QR Code Evaluation Write-Up
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The app we evaluated was QR Code Reader - QR Scanner and QR Code Generator. We downloaded generation 2.2.4 by TinyLab. The publisher states that this app is appropriate for 4+ and we agreed with that. This app is simple enough to use for young students and can help them explore their worlds. We think this would be a Discovery Learning app and Tool app. We think it is discovery learning because the students control what they scan and, thus, what they learn. This is ultimately a tool app because it can create a file (QR Code) or read a certain document (QR Code). This can be useful for students. This can fit into science curriculums about recycling or health, you might be able to fit it into other curriculums as well but those two were the two Kayla thought about. This would fit in almost any setting from a teacher tool, to single-user, small groups, labs, or mobile environments. You do need a mobile device to use it, so it might be the most applicable one, but you would be able to implement it in other settings as well.

It was originally free, but it turns out it was a trial. You could remove adds for $1.99, create unlimited generations for $2.99, have unlimited scanning for $2.99, or do all the above for $7.99. However, while we were using it, we got a discount for 50% off of the Pro feature that made the ads free, unlimited everything only $3.99.

This app would allow you to scan Barcodes or QR codes to bring up a list of the things that had that barcode, or take you to the specified website for the QR code. If you wanted to create your own QR code, it was relatively simple. You needed the web link for it and it would automatically generate one. It had a few colorful backgrounds, but the QR codes are black and white.

We all liked this software, but didn't like the fact that it costs so much. There was no counter in the corner to let us know how many more scans we had, so it felt a bit trapping. Carinna also noted that your iPhone does the same thing, so an app was potentially unnecessary. Michaela didn't like the app because it was complicated to use. However, unlike our other softwares, this one didn't crash so we liked that.

This app doesn't pass because of the cost. There are cheaper options and websites that are completely free. We didn't like how crowded this one was with ads and messy backgrounds.