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Ideal for mid-sized companies looking to remain in the QuickBooks family, QuickBooks

Enterprise Solutions offers the same familiar user interface, with a lot more power behind the scenes. Considered top-tier in the QuickBooks hierarchy of products, Enterprise Solutions is a logical choice for those needing to move beyond the basics.

Ease of Use/Transaction Entry – 5 Stars

QuickBooks historically has prided itself on its ease of use, and the latest version of QuickBooks Enterprise Solutions continues that tradition. After installing QuickBooks Enterprise Solutions 8.0, the user is prompted to choose an industry-specific

edition. Available editions include General Business, Contractor, Manufacturing and Wholesale, Nonprofit, Professional Services, and Retail. After selecting the desired edition, the industry-specific files will be installed on your computer. New users can choose to use the Interview option to set up a new company. The program allows up to 20 simultaneous users.

The QuickBooks user interface remains much the same as it has in the past few years. A drop-down menu bar at the top of the screen provides access to basic system functions as well as access to all QuickBooks functions. Below this menu bar is a series of icons that provide access to various “centers” along with Reminders, Services, Payroll and Credit Cards. The majority of the main screen contains a flowchart type menu where the user can click on Vendors, Customers, Employees, Company and Banking functions.

Data-entry screens are easily navigated, and all contain the ability to add

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the online Business Intelligence application. QuickBooks Enterprise can run on a Linux server, and the 8.0 release also offers better Outlook integration, as well as easier data importing capabilities. Product-driven customers will appreciate the improved inventory functions. Utilizing the QuickBooks Controls & Permissions helps ensure that data is safe, allowing administrators to choose the level of product access for each employee.

Integration/Import/Export – 4.5

Stars One of QuickBooks Enterprise's strongest features is that it's all-inclusive and designed to work together. Intuit also offers a wide variety of add-on and third-party products (over 200) designed to work with or integrate with the QuickBooks line of products. Improved Data Import options included in the latest version ensures that importing customer, vendor or product information is easier than ever.

Reporting – 4.5 Stars

QuickBooks Enterprise Solutions offers solid reporting options, with more than 120 standard reports that can be modified as needed. The Report Center provides a comprehensive list that details each report available. Clicking on the link before the explanation brings up a sample report format. Once a report is customized, it can be saved in the Memorized Reports area for future access. The Financial Statement Designer lets the user select the report period as well as the reports that need to be updated or created. All reports are easily exported to Excel or can be e-mailed to recipients as either an Excel or PDF file.

Support/Training/Help – 5 Stars

New and existing users have a wide variety of support options. New purchasers of QuickBooks Enterprise Solutions receive a one-year subscription to Intuit's

Full Service Plan, which includes all product upgrades, dedicated technical

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without breaking the budget. A near non-existent learning curve and less training time ensures that a user can be up and running quickly with this very easily navigated product. And with its extensive storage capability and multi-user functionality, a business is likely to be using QuickBooks Enterprise Solutions for years to come.

2008 Overall Rating: 5 Stars

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