

Anti-spam

Measures to protect sites against spam

1.1. TIKI REGISTRATIONS: PASSCODE TO REGISTER + SHOW IT FOR HUMANS

1.1.1. USING PRETTY TRACKER TEMPLATE

Using "Use tracker to collect more user information" (admin -> login) you can design your own registration page by setting "Use pretty trackers for registration form". Activate the passcode option and enter a number (8 for example). In your registration pretty tracker template enter some text like "How much is 5+3" and add the field `{register_passcode}`. As long the user is not human and not entering the number 8 in the field, registration will fail.

1.1.2. NEWER VERSIONS: USING AN ADMIN SETTING

In the most recent versions of 6.x, 9.x, 10.x and 11.0 this is now a feature. Just visit **tiki-admin.php?page=login** and activate "**Require passcode to register**", save your settings. And then activate the new option that you will see saying: "**Show passcode on registration form**".

1.1.3. OLDER VERSIONS: SETTING IT BY HAND

If you can't see the option "**Show passcode on registration form**" in the security admin panel, then you can still use passcode and show it in the registration screen by configuring this behavior by hand.

An easy trick (by luci: thanks!)

1. Enable the option "**Passcode to register**" (Admin > Login > ...)

Related Topics

- [Spam Protection](#)
- [Security](#)
- [Comment moderation](#)
- [How to Ban many IP from fake registrations](#)
- [How to Remove SPAM](#)
- See also: [How to deal with SpamBots](#)

1. Enter the passcode the users will need to use and save by clicking "Change preferences". For this example, assume the passcode is **foobar**.

2. Code to add before the end `< /body>` tag. (**Admin > Look & Feel > Customization > Custom end code**):

1. If you are using some user tracker to collect more information from users at registration time, use this code:

code to add in Admin Look & Feel Customization Custom end code

```
{if $mid eq "tiki-register.tpl"} {jq} $("form[name='editItemForm1']").prepend("<b>Passcode to Register:</b> <i>foobar</i> <br/>");{/jq} {/if}
```

2. If you just use the basic registration form by default (no user tracker to collect more information from users at registration time), then use this other code:

code to add in Admin Look & Feel Customization Custom end code

```
{if $mid eq "tiki-  
register.tpl"} {jq} $("form[name='RegForm']").prepend("<b>Passc  
ode to Register:</b> <i>foobar</i> <br/>");{/jq} {/if}
```

3. (optional) If you're comfortable editing files and have access, line 12 or so of the **templates/register-passcode.tpl**, which has the description of the passcode field, could be changed to refer to the passcode as follows:

```
<em>{tr}Not your password. Enter passcode to register shown above. The code is case  
sensitive.{/tr}</em>
```

Note

To make the passcode a bit trickier to fetch properly by robots we can also write it with some html tags inside (or affecting half the passcode). E.g.:

```
foo<i>bar</i>
```

instead of just

foobar

or

foobar

This way, the user will read the same word that they have to type in: but robots will potentially read the html code, with the italic html tags in between, etc.

1.2. BANNING USERS OR IPS

See [How to Ban many IP from fake registrations](#)

You can also mass ban ips from comments pending moderation. See [Comment Moderation](#)

Or you can ban many ip's at once directly through the [Action Log](#) interface.

1.3. REMOVE SPAM

If you got spam before you applied the measures to avoid it, see [How to Remove SPAM](#)

Alias names for this page

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