

# QuickBooks

SMALL BUSINESS ACCOUNTING

**User Guide** 

### Welcome to QuickBooks

We're going to help you get paid, pay others, and see how your business is doing. Use this guide to learn key tasks and get up and running as fast as possible.

#### All kinds of help

Help from Intuit and the QuickBooks Community of users is built into QuickBooks. From the main menu, choose **Help > QuickBooks Help**.

Visit the QuickBooks Support Website at www.quickbooks.com/helpme to browse support topics, FAQs or contact an agent (fees may apply).

You can find a local QuickBooks expert by typing in your ZIP code here: www.findaproadvisor.com.

As your business grows, you may want to add additional users. You can easily do this from the Help menu by choosing **Help > Manage My License**.

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## **Getting started**

#### Begin by creating your company file

A QuickBooks company file contains all the financial records for your business. It's easy to create using the Setup window, which appears automatically after you install QuickBooks.

You can also reach this window from the menu by choosing **File > New Company**.



#### Next, add your business info

To save time later, add/import information you'll use often. This includes the people you do business with, the products and services you sell, and your bank accounts. No data to enter or import right now? No problem! You can add it as you work in QuickBooks.



Choose Company > Bulk Enter Business Details.

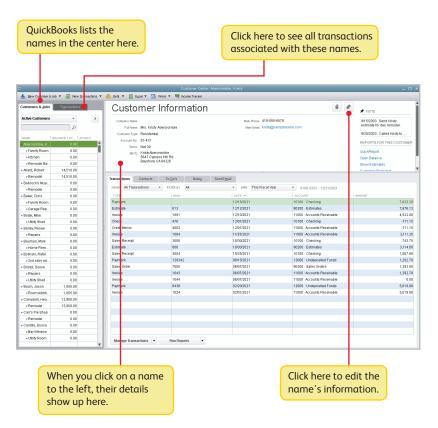
## Using the Home page to move around in QuickBooks

The Home page gives you a big picture of how your business tasks fit together. It opens automatically whenever you open a company file. You can do all your tasks just using the menus. The menus contain the same tasks as the Home page, and more. The Icon Bar includes shortcuts to many parts of QuickBooks. To create your own shortcuts, To customize the Home page, click Customize Shortcuts. choose Edit > Preferences > **Desktop View** from the menu, and then click the Company Preferences tab Go directly to the centers by clicking on these icons.

## **Using centers**

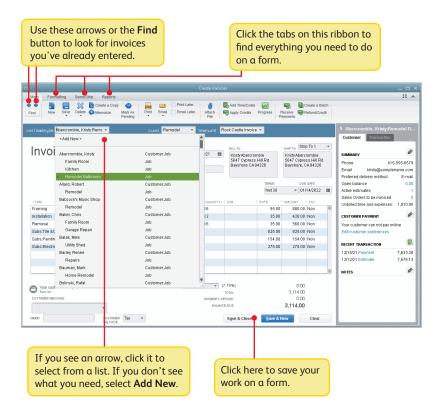
QuickBooks tracks the people and companies you do business with in Centers. There is a separate QuickBooks Center for customers, vendors, and employees. Use the centers to manage and view all information and transactions associated with customers, vendors, and employees.

All of the centers work the same way. We'll use the Customer Center to show you how they work.



## **Using forms**

All of your everyday QuickBooks tasks, like invoicing, paying bills, and writing checks, are done on forms. You can reach every form in QuickBooks from the Home page or the menus. We'll use an invoice to show you how forms work.



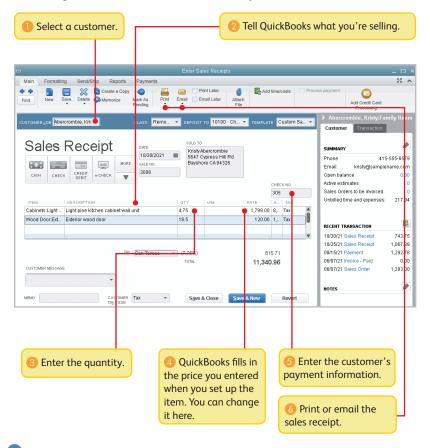
## Get paid:

There are 2 main ways to record sales in QuickBooks. If your customer pays in full, use a sales receipt. However, if they still owe you money for the sale, use an invoice instead.

## Create sales receipts

Use a sales receipt if customers pay you in full at the time of sale.

