



QUICKBOOKS DESKTOP 2017 STUDENT GUIDE

Lesson 9

Analyze Financial Data

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Lesson Objectives

- Discuss some of the tools in QuickBooks for analyzing financial data: QuickReports, preset reports and graphs
- Create a QuickReport
- Add a column to a report
- Learn how to move a column in a report
- Learn about the types of preset reports QuickBooks offers
- Practice creating reports and viewing them onscreen
- Customize a report by changing how it looks and the data it covers (filtering)
- Learn how to process reports in batches
- Save reports as portable document format (PDF) files
- Learn how to export a report to Microsoft Excel®
- Practice filtering reports in Excel
- Learn about the types of graphs QuickBooks offers
- Create and customize several graphs

Create QuickReports

One of the fastest ways to see a report on your QuickBooks data is to create a QuickReport. QuickReports are predesigned reports that give you information about the list name you're currently viewing on screen. Whenever you have a list, register or form displayed, you can click a button to have QuickBooks create a QuickReport.



Step-by-Step: See What You Owe a Vendor

1. Click **Vendor Center** on the icon bar.

Vendor Center: CalOil Company

Active Vendors

NAME	BALANCE TOT...	ATTACH
A Cheung Limited	0.00	
Bank of Anycity	0.00	
Bayshore CalOil ...	0.00	
Bayshore Water	0.00	
Bruce's Office Ma...	0.00	
C.U. Electric	750.00	
Cal Gas & Electric	122.68	
Cal Telephone	91.94	
CalOil Company	0.00	
City of Bayshore	0.00	
City of East Bays...	0.29	
City of Middlefield	0.00	
Custom Kitchen...	0.00	
Daigle Lighting	1,591.00	
Davis Business ...	0.00	
Dianne's Auto Sh...	0.00	
East Bayshore A...	0.00	
East Bayshore T...	0.00	

Vendor Information

Company Name: CalOil Company Main Phone: 650-555-0912

Full Name: [Empty]

Account No.: 98-4567-432

Terms: Net 15

Billed From: CalOil Company
PO Box 628
Middlefield CA 94482

Map | Directions

NOTE: No note available

REPORTS FOR THIS VENDOR

QuickReport (highlighted)

Open Balance

Order Checks

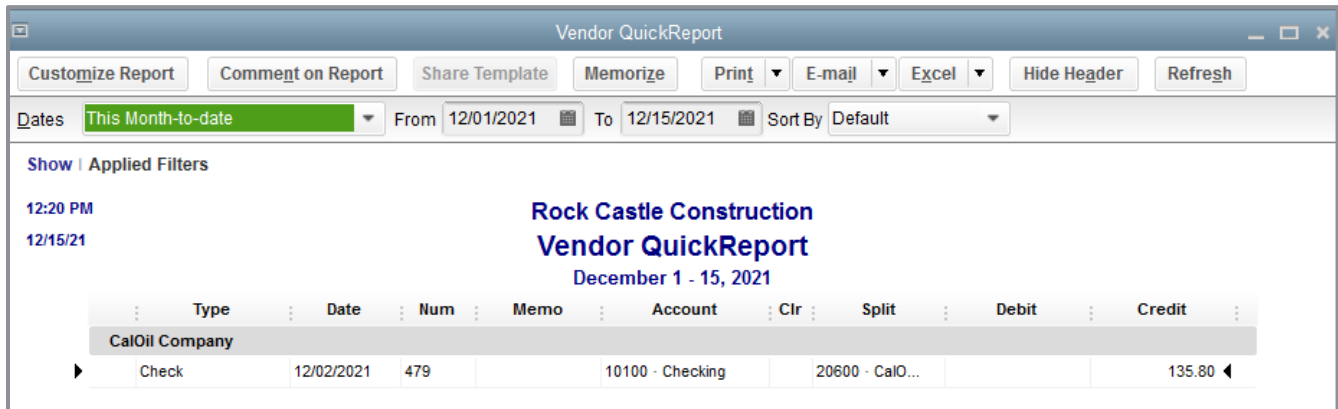
Transactions

SHOW: All Transa... FILTER BY: All DATE: This Fiscal Year 01/01/2021 - 12/31/2021

TYPE	NUM	DATE	ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Check	479	12/02/2021	10100 - Checking	-135.80
Check	457	11/15/2021	10100 - Checking	-48.28
Check	422	10/15/2021	10100 - Checking	-6,534.28
Check	355	07/15/2021	10100 - Checking	-4,674.89
Check	336	06/15/2021	10100 - Checking	-9,164.00

Manage Transactions | Run Reports

- Right-click on the vendor name you wish to run a report for and select **QuickReport**, or click on the **QuickReport** hyperlink in the section.



Zoom in on a QuickReport

All QuickReports contain a summary of individual transactions. To help you better understand the information presented in reports, QuickBooks lets you trace report data to the individual transaction level using QuickZoom.

When you position the mouse pointer over a number in a report and see the QuickZoom symbol (a magnifying glass with a Z in it), you can double-click the number to display the original transaction in QuickBooks.



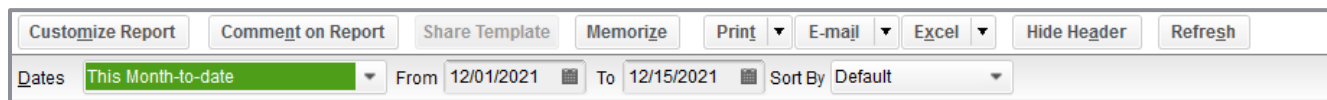
Step-by-Step: See more Detail about a Transaction

1. From any financial report, hold your cursor over the dollar amount/transaction you wish to view in more detail.
2. When your cursor turns into the QuickZoom icon, double-click your mouse to zoom in. This will open the transaction.
3. Press **Esc** to close the window.

