

How to Convert QuickBooks Online to Desktop

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Have you decided that [QuickBooks Online](#) is no longer the right fit for you or your clients' business needs? Converting QuickBooks Online to Desktop is a decision that you likely didn't come to overnight or lightly. There is a lot that goes into any technology migration, and just thinking about all the steps and unknowns of switching tools may be enough to make you reconsider. But should you have to sacrifice the software your business, accounting firm, or clients need because of all the potential issues of converting QuickBooks Online to the QuickBooks Desktop version of your choice? That's easy. The answer, of course, is no.

Rather than taking hours of your own time to make the switch (hours that would be much better spent elsewhere!), you can work with a partner who will take on the migration process to ensure an effortless transition. That means you don't have to worry about cleaning up your QuickBooks files, getting your data ready, creating backups, or using a QuickBooks migration tool...

...sounds good, right?

Why Convert from QuickBooks Online to QuickBooks Desktop?

First up, should you [make the switch from QuickBooks Online to QuickBooks Desktop](#)? You've got a big decision to make! It all depends on what features and functionality your business needs from QuickBooks. For many businesses, QuickBooks Online is a strong choice. As a software-as-a-service (SaaS) solution, it gives businesses access to QuickBooks in the cloud and there are several different versions to choose from, with different features available at each level.

Even though QuickBooks Online has continued to evolve over the years, it's still true that QuickBooks Desktop is more feature-rich and robust. For example, QuickBooks Desktop allows you to undo bulk transactions, revert to prior versions of a company file, complete batch invoicing, and use advanced reporting.

Depending on the size and complexity of your business and QuickBooks data and files — and the level of customization you prefer — there is no doubt QuickBooks Desktop is likely to be your strongest choice. If that's the case, the good news is you don't have to lose the benefits of the cloud when transferring from QuickBooks Online to a Desktop version by moving the software back to a local machine in the office and conducting your own IT Support. You can easily host your QuickBooks Desktop software in the cloud to continue to have anytime, anywhere access as well as real-time collaboration.

For example, St. Paul Fish Company, an award-winning seafood chain, saw these exact benefits after converting from QuickBooks Online to desktop hosting. [Read their success story here.](#)

QuickBooks offers a helpful comparison of what can be done in QuickBooks Online versus QuickBooks Desktop [here](#).

Why Lift a Finger? Put Your QuickBooks Hosting Provider to Work

So you've made your decision and are ready to start a QuickBooks hosting migration by putting your desktop software in the cloud. What does that process entail?

Steps to a QuickBooks hosting migration

1. Clean up all of your QuickBooks files and data
2. Create backups of your company files
3. [Buy or lease](#) your QuickBooks Desktop software plus hosting subscription from an Intuit Authorized Hosting Provider you trust
4. Use a conversion tool to start the conversion process and make sure the files to convert are compatible with the tool
5. After migrating your data, compare reports between the old and new files, check through customer data, check settings and configurations, connect bank, credit card accounts, and payments and invoicing
6. Connect any of your third-party apps

If that list is making you sweat, never fear. Swizznet has you covered. There are any number of issues that can come up when converting QuickBooks. You shouldn't have to deal with them. Conversion from QuickBooks Online to Desktop hosting is included in our service (100% free of charge!), which is not the case with other popular hosting providers. Not only

does this include integration to most licensed third-party applications but the QuickBooks migration to hosted desktop is done the same day. Instead of spending hours and hours yourself, we take on the challenges so there is one less headache you, or any of your clients, have to deal with. We handle QuickBooks hosting migrations for businesses of all sizes every day, and have the know-how and migration strategy in place to make sure everything runs smoothly.

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