





# QuickBooks Detailed Software Comparison 2015

				
	SimpleStart	Pro	Premier	Accountant
Features				
Multiple Companies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multiple Users <sup>1</sup> (Requires the purchase of additional licenses)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online Application <sup>2</sup>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Money Back Guarantee	60 days	60 days	60 days	60 days
OS <sup>3</sup> : Client- Vista, Win 7 (32/ 64 bit) & Win 8 (32/ 64 bit). Server- Windows Server 2003, 2008, & 2012	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Easily Get Started				
"Welcome to QuickBooks!" for first time users- featuring general tips & to-do's		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quickly get started with common tasks using the Quick Start Centre		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Easy Step® interview to get you up & running quicker when creating a new company		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Help and Live Community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quick navigation using the Shortcut bar, Icon bar and Menu bar		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
QuickBooks Coach and Video Tutorials	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New Create a new company file by copying preferences and lists from existing company file		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chart of Accounts customised for your industry		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Organise and complete everyday tasks</b>				
New Insights on Homepage- track your business health		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New Favourites Menu- create your own menu with transactions you access regularly		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Copy, scan or drag documents into the new Doc Centre		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attach multiple documents when emailing customers or suppliers		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Customer Lead Center- Track leads and convert easily to a customer		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quickly locate an account, report, or invoice with QuickBooks F3 Search		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Improved</b> Stay on top of your receivables with the 'Income Tracker'		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Add or edit multiple lists by copying from MS Excel in spreadsheet view <sup>4</sup>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Create customer letters in MS word. <sup>4</sup>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Send forms using 'non desktop' Web based email handlers- such as Hotmail/ Live, Gmail and Yahoo webmail		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Send forms using a desktop email handler <sup>4</sup> - MS Outlook 2003, 2007, 2010 (32 /64 bit) & 2013 (32 /64 bit) Not compatible with Office Click-To-Run delivery formats.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New Send Company File to Accountant <sup>5</sup>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Setup multiple email templates		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Track emails sent to customers & suppliers from customer & supplier centres		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Email customer payment receipts		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

New Email memorised report groups in batch		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Track your Balance Sheet by Class/Cost Centre			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
See all your key customer information at a glance with the Customer Snapshot		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Payment Snapshot: one place to view payment flows		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Create an invoice for multiple customers in single window with batch invoicing		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Easily manage reports with new Report Centre		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Run reports and back up data while others work in the same company file		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
One click access to relevant reports		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duplicate sales and purchase transactions and list items		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Track bills and set due-date reminders		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Customer and Supplier Centres: contact and transaction history in one place		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Progress Invoicing and automatic recharge of expenses		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Integrate QuickBooks data with other business applications <sup>3</sup>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Improved</b> Customisable reports and graphs	☐(14 Basic Reports)	☐(100+ Basic Reports)	☐(135+ Basic Reports)	☐(135+ Basic Reports)
New Insert Report comments		☐	☐	☐
Report Center		☐	☐	☐
<b>Improved</b> Alerts Menu – stay on top of important tasks		☐	☐	☐
Short Term Cash Flow Projections		☐	☐	☐
Create a Budget		☐	☐	☐
Company Snapshot shows key performance indicators for your business		☐	☐	☐
Set billing rates by employee, customer/client, position or service			☐	☐
<b>Efficiently manage stock</b>				
Track Stock, set reorder points & create Purchase Orders		☐	☐	☐
Stock Centre			☐	☐
Attach documents pertaining to stock using the Doc centre		☐	☐	☐
Create sales orders			☐	☐
Manage back orders using the Sales Order fulfilment worksheet (not avail if multi currency enabled)				☐

Generate Sales Orders from Estimates			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Generate Purchase Orders from Estimates			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Generate Purchase Orders from Sales Orders			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Easily set prices and determine discounts by customer or job (Per Item or fixed %)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Build and Track Inventory Assemblies to Finished Goods			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Units of Measure – buy, sell stock in different units			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Set maximum order levels in addition to the existing minimum re order levels			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Store Manufacturers Part Numbers on Items		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Trade in multiple currencies</b>				
Download currency exchange rates		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Support for over 140 currencies		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exchange rate history calendar		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Create Summary Reports in Home and Foreign values		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Set multiple foreign sales prices for items			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Credit memo exchange rates automatically change to match Invoice exchange rates		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Invoice templates show home and foreign currency totals		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>VAT Management</b>				
South Africa VAT201	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Report VAT liability on a Cash (payment) basis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Report VAT liability on a Accrual (invoice) basis		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
VAT Centre for easy access to common VAT tasks		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
VAT Setup Wizard to change / add new VAT rates		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access prior VAT returns once a period has been filed offline. (Online filing avail only in UK)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Accountant-specific tools</b>				
Audit Trail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Create Accountant Copy Changes (.QBY)				<input type="checkbox"/>
QuickBooks File Manager- managing multiple data files				<input type="checkbox"/>
Accountant Centre				<input type="checkbox"/>
Entering Cheques in a batch				<input type="checkbox"/>
Password Protected Closing Date		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Auto Reverse of Journal entries			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
One Click Journal History				<input type="checkbox"/>
Adjusted TB, Adjusting Journal Entries Report				<input type="checkbox"/>
Financial Statement designer				<input type="checkbox"/>
Toggle between different editions of QuickBooks				<input type="checkbox"/>
Optimised for multiple users and locations				
Track your Balance Sheet by Class			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Open two different company files simultaneously on same machine				<input type="checkbox"/>
Set basic permissions levels to control user access		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multiple User Access (with purchase of additional licenses) <sup>1</sup>		(Up to 5 users <sup>2</sup> )	(Up to 5 users <sup>1</sup> )	(Up to 30 users <sup>2</sup> )



Multiuser tools (backup and file locking)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
QuickBooks Instant Messenger		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Desktop Sharing- access your computer from a remote location <sup>s</sup> (Similar to Teamviewer- not meant for multiple branches/ users.)			<input type="checkbox"/> (1 year free)	<input type="checkbox"/> (1 year free)

**Foot notes:**

1. Requires the purchase of additional licenses. Pro/Premier 5 concurrent users, Accountant 30 concurrent users.
2. QuickBooks UK Desktop is not an online application. It can however be accessed on Cloud using Windows Remote Desktop Protocols (Terminal Services)
3. QuickBooks UK Desktop is Windows based- cannot be directly installed on Mac or iPad. For Terminal Server purposes we recommend Windows Server 2003 Standard (SP2), Windows Server 2008/ 2008 R2, Windows Server 2012/ 2012 R2 therefore making it 'Cloud friendly'.
4. Microsoft Office Compatibility: Email requires MS Office Outlook 2003, 2007, 2010 or 2013 (Click-to-Run not supported). Letter Writing requires MS Word 2003, 2007, 2010 and 2013. Excel integration requires MS Excel 2003, 2007, 2010 and 2013. Outlook synchronization requires QuickBooks Contact Sync for Outlook ([www.quickbooks.com/contact\\_sync/](http://www.quickbooks.com/contact_sync/))- requires MS Outlook 2003, 2007 & 2010 (2013 not supported). QuickBooks Statement Writer requires MS Excel 2007 and 2010 (2013 not supported).
5. Internet access required. Annual subscription fees apply for WebEx remote access service.
6. The 'Send file to Accountant' facility, assumes user already has a service such as dropbox in place and setup. It places accountants copy or Portable Company File in the specific folder configured for services such as dropbox.