



REDCap: Enabling reCAPTCHA for Public Surveys



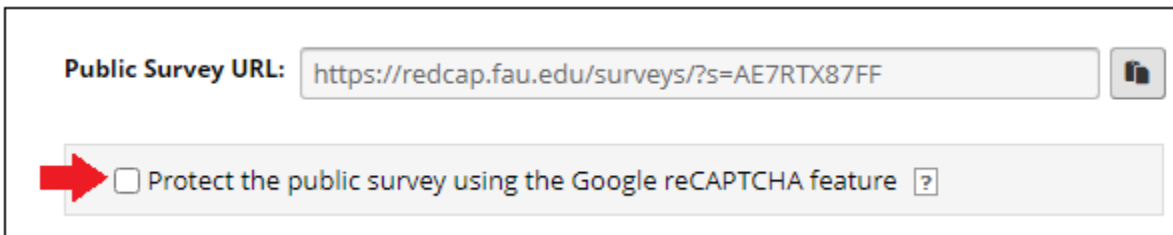
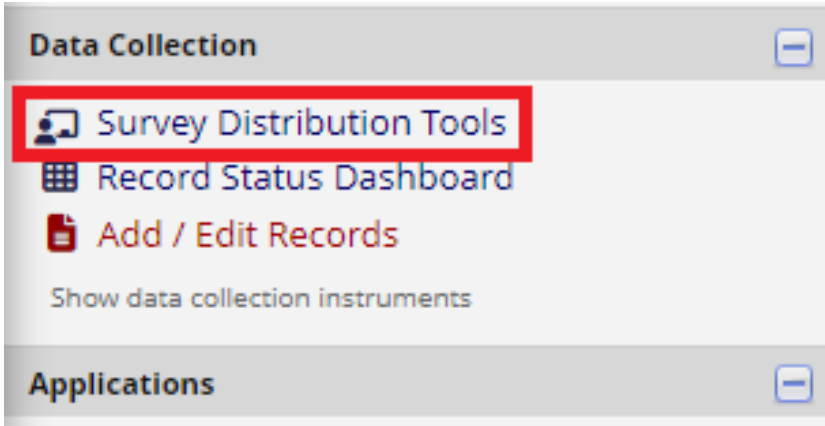
Using a public survey link is the simplest and fastest way to collect responses for your survey. However, if you use a public survey link, you might receive responses from 'bots' (also called 'spambots') - automated software programs that enter invalid data into your survey. You can enable the Google reCAPTCHA feature on public survey links to help avoid this.

The Google reCAPTCHA feature can be enabled to help protect your public surveys from abuse from 'bots', which are automated software programs that might enter trash data into your survey. A 'captcha' is a turing test to tell humans and bots apart. It is easy for humans to solve, but hard for bots and other malicious software to figure out. By enabling Google reCAPTCHA on your public survey, you can block automated software while helping welcome your survey participants to begin your survey with ease.



How to Enable reCAPTCHA

1. Go to your REDCap project at redcap.fau.edu.
2. Navigate to 'Survey Distribution Tools' on the left menu.
3. Click the checkbox below the public survey URL to enable the feature.




Click on the checkbox to enable reCAPTCHA.



REDCap Account Request

To proceed to the survey, please check off the box and click the button below.

 I'm not a robot 
reCAPTCHA
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Begin survey

4. After it has been enabled, when a survey respondent navigates to the page, they will first have to pass the reCAPTCHA test.

**Remember if you enable reCAPTCHA and are testing your survey - it will only ask you to complete the test once per day unless you clear out cookies on your device!*