What is CAPTCHA?

CAPTCHA stands for *C*ompletely *A*utomated *P*ublic *T*uring test to tell *C*omputers and *H*umans *A*part. Basically it means those pictures with wavy letters that you have to type in before being allowed to sign up for a mailing list or other service. They are an attempt to prevent "spamming" or automatic signups by programs. Apparently there are some audio versions as well.

- http://www.captcha.net/
- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Captcha
- PHP CAPTCHA Class
- http://www.codeproject.com/aspnet/CaptchaImage.asp

reCAPTCHA is a very intriguing project that uses CAPTCHA authentication to help correct OCRA software and digitize books for the internet archive. Fiat Lux!

Techniques and Arguments against CAPTCHA

- http://www.cs.sfu.ca/~mori/research/gimpy/
- http://sam.zoy.org/pwntcha/
- Escape from CAPTCHA Presentation
- Inaccessibility of Visually Oriented Anti-Robot Tests

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