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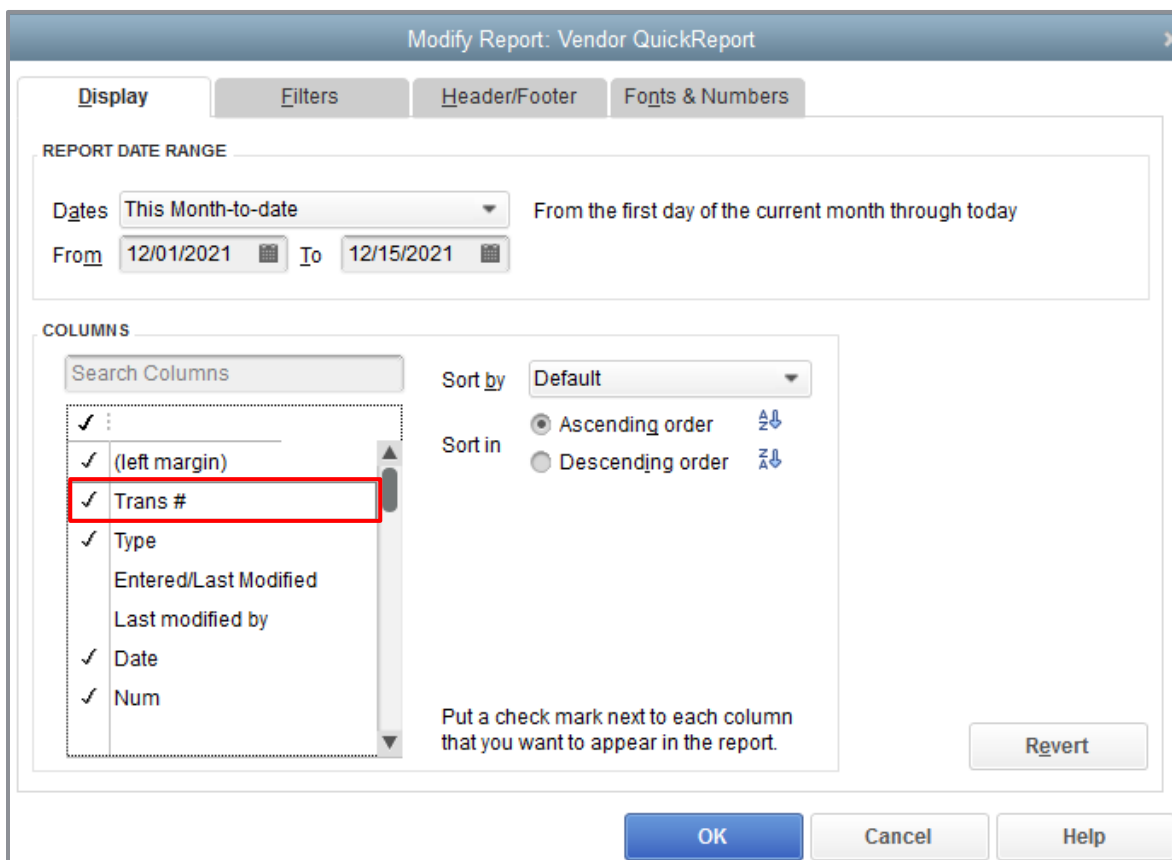
Customize QuickReports

Each QuickReport window has a button bar at the top of the report for customizing report content and layout.



Step-by-Step: Add a Column to a Report

1. In the QuickReport window, click **Customize Report**.
2. In the Columns list, select the additional columns you would like to add to the report (in this example, we marked the Trans # column).



- Click **OK** to accept the change.

Trans #	Type	Date	Num	Memo	Account	Clr	Split	Debit	Credit
CalOil Company									
1039	Check	12/02/2021	479		10100 - Checking		20600 - CalO...		135.80

Notice the additional column(s) in your report.



Step-by-Step: Move a Report Column

- Position your mouse pointer over the column you wish to move (the mouse becomes a hand).
- Hold down the **left mouse button** and drag the column header/name to the position you would prefer. When a red arrow appears, release your mouse button.



Step-by-Step: Change Information in the Report Heading

1. In the report window, click **Customize Report** then click the **Header/Footer** tab.

Modify Report: Vendor QuickReport

Display Filters **Header/Footer** Fonts & Numbers

SHOW HEADER INFORMATION

- Company Name: Rock Castle Construction
- Report Title: Vendor QuickReport
- Subtitle: December 1 - 15, 2021
- Date Prepared: 12/31/01
- Time Prepared
- Print header on pages after first page

SHOW FOOTER INFORMATION

- Page Number: Page 1
- Extra Footer Line
- Print footer on first page

PAGE LAYOUT

Alignment: Standard

Time Company
Date Title
Basis Subtitle

Inv/Exp Description	Max. 4993
Ordinary Income	0.00
Car Allowance	0.00
Consultation	0.00
Dividends	0.00
Royalty	0.00
Other - Dividends	0.00
Total - Dividends	0.00
Draw - PC Salary	0.00
Gifts Received	10.00
Interest Earnings	0.00
Profession	0.00
Salary	0.00
Spouse	0.00
Profit Sharing	0.00
Other - Salary	5,875.52
Total - Salary	5,875.52

Extra Line Page

Revert

OK Cancel Help

On the **Header/Footer** tab you can change the company name, report title, subtitle, and date and time prepared. You can also specify whether to print the header on all pages or just the first page. The Header/Footer tab is the same for all QuickBooks reports.

2. Highlight the text in the Report Title field and replace it with the title you would like.
3. Click **OK** to close the Modify Report window.
4. Close the report.



IMPORTANT: To save this report for future use, click the **Memorize** button on the report tool bar before closing the report. This allows you to save the custom settings and run the report at a later date from the **Reports** drop-down menu.

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Use the Report Center

A good way to learn about the reports available in QuickBooks – and how to work with them – is the Report Center.

The Report Center contains a description and example of each QuickBooks report. You can click the icons at the top right corner of the Report Center to select the display format you prefer.

