Jacana Word Aligner

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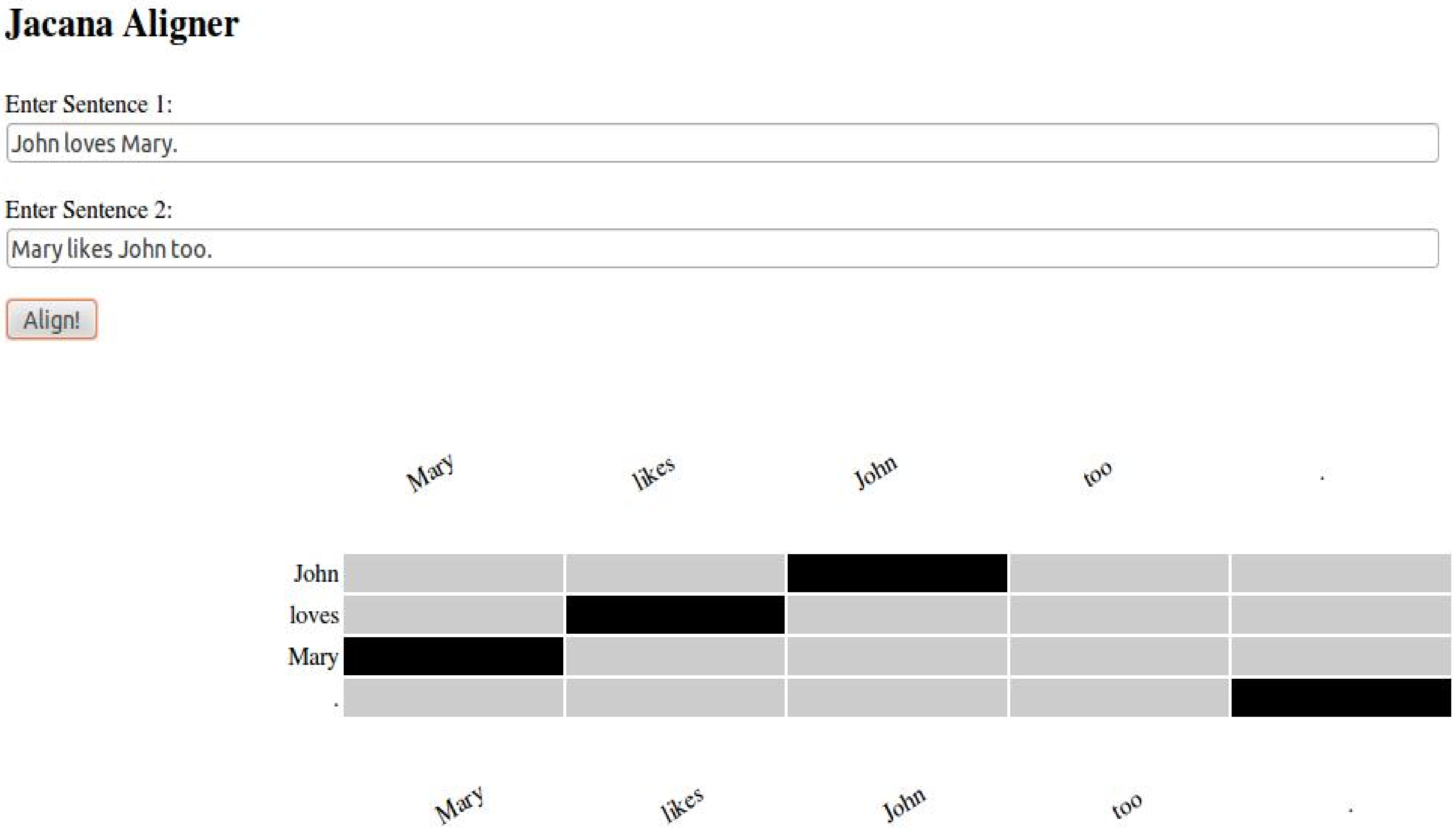
original monolingual aligner



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Enter Sentence 1:

John loves Mary.

Enter Sentence 2:

Mary likes John too.

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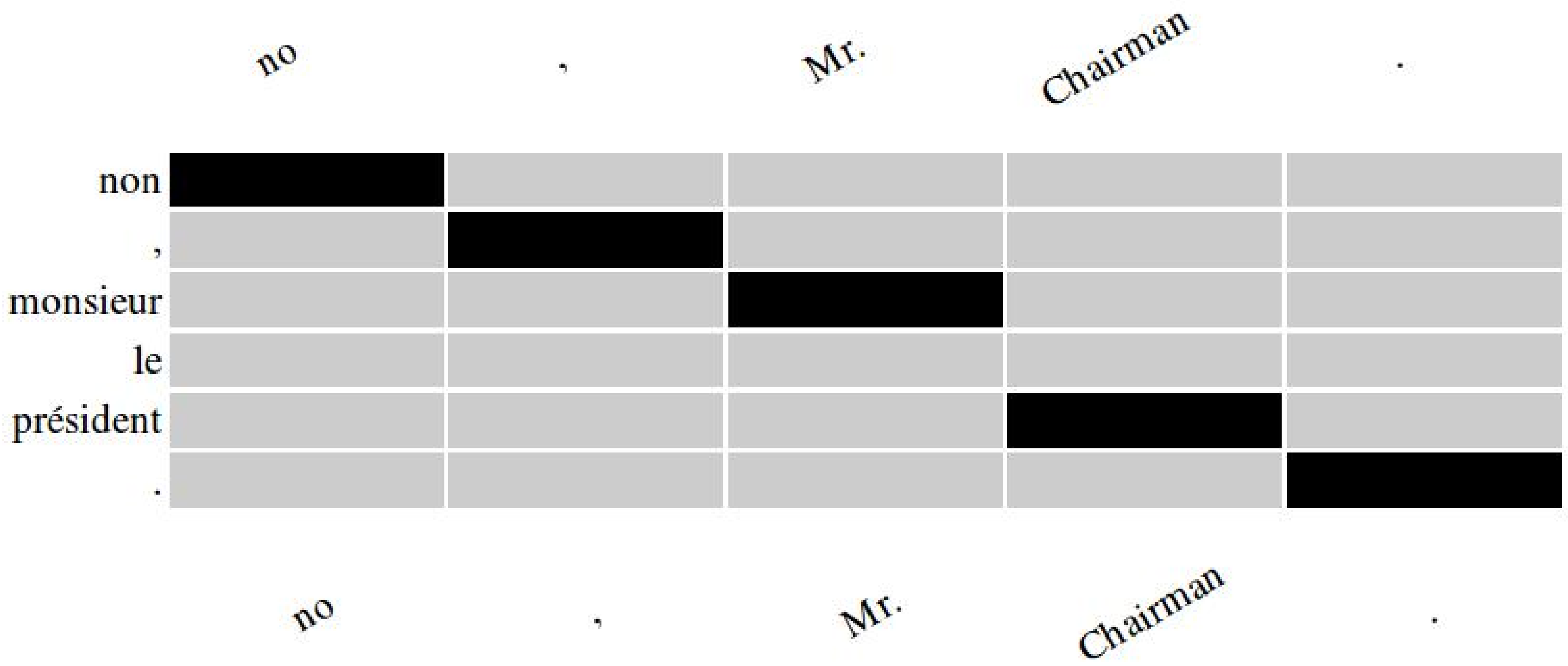

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Work in progress

- source code online:
  - http://code.google.com/p/jacana-xy/

- working on integration with the Joshua decoder

Give it a try!

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