

# Enabling Captcha App



## Archives

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 '23456789bcdghjkmnpqrstvwxyzABCDEFGHJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ' 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 Changes' 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 registration form with the following elements:

- Label:** A text input field containing "For example, domain.com: Comments page" with a yellow circle labeled "1" next to it.
- Domains:** A text area with the text "For example: domain.com domain.net domain.org" and a yellow circle labeled "2" next to it.
- Send alerts to owners:** A checkbox that is checked, with a yellow circle labeled "3" next to it.
- Register:** A blue button with the text "Register" and a yellow circle labeled "4" next to it.

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 4.6.1 Development Release dashboard. 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. A 'Clear All Caches' button is at the bottom of the sidebar. 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: 20 comments, 410 videos, and 3,919 users. A large announcement banner for 'phpFox 4.6.1 Development Release' by Albert Santiago is dated April 6, 2018. Below the banner, there are two sections: 'Active Admins' showing Vivian (115.75.7.172) and Albert Santiago (118.69.144.204), and 'More News & Updates' with two posts about the upcoming 4.6.1 release and new apps/themes from February 2018. A settings dropdown menu is open, showing 'Captcha on Login' (with a red arrow pointing to it), 'Captcha on Registration' (with a red arrow pointing to it), 'Captcha Type' (with a sub-link 'Apps > Captcha > Settings'), and 'reCAPTCHA Private Key'.

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.