

QUICKBOOKS ONLINE CERTIFICATION COURSE

Supplemental Guide

Module 3: Navigate and Customize

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Supplemental Guide Overview

PURPOSE OF THIS GUIDE

The recorded module provided a products overview, covered navigation points of both QuickBooks Online and QuickBooks Online Accountant, and provided guidance on setting up clients in QuickBooks Online. This guide is an accompaniment to the recorded content and contains additional features such as best practices and tips to help you learn the products.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Intuit provides additional resources for Accounting Professionals. Check out these sites to explore various tutorials and training opportunities available:

- http://quickbooks.intuit.com/accountants/
- http://quickbooks.intuit.com/accountants/resources/
- http://guickbooksproductvideos.homestead.com/QuickBooks-Online.html

NOTE: Screenshots and instructions included in this guide use Google Chrome as the browser. It may be downloaded free here: https://www.google.com/chrome/

Many users feel Chrome works best for QuickBooks Online.

Currently, the minimum operating requirements for QuickBooks Online will work with the following supported web browser versions:

- Google Chrome, latest version
- Firefox, latest version
- Safari 6.1
- Internet Explorer 10

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

In this module you will complete the following hands-on activities related to the learning objectives:

- Recognize key components of the QuickBooks Online interface
- Specify the features and benefits of using QuickBooks Online Accountant apps
- Recognize navigation points in QuickBooks Online Accountant apps

TRAINING AT A GLANCE TABLE

Use this as a guide to select the specific training you want to cover.

TOPICS	SUB-TOPIC	LEARNING OBJECTIVE
1. NAVIGATE QUICKBOOKS ONLINE	 Left navigation pane Use centers Top navigation bar Quick Create menu Gear icon Best practices with browsers 	Recognize key components of the QuickBooks Online interface
2. QUICKBOOKS ONLINE APPS FOR MAC AND WINDOWS	How to get the appsNavigate the apps	 Recognize the features and benefits of using QuickBooks Online Accountant apps Recognize navigation points in QuickBooks Online Accountant apps

QUICKBOOKS ACCOUNTANT TEST DRIVE

Some of the demonstrations contained in this handbook are done using a QuickBooks Accountant "test drive" file. The test drive uses a sample company file called Craig's Design & Landscaping Services. It can be accessed through the following link:

Craig's Design & Landscaping

You don't have to create an account or sign in to access the test drive file, just complete the security validation and click **Continue**.

If you don't see the Accountant Toolbox when logging in through this URL, log into qbo.intuit.com with your Intuit ID. This will open up QuickBooks Online Accountant. Click the **gear** icon then click **Sample Company**.

This is what you are looking for in the sample company.



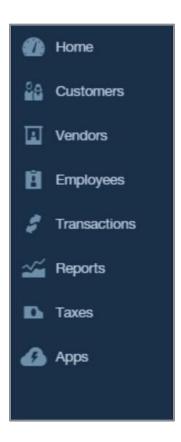
This test drive is designed for you to explore and try out new things without worrying that you will break something or make a mistake. It is not designed to retain any changes you make. Once you close this QuickBooks Online test drive company it is completely refreshed, so please remember to allow sufficient time to complete each activity. Don't worry if you have to close the test drive before you are finished, you can always begin again. You can also share the test drive with your clients.

NOTE: The test drive uses QuickBooks Accountant. It contains some features that are not available in QuickBooks Online Simple Start, Essentials or Plus. In addition, some features (such as in-product Help) are not enabled in this test drive file. This is subject to change.

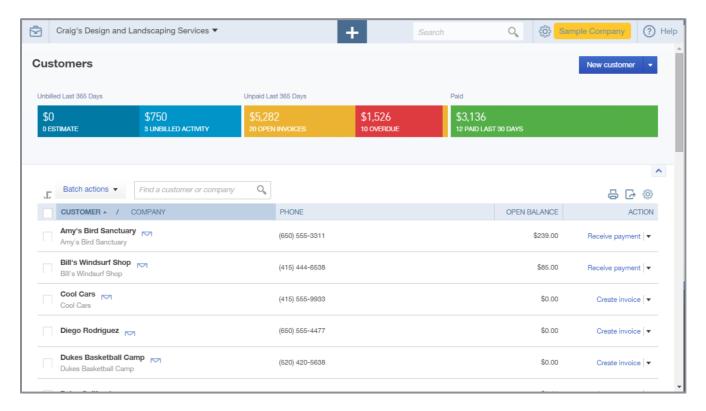
Topic 1: Navigate QuickBooks Online

LEFT NAVIGATION PANE

The left Navigation Pane is divided into seven tabs (in addition to Home): Customers, Vendors, Employees, Transactions, Reports, Taxes and Apps.



