

QuickBooks Desktop Custom Reports for Power Users

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Learning Objectives

- Understand Source Vs. Destination (targets) Accounts for creating custom reports
- Learn the functions and customization options within the reporting modules in QuickBooks Online and QuickBooks Desktop

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Understanding data fields Source vs. Destination (Target)

- The difference between source/summary and destination/detail data fields
- How QuickBooks “fills in” missing data
- Detail Level Filter: All, All Except Summary, and Summary Only
- Available Data Fields (Columns in Detail reports)

Source Vs. Destination

SOURCE
AKA. HEADER OR SUMMARY

DESTINATION
AKA. DETAIL, SPLIT, LINE ITEM, OR DISTRIBUTION

The screenshot shows the 'Write Checks - BANK (SOURCE)' window. The 'BANK ACCOUNT' dropdown is set to 'BANK (SOURCE)'. The 'ENDING BALANCE' is -1,189.00. The 'PAY TO THE ORDER OF' field is 'SAMPLE VENDOR (SOURCE)'. The 'DATE' is 04/21/2016. The 'AMOUNT' is \$ 500.00. The 'MEMO FIELD' is 'MEMO FIELD (SOURCE)'. The 'EXPENSES' table shows a total of \$500.00. The 'ACCOUNT' table shows two lines: 'EXPENSE ACCOUNT (DESTINATION)' with a debit of 200.00 and 'EXPENSE ACCOUNT (DESTINATION)' with a debit of 300.00. The 'CUSTOMER' field is 'SAMPLE CUSTOMER (DESTINATION)' and the 'CLASS' field is 'CLASS (DESTINATION)'.

Source Vs. Destination

Transaction Journal
All Transactions

Tran...	Type	Date	Num	Name	Source Name	Name Address	Memo	Account	Class	Debit	Credit
16	Ch...	04/21/2016	5670	SAMPLE VENDOR (SOURCE)	SAMPLE VENDOR (SOURCE)	SAMPLE ADDRESS (SOURC...	MEMO FIELD (SOURCE)	BANK (SOURCE)			500.00
				SAMPLE CUSTOMER (DESTINATION)	SAMPLE VENDOR (SOURCE)		DESCRIPTION FIELD 1 (DES...	EXPENSE ACCOUNT (D...	CLASS...	200.00	
				SAMPLE CUSTOMER 2 (DESTINATION)	SAMPLE VENDOR (SOURCE)		DESCRIPTION FIELD 1 (DES...	EXPENSE ACCOUNT (D...	CLASS...	300.00	
TOTAL										<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>

SOURCE

AKA. HEADER OR SUMMARY

DESTINATION

AKA. DETAIL, SPLIT, LINE ITEM,
DISTRIBUTION

Source Vs. Destination

Detail Level Filter:

ALL

All debits and credits

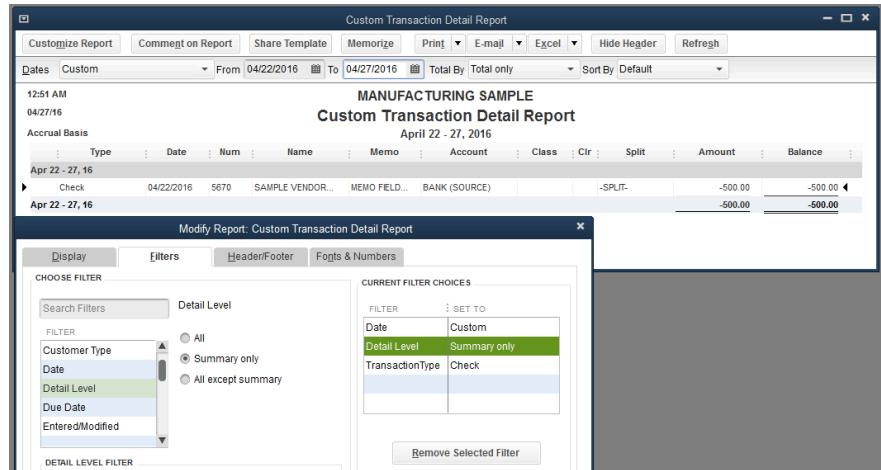
Source Vs. Destination

Detail Level Filter:

