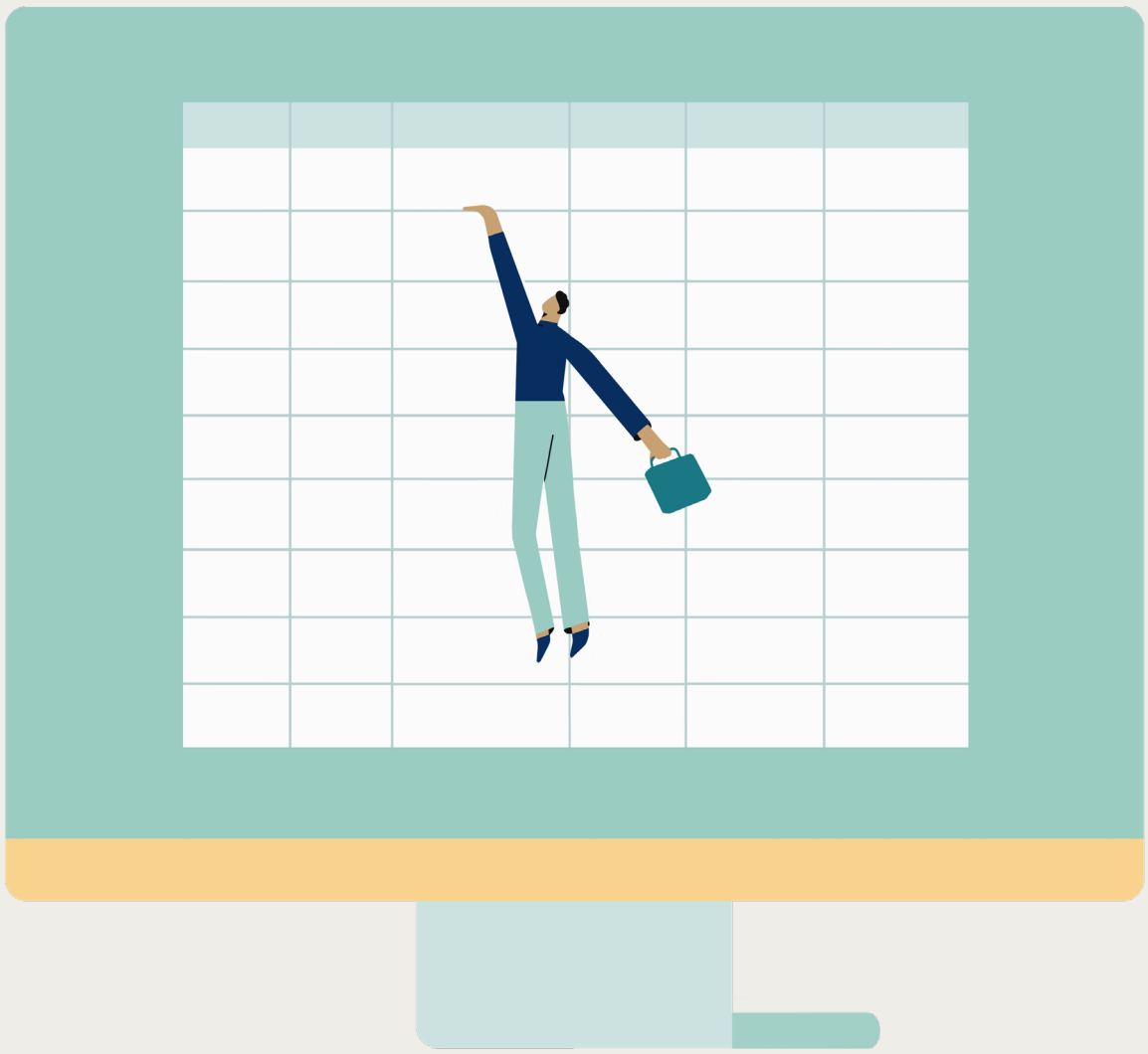
Bench vs. QuickBooks

Which is Right for Your Small Business?



Intro-duction

You probably didn't get into business because you love financial admin. And yet, the low-cost allure of doing your own books keeps many entrepreneurs in a constant struggle: should I pay more to offload the work? Is it worth it?

If you think you might be ready to trade in the spreadsheets for more time spent growing your business, read on. We'll break down the differences between Bench and QuickBooks so you can make an informed decision on the best bookkeeping solution for your business.