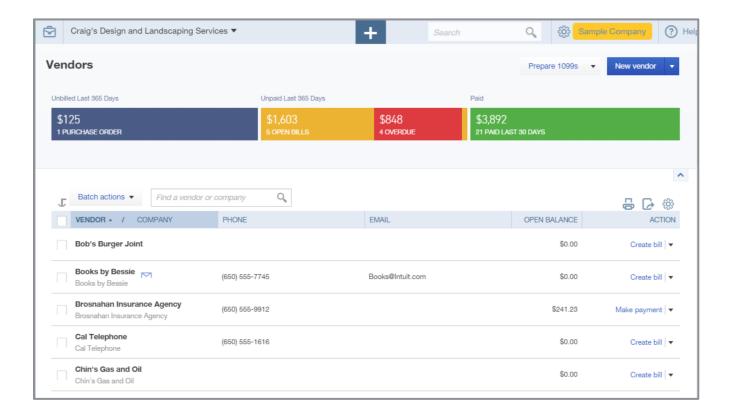
Customer Center



The dashboard for all your customer information includes:

- Customer list Add, edit and make customers inactive (delete)
- Action column Initiate customer transactions
- Money bar Filters the amounts and number of transactions in each phase of your workflow
- Click on a customer name to show detailed information about the customer and view transactions

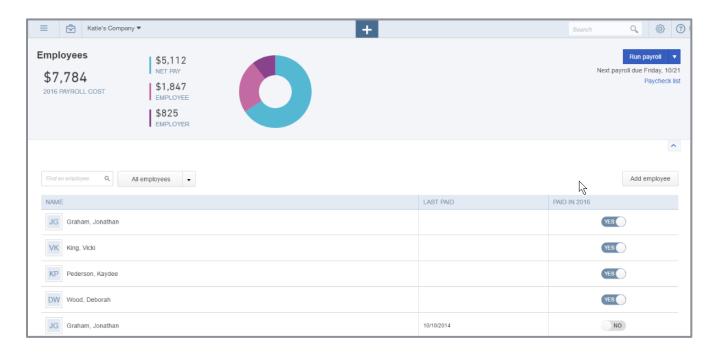
VENDOR CENTER



The dashboard for vendors includes:

- Vendor list
- Action column Initiate vendor transactions
- Money bar Filters the amounts and number of transactions in each phase of your workflow
- Click on a vendor name to show detailed information about the vendor and view transactions
- Prepare forms 1099 for vendors

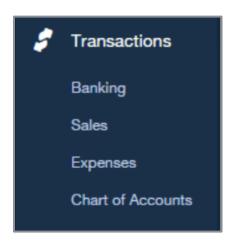
EMPLOYEE CENTER



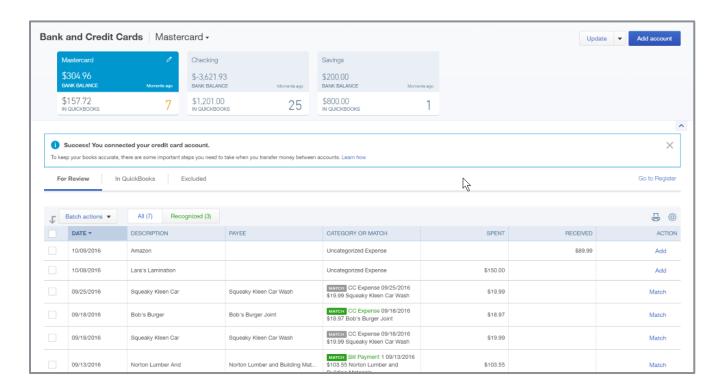
Manage your employees and run payroll if you subscribe to QuickBooks Online Payroll or QuickBooks Full Service Payroll. Learn about QuickBooks Online payroll options in Module 6.

TRANSACTIONS TAB

The Transactions tab includes Banking, Sales, Expenses and Chart of Accounts.