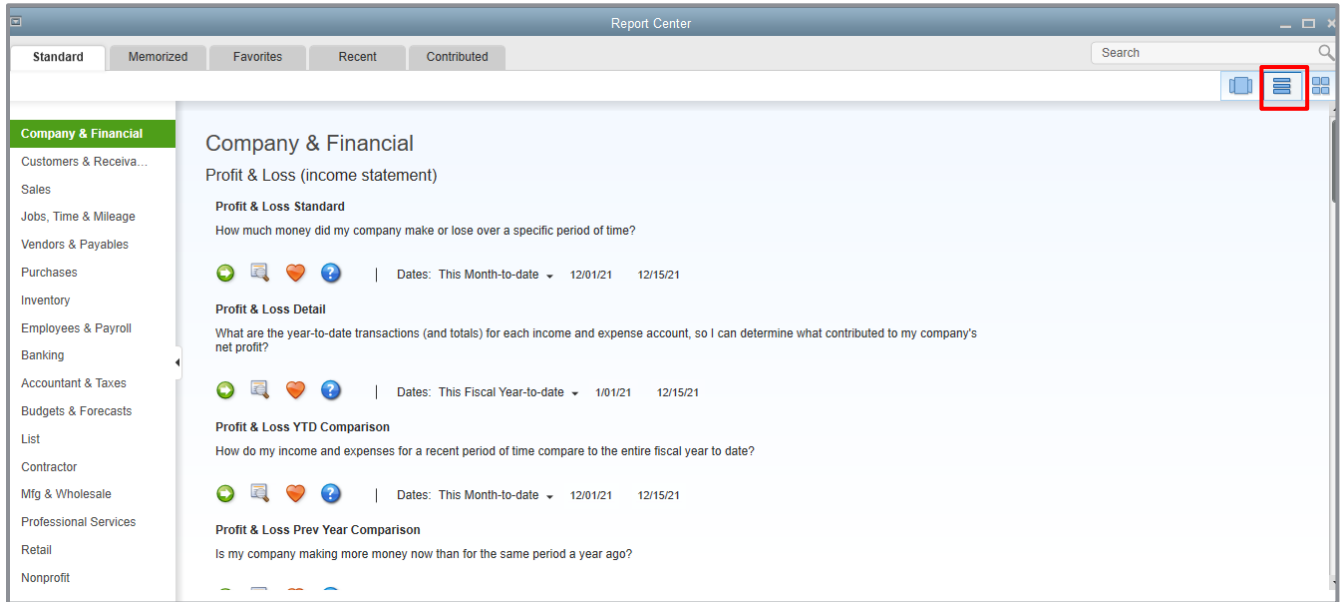


Step-by-Step: Learn More about Reports

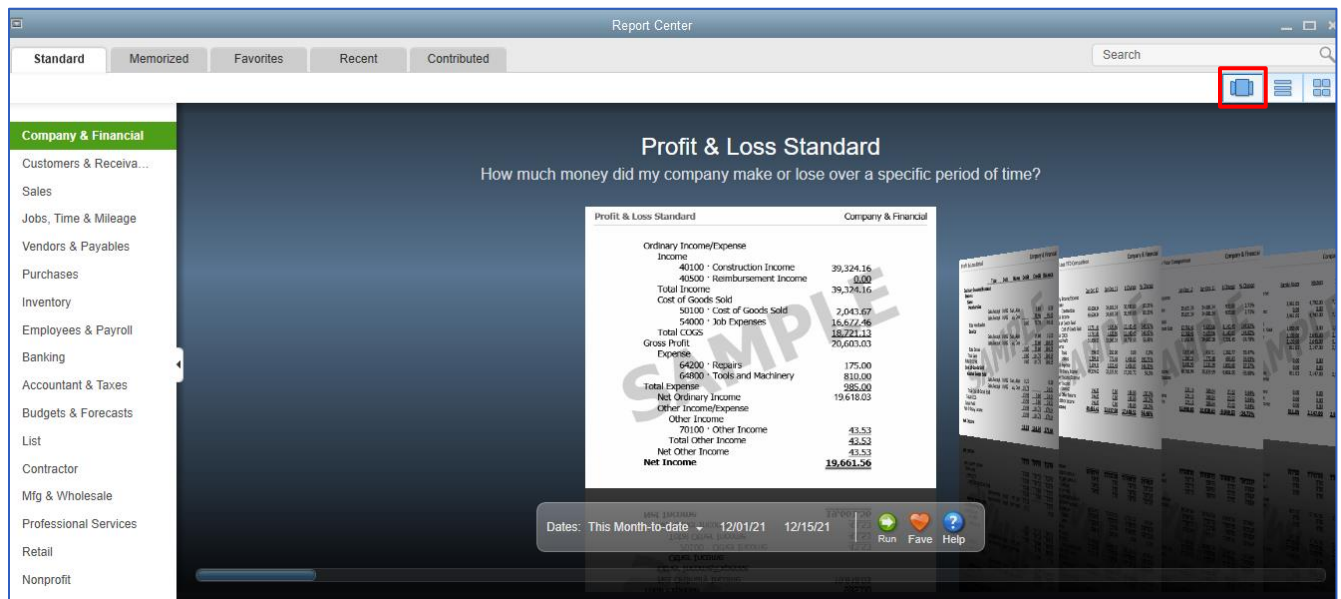
1. Click **Reports** on the icon bar (or under the Reports menu) then click **Report Center**.
2. Use the blue view icons in the top right corner to customize your view.

The screenshot shows the QuickBooks Report Center interface. On the left is a navigation sidebar with categories like Company & Financial, Customers & Receivables, Sales, etc. The main area displays three report thumbnails. A red box in the top right corner highlights three view icons: a grid icon (selected), a list icon, and a chart icon.

GRID VIEW



LIST VIEW



CAROUSEL VIEW

3. Click the **Contributed** tab to open Contributed Reports, an Intuit web page where you can search, review, download and import additional reports. Review the information then close the window.

Create a Balance Sheet Previous Year Comparison Report

The balance sheet comparison report compares the current year against the previous year in both dollar amount and percentage.



Step-by-Step: Create a Balance Sheet Previous Year Comparison Report

1. In the Report Center, click on the **Standard** tab and choose **Company & Financial**, scroll down and choose **Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison**.
2. Click the **Run Report** icon.

Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison

Customize Report Comment on Report Share Template Memorize Print E-mail Excel Hide Header Collapse Refresh

Dates This Fiscal Year-to-date As of 12/15/2021 Show Columns Total only Sort By Default

Show | Applied Filters

12:43 PM
12/15/21
Accrual Basis

Rock Castle Construction
Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison
As of December 15, 2021

	Dec 15, 21	Dec 15, 20	\$ Change	% Change
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
10100 · Checking	49,187.70	36,860.57	12,327.13	33.4%
10300 · Savings	17,910.19	15,808.64	2,101.55	13.3%
10400 · Petty Cash	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Checking/Savings	67,597.89	53,169.21	14,428.68	27.1%
Accounts Receivable				
11000 · Accounts Receivable	79,880.76	20,841.04	59,039.72	283.3%
Total Accounts Receivable	79,880.76	20,841.04	59,039.72	283.3%
Other Current Assets				
12000 · Undeposited Funds	15,440.00	20,252.08	-4,812.08	-23.8%
12100 · Inventory Asset	30,683.38	12,767.04	17,916.34	140.3%
12800 · Employee Advances	832.00	770.00	62.00	8.1%
13100 · Pre-paid Insurance	4,050.00	5,091.85	-1,041.85	-20.5%
13400 · Retainage Receivable	3,703.02	1,796.72	1,906.30	106.1%
Total Other Current Assets	54,708.40	40,677.69	14,030.71	34.5%
Total Current Assets	202,187.05	114,687.94	87,499.11	76.3%
Fixed Assets				
15000 · Furniture and Equipment	34,326.00	22,826.00	11,500.00	50.4%

Scroll the report window to see more of the report.

3. Click the **Collapse** button in the top right section of the report to see the difference.

The Collapse button hides subaccounts, jobs and subclasses. Amounts are summarized under the parent account. This button affects both the onscreen and printed report.

