

we all share contact information with new people the same way. we ask for their number, shoot them a text, and then they save your number in their contacts before texting you back. You then have to tap in their name. There must be an easier way and there is. I'm taking a look at a couple of options that'll leave you wishing you'd known this all along.

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ADDING A NEW CONTACT IN YOUR PHONE? THERE HAS TO BE AN EASIER WAY THAT HOW WE'VE BEEN DOING IT, AND THERE IS. I'M JAMEY TUCKER COMING UP WITH A SMARTPHONE TRICK TO SHARE CONTACT INFORMATION JUST BY TAPPING THE PHONES TOGETHER.

ANCHOR INTRO

SAVING NEW CONTACTS HAS NEVER BEEN EASIER THAN IT IS TODAY. YOU BOTH SIMPLY TAKE OUT YOUR SMARTPHONES AND ADD NAMES AND NUMBERS. BUT IT CAN STILL BE A PAIN.

IF YOU'VE BEEN CREATING NEW CONTACTS BY CALLING OR TEXTING, THERE IS AN EASIER WAY. OUR CONSUMER TECHNOLOGY REPORTER JAMEY TUCKER EXPLAINS.

PACKAGE SCRIPT

Okay, text me your number. Got it. Save as a new contact...what's your last name again? Okay, now what's your email address, that is a lot of steps to save someone's phone number in contacts. There's a faster way that requires just tapping the phones together. Apple's iOS 17 allows people to share all of their contact information with just a tap. Here's how to do it: Open the contacts app and select "My card". If their phone is updated to iOS 17, they just need to tap the phones together, the information will be shared by both phones. Or for a really cool first impression you can try one of these digital business cards from Lynq or Popl. These cards are equipped with NFC chips. You create your digital business card on their website and when you want to share your contact information with someone with an iPhone or an Android device, they just tap the card or sticker on your phone case. They can also scan a QR code. In addition to your contact information, you can share social media accounts, a website, and other information. Then they can easily share their information with you.

I cannot stress enough how much better this is, especially at business events and anywhere you're going to be meeting a lot of new people. And it's very very cool. That's What the Tech?
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THOSE DIGITAL BUSINESS CARDS START AT AROUND 5-DOLLARS. THEY'RE ALSO AVAILABLE AS WATCH BANDS, JEWELRY, AND KEY RINGS.

WEB STORY

Does this sound familiar? You've just met someone and you'd like to exchange contact information with them.

Me: "Text me your number"

Them: "Here you go"

Me: "Got it. what's your last name again?"

Them: "I need yours too"

Me: "Great. What's your email address?"

Five minutes later you both have one another's contact information saved on your phones. We don't even think about this process but it can be a lot easier. And faster.

In iOS 17, Apple users can exchange contact information by simply tapping their phones together. It's called "Name drop". To use it, open the contacts app and tap "My card". If they've updated their phone to iOS 17, just tap the phones together or bring them close. Each phone will get a pop-up with the other person's contact information which can be saved to the Contacts app with just a tap.

If it doesn't work, make sure you have AirDrop turned on.

Android users have had a similar feature for years.

An even better way to share your contact information with someone is with a digital business card. Linq and Popl are two of the most popular options. These require you to set up a digital business card on the company's website. You can include more than just your name, phone number, and email address. Both allow users to share websites, social media profiles, documents, and payment systems.

The digital business cards are equipped with NFC chips so all someone needs to do is tap their phone on the business card or a sticker on the smartphone case. Both companies have standard business cards, bracelets, key rings, and watch bands. These can also be customized with a business name or logo.

There is no subscription required for basic sharing of information but both Linq and Popl have premium services that allow users to share even more and accept payments.

I cannot stress enough how helpful these digital business cards and accessories are at business events or anywhere else you'll be meeting a lot of new people. The business cards themselves are around \$5 each.

www.linqapp.com

www.popl.co

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