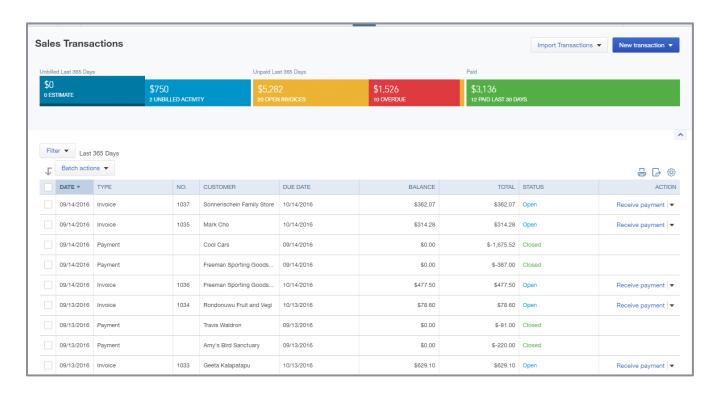


BANKING CENTER



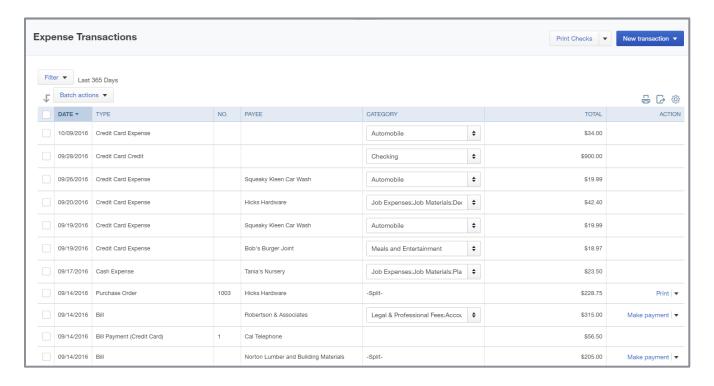
The Banking tab is where you'll find your bank feeds in QuickBooks Online. You can add an account or add and match your transactions from the bank feed to your QuickBooks Online data. You learn how to use the banking center in Module 7.

SALES CENTER



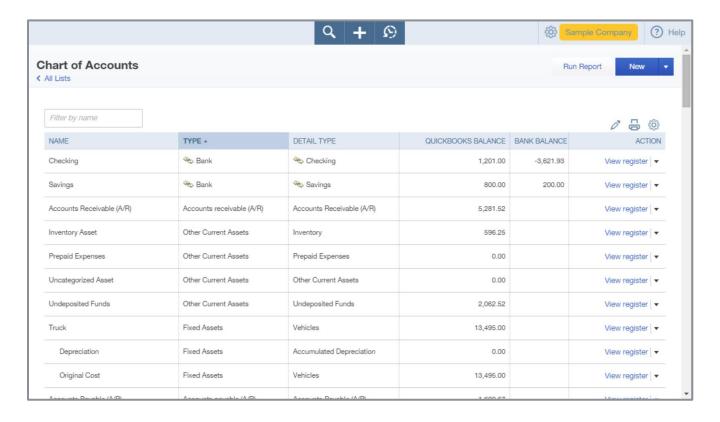
The Sales tab shows you a list of all recent sales transactions. You can take action for open transactions or drill down to see the details by clicking on the transaction. You can also access the revenue money bar from this screen.

EXPENSES CENTER



The Expenses tab shows you a list of all your recent expense transactions. Just like the Sales tab, you can take action or drill down to see the details by clicking any transaction. You can also change the expense category for transactions by clicking on the **drop-down arrow** next to the category.

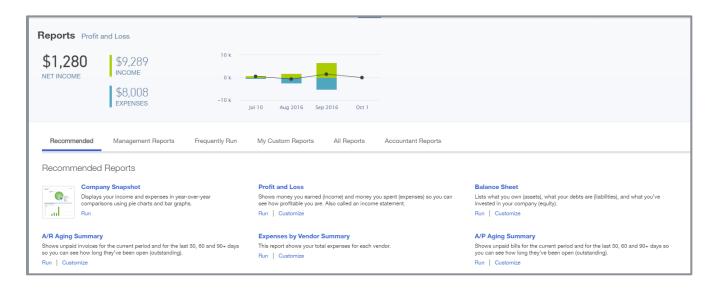
CHART OF ACCOUNTS



The Chart of Accounts tab is another way to open the Chart of Accounts, which we discussed in detail in Module 2.

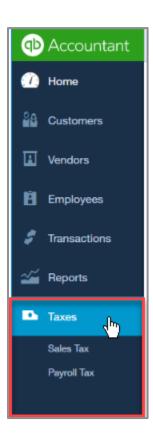
REPORTS CENTER

The Reports tab is where you will find a list of all the reports in QuickBooks Online. They are divided into tabs across the top: Recommended, Management Reports, Frequently Run, My Custom Reports and All Reports. To run a report, click on its name and the report opens. You will learn how to create, customize and save reports in Module 8.

