

Translation a snap for phones

Linguattec showed a product called Shoot and Translate that allows travellers to translate foreign signs, menus and other text by snapping them with a Java-enabled cameraphone.

The €49 (£40) software translates German, French,

Italian, Portuguese, Spanish and Chinese to English, and vice-verse. It also translates French and German both ways.

The phone needs a resolution of at least two megapixels for the optical character recognition to work. For more information, log on to www.linguattec.net.