QuickBooks: Premier Accountant Edition 2008 Fact Sheet

QuickBooks®: Premier Accountant Edition 2008 helps accountants succeed and work more efficiently with clients. QuickBooks makes the workflows between accountants and clients within and beyond small business software easier, faster, and more efficient, leveraging QuickBooks' strength in building easy-to-use solutions that reflect how accountants and businesses interact and work in the real world. QuickBooks®: Premier Accountant Edition 2008 is designed to reduce redundant accounting tasks and enhance productivity to allow the accountant to focus on providing top quality service to their clients. In addition, QuickBooks®: Premier Accountant Edition 2008 has introduced new methods to integrate accountant's QuickBooks with their clients' work processes – saving both time and money and ensuring the highest quality results. With all-in-one bookkeeping, write-up, and financial reporting tools, QuickBooks: Premier Accountant Edition 2008 is the No. 1 software for supporting QuickBooks clients and used by over 140,000 accountants.

Key Features and Enhancements

Easier to Exchange and Update Client Data

- **Improved Accountant's Copy improves the secure exchange of data and the communication between the client and the accountant.** First, it allows the client to select a dividing date and create a copy of the accounting records for the accountant. The client can continue to operate the business and work on the company's accounting in the current period, while the accountant simultaneously works on the company's accounting in the prior period. As a result, the client no longer needs to stop doing the books while waiting on the accountant to return the company's accounting file. Second, with the addition of the "Send to My Accountant" button, clients can easily and securely send their files to their accountant. Third, when the accountant has completed the work it is possible to send the changes back to the client to review and automatically import into QuickBooks.

- **Accountant's Copy is now backwards-compatible.** The accountant can open an accountant copy file from QB 2007 in QB AE 2008 and when it is sent back with changes, the client can open those in QB 2007.

- **Cut down on travel time with Remote Access.** There is now faster and easier set-up, improved connection speeds (depending on ISP connection), and improved free 1-year subscription that comes with QBAE.

- **Lacerte SmartMap.** With QuickBooks Accountant Edition 2008 accountants can import data directly from QuickBooks into Lacerte, which increases end-to-end productivity in the workflow of full-service firms. This speeds tax preparation and eliminates errors caused by double–data entry.

- **Toggle between all QuickBooks 2008** editions built into Accountant Edition 2008 so accountants can quickly answer a client's questions by seeing the same QuickBooks screen as the client. [1]

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- **Easily share data with clients** using Portable Company File which creates a compact version of clients' files to email or save to portable media.

- **QuickBooks Centers and simplified Home page** make it easy for accountants and clients to access key tasks and important customer, vendor and employee data.

- **Prepare and customize financial statements** with an easy-to-use, enhanced built-in Financial Statement Designer. Accountants can enjoy unlimited customization of financial statements with the spreadsheet-like designer and create title pages, compilation letters and notes using the Document Editor.

- **Quickly review and adjust balances** with the integrated Working Trial Balance tool. Accountants can view beginning balances, current period transactions and adjustments and ending balances without leaving QuickBooks. They can easily make adjustments, drill down to source transactions and enter workpaper references.

QuickBooks Makes it Easier to Prevent, Find and Fix Client Errors

- **Get new clients started quickly** with the EasyStep® startup interview that includes a new and simplified industry-specific chart of accounts that was developed by QuickBooks Accountants.

- **Safeguard against loss due to data exchange and client errors** for those accountants who engage in file exchange with clients in a medium-to-low interaction environment. The new features assist with the main accountant service - completing the accounting records on a quarterly or year end basis in order to complete an income tax return.

- **Improved visibility and workflow** to set prior period closing date and password to prevent changes to prior periods.

- **Rely on easier-to-use backup and restore features** for increased protection.

- **QuickBooks Payroll Center** provides clients with an end-to-end view of their most important payroll tasks, from paying employees to paying taxes and filing tax forms. It reminds clients when to pay payroll, and when to file and pay payroll taxes, as well as how much to pay. Everything is available with one-click access.

- **Prevent, find and fix errors with "better because of you."** Correctly account for voided checks in the closed and current period and easily find reconciliation errors with the Reconciliation Differences account. Also, Meals and Travel & Entertainment are separate accounts, making it easy to calculate deductions for clients.

