

# Re: Generate Scrambled Text for Security

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Ben wrote:

Hi,  
I am looking to incorporate the scrambled text functionality (a graphic etc with scrambled text appears and the user is required to type in what he sees to prevent anonymous hits/spamming etc. – security feature available in most credit card /banking websites). Any pointers to where I can start?

You're after a CAPTCHA.

Telling the difference between cats and cars is *\*so\** much better than the bad text ones though. Decent OCR will break them frequently (and a spammer can compensate for the fact that 90% of the spam is stopped, by sending 10x the spam), and I can't read a significant number of them.

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