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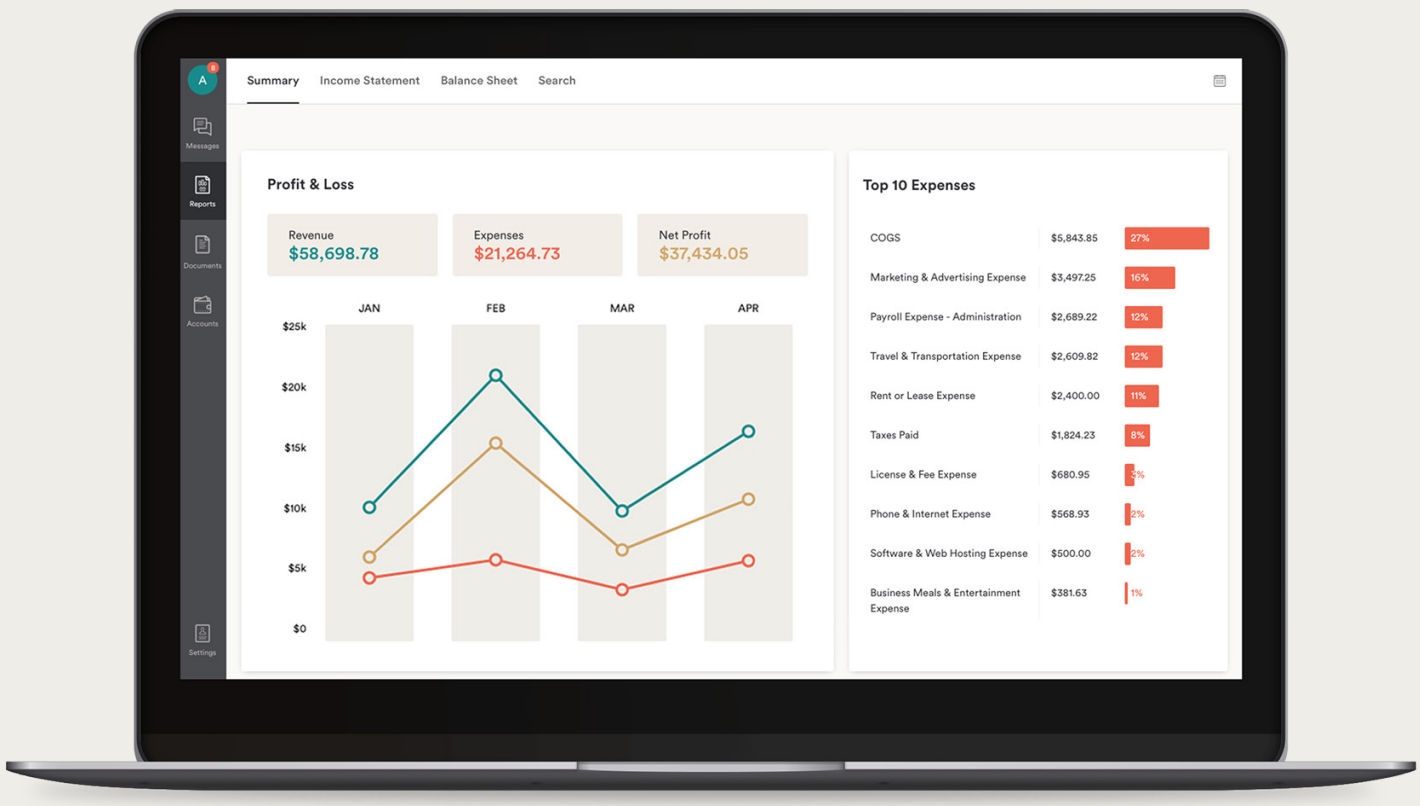
What is it?	Bookkeeping done for you by professional bookkeepers	Do-it-yourself accounting software
Who is it for?	Business owners who don't have time to do their own bookkeeping	Business owners who want the experience of doing their own bookkeeping
	Business owners with limited bookkeeping experience	Business owners who have some knowledge of bookkeeping and accounting
	Business owners who want to be able to see their financials at a glance, without the work of preparing them	Small businesses just starting out that aren't ready to bring in professional support
What do I get?	A dedicated bookkeeper to do your books	Inexpensive bookkeeping software
	Intuitive software to view financial reports and keep tabs on your finances	Invoicing and bill payment capabilities
	Accurate monthly books completed by your bookkeeping team	Online product support and training classes
	Year-end financial package prepared for you and your CPA	
	Tax season support including direct communication between your bookkeeper and CPA	

“Bench helped me replace Quickbooks, and save about 6 hours per month of horrible accounting work, which is priceless.”