- **Contains and works with all QuickBooks 2008 editions**, from Simple Start to Contractor Edition–from one installation. Accountants can open, modify and send files back to QuickBooks 2008 clients.[2]

- **Improved always-on audit trail** helps accountants find and fix client errors and helps train clients to avoid the errors in the future.

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Perform Payroll Services

- **Accountant Edition's integration with Enhanced Payroll Plus for Accountants.** QuickBooks Enhanced Payroll for Accountants meets the unique requirements of accountants performing payroll for clients.
    - **After the Fact payroll** (requires QuickBooks 2008) feature provides accountants with an efficient method for entering, verifying and correcting payroll data when clients prepare paychecks themselves.
    - **Client-Ready Reports** (requires QuickBooks 2008) feature lets accountants give clients professional-looking payroll reports and analyses that print out with just a few keystrokes.

Helping Accountants Work Efficiently with Clients

- **QuickBooks Time Tracker** gives more options for managing employees.
- **Google Desktop™** Accountants can quickly search and find the customer, vendor or financial information needed in QuickBooks. By just typing in a few key words, accountants can generate a complete list of files that match their search needs in seconds.
- **Inventory management tools** like the Available-to-Promise window, Sales Order Fulfillment Worksheet and enhanced Bill of Materials tools make it easy for accountants to support product-based clients.
- **Simplified set-up** helps clients get up and running quickly. An "expert" setup path provides a rapid data entry path for accountants to provide setup services for clients.
- **The Peachtree and/or Microsoft SBA to QuickBooks Conversion Tools** helps easily switch clients to QuickBooks, importing lists, opening balances and open transactions.
- **Save time preparing for taxes** with the full-featured Fixed Asset Manager and by exporting balances to ProSeries® and Lacerte® tax software. (sold separately)
- **ProAdvisor Program helps accountants deliver great QuickBooks service to their clients and grow their practice** by making it easier to understand QuickBooks offerings for themselves and their clients. Accountants can confidently use and recommend software, while Intuit provides them with program choices that are right for their practice at significant cost savings as well as expanded training.
- **Unit of measure conversion and other inventory and sales management enhancements** improve efficiency for businesses that sell products.

Premium Support for Accountants

- **Get Up & Running fast with FREE tools:** Accountants can enjoy 30 days of free technical support from time of software registration. During the 30 days of support, they can benefit from one case of assisted data conversion, to switch clients from other software to QuickBooks. And, they receive the monthly e-newsletter, Intuit ProConnection®, with the purchase of Accountant Edition 2008.
- **Accountant Support Plans:** The Accountant Unlimited Support Plan provides unlimited access, 27/4, throughout the year and costs $299 when purchased with QuickBooks and $349 when purchased separately.

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QuickBooks ProAdvisor® Program: QuickBooks ProAdvisors receive unlimited technical support from a US-based team of support engineers who are focused exclusively on resolving support calls from accountants. ProAdvisors also receive the software, support, training and resources to better serve existing clients and attract new ones. ProAdvisor Core Membership is $449 and ProAdvisor Core Membership with Enhanced Payroll for Accountants is $549. Both include QuickBooks: Premier Accountant Edition 2008. As part of the ProAdvisor Program membership, accountants are also eligible to choose up to five additional products or services from an optional "A La Carte" Menu options - $199 each.

System Requirements

Recommended System Configuration

- QuickBooks Pro/Premier on XP
    - At least 1.8GHz processor, 2.0GHz recommended
    - At least 256MB (512MB recommended) of RAM for a single user
    - At least 512MB of RAM for multiple, concurrent users
    - 1 GB of disk space (additional space required for data files)
- QuickBooks Pro/Premier on Vista
    - At least 2.0GHz processor
    - At least 512MB of RAM (1GB recommended)
    - 1 GB of disk space (additional space required for data files)

