid Object. They think that they can be very productive using BBj for their GUI programming projects.

Autotank, a Swedish firm that supplies equipment and PRO/5-based software to the Kuwaiti Oil Company for managing their gas stations, sponsored this class. (We sincerely appreciate Autotank for making this class possible for our Swedish customers!). Overall, the European training tour was quite successful.

– **Dr. John Schroeder**