

AI CRAWLER PERMISSION RECORD

Certificate of Capture

This certifies that as of **2026-08-14**, the file **nytimes.com/robots.txt** stated:

GPTBot: BLOCKED at site root

Field	Value
Domain	nytimes.com
Resource	robots.txt
Captured at (UTC)	2026-08-14T07:54:35Z
As-of date requested	2026-08-14
HTTP status	200
Content SHA-256	b5f9c7cc9b86d4d17acb5c6e91c72165a49a911c0e070021da00e896c8d60a1f
Trusted timestamp	PRESENT (RFC-3161 trusted timestamp token stored via https://freetsa.org/tsr)

Methodology

This record was produced by an automated agent that issued a single HTTPS GET request for the public file **nytimes.com/robots.txt** and stored the exact bytes received together with their SHA-256 hash. Where a trusted timestamp is marked PRESENT, an RFC-3161 TimeStampResp token binding that hash to the capture time was obtained from an independent Time Stamping Authority and retained, making the record tamper-evident and its date independently verifiable. The file is fetched on a recurring schedule; this certificate reflects the most recent capture on or before the as-of date above.

Captured content (excerpt)

```
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# use subject to our Terms of Service here:
# https://help.nytimes.com/hc/en-us/articles/115014893428-Terms-of-Service.
# Use of any device, tool, or process designed to data mine or scrape the content
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# The New York Times Company. Prohibited uses include but are not limited to:
# (1) text and data mining activities under Art. 4 of the EU Directive on Copyright in
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# (4) any commercial purposes.
# Contact https://nytlicensing.com/contact/ for assistance.
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User-agent: *
User-agent: Googlebot
Disallow: /ads/
Disallow: /adx/bin/
Disallow: /athletic/wp/wp-admin/
Allow: /athletic/wp/wp-admin/admin-ajax.php
Disallow: /athletic/async-*
Disallow: /athletic/search/*
Allow: /athletic/search/$
Disallow: /athletic/checkout/
Disallow: /athletic/checkout?plan_id*
Allow: /athletic/checkout/$
Disallow: /athletic/checkout2*
Disallow: /athletic/login/
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Disallow: /athletic/login?login_source*
Disallow: /athletic/login?ref_page*
Allow: /athletic/login/$
Disallow: /athletic/login2/
Disallow: /athletic/login2?login_source*
Disallow: /athletic/login2?ref_page*
Allow: /athletic/login2/$
Disallow: /athletic/report/
Disallow: /athletic/*/discuss/*
Disallow: /athletic/register/
Disallow: /athletic/regis
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Independent verification

1. Recompute the SHA-256 of the captured bytes and confirm it equals the value above. 2. Validate the stored RFC-3161 token against the same hash (e.g. `openssl ts -verify`) to confirm the capture existed at the certified time and has not been altered since.

This certificate attests to what the named public file returned at the stated time. It does not constitute legal advice. The issuer, BotWitness, is a neutral third-party recorder and is not affiliated with the subject domain.