

# **QuickBooks**°

SMALL BUSINESS ACCOUNTING

**User Guide** 







### Welcome to QuickBooks

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

Upgrading your version of QuickBooks? Turn to page 2 to see what's new in OuickBooks®.

New to QuickBooks? Start in the New to QuickBooks? section on page 3.

#### All kinds of help

Help from Intuit and the QuickBooks Community of users is built into QuickBooks. You can also access the Learning Center for video tutorials and articles via the Help menu.

Visit the QuickBooks Support Website at www.quickbooks.com/support 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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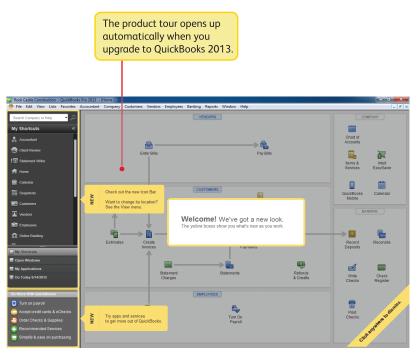




#### Upgrading your version of QuickBooks?

We've put a fresh coat of paint on QuickBooks 2013, and we've made key tasks even easier to find.

And you don't need to guess what's changed. As you work in QuickBooks, we'll point out exactly what's new and different.



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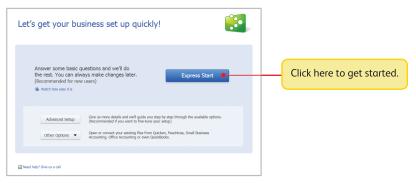


### **Getting started**

#### 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

After you create your company file, add your business info: the people you do business with, your bank accounts, and your products or services. No data to enter or import right now? No problem! You can add it as you work in QuickBooks.

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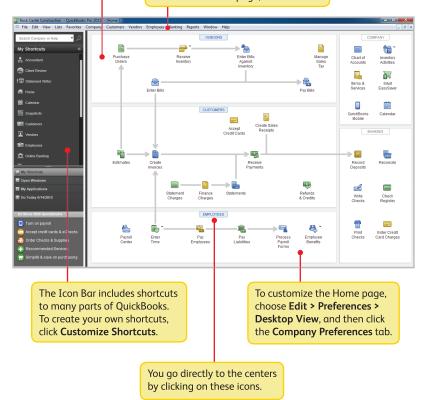




## Using the Home page to move around in QuickBooks

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.









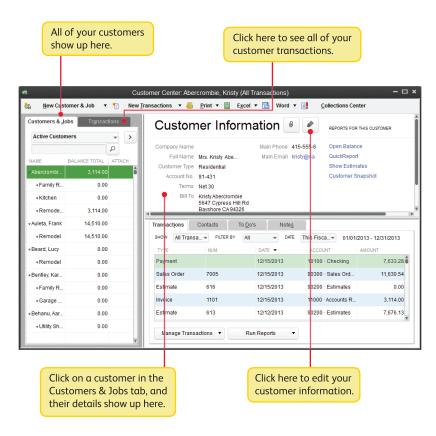




### **Using centers**

There are three main QuickBooks Centers, one each for customers, vendors, and employees. Use the centers to manage and view all of your customer, vendor, and employee information and transactions, without having to sift through multiple windows.

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





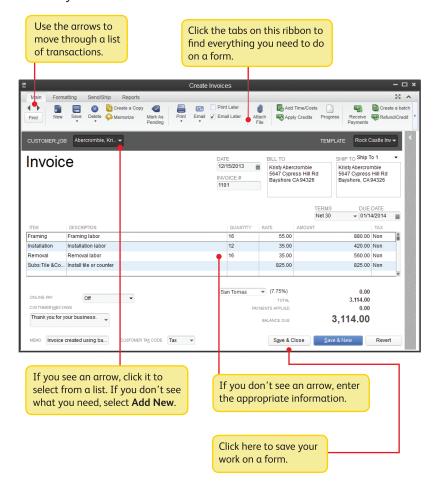






### **Using forms**

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.









