QuickBase QuickStart Guide

Intuit QuickBase: Collect, Manage, Share

Designed with simplicity in mind, QuickBase is a powerful online database platform built around the basic concept of a spreadsheet. This way, anyone can use it and it’s easy to get started.

On top of that, QuickBase offers ready-to-use applications for just about any business process, from project management and CRM to HR and content management. You can also create your own applications for just about any task, including ones to help you track, manage or collaborate on a project.

How do QuickBase applications work?

A QuickBase application consists of a table (or series of tables), with each table consisting of rows and columns, just like a spreadsheet. Think of it as a collection of spreadsheets that can be linked together.

Watch a short video about the building blocks of QuickBase applications.

Still have questions? Learn more at these links: What is a field? What is a table?

It all starts with My QuickBase

My QuickBase is your personal workspace for creating, editing, and organizing your applications within the QuickBase platform, and a great place to get familiar with the tools available for managing your QuickBase applications.

When you first arrive at your personal My QuickBase page, you will notice some of our most popular applications. It’s also where you’ll access our large library of ready-to-use applications, which you can either use as-is or customize for your specific needs. There’s virtually no limit to what you can do and the number of applications you can use.

You can edit a QuickBase table just like a spreadsheet. Try using Grid Edit to enter multiple rows of data.

When you manage tasks, each task is a row (record) and each column (field) contains data about this task.

In QuickBase a row is referred to as a record and a column is referred to as a field.

Help is easily accessible from the top menu.

The “My QuickBase” home page gives you instant access to our most popular ready-to-use applications. Learn more about My QuickBase.

Use this button to return to your My QuickBase page.

This is an application.

Sign up for a webinar or submit a help request.

My QuickBase

Manage your QuickBase applications. Create a new application or search our library of ready-to-use applications.

What types of reports can I create?

Submit a help request

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Introduction 1
Get started right out of the box with ready-to-use applications

When you use QuickBase you have access to hundreds of ready-to-use applications, including project management, sales management, and customer service applications.

If you don’t find the ready-to-use application you need on your My QuickBase page, you can find additional ready-to-use applications by following these steps:

1. On your My QuickBase page, click Create a New Application.
2. On the Templates tab, search for or browse to find a template.
3. Click the Get It Now button next to the template you want.
4. Enter the name you want to give your new app and click Create.
5. Click Go To This Application.

Your new application opens with its dashboard page displayed.

If you used a template developed by QuickBase, you’ll see sample data. Whenever you’re ready, click Delete Sample Data. QuickBase deletes only the sample data; any data you may have entered is not affected.

Once you start using your new application you can customize it for your specific needs by simply “right clicking” on fields and records. Check out the links below and the resources section at the end of this document for more information about customizing your application.

- Watch a tutorial about selecting a ready-to-use application.
- Read about adding fields, or watch a short video.
- Read about adding tables, or watch a short video.
Build your own application & import data

If you already know how you want your data structured you can start from scratch and create your own application. There are two ways to create an application from scratch: spreadsheet style or database style.

Read more about creating your own application here or watch a short tutorial here. In some cases, importing existing data to create a new application requires a simple cut and paste from an existing data source into QuickBase. If your data resides in Microsoft Access, ask your coach about the best way to migrate your information.

Use your existing data to build a custom application

You can also import data by cutting and pasting it from your existing spreadsheets. Additionally, you can browse for a comma-separated or tab-delimited file. Both options create new QuickBase applications with fields, forms, dashboards and roles created for you.

Click here for a step-by-step guide for importing data, or click here for a short tutorial.

Our Coaches are available to help!

During your trial you can talk with one of our Coaches. This free service gives you instant access to a QuickBase expert who will:

- Partner with you to get your trial up and running;
- Work with you to customize QuickBase for your specific needs; and
- Solve any problems you may be having.

“*My teams rely on QuickBase to collaborate, share, and communicate across the board. The flexibility of QuickBase ultimately enables each project team to adapt and work the way they need to for each project, ensuring all aspects of a project remain in synch.*”

— Southwest Airlines (QuickBase customer since 2004)
Resources & Support

Connect with the QuickBase Coaches
During your trial you can talk with one of our Coaches. This free service gives you instant access to a QuickBase expert who will partner with you to customize a QuickBase application for your specific needs. Please don’t hesitate to give us a call if you’re having trouble.
Contact a Coach today.

Attend a Free QuickBase Webinar
Another great resource for getting started with QuickBase, or learning how to use it for specific tasks, is our series of webinars. Webinars are held daily and include titles such as:
- Learn QuickBase in Minutes
- QuickBase Process and Workflow
- Customizing your QuickBase

Register now.

Community & Support
We have a broad range of support resources to help you make the most of your application. Two great places to start are the QuickBase Knowledge Base and the QuickBase Community Forum.

A World of Resources
Ranging from short clips to longer tutorials, we’ve created a host of step-by-step guides and training videos to speed up your success with QuickBase. The four listed below are specifically designed to help you make the most of your application.

Share your application
Watch the video or read the guide to learn how you can grant access to other users so your colleagues can also take advantage of your applications.

Create table relationships
Read the guide to learn how to create a relationship so you can link multiple tables.

Customize forms
Everything you need to know about creating, customizing and then publishing forms in QuickBase is right here. Watch the video or read the guide.

Customize reports
Watch the video or read the guide to learn how you can customize existing table reports by adding columns, sorting or grouping records, and more.

Control permissions in your application
It’s possible to set access controls so only those with permission can see or edit your data. This video will show you how. Or you can read the guide.