Persona 1 – Monica Perzon



Hello! My name is Monica Perzon,

I am 69 years old and separated for many years. I live alone in a rented apartment in central Malmö. Previously, I worked as a teacher, and meeting new people are one of my favorite interests.

I have a daughter, Elizabeth, and two grandchildren who visit me at least once a week. Apart from that we hang out they also help me with some household chores that I find it hard to do myself because of a worsening arthritis in my hands. I also have a boyfriend, Bengt, who I met through a computer course at PRO. (He was actually my teacher if I'll be honest!) He and I usually meet a few times a week, to go on walks with the dog or just take a cup of coffee and talk. We also chat on our computers, so it's good that I got myself broadband.

The computer I have is several years old, I inherited it from my son in law, and it stands on a bench in the kitchen. Bengt help me to install the software and make the necessary updates, but now I am able to arrange most things myself, I really think it's really great with computers! And so much fun you can have with it. I also have a dog named Viggo, and he is a really dear friend! There have been many photo albums with pictures of him over the years, but now I have been helped to open a Facebook account, so now I store all my pictures there – it's convenient, and also fun to share pictures with all my friends!

We are a bunch of "girls" who are usually make embroidery, going out to dance or go on a shopping trip to Copenhagen. I like clothes, and enjoy reading blogs about clothing and fashion for us slightly older ladies. Unfortunately, I got rheumatism, which over the years became much worse. My fingers are stiff and my hands are shaking a bit. I can't make embroidery work in the same way as before, and I have some difficulty in working with the computer mouse and keyboard. But now my son in law found a headset that allows me to control the computer using the tongue - great! And I can cuddle with Viggo while I sit in front of your computer. As long as I don't have to put it over my head and get my hair ruined! In addition, I would rather have had it in a color that matches my clothes, beige is a boring color. Maybe you could have had a few colors to choose from to suit your mood and clothes. It would also be good if there was something to hang it on, or a pouch to put it in. Otherwise it's easy to lose it or drop it on the floor.





Persona 2 – Birgitta Åhblad





My name is Birgitta Åhblad and I am 72 years old and used to work as a nurse. I was recently widowed, and therefore, moved from our townhouse to a condo in Stenungsund. I have a daughter living in Norway, and a son who lives in Gothenburg. I have five grandchildren and one of them is currently studying in Australia.

When my husband was alive it was he who did all the paperwork and we had an old computer that he used. But it was so old, so my son bought a new computer to me in connection with the move. I wish it were as easy as when I used the typewriter. I would like to ask him to help me with the computer, but he has so much to do with his job and family... But next time he visits me, maybe he can show me how I can access the Internet and set up an e-mail account for me, so I can send letters to my grandchildren and get some pictures of what it looks like where she lives in Australia.

It would also be nice to be able to get some recipes from the Internet. I understand that there is lot of things you can download. My friends in the bridge club have tips on some websites. I'll try to find them. The computer was bought mainly so I can pay the bills in a simple manner, and that I can talk to my daughter and grandchildren on Skype.

I am about to go to basic training in computer skills through the PRO, but I think it's hard to orientate in all files and folders. It doesn't look the same on the screen when I'm on the course and on my own computer. Apparently there are some different types of models. And so this mouse, it runs away in all directions, and I find it difficult to double click and to separate left click and right click.

Now our teachers on the computer course talked about that there is another type of mouse - a headset that you control with your tongue, MOUSE CAP. We will try it next time, and it might be an option, especially as you can talk on the phone simultaneously without using your hands. But only if it's not too difficult for me, and it is certainly quite expensive too, so we'll see. But I could at least give it a try...

Color-wise it may not stick out too much. It would also be good if it had not been sitting on my head so my hair is destroyed, but that's just my thoughts, I am satisfied as long as it works as expected. It will be exciting to try.





Persona 3 – Sven Nilsson



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My name is Sven Nilsson and I'm 76 years old, and my wife and I live in a small house in Trollhättan. I am a former engineer at Saab, but it was in the happy days before the crisis hit the automotive industry.

I suffered from a stroke a few years ago, which made me sit in a wheelchair and are paralyzed on my right side. My wife helps me with various tasks, even if I try to get along as much as possible myself. We have no children and grandchildren, but our niece with grandchildren often come to visit us.

I am what I would call a computer geek, who likes to spend several hours a day in front of the computer. Also I'm the leader in PRO's computer courses in this region, so there is much work preparing the courses.

I use the computer for many things, read news, pay bills, email friends, and had it not been for that I must use both hands to control the mouse, and that it is difficult to manage the keyboard, I have no difficulty using computers. I just bought a new kind of computer mouse - CAP MOUSE that I read about in a Computer magazine. It is a multi-controlled headset that can communicate with a variety of electronic products, such as telephone, television, and even to control a Permobil. Apparently you can get it with a microphone and speakers as well, simply by replacing one of the parts. It could mean that I could use it in lectures and talk to the participants or listen to their questions - some of course have very poor hearing. It sounds very interesting. Thorough PRO they searched for test subjects to evaluate the product, and I signed up immediately. The only drawback that I see is that I need help to put on my headset, because I have a problem bringing up my arms in the right height. What if the next model could be adapted to use only one hand! Appearance is not that important to me. The most important thing is what you can use it for, but of course, since I paid quite a lot of money for it, it wouldn't hurt if it looks robust and a bit high-tech.