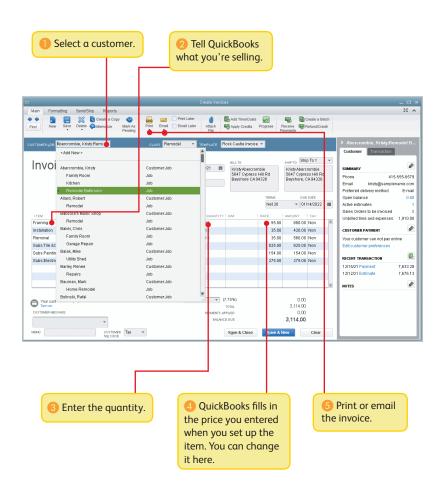
To start, go here: Customers > Sales Receipts.



#### **Create invoices**

Use an invoice if customers still owe money for the sale.

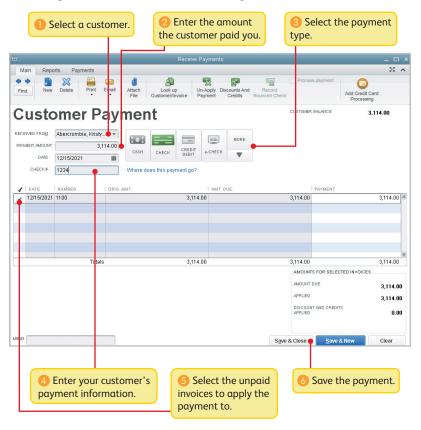
To start, go here: Customers > Create Invoices.



## Receive payments

When a customer pays you, use the Receive Payments form to apply it to the right invoice. You don't need to do this if you entered a sales receipt.

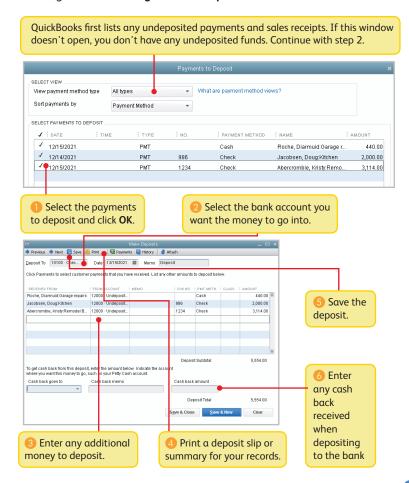
To start, go here: Customers > Receive Payments.



## Make deposits

After you record a sales receipt or receive a payment for an invoice, tell QuickBooks where to deposit the money. The deposit you record in QuickBooks should match the actual deposit you make at the bank. It may include multiple payments or sales receipts for the day.

To start, go here: Banking > Make Deposits.



## Pay others:

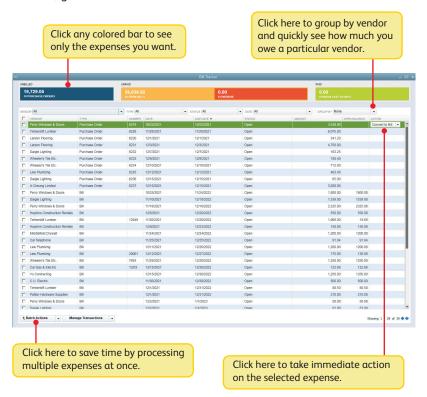
In QuickBooks, you track purchases in the Write Checks, Enter Bills, or Enter Credit Card Charges windows.

- If you use a debit card, ATM, or electronic fund transfer (EFT), use the Write Checks window to record the purchase.
- To track how much you owe, use Enter Bills. When you're ready to pay the bill, use the Pay Bills window (not the Write Checks window).

#### **Bill Tracker**

Keep on top of all your vendor-related expenses.

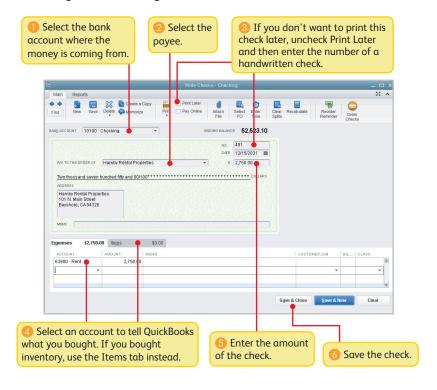
To start, go here: **Vendors > Bill Tracker**.



