Human Computation

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Type the two words:
Verification technology developed in collaboration with Carnegie Mellon University.

“CAPTCHA”
“Help! I’ve been waiting for 20 minutes, and nothing happens”
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Which is the best Computer Science Grad School in the US?

- Berkeley
- CMU
- Cornell
- MIT
- Washington
- Stanford

(From www.slashdot.org)
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CAPTCHA Sweat Shops

Spam companies hire humans to type CAPTCHAs all day long

$2.50 per hour for each human
720 captchas per hour per human
1/3 cent per account
2012 VOTE FOR LUIS
Roughly 200 million CAPTCHAs are typed every day

10s of human time per CAPTCHA

Can we use this human effort for good?
The royal palace at Friedericheberg took fire last night. The King himself directed the operations for extinguishing the fire. The whole structure was, however, destroyed.
Scanned book

Word that OCR can’t read

Randomly distorted image of word

Type the two words:

reCAPTCHA®

stop spam, read books.
Sign Up and Start Using Facebook

Join Facebook to connect with your friends, share photos, and create your own profile. Fill out the form below to get started (all fields are required to sign up).

Full Name: 

I am:
- in college/graduate school
- at a company
- in high school
- none of the above

Email: 
Password: 

Date of Birth: Month: Day: Year: 

Security Check:
Enter both words below, separated by a space. What's This? Can't read this? Try another.

Text in the box: 

I have read and agree to the Terms of Use and Privacy Policy.
The Security Check allows us to:

Ensure Fair Access to Tickets
Automated programs known as "Bots" cannot read distorted text as well as humans. The Security Check helps prevent automated programs from blocking other customers from getting tickets.

Digitize Books One Word at a Time
By entering the words in the box, you are also helping to digitize books from the Internet Archive and preserve literature that was written before the computer age.

Provide an Audio Option for Visually Impaired Customers
An audio option allows visually impaired customers to hear a set of 8 digits that can be entered instead of the word challenge.

You do not have permission to access this website if you are using an automated program.

Security Check provided by reCAPTCHA. © Carnegie Mellon University, all rights reserved.
los angeles craigslist (central LA) > casual encounters > create posting

Your posting will expire from the site in 7 days.

To finalize your post, type each of the following words into the box below and click continue.

SPORTS  additions

Continue
Create a Free Twitter Account

Username: ____________  Your URL: http://twitter.com/USERNAME
        No spaces, please.

Password: ____________  6 characters or more (be tricky!)

Confirm Password: ____________

Email Address: ____________  In case you forget something

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O'Neill's
absurdly

Type the two words:

I want the inside scoop—please send me email updates!

By clicking on 'I accept' below, you confirm that you are over 13 years of age and accept the Terms of Service.

Already a member? Please Sign In!
Already use Twitter on your phone? Head over here and we'll get you signed up on the web.
Sign Up to Party for Change

Sign up to host your own Party for Change or sign up to attend one in your area.

Username
Password
Password (again)
Zip Code
Email Address

Type the two words:

Damn liberat
Where do the Words Come From?

Years 1851-1980 will be completed in 2009
400,000,000
(6% of the world’s population)
www.recaptcha.net