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Preface

Overview

Accounting has arrived in the Cloud and its time has come. Cloud computing is a general term for anything that involves delivering hosted services over the Internet. According to a recent study by KPMG (a global network of professional firms), businesses—large, medium, and small—are using the Cloud to drive cost efficiencies, better enable a mobile workforce, and improve alignment with their customers and vendors.

Imagine being able to update your business's accounting information system from anywhere on any device using any operating system. That is where the global economy is going. Are you on the path?

Is This Text for You?

This text is for you if you are an instructor who desires a self-paced, self-directed environment for your students to learn the essentials of QuickBooks Online (QBO) and to review their understanding of financial accounting and reporting.

This text is for you if you are a business owner looking for a self-paced, self-directed environment for yourself to learn the essentials of QBO as well as a means to refresh your understanding of financial accounting and reporting.

This book focuses on QBO. It is not designed for users of QuickBooks Pro, Accountant, or any other desktop version of QuickBooks. In that case, Glenn Owen's QuickBooks Accountant books are a better fit. The desktop version and online versions are different, and though you can import files created in the desktop version into the online version, significant differences exist as discussed in Chapter 1.

Multiple Companies

Intuit has finally seen the light and has agreed to give students and instructors the ability to create more than one company. They have also developed a more streamlined means to access QBO.

See overview at: https://www.intuit.com/partners/education-program/products/quickbooks/

Instructors

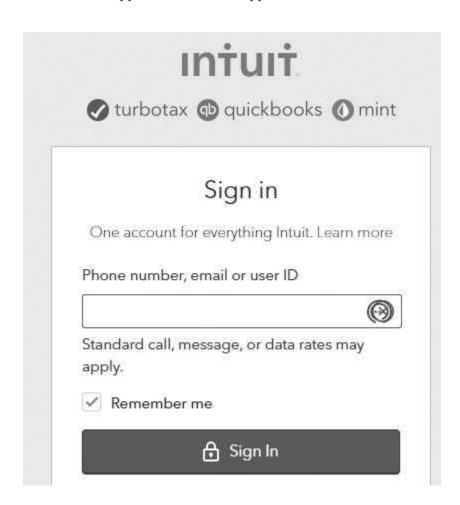
To give your students access to creating multiple companies:

- 1 First step, register yourself as a QBO Educator: Access the Educator Portal by navigating your web browser to https://www.intuit.com/partners/education-program/products/quickbooks/educator-qbo-signup/
- **2** Intuit will then attempt to validate you as an instructor at your educational institution.

3 After validation, navigate your web browser to https://accounts.intuit.com/index.html?redirect_url=https%3A%2F%2Feducation-portal.app.intuit.com%2Fapp%2Fdashboard&appfabric=true

Figure Preface 1

Sign in to the Education Portal



- **4** Provide your email in the space shown in Figure Preface 1 above and then click **Sign In**.
- **5** Provide your password in the window presented next and then click **Continue**. A Welcome to the Intuit Educator Portal window should appear as shown in Figure Preface 2.
- **6** Click the video box titled **How the Educator Portal Works** to see an overview of the Educator Portal.
- **7** To access the Sample Company this text uses to demonstrate QBO features, you will click **QuickBooks Online test drive**. Don't do this now.
- **8** To access QBO tutorials, you will click **Tutorials**. Don't do this now, instead proceed to the next step below.

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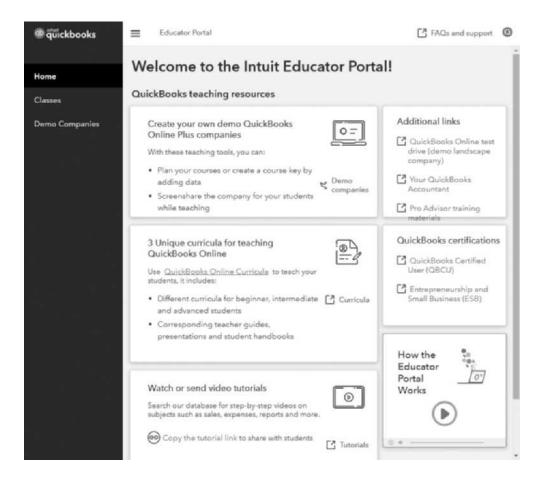


Figure Preface 2

Welcome to the Intuit Educator Portal

9 Click **Classes** from the navigation bar on the left to view the screen shown in Figure Preface 3. Ignore the reference to an existing Account 100 class. Your screen will not show the Accounting 100 class.

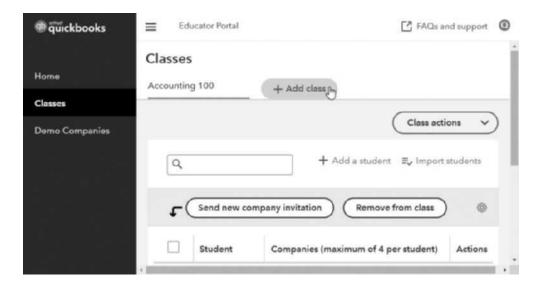


Figure Preface 3

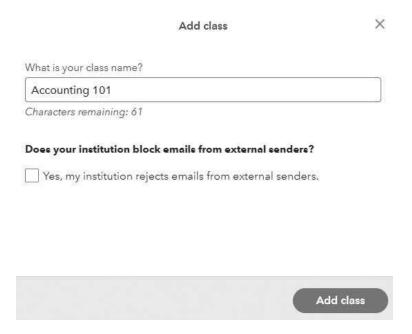
Classes

10 Click + Add class to create a class as shown in Figure Preface 3.

11 Type a name for your class. For example, Figure Preface 4 shows Accounting 101 as the class name. Once you've entered a class name click **Add class**.

Figure Preface 4

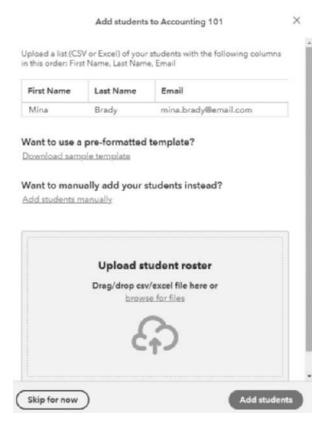
Add class



12 Click **Add class**. Your window should look like Figure Preface 5. Add your students to a class either by uploading a roster or clicking Add students manually.

Figure Preface 5

Add students



13 In this example click Add students manually to view Figure Preface 6. The student information will be empty until you perform step 14.

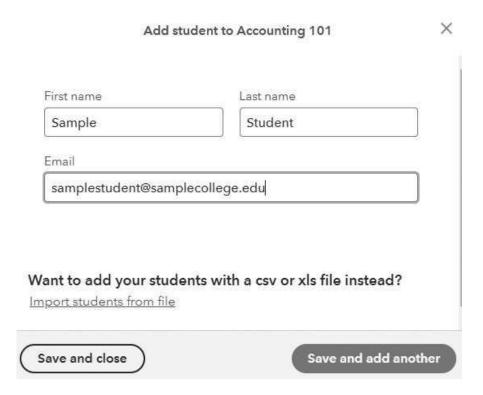


Figure Preface 6

Adding students manually

- **14** Type your student's first name, last name, and email address, then click **Save and close**. A sample student was added in this example.
- 15 To assign a company to a student, place a **check** next to a student's name and then click **Send new company invitation** as shown in Figure Preface 7.

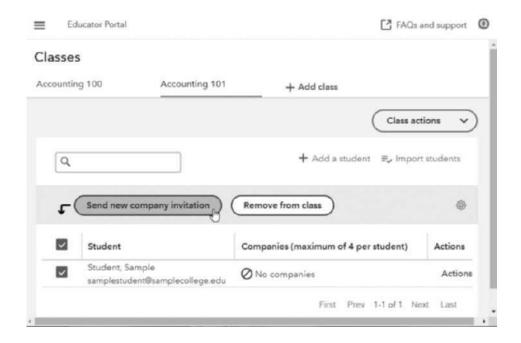


Figure Preface 7

Sending an invitation to a student to complete a case

16 Type Case 1 in the Choose a name text box as shown in Figure Preface 8. As an instructor you get to choose the name, however, it is recommended that you match the name with the case you've chosen to assign from the text (either Case 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6).

Figure Preface 8

Entering a name for the company you're assigning to a student

Send invitation to

The company name cannot be changed once created. Maximum of 4 companies per class.

