



## **BBj Training And Workshops**

During the second quarter we held two BBj® training sessions with a technology briefing in between. More of our Customers are looking down the road and questioning what they and their Customers will need over the next few years, and BBj is giving them some solid answers. With all the language improvements, as well as the ability to run in configurations from a single PC up to a fully distributed N-tier network with thin clients in web browsers, we are quite certain that BBj is on the future track. Our Customers agree and are coming to classes and seminars to learn how these new tools can work for them.

At our Chicago training session in late May, several new and experienced BBX® programmers got their first hands-on BBj experience. Most were new to GUI programming and were surprised at how easy it was to build screens and manage events in BBj. The "old hands," who had done GUI in Visual PRO/5®, were very impressed with the improvements that GUI objects, particularly the grid and tree objects, made in developing graphical programs. They also applauded the CALLBACK/PROCESS\_EVENTS mechanism.

In mid-July, Greg Grisham and I went to Long Beach, CA for a technology briefing and workshop. We had a good group, and the sessions were lively, with many questions and discussion topics from the floor. The participants saw BBj as a solution to their Customer's needs and as a strong possibility for their own future needs. They were also impressed with Greg's demo of the File Maintenance Utility, which allows you to quickly develop queries and file maintenance programs, given a template or data dictionary describing the data. These participants also brought up several discussions of client server systems, memory management in Java and BBj, and using BBj in mixed environments.

In mid-August, we followed up the technical briefing in Long Beach with a three-day BBj training session in the same location. Participants at this training were experienced BBX programmers with little or no experience in GUI. They learned quickly and by the end were writing simple file maintenance routines, using grids, and Java objects in their code. Again, these students were impressed with how quickly one could develop graphical user interfaces with ResBuilder, and use the GUI objects in BBj to manage the screens. The GUI objects took the "magic" out of creating a GUI program, and these students were pleased with their results.

All in all, the past few months were very busy for BASIS. The rest of the year will be just as challenging, with training in Europe in September and early November and in Dallas, TX, in mid-November. We will also conduct a technical briefing in Dallas in mid-October. Visit [www.basis.com](http://www.basis.com) for the latest information on classes and seminars.

**– John Schroeder**