Summary only

Will show the source header data only, Transaction Total, no details

Split: *-SPLIT-* when multiple line items are present

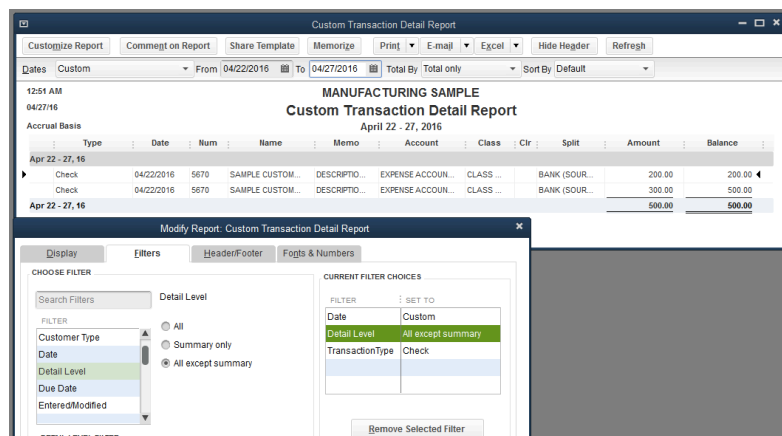


Source Vs. Destination

Detail Level Filter:

All except summary

Will show the destination, detail, line items of the transaction

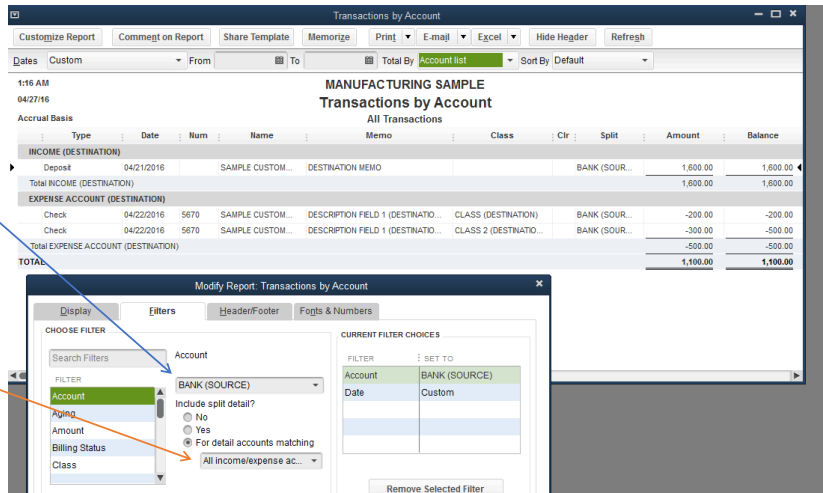


Source Vs. Destination

Account Filter

Used to filter SOURCE Account

Option to include Splits (Destination)



Source Vs. Destination

Transaction Type	Source Account	Detail (Destination Account)
Check	Bank	Expense (or any account used)
Deposit	Bank	Undeposited Funds (or any account used)
Credit Card Charge	Credit Card	Expense (or any account used)
Invoice / Credit Memo	Accounts Receivable	Sales Account from Items
Payment	Undeposited Funds (Or Bank)	Accounts Receivable
Bill / Bill Credit	Accounts Payable	Purchase Account from Items (or any account used)
Bill Payment-Check	Bank	Accounts Payable
Bill Payment-CC	Credit Card	Accounts Payable
Journal	Account used on First Line	Accounts used on all other lines

More on Source Vs. Destination

<https://community.intuit.com/articles/1020413-source-and-targets-use-in-reports>

Types of Reports in QuickBooks Desktop

- Custom Summary
- Custom Detail
- Specialty / Canned Reports
- List (Names, Items, Accounts, Classes, and Other Lists)