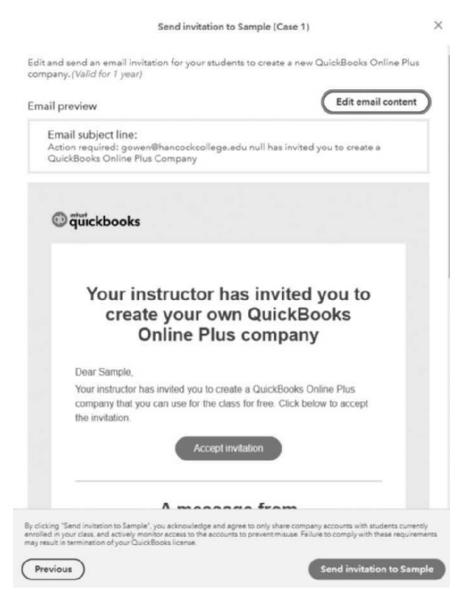
Choose a name:

Case 1

17 Click **Next: Preview invitation** to view Figure Preface 9.

Figure Preface 9

Partial view of invitation preview



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- **18** Click **Send invitation to Sample** (replacing your student's first name in place of Sample).
- 19 You should receive confirmation that your invitation was sent. Your student listing should then be updated to indicate an invitation was sent and give you the opportunity to resend the invitation if necessary. This update should look like Figure Preface 10.

Student	Companies (maximum of 4 per student)
Student, Sample samplestudent@samplecollege.edu	

Figure Preface 10

Updated student information

20 Click your account information icon located in the upper right-hand corner of the QBO window, then click **Sign out**.

Keep in mind that you, as an instructor, may assign your class up to 4 companies. There are 6 cases found at the end of each chapter of this text, but you can only assign 4 to a class. However, if you have a second class, you may assign those students only 4 companies as well, but they can be different than those assigned in a different class.

Students

If you have not received an invitation from your instructor read the following to get access to QBO to create one or more companies. Students at accredited academic institutions are eligible for a one-year student registration.

- 1 First step, register yourself as a student: Access the Educator Portal by navigating your web browser to https://www.intuit.com/partners/education-program/products/quickbooks/student-qbo-signup/
- **2** Intuit will then attempt to validate you as a student at your educational institution.
- **3** After validation, navigate your web browser to https://quickbooks.intuit .com/sign-in-offer/
- **4** Provide your username and password to login.

If you have received an invitation from your instructor, read the following to get access to QBO. Students at accredited academic institutions are eligible for a one-year student registration.

1 Click **Accept Invitation** in the email you received from your instructor as shown in Figure Preface 11.

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Figure Preface 11

Accepting an instructor's invitation to create a QBO company

Your instructor has invited you to create your own QuickBooks company

Dear Sam,

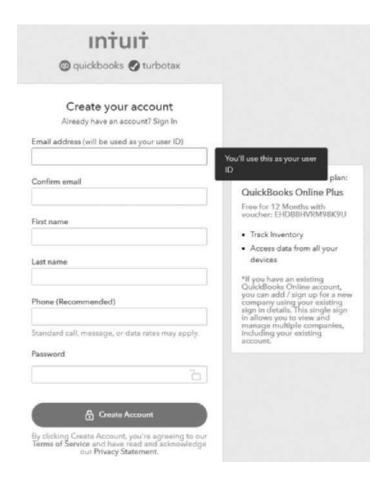
Your instructor has invited you to create a QuickBooks Online Plus company that you can use for the class for free. Click below to accept the invitation.

Accept invitation

2 If you have already registered and been validated (see above), click Sign In and provide Intuit with your username and password as shown in Figure Preface 12. If you have not registered, provide your information as shown below and click Create Account.

Figure Preface 12

Creating a QBO account

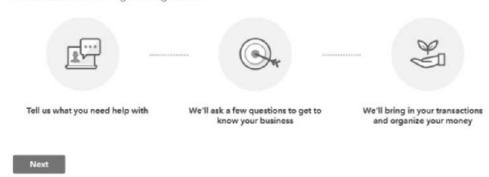


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3 Type your **email address** twice, **first name**, **last name**, **phone** (if you wish), a **password** twice, and then click **Create Account**. You should now see a QBO window like Figure Preface 13.

Welcome! We're glad you're here.

Here's what we'll do together right now.



4 For now, do not click Next, instead just close the browser window. You will return to your company in Chapter 2.

Payroll

The text and related data files created for this book were constructed using QBO. In this version of QuickBooks, Intuit continues its use of a basic payroll service but has made it more accessible by having it live on its Cloud-based system. QBO initially comes with the current tax tables; however, these tables soon become outdated, and the payroll feature is disabled unless the user subscribes to the payroll service.

The author decided to use the manual payroll tax feature, which requires that students manually enter the tax deductions. This alleviates the discrepancies between the solutions manual and the students' data entry and removes the burden of having to purchase the tax table service for each copy of QBO used. Instructions on how to set up payroll for manual calculation of payroll taxes are provided in the text. For more information, see your QBO documentation.

All reports have a default feature that identifies the basis in which the report was created (e.g., accrual or cash) and the date and time the report was printed. The date and time shown on your report will, of course, be different from that shown in this text.

Instructional Design

Each chapter of this text begins with a listing of expected student learning outcomes followed by a step-by-step explanation of how to obtain those outcomes. In most chapters, the explanations utilize a Sample Company created by Intuit in which the author demonstrates how various operating, investing, and financing activities of a business are captured and then reported in QBO.

End-of-chapter questions, matching, and student cases follow these explanations. The questions help you to review the text-explained concepts and processes,

Figure Preface 13

QBO Welcome

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whereas the matching section helps with terms and definitions. The student cases provide the information necessary to add data to the student's company file. Each chapter requires the student to add information to the previous chapter's rendition. Thus, for success in learning, each student must complete the previous chapter's student case before attempting the next chapter's student case.

Solutions to each chapter's student cases are provided in the instructor manual. The following is a matrix of all end-of-chapter cases that identifies key differences between cases key processes assessed. For example, Cases 1, 2, 4, and 6 are corporations, whereas Cases 3 and 5 are sole proprietors. Cases 1 and 2 do not require sales tax collections, whereas Cases 3, 4, and 5 do. All cases involve business entities that sell products, provide services, and have checking accounts, customers, vendors, employees, and so on.

	Case 1	Case 2	Case 3	Case 4	Case 5	Case 6
Company Setup:						
Date company started using QBO	1/1/24	1/1/25	1/1/26	1/1/21	1/1/22	1/1/23
Location	La Jolla, CA	La Jolla, CA	La Jolla, CA	Hollywood, CA	Huntsville, AL	Sumner, WA
Company organization	Corporation	Corporation	Sole	Corporation	Sole	Corporation
			Proprietor		Proprietor	
Business	Distributor	Distributor	Retail	Sports Gym	Engineering	Automotive Dealer
Inventory products sold	Surf boards	Toys	Cell Phones	T-Shirts	Computers	Recreational Vehicle
Services provided	Consulting	Repairs	Repairs	Monthly Fees	Program Support	Repairs
Track expenses	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bill payment terms (default)	Net 30	Net 30	Net 30	Net 30	Net 30	Net 30
Hourly employees	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Salary employees	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sales tax applicable	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Add customers	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Add employees	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Add inventory items	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Add service items	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Add vendors	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Add/delete accounts	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Enter beginning balances	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Accounts Used:						
Checking account	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Accounts receivable	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Prepaid expenses/supplies	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Investments	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fixed assets	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Accounts payable	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Notes payable	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Common stock	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Owner's equity	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Business Transactions:						
Record additional investment by owners	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Record adjusting (accrual) entries	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Record bills	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Record bills received with pur-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
chase orders						
Record bills received without	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
purchase orders						
Record checks	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Record journal entries	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Record payments made on account	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Record payments received on accounts	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Record payroll	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Record purchase orders	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Record sales invoices	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Record sales receipts	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Record the sale of common	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
stock						
Reports Created:						
Reports—A/P Aging Summary	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Reports—A/R Aging Summary	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Reports—Balance Sheet	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Reports—Export Reports to Excel	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Reports—Income Statement	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Reports—Inventory Valuation Summary	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Reports—Statement of Cash Flows	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Reports—Transaction Detail by Account	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Reports—Trial Balance	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Comprehensive Problems

Additional transactions for Cases 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 can be found in Appendix 2. Students who have successfully completed a case in the text through Chapter 10 can be assigned these comprehensive problems. Each pick up in the month following the chapter work. For example in Case 1, chapter work occurred in January 2024, thus the comprehensive problem will describe transactions occurring in February 2024. The transactions included in February are similar in nature to those described in Chapters 3 to 10. Students assigned Case 1 would be able to complete comprehensive Case 1. Those assigned Case 2 would only be able to complete comprehensive Case 2 and the like.

Textbook Goals

This textbook takes a user and a preparer perspective by illustrating how accounting information is created and then used for making decisions. QBO is user-friendly and provides point-and-click simplicity and sophisticated accounting reporting and analysis tools. The textbook uses proven and successful instructional design (described earlier) to demonstrate the application's features and elicit student interaction.