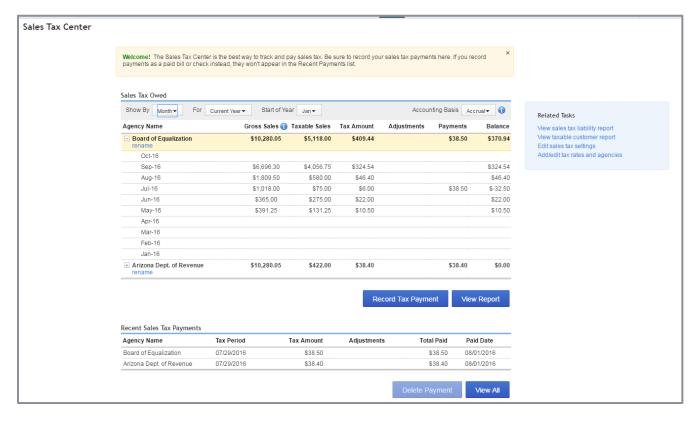


TAXES

The Taxes tab is where you will find the Sales Tax Center and Payroll Tax Center, if these features are enabled in the QuickBooks company.

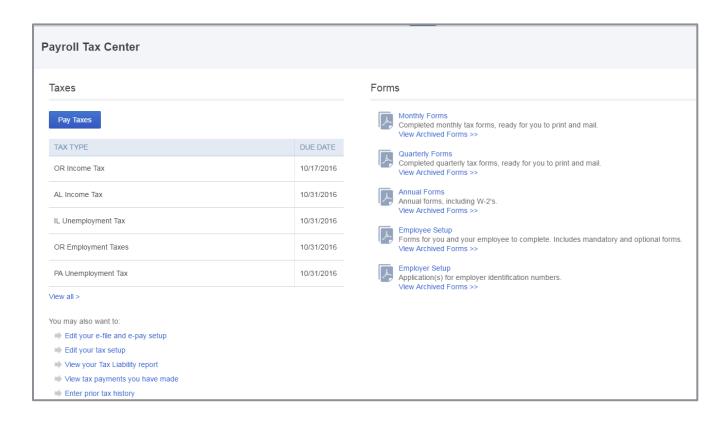


SALES TAX CENTER



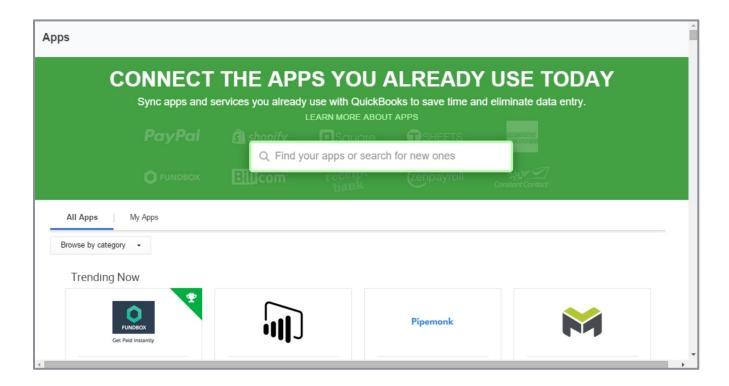
The Sales Tax Center is where you can set up and manage your sales tax settings and payments.

PAYROLL TAX CENTER



The Payroll Tax Center is where you can pay, view and file your payroll tax payments and forms if you subscribe to QuickBooks Online payroll services.

APPS CENTER



The Apps Center gives you a list of available apps that integrate with QuickBooks Online. There are hundreds of apps to choose from that address many different business needs. You can search for an app or launch an app that you already subscribe to using this tab. You'll learn more about using apps with QuickBooks Online in Module 9.

TOP NAVIGATION BAR

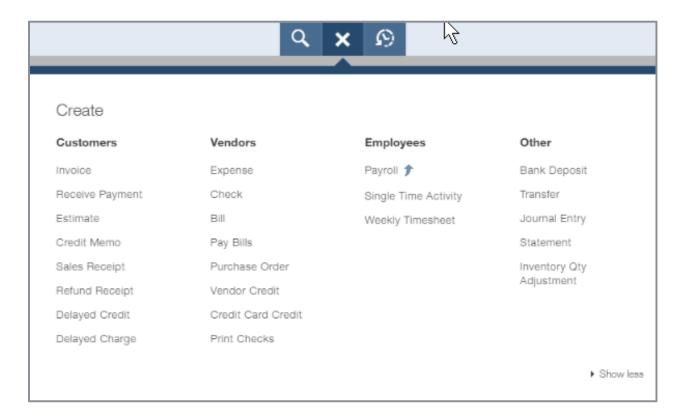
The top Navigation Bar in QuickBooks Online is home to many menus and features including:

- Quick Create
- Search box
- Gear icon
- Help menu



QUICK CREATE

The Quick Create button in a QuickBooks Online company is different from the Quick Create button inside QuickBooks Online Accountant. In QuickBooks Online Accountant, the Quick Create button allows you to create a new client or add a new Team member. In a QuickBooks Online company, it displays a menu of the different transaction screens, such as Invoice, Check or Weekly Timesheet. Transactions are listed by the type of entity each transaction relates to. The Other transactions list includes Bank Deposit, Transfer, Journal Entry, Statement and Inventory Qty Adjustment.



