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# What is Google reCAPTCHA API?

Google reCAPTCHA is a sophisticated security service designed to safeguard websites from spam and abuse by effectively distinguishing between human users and automated bots.

The reCAPTCHA API offers a suite of tools for integrating this protective measure into websites and applications, ensuring robust defense against various malicious activities.

By leveraging reCAPTCHA, websites can prevent bots from submitting forms, creating accounts, or performing other disruptive actions.

The API operates through multiple verification methods, such as requiring users to solve challenges (e.g., identifying objects in images) or analyzing user behavior patterns to confirm human interactions.

Once integrated, the reCAPTCHA widget collects data on user interactions and behavior. This data is then assessed to determine whether the user is a human or a bot, with the system providing a risk score that aids in making informed decisions about subsequent actions.

In essence, reCAPTCHA enhances website security by mitigating automated submissions and spam while protecting against various forms of abuse and fraud. It aims to deliver a seamless user experience, minimizing intrusive challenges and ensuring a smooth interaction for legitimate users.

Yo!Gigs has integrated this API into the platform to help reduce spam.



# **Configure the Google reCAPTCHA API**

Configure the Google reCAPTCHA API under Admin panel > Settings > System configurations > Third-party APIs tab.

| System configurations<br>Configure the general system settings that will govern most of the operations of the platform. |                           |   | $\bigotimes$ |           |     |
|---|---------------------------|---|--------------|-----------|-----|
| A For better understanding on each setting and their effects on the system, please refer to the user manual for admin.  |                           |   |              |           |     |
| ▲ To setup third-party APIs, refer to our third-party API guides for  | or step by step guidance. |   |              |           |     |
| Third-party APIs  | Google reCAPTCHA API      |   |              |           | ٦   |
| Common settings   |                           |   |              |           |     |
| Email & SMTP  | Site key                  |   |              |           |     |
| Freelancer settings   |                           | Enter the application site key generated to configure the G | oogle reCA   | PTCHA AF  | η.  |
| Discussion forum  | Secret key                |   |              |           |     |
| SEO & Tag manager   |                           | Enter the application secret key generated for Google reCA  | PTCHA to     | configure | it. |

Here are the steps to obtain the Google reCAPTCHA API key:

To obtain the key, you will need a Google account, so it's helpful to have a business Gmail account set up beforehand. If you don't have one, create it first, then follow the steps below.

### Step 1: Visit the Google reCAPTCHA platform

Log into your Gmail account.

Open a new tab and go to https://www.google.com/recaptcha/about/.



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Click v3 Admin Console in the top right corner.

### Case 1

If you have already registered a website on Google reCAPTCHA using this email address, you will be directed to the following page.

| Google r | eCAPTCHA       |  |                                      |                       |          |
|----------|----------------|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|
|          | v3 💌           | You have 1 site  |                                      | + 🌣                   | <u>+</u> |
|          |                | es for this site may not be accurate be<br>for more information. | fore running with sufficient live tr | affic. Please see our |          |
|          | Total requests | Suspicious requests  |                                      |                       |          |
|          | 0              | 0%   | 7 days from 💌                        | 2024-11-06            |          |
|          |                |  |                                      |                       |          |

To register your Yo!Gigs website on reCAPTCHA, click in the upper-right corner of the page.

This will open the **Register a new site** form.

| Google | Google reCAPTCHA    |   |  |
|--------|---------------------|---|--|
| ÷      | Register a new site |   |  |
|        |                     | Get started with reCAPTCHA<br>Add advanced features like <u>MFA</u> , spam/fraud protection & Google Cloud integration.<br>✓ Up to 10,000 assessments/month at no cost<br>✓ No Credit Card required |  |
|        | Label (j            |   |  |
|        | e.g. example.com    |   |  |



### Case 2

If you are a new user of Google reCAPTCHA, you will be directed to the **Register a new site** form.

| Google | reCAPTCHA  |
|--------|--|
| ÷      | Register a new site  |
|        | Get started with reCAPTCHA     Add advanced features like MEA, spam/fraud protection & Google Cloud integration.     Up to 10,000 assessments/month at no cost     No Credit Card required |
|        | Label (;<br>e.g. example.com   |
|        | reCAPTCHA type i   Score based (v3) Verify requests with a score   |



## Step 2: Fill the 'Register a new site' form

Update the following under this form:

| Google reCAPTCHA |                  |                                  |
|------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|
| Label            | i                |                                  |
| e.g.             | example.com      |                                  |
|                  |                  | 0 / 50                           |
| reCA             | PTCHA type       | í                                |
| ۲                | Score based (v3) | Verify requests with a score     |
| 0                | Challenge (v2)   | Verify requests with a challenge |
| Doma<br>+ A      | Ũ                | g. example.com                   |

- Label: Enter label name following the acceptable format (your website's name).
- **reCAPTCHA type:** Select the reCAPTCHA V2 option.

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| reCA | ΑΡΤΟ       | CHA type       | (i)             |   |
|------|------------|----------------|-----------------|---|
| 0    | Sco        | ore based (v3) | Verify reques   | ts with a score                                       |
| ٢    | Cha        | allenge (v2)   | Verify requests | with a challenge                                      |
|      |            | "I'm not a rob | oot" Checkbox   | Validate requests with the "I'm not a robot" checkbox |
|      | $\bigcirc$ | Invisible reC  | APTCHA badge    | Validate requests in the background                   |

Two additional options will appear.