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The first and foremost goal of this text is to help students review fundamental accounting concepts and principles through the use of the QBO application and the analysis of business events. The content of this text complements the first course in accounting principles or financial accounting. Thus, this text should either be used concurrently with an accounting principles or financial accounting course or be used subsequent to completion of such a course.

A second goal of this text is to teach students how to set up QBO for a business, use it to record business events, and use it to generate financial statements and reports. Acquiring these skills will help students improve their job prospects whether the company they work for uses QuickBooks or not.

A third goal of this text is to teach students the value of a computerized accounting information system and how it can be used to communicate important information to business owners, investors, and creditors.

Date Warning

The Sample Company (created and maintained by Intuit) is used to demonstrate many aspects of QBO in this text. The author has no control over the dates used by Intuit and those dates may change depending on when you are accessing the file online. The dates that appear in the figures supplied by the author in this text may not be the dates that appear on your screen. Instructions to generate reports in this text often suggest the user set the report period to the month before or in the month of the current system date. If you are entering data at the beginning of the month (your system date is between the 1st and the 15th of a month), you should set your report period to the month prior to your current system date. If you are entering data at the end of the month (your system date is between the 15th and the 31st of a month), you should set your report period to the current month of your current system date. For example, if you are entering data on 10/09/2022, use 09/01/2022 to 09/30/2022 as your reporting period. For example, if you are entering data on 10/21/2023, use 10/01/2023 to 10/31/2023 as your reporting period.

The student cases (Cases 1–6) are set in 2024, 2025, 2026, 2021, 2022, and 2023, respectively. If transactions are entered into the student case in other than the proper period, answers will be wrong. Be careful about entering dates into QBO when you are working on this case. The default date when entering new transactions into QBO is the computer's system date that may or may not be in those years.

Update Warning

QBO is frequently upgraded by Intuit to provide new features, correct errors, or improve functionality. This book was written in late 2021 and early 2022, and all figures are based on how QBO looked at that time. If you are using this text in 2022 or later, Intuit may have made modifications in how QBO looks and feels or functions. Differences will occur, which are out of the author's control.

Keep in mind that sales tax rates change year to year, state to state. The solutions provided by the author for each case were based on tax rates in effect for that particular year. If a rate changes your answers for sales tax payable and related accounts may be different.

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Instructor as Your Accountant

Your instructor may choose to have you assign them as your accountant so that they can see your work and progress at their convenience without having you to "send" the file. In fact, you cannot "send" your file, since all the files are on the Cloud. Instructions on how to set your instructor as your accountant are provided in Chapter 2.

Alternative means by which instructors can view your work.

Video Tutorials Developed by Intuit

Intuit, developer of QBO, and others have made video tutorials to help you get started with QBO. These tutorials can be viewed and/or sent to students from the Welcome to the Intuit Educator Portal described earlier in this text.

Instructors

To access these tutorials:

- 1 Login to the Educator Portal as shown in Figure Preface 8.
- **2** Click **Tutorials** shown at the bottom of the window to view Figure Preface 9.
- **3** View as many tutorials as you like and send them to students if you desire.

Students

To access these tutorials:

- 1 Navigate your browser to https://quickbooks.intuit.com/learn-support/en-us/tutorials?product=&tutorial=
- **2** Type a topic for a video into the text box labeled **Search for anything**.
- **3** View the video.

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Dedication

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Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this chapter, the student will be able to do the following:

- Open the Sample Company provided by Intuit to explore QBO
- Access customer, vendor, and employee information
- Explore banking transactions
- · Explore sales and expense transactions
- · Explore the chart of accounts
- Explore lists
- · Access reports
- · Use the Gear icon to view company settings

Overview

Intuit has provided a Sample Company online to provide new users a test-drive of its QBO product. You will open this Sample Company and explore various features of QBO. In this chapter, you will be viewing the Sample Company looking at customer, vendor, and employee information. You will also be viewing banking, sales, and expense transactions and will be looking at the chart of accounts, lists, reports, and company settings. You will not be making any changes, such as adding a customer, invoice, check, and so on. That will occur in the next chapter.

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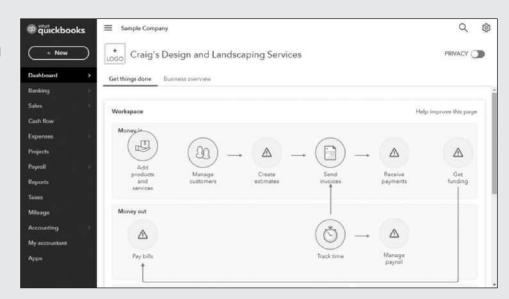
Begin Your Sample Company Walkthrough

You can use this Sample Company to explore QBO as often as you like. No matter what you do to modify this Sample Company, you will be unable to save it. When you leave and later return, it will look the same as it did initially. Each time you open this Sample Company, it will retrieve your current system date (the actual date you are working on your computer) and place that date under the company name on the home page.

To open the Sample Company, do the following:

- **1** Open your Internet browser.
- 2 Type https://qbo.intuit.com/redir/testdrive into your browser's address text box, press [Enter] to view the Sample Company Dashboard shown in Figure 1.1. Transaction dates may differ on your screen from the figures shown throughout this text.

Figure 1.1Sample Company Dashboard



3 Click the icon to view the Create menu shown in Figure 1.2.

Figure 1.2

Create menu



Customers, Vendors, and Employees

QBO provides easy access to customer information using the navigation bar. In this section, you will open the Customers section in a new tab and drill down to a specific customer and specific transactions related to that customer.

To access customer information, do the following:

1 Click Sales and then click Customers as shown in Figure 1.3.

Trouble? If the navigation menu does not appear, click the **Show Navigation** icon located next to the words Sample Company. Clicking this icon should reveal and hide the navigation menu each time it's clicked.

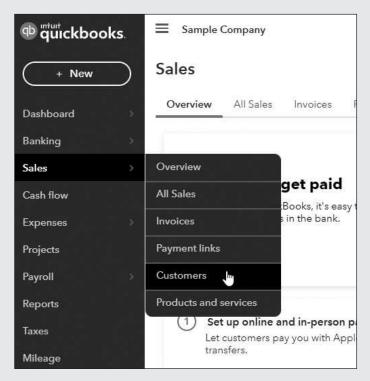


Figure 1.3Accessing the Customers

window

2 The resulting Customers window is then revealed as shown in Figure 1.4.

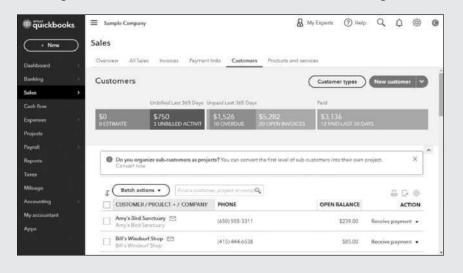
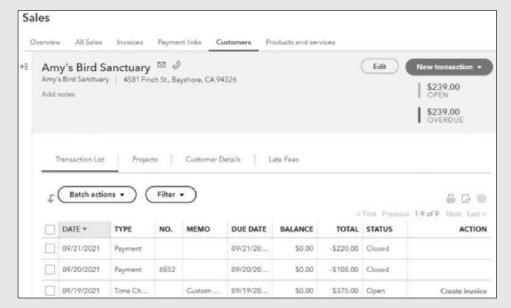


Figure 1.4

Customers window

3 Click on the **Amy's Bird Sanctuary** text to view detailed transactions related to that particular customer shown in Figure 1.5.

Figure 1.5 Amy's Bird Sanctuary



The \$239.00 overdue balance noted at the top of the window correlates to invoice 1021 shown near the bottom of the list. To view it, scroll down the transactions list for Amy's Bird Sanctuary. (The author has no control over the dates used by Intuit, and those dates may change depending on when you are accessing the file online. The dates, which appear in the figures supplied by the author in this text, may not match the dates that appear on your screen.)

QBO provides easy access to vendor information using the navigation bar. In this section, you will open the Vendors section in a new tab and drill down to a specific vendor and specific transactions related to that vendor.

To access vendor information, do the following:

- 1 Click Expenses and then click Vendors (in a manner similar to what you just did for Sales and Customers previously).
- **2** A vendor listing as shown in Figure 1.6 should appear.

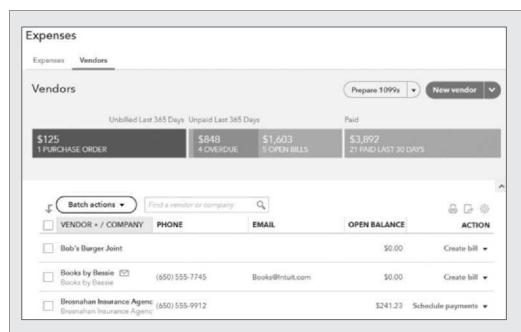


Figure 1.6

Vendors information

3 Click on the **Brosnahan Insurance Agency** text to view detailed transactions related to that particular vendor shown in Figure 1.7.

