

# QuickBooks Accountant Desktop PLUS feature comparison by year



Key features by version year	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
<b>Automatic payment reminders</b> Easily set reminders for customers when their invoices are due.	✓				
<b>Customer PO numbers in emails</b> Easily add customer PO numbers to email subject lines in QuickBooks	✓				
<b>Combine multiple emails</b> Simplify customer payment processing by consolidating multiple invoices into just one email. <sup>1</sup>	✓				
<b>Horizontal Collapse</b> Hide columns to see simple, easy-to-read totals in reports with jobs & classes.	✓				
<b>Smart Help</b> Press "F1" for enhanced help content and search experience, or access to live experts through messaging and call back options. <sup>2</sup>	✓				
<b>Accountant Copy File Transfer</b> Improved collaboration and reliability when transferring QuickBooks files to and from your clients.	✓				
<b>Company File Search</b> Easily find and open company files with the addition of a file search option.	✓				
<b>View inactive items in inventory reports</b> A new filter to include/exclude inactive inventory items gives an up-to-date assessment of inventory.	✓	✓			
<b>Transfer credits across different jobs</b> Simplified 1-click transfer of credits across customer jobs for streamlined workflow.	✓	✓			
<b>Optimize the size of QuickBooks company files</b> Simple, self-serve solution allows you to reduce the size of your company file and improves file reliability	✓	✓			
<b>Quickly merge duplicate vendors</b> Search and sort to identify duplicate vendors, designate the master vendor, and merge up to four records at a time. <sup>3</sup>	✓	✓	✓		
<b>Increase productivity with Multi-Monitor support</b> Increase your efficiency and visibility into your QuickBooks files through multi-monitor viewing. <sup>4</sup>	✓	✓	✓		
<b>Search faster within Chart of Accounts</b> Quickly find an account by typing in the full or partial account name or number in the search box.	✓	✓	✓		
<b>Easily switch between cash and accrual basis</b> With one click in the report window you can switch between cash and accrual basis.	✓	✓	✓		
<b>Save time with easier, faster search</b> Search for transactions using a range of values instead of exact amounts and allow QuickBooks to auto-fill partial search terms for you.	✓	✓	✓	✓	

<b>Key features by version year, continued</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Improved report filters</b> Easily see which filters have been applied to a report, reproduce memorized reports, and toggle back and forth between reports.	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<b>Get more detail on deleted users</b> Give clients a more detailed audit trail by easily tracking and matching transactions back to deleted users.	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<b>Accountant Toolbox</b> Unlock access to powerful accountant tools on-the-go. <sup>5</sup>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Send Portable Company File</b> Clients can send you a portable company directly from QuickBooks. No more technical support. <sup>6</sup>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Insights on Home Page</b> See a snapshot of the health of your client's business so that you can make insightful recommendations.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Time and Expenses block in Income Tracker</b> View unbilled hours and take immediate action.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Send Multiple Reports in Email</b> Easily choose and attach multiple reports in one email.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Enter multiple transactions at the same time</b> Batch-enter checks, deposits, or credit card transactions on one screen.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Let clients access journal entries with a click</b> Email journal entries from QuickBooks with ease and let clients import them with a single click with Send General Journal Entry. <sup>7</sup>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Send files securely</b> Send Accountant's Copy files through secured Intuit servers with Accountant's Copy File Transfer Service. <sup>8</sup>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Find and Fix errors fast</b> Find and Fix client entry errors faster with Client Data Review.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Take a cross-edition expedition</b> See what your clients see with instant access to all QuickBooks editions in one software package. <sup>9</sup>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Delete or void transactions in bulk</b> Easily filter transactions to see which ones are linked and find the right ones to delete or void.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Make asset management your best asset</b> Stay on top of acquisition, depreciation and disposal with Fixed Asset Manager.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Find all your balances in one place</b> Gather beginning balances, period transactions and adjustments, and ending balances for any time frame with Working Trial Balance.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Free features and improvements<sup>10</sup></b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

## Important disclaimers, disclosures, and notes:

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<sup>1</sup> Combining emails with QuickBooks Payment links are scheduled to become available by early 2020.

<sup>2</sup> Available from 6am-6pm Mon-Fri; 6am-3pm Sat (PST) for Pro, Premier, Standard and Plus. Enterprise access available 24/7. Hours exclude occasional downtime due to system and server maintenance, company events, observed U.S. Holidays and events beyond our control. Access to messaging with live experts or call back features requires a QuickBooks Care Plan, and internet connection. Care plan is included with Standard, Plus and Enterprise subscriptions. A la carte Annual Care Plan MSRP \$299.95.

<sup>3</sup> Specific vendors that cannot be chosen for a merge: tax authorities; vendors that have been paid using online banking; vendors with direct deposits.

<sup>4</sup> Up to 3 monitors supported. Not available in a hosted environment. University of Utah study from 2008 indicated that productivity can increase by up to 44% for routine office tasks by upgrading from single monitor to dual monitor configuration.

<sup>5</sup> The Accountant Toolbox feature is available to Accountants who have QuickBooks Accountant Desktop Plus. The Accountant must be using the latest QuickBooks Accountant Desktop Plus and the Client must be using the latest QuickBooks Pro or Premier.

<sup>6</sup> Requires use of a third-party shared folder that utilizes an internet service.

<sup>7</sup> Send General Journal Entry feature is available in QuickBooks Accountant 2013 and forward. The client must use QuickBooks 2013 or a newer version to import the journal entry.

<sup>8</sup> Works with Accountant Copy files from QuickBooks Pro, Premier, and Premier Industry Editions 2019 and 2020. Payroll transactions cannot be adjusted. Not all fields can be accessed in QuickBooks 2019 and 2020 files; including 1099 Account Mapping and modify and merge class lists. Previous versions of Accountant's Copy restricted reconciliation after dividing date. Additional fees apply for file transfer services across Intuit servers.

<sup>9</sup> Works with QuickBooks Pro, Premier, and Industry Editions 2020. Does not work with QuickBooks Enterprise Solutions, QuickBooks for Mac, or QuickBooks Online.

<sup>10</sup> QuickBooks 2020 software purchased on a separate standalone basis are eligible for new feature improvements, updates, and enhancements on a when-and-if available basis through May 31, 2023. Software licenses obtained through a subscription are eligible for such new feature improvements, updates, and enhancements during the active subscription period.