#### Write checks

Use the Write Checks window to record checks you print or write, ATM withdrawals, debit card purchases or electronic fund transfers (EFT). Don't use the Write Checks window to pay bills you entered or create paychecks.

To start, go here: Banking > Write Checks.

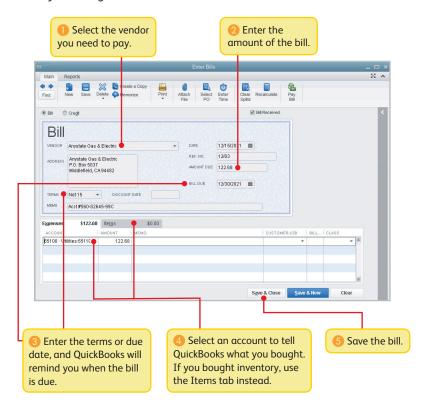


#### **Enter bills**

To track how much you owe, use the Enter Bills window. Entering and paying a bill is a two-step process:

- Enter the bill using Vendors > Enter Bills
- 2 Pay the bill using **Vendors** > Pay Bills

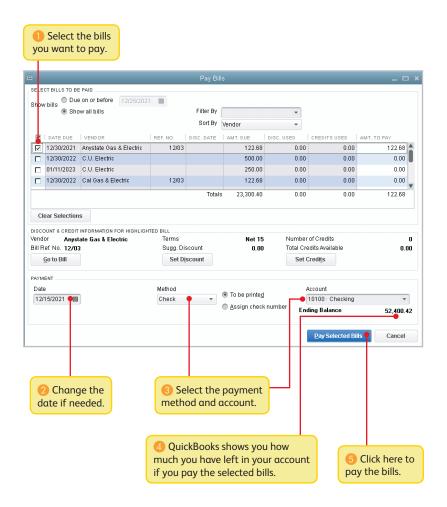
Start by entering a bill.



## Pay bills

When you're ready to pay a bill, use the Pay Bills window.

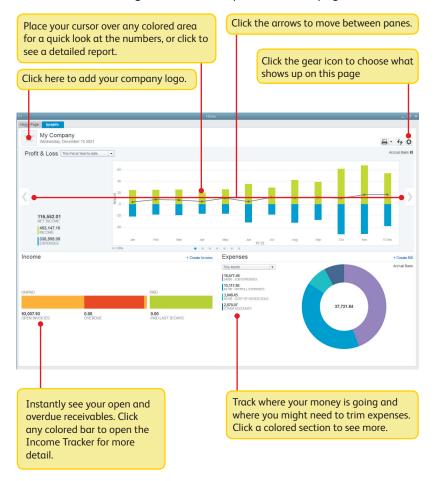
To start, go here: Vendors > Pay Bills.



## See how your business is doing Home Page Insights

Use Home page Insights to see exactly how your business is doing.

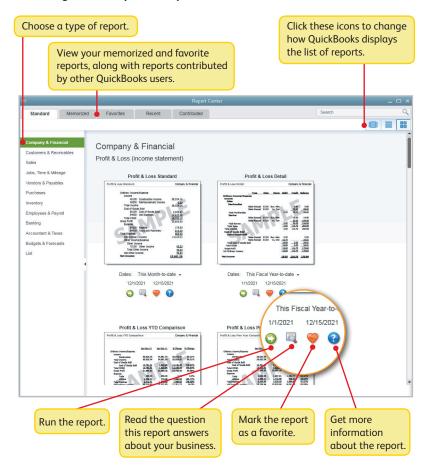
To start, click the **Insights** tab at the top of the **Home** page.



## **Using the Reports Center**

All of your QuickBooks information can be found, organized, and presented as a report. QuickBooks has more than 100 reports, and the Report Center makes it easy to find the right one.

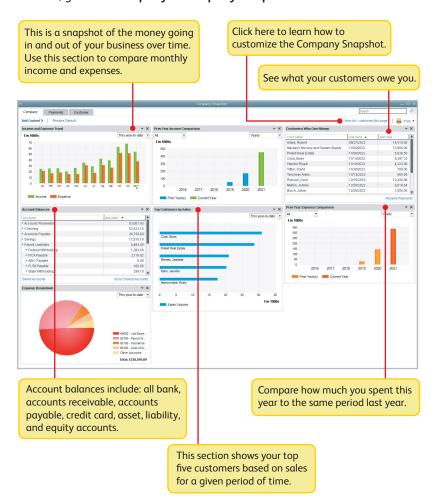
To start, go here: Report > Reports Center.



