

Getting Started

QuickBooks Online

Quick tips to get you up and running

- Create and manage invoices
- Track expenses
- See how you're doing

See inside to learn how you can get the most out of QuickBooks Online

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Give your accountant access for free Access your free support



Sign in from anywhere, anytime

Go to go.qbo.intuit.com and simply enter your user ID and password to securely sign in to your account.

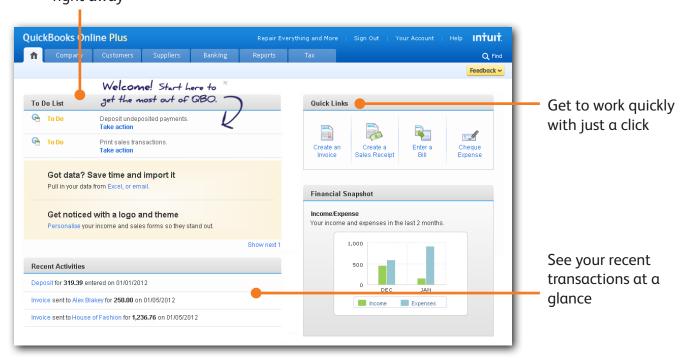
Access your account from any PC or Mac with an Internet connection whether you're at home, in the office, or at a client's site. It works on Internet Explorer, FireFox, Chrome for Mac and Windows, and Safari for Mac.*

TIP! Add go.qbo.intuit.com to your browser bookmarks for faster access.

Stay organised with all your finances in one place

Your homepage puts all of your key tasks and information at your fingertips.

Action items appear in your To Do List right away



^{*} QuickBooks Online requires a computer with either Microsoft Windows (XP, Vista, or Windows 7) or Mac OS 10.5 or later, an Internet connection (high-speed connection recommended), and at least Microsoft Internet Explorer 8, FireFox 4, Chrome, Safari 4.1.1 for Mac, or Safari 5.0.1 for Mac or Windows.

Create and manage invoices

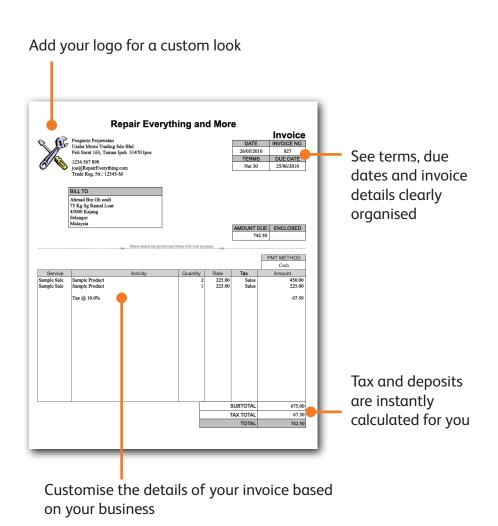


Easily create invoices and track payments

From your homepage, click "Create an Invoice" to create your own professional-looking invoices.

QuickBooks Online makes tracking payments easier than ever—with reports and the Customer Centre.

TIP! Use QuickBooks Online to automatically email invoices—with faster delivery you get paid faster.



Every invoice is automatically tracked, so you know who owes money and who has paid



You can import your entire customer list automatically from:

- Microsoft Excel
- Microsoft Outlook
- Gmail
- Yahoo! Mail

Importing customers who use a foreign currency?

We recommend you turn on multicurrency **before** you create or import your customers. See Page 9.

Note: Multicurrency is available only in **QuickBooks Online Essentials** and **QuickBooks Online Plus**.

Create and manage invoices

Create an invoice in a few easy steps

- 1. Select the **customer** you'd like to invoice. If it's your first customer, you'll be guided step by step.
- 2. Choose your payment **terms**. This is the date you'd like to be paid. The default is net 30 days.
- 3. Enter the **product or service** you're selling (e.g., design services).
- 4. Enter a **description** of the service or product for your customer (e.g., Graphic design for Jane's website).
- 5. Enter the **rate** or how much you've charged the customer.
- 6. Choose an **income account** which categorises your receivables (the money coming in to your business).

Customise your invoices to fit your business

You can easily customise our standard invoices to fit your business needs. Want to add discounts, show quantities, or automatically include tax on your invoices? No problem.

Just click the "customise" button on your invoice screen and discover how you can tailor the invoices to meet your specific needs.

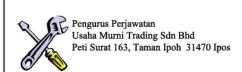
Add your logo for a professional look

Adding a logo is easy and it makes a standard invoice look even more professional.

To add your logo, go to the **Customers** menu and select **Customise Printed Forms**.

