

PHP Guestbook - Version 4.3

This extension implements a 'simple' PHP guestbook for WYSIWYG Web Builder.

Key Features

- No database is required, a text file is used to store the messages on the webserver.
- Password protected admin area to delete posts.
- HTML code stripped.
- BBCode support.
- CAPTCHA (Image Verification) to verify Human user submission and block automated spam.
- Easily change text strings, fonts, colors and other properties of the guestbook.
- Uses an inline frame to display its contents, so you can put it anywhere in your website!
- Email notification when someone has signed the guestbook.
- Customizable date format.
- Logs IP address, only visible for administrators (plus who is lookup link!)
- The user can select to hide its email address.
- Admin approval of messages or user email verification.
- reCAPTCHA v2 support.
- Smileys support.

Description of the Properties

Title	Specifies the title of guestbook.
Name field	Specifies the label of the 'name' field.
Subject field	Specifies the label of the 'subject' field.
E-mail field	Specifies the label of the 'e-mail' field.
Website field	Specifies the label of the 'website' field.
Message field	Specifies the label of the 'message' field.
Submit button text	Specifies the text of the 'Submit' button.
Reset button text	Specifies the text of the 'Reset' button.
Captcha field	Specifies the label of the 'captcha' field.
Hide email field	Specifies the label of the 'hide email' field.
Previous Page	Specifies the label of the 'Previous Page' link.
Next Page	Specifies the label of the 'Next Page' link.
Admin Login	Specifies the label of the 'Admin Login' link.
Sign the guestbook	Specifies the label of the 'Sign the guestbook' link.

If you leave the following values empty, the field will not be displayed in the guestbook: Subject, E-mail, Website, Reset.

The **Report strings** values allow you to customize the success and error messages.

The **Style** properties can be used to customize the appearance of the guestbook.

Admin Password

Specifies the administrator password. The default password is 'password'.

Show Admin Link

Enable this option to display the 'Admin Login' link on the bottom of the guestbook. Clicking this link will allow you to login as Administrator and remove messages from the guestbook.

If you decide not to display the admin login link, you can login with this URL:

<http://www.yourwebsite.com/guestbook.php?admin=login>

Enable E-mail notification

Specifies whether you want to receive an email when someone has signed your guestbook.

Note: the **E-mail address** must be valid and the server (eg. the PHP mail feature) must be properly configured! Contact your webhost for more information.

If you enable the option '**Include posted message**' then the text of the message will be included in the notification message.

Approval

In a further attempt to stop the number of spam messages you can enable '**Admin**' approval. In that case all messages must be approved by the administrator before they become visible. If the '**Email**' verification option is selected then the user must confirm the submitted message by email before it is accepted. This makes sure that the specified email is valid. If '**Automatic**' is selected then the message will become visible immediately after submitting.

Allow URLs

Specifies whether URLs will be displayed as clickable links.

Allow BBcode

Specifies whether BB codes can be used in a message.

BBCode is a way of putting special effects into your text.

If this option is enabled these BBcodes are available:

[b]Bold text[/b]

[i]Italic text[/i]

[u]Underline text[/u]

Character Set

The character set tells the browser how to interpret and display the characters of a web page. Depending on the language of the text in the guestbook it might be necessary to force the browser to another character set. The most common used character sets are: ISO-8859-1 (ANSI) and UTF-8 (UNICODE).

Enable smileys

If this option is enabled 12 smiley images will be displayed on the left of the message input field. This allows the user to easily insert smileys to the message. The following smileys are supported:

	Smile
	Frown
	Wink
	Oops
	Big Grin
	Razz
	Cool
	Rolling Eyes
	Mad
	Eek
	Sad
	Confused

Date Format (PHP syntax)

Specifies how the message date will be displayed in PHP syntax.

Default: 'm/d/Y H:i:s' -> 12/31/2010 12:01:33

Text filename

Specifies the name of the text file (database) where the messages will be saved to.

Default: ./guestbookdb.php

Please note that you **MUST** make this file writable on the server! See also the extra instructions at the end of this document.

PHP script name

Specifies the name of the guestbook script. Do not include the path!

Default: guestbook.php

If you add **multiple guestbooks** to your website you should make sure this name is unique! Renaming guestbook.php to something else (like mygb.php or z3Cjeqrhn.php) may also help to decrease the number of automated spam messages. If you give the guestbook script a less obvious name then it will become more difficult for spam bots to recognize the guestbook.

Maximum Message Length

Specifies the maximum size of a message that can be posted.