SEARCH FEATURE

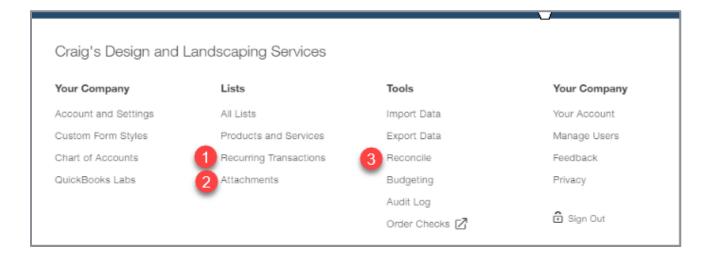
The search feature in QuickBooks Online is very dynamic. Just type what you are looking for, such as an amount, name or document number, and QuickBooks Online will return all list items and transactions that match the criteria you entered. If you need to filter further, the Advanced search window opens when QuickBooks Online displays the results of your search so you can add filters.

The Recent Transactions icon shows you the most recent transactions entered in QuickBooks Online. This is a convenient way to get back to a previous screen.

NOTE: The Recent Transactions icon is next to the Quick Create button in QuickBooks Online, but in QuickBooks Online Accountant it is accessible by clicking in the search box.

GEAR ICON

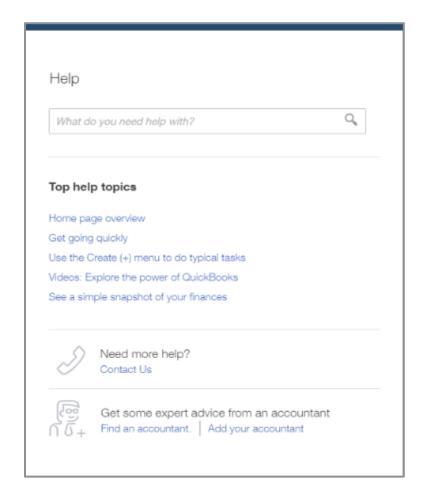
The gear icon in QuickBooks Online gives you access to your settings, lists, tools and company information. We discussed many of these items in Module 2, but let's discuss a few we haven't yet seen.



- 1. Recurring Transactions Recurring transactions allow you to save a copy of a transaction to be used later in your workflow. You can use recurring transactions as needed (unscheduled) or automate them by scheduling them to be recorded at an interval you specify. You can create a recurring transaction by clicking Make recurring at the bottom of many transaction screens in QuickBooks Online. You can view, use or edit them here in the list. We'll learn about creating and working with recurring transactions in Module 7.
- 2. **Attachments** As you will learn in Module 7, you can attach documents to transactions in QuickBooks Online. The link opens the attachments window where you can view and work with them.
- 3. **Tools** The tools menu is where you import and export data, reconcile your bank and credit card accounts, create budgets in QuickBooks Online Plus companies and view the audit log.

HELP MENU (WHAT THE CLIENT SEES)

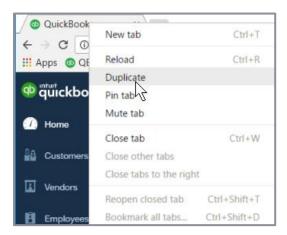
The Help menu in QuickBooks Online includes a search box where users can search for answers to common issues. It also shows common help topics related to the screen the user has open. At the bottom of the screen are links to add an accountant user and to the Find-a-ProAdvisor website.



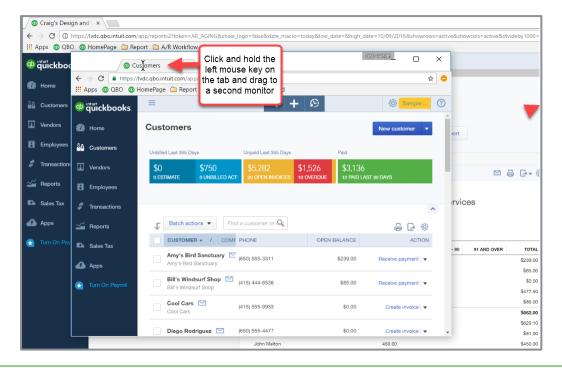
BEST PRACTICES WITH BROWSERS

The suggestions below are based on Google's Chrome browser, but many of them work in other browsers.