4. Click **Expand** in the top right section of the report (where the Collapse button had been) to return to the original report display.
5. Close the report.

NOTES

Filter Reports

You can customize reports in QuickBooks to highlight just the information you're interested in getting. In this exercise, you'll customize the balance sheet comparison report and filter it to include only the transactions you specify.

Report filters let you set custom criteria for the transactions you want included in a report. When you filter a report, QuickBooks includes only those transactions that match the rules you create.



Step-by-Step: Filter a Preset Report

1. With the Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison report displayed, click **Customize Report** on the Report button bar.
2. Click the **Filters** tab.

The screenshot shows the 'Modify Report: Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison' dialog box with the 'Filters' tab selected. The dialog is divided into several sections:

- CHOOSE FILTER:** A search box labeled 'Search Filters' and a list of filter categories: Account, Aging, Amount, B-Day, and Billing Status. The 'Account' filter is currently selected and highlighted in green.
- Account:** A dropdown menu set to 'All accounts'.
- Include split detail?:** Radio buttons for 'No' (selected), 'Yes', and 'For detail accounts matching'.
- ACCOUNT FILTER:** A text box with instructions: 'Choose the types of accounts or a specific account from the drop-down list. Indicate whether or not you want split detail to appear in the report (Balance Sheet accounts only).' Below it is a 'Tell me more...' button.
- CURRENT FILTER CHOICES:** A table showing the current filter settings:

FILTER	SET TO
Date	This Fiscal Year-t...

 Below the table is a 'Remove Selected Filter' button.
- Buttons:** 'OK', 'Cancel', 'Help', and 'Revert' buttons are located at the bottom of the dialog.

3. In the Filter scroll box, choose the filters you want to set your parameters for and set your specifications.

4. To remove or modify a filter, highlight it in the Current Filter Choices section, and either modify the filter or click **Remove Selected Filter**.
5. Click **OK**.
6. You can review what filters have been applied directly on any particular report by clicking **Show** next to Applied Filters in the top left corner of the displayed report. Once you have done that, you can click on a filter to change it, or click on the **X** next to the filter to remove it. When printed, reports with Applied Filters displayed will print the filters on a separate page. You can also click **Hide** next to Applied Filters (where the Show button had been) to hide the list of filters.

The screenshot shows the 'Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison' report for 'Rock Castle Construction' as of December 15, 2021. The report is filtered by 'Date: This Fiscal Year-to-date'. The table displays assets categorized into Current and Fixed Assets, with columns for Dec 15, 21, Dec 15, 20, \$ Change, and % Change.

	Dec 15, 21	Dec 15, 20	\$ Change	% Change
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
10100 · Checking	49,187.70	36,860.57	12,327.13	33.4%
10300 · Savings	17,910.19	15,808.64	2,101.55	13.3%
10400 · Petty Cash	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Checking/Savings	67,597.89	53,169.21	14,428.68	27.1%
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Fixed Assets				
15000 · Furniture and Equipment	34,326.00	22,826.00	11,500.00	50.4%

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Save Reports as PDFs

To keep a record of the information in the report as it exists today, you can save the report in portable document format (PDF).



Step-by-Step: Save a Report as a PDF File

1. With the report open, choose **Save as PDF** from the File menu. (You can also click on **Print → Save as PDF**.)
2. Navigate to the folder where you want to store the PDF and enter a file name.
3. Click **Save**.
4. Close the report window.



IMPORTANT: if you wish to send the report as a PDF attachment to an email in one step without saving it as a PDF first, select **Email → Send report as PDF**. (QuickBooks will not allow you to select the Send report as PDF option if you are using a sample company.)

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Use QuickZoom in a Report



Step-by-Step: QuickZoom on a Listing in a Report

1. Position the mouse pointer over the listing you wish to view in detail.
2. Double-click the amount.

What you see when you QuickZoom in a report will depend on the type of report displayed:

- If the report shows summary figures (like the Sales by Customer Summary report below) and you QuickZoom an amount...

Sales by Customer Summary
December 1 - 15, 2021

	Dec 1 - 15, 21
Abercrombie, Kristy	
Remodel Bathroom	3,887.00
Total Abercrombie, Kristy	3,887.00
Allard, Robert	
Remodel	319.05
Total Allard, Robert	319.05
Baker, Chris	
Family Room	1,400.00
Total Baker, Chris	1,400.00
Balak, Mike	
Utility Shed	140.00
Total Balak, Mike	140.00
Campbell, Heather	
Remodel	13,900.00
Total Campbell, Heather	13,900.00
Cook, Brian	
Kitchen	1,528.45
Total Cook, Brian	1,528.45

... QuickBooks displays a detail report that includes the transactions which contribute to that amount. You can then double-click on an individual transaction in that detail report to QuickZoom on it.

Sales by Customer Detail
 December 1 - 15, 2021

Type	Date	Num	Memo	Name	Item	Qty	U/M	Sales Price	Amount	Balance
Campbell, Heather										
Remodel										
Invoice	12/10/2021	1092	Floor plans	Campbell, Heather...	Floor Pla...	20		150.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Invoice	12/10/2021	1092	Installation la...	Campbell, Heather...	Installati...	150		60.00	9,000.00	12,000.00
Invoice	12/10/2021	1092	General Labor	Campbell, Heather...	Labor	30		50.00	1,500.00	13,500.00
Invoice	12/10/2021	1092	Removal labor	Campbell, Heather...	Remova...	10		40.00	400.00	13,900.00
Total Remodel						210			13,900.00	13,900.00
Total Campbell, Heather						210			13,900.00	13,900.00
TOTAL						210			13,900.00	13,900.00

- If you QuickZoom a transaction in a detail report, QuickBooks opens and displays the invoice, bill or other form for the requested transaction. At this point you can review, delete or edit the displayed transaction as necessary.

