WikiCAPTCHA a ReCAPTCHA-like solution for Wikisource

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Background

- In Wikisource digitized books in Djvu format are transcribed by volunteers
- Djvu → OCR → Commons →Wikisource
- Djvu have layers (img, text, …) you can add to Djvu as many layers as you like.

The Idea

- In Feb 2011 it.ws sysop Alex brollo noticed that unrecognised characters where marked in the OCR layer with a caret symbol “^”
- He wrote a basic script to find words containing carets and producing images
- We had the idea that such a system could use to produce a ReCAPTCHA-like system to use on Wikisource

What's ReCAPTCHA

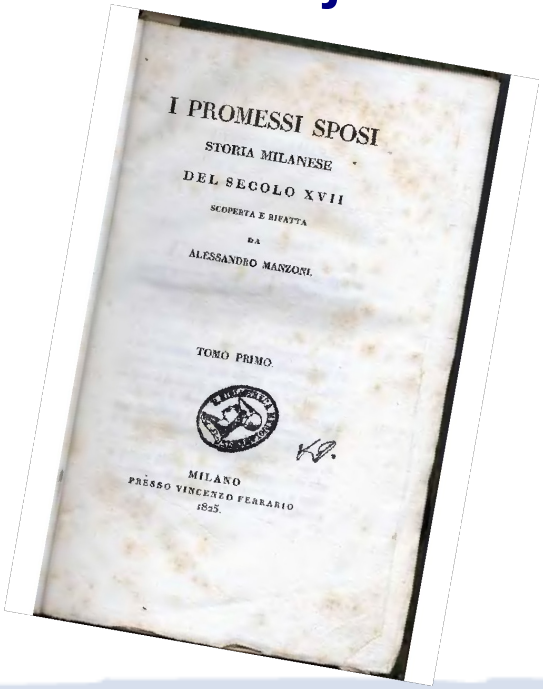
- CAPTCHA system: **C**ompletely **A**utomated **P**ublic **T**uring test to tell **C**omputers and **H**umans **A**part
- Louis von Ahn (then at CMU) – 2008
- CAPTCHA (also by LvA) = meaningless words → ReCAPTCHA = “stop SPAM, read books”
- ReCAPTCHA has been acquired by Google: recaptcha.net
- Transcribing old books in libraries

How it works

- ReCAPTCHA challenges: user presented with two words, one recognized (RW) and the other not (UW). The user is asked to transcribe the words.
- Correct transcription of the RW → human
- Transcription of UWs are collected → rules → transcription accepted as correct → new RWs
- Words can be refused → unrecognizable words

Application

- WikiCAPTCHA could be used as a replacement of or with the current system with has some known limitations
- Better transcription of Djvu in Commons



Where we are

- WikiCAPTCHA is a POC
- Process a Djvu and extract:
  - UW
  - Images of them
  - Store them in a DB + filesystem
- Submit them to the user and collect answers (using Django)

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Mozilla Firefox

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What's missing

- How to produce the RW for the challenge
- Define rules to accept words
- Write the result back in the Djvu (we need to modify the way we store Djvu in Commons)
- Make the system scalable (!)
- Make the system secure (!!)

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The End