Custom Summary Reports

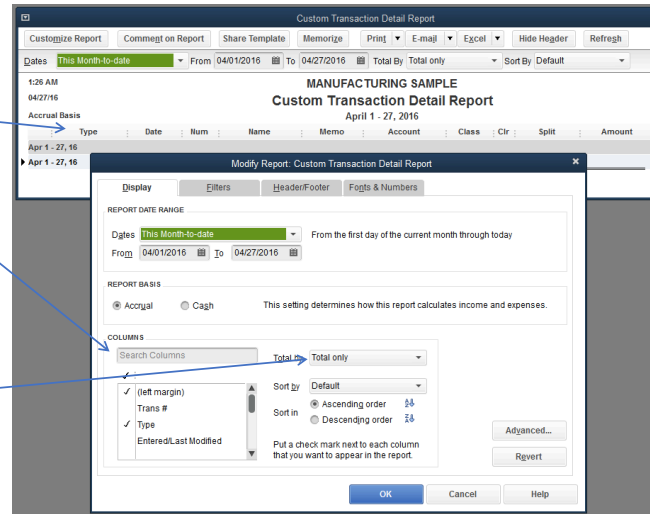
- Columns and Rows are used to create dimensions
Only one dimension can be used per row or column
- Amount and/or Qty can be shown!

Custom Summary Reports

- Totals are “summarized” into rows and columns but limited by Filters

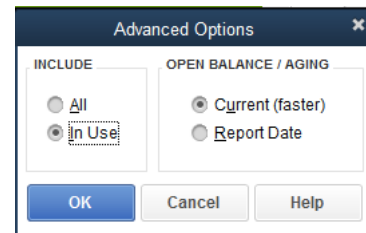
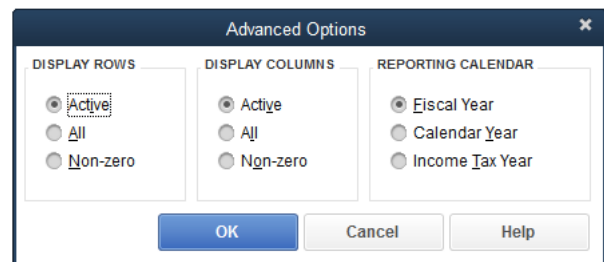
Custom Transaction Detail Reports

- Columns are the data fields that can be found on each transaction
- Total by is to “group” the transactions based on a specific dimension. Limited to just one Subtotal dimension and just one of the available fields to Sort by



Advanced Options

- In Summary Reports, Advanced Options allow you to Show/Hide rows/columns with unused or zero value
- In Detail Reports, you can choose how the Open Balance (and Paid flag) is being calculated (Accrual reports only)



Reports Preferences

- Prompt me to modify Report options is a great tool to avoid slow downs due to large data files
- Aging based on DUE date or invoice/bill date
- Show/Hide Descriptions on Accounts or Items

The screenshot shows the 'Reports Preferences' dialog box with two tabs: 'My Preferences' and 'Company Preferences'. The 'My Preferences' tab is active.

My Preferences

Prompt me to modify report options before opening a report

REPORTS AND GRAPHS

When a report or a graph needs to be refreshed:

Prompt me to refresh
 Refresh automatically
 Don't refresh

Click Help for information about refreshing a large report.

GRAPHS ONLY

Draw graphs in 2D (faster)
 Use patterns

Company Preferences

SUMMARY REPORTS BASIS

Accrual
 Cash

AGING REPORTS

Age from due date
 Age from transaction date

REPORTS - SHOW ITEMS BY:

Name only
 Description only
 Name and Description

REPORTS - SHOW ACCOUNTS BY:

Name only
 Description only
 Name and Description

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Click here to assign accounts to sections of the Statement of Cash Flows:

Default formatting for reports

Best Filters/Dimensions for Tracking Sales data

- **Customer:Job**
- **Class**
- **Customer Type**
- Job Type
- Ship Via
- Terms
- Custom Header Fields
- Invoice Template

Customizing other canned reports & building Custom Reports QBDT

- Customizing a Missing Checks Report
- Add Ship Date to Open Sales Order Reports
- Create Unclassified (CLASS) Transaction Detail Report
- Export Complete Customer Data
- Undeposited Funds Report
- Create A/P (or A/R) Aging Reports by Vendor type (or Customer Type)
- How is aging calculated in AP and AR aging Reports

