The QR Code Conundrum

QR Code Scans, And Phishing Attacks, Are On The Rise

QR code phishing attacks are particularly deceptive and ever increasing. The tell-tale signs of a phishing link aren't as apparent with a QR code as with a URL in an email, and they typically require a user to use a mobile device, which has weaker security protection. **As more people scan QR codes, cybercriminals are taking advantage. Here are the numbers behind this growing threat.**

Dynamic QR code scans increased globally *

433%

2021 - 2022

FBI Warning
QR codes may be tampered with by cyber criminals to direct victims to malicious websites

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2025

2022

83.4 million

99.5 million

Smartphone QR scans in U.S. *

5 primary ways QR codes can be exploited

- Steal PII or access an application
- Redirect user to a malicious website
- Download malicious file onto your device
- Trigger malicious actions on your device
- Divert a payment or make requests for money

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