"David Fanning" <davidf@dfanning.com> wrote in message
news:MPG.1f747a403d4e6c69989cc6@news.frii.com...
...
> I'd love to be a JAVA programmer, but the JAVA newsgroups
> are SO tiresome. Such bickering. Such nonsense.
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> Do you have any idea how special this group is?
> It is VERY hard to walk away from people with such
> cheery dispositions and willingness to help people who
> sometimes ask silly questions. This newsgroup is the very
> best part about working with IDL. I don't know how
> anyone leaves here! :-)

First time out of the shire? :)
Java and fortran newsgroups are relatively tame (like
travelling to Bree). They at least have a benign purpose,
even though they treat newcomers like an adopted redheaded
little brother. There are truly dark places out there in usenet,
filled with an evil that does not sleep.

anyways, you may be better off going to moderated forums
at java websites. (java.net for instance, java.about.com,
javareference.com, etc).

Cheers,
bob