Create Invoices

CUSTOMER_JOB: Campbell, Heather:Remodel CLASS: Remodel TEMPLATE: Rock Castle Invoice

Invoice

DATE: 12/10/2021 INVOICE #: 1092

BILL TO: Heather Campbell, 98342 Sharondale Rd., Millbrae, CA 94030

SHIP TO: Ship To 1, Heather Campbell, 98342 Sharondale Rd., Millbrae, CA 94030

TERMS: Net 15 DUE DATE: 12/25/2022

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	U/M	RATE	AMOUNT	TAX
Floor Plans	Floor plans	20		150.00	3,000.00	Non
Installation	Installation labor	150		60.00	9,000.00	Non
Labor	General Labor	30		50.00	1,500.00	Non
Removal	Removal labor	10		40.00	400.00	Non

TAX: San Tomas (7.75%) 0.00

TOTAL: 13,900.00

PAYMENTS APPLIED: 0.00

BALANCE DUE: 13,900.00

Buttons: Save & Close, Save & New, Revert

Customer: Campbell, Heather:Remodel

SUMMARY

Phone: 650-555-3423
 Email: hcampbell@myemail.com
 Preferred delivery method: None
 Open balance: 13,900.00
 Active estimates: 0
 Sales Orders to be invoiced: 0

CUSTOMER PAYMENT

Your customer can not pay online
[Edit customer preferences](#)

RECENT TRANSACTION

12/10/21 Invoice 13,900.00

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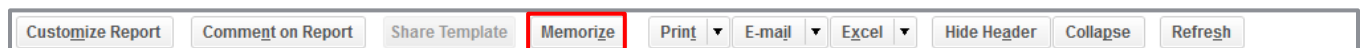
Memorize Reports

You may want to memorize reports which you customize, filter and run frequently. Memorizing reports can save you from spending time customizing the same reports over and over again. *Remember, memorizing reports saves your customizations and filters, not the data.* As new data is entered or existing data is changed, running a memorized report will display the refreshed data but with the same settings (e.g., columns, title, etc.) you saved.

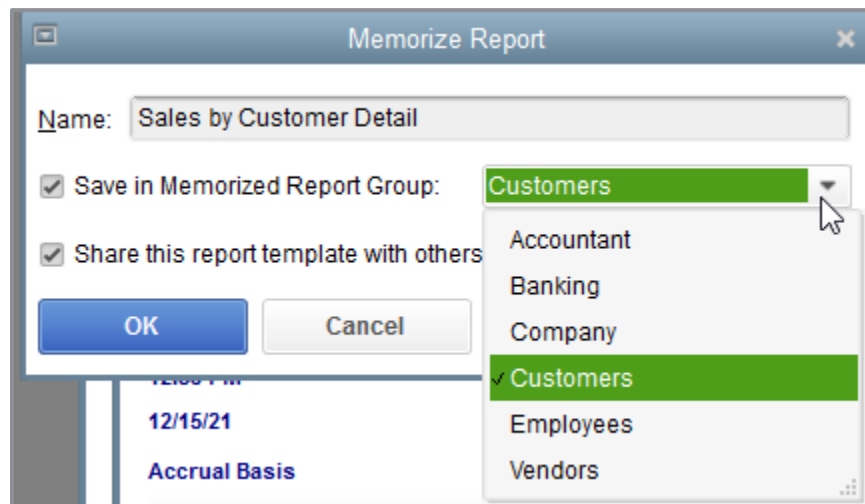


Step-by-Step: Memorize a Report

1. When you are in a report you would like to memorize, click **Memorize** from the report tool bar.



2. Name the memorized report accordingly.
3. Click the **Save in Memorized Report Group** checkbox if you would like to assign this report to a group (you'll see more about memorized report groups in the next section), then choose the group from the drop-down menu.



4. Check the box next to **Share this report template with others** if you wish to offer this memorized report (the settings, not the data!) to the entire Intuit community to help others who may have a need for business information similar to yours in their own QuickBooks company files.

5. Click **OK** to memorize the report.
6. Close the report.

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Create Memorized Report Groups

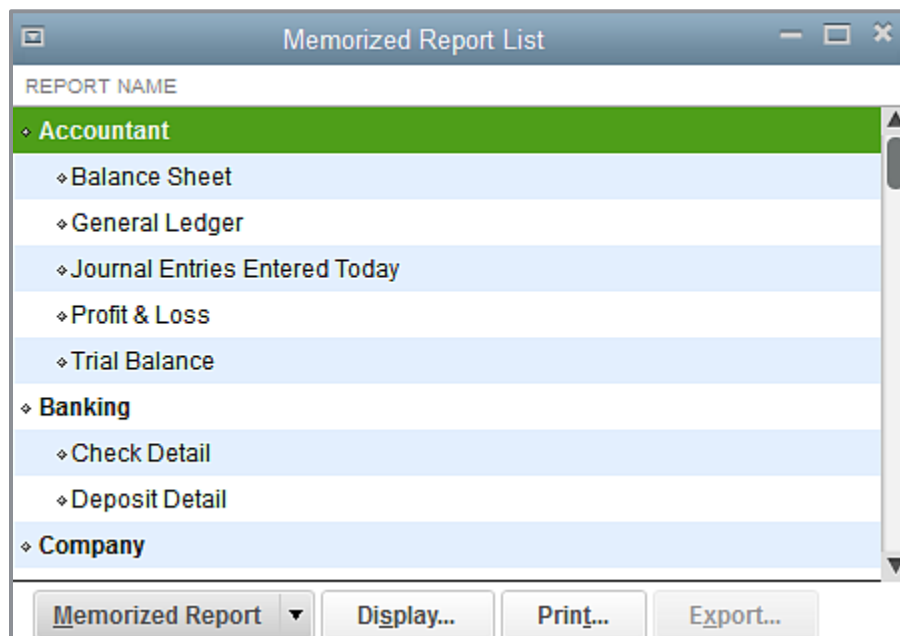
In addition to memorizing individual reports to save report settings, you can create memorized report groups to organize your memorized reports in a way that makes sense for your business and allows you to process a group of reports all at once.

QuickBooks comes preset with a number of memorized report groups, each already populated with common reports for each area. You can add your own reports to these groups, modify the groups to meet your needs and even create your own groups.



Step-by-Step: Create a Memorized Report Group

1. Choose **Memorized Reports** from the Reports menu then choose **Memorized Report List**.



2. In the Memorized Report List, click the **Memorized Report** menu button then choose **New Group**.
3. In the Name field of the New Memorized Report Group window, type *Year End*.
4. Click **OK**.

NOTES

Print Reports



Step-by-Step: Print a Report

1. With a report open, click the **Print** button from the tool bar then choose **Report**.

Print Reports

Settings Margins

Print to:

Printer: Adobe PDF on Documents*.pdf

File: ASCII text file

Note: To install additional printers or to change port assignments, use the Windows Control Panel.

ORIENTATION:

Portrait

Landscape

PAGE RANGE:

All

Pages: From: 1 To: 9999

PAGE BREAKS:

Smart page breaks (widow/orphan control)

Page break after each major grouping

Number of copies: 1

Collate

Fit report to 1 page(s) wide **Print in color (color printers only)**

Fit report to 1 page(s) high

2. Click **Preview** to see how the report will look when you print it.
QuickBooks displays a preview of your report onscreen.
3. Click **Print**.
4. Close the report.

