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QR Code Scams

QR codes, like the one at the bottom of this page, are a popular way of allowing customers and visitors to access information or services without having to type a long sequence of letters and punctuation. QR Code scams are sometime referred to as Quishing attacks.

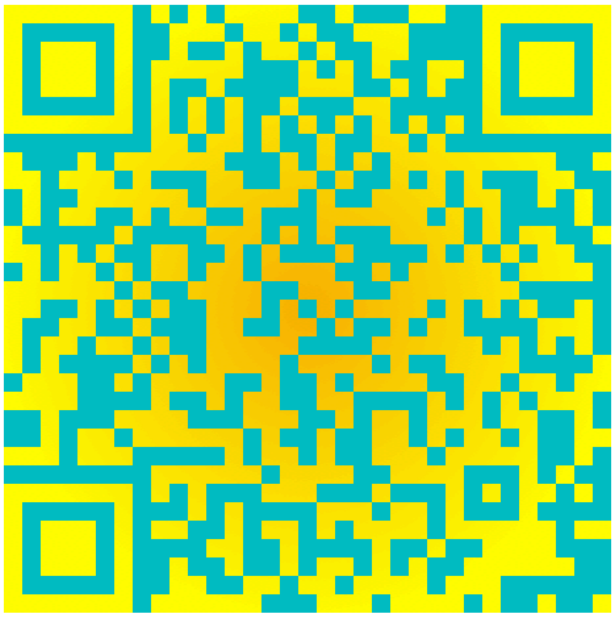
QR Codes are used for a variety of links including: recipes page from a packet; access to Wi-Fi; download a restaurant menu; open a location map; download apps; display adverts; access bus/train timetables; share business card; invite feedback; scan to pay and more.

The last-mentioned (scan to pay) is an area where scammers have tried to mislead consumers by, for example, fixing their own QR Code on top of a legitimate one so the the person wishing to pay (for parking for example) will be directed to a malicious web site and lose any money to the scammers.

Protecting yourself from QR Code Scams:

> Examine external signs carefully to see if the original QR Code may have been pasted over
> Before clicking the link in your camera app, review the target domain name looking, particularly, for spelling errors and a divergence from that which you expected
> If paying using a QR Code check the amount and beneficiary before clicking'Pay'

For more official advice on QR Code Scams, scan the QR Code below (or click here):



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