

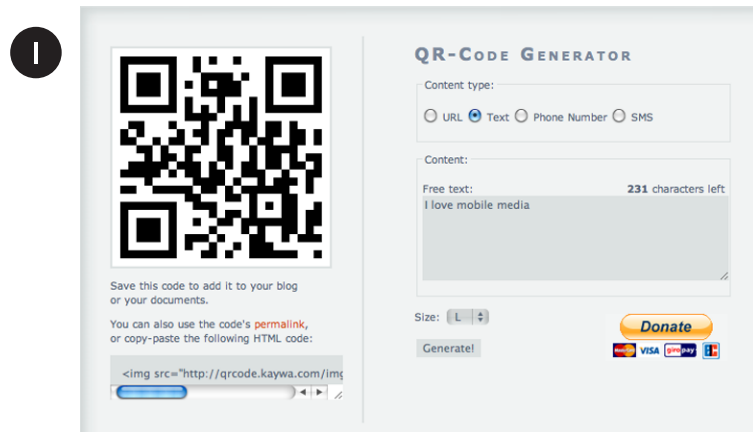
# HOW TO MAKE A QR CODE

**Step 1:** Go to a free QR code generator website (e.g. <http://qrcode.kaywa.com> , <http://www.unitaglive.com> , <http://www.qrstuff.com/>) and then download the png version of your code.

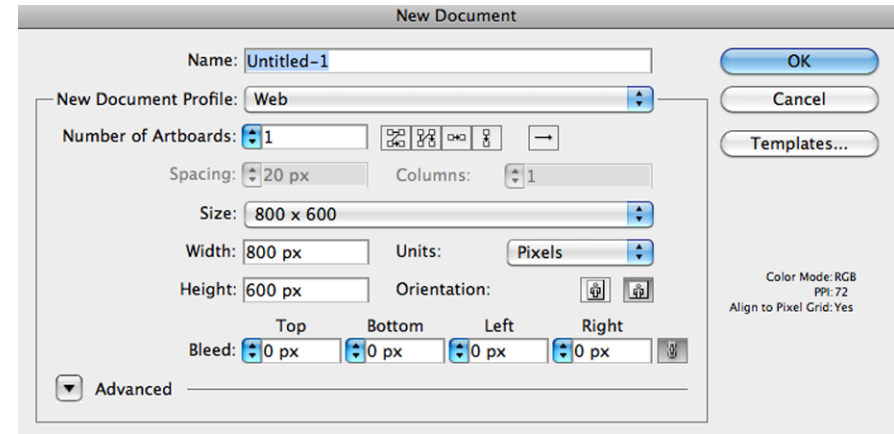
**Step 2:** Create a new web document, and then copy and paste your downloaded QR code into your file.

**Step 3:** Go to your guides and grid preference menu and set your gridlines to every 12-72px and subdivisions to every 12-72px. Then using your cursor keys make sure your QR code image is aligned to your pixel grid. (the complexity of your code will determine how many pixels work best).

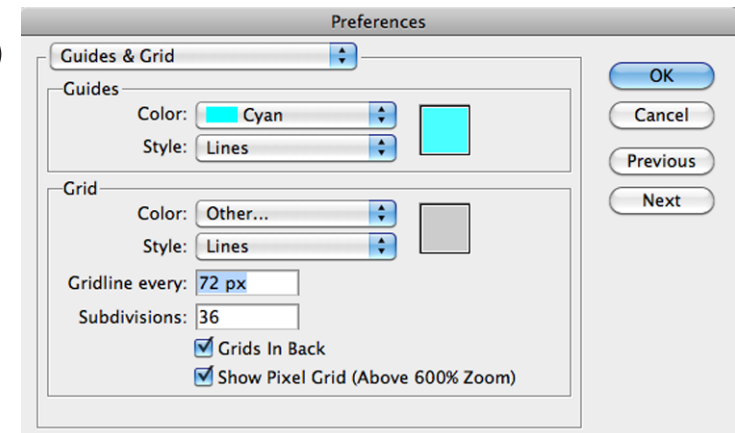
**Step 4:** Next dim your QR code to approximately 25%



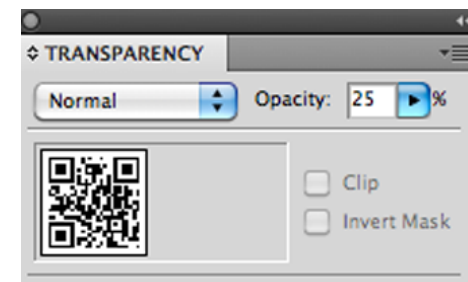
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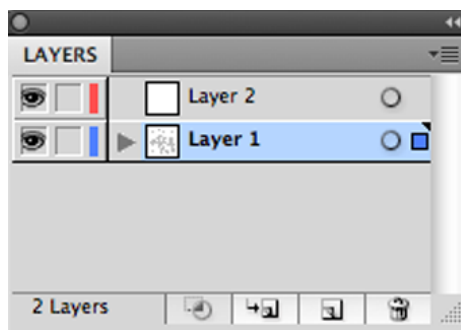
**Step 5:** Then create a new layer above the image layer to draw your code. The pixel grid will constrain your objects to the grid, hence making it easy for you to trace.

**Step 6:** Determine if you want to customize your code with rounded edges or traditional straight lines.

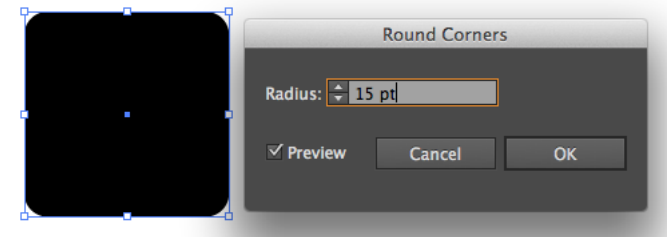
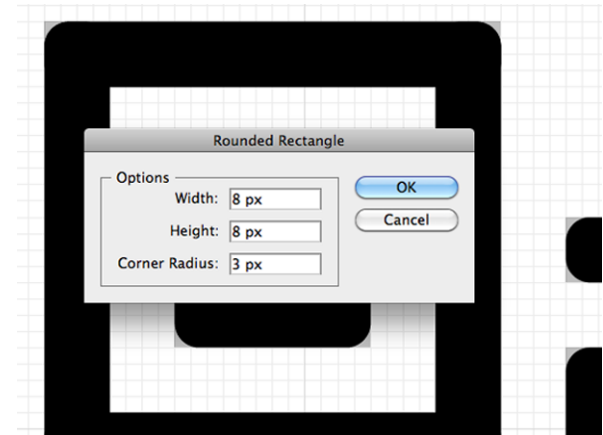
- If you decide to use the rounded rectangle, set your corner radius to 3px.
- If you decide to use the rounded corners effect under stylize you make want to use pathfinder merge first.

**Step 7:** When finished select your whole code and custom color it. Make sure the dark and the light areas have enough contrast so that it can be easily read by a scanner. Then you can use the pathfinder merge tool to add colors together that are the same.

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