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Process Reports in Groups



Step-by-Step: Batch Process Reports in a Group

1. In the Memorized Report List, select the report group you would like to print.
2. Click **Display**.

QuickBooks opens the Process Multiple Reports window. You can use this window to display or print the selected reports (selected by the checkmark in the far left column next to the reports). You can also change the date range for reports in this window before you display or print them by changing the information in the From or To columns.

REPORT	DATE RANGE	FROM	TO
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Balance Sheet	This Fiscal Year-to-date	01/01/2021	12/15/2021
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Ledger	This Month-to-date	12/01/2021	12/15/2021
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Journal Entries Entered Today	Today	12/15/2021	12/15/2021
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Profit & Loss	This Month-to-date	12/01/2021	12/15/2021
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trial Balance	This Month-to-date	12/01/2021	12/15/2021

3. Select the reports you wish to print and click **Display** to review the information in the reports, or click **Print** to print the reports.

If you chose to display the reports, you can print each report individually. Click the **Print** button from that report's tool bar then choose **Report**.

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Process Multiple Miscellaneous Reports

In addition to batch processing a group of reports, you can also batch process various selected memorized reports that are not all in the same report group.



Step-by-Step: Batch Process Multiple Miscellaneous Reports

1. From the Reports menu, select **Process Multiple Reports**.
2. QuickBooks opens the Process Multiple Reports window. Select the memorized reports you want to process (all reports from all groups are currently listed) by placing a checkmark next to the desired reports. You can also change the date range for reports in this window before you display or print them by changing the information in the From or To columns.

REPORT	DATE RANGE	FROM	TO
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Customers:Open Invoices	Today	12/15/2021	12/15/2021
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Employees:Payroll Item Detail	This Month	12/01/2021	12/31/2021
<input type="checkbox"/> Employees:Payroll Liabilities	Custom	01/01/2003	11/30/2003
<input type="checkbox"/> Employees:Payroll Summary	This Month-to-date	12/01/2021	12/15/2021
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Missing Invoices	All		
<input type="checkbox"/> Profit & Loss by Job	All		
<input type="checkbox"/> Vendors:AP Aging Summary	Today	12/15/2021	12/15/2021
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vendors:Unpaid Bills Detail	Today	12/15/2021	12/15/2021
<input type="checkbox"/> Vendors:Vendor Balance Detail	All		
<input type="checkbox"/> Vendors:Vendor Balance Summary	All		

4 report(s) selected

Display Print Email Cancel Help

3. Once the desired reports are selected, choose **Display** to review the information in the reports or **Print** to print the reports.

If you chose to display the reports, you can print each report individually. Clicking the **Print** button from that report's tool bar then choose **Report**.

Send a Report to Excel

Occasionally you may want to change a report's appearance or contents in ways that aren't available in QuickBooks, filter report data in ways you can't in QuickBooks, or run "what-if" scenarios on your QuickBooks data.

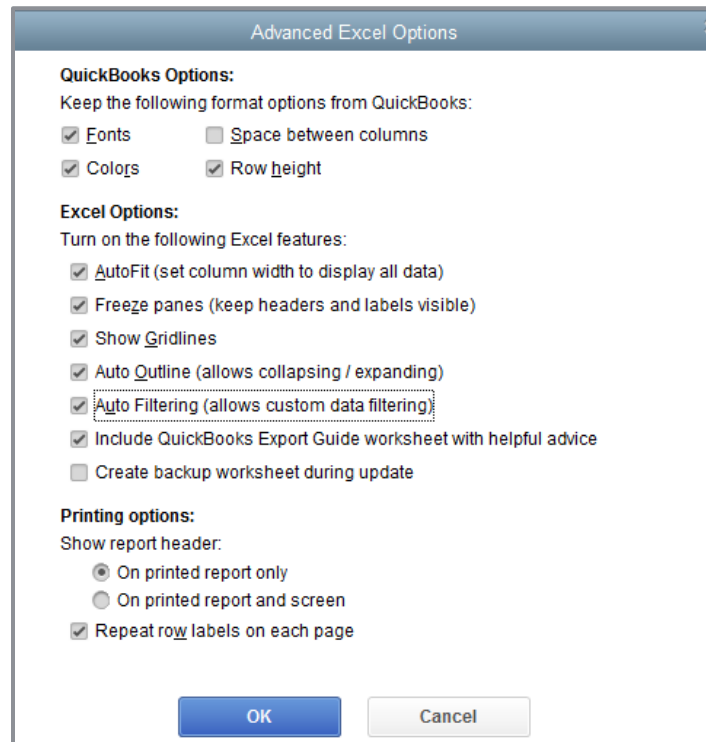
You can send reports from QuickBooks to Excel. Since the changes you make in Excel don't affect your QuickBooks data, you're free to customize reports as needed and even change data to run "what-if" scenarios.



Step-by-Step: Send a Report to Excel

1. From the Reports menu, open the report you would like to convert to Excel.
2. On the Report button bar, set the date parameters for your report. You can use the **Customize** button to set additional filters and add additional customization.
3. If you clicked on the **Customize** button in the previous step, after you've specified your additional parameters, click **OK**.
4. On the Report button bar, click **Excel** and **Create New Worksheet** (or you could select **Update Existing Worksheet** if this report with these settings was previously sent to a spreadsheet that was saved).