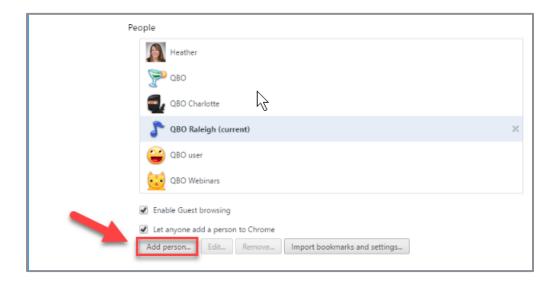
 Duplicate Tabs - Log in to your QuickBooks Online company (including the Test Drive company), right-click your browser tab, left-click Duplicate. Now you have two tabs logged in to the same QuickBooks Online company.



• **Use Multiple Monitors** - Pull one tab out of the window and you can work in QuickBooks Online on two different screens side-by-side. You can work on these two windows independently of each other. Repeat as needed.



• Create a QBO Chrome User to access multiple companies simultaneously - Chrome allows you to create different users (Customize → Settings → People). If you have two different QuickBooks Online companies, you can log in to each of them using a different Chrome user and operate each account simultaneously. (Or you can log in using two different browsers, such as Chrome and Firefox.)



Bookmark Bar - Log in to a separate Chrome user for your QuickBooks Online clients. Open up
the screens you use most often and bookmark them (click on the ★) to create a QuickBooks
Online icon bar to be used with multiple QuickBooks clients.

If a specific client has special screens you use regularly, create a folder on the Chrome bookmark bar, bookmark those screens then save them in the folder.



- Back Arrow Right-click the back arrow on the browser to display a recent history of the screens you were on. Left-click the one you want to return to and resume working.
- Clear the Cache If you are getting unexpected results when working in QuickBooks Online or are having problems logging in, make sure to clear your cache and cookies in Chrome (Customize → History → Clear browsing data).
- CTRL+ and CTRL- allow you to zoom in and out quickly.

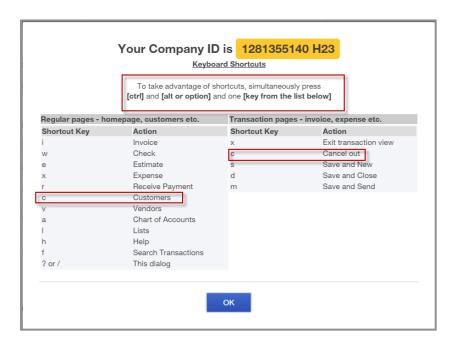


TIP: This browser functionality works best in a Chrome browser and is useful because many accounting professionals use two (and sometimes three) monitors. (Internet Explorer also allows the user to right-click on a tab and select Duplicate. Other browsers, namely Firefox and Safari, do not have the ability to select Duplicate by right-clicking a tab. However, it is possible to highlight the entire URL of the tab, right-click and select **Copy**, then open a new tab in the same browser window, right-click and select either **Paste** or **Paste & Go** depending on the browser being used. All the browsers mentioned feature the ability to drag a tab off to open in a separate instance of a browser window.

KEYBOARD SHORTCUTS

You may be used to working with keyboard shortcuts with desktop programs. There are also keyboard shortcuts when working in QuickBooks Online. Some common keyboard shortcuts can be found by clicking **Ctrl+Alt+/**. If you're on a Mac use **Option+CTRL+/**. Notice that the same shortcut key acts differently depending on which screen you are on.

For example, Ctrl+Alt+C opens up the Customer Center as long as you are not on a transaction. If you are on a transaction, it cancels the transaction. If you're using a Mac, substitute Command+Alt+letter.



This screen also is where you find your Company ID, which you might need if you have to call technical support.

Other keyboard shortcuts you may be interested in are the date shortcuts. When you are in a date field, you can move forward and back a day at a time by using your + (plus) and - (minus) keys. To go to today, use the letter t. Here are some other date shortcuts:

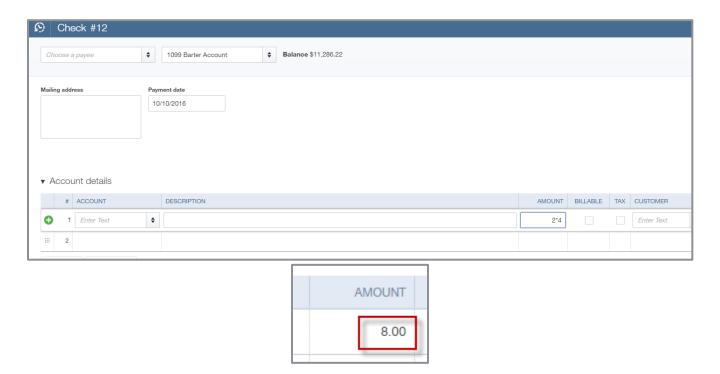
- w for first day of the week
- **k** for the last day of the week
- **m** for the first day of the month
- **h** for the last day of the month
- y for the first day of the year
- r for the last day of the year

Do you see the pattern? Use the first letter of the word to go to the beginning and the last letter to go to the end.

