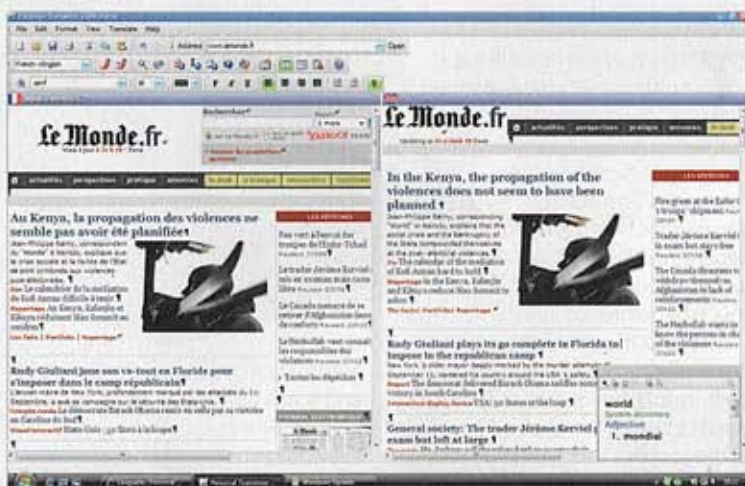


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The results were accurate enough to get the gist of the text, but certainly not a flowing translation.

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We found this to be a slow process, though.

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Andrew Zarkesh

DETAILS

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BAD POINTS: Slow web page translation; not perfectly accurate

OVERALL: ★★★★★