Quick Response (QR) codes

What is a QR Code?

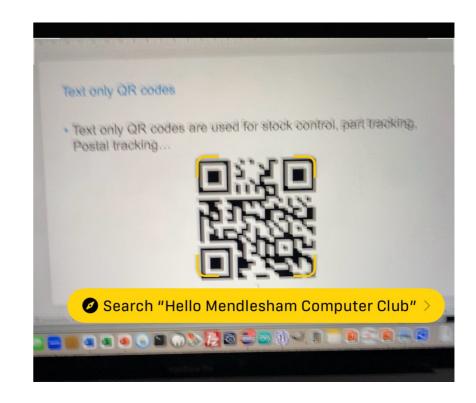


• A QR Code (Quick Response Code) is a 2D barcode invented by a Japanese car parts firm to get over the 48 character size limitations of a traditional barcode. They can contain up to 4,296 characters, but some older phones struggle with over 300.

• They rapidly increased in popularity with the widespread adoption of Mobile Phones with the built-in ability to read QR codes by their cameras, older phones may need an app to read a QR code.

How do you access a QR code?

- If you have a reasonably new phone, simply point your phone at the code, wait till it locks on (usually with a box around the code) and touch it to go to the link.
- If this doesn't work and you have an older phone (iPhone running iOS older than version 11 or Android older than version 7) download a reader App to your phone and use this. E.g. Kaspersky QR code reader and scanner.



Text only QR codes

 Text only QR codes are used for stock control, part tracking, Postal tracking...



URL QR codes

 These are the most popular and provide an easy to link to a web site on your phone;



WiFi credentials QR codes

 These are used to quickly add a Network ID and Password to your phone.



How to create a QR code

- Use one of the free QR code generators e.g.
 - <u>https://www.grcode-monkey.com/</u>