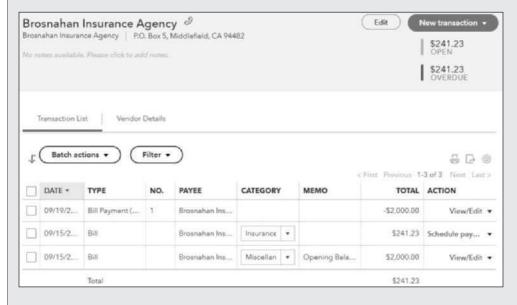
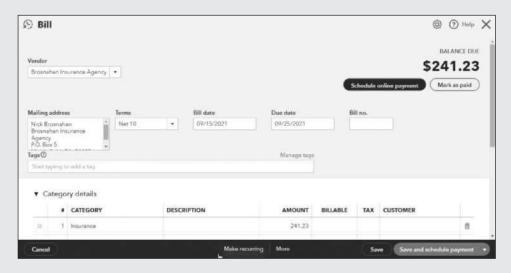


Figure 1.7
Brosnahan Insurance Agency

4 Click on the \$241.23 balance to view the bill received as shown in Figure 1.8.

Figure 1.8Bill from Brosnahan

Insurance Agency



The \$241.23 overdue balance noted at the top of the window correlates to a bill received from an earlier month.

QBO provides easy access to employee information using the navigation bar. In this section, you will open the Employees section in a new tab and drill down to a specific employee and specific transactions related to that employee.

To access employee information, do the following:

- 1 Click the X in the upper-right corner of the Bill to close it.
- **2** Click **Payroll** and then select **Employees** to reveal an employee listing as shown in Figure 1.9.

Figure 1.9
Employees information



3 Click **Edit** for John Johnson to view employee information for John Johnson as shown in Figure 1.10.



Figure 1.10

Employee Information for John Johnson

- 4 Click Cancel to close this window.
- **5** Click the **C** icon located in the upper right-hand corner of your window, and then click **Sign out** to close the Sample Company.

Banking Transactions

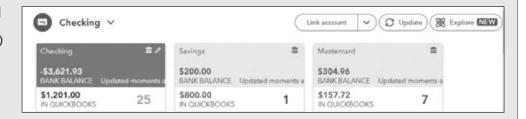
QBO has an online banking feature that lets you automatically connect to your bank and download banking-related transactions. The application automatically matches the banking transaction with a previously recorded QBO transaction. QBO calls this "Recognizing." This feature is briefly reviewed as this text is academically based and no "real" bank account is linked to this sample, and no "real" bank account will be linked to your student company.

To view banking transactions, do the following:

- 1 Open your Internet browser.
- **2** Type https://qbo.intuit.com/redir/testdrive into your browser's address text box and then press [Enter] to view the Sample Company home page shown in Figure 1.1. You may be asked to provide security information before proceeding. Click **Continue**.
- **3** Click **Banking** from the navigation bar and then click the **X** in the Your bank connection is all set window to view the Checking page as shown in Figure 1.11.

Figure 1.11

Checking (partial view)



4 Scroll down the Checking page to view banking transactions as shown in Figure 1.12.

Figure 1.12

Checking transactions (partial view)

DATE +	DESCRIPTION	PAYEE	CATEGORY OR MATC	SPENT	RECEIVED	ACTION
11/17/2021	Books By Bessie	Books by Bessie	Uncategorized Income		\$55.00	Add
10/18/2021	A Rental		Uncategorized Income		\$200.00	Add
10/18/2021	A Rental		Uncategorized Expens	\$1,200.00		Add
09/25/2021	A Rental		Uncategorized Expens	\$800.00		Add
09/22/2021	Pam Seitz	Pam Seitz	2 matches found	\$75.00		View
09/22/2021			T match found Deposit 09/22/2021 \$868.15		\$868.15	Match

5 Scroll back up the Checking page and then click **Go to bank register** on the right to view the traditional checking account register listing each QBO-recorded check, deposit, or cash transaction affecting the checking account shown in Figure 1.13. Close any messages that may appear. You may have to enlarge your window to view the Deposit and Balance columns.

Figure 1.13

Bank Register (partial view)



Bank deposits, which have not been recorded in QBO, are not recognized and are temporarily classified as Uncategorized Income. Bank charges that have not been recorded in QBO are not recognized and are temporarily classified as Uncategorized Expense.

The Bank Register seen in Figure 1.13 is similar to the general ledger account concept seen in traditional accounting without the debits and credits. The balance is shown after every increase or decrease in the account. In a bank account, increases are deposits and decreases are payments. Registers exist for all assets, liabilities, and equity accounts, and they are a great way to identify and/or correct errors if they occur.

Sales and Expense Transactions

The next two choices in the navigation bar are sales and expense transactions. The Sales Transactions section provides a listing of recent sales invoices and payments: Some are closed and others are open, meaning payment has not been received. Thus, the action item of receiving payment is listed for all open invoices. This screen also highlights unbilled activity, open balances, overdue balances, and those invoices paid in the last 30 days across the top. You can decide to drill down to view a particular invoice.

To view sales and expenses transactions, do the following:

1 Click Sales and then click All Sales from the navigation bar to view the Sales section shown in Figure 1.14.

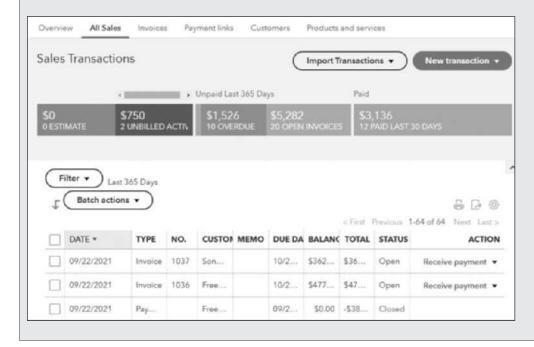
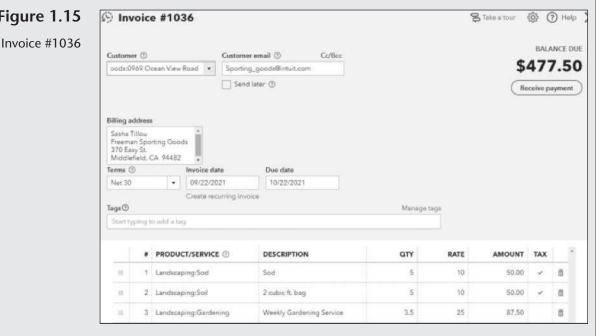


Figure 1.14

Sales Transactions (partial view)

2 Double-click on Invoice No. **1036** to reveal the invoice shown in Figure 1.15.

Figure 1.15

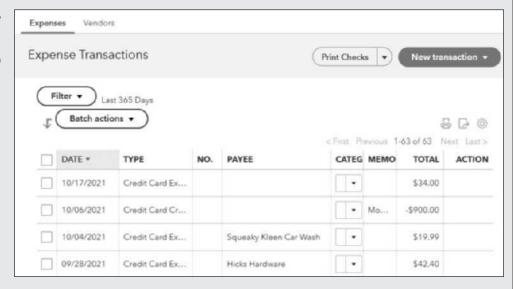


Click Cancel to close Invoice No. 1036.

The Expense Transactions section will provide a listing of recent credit card charges, bills, expenses, purchase orders, checks, bill payments, and cash payments. You can decide to drill down to view a particular credit card transaction.

4 Click Expenses and then click Expenses again from the navigation bar to view the Expense Transactions section shown in Figure 1.16.

Figure 1.16 **Expense Transactions (partial** view)



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5 Click **Squeaky Kleen Car Wash** to reveal the charge as shown in Figure 1.17.

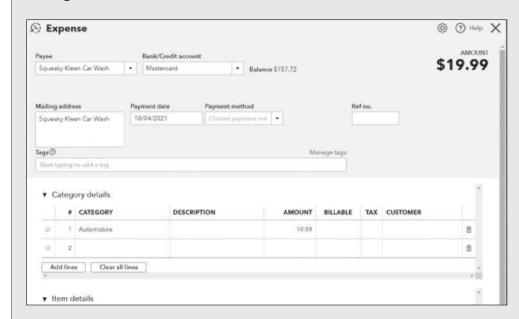


Figure 1.17
Expense window (credit card charge for \$19.99)

6 Click **Cancel** to close the credit card charge window.

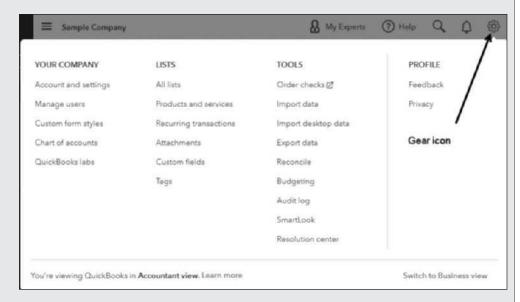
Settings

The Settings window (also known as the Gear window) is accessed by clicking the Gear icon located in the upper-right portion of the QBO window. Here you can modify your company settings, products and services, and budgets as well as reconcile bank accounts.

