

## **What Are QR Codes?**

Beginning with the July issue, ASJ now includes “quick response” (or QR) codes with every article that has a technique video. They are printed at the bottom of the article’s first page.

QR codes are two-dimensional bar codes that can be read by QR code readers or smart phones. When you scan these codes, they take you directly to the video online (through ASJ’s YouTube page).

To scan a QR code, you must download a free code reader application to your phone – but we promise, it’s worth it! Once you start using QR codes, you’ll see them everywhere. (Be on the lookout in the airport, on real estate signs, and in grocery stores – if you attended the ASAPPS meeting in Boston this year, you might have even noticed one on your name badge!)

## **QR Code Readers**

There are a number of free QR codes available for download. Below are a few suggestions to get you started. You can also search your platform’s app store for QR code readers.

Apple: Red Laser (<http://appshopper.com/utilities/redlaser>)

Android: QR Droid ([https://market.android.com/details?id=la.droid.qr&feature=search\\_result](https://market.android.com/details?id=la.droid.qr&feature=search_result))

Blackberry: ScanLife (<http://appworld.blackberry.com/webstore/content/6154?lang=en>)

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