Additional Hardware and Software

- Operating Systems supported:
    - Windows XP (SP2 or later strongly recommended), all editions
    - Windows 2003 Server
    - Windows Vista, all editions
    - Windows Longhorn Server (database only, not client)
- 4x CD-ROM drive
- Optimized for 1024x768 screen resolution or higher, supports 800x600 using "Small fonts" setting in your Windows control panel display settings
    - Database Server requirements
        - Microsoft® Windows XP (SP2 or later strongly recommended), Windows 2003 Server, Windows Vista, or Windows Longhorn Server operating systems
    - Linux is supported for Enterprise Solutions only (SUSE 10.2, fedora 6)

File Server requirements

- Novell Netware server or Linux/Samba file servers can be used with advanced configuration; performance will be impacted on networks running less than 100Mbps

Integration/compatibility requirements

- QuickBooks is capable of integrating with hundreds of 3rd party applications (see http://www.marketplace.intuit.com for the most up-to-date list) in addition to the following standard integrations provided with QuickBooks, additional RAM will enhance the use of these features:
    - Preparing letters requires Microsoft® Word 2000, 2002, 2003 or 2007
    - Exporting reports requires Microsoft® Excel 2000, 2002, 2003 or 2007
    - Contact Synchronization with Microsoft® Outlook requires Outlook 2000, 2002, 2003 or 2007
        - Synchronization with Outlook requires QuickBooks Contact Sync for Outlook (downloadable for free here: http://www.quickbooks.com/contact_sync)
    - Compatible with QuickBooks Customer Manager V2.0 and later, and QuickBooks Client Manager v2.0 and later
    - Compatible with QuickBooks Point of Sale v4.0 and later
    - Business Planner functionality requires Adobe Acrobat Reader 5.0 and later
    - Payroll and other online features and services require internet access with at least a 56Kbps connection speed (DSL or cable modem recommended)

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- 512 MB of RAM for single user and 512 MB of RAM for multiple concurrent users.

Minimum System Requirements

- 500 MHz Intel Pentium II (or equivalent).
- 256 MB of RAM for single-user and 512 MB of RAM for multiple concurrent users.
- Windows 2000/XP/Vista.
- For Vista users, 1.2 GHz Intel Pentium III (or equivalent) and 1 GB RAM.
- 1 GB of disk space for QuickBooks installation.
- Internet Explorer 6.0 required (6.0 provided on CD. Requires an additional 70 MB).
- Microsoft .NET Framework CLR 1.1 (Provided on CD. Requires an additional 150 MB).
- 16-bit or higher color.
- Optimized for 1024x768. Supports 800x600 with small fonts.
- 2x CD-ROM.
- All online features/services require Internet access.

Integration with Other Software

- Microsoft Word and Excel integration requires Word and Excel 2000, 2002 or 2003.
- Microsoft Outlook synchronization requires Outlook 2000, 2002 or 2003. Synchronization with Outlook 2002 or 2003 and Outlook Express 5.5 and 6.0 requires Customer Manager (sold separately). For more information, visit www.quickbooks.com.

Multi-User Requirements

- Multi-user mode is optimized for Windows 2000 Server or Windows Server 2003 client-server networks, and Windows 2000/XP/Vista peer-to-peer networks. Novell NetWare is supported but not recommended.

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Pricing

QuickBooks: Premier Accountant Edition 2008	$449.95
QuickBooks ProAdvisor Core Program[3]	$449.95
QuickBooks ProAdvisor Core Program with Enhanced Payroll[4]	$549.95

Additional pricing and product information can be found at http://accountant.intuit.com/

Availability

QuickBooks: Accountant Edition 2008 can be purchased directly from Intuit by calling 1-888-2-INTUIT or visiting accountant.intuit.com. QuickBooks: Premier Accountant Edition 2007 can also be purchased at leading retailers including Amazon.com, BestBuy.com, CompUSA, Costco, Office Depot, OfficeMax, Sam's Club and Staples.

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3   Also includes: QuickBooks: Premier Accountant Edition 2008,
  – QuickBooks Enterprise Solutions: Accountant Edition 2008,
  – Automatic upgrades of QuickBooks software.
4   Includes a 1 year subscription to QuickBooks Enhanced Payroll for Accountants, with new After-the-Fact payroll functionality (a $299 value), plus:
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  – QuickBooks Enterprise Solutions: Accountant Edition 8.0
  – Automatic upgrades of QuickBooks software