Customise

Click "Customise" on the invoice form to tailor our standard invoices.



Give your invoices a professional touch by adding your logo.

Track inventory and quantity on hand

Know when to order new stock

Use Inventory Tracking to keep track of items you have in stock. When you purchase a product for resale, QuickBooks increases the quantity on hand. And when you sell it, the quantity goes down

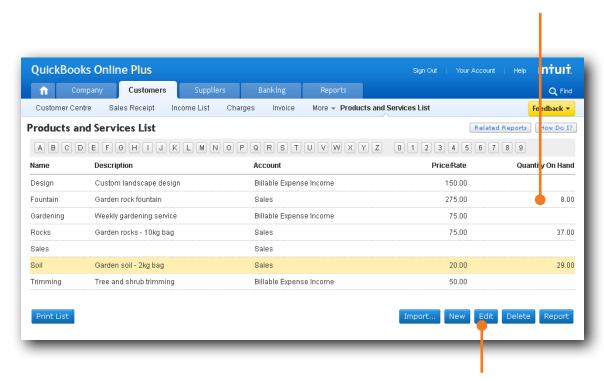
TIP: You can import your entire Products and Services list from Microsoft Excel.

Turning on Inventory Tracking

You have to turn on Inventory Tracking in your company to see product quantities. In the **Company** tab, go to **Preferences**, then turn on the **Quantity on Hand** option.

To see how much of an item you have available, go to the **Customers** tab and open the **Products and Services** list.

The **Quantity On Hand** column shows how much of a product is left



Edit a product to set the starting quantity



Know where you're spending money

QuickBooks Online will keep track of each cheque, credit card transaction, and cash purchase so you can understand where your money is going.

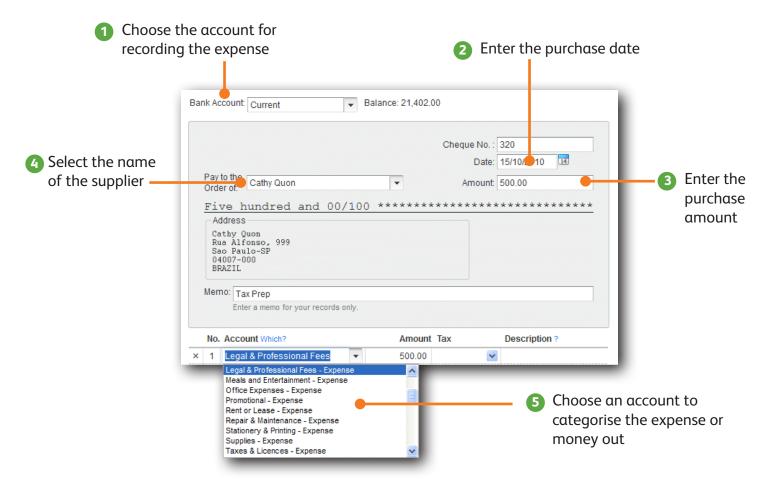
With everything in one place, you'll be able to access all past payments for each supplier with just a few clicks. If you have Essentials or Plus, you can access bills for each supplier too.

TIP! You can easily customise the account categories to track what's important to your business.

Entering your first expenses

For your first expense, QuickBooks Online will guide you through setting up your accounts (credit cards and cash).

You'll enter a balance for the date you want to start tracking your business. This date could be when you started your business, the first day of the year, or any other day you choose.



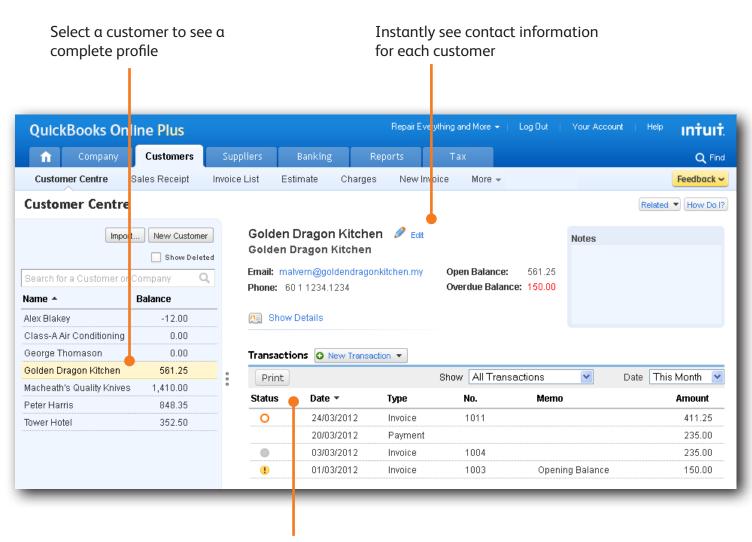
Manage customers



See all the details in one spot

The Customer Centre makes it easy to see all of your customer details in one organised screen. See contact information, open invoices, and paid transactions at a glance.

