

QIF File Format FAQ from Intuit web site

Q: What is a QIF file?

A: A QIF (Quicken Interchange Format) file is a specially formatted ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange) text file used to transfer data between different Quicken data files, and in some cases from and to other financial programs. The Export function in the Quicken program automatically creates a QIF file that can be imported into other Quicken data files. Following are tips to remember when working with QIF files:

- The QIF file must have a name between three and eight characters long followed by the .qif extension (for example, Business.qif), for Quicken for Windows to recognize it.
- A QIF file can be edited in any text editing program, for instance, Microsoft Notepad.
- QIF files may need to be edited when moving files from a Quicken for Windows program to a Quicken for Macintosh program.

Note: Quicken Interchange Format (QIF) is a non-proprietary data format. Although QIF was originally developed by Intuit, and certain Intuit products (including this product) still contain the ability to import and/or export files in QIF format, Intuit does not endorse or provide support for this format. For this reason, Intuit does not know the identities of all institutions and processors that support QIF.

Q: What is the general structure of QIF files?

A: The following rules apply to QIF files:

- Each transaction must end with a ^ symbol.
- Each item in the transaction must appear on a separate line.
- When Quicken exports an account register, it adds one of the following lines at the beginning of the file to identify the type of account:

!Type:Bank

!Type:Invst

!Type:Cash

!Type:Oth A

!Type:CCard

!Type:Oth L

- In addition to the above lines, Quicken Home and Business also uses the following lines:

!Type:Invoice

!Type:Tax

!Type:Bill

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Q: What's an example of a QIF file?

A: The following example of a QIF file shows two transactions exported from a Quicken bank account:

Line in file	Definition
!Type:Bank	Header line
D6/12/95	Date of 1st transaction
U-1,000.00	Amount of 1st transaction
N*****	Check number
PFranks Plumbing	Payee
AFranks Plumbing	Address (1st line)
A2567 Fresno Street	Address (2nd line)
ASanta Barbara, CA 90111	Address (3rd line)
LHome Maint	Category/Transfer/Class
^	Ends 1st transaction
D6/15/95	Date (2nd transaction)
T-75.46	Amount (2nd transaction)
CR	Status in Cleared column
N256	Number
PWalts Drugs	Payee
LSupplies	Category/class
SSupplies	First category in split
EOffice supplies	First memo in split
\$-36.00	First amount in split
SGarden	Second memo in split
\$-39.46	Second amount in split
^	Ends 2nd transaction

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Q: What are the QIF identifiers for non-investment accounts?

A: These letters identify specific items in a non-investment account transaction. Each line in the transaction must begin with one of these letters:

Letter	Definition
D	Date
T	Amount
U	Transaction amount (higher possible value than T)
C	Cleared status
N	Number (check or reference)
P	Payee/description
M	Memo
A	Address (up to 5 lines; 6th line is an optional message)
L	Category (category/transfer/class)
S	Category in split (category/transfer/class)
E	Memo in split
\$	Dollar amount of split
%	Percentage of split if percentages are used
F	Reimbursable business expense flag
^	End of entry
X	Small Business extensions

Repeat the S, E, and \$ lines as many times as necessary for additional items in a split.

If an item is omitted from the transaction in the QIF file, Quicken treats it as a blank item.

Q: What are the QIF identifiers for investment accounts?

A: These letters identify specific items in an investment account transaction. Each line in the transaction must begin with one of these letters:

Letter	Definition
D	Date (optional)
N	Action
Y	Security
I	Price
Q	Quantity (# of shares or split ratio)
C	Cleared status
P	1st line text for transfers/reminders
M	Memo
O	Commission
L	Account for transfer
T	Amount of transaction
U	Amount of transaction (higher possible value than T)
\$	Amount transferred
^	End of entry

If an item is omitted from the transaction in the QIF file, Quicken treats it as a blank item.