To view the Settings window and examine the Sample Company's settings:

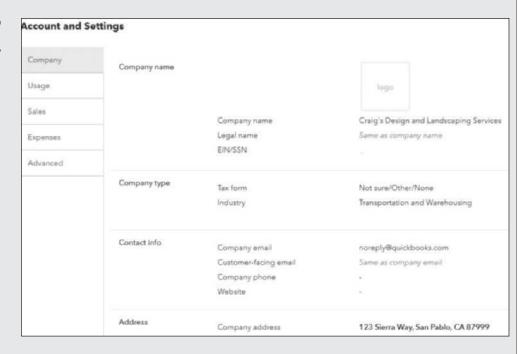
1 Click the Gear icon as shown in Figure 1.18.

Figure 1.18
Company Settings window



2 Click **Account and settings** to view company name, type, address etc. as shown in Figure 1.19.

Figure 1.19
Account and Settings window



3 Click **X** to close the Account and Settings window.

Chart of Accounts

A chart of accounts is a listing of all accounts available. Each account is assigned a type and a detailed type. The Sample Company's chart of accounts has been modified from the default chart of accounts and tailored to this company's needs. Not all companies need these particular accounts, and some will need additional accounts.

To view the Sample Company's chart of accounts, do the following:

1 Click the **Gear** icon and then click **Chart of Accounts** to view the Chart of Accounts section. Then click **See your Chart of Accounts** to view the Sample Company's chart of accounts as shown in Figure 1.20.

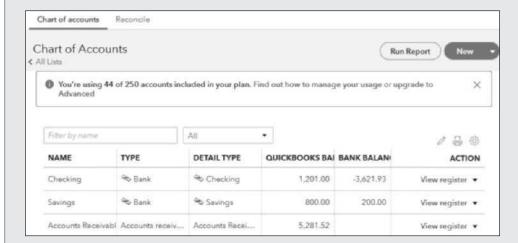
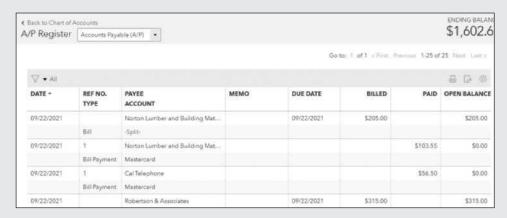


Figure 1.20
Chart of Accounts (partial view)

- **2** Scroll down the chart of accounts. Each asset, liability, and equity account has a View register action item listed.
- **3** As you scroll down, you will see that the balance in the chart of accounts for accounts payable (A/P) is \$1,602.67.
- 4 Click View register on the Accounts Payable line of the chart of accounts to view the register for accounts payable shown in Figure 1.21. The ending balance in the A/P Register matches the \$1,602.67 balance specified in the chart of accounts listing. (Remember to ignore dates in this Sample Company problem.)

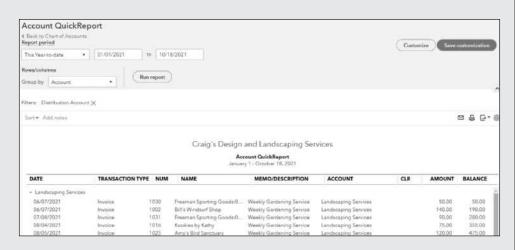
Figure 1.21

A/P Register



- **5** Click **Back to Chart of Accounts** located at the top of the A/P Register.
- 6 Scroll down the chart of accounts to see that each revenue and expense account has a Run Report action item listed. Click **Run Report** on the Landscaping Services account line to view an Account QuickReport for this account.
- **7** Scroll to the top of this Account QuickReport report. Select **This Year-to-date** from Report period drop-down list, and then click **Run report** to view the report shown in Figure 1.22.

Figure 1.22 Account QuickReport



Lists

Lists in QBO provide you with an easy and quick way to view a collection of common items. Some of the more common lists include the chart of accounts, products and services, and terms. You can decide to view a summary of all the lists available in QBO and explore the list of terms.

To view a list of lists and the list of terms, do the following:

1 Click the **Gear** icon and then click **All Lists** to view a list of lists shown in Figure 1.23.

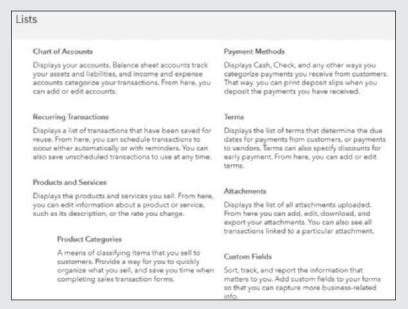


Figure 1.23
Lists

2 Click **Terms** to view the list shown in Figure 1.24.

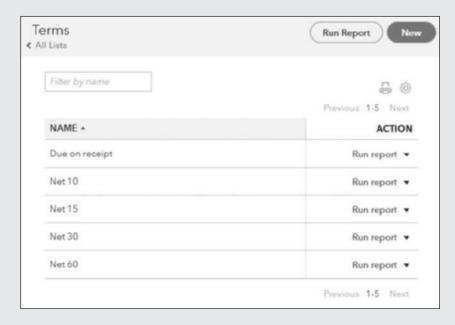


Figure 1.24

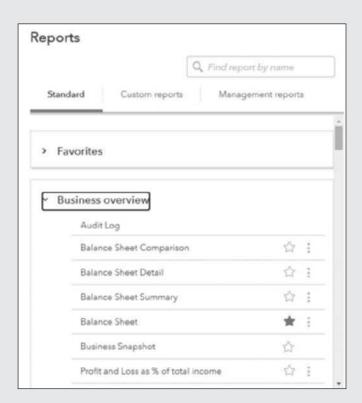
Terms

Reports

QBO comes with many predesigned reports for use in business, all of which you can customize for your particular needs. For instance, you can decide to focus on the common financial statement reports: the Income Statement (known in QBO as the Profit and Loss report), Balance Sheet, and Statement of Cash Flows.

- Click **Reports** from the navigation bar.
- Click Standard and then click Favorites to hide any reports QBO had tagged as a favorite.
- **3** Scroll down the page to see Business overview report options shown in Figure 1.25.

Figure 1.25 Business overview reports



Scroll down the page and then click **Profit and Loss**. Click **Collapse** and then scroll to the top of the report to view the top part of the Profit and Loss Report shown in Figure 1.26. (If you view the entire report, you would note that clicking the **Collapse** text summarizes details under a heading. For example, Landscaping Services is shown as one number when Collapse is selected. Clicking Expand would show more detail. You will learn more about customizing and creating other reports in Chapter 10. Remember, the dates on your screen may differ from those shown in the figure.)

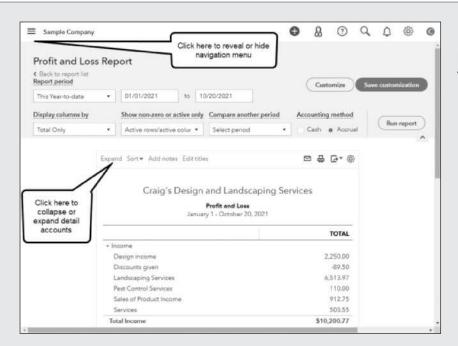


Figure 1.26

Profit and Loss Report (partial view)

5 Click **Reports**, then scroll to find and click **Balance Sheet**, and then scroll to the top of the report to view the top part of the Balance Sheet Report shown in Figure 1.27.

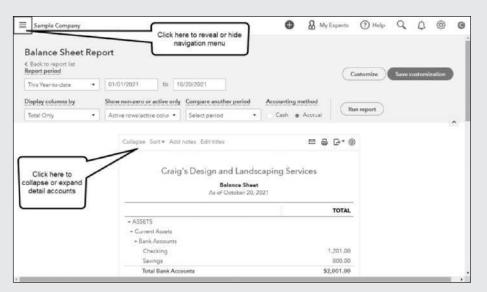


Figure 1.27

Balance Sheet Report (partial view)

6 Click **Reports**, then scroll to find and click **Statement of Cash Flows**, and then scroll to the top of the report to view the top part of the Statement of Cash Flows Report shown in Figure 1.28.