TIP! Use the Notes box to enter any special instructions for each customer.



See open invoices and payments — click on any transaction to show the complete details

Manage your bank accounts

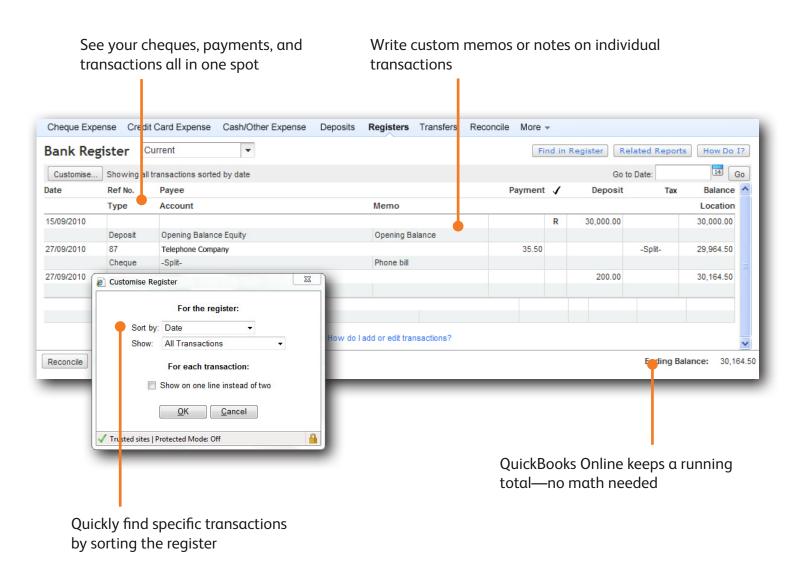


Staying on top of the details

The bank registers in QuickBooks Online make it much easier to manage your bank account.

Enter a cheque and the register is updated—automatically. Accept a payment on an invoice... and the register is updated. It's that easy.

TIP! Looking for a specific transaction? Click "Customise" to sort through transactions in seconds.



See how you're doing with instant reports

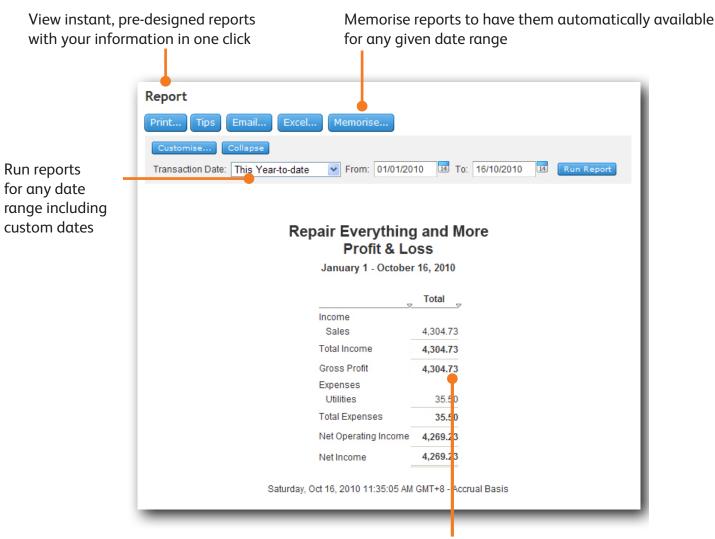


Be ready at tax time

Gain insights into your business with the pre-designed, customisable business reports.

QuickBooks Online organises all the information you enter into easy-to-understand reports. You could save hours getting ready for CJP1 returns with all your information in one place. Even better, your subscription includes free access for your accountant to make tax time easier.

TIP! One click on report totals lets you drill down to see the detail behind the numbers.



Click on any amount to see the detail behind the number

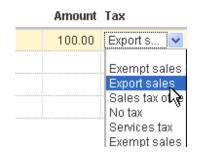
Manage and track tax

Keep track of the tax you pay and collect

If you collect tax, QuickBooks Online helps automate your tax tracking so you can keep accurate records about the tax you collect from customers and pay to suppliers.

To manage your tax details, go to the **Tax** menu and click **Tax Centre** List.