5. Click the **Advanced** tab to add custom export options.



6. Click **OK** then click **Export**.

Create an Income and Expense Graph

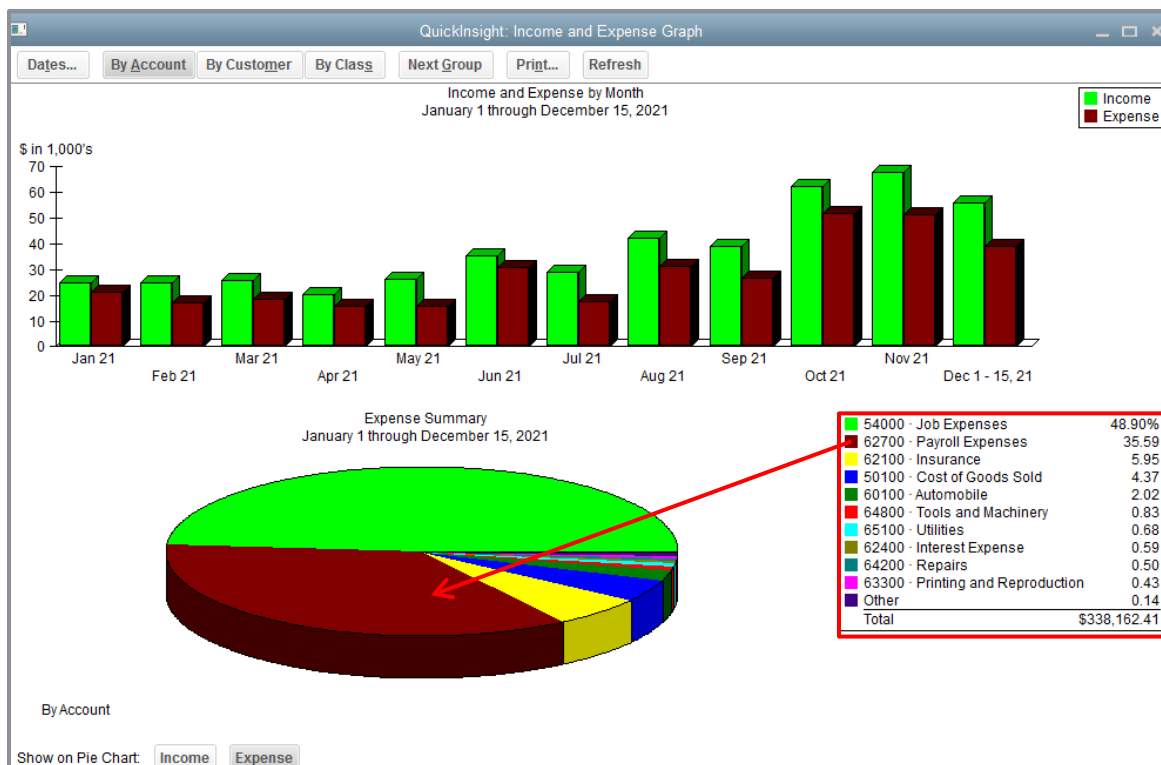
If you want your business to be profitable, you need to keep an eye on your expenses. The income and expense graph shows exactly what you're spending and where.

You should be especially concerned with the proportion you're spending on expenses relative to the income you receive. As a simplistic example, if you're earning only \$20,000 in income, you don't want to spend \$30,000 in expenses.



Step-by-Step: Create an Income and Expense Graph

- From the Reports menu, choose **Company & Financial** then choose **Income & Expense Graph**. You will see the top 10 expense categories listed with numerical information next to a key listing them with their pie chart colors.

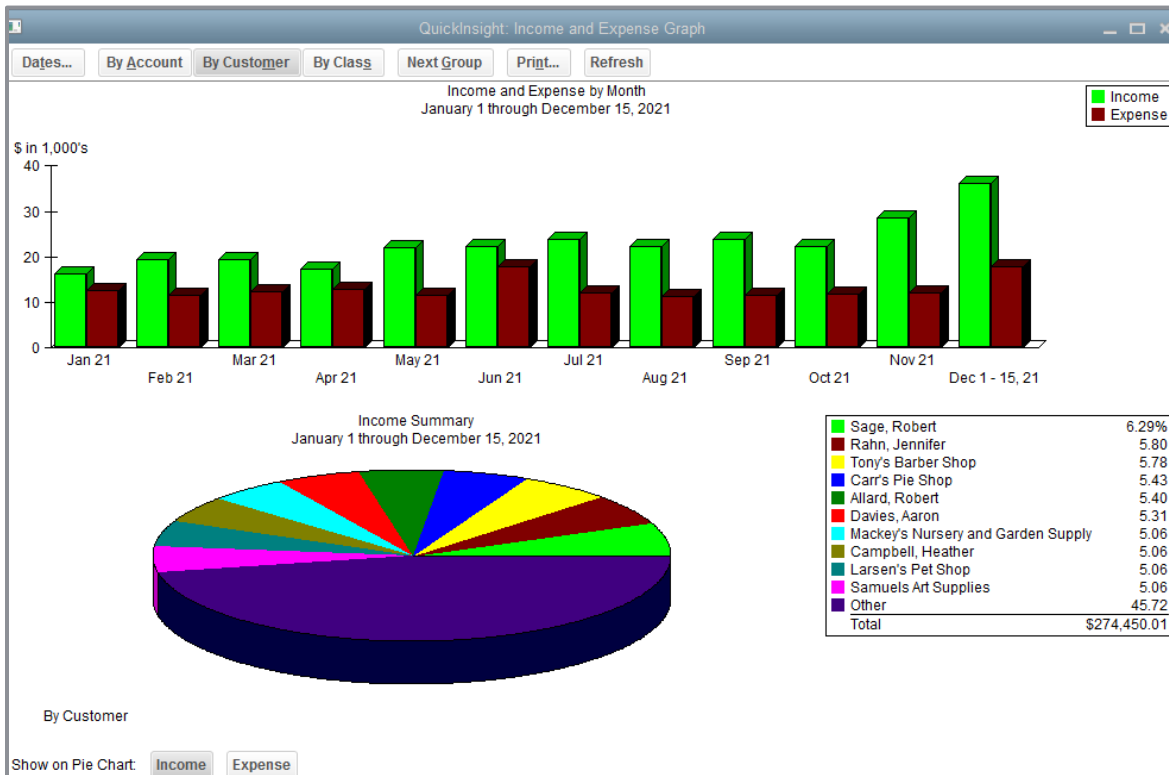


- QuickBooks can display information on only 10 pie segments at a time. To display more accounts, click the **Next Group** button at the top of the graph window.
- You can change the date range by clicking on the **Dates** button at the top.



Step-by-Step: Display Income Accounts Instead of Expense Accounts

1. Click **Income** at the bottom of the graph window.
2. Choose to filter By Account, By Customer or By Class from the report tool bar.



NOTES

Use QuickZoom with Graphs

To help you better understand the information shown in the graphs, QuickBooks lets you trace graphical data using QuickZoom. This works the same as the QuickZoom functionality on report entries described earlier in this lesson.