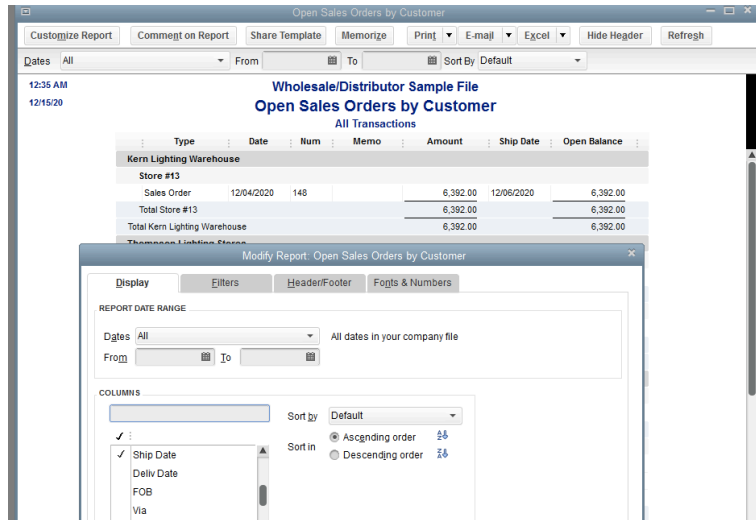
Customizing Canned Reports

- Missing Checks Report can be modified to show missing invoices

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Account	Split	Amount
Invoice	01/06/2020	71047	Baker's Profession...		Accounts Receiva...	-SPLIT-	2,381.00
Invoice	03/11/2020	71048	Baker's Profession...		Accounts Receiva...	-SPLIT-	1,872.00
Invoice	03/12/2020	71049	Lavery Lighting & ...		Accounts Receiva...	-SPLIT-	4,694.50
Invoice	01/14/2020	71050	Godwin Lighting D...		Accounts Receiva...	-SPLIT-	7,796.40
*** Missing numbers here ***							
Invoice	02/27/2020	71052	Baker's Profession...		Accounts Receiva...	-SPLIT-	1,885.00
Invoice	01/28/2020	71053	Miscellaneous - Re...		Accounts Receiva...	-SPLIT-	854.00
Invoice	02/20/2020	71054	Miscellaneous - Re...		Accounts Receiva...	-SPLIT-	1,300.00
Invoice	01/17/2020	71055	Miscellaneous - Re...		Accounts Receiva...	-SPLIT-	1,084.00
Invoice	03/15/2020	71056	Miscellaneous - Re...		Accounts Receiva...	-SPLIT-	2,221.00
Invoice	04/10/2020	71057	Miscellaneous - Re...		Accounts Receiva...	-SPLIT-	1,239.00
Invoice	04/25/2020	71058	Miscellaneous - Re...		Accounts Receiva...	-SPLIT-	1,563.00
Invoice	01/31/2020	71059	Godwin Lighting D...		Accounts Receiva...	-SPLIT-	1,687.95

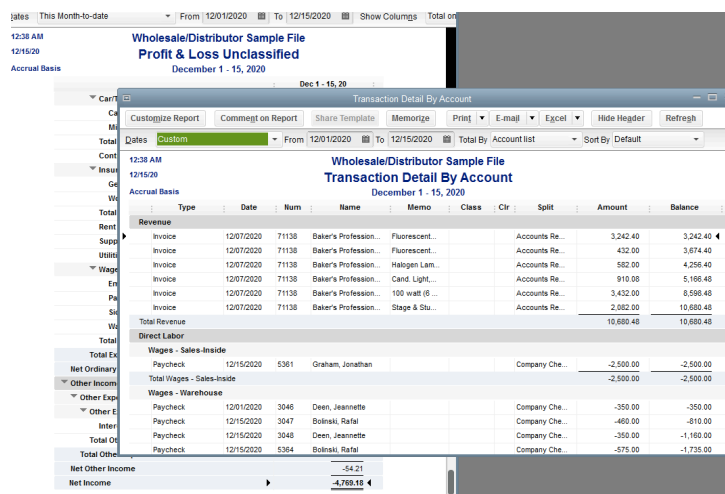
Customizing Canned Reports

- Add Ship Date to Open Sales Orders by Customer to know when the client is expecting shipment



Customizing Canned Reports

- Double-click on Net Income in a Profit & Loss Unclassified Report to get a Custom Detail Report for all transactions missing CLASS



Customizing Canned Reports

- Enable all columns in a Customer Phone List or Customer Contact List Report to export all your customer data, including custom fields

The screenshot shows a software interface for a 'Customer Phone List' report. The report title is 'Wholesale/Distributor Sample File Customer Phone List' dated December 15, 2020. A 'Modify Report' dialog box is open, allowing customization of the report's columns. The 'Columns' tab is active, and a list of columns is shown with checkmarks indicating they are selected for display. The selected columns include: (left margin), Active Status, Customer, Balance, Balance Total, Notes, and Company. The dialog also shows 'Sort by' set to 'Default' and 'Sort in' set to 'Ascending order'.