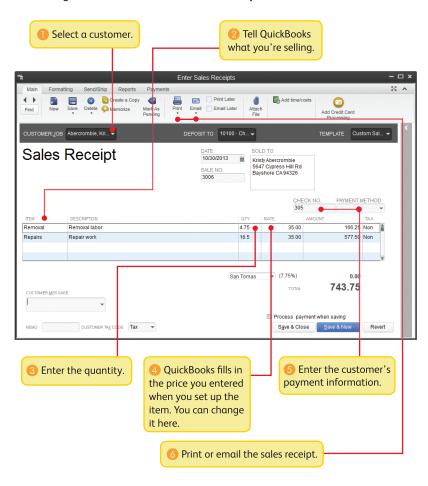


### Get paid:

### Create sales receipts

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

To start, go here: Customers > Sales Receipts.







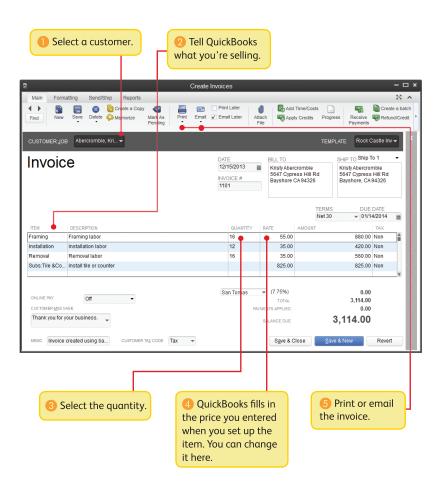




### **Create invoices**

Use an invoice when customers pay you after a sale.

To start, go here: Customers > Create Invoices.





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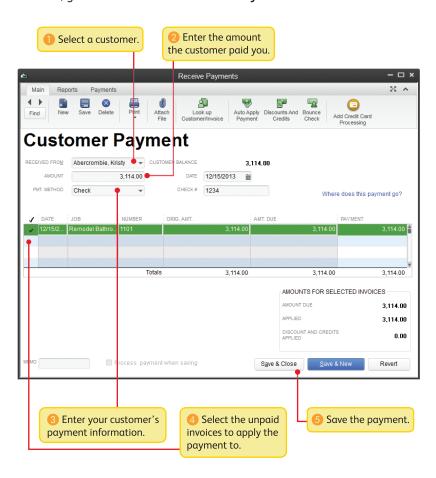




### Receive payments

When a customer pays you, use the Receive Payments form to apply it to the right invoice.

To start, go here: Customers > Receive Payments.









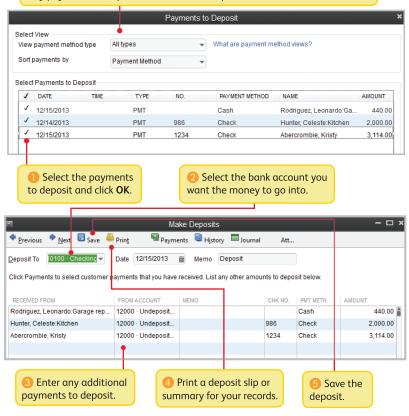


### Make deposits

Once you've received a customer payment, you need to tell QuickBooks what bank account to deposit the money into. You do this on the Make Deposits form.

To start, go here: **Banking > Make Deposits**.

QuickBooks lists any payments you've received in the Payments to Deposit window. If this window doesn't open automatically, you don't currently have any payments to deposit. Continue with step 2.









### Pay others:

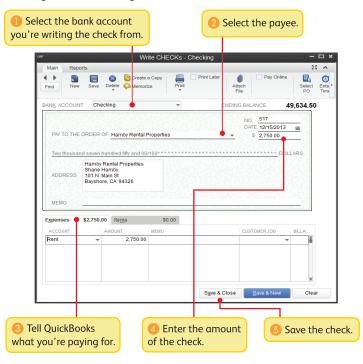
In QuickBooks, you track purchases in the Write Checks, Enter Bills, or Enter Credit Card Charges windows.

- If you use your debit card or cash to buy something, 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).

#### Write checks

Use the Write Checks windows if you handwrite or print a check. Don't use the Write Checks window to pay bills you entered or create paychecks.

To start, go here: **Banking > Write Checks**.