Select "I'm not a robot" Checkbox option.

• **Domains:** Add your website URL. For instance, if your domain name is <u>www.yo-gigs.com</u>, type the same in the field and press **Enter** on your keyboard to add it.



Scroll down to update the rest.

There are three case scenarios here:

Case 1: If you are a new Google services user, your form will look like this:



| Google Cloud Platform   |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| It doesn't look like you've used Google Cloud before. We'll create a Google<br>Cloud Platform (GCP) project for you below at no cost. We've made some<br>changes to our platform. Learn more about legacy keys. |                                |
| Project Name*   |                                |
| My Project 6975   |                                |
| 15 / 30<br>If you have used Google Cloud before, try logging in to a different Google<br>account.   |                                |
|   |                                |
| I agree to the Google Cloud Platform Terms of Service, and the terms of service APIs.   | of any applicable services and |
| CANCEL  |                                |

**Case 2:** If you are an old Google services user (means you have already used Google Cloud Console platform before), your form will look like this:



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# **Case 3:** If you are using a Google Business account for Google services, your form will look like this:

| Google Cloud Platform  |   |
|--|---|
| It looks like you've used Google Cloud before. To get started, we'll create a new project and enable the necessary APIs. |   |
| Project Name*  |   |
| My Project 786   |   |
| — Create in — 14 / 3   | 0 |
| saintchris-school.org  | i |
| ∧ GOOGLE CLOUD PLATFORM  |   |
| CANCEL   |   |

In all cases, you must create a new project using this form.

#### Update the relevant fields based on your specific situation:

• **Project Name\*:** This field is applicable for all cases.

Enter or edit the project name in the field provided; it can be the same as your platform or domain name.

• **Create in\*:** This field is applicable if you are using your Google Business account {where your account is a part of Google Workspace or Cloud Identity and whose email domain (@yo-gigs.com) is the same as your business domain (https://yo-gigs.com)} to create the keys.

This field allows you to select the organizational unit (such as an organization or folder) within your Google Cloud account where the project will be created.



Google Cloud provides organizations and locations to help businesses manage and structure their resources efficiently. Organizations allow



centralized control over multiple projects and enable fine-grained access management, while locations (regions) are used to optimize performance, compliance, and redundancy by placing resources closer to users and meeting regulatory requirements.

This field will list the available locations (if there are more than 1) and you can choose the applicable one.

• I agree to the Google Cloud Platform Terms of Service, and the terms of service of any applicable services and APIs: Check mark this to accept the terms of service.



This checkbox will appear only if you are a new user, whether you have a Google Business account or a regular Google account.

Click Submit.

With this, the keys will be generated.



## Step 3: Copy the keys

It takes about a minute to set up the reCAPTCHA settings in Google Cloud.

However, you can still move ahead and copy-paste the keys in the right place.

There are two keys used to configure the reCAPTCHA API.

| Adding reCAPTCHA to your site          |   |  |
|--|---|--|
|  |   |  |
|  | We're still setting up reCAPTCHA settings in Google Cloud, but you can get started using the key details below.   |  |
|  | It should take around 1 minute to completely setup. Once completed, you'll have unlimited assessments and the ability to use advanced features like MFA and Account Defender. |  |
| Use this site key in the COPY SITE KEY | he HTML code your site serves to users. 🔀 See client side integration   |  |
| Use this secret key f                  | Tor communication between your site and reCAPTCHA. 🔀 See server side integration  |  |

Copy each key one by one and paste them in the required location (step 4).

As you are copying, a new message will appear sharing the confirmation that the set up has been completed.

| 6 | Success - you're all set up!   |
|---|--|
|   | ✓ Manage settings in the Google Cloud Project  |
|   | ✓ Up to 10,000 assessments/month at no cost  |
|   | Visit the Google Cloud Platform project hosting your reCAPTCHA keys to enable advanced features. |



## Step 4: Paste the keys on the Yo!Gigs admin panel

On another tab, open the admin panel of your platform.

Go to Settings > System configurations > Third-party APIs tab.

Paste the site key in the **Site key** field, and the secret key in the **Secret key** field.

| Google reCAPTCHA | ΑΡΙ  |
|------------------|--|
| Site key         |  |
|                  | Enter the application site key generated to configure the Google reCAPTCHA API.  |
| Secret key       |  |
|                  | Enter the application secret key generated for Google reCAPTCHA to configure it. |

Click Save changes to update the details in the system.

This action will configure the Google reCAPTCHA API in the system.



# Working of the Google reCAPTCHA API

The reCAPTCHA security section is displayed on the Contact us form.

| Contact us<br>Your feedback<br>helps us improve<br>our services                | Fill out your details in the form below.<br>And our experts will get back to you as soon as possible. |
|--|---|
|  | Name * Phone no. *  |
| Want to talk to us?<br>+91 6284314570  | Email *<br>Message *  |
| Send us an email<br>connect@fatbit.com   |   |
| Get in touch<br>ITC 3, Sector 67, Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar,<br>Punjab 160062 | I'm not a robot   |
|  | Submit  |

Keep track of scores and outcome of this API on the <u>Google Cloud Console</u> platform. Visit it and select the project under which the Google reCAPTCHA keys were created.







From the navigation menu, go to Security and select reCAPTCHA Enterprise.

This will direct you to the reCAPTCHA page.

Ensure you add a billing method to use this service properly.



#### Once done, keep track of all the reports on this page at any time.

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