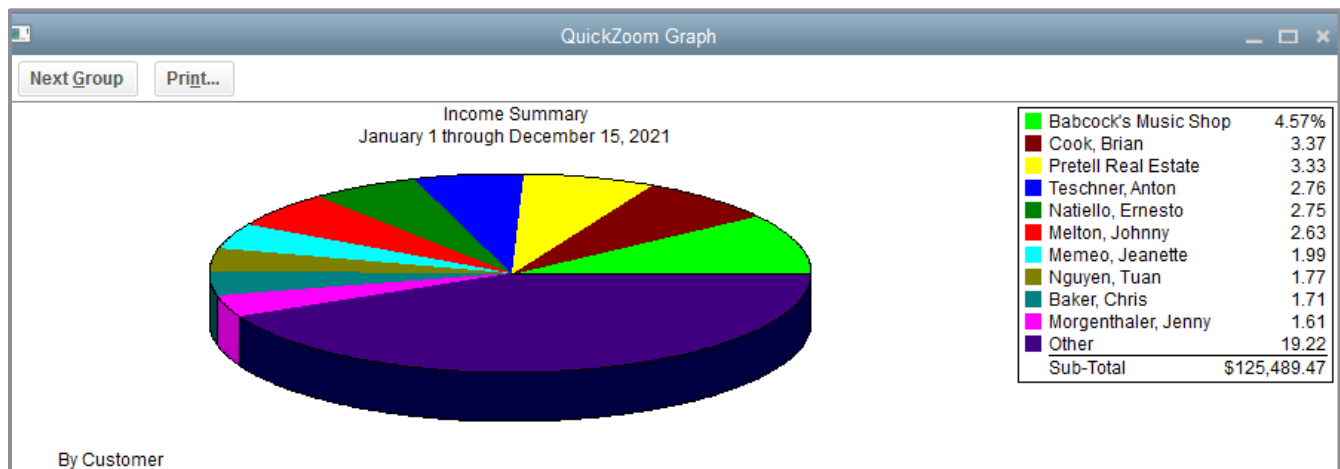


Step-by-Step: QuickZoom on Graphical Information

1. Position the mouse pointer over the section of the chart you wish to see in more detail and double-click.



IMPORTANT: The QuickZoom report features will vary depending on the type of information you are choosing to QuickZoom in order to get more details.



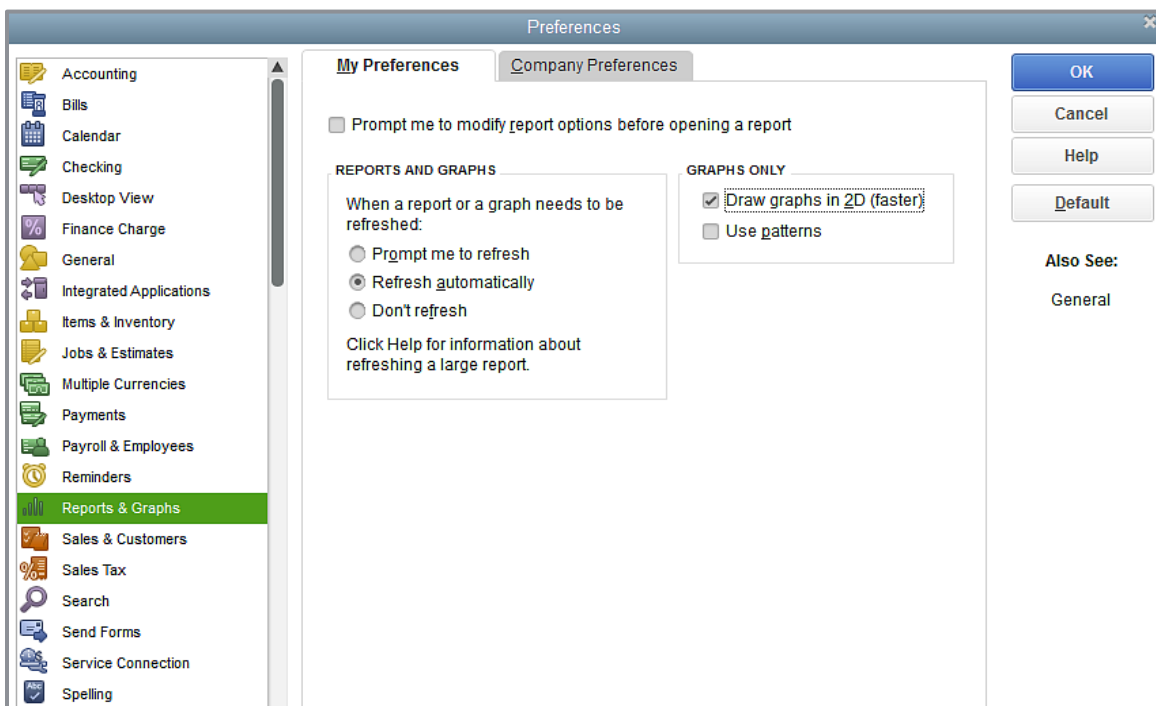
Customize How Graphs Display

You can customize graphs to control what data they include and how the data is displayed. In this exercise you'll change the display from three-dimensional (3D) to two-dimensional (2D) graphs.



Step-by-Step: Change from 3D to 2D

1. From the Edit menu, choose **Preferences**.
2. In the left panel, click **Reports & Graphs**.
3. In the My Preferences tab, place a checkmark in the box next to **Draw graphs in 2D (faster)**.



4. Click **OK**.
5. Click **Report Center**.
6. Choose **Sales** then **Sales Graph** to view the effect of the change.
7. Click the **Run (Display Report)** icon.
8. Close the graph.

9. Close the Report Center.

NOTES

Analyze Financial Data – Review Questions

1. _____ is the tool that allows you to drill down on summary reports and graphs in QuickBooks.
2. When can you generate a QuickReport?
 - a. Only when viewing an active customer or account
 - b. Only when viewing a list, register or form
 - c. Only at the end of the current fiscal period
 - d. Only when viewing balance sheet accounts
3. In which report category would you find a list of open invoices?
 - a. Company & Financial
 - b. Sales
 - c. Customers & Receivables
 - d. List
4. Report _____ let you set custom criteria for the transactions you want to include in a report.
5. Once you've customized a preset report to meet your needs, how can you save your settings so you don't have to customize the report each time you run it?
 - a. Choose **Save Settings** from the Report menu
 - b. Choose **Save Setting** from the File menu
 - c. Click **Memorize** on the button bar
 - d. Click **Modify** then choose **Memorize**
6. True or false: Once you've exported report data to Excel, you can send modified data back to QuickBooks.
 - a. True
 - b. False

Review Activities

1. Create a QuickReport on a name in one of Rock Castle Construction's lists.
2. Rock Castle Construction wants to create a report that shows how much they have spent on lumber for projects during November of the current year (the current year is whatever Rock Castle Construction specifies is the current year based on the date you see when you open that sample company). Create an item summary purchase report covering the date range for November of the current year. Filter the report to show only Rock Castle Construction's purchases for lumber.
3. Batch process the balance sheet, profit and loss statement, and statement of cash flows using the Process Multiple Reports window.
4. Use the Report Center to find reports that show the following:
 - Sick and vacation balances for each employee
 - Time spent on each job
 - Inventory stock on hand and reorder point
 - Customers with overdue payments, how much they owe and their phone numbers
 - How much of total sales is taxable, at what rate, and how much sales tax is currently due to be paid

Answers to Review Questions

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