



Bar Code Add-In for Word 2013 and later

Note: I recommend using [Graham Mayor's Insert Bar Code Add-In](#) instead of this one for QR codes, Code39, and Code 128 codes. I believe it provides a better user interface. It also handles the related MergeBarCode Field, which this one does not.

This Add-In is to allow easier use of the DisplayBarCode Field in Word 2013 and later. It produces bar codes according to parameters and switches set in the field. This field does not work with earlier versions of Word and if used in those versions, nothing will be displayed by the field or it will give an error message about a missing bookmark. If you wish people who do not have Word 2013 (or later) to view this in electronic form, I suggest converting it to a pdf or to an image file.

See [this article](#) on the Microsoft Developer Network for information about this field. The article is spotty and you are expected to know what kinds of information the type of bar code you are producing needs. Where it gives acceptable switch parameters, these appear to be ranges rather than a list. You may get an error message that I cannot help you with if you give the field something it can't handle. This won't hurt your document, but it will look funny until you erase the bar code field that isn't working!

Here is the [Wikipedia article](#) on QR codes for more background.

The custom dialog box in this Add-In is triggered by the QAT button using the Box icon. 

This utility will insert a field at the insertion point in your document using the default size. If you display the field code, you can change it to be a different kind of field.

To use this, place it in your Word [Startup Folder](#) and enable the macros.

This is Version 21.15. Future updates (if any) will be found at <http://addbalance.com/word/download.htm#BarCodeAddIn>.

The QR bar code below (for my download page) was produced by this Add-In. If you cannot see a barcode, I expect you are viewing this document using an earlier version of Word that does not support this field.



This Add-In is focused on the QR bar code.

Sorry, but this is the only kind of bar code that I use. The Add-in will produce other types as well but I do not know their parameters. A QR can handle any type of text but if there are spaces, the text must be enclosed in quotation marks. It can be rotated using the \r field switch and it can be scaled from 10% to 1000% using the \s switch. There is a \q switch that is for error correction. I haven't seen anything that it does, yet.

The default switches on the QR code produced by this Add-In are for 100% scaling and error correction at the highest level (3). The rotation switch is set at 0 – no rotation. These options can all be changed in the dialog box. As far as I can tell the error correction setting makes no difference.

Update Log

Version 21.15 – Added recommendation to use [Graham Mayor's Add-In](#)

Version 20.14 – Activated the size/scaling setting

Version 19.13 – Deleted surplus button on userform – does not change action

Version 19.12 – separated EAN8|EAN13 and JAN8|JAN13 types on second tab of the dialog