Customizing Canned Reports

- Undeposited Funds Report

The screenshot shows a software interface for a 'Transactions by Account' report. The report title is 'Wholesale/Distributor Sample File Transactions by Account' dated December 15, 2020. A 'Modify Report' dialog box is open, showing the 'Filters' tab. The 'Filtering' section has 'Billing Status' set to 'Cleared' and 'Class' set to 'No'. The 'CURRENT FILTER CHOICES' section shows 'Account' set to 'Undeposited Funds' and 'Date' set to 'Custom'. A blue arrow points from the 'Undeposited Funds Report' text to the 'Billing Status' filter in the dialog.

Customizing Canned Reports

- Create A/P Aging Report for only certain Vendor Types

The screenshot shows the 'A/P Aging Summary' report for a 'Wholesale/Distributor Sample File' as of December 15, 2020. The report displays a table with columns for 'Current', '1 - 30', '31 - 60', '61 - 90', '> 90', and 'TOTAL'. The data is as follows:

	Current	1 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	> 90	TOTAL
Foster Lighting	2,170.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,170.00
Paulsen's Lighting	7,210.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,210.00
Peacock Bulb Manufacturing Comp...	3,328.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,328.50
TOTAL	12,706.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,706.50

Below the report is the 'Modify Report: A/P Aging Summary' dialog box. The 'Filters' tab is active, showing a 'Vendor Type' filter set to 'Manufacturer'. The 'CURRENT FILTER CHOICES' section shows the following settings:

FILTER	SET TO
Account	All accounts payable
Date	Today
Name	All vendors
Paid Status	Open
Vendor Type	Manufacturer

A/R and A/P Aging

- Days are calculated based on Due Date by default
- Can be switched to Transaction date in the preferences

The screenshot shows the 'Preferences' dialog box, specifically the 'Company Preferences' tab. The 'SUMMARY REPORTS BASIS' section has 'Accrual' selected. The 'AGING REPORTS' section has 'Age from due date' selected. The 'REPORTS - SHOW ITEMS BY:' section has 'Name and Description' selected. The 'REPORTS - SHOW ACCOUNTS BY:' section has 'Name only' selected. The 'STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS' section has 'Default formatting for reports' checked. The 'Also See:' section shows 'General'.

Open Balance vs. Paid/Unpaid Filter

- Open Balance column works when only Details OR Summary are chosen as a filter
- Detail Level Filter: Summary Only only works in Accrual Reports
- Cash Basis Reports will have Original Balance, Open Balance, and Paid Amount columns
- Open Balance does not work too well on Cash Basis Reports
- Paid Filter can be based on Current Status (default) or as of Report Date (Advanced Setting)

Ultimate Custom Reporting “Cheat Sheet”

<http://bit.ly/QBCUSTOMREPORTS>

Hector's QuickBooks Custom Reports Dimension & Filter Matrix							Questions/Suggestions: HECTOR@GARCIACPA.COM	
DATA FIELD	Custom Summary Report			Transaction Detail Report			Filter Type & Options	Hector's Notes
	Row	Column	Filter	Field	Total by	Filter		
Sales Tax Code	x	x	x		x		Drop-Down (Multiple Allowed)	
Payroll Item	x	x	x		x		Drop-Down (Multiple Allowed)	Payroll Related
Day		x			x		** See DATE filter	Based on Transaction Date (Accrual) or modified to payment date for Invoices/Bills (cash basis)
Week		x			x		** See DATE filter	*
Two Week		x			x		** See DATE filter	*
Four Week		x			x		** See DATE filter	*

More on Customizing Reports

<https://community.intuit.com/articles/1020949-create-customized-reports-in-quickbooks-desktop>

Other Custom Reporting Videos by Hector:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XW7ZTmY5hXU>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VlwgQnVnDq8>
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ab_L8z0bl2o
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gh8vNeaDSSs>

