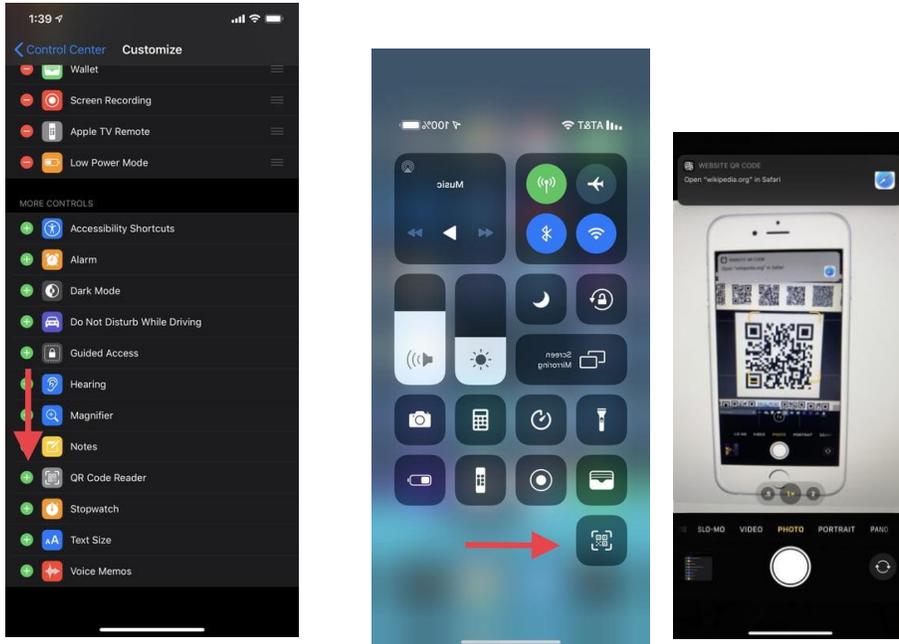


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## How to scan a QR code on an iPhone



**Step 1: Open up the camera app.** Apple's iPhones have built-in QR code scanning capabilities right in the camera app itself, so there's no need to download a separate scanning app unless you really want to. Additionally, ever since [iOS 12](#), there's even a direct QR code reader in the Control Center, so you can launch it even faster.

If you don't see the QR code icon in your Control Center on iOS then simply go to the *Settings* app, tap *Control Center*, then tap on *Customize Controls*. Then find *QR Code Reader* under the *More Controls* section, and tap the green "+" icon to add it. Now, it will be easily accessible whenever you need it straight from the iOS Control Center — which you can access by swiping down from the top right of the screen.

**Step 2: Position your phone so the QR code appears in the digital viewfinder.** The camera app should automatically recognize the QR code. Of course, the right distance and angle can help. The QR code doesn't need to fill the entire screen, but all four corners should be visible. If your camera is too angled, the app may have trouble recognizing the code, so a straight-on approach is best. Image stabilization technology helps a lot with the shakes, but try to avoid moving too much so the code square stays visible.

**Step 3: Launch the code.** If you're scanning a QR code via the QR Code Reader found in the Control Center, it will automatically launch the corresponding app or website. However, if you're using the iOS Camera app to scan the QR code, your iPhone will not automatically initiate the QR code activity. Instead, a notification bar will pop up at the top of the screen, showing that the QR has been understood, usually with a handy brief description of what the QR code will do — like opening a specific web page. If you believe that the QR code is safe, tap on the notification bar to launch the code activity.