## **Company Snapshot**

Use the Company Snapshot to get real-time company information and perform tasks from a single place.

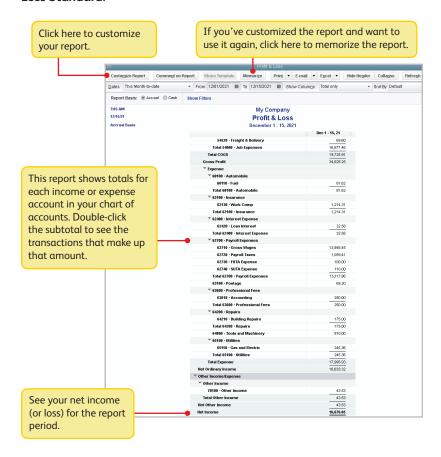
To start, go here: Company > Company Snapshot.



#### **Profit and Loss**

This report is also known as an income statement. It summarizes your income and expenses for a particular period, so you can tell whether you're operating at a profit or a loss.

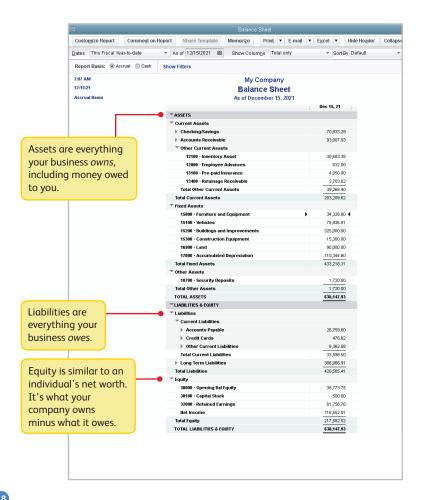
To start, go here: Reports > Company & Financial > Profit & Loss Standard.



#### **Balance Sheet**

This report provides a financial snapshot of your company as of a specific date.

To start, go here: Reports > Company & Financial > Balance Sheet Standard.



General	Key
To start QuickBooks without a company file	Ctrl (while opening)
To suppress the desktop windows (at Open Company window)	Alt (while opening)
Display product information about your QuickBooks version	F2
Close active window	Esc or Ctrl+F4
Record (when button is blue or a border surrounds OK, Save and Close, Save and New, or Record)	4
Record (always)	Ctrl + ₄J

Dates	Key
Next day	+ (plus key)
Previous day	- (minus key)
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First day of the Week	W
Last day of the weeK	K
First day of the Month	М
Last day of the montH	Н
First day of the Year	Υ
Last day of the yeaR	R
Date calendar	Alt + ↓ (down arrow)

Moving around a window	Key
Next field	Tab
Previous field	Shift + Tab
Beginning of current field	Home
End of current field	End
Line below in detail area or on report	Down αrrow (↓)
Line above in detail area or on report	Up arrow (†)
Down one screen	Page Down
Up one screen	Page Up
Next word in field	Ctrl + →
Previous word in field	Ctrl + ←
First item on list or previous month in register	Ctrl + Page Up
Last item on list or next month in register	Ctrl + Page Down
Close active window	Esc or Ctrl + F4

Activity	Key
Create invoice	Ctrl + I
Delete check, invoice, transaction, or item from list	Ctrl + D
Find transaction	Ctrl + F
History of A/R or A/P transaction	Ctrl + H
Memorize transaction or report	Ctrl + M
New invoice, bill, check or list item in context	Ctrl + N
Open account list	Ctrl + A
Open Customer Center (Customers & Job list)	Ctrl + J
Open Help for active window	F1
Open list (for current drop-down menu)	Ctrl + L
Open memorized transaction list	Ctrl + T
Open split transaction window in register	Ctrl + R
Open transaction journal	Ctrl + Y
Print	Ctrl + P
QuickReport on transaction or list item	Ctrl + Q
QuickZoom on report	<sub>ح</sub> ا
Show list	Ctrl + S
Write new check	Ctrl + W

Editing	Key
Edit transaction selected in the list or register	Ctrl + E
Delete character to right of insertion point	Del
Delete character to left of insertion point	Backspace
Delete line from detail area	Ctrl + Del
Insert line in detail area	Ctrl + Ins
Cut selected characters	Ctrl + X
Copy selected characters	Ctrl + C
Paste cut or copied characters	Ctrl + V
Increase check or other form number by one	+ (plus key)
Decrease check or other form number by one	- (minus key)

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