Also, the Escape key will cancel the transaction you are on.

CALCULATIONS

There's a simple calculator available on the rate or amount fields of a transaction. Enter your first number then use your keyboard to add (+), subtract (-), multiply (*) or divide (/). The beauty of this feature is the results are entered directly into the transaction; no retyping of numbers.



Topic 2: QuickBooks Online Apps for Mac and Windows

SPECIFY THE FEATURES AND BENEFITS OF USING QUICKBOOKS ONLINE ACCOUNTANT APPS

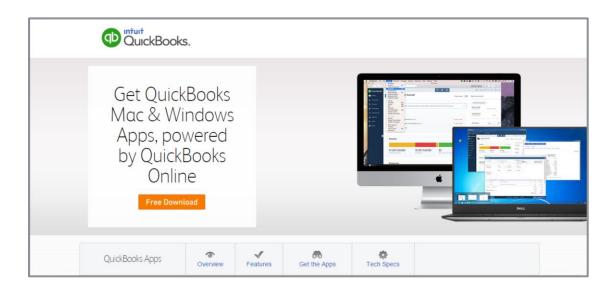
Intuit has introduced desktop apps that work with QuickBooks Online and QuickBooks Online Accountant without the use of browsers. These apps provide an experience that is much closer to the QuickBooks Desktop products.

Benefits include:

- Drop-down menus to access screens and reports
- Keep multiple screens open in the same monitor workspace
- Tile your windows across multiple monitors

HOW TO GET THE APPS

The best place to find the free QuickBooks Mac and Windows apps is <u>quickbooks.intuit.com/apps</u>.





Step-by-Step: Get the Apps

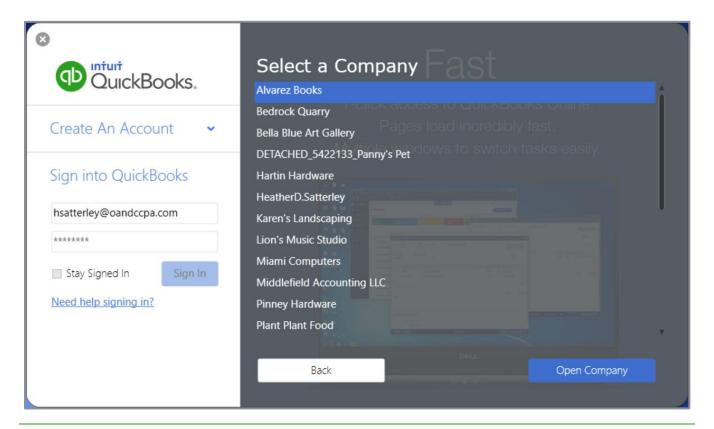
- 1. Click the Free Download button.
- 2. If you are prompted, choose which operating system you are using and the required installation package will be downloaded.
- 3. Follow the installation instructions.
- 4. When the program is installed you will be prompted to log in using your QuickBooks Online credentials. The QuickBooks Apps are available for your clients too and offer some robust features to enhance the QuickBooks Online experience.

Logging into the Apps

Once you enter your login credentials, the app lists all the QuickBooks Online companies you have access to, regardless of what QuickBooks Online Account firm the company is attached to. In this way the app becomes a central hub for all your QuickBooks Online companies.

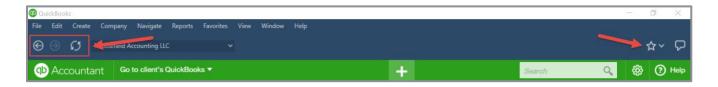


TIP: You must first log in to your QuickBooks Online Accountant firm and then choose which QuickBooks Online company to work in from the Client List.



RECOGNIZE NAVIGATION POINTS IN QUICKBOOKS ONLINE ACCOUNTANT APPS

The app replaces the need to use a browser to access your QuickBooks Online companies. The left navigation pane and Accountant Toolbar are in the same place within the apps. In fact, the entire interface below the list menus looks exactly the same as if you had opened QuickBooks Online with a browser.



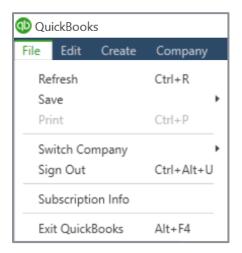
The app has some of the features of a browser built into it; for example, at the top left of the screen (above the QB Accountant logo) you have a back button and a refresh button just like in Chrome. You also have a favorites menu which is represented by the star icon. As you "favorite" various screens, they will be added to the drop-down list.