Figure 1.28 Sample Company My Experts (?) Help Statement of Cash Flows Report Statement of Cash Flows Report Report period to 10/20/2021 This Year-to-date · 01/01/2021 Display columns by Run report Total Only Active rows/active colur * Sort # Add notes □ ₽ P * ® Craig's Design and Landscaping Services Statement of Cash Flows January 1 - October 20, 2021 TOTAL - OPERATING ACTIVITIES 1,642.46 . Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to Net Cas. -5,281.52 Accounts Receivable (A/R) Inventory Asset -596.25 Accounts Payable (A/P) 1,602.67

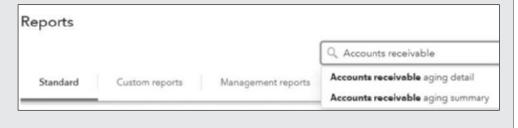
Alternatively, you can easily find a report if you know its name or part of its name. For example, if you wanted to access a report dealing with accounts receivable (A/R), you would type Accounts receivable into the report search box located in the Reports section.

To find a report related to accounts receivable, do the following:

1 Click **Reports** and type **Accounts receivable** in the Find report by name search box. Note the two reports that match your search as shown in Figure 1.29.

Figure 1.29

Reports



Company Settings

Five tabs are in the Settings section of QBO: Company, Usage, Sales, Expenses, and Advanced. You can edit these by clicking on the Pencil icon to the right of each section. The settings for the Sample Company have been modified from

the default settings provided when QBO first creates a company. These options in the Settings section change the way QBO appears to the user. For example, in the Advanced section, if time tracking is turned off, no time tracking features will be available in QBO. Also, if purchase orders are turned off in the Expenses section, no purchase orders will be available in QBO. You can decide to view each of these sections to learn more about what options you are given in QBO.

1 Click the **Gear** icon and then click **Account and settings**, and click the **Company** tab to view the Company Settings section shown in Figure 1.30.

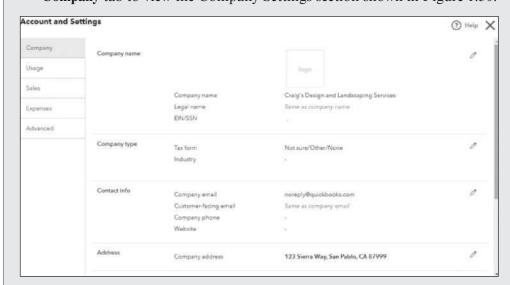


Figure 1.30
Company settings

2 Click the **Sales** tab in the Account and Settings window to view options provided as shown in Figure 1.31.

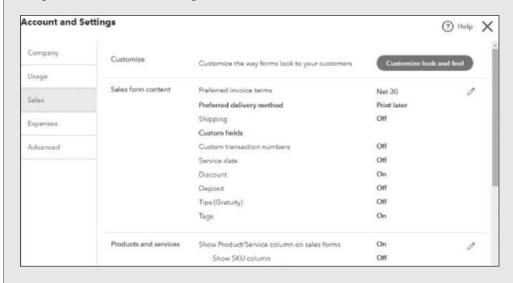
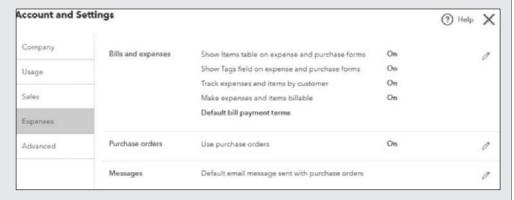


Figure 1.31
Sales settings

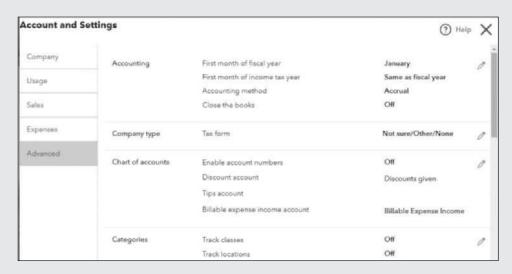
3 Click the **Expenses** tab in the Account and Settings window to view options provided as shown in Figure 1.32. Note that this is where you can turn purchase orders on or off.

Figure 1.32
Expenses settings



4 Click the **Advanced** tab in the Account and Settings window to view options provided as shown in Figure 1.33. Note that this is where you change your company type to corporation, sole proprietor, etc.

Figure 1.33Advanced settings



5 Click **Done** to close the Settings window.

End Note

In this chapter, you have used Intuit's Sample Company to practice navigating QBO. You have accessed customer, vendor, and employee information; viewed various transactions; and viewed the chart of accounts, lists, reports, and company settings. In Chapter 2, you will either register as a new student or accept an invitation to work a case your instructor assigns you. In Chapter 3, you will use the Sample Company to learn how to modify settings, the chart of accounts, beginning balances, and products and services. In Chapters 4 through 10, you will use the same Sample Company to learn how to add operating, investing, and financing activities; reconcile a bank account; create a budget; add adjusting entries; and prepare financial statements and reports.

practice

Chapter 1 Questions

- **1** What steps do you take to view customer information?
- **2** What steps do you take to view detail transactions related to a particular customer?
- **3** What steps do you take to view a specific bill from a specific vendor?
- **4** What steps do you take to view a specific employee's information?
- **5** How are bank deposits, which have not been recorded in QBO, classified?
- **6** How are bank charges, which have not been recorded in QBO, classified?
- **7** Opening the Sales Transaction section of QBO will provide a listing of _____.
- **8** Opening the Expense Transaction section of QBO will provide a listing of _____.
- **9** What lists are available in QBO?
- **10** What steps do you take to view all reports related to accounts payable (A/P)?

Chapter 1 Matching

a.	Navigation bar	·	An employee in the Sample Company
b.	Amy's Bird Sanctuary		Bank deposits not yet recognized
c.	Brosnahan Insurance Agency		Exist for all asset, liability, and equity accounts
d.	Recognizing		Specify due dates for payment to/from vendors/customers
e.	Uncategorized Income		Used to access a list of sales and expense transactions
f.	Uncategorized Expense		A vendor in the Sample Company
g.	Registers		A listing of all accounts available
h.	John Johnson		Bank charges not yet recognized
i.	Terms		A customer in the Sample Company
į.	Chart of accounts		Matching a banking transaction with a OBO transaction

chapter

2

An Overview of QuickBooks Online

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this chapter, the student will be able to do the following:

- Identify the basic features of QuickBooks Online (QBO)
- Explain how QBO is similar to and differs from the desktop version of QuickBooks
- Open the QBO company you created in the Preface to this text
- Provide information to QBO about your company
- · Successfully navigate the QBO Dashboard
- · Assign their instructor as their "Accountant"
- Use QBO's help feature

Overview

The focus of this chapter is to introduce you to QuickBooks Online (QBO) and get your account and company established. A description of QBO will be provided along with a brief comparison of how QBO differs from its desktop version. This text includes instructions provided by Intuit to create your own personal account with Intuit and create one and only one company. You will assign your company a name that includes your name for identification purposes. Welcome to the journey.

VIDEO (S)

Navigate your browser to the Video Tutorials provided by Intuit (see website address specified in the Preface to this text) and then search on how to get started in QuickBooks Online.

What Is QBO?

QBO is an online version of the popular Quick Books accounting software developed by Intuit. The software is designed to capture common business events like purchases from and payments to vendors; sales to and collections from customers; payments and receipts to/from other operating, investing, and financing activities; period end accrual adjustments; and reports. Reports include the standard financial statements, including the income statement, statement of stockholders' equity, balance sheet, statement of cash flows, and other useful reports like accounts receivable aging. All interaction with QBO is done via an Internet connection. In other words, if you have not connected to the Internet, you will have no QBO. In other words, QBO cannot work offline.

All interaction with QBO is done online; there are no files to maintain on a computer, and everything is saved online. Thus, there is no need for backup files. The monthly fee for using QBO covers one and only one company. This text includes access codes for the user to create one company online for a limited amount of time.

How Is QBO Similar to/Different than the Desktop Version of QuickBooks Accountant?

Even though these two products share the name "QuickBooks," they are unrelated. QBO isn't a copy of QuickBooks that has been web enabled. They are different products with different database structures and approaches to solving problems even though both were developed in-house by Intuit to capture and report on accounting events.

Not all features available in QBO are available in the Windows desktop version of QuickBooks Accountant (QBDT). Likewise, not all features of QBDT are available in QBO. QBO requires an Internet connection. QBDT requires installation of software on to a computer. QBO requires a monthly fee. QBDT requires a one-time purchase and no monthly fees.

A key difference is that because QBO is online, it works on multiple operating systems (Windows, Apple, etc.) and multiple devices (desktops, laptops, smart phones, or tablets). The same cannot be said for QBDT. Intuit requires different software for QBDT to run on a Windows-based or an Apple-based computer. In this text, QBDT will always mean the Windows version of QuickBooks Accountant.

