# Using Existing Barcodes with CodeREADr

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## Overview of Barcode Generation and Scanning

CodeREADr provides flexible barcode solutions for businesses and individuals. Whether you need to generate new barcodes or use existing ones, CodeREADr simplifies the process with user-friendly tools and features. Here's how you can leverage CodeREADr for your barcode needs.

## Generating Barcodes with CodeREADr

CodeREADr offers both free and premium barcode generation services:

- Free QR Code Generation: Easily create standard QR codes with embedded text displayed below the code.
- Branded Barcodes for Premium Users: Customize your barcodes with features such as:
  - Adjustable barcode sizes.
  - Logo or image insertion.
  - Control over embedded text display.
  - Additional text overlays.

These barcodes can be:

- Embedded in emails or mobile messages.
- Printed using tools like Word, Excel, or similar document software.

For more details, read our article on generating barcodes with CodeREADr.

## Using Existing Barcodes

If you already have barcodes on labels, badges, tickets, or other assets, CodeREADr allows you to scan and utilize them seamlessly. You can also create your own printable barcodes, including:

- QR Codes
- DataMatrix
- PDF-417
- Code 39
- Code 128

With support for over 50 barcode formats, CodeREADr is equipped to handle various use cases. Additionally, you can validate your barcodes by uploading a CSV file of barcode values to the CodeREADr ‘Databases’ page.

Tip: You can purchase badges or IDs with pre-printed barcodes and follow the same import process for seamless integration.

## Identifying Existing Barcode Types

Not sure which barcode symbology (type or format) you’re using? The CodeREADr app makes it simple to identify your barcode type using just your smartphone or tablet:

1. Download the CodeREADr App
    - Available on the App Store (iOS) or Google Play (Android).
2. Use the "Try It Now" Feature
    - On the sign-in page, tap ‘Learn More’ at the bottom.
    - Select ‘Try It Now’ to scan your barcode without creating an account.
3. Scan and Identify
    - After scanning, the app will display the barcode’s format.
    - If the default formats don’t work, tap ‘Barcode Formats’ and select ‘All’ for enhanced scanning options.

Advanced Scanning Modes: Experiment with different scanner modes, such as Default, Framing, Targeting, Selecting, and Batch, to optimize your experience.

Note: On Android devices, the "SD PRO Try It" feature includes common barcode types but may require a free or paid account for less common formats. After scanning, check the ‘Scans’ page on CodeREADr.com to confirm the barcode type.

## Where Can CodeREADr Scan Barcodes?

The CodeREADr app supports scanning barcodes presented on:

- Printed Materials: Tickets, posters, badges, labels, fliers, and ads.
- Digital Screens: Tablets, laptops, and desktops.
- Mobile Devices: Passbook, commerce apps, mobile wallets, MMS, and images.

## Why Choose CodeREADr?

With its robust features, the CodeREADr app rivals industrial-grade scanners while utilizing the built-in camera on your iOS or Android device. Whether you need to scan barcodes on physical materials or digital platforms, CodeREADr ensures accurate and efficient performance.

Start leveraging CodeREADr today for all your barcode scanning and generation needs!