The chat icon next to the favorite button is where you leave Intuit feedback about the apps.

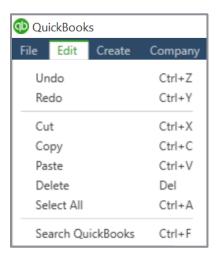
Drop-down Menus

The menus at the top of the QuickBooks App are reminiscent of QuickBooks Desktop and are not available when accessing QuickBooks Online via a regular browser.

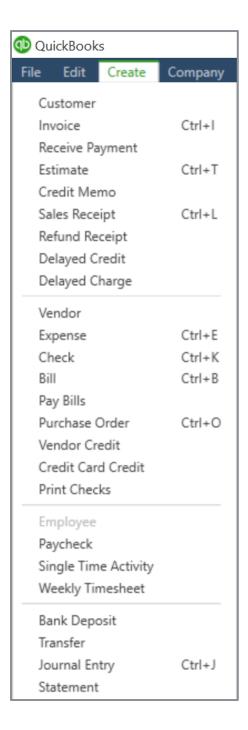
• **File menu** - You can refresh your screen, save a transaction, switch to another QuickBooks Online company, sign out of our QuickBooks Online Accountant account, view our subscription information and close the app



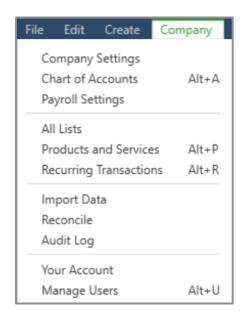
■ Edit menu – Includes a list of hot keys to help with data entry; you can also open the search utility from here by clicking on Search QuickBooks or pressing Ctrl+F



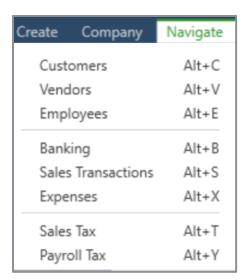
• Create menu - Includes links to transactions screens and is sorted by entity, just like the Quick Create menu



• Company Menu - Includes items found by clicking on the gear icon in QuickBooks Online



• Navigate - Is another way to access the centers found on the left navigation pane



 Reports - Provides shortcuts to commonly used reports such as the Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss, Company Snapshot and A/R and A/P Aging reports; you can also access the Reports Center from this menu to view all your reports

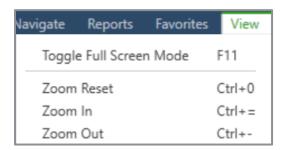


NOTE: The reports you have access to will depend on which subscription level of QuickBooks Online your company has.

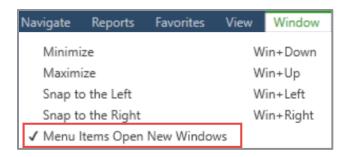
• Favorites - Offers another point of entry for your Favorites list



• View - Allows you to zoom in and out and toggle to full screen mode



 Window - Change the location and size of the app on your screen and, very important, the option to open new windows each time you open a new screen in QuickBooks Online

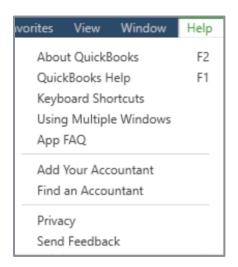




TIP: a new window will only open if you use the menus or hot keys to open new screens. If you use the left navigation pane and top navigation bar to open windows, it will not open a new window.

Windows tiling allows the user to move open windows onto multiple display monitors. This means you can view a report on one monitor and a transaction on another. You can't do that in QuickBooks Desktop.

• **Help** - Includes the following:



- F2 About QuickBooks this tells you which release is installed on the computer
- F1 Opens the QuickBooks Help options and links
- You can click the links to learn more about the apps and view the list of shortcut keys (which you can print)
- Options for clients to add an accountant user or search the Find-A-ProAdvisor website for an accountant
- Link to Intuit's privacy statement and the send feedback window

Supplemental Guide Guide Conclusion

Guide Conclusion

You have just completed *Module 3: Navigate and Customize*. This Supplemental Guide, in tandem with its recorded module, has been provided to help prepare you for the QuickBooks Online Certification Exam. Continue on to the remaining modules and their related guides then proceed to the certification exam.

By completing this module, you should be able to:

- Recognize key components of the QuickBooks Online interface
- Specify the features and benefits of using QuickBooks Online Accountant apps
- Recognize navigation points in QuickBooks Online Accountant apps