



THE DIFFERENT EDITIONS OF QUICKBOOKS

CHAPTER 2

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In total for 2005, there are seven editions of QuickBooks available today. In addition, two of these editions offer six industry-specific solutions. Intuit also offers three add-on products for QuickBooks. A summary of the seven editions of QuickBooks and the three add-on products is provided below:

<p>ENTERPRISE SOLUTIONS</p>	<p>Priced at \$3,500. This edition comes with 12 months of technical support and free upgrades. The Enterprise edition offers 10-user capacity, customizable user security controls, improved performance, up to 29,000 customers and 29,000 inventory items, and multiple company report creation. Also includes all the new 2005 features of Pro and Premier editions. Unfortunately, this edition is based on file locking which prohibits most larger companies from really using it with more than three users.</p> <p>Industry-specific editions available: Accountant, Contractor, Manufacturing & Wholesale, Nonprofit, Professional Services, and Retail.</p>
<p>PREMIER</p>	<p>Priced at \$499.95. This edition provides all features of Basic and Pro plus inventory assemblies, creation of sales orders from estimates, creation of purchase orders from sales orders or estimates, forecasting, and strong job costing such as new reports and change orders.</p> <p>The Accountant edition comes with a financial statement designer, editor for compilation letters and footnotes, working trial balance, fixed asset manager, voided/deleted transaction report, retained earnings detail view, and is compatible with Basic, Pro, and Premier including the industry-specific editions.</p> <p>Industry-specific editions available: Accountant, Contractor, Manufacturing & Wholesale, Nonprofit, Professional Services, and Retail.</p>
<p>PRO</p>	<p>Priced at \$299.95. This edition provides all features of Basic plus 5-user capacity; integration with Microsoft Office; up to 100 price levels; customizable forms; job costing; budgeting; cash flow projections; vehicle mileage and expense tracking; and PDF creation and emailing. This is the most popular edition used by businesses.</p>
<p>BASIC</p>	<p>Priced at \$199.95. This edition of QuickBooks is for a single-user. With this edition you can track income and expenses, invoice customers, pay bills, pay employees, track inventory, track customers owing money, track vendors money owed, create purchase orders, reconcile bank accounts, create reports, and memorize transactions. It does not support custom price levels, job costing, integration to Microsoft Office, multi-user access, customizable statements, etc. There is no reason we can think of that anyone should be using this edition.</p>
<p>SIMPLE START</p>	<p>Priced at \$99.95. This edition of QuickBooks is new for 2005. It should be considered for use by first-time QuickBooks users who do not have a</p>

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	<p>computerized bookkeeping system only. It is for a single-user. This edition was designed to target businesses without a computerized bookkeeping system by providing a quick, easy way for businesses with simple accounting needs to switch to a computerized bookkeeping system. This edition provides for tracking income and expenses, invoicing customers, paying bills, creating estimates, generating reports, and reconciling bank accounts.</p>
ONLINE	<p>Priced at \$219.95 per year for three users for QuickBooks Online. A total of three editions are available online – Simple Start Online, QuickBooks Online, and QuickBooks Online Plus. Although the online edition names might seem just like the name of another edition of QuickBooks above, they are <u>not</u> the same. The online editions are built similarly to the other QuickBooks editions, but they are not based on the other QuickBooks editions. You will find many differences. All online editions allow for at least two users plus free accountant access. Up to 20 users can use QuickBooks Online and QuickBooks Online Plus. Additional users beyond 20 can be arranged with Intuit. The online editions allow multiple users 24/7 access from anywhere, but none of the online editions are as feature rich as the non-online editions.</p> <p>NOTE: The non-online editions of QuickBooks can also be hosted online using an application service provider other than Intuit.</p>
PRO FOR MAC	<p>Priced at \$299.95. This edition is the only edition available for MAC users and requires OS X. The Pro MAC edition is <u>not</u> the same as the Pro Windows edition. The features of the MAC edition are not as powerful as the Windows edition. Pro MAC users can share their QuickBooks data with an accountant who uses a Windows edition.</p>
QUICKBOOKS POINT OF SALE	<p>Priced starting at \$799.95. A total of three editions are available – Basic, Pro, and Pro Multi-Store. Replaces a cash register and rings up sales, tracks inventory, stores customer information, transfers summarized sales data and inventory asset account values into QuickBooks Pro, Premier, or Enterprise editions only, works with Intuit-tested point of sale hardware – receipt printer, cash drawer, bar code scanner, and credit card swipe, which can be purchased for an additional \$700.</p>
QUICKBOOKS CUSTOMER MANAGER	<p>Priced at \$79.95. This product can work as a standalone product or integrate with QuickBooks Simple Start, Basic, Pro, or Premier editions and Outlook or Outlook Express. The product is designed to consolidate small business' client information (contact information, appointments, projects, communications, etc.) in one place and enable users to view customer information on one screen. It has a 5 user capacity and all users have access to the same data. There is no setting up of users or permissions.</p>
QUICKBOOKS CLIENT MANAGER	<p>Priced at \$0. As of 4/29/05, Intuit is giving this product away for free. This product is similar to QuickBooks Customer Manager above except it was designed for accountants. In addition to the features of QuickBooks Customer Manager, QuickBooks Client Manager includes integration with Intuit's Lacerte and ProSeries tax preparation software.</p>