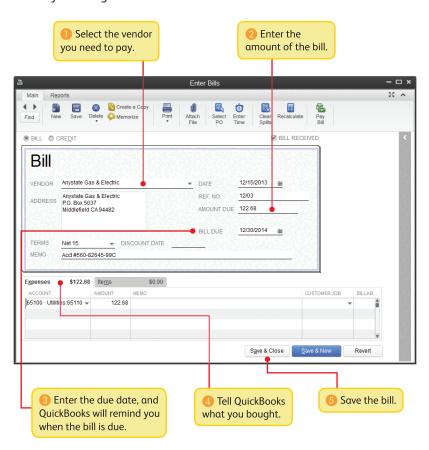


### **Enter bills**

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
- Pay the bill using Vendors > Pay Bills

Start by entering a bill.







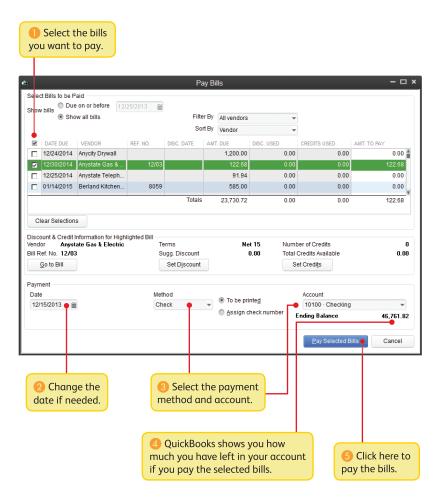




### Pay bills

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

To start, go here: Vendors > Pay Bills.







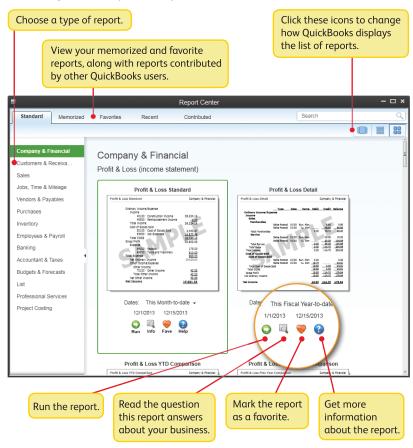




### See how your business is doing: **Using the Reports Center**

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 and understand the right report.

To start, go here: **Report > Reports Center**.





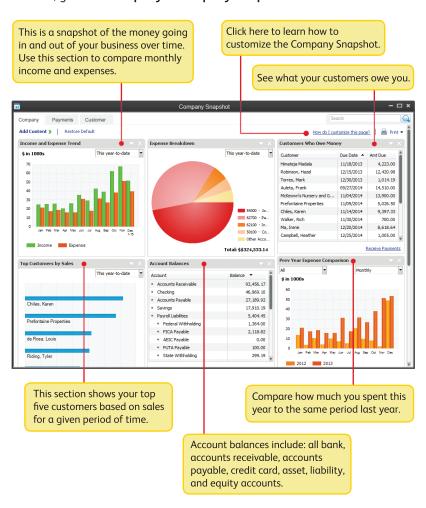




### **Company Snapshot**

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

To start, go here: **Company > Company Snapshot**.









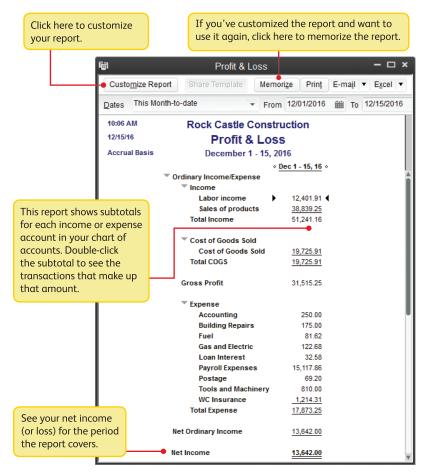
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#### **Profit and Loss**

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.





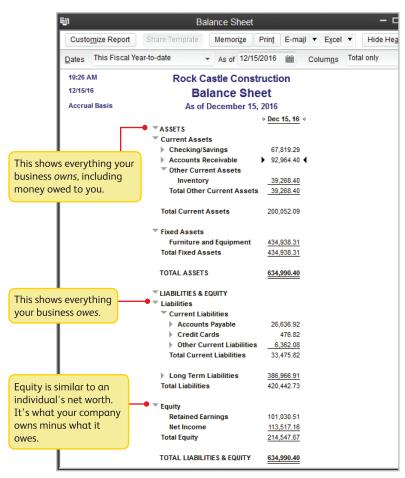




#### **Balance Sheet**

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

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

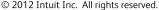












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