

# QuickBooks® Hosting



## Benefit from World-class Accounting Solutions

powered by the might of the cloud

### What is QuickBooks Hosting?

Surely, you've heard of QuickBooks. Many small business owners use this popular accounting software to process payments, pay bills and even help with payroll functions. [Recent statistics](#) show that QuickBooks, developed by Intuit, is the software of choice for more than 29 million small businesses in the US alone. This equals a whopping 80 percent of the market share for SMBs that use financial management software. QuickBooks users install this software on a local, on-premises server. They can also access it from their personal computers.

QuickBooks Hosting is accessed online, from a cloud server. This means that data files are stored, accessed, and run on a server at the cloud provider's datacenter, rather than on your own PC. End users connect to the provider's infrastructure via the Internet to access and run their QuickBooks software and data files. Another way to run QuickBooks in the cloud is with a Remote Desktop solution.

# QuickBooks Hosting vs. QuickBooks Online

When it comes to taking your QuickBooks solution to the cloud, you have 2 options. Intuit offers a QuickBooks online solution or you can choose your own cloud provider and set up a QuickBooks Hosting solution.

Here's a quick comparison of the two:

	QuickBooks Online	QuickBooks Hosting
Pricing	Monthly flat fee	Pay-as-you-go
Access	Web browser	Remote Desktop or RemoteApp, which means instant access through an icon on your desktop
Interface and User experience Customization	Different features and user experience than the desktop version of QuickBooks	Nothing changes. It's identical to the QuickBooks you're using today.
Supported versions	QuickBooks Online	QuickBooks Pro, Premier and Enterprise
Number of people who can access QuickBooks simultaneously	1 with basic plan; up to 5 with higher plans	Up to 30
Payroll function	Only through Add-On	Yes
Manage and Pay Bills	Not on basic plans	Yes
Control what your users can access	Not on basic plans	Yes
Create and send purchase orders	Not on basic plans	Yes
Track & manage inventory	Not on basic plans	Yes
Custom backup and BCDR	No	Yes
Track international sales & expenses in multiple currencies.	No	Yes

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# Why QuickBooks Hosting is a Better Solution

## There are no surprises

Switching to QuickBooks Hosting is a lot easier than you think. You won't have to learn how to use different features or find new ways to deal with services that aren't offered on QuickBooks Online. All the features you've been using to manage and pay your bills, create purchase orders or even track your inventory are right there. Nothing changes. The features you use today in your desktop version will be exactly the same in your QuickBooks Hosting solution.

## Remote Desktop & RemoteApp

As we mentioned earlier, using Remote Desktop Services (RDS) can help your client save a lot of time and money. It's a lot easier to set up and manage QuickBooks with RDS because system administrators only have to install and configure it once on an RDS server.

When you use QuickBooks with RDS, the application and company data files can be stored on one or two servers in the same network. This means the end user doesn't have to copy the QuickBooks application onto his own computer. Nor does he have to worry about transmitting loads of data through the network while he works. Only his keystrokes and mouse movements are transmitted over the network. All the application processing occurs inside the RDS environment, so the performance of QuickBooks is optimized, even in low-bandwidth scenarios.

In a basic setup, both the QuickBooks application and the database server can be installed on the same server. This can help cut costs on resources. Ideally, a standalone RDS server will be installed to exclusively run the QuickBooks application. Another option is to use the Performance Cloud control panel to either add resources to your existing virtual machine (VM) or create a new one.



## Advantages of Cloud Computing

Sometimes, you choose an on-premises solution simply because you don't know what else is out there. Here are some ways your client can benefit from cloud computing:

### Easier Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery (BCDR)

Let's say you're managing your own infrastructure and an earthquake shakes the very foundations of your business and your servers collapse. With physical servers and no backups, you can lose your data. You need to make sure you can get back to business quickly no matter what happens. Cloud providers ensure backups of your VMs are available for restore. That means there's always a copy of your virtual machines safely stored and ready to go.

### More Secure Data

You have to be sure your data is secure. Cloud providers make data security a part of their business. It's their job to know the latest security trends and apply them to their IaaS, PaaS, and SaaS solutions. Basically, they worry about these things so you don't have to.

### Up to Date at All Times!

In big companies, maintaining a server is usually done by a team of Systems Administrators. It's their responsibility to make sure that all components are up to date to guarantee network performance. Maintaining the network, servers and applications takes a lot of time. You have neither the resources nor the time for this in your organization. Why not let your Cloud Service Provider handle all infrastructure matters, so you can stay focused on the things that bring in money? Grow your business without increasing your expenses.

### Pay Only for What You Need, When You Need It

One of the joys of moving to the cloud is scalability. This means that you only pay for what you need and for the time you've used it. Most cloud providers bill once a month for server usage. If your server capacity is too high, just reduce it. If the server is running too low, just add more resources. You can save money on vCPU, memory and storage compared with an on-premises solution.

### Accessibility from Anywhere, Anytime, on Any Device

Cloud providers offer service level agreements guaranteeing that your cloud infrastructure will remain up and running at all times. A cloud solution also means that as long as you have access to the Internet, you can access the same QuickBooks application from any computer, on any device, whether it's a smartphone, tablet, laptop or a desktop computer.

### Better Interaction with Multiple Users and Multiple Locations

Multiple users will be able to access simultaneously the same data from different locations without any hassle or complications.

### More Cost Efficient Than an On-premises Server Solution

Buying hardware requires a large budget. You need to plan, research and evaluate your needs based on your IT refresh cycle, and like it or not, that takes time! Cloud servers allow you to spend more intelligently based on the pay-as-you-go model. You only pay for what you need, when you need it.





## How can I get started?

Contact us at 320.281.7033 or [inquire@kdssys.com](mailto:inquire@kdssys.com) to request your QuickBooks Hosting solution today.

