

Enabling Captcha App



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You are using phpFox version earlier than 4.6.0? Please refer instruction for this article [here](#).



Note

Once this is enabled, the sign-up form will not have a Submit button as the CAPTCHA handles that. Users would get signed up when they complete the CAPTCHA challenge.

The CAPTCHA App is a system testing whether the user is human or not. It is a popular tool since it prevents spam attacks and protects websites from bots.

To Enable CAPTCHA app, you will need to login to your AdminCP. Go to Apps >> Installed >> Captcha

- In the Captcha app, you'd be able to select the Captcha Type

The screenshot shows the phpFox Admin CP interface. On the left is a dark sidebar with a menu containing: Dashboard, Apps (selected), Installed, Purchase History, Find More, Globalization, Appearance, Members, Settings, Maintenance, Logout, and a Clear All Caches button. The main content area is titled 'Admin CP » Manage Settings' and has tabs for 'Settings' and 'User Group Settings'. Under the 'Settings' tab, there are three sections: 'Manage Settings' (a header), 'Captcha String' (a text input field containing '23456789bcdfghjklmnpqrstvwxyzABCDEFGHJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ' with a description 'Alphanumeric characters that will be part of the Captcha routine.'), and 'Captcha Type' (a dropdown menu set to 'ReCaptcha' with a description 'Select captcha type. If you choose Recaptcha, visit google.com/recaptcha and get free key'). Below these is the 'Captcha Limit' section with a text input field set to '5' and a description 'Limit how many characters will be displayed in the Captcha image.' At the bottom, there is a 'reCAPTCHA Public Key' field and a 'Save Change' button.

If you select reCaptcha as the Captcha type, you would need to follow the instructions below.

The reCAPTCHA app is a great way to help control spam on your website. In order to enable this nice feature, you'll need to first set up your [Google reCAPTCHA](#) account.

1. Add a Label so you know which site this is for.
2. Add your domain like yourdomain.com . It will be for the full domain range so if you have subfolders or subdomains, it will work for those.
3. Choose if you want to get alerts if Google detects problems with your site, such as misconfiguration errors or an increase in suspicious traffic.
4. Register to save this domain.

Register a new site

The screenshot shows a form titled 'Register a new site'. It has three main sections: 'Label', 'Domains', and a bottom section with a checkbox and a button. Callout 1 points to the 'Label' input field which contains 'For example, domain.com: Comments page'. Callout 2 points to the 'Domains' input field which contains 'For example: domain.com', 'domain.net', and 'domain.org'. Callout 3 points to the 'Send alerts to owners' checkbox which is checked. Callout 4 points to the 'Register' button.

Label

For example, domain.com: Comments page 1

Domains
(one per line)

For example:
domain.com
domain.net
domain.org 2

☒ Send alerts to owners 3

4 **Register**

Once you've Registered it, you'll get the Site Key and Secret Key. Copy those as you'll need them for the next step.

Adding reCAPTCHA to your site

▼ Keys

Site key

Use this in the HTML code your site serves to users.

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Secret key

Use this for communication between your site and Google. Be sure to keep it a secret.

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- Go back to AdminCP >> Apps >> Captcha >> Paste the reCaptcha Key here
- SAVE CHANGES

Tip

It's always a good idea to clear your [site's cache](#) after adding anything.

After setting up Captcha, you can enable captcha on login and registration.

The easiest way to do so is by searching for '**captcha**' in the search box of Admin CP, you will see 2 options '**Captcha on Login**' & '**Captcha on Registration**'.

The screenshot shows the phpFox dashboard interface. On the left is a dark sidebar with navigation links: Dashboard, Apps (with sub-links for Installed, Purchase History, and Find More), Globalization, Appearance, Members, Settings, Maintenance, and Logout. At the bottom of the sidebar is a 'Clear All Caches' button. The main content area has a top header with the phpFox logo, a search bar containing 'captcha', and a user profile icon. Below the header, there are statistics for '20 ment on', '410 Videos', and '3,919 Users'. A large announcement banner for 'phpFox 4.6.1 Development Release' by Albert Santiago is visible. A dropdown menu is open from the search bar, showing three items: 'Captcha on Login' (with a red arrow pointing to the 'Apps » User » Settings' path), 'Captcha on Registration' (with a red arrow pointing to the 'Settings » Registration' path), and 'Captcha Type' (with a path of 'Apps » Captcha » Settings'). Below the dropdown, there is a field for 'reCAPTCHA Private Key'. At the bottom of the dashboard, there are sections for 'Active Admins' (listing Vivian and Albert Santiago) and 'More News & Updates' (announcing phpFox 4.6.1).

Select each one respectively then switch to **Yes** to enable each setting.

Captcha on Registration

Enable this option to add a captcha routine to the registration process. This will help against spam.



Captcha on Login

Enable this option to add a captcha routine to the login process.



Remember to hit **Save Changes** to save each setting.

Now registration form and login form of your site will be protected by Captcha. Users need to finish the captcha before submitting the form.