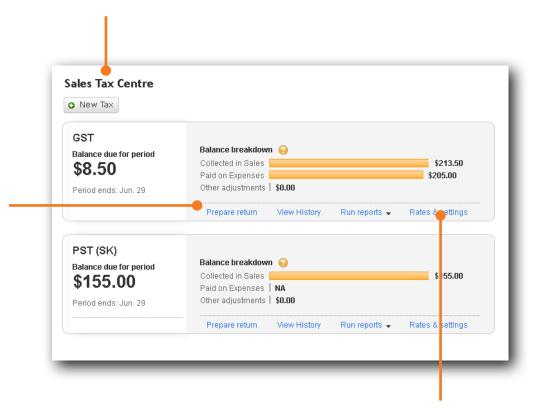
If this is your first time using tax with this company, click the **Set up Tax** button to configure tax-related information. You can track tax using either an accrual or a cash accounting scheme.



After you turn on tax tracking, you can set up your tax codes, then select the appropriate tax codes for each product and service in forms like invoices or bills.

You can return to the Tax Centre at any time to view a snapshot of your tax history and prepare and file your CJP1 return.

Click **Prepare return** for help with filing CJP1 returns quickly and easily.



Click **Rates & settings** to update your tax agency details and view information on tax codes and rates.

Work in multiple currencies

Track invoices and bills in foreign currencies

With the QuickBooks Online multicurrency feature, you can track transactions in more than one currency!

To turn on multicurrency:

- 1. From the **Company** tab, select **Currency Centre**.
- 2. Click **Set up currencies**.

You can assign a currency to new customers, new suppliers, and new bank, credit card, trade and other receivables, and trade and other payables accounts. (Things you've already added will continue to use your home currency.) Other account types, like income and expense accounts, always use your home currency.

IMPORTANT! Multicurrency affects many accounts and balances in your company file. Once you've turned on multicurrency, you cannot turn it off. Also, after you assign a currency to something (like customers and accounts), you cannot change it.

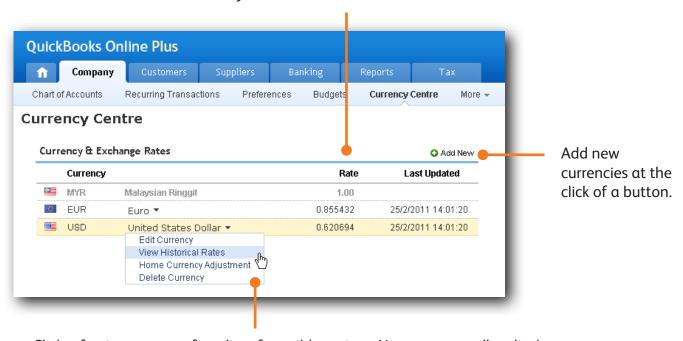
Want to import customers or suppliers who use a foreign currency?

We recommend you turn on multicurrency **before** you create or import your customers and suppliers. Any you add before turning on multicurrency will use your home currency, which can't change.

TIP! When importing customers or suppliers from Outlook or Excel, QuickBooks highlights any whose Country does not match your home currency.

You can choose a different foreign currency for these customers before accepting the import.

QuickBooks downloads new exchange rates hourly.



Click a foreign currency for a list of possible actions. You can manually edit the exchange rate, view historical rates to see what the currency was worth on a previous date, and more.

Get more from QuickBooks Online

Give your accountant or colleague access—for free

QuickBooks Online makes it easy to work with your accountant or connect with your partner in another state. You can add your accountant as a user for no extra charge.

Here's how to add your accountant:

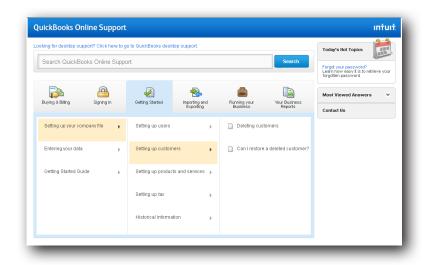
- 1. From the **Company** tab, select **Manage Users**.
- 2. Click **New** to add your accountant or business partner.

Save time by giving your accountant access. There's no need to gather papers and compile year-end reports when everything is in one spot.

We're here for you every step of the way

With all the step-by-step help built in to QuickBooks Online, you may not need any help. But if you do, we've got you covered.

- How Do I?—From any screen in the product, click the How Do I? button in the top right corner and get targeted help for the task at hand.
- Support Site—From any screen, click the Help link at the top of the page to go to our support site. You can search our Frequently Asked Questions, or ask a question in our Live Community.
- Contact us—Still need help? Call our support consultants. It's free! Go to our support site for details.



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