Some additional notable differences are the following:

- QBDT can be used for an unlimited number of companies; QBO limits you
 to four companies as assigned by your instructor. Need to manage more
 than four company outside of your class using QBO? Each will cost you
 another monthly fee.
- QBO can automatically download bank transactions for no additional cost.
- QBDT can track inventory purchases and sales based on an average cost assumption or a first-in-first-out assumption.
- QBO can track inventory purchases and sales based only on a first-in-first-out assumption.
- QBDT can account for the receipt of inventory items (receive items function) based on a purchase order; QBO cannot and calls inventory products and services.
- QBO can automatically schedule and send invoices, whereas QBDT cannot.
- QBDT can perform manual payroll without paying Intuit a monthly payroll
 processing fee. QBO encourages you to sign up for its payroll service and
 makes manually processing payroll difficult.
- QBO can be accessed from anywhere in the world where you have access to the Internet. QBDT requires a computer with the QuickBooks application and data files installed.
- QBDT provides for profit and loss as well as balance sheet budgeting. QBO only provides for profit and loss budgeting.
- QBO operates irrespective of platform (desktop, laptop, mobile device, or tablet) or operating system (Microsoft Windows or Apple iOS). QBDT does have a version of QuickBooks for both of those operating systems, but they are different and require two separate application purchases.

- QBDT includes a fixed asset management system, which will calculate depreciation and maintain detailed fixed asset records by individual asset, whereas QBO does not calculate depreciation and does not maintain detailed records of fixed assets.
- QBO provides automatic upgrades; this is a good and a bad feature. With QBO, you are almost always running the most current version (whether you want to or not).

How to Open the QBO Company You Created in the Preface

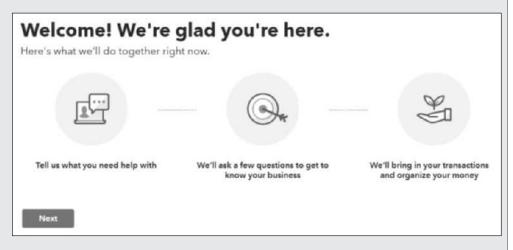
Instructions for both instructors and students are found in the Preface to this text. You must complete this registration process before you can proceed in this chapter.

Once you completed your QBO registration, you were presented with a QBO company shell (meaning a QBO company without any details). You were then instructed to sign out of QBO. In this section of the text, you are to return to that QBO company and add some additional information. When you return to that company you will be presented a series of questions to set up your company in QBO. Since you exited QBO before answering questions in the Preface, QBO automatically returns you to the setup questions. Once you have completed this setup process, QBO will open your company dashboard.

To login to the company you created in the Preface to this text:

- **1** Type https://qbo.intuit.com/ into your web browser.
- **2** Enter your User ID and password and then click **Sign In**.
- **3** Click **Skip for now** when asked to verify your number. Your company welcome window should now appear and look like Figure 2.1.

Figure 2.1
Welcome window



4 Click Next to answer the business name question. Type Case 01 - Student Name (ID Number) or whatever name your instructor specifies as shown in Figure 2.2.

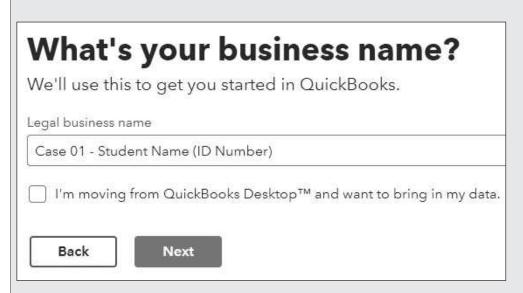


Figure 2.2

Business name

- **5** Click **Next** to answer the industry question. Click **Skip for now**.
- **6** Click **C Corp** to answer the type of business question as shown in Figure 2.3.

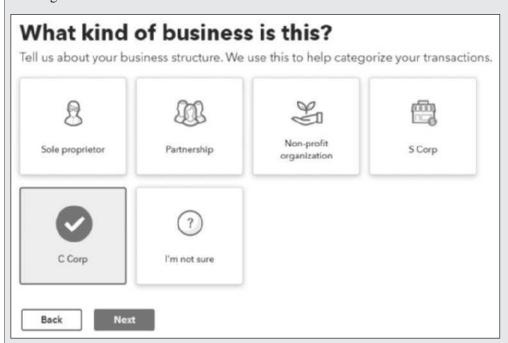


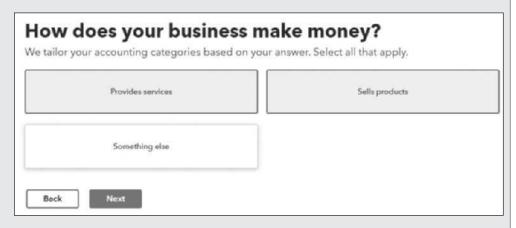
Figure 2.3

Type of business

7 Click **Next** to answer the question about how your business makes money. Click **Provides services** and **Sells products** as shown in Figure 2.4.

Figure 2.4

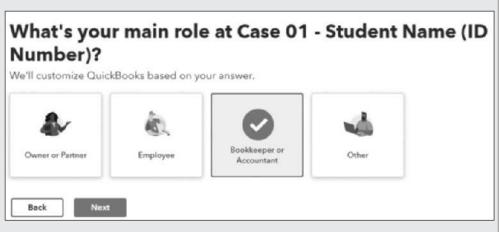
How your business makes money



8 Click **Next** to answer the question about your main role. Click **Bookkeeper or Accountant** as shown in Figure 2.5.

Figure 2.5

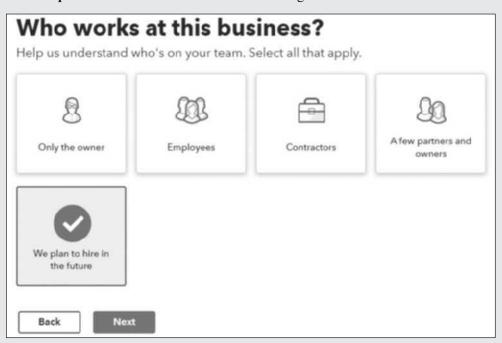
Your main role



9 Click Next to answer the question about who works at this business. Click We plan to hire in the future as shown in Figure 2.6.

Figure 2.6

Who works at this business



- 10 Click Next to answer the question about what apps you use. Click Skip for now.
- 11 Click **Skip for now** in the Link your accounts window.
- **12** Click the choices specified in Figure 2.7. Click **Next** to move to the next window.

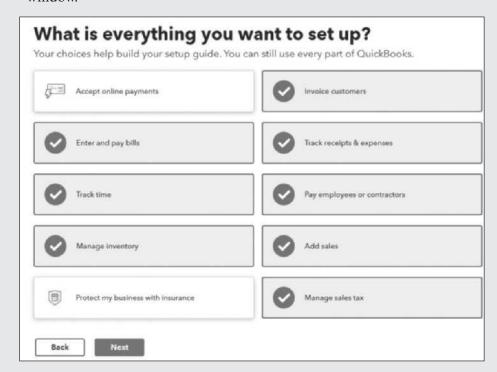


Figure 2.7
Choices to build your setup guide

- 13 Click No, I don't want a free trial when asked if you are ready for a free trial of QuickBooks Payroll, then click Next.
- 14 Click Let's go to complete the setup process. At this point, click Take a quick tour or close the Welcome to QuickBooks window to view your company dashboard as shown in Figure 2.8.

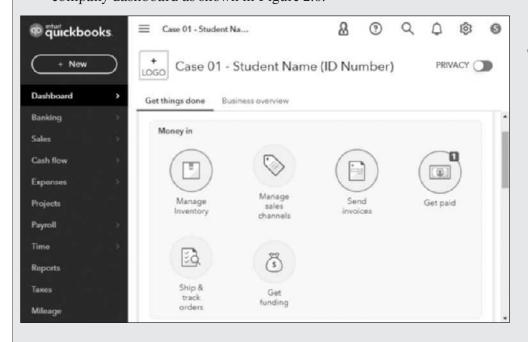


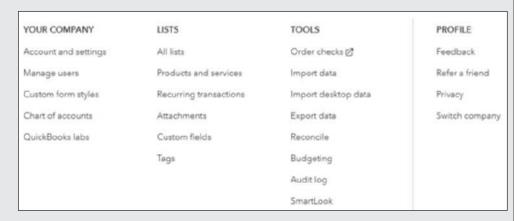
Figure 2.8

Company dashboard

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15 Click the **Settings** icon to view the settings menu shown in Figure 2.9.

