Stop QR Code Phishing Attacks

Email remains the #1 attack vector for cyber threats, with phishing threats on the rise every day. Cybercriminals continue to find new ways to trick unsuspecting individuals into divulging sensitive personal information. One of the latest tactics used by scammers is QR code phishing, where a fake QR code is created that redirects to a malicious website designed to steal sensitive information.

At Cofense, we can protect your business from these new, malicious phishing threats. Our complete end-to-end email security solution is designed to stop QR code phishing scams in their tracks.

What Makes QR Code Phishing Different?

Standard security measures can't detect malicious URLs that are embedded into QR images and then included within an email – either as body text or an attachment. From our 35 million+ human reporters around the globe, Cofense sees QR code phishing threats make it past secure email gateways (SEGs) and reach inboxes every day. These threats are waiting in inboxes for unsuspecting users to click, opening up businesses to a potential breach. And because employees are scanning QR codes with personal devices, this type of phishing presents an even greater risk, as users may be outside the protections of corporate security protocols.

Cofense Stops QR Code Phishing Threats

To address this growing threat, Cofense now offers QR code training simulations and real-time phishing SAT content to educate employees on real QR code threats. Plus, our email threat detection and response solution provides Security Operations Centers (SOCs) tools they can use to automatically identify and remove QR code threats that bypass SEGs.

Leveraging phishing intelligence from 35+ million human reporters around the globe, Cofense is the only email security company that delivers this comprehensive QR code solution.

Cofense has detected a huge influx of QR code phishing threats and the number of scams is growing! **Check out the facts:**

- QR code phishing threats have surged by over 2,400% in recent months.

- Malicious actors are exploiting the widespread use of QR codes, especially in a touchless world.

- Scanned QR codes can lead to fraudulent websites designed to steal your information.

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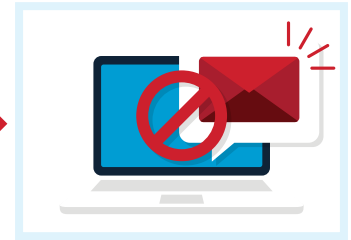
How it Works

Threat Detection and Response
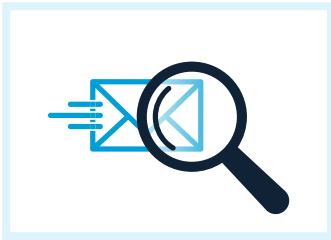
Email comes in and Cofense scans for QR codes.

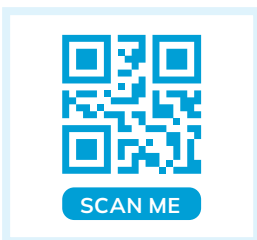Cofense retracts URLs from any QR code images.

Cofense detects malicious URLs that match IOCs from our Intelligence Team.

If the email is deemed malicious, it is sent through the Cofense auto-quarantine process and automatically removed from employees' inboxes.

Security Awareness Training

QR code simulation templates are available in PhishMe and can be used in your employee training campaigns.

Templates are based on real, relevant threats Cofense has seen bypassing SEGs.

PhishMe programmatically creates QR codes for each recipient.

Recipients receive a training simulation with their personalized QR code embedded.

If an employee scans the code and follows the link, they will be directed to custom QR code phishing education materials.

Stay Secure with Cofense

QR Code phishing is an ever-evolving threat and cybercriminals are getting more and more creative to breach your business. At Cofense, we know the best way to stay protected is to implement a complete end-to-end email security solution, with tailored content for every new threat type.

Cofense is the only email security company that combines **Security Awareness Training** and **Threat Detection and Response** to identify malicious QR codes quickly, and stop them before they harm your company.

Protect your organization and mitigate the risk of an employee falling for these clever cybercriminal tricks. Don't wait until it's too late and your sensitive data has been compromised. Contact us today to learn more about our QR Code phishing protection offerings!

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