Item Level vs. Name Level Custom Fields in QBDT Reports

- Building a report with custom item-level data from invoices, sales receipts, sales orders, estimates, and purchase orders
- Building a report with custom name-level data from invoices, sales receipts, sales orders, estimates, and purchase orders

Combining Reports from Multiple Companies

- Manual Process with Excel
<https://youtu.be/1QVhsflmWvl>
- Semi-Automated Process with QuickBooks Enterprise
<https://youtu.be/IR4qCLCCAal>
- Automated: *needs apps like Spotlight, Qvinci, Phathom, QQUBE, etc...*
https://youtu.be/U3E_D6Zgk1g
<https://youtu.be/bQZgu2OKAqc>

My Favorite Reporting Apps

- Qvinci – Great for Report Consolidations / Combinations
- Finagraph – Great for Financial Ratios (5 year analytics)
- FathomHQ – Great for visualizing KPI's (Financial Ratios) and setting hot/cold goals
- Spotlight Reporting – great for combining QuickBooks and non-QuickBooks Data
- QQUBE – Very advanced PivotTable analytics in Excel. Can also combine data from multiple companies
- QuickBooks Advanced Reporting (QBAR) – Most advanced custom reporting tool in the market for QuickBooks Enterprise

	Custom Summary Report			Transaction Detail Report			Questions/Suggestions: HECTOR@GARCIACPA.COM	
DATA FIELD	Row	Column	Filter	Field	Total by	Filter	Filter Type & Options	Hector's Notes
Customer:Job	x	x			x		** See NAME Filter	
Customer Type	x	x	x		x	x	Drop-Down (Multiple Allowed)	
Vendor	x	x			x		** See NAME Filter	
Vendor Type	x	x	x		x	x	Drop-Down (Multiple Allowed)	
Payee (or Source Name)	x	x		x	x		** See NAME Filter	
Name			x			x	Drop-Down: Customers, Vendors, Employees, Other (Multiple Allowed)	
Employee	x	x			x		** See NAME Filter	
Other Name							** See NAME Filter	
Item (or Item Detail)	x	x	x	x	x	x	Drop-Down: Service, Inventory, parts, assembly, payments, sales tax, and individual (Multiple	
Item Type	x	x			x			
Inventory Site	x	x	x	x	x	x	Drop-Down (Multiple Allowed)	QBES Platinum Only
Account	x	x	x	x	x	x	Drop-Down (Multiple Allowed)	
Rep	x	x		x	x	x	Drop-Down (Multiple Allowed)	
Class	x	x	x	x	x	x	Drop-Down (Multiple Allowed)	
Ship Via (or Via)	x	x		x	x	x	Drop-Down (Multiple Allowed)	
Terms	x	x		x	x	x	Drop-Down (Multiple Allowed)	
Payment Method	x	x	x	x	x	x	Drop-Down (Multiple Allowed)	
Sales Tax Code	x	x	x	x	x	x	Drop-Down (Multiple Allowed)	
Payroll Item	x	x	x	x	x	x	Drop-Down (Multiple Allowed)	Payroll Related
Day		x			x		** See DATE filter	Based on Transaction Date (Accrual) or modified to payment date for Invoices/Bills (cash basis)
Week		x			x		** See DATE filter	*
Two Week		x			x		** See DATE filter	*
Four Week		x			x		** See DATE filter	*
Half Month		x			x		** See DATE filter	*
Month		x			x		** See DATE filter	*
Quarter		x			x		** See DATE filter	*
Year		x			x		** See DATE filter	*
Balance Sheet	x	x			x			
Summary Balance	x	x			x			
Income Statement	x	x			x			
Tax Line	x			x	x			
Aging (Number of Days)			x	x		x	Amount: Any, Equals, More Than, Less Than	Affected by ADVANCED FILTER
Amount (line/transaction)			x	x		x	Amount: Any, Equals, More Than, Less Than. In Between	
Billing Status			x	x		x	Choose: Any, Not Billable, Unbillable, Billed	
Cleared (Clr)			x			x	Choose: Any, Cleared (Reconciled), Not Cleared	
Date			x	x		x	Drop-Down Calendar	
Detail Level			x			x	Choice: All, Summary Only, All except Summary	
Due Date			x	x		x	Drop-Down Calendar	
Entered/Last Modified Date			x	x		x	Drop-Down Calendar	
Estimate Active			x	x		x	Choose: Either, No, Yes	
FOB			x	x		x	Free Text	
Is Adjustment (Adj)			x	x		x	Choose: Either, No, Yes	
Job Status			x			x	Choice: All, None, Pending, Awarded, In Progress, Closed, Not Awarded	
Job Type			x			x	Drop Down	
Memo			x			x	Free Text	
Name Note & Acct. Number			x	x		x	Free Text	
Name Address			x	x		x	Free Text	
Name City			x	x		x	Free Text	
Name E-mail			x	x		x	Free Text	
Name Fax Number			x	x		x	Free Text	
Name Phone Number			x	x		x	Free Text	
Name State			x	x		x	Free Text	
Name Street1			x	x		x	Free Text	
Name Street2			x	x		x	Free Text	
Name Zip			x	x		x	Free Text	
Name Contact				x				
Number			x	x		x	Number or Range	
Online Status			x			x	Choice: All, Online to send, Online Sent, Any Online Not Online	Bank Feeds Direct Connect only
Other 1			x	x		x	Free Text	Estimates, Sales Orders, Invoices, Sales Receipts, and Purchase Orders
Other 2			x	x		x	Free Text	Estimates, Sales Orders, Invoices, Sales Receipts, and Purchase Orders

