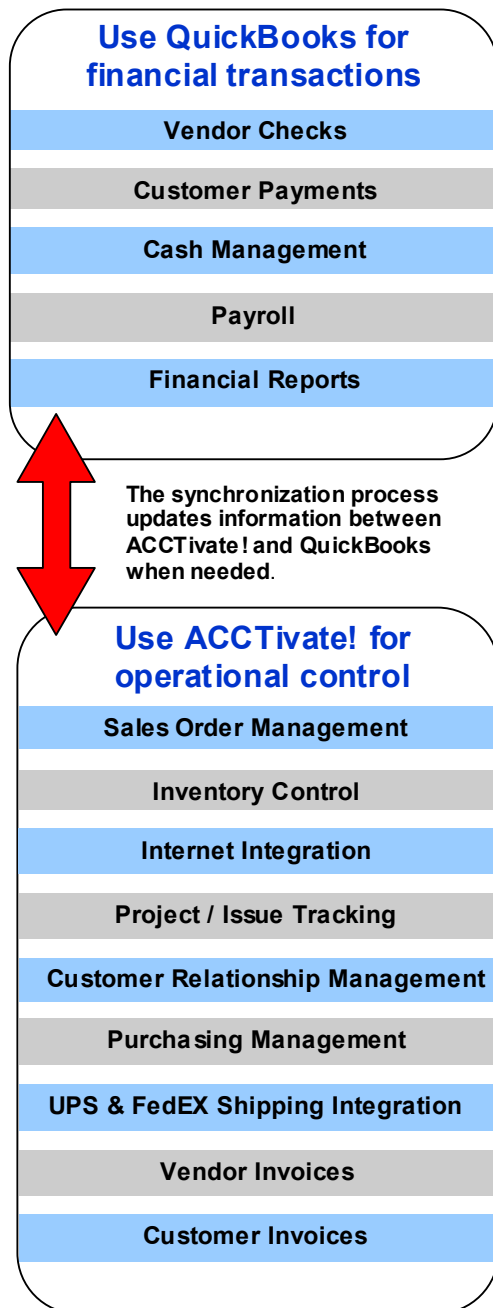


Synchronization between ACCTivate! and QuickBooks[®]

How information is shared between ACCTivate! and QuickBooks

One of the most frequently asked questions about ACCTivate! involves how information is shared between ACCTivate! and QuickBooks. This is an important question, largely because many businesses find that they are looking for functionality beyond the QuickBooks constraints. ACCTivate! is a solution that meets these constraints. ACCTivate! allows companies to continue using QuickBooks for financial control while enabling a new level of business productivity with new operational tools.



The Data Synchronization Process

ACCTivate! and QuickBooks are not linked together in real-time, but rather information is shared between these two systems only when needed. This process is called data synchronization and it works by moving new information from ACCTivate! into QuickBooks and new QuickBooks information into ACCTivate!.

ACCTivate! is used for the control of your operations. This includes common processes such as buying, selling, controlling your inventory and keeping track of customer information. QuickBooks is used for financial processes such as writing checks to your vendors and receiving money from your customers. Synchronizing between the two is a simple process.

Does the Synchronization shut down my system?

No, only one user on one system needs to synchronize. They simply click the Synchronize with QuickBooks button and new information from both systems updates each other. All other users may work normally while the synchronization is being performed and there is no slowdown of normal business operations during this process.

Why Synchronize? Why not have a live-connection between ACCTivate! and QuickBooks?

The main benefit found through the synchronization process is improved overall system speed. ACCTivate! is built upon the industry standard Microsoft SQL Server 2000 database which is well-known for being a fast and reliable relational database.

If the information in this database were to be connected directly "live" into the QuickBooks database, a very significant and noticeable slowdown would occur in the overall operation of the system. Because ACCTivate! is not connected live, this is not an issue. In fact, ACCTivate! is known for its overall speed. It is just as fast with one user or 40 in the system at the same time.

Another benefit of the on-demand synchronization of ACCTivate! with QuickBooks is to allow for a reduction of the number of users that need to (or are allowed to) access QuickBooks. Because most users will have no need to access the financial data, you can effectively make this data more secure by limiting the number of people that have access to it.