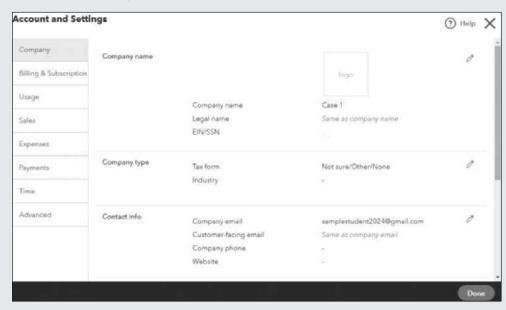
Figure 2.9Settings menu



16 Click **Account and Settings** to view the Account and Settings section shown in Figure 2.10.

Figure 2.10

Account and Settings section



- 17 Click the Company tab and then click the Pencil icon in the Company name section of Account and Settings.
- 18 Confirm that Case 01 Student Name (ID Number) replacing Student Name with your name and ID Number is in the Company Name text box and then place a check in the Same as company name check box as shown in Figure 2.11.

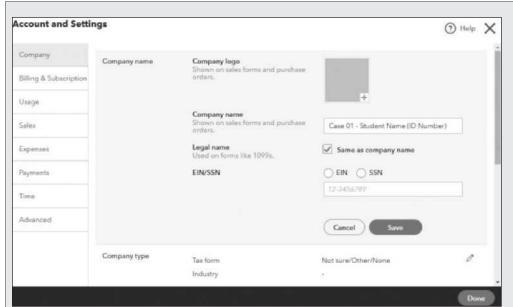


Figure 2.11
Changing your company name

- **19** Click **Save** to save your company name change.
- **20** Click the **Pencil** icon in the Company type section of Account and Settings
- 21 Confirm that Corporation is selected as the tax form as shown in Figure 2.12. The other options for Company type are shown. Depending on the case you're assigned, these may be more appropriate selections.

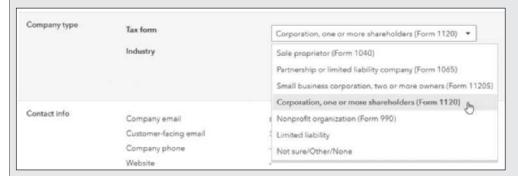


Figure 2.12

Choosing company type

- 22 Click Save.
- **23** Click the **Pencil** icon in the Address section of Account and Settings.
- **24** Type the address shown in Figure 2.13 into the Address section of Account and Settings. Remember that, depending on the case you're assigned, your case address may be different.

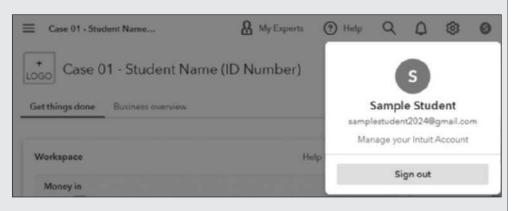
Figure 2.13

Company address



- 25 Click Save.
- **26** Click the **Sales** tab.
- 27 Make sure that the Preferred invoice terms are set to Net 30 in the Sales form content section and that Track inventory quantity on hand is On in the Products and services section.
- 28 Click Done.
- **29** Sign out of your QBO file by clicking on your account. In Figure 2.14, this is illustrated by clicking on the S in the upper right-hand corner of you QBO window and then clicking **Sign out**. Your window will look different.

Figure 2.14
Signing out of QBO



Navigating QBO

The Dashboard provides links to various tasks and resources. Clicking **Banking** in the navigation bar will let you set up a new checking account and view checking transactions. Clicking **Sales** in the navigation bar provides access to adding invoices and new customers, viewing existing balances, and highlighting overdue accounts. Clicking **Expenses** provides access to adding new expenses, new vendors, viewing existing balances, and highlighting overdue accounts. Clicking **Payroll** provides access to adding new employees and viewing payroll information. The Transactions and Reports links will be addressed later in this text.

First you'll need to login to your account and retrieve your QBO company.

Keep in mind that in this section, you'll be navigating QBO but not making any substantial changes to your Company. Modifications to your Company will occur in Chapter 3.



Navigate your browser to the Video Tutorials provided by Intuit (see website address specified in the Preface to this text) and then search on how to Navigate QuickBooks Online: Menus, Transactions, and Set Up

To login to the case you modified earlier in this chapter:

- **1** Type https://qbo.intuit.com/ into your web browser.
- **2** Enter your User ID and password and then click **Sign In**.
- **3** Click **Skip for now** when asked to verify your number.
- 4 Click Case 01 Student Name (Your window will include your name instead of Student Name) to view your QBO dashboard as shown in Figure 2.15.

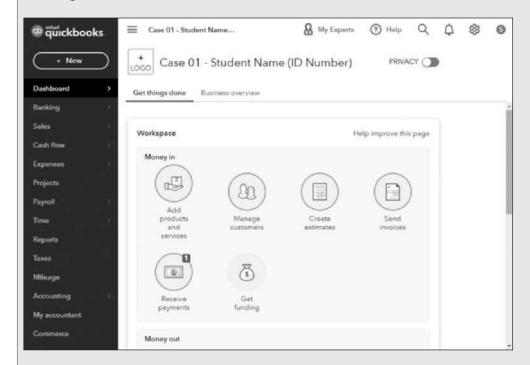


Figure 2.15

Changing your company name

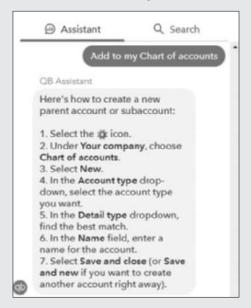
Now that you're back into your QBO Company it's time to explore QBO's help features.

To use QBO help:

1 Click the **?** Help button located in the upper-right portion of your window. Type **Add an account** in the Type something text box, then press [Enter] to view QB Assistance's response, and then click Add to my Chart of **accounts** to view QB Assistance's response shown in Figure 2.16.

Figure 2.16

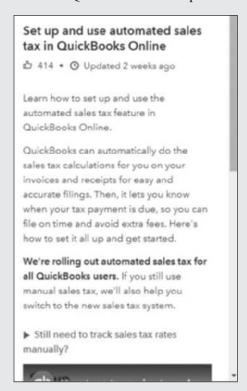
Using QuickBooks Online help to learn how to add an account



2 Type sales tax in the Type something text box, then press [Enter], and then click Set up and use automated sales tax in QuickBooks Online to view QB Assistance's response shown in Figure 2.17.

Figure 2.17

Help with sales tax



QuickBooks help is, to be frank, not very helpful. Most of what you need to be effective using QBO is outlined in this text. Now let's learn how to navigate QBO.

To navigate QBO:

1 Close the Help window, then click the button at the top of the Dashboard to view the menu items available as shown in Figure 2.18.

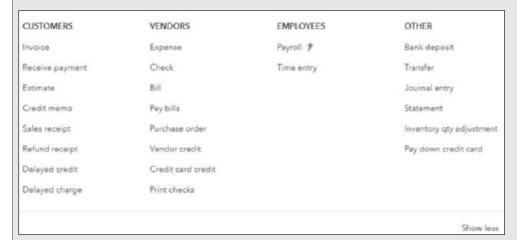


Figure 2.18
The + New menu

2 Click outside the + New menu to close the + New menu, then click Sales from the navigation bar, and then click Customers as shown in Figure 2.19.

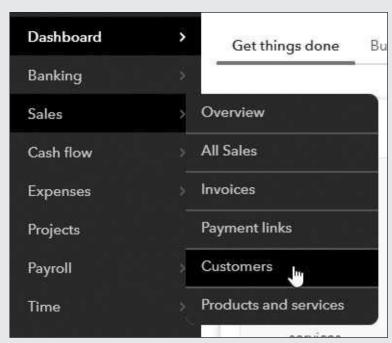


Figure 2.19Adding customers

3 Then click **Add customer manually** to view Figure 2.20. As you have not yet entered any customers, QBO will ask you to add your first customer. You will do this later in Chapter 3. Remember QBO is an online application, and Intuit will change it often. Thus, the figures in this text may differ from what you see in QBO online.

Figure 2.20

Customer information window

litle	First name	Middle name	Last name	Suffix	Email					
					Saparate mu	commas				
Company					Phone	Mobile	Fax			
*Display name as v Print on check as Use display name					Other	Website	Website			
					Is sub-cust	s sub-customer				
					Entire parent customer v Bill with parent					
Addr	ress Notes	Tax info Payme	ent and billing	Language	Attachments	Additional Info	1			
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4 Click Cancel from the Customer information window, then click Expenses from the navigation bar, then click Vendors, and then click Add vendor manually to view Figure 2.21.

Figure 2.21

Vendor Information window

Title First name	Middle name	Last name	Suffix	Email					
				Separate multi	0.0				
Company * Display name as				Phone	Mobile		Fax	_	
				Other	Websit	e			
Print on check as	Use display nan	ne		Billing rate (/hr	1				
Address map				Terms					
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