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On Mon, 05 Nov 2007 18:12:08 -0700, Arri London wrote:

Since my
ancestry is
Dutch and
because I've
had quite a
few
opportunities
to go to the
Netherlands
(although
most of
them are
just an
overnight
stay
at the
airport, I've
made
several
attempts to
start to learn
the
language.
However, I
can't find
anyone to
speak with
me even in
Amsterdam.

Speaking Dutch and
English, by the way, does
allow me to understand

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quite a bit of German –
enough to get the gist of
what is going on
anyway. To bring this topic
full circle and slightly back
on topic – I
watched the German movie
"Nackt" with Japanese
subtitles while living in
Japan – between my
English, Dutch, and (barely)
JLPT level 3 Japanese I
was able to basically fully
understand it!

I studied German in college. It hindered me
more than it helped me. As a
novice learner of Dutch, whenever I
encountered an impediment, my mind
switched to German.

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Phil

LOL in our family, some relatives are Dutch, some are
German/Austrian
(the rest are Polish but we won't get into that). Family
gatherings were
always linguistically interesting! Certainly both languages
creep into
my speech unless I have time to sort them out. If I ever
master any
spoken Japanese at least there shouldn't be any conflicts,
since the
little bit of Chinese I know sounds utterly different anyway.

By the way, I would imagine that this is one of the threads, you might have
had difficulty decoding the characters. Your iso-2022-jp should be able to
decode Lû[ã±í€((nihongo) easily but it will have difficulty with Æ½ (the
umlauted y) and v or x the lowercase and uppercase ligatures that combine
ij and IJ as single characters.

To read all characters correctly, you will need to use a decoding scheme
like UTF-8.

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Phil

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TY will try that; do have UTF-8 somewhere around here LOL!

ISO-2022-JP, the character encoding scheme you are using, is very capable when it comes to Japanese and Japanese English posts. With the current available extensions, I've been able to get it to support three languages providing all three are supported by ISO-2022-JP. For example, I've been able to include Japanese, Korean Hangul, and English in the same ISO-2022-JP document. However, ISO-2022-JP does not claim to be a global encoding scheme. If you need to include several languages each with a different character set in a single document, Unicode provides the best solution and UTF-8 is currently the most popular Unicode encoding standard.

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Phil

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