FEATURE COMPARISON

Businesses have varying workflows involved in tracking their financial data and accessing their business intelligence. The onset of the computer age allowed us to optimize and automate much of the manual work. As we move to a web-based platform, we must explore new methods to bring efficiency to our business processes. In many cases, QuickBooks Online will act as platform and not attempt to replicate functionality from QuickBooks Desktop, opting instead to open its doors for app developers to provide solutions. You will find many solutions in Intuit's Apps.com marketplace that are designed to work with QuickBooks Online.

Your knowledge of how to use QuickBooks Online like a pro combined with your familiarity with integrated apps will enable you to support your clients better in this exciting new frontier. Throughout the five modules of this training course, we will discuss features, workarounds and apps as solutions. Many of the features offered by QuickBooks are available in both the desktop and online product. Here is a list of features and solutions offered by QuickBooks Desktop and QuickBooks Online. This matrix will help you know which features are provided by the different QuickBooks software solutions so you know when to convert clients to QuickBooks Online based on available solutions. There is no suggestion of price parity; only features and solutions are compared. This list can change as new features are built in to both software solutions and as new apps arrive in the marketplace.

Feature	QuickBooks Desktop	QuickBooks Online
Customers & Sales		
Price levels	Pro, Premier, Enterprise	Create multiple products and services items; Apps.com: SOS Inventory, customize Method:CRM
Delayed charges and credits		Essentials, Plus
Billing rate levels	Premier, Enterprise	
Auto price markup	Enterprise	
Create invoices in batch	Pro, Premier, Enterprise	
Group items	Pro, Premier, Enterprise, Mac	
Change orders on estimates	Premier, Enterprise	Create product / service item or separate estimate with similar reference number
Clear up undeposited funds	Premier Accountant, Enterprise Accountant	
Progress invoicing	Pro, Premier, Enterprise, Mac	Copy estimate for each progress point and copy to invoice

Feature	QuickBooks Desktop	QuickBooks Online
Auto-send sales form		Simple Start, Essentials, Plus
Auto-send invoices for billable charges		Plus
Vendors & Expenditures		
Online bill pay	Pro, Premier, Enterprise	Apps.com: multiple solutions such as Bill.com
Preferred vendor	Pro, Premier, Enterprise	
Mileage tracking	Pro, Premier, Enterprise, Mac	Apps.com: multiple solutions such as Expensify
Fix unapplied vendor payments and credits	Premier Accountant, Enterprise Accountant	
1099-Misc reporting	Pro, Premier, Enterprise, Mac	Plus
Employees & Payroll		
Unlimited time tracking only users		Plus Apps.com: multiple solutions such as TSheets
Payroll labor costing	Pro, Premier, Enterprise	calculate and enter manually, Apps.com: multiple solutions such as Knowify
Enter timesheets in batch	Pro, Premier, Enterprise	Apps.com: multiple solutions such as TSheets
Accounting		
Auto download bank activity		Simple Start, Essentials, Plus
Batch enter transactions	Premier Accountant, Enterprise	
Multicurrency	Pro, Premier, Enterprise	Essentials, Plus
Troubleshoot prior account balance	Premier Accountant, Enterprise Accountant	
Additional AR/AP accounts	Pro, Premier, Enterprise, Mac	
Multiple AR/AP lines in journal entries		Simple Start, Essentials, Plus
Working trial balance	Premier Accountant, Enterprise	QuickBooks Online Accountant
Create period copy	Premier Accountant, Enterprise Accountant	Apps.com: SafetyNet

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Restore backup	Pro, Premier, Enterprise, Mac	Apps.com: SafetyNet
Condense file	Pro, Premier, Enterprise, Mac	
IIF import	Pro, Premier, Enterprise, Mac	Apps.com: multiple solutions
Location tracking		Plus
Multiple budgets per year		Plus
Reporting		
Audit log		Simple Start, Essentials, Plus
Audit trail	Pro, Premier, Enterprise, Mac	Simple Start, Essentials, Plus *included in Audit Log*
Management Reports		Simple Start, Essentials, Plus
Unlimited reports-only users		Plus
Collections Center	Pro, Premier, Enterprise	Apps.com: multiple solutions
Calendar View	Pro, Premier, Enterprise	Apps.com: multiple solutions
Multiple vendor shipping address	Pro, Premier, Enterprise	
Item Profitability report	Pro, Premier, Enterprise, Mac	Simple Start, Essentials, Plus – run Profit & Loss report customized with columns by item
Industry specific reporting	Premier, Enterprise	
Business Planner	Premier, Enterprise	Apps.com: multiple solutions such as LivePlan
Forecasting	Premier, Enterprise	Apps.com: multiple solutions such as LivePlan
Balance Sheet by Class	Premier, Enterprise	
Balance Sheet by Location		Plus
Statement Writer	Premier Accountant, Enterprise	
Estimate vs. Actual reporting	Pro, Premier, Enterprise, Mac	Create budget for job and run Budget vs. Actual report for job
Auto-send reports		Simple Start, Essentials, Plus

Feature	QuickBooks Desktop	QuickBooks Online
Inventory		
Weighted average cost inventory valuation method	Pro, Premier, Enterprise, Mac	Apps.com: multiple solutions such as SOS Inventory
Set and maintain inventory re-order points	Pro, Premier, Enterprise, Mac	Apps.com: multiple solutions such as DataQlick
Partial purchase orders	Pro, Premier, Enterprise, Mac	Apps.com: multiple solutions such as Exact Online
Sales orders	Premier, Enterprise	Apps.com: multiple solutions such as Method:CRM
Track current stock available	Premier, Enterprise	Plus Apps.com: multiple solutions such as All Orders
Inventory Center	Premier, Enterprise	Apps.com: multiple solutions such as 7th Stage
Build assemblies or manufacturing	Premier, Enterprise	Apps.com: multiple solutions such as SOS Inventory, Exact Online
Unit of measure	Premier, Enterprise	Apps.com: multiple solutions such as SOS Inventory, Exact Online
Other		
Letters (collection, credit, etc.)	Pro, Premier, Enterprise	Apps.com: multiple solutions such as Method:CRM, Legrand CRM
Layout Designer	Pro, Premier, Enterprise, Mac	Apps.com: multiple solutions such as Method:CRM