Redmine - Feature #2340

Self-registration needs captcha

2008-12-15 11:16 - Brad Schick

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Target version:			
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Description

I've had a public issue tracker running Mantis that was flooded with spammer attempts to create accounts. The spammers registered, but never completed the "click the link in email" step. So the didn't get accounts, but I had a constant stream of bogus half registered accounts to cleanup. I was only able to prevent this abuse by enabling captcha on the self-registration page.

I am now converting to Redmine, and I've noticed that there is no option for captcha on the self-registration page. I'm concerned that I'll soon be back in the same boat once Redmine goes live. Please consider adding captcha to all self-registration pages.

Related issues:

Related to Redmine - Feature #5073: Method of dealing with spam registrations	**New**	**2010-03-14**
Related to Redmine - Feature #675: Anti-spam or captcha for issues	**New**	**2008-02-16**
Has duplicate Redmine - Feature #8130: CAPTCHA Option	**Closed**	**2011-04-12**

History

#1 - 2009-11-02 01:44 - Michael Koch

+1 on this. we're starting to have the same issue at www.openpario.net

has anyone jumped on this?

#2 - 2010-03-14 06:23 - david austin

we have the same issue and need a captcha badly... HElp

#3 - 2010-03-14 07:27 - Oleg Volkov

It is better to help the interactive questions, such as "how many days this month."

#4 - 2010-03-14 22:14 - Kamil .

+1

#5 - 2010-03-15 05:07 - Bruce Joy

+1 #5073

#6 - 2010-06-29 09:54 - Sebastien Bahloul

+1

#7 - 2010-06-29 10:22 - Jean-Baptiste Barth

-1

CAPTCHA is one of the darkest sides of the WWW. Human users should never have to prove they're not robots. I like the idea of "inverse captcha", or "negative captcha", i.e. you put in the form a trap for spambots, hidden with css or javascript, and/or obfuscate just a bit fields for humans. Until a spammer looks specifically at your website, it does the job, I use it on some blogs I manage and have nearly no spam for years.

The idea of interactive question is just a bit better than CAPTCHA, but it's still annoying for the user imho.

Please, don't introduce such a thing into Redmine...

#8 - 2010-06-29 17:50 - Brad Schick

Jean-Baptiste, if those techniques worked as well as CAPTCHA more people would use them. The main problem is the most of them fail if a human looks at the site once, and then updates their registration bot to "behave correctly".

I'd also mention that CAPTCHA can easily be made an optional feature. But not having it at all will likely be a show-stopper for some.

#9 - 2010-06-29 18:59 - Jean-Baptiste Barth

It could be completed, made more complicated so that it has no impact on user experience and it's still efficient. I understand your point, but I disagree with the "not widely used => not working". This is the reason why Rails doesn't enter many enterprises, and J2EE survives.

Anyway, I was thinking of a default feature. If it's optional and turned off by default, why not... Maybe it could also be implemented as a plugin, see #1131 for that, which will be integrated in the next 1.0 release.

#10 - 2010-07-12 18:12 - Trond Lossius

Another useful functionality would be to check user name and mail address against stopforumspam.com

#11 - 2010-07-13 12:55 - W Snyder

+1 for a plugin. I also was having spam problems on my site, it reached several per day, so I hacked into the sources a "Enter 'foo' here" text field. I realize a human could easily hardcode around this, but the reality is most of the spam doesn't have a human involved at any point in the process. I've had only one get through since.

#12 - 2010-09-23 22:24 - Shane StClair

+1

#13 - 2011-02-02 16:43 - Enrique Garcia

+1

Jean-Baptiste Barth wrote:

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>
> CAPTCHA is one of the darkest sides of the WWW.
> (snip)

To me Captchas on websites are like the Police, the Firefighters or Hospitals on the real world. It would be very nice if they were not needed. But the reality is that they **are** needed.

#14 - 2011-02-08 03:24 - Shane StClair

This plugin adds a reCAPTCHA to the user self registration...

http://www.redmine.org/plugins/redmine_recaptcha

#15 - 2011-04-14 09:50 - Etienne Massip

- Category set to Accounts / authentication

#16 - 2012-09-05 13:53 - Jean-Claude Wippler

1 (a lot more, actually) - see #675

#17 - 2013-07-03 11:39 - Christoph Dwertmann

Recaptcha plugin for Redmine 2.x:
http://www.redmine.org/plugins/recaptcha

#18 - 2013-07-09 04:30 - Toshi MARUYAMA

- Related to Feature #675: Anti-spam or captcha for issues added

#19 - 2019-05-28 13:08 - Zer00 CooL

How i can use a captcha with redmine 4.x ? I want protect post issue, post wiki, and, post to the forum.

I asked about the unofficial discord of Redmine that sends me back here.

#20 - 2019-05-28 13:20 - Zer00 CooL

How to treat the protection against spam, in 2019, for Redmine?

How do Redmine administrators proceed?