DATA FIELD	Custom Summary Report			Transaction Detail Report			Questions/Suggestions: HECTOR@GARCIACPA.COM	
	Row	Column	Filter	Field	Total by	Filter	Filter Type & Options	Hector's Notes
P.O. Number			x			x	Free Text	Estimates, Sales Orders, Invoices, and Sales Receipts only
Paid Status			x	x		x	Choice: Either, Closed, Open	Accrual Reports Only
Paid Through			x	x		x	Drop-Down Calendar	Payroll Related
Pay Period Begin Date			x	x		x	Drop-Down Calendar	Payroll Related
Pay Period End Date			x	x		x	Drop-Down Calendar	Payroll Related
Payroll ytd detail	x	x				x		
Posting Status			x			x	Choice: Either Posting, Non-posting	
Preferred Delivery Method			x	x		x	Choice: All, E-mail, None, Mail	
Preferred Vendor			x			x	Drop-Down (Multiple Allowed)	Only for item-based transactions
Printed Status			x	x		x	Choice: Either, Printed, To be Printed	
Received			x			x	Choice: Either, Yes, No	Purchase Orders Only
Serial Number			x	x		x	Choice: Any, No Blanks, Blanks Only, Contains	QBES Platinum Only
Ship Date			x	x		x	Drop-Down Calendar	Sales forms only
Template			x			x	Drop-Down (Multiple Allowed)	
Transaction Type			x	x		x	Drop-Down (Multiple Allowed)	
Voided			x			x	Choice: Either, No, Yes	
Worker's Comp Code			x		x	x	Drop-Down (Multiple Allowed)	Payroll Related
Zero QOH			x			x	Checkmark: Hide zero qty on hand?	
Zero Reorder Qty			x			x	Checkmark: Hide zero reorder qty?	
Downloaded Payments					x			
Trans #				x				
Deliv Date				x				
Billed Date				x				
SSN/Tax ID				x				Vendors
Item Description				x				
Income Subject to Tax				x				Payroll Related
Wage Base				x				Payroll Related
Wage Base (tips)				x				Payroll Related
Split				x				
Open Balance				x				Affected by ADVANCED FILTER
Qty				x				
U/M				x				Unit of Measure
Sales price				x				
Debit				x				
Credit				x				
Balance				x				
Tax Table Version				x				Payroll Related
User Edit?				x				
Calculated Amount				x				Payroll Related
Amount Difference				x				Payroll Related
S.O. #				x				Invoices Only
Account Type				x				
WC Rate				x				Payroll Related
Exp. Mod				x				Payroll Related
WC Code				x				Payroll Related
State				x				?
Action				x				?
Backordered				x				Related to Sales Orders
Avg. Days to Pay				x				Related to Aging
Paid Date				x				?
Ship to City				x				Sales Forms Only
Ship to Address 1				x				Sales Forms Only
Ship to Address 2				x				Sales Forms Only
Ship to State				x				Sales Forms Only
Ship Zip				x				Sales Forms Only
Check #				x				?