Items per page

Specifies the maximum number of item to be displayed per page. If more items are available then the guestbook will automatically add 'Previous and/or Next Page' navigation links.

Always show 'Sign the guestbook' form

This option specifies whether or not to display the 'Sign the guestbook' form on the main page. If you do not enable this option then a 'Sign the guestbook' link will be display on top of the guestbook.

CAPTCHA

The CAPTCHA option adds image verification to the guestbook to verify Human user submission and block (automated) spam. CAPTCHA codes prevent Robots 'signing' your guestbook by requiring a randomly generated string of characters be correctly typed in to the form before it can be processed.

Note that the CAPTCHA function will not be a 100% protection from receiving spam. But it will make automated spam distribution more difficult. However it will not stop spam entered by humans.

The guestbook supports 3 different types of CAPTCHA:

1. Simple

This option displays 4 random numbers. Due to its simplicity, this option can also be easily by passed by spammers. This option is only provided for backward compatibility. We recommend using 'Advanced' or 'reCAPTCHA' instead.

2. Advanced

The option provides a more secure CAPTCHA with many configuration options which will make it harder for automated processed to recognize the characters on the image.

Note that this option uses the built-in CAPTCHA object of WYSIWYG Web Builder. See the help/manual for more details.

3. reCAPTCHA

reCAPTCHA is a free CAPTCHA service that helps protect your site against spam, malicious registrations and other forms of attacks where computers try to disguise themselves as a human. reCAPTCHA is currently one of the best ways to protect online forms from spammers.

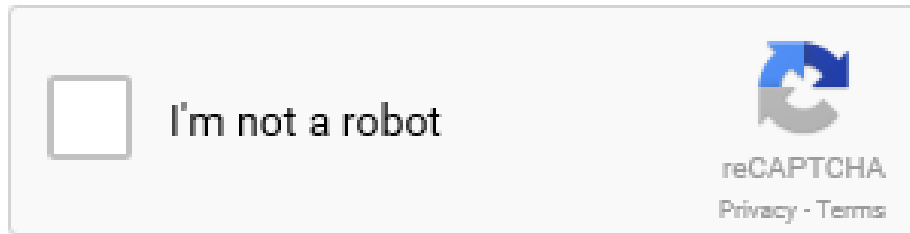
First, you'll need to sign up at: <http://www.google.com/recaptcha>

and create reCAPTCHA keys for your site. The keys are unique to your domain and sub-domains and will not work for other domains. After you have signed up you will receive a **Private Key (Secret Key)** and a **Public Key (Site Key)**. You must enter these keys in the guestbook's properties. The rest of the required code will be automatically generated for you when you publish the page to your website.



4. reCAPTCHA v2

reCAPTCHA v2 is a newer version of reCAPTCHA.



MUST READ!!! Extra instructions:

1. Upload an empty text file named 'guestbookdb.php' to your server.

This is the file where the messages will be stored in. You will find an empty file guestbookdb.php in the extensions folder

My Documents\WYSIWYG Web Builder\system\extensions\, although basically it's just a text file with no content.

Note that if you used a different name in the **Text filename** property then the files should have that name!

2. Change the permissions of 'guestbookdb.php' to 644 otherwise you won't be able to write data.

You can use the FTP Manager add-on to upload and change permissions of the 'guestbookdb.php' file.

You can download the FTP Manager add-on for Web Builder from the download section of the website:

<http://www.wysiwygwebbuilder.com/download.html>

or alternatively you can use FTP Wanderer:

http://www.pablosoftwaresolutions.com/html/ftp_wanderer_3_0.html

a) Login to the FTP server of your website using the FTP Manager.

b) Browse to the folder where you've published the guestbook.

c) Upload 'guestbookdb.php'

d) Select the file and use Properties to set the permissions to 644

You only have to do this once!

If you are using the built-in ban option (available in the Admin section), then another file needs to be created: **BANNED_guestbookdb.php**.

You can create this file the same way as described above.

Important Note:

If you enable CAPTCHA (Simple or Advanced) then make sure the folder where the guestbook is uploaded on the server has **write permissions** otherwise the CAPTCHA image cannot be generated.

The reCAPTCHA option does not have this requirement.

How to install this extension so it is available in WYSIWYG Web Builder?

You can use the Extension Manager (Menu->Tools->Extension Manager) to install this extension.

Alternatively, you can manually copy all files from the zip file to the Web Builder extensions folder. Usually this folder is in this location:

My Documents\WYSIWYG Web Builder\system\extensions\

Requirements

WYSIWYG Web Builder 11.6 or higher

PHP must be installed (and working) on the web server!

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