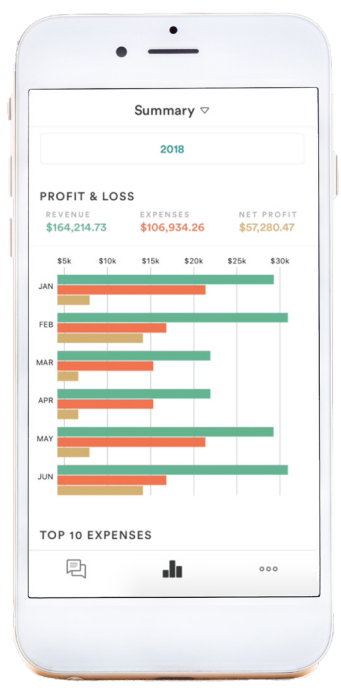
Chris Ronzio
CEO, Trainual

The Software



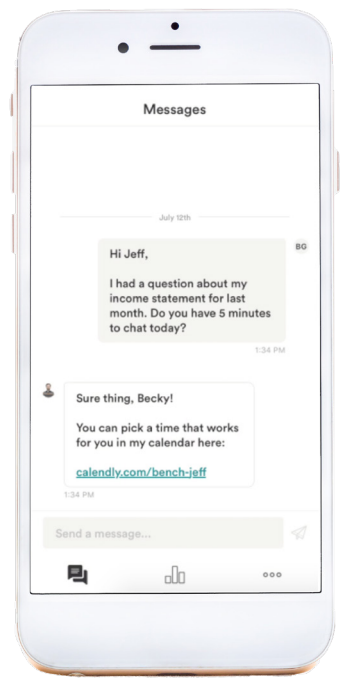
Have you ever logged into QuickBooks and been met with a barrage of numbers that just don't add up? It can be tricky to figure out QuickBooks' interface and navigate all of its features and tutorials. What's useful? What do you *need* to include in your bookkeeping at tax time? QuickBooks has tons of features, because there's a lot involved with doing your own bookkeeping.

The Bench app is very simple and straightforward, because our bookkeepers take care of all the confusing stuff for you. When you log in to your Bench account, our software shows you interactive financial statements and visual reports to keep an eye on your revenue, expenses, and profits over time—no tutorial required.



The Support

Another key difference between Bench and QuickBooks is the level of support that each provides. With Bench, you get the same dedicated bookkeeping team doing your books each month. Have questions or need some guidance? You can send your team a message through the Bench app or book a phone call with your bookkeeper whenever is convenient for you. You'll always be speaking with a real human who knows exactly what's going on with your bookkeeping because they're doing the work for you every month.



If you're using QuickBooks, they offer phone support, messaging, and email, as well as product tutorials. However, this support is limited to the software itself, not bookkeeping. Plus, it can take days to receive a response to an email—this only adds to the time spent doing your own bookkeeping.

The Cost of Bookkeeping

Bench and QuickBooks are two totally different things, so they're priced differently.

QuickBooks is do-it-yourself accounting software. Prices start at $5/month for freelancers, and go up to $60/month. Why so cheap? You're paying the cost with your time, paying yourself to be your own bookkeeper.

You can expect to spend 6-8 hours a month on QuickBooks, if you're consistently doing your books correctly each week.

If you're not accounting-savvy, you'll also want to pay an accountant to double-check your books before you file your taxes. The alternative is even more expensive—getting fined or audited by the IRS or CRA.

Bench is hands-off bookkeeping done for you by professional bookkeepers. Our prices range from $95/month to $295/month, depending on your monthly expenses.

You won't have to spend any time doing bookkeeping with Bench. Just expect to answer the odd message from your bookkeeper when they have a question about your expenses. Less time bookkeeping = more time for revenue-generating activity.

Bench's books are prepared to IRS standards, and are trusted by our CPA network. In other words, you'll never need to pay someone else to check or fix your books.

“Bench has lifted a giant weight off my shoulders and freed up my time so I can focus on earning money and working with clients, meetings, and calls.”

Heather Sholl
Owner, The Villages Gym

You run your business.
We'll do your bookkeeping.

Bench is the online bookkeeping service that does your small business' bookkeeping for you.

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You also get simple software to view your financial reports, and keep tabs on your finances.

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