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Island Training conducts its first international Hybrid Training Class

Durham, N.C. - Island Training Solutions, Inc. held their first international Hybrid training class Aug. 15-18, 2005. Hybrid classes allows an instructor to lead traditional classroom training at an onsite facility while simultaneously teaching remote students in a virtual classroom. Remote students participate fully in lectures, labs and discussions. This type of training is ideal for large multi-national corporations with facilities around the globe by providing easy access to training while limiting the necessity for costly international travel. Island Training is the first in their field to offer this type of flexible training.

This class was offered to the public for open enrollment and was comprised of four one-day sessions. Students had the option of attending a single day or any combination of days, provided they had the pre-requisites. Jim Herron, co-founder of Island Training, led the class from Island's headquarters in Durham, N.C. Those students who were onsite for the training were from Research Triangle Park, N.C. and Ottawa, Canada. Remote students attended from Stuttgart, Germany; Bangalore, India; Toronto, Canada; and Bothell, WA, USA.

“Interaction among the local and remote students led to many lively discussions. They were not hampered by the distance or language barriers,” says Herron. “The only issue was the time difference—I had to call for breakfast/lunch/dinner/midnight snack breaks!”

About Island Training

Island Training Solutions provides hands-on training for IBM® Rational® software tools. Co-founded in 1999 by a member of the original ClearCase® development team and a technical training professional, Island Training offers a unique approach to teaching complex software products. By combining a modular training strategy with proprietary tools that support on-demand production of course materials and mobile lab setup, Island Training delivers a flexible training strategy that meets the specific needs of each client. More information about Island Training is available at <http://www.islandtraining.com>.

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