

Simple Accounting

Alternatives to MYOB
Software Review

Top Recommendations

Program Name	Acclivity AccountEdge (Canada)	Acclivity Business Basics (US)	Mamut AccountEdge v19 Network Edition
A Amendability	Yes	Yes	Yes
B Year End Rollback	Yes	Yes	Yes
C Windows/Mac	Interchangeable	Interchangeable	Mac Only
D Multi-user	Yes	Single user	Yes
E Tax Compliance	Can be adapted	No VAT	Fair
F Payroll	None	None	Yes: Plus only
G How is the software paid for	Proprietary: one off fee	Proprietary: one off fee	Fee plus Compulsory Rental
H Drill down	Good	Good	Yes
I Ledger Based	Yes	Yes	Yes
J Networkable	Yes	Yes	Yes
K Hosted version	No	No	No
L Import/Export	Yes	Yes	Via PDF, Text or Spreadsheets
M Multi currency	Yes	No	Yes
N Work from SAL template	Yes	Yes	Yes
O Links to other software	MS Office	MS Office	Daylite, iCal, MS Office for Mac, Mac Mail
P Moving datafile	Good	Good	Yes
Q Datafile usable offsite	Good	Good	Yes
R Helpdesk	Not in UK	Not in UK	Yes: if you're on service option
S Partner Scheme	None	None	Tiny
T Advantages	Familiar to MYOB users ODBC compliant. Available on PC. Easy import/export from an MYOB file.	Familiar to MYOB users ODBC compliant	Upgrades existing MYOB databases. Good Mac networking.
U Disadvantages	Still need to create a new datafile by transferring info from old datafile. Problems with UK registrations because of a non-compete agreement.	Still need to create a new datafile by transferring info from old datafile. Problems with UK registrations because of a non-compete agreement.	No windows version. Compulsory annual service fee without which software cannot be accessed. Expensive.
V Website	simpleaccounting.co.uk/software/acclivity.php	simpleaccounting.co.uk/software/acclivity.php	simpleaccounting.co.uk/software/accountedge.php
W Cost excl VAT	US \$399 single user US \$899 for six user system Template datafile £200- free for Business Companion clients.	From \$99 Our Business Companion clients can receive this product free as part of their overall fee.	Single user £190 from Apple shop. 3 user (with Payroll and Support): £1399 first year (only £899 if upgrading from MYOB). Thereafter Compulsory rental of £492 pa. Template datafile £100 from SAL. Our Business Companion clients can receive this product free as part of their overall fee.
X Recommendation	Good for PC users with complex stock control requirements. Gorgeous interface and a growing number of addons.	Suitable for businesses that are not VAT registered.	Consider moving to this if you are a large existing Mac user especially if you work with a complex datafile. Consider this if you need the superior Mac networking.

Top Recommendations

	Program Name	Solar Accounts	MYOB Accounting Plus v11	Clearbooks
A	Amendability	Yes	Yes	Yes
B	Year End Rollback	Yes	Yes	Yes
C	Windows/Mac	Interchangeable	Interchangeable	Web based
D	Multi-user	No	Yes (3 user)	Yes
E	Tax Compliance	Good	Good	Good
F	Payroll	No	No	Yes
G	How is the software paid for	Proprietary: one off fee	Free from SAL if you have an old MYOB licence.	Rental
H	Drill down	Yes	Yes	Yes
I	Ledger Based	Yes	Yes	Yes
J	Networkable	Yes	Yes	Web
K	Hosted version	No	No	Yes
L	Import/Export	CSV	Yes	CSV, Excel
M	Multi currency	No	Yes	Yes
N	Work from SAL template	Yes	Yes	Yes
O	Links to other software	Sage, Email, pdf and Excel.	Pdfs, MS Office (except email)	Yes using export to CSV/Excel
P	Moving datafile	Yes	Yes	Export online transactions via CSV/ Excel
Q	Datafile usable offsite	Yes	Yes	CSV
R	Helpdesk	Yes	SAL will help	Yes
S	Partner Scheme	Small	SAL only	Small
T	Advantages	Operates just like MYOB. Support for CIS and VAT. Amendable invoices. Emailable statements. Interchangeable between Mac and PC.	Existing customers will understand the interface. Licence open ended. Easy to import/export to v11 from later versions of MYOB.	PAYE, VAT, multicurrency. You can add new nominal accounts. Cheaper than other competitors and has more functionality.
U	Disadvantages	No multiple user access. No stock control, budget or payroll.	No upgrades in future. Limited to three users. You still have to create a new datafile.	Limited reports
V	Website	simpleaccounting.co.uk/software/solar.php	simpleaccounting.co.uk/software/myob.php	clearbooks.co.uk
W	Cost excl VAT	Single user: £111 download. £125 for software including CD. Our Business Companion clients can receive this product free as part of their overall fee.	Free if you have a valid MYOB licence. Template three-user datafile is £100. Our Business Companion clients can receive this product free as part of their overall fee.	From £5 per month Our Business Companion clients can receive this product free as part of their overall fee.
X	Recommendation	Very easy to use. Particularly easy for current MYOB users. Best option for small PC users.	Simple Accounting is willing to supply fresh copies of the software and a blank datafile for £100+VAT.	Ideal for customers who have simpler affairs and require an online solution to manage their business.

Alternatives

	Program Name	Correct Accounting	Express Accounts	MYOB Accounting v13 to v18	Quickbooks Pro + Payroll
A	Amendability	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
B	Year End Rollback	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
C	Windows/ Mac	Windows	Interchangeable	Interchangeable	Windows Only
D	Multi-user	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
E	Tax Compliance	Good	Fair	Good	Excellent
F	Payroll	No	No	No	Yes
G	How is the software paid for	Proprietary	Proprietary	Proprietary	Proprietary. Payroll/ multiuser systems: Rental only
H	Drill down	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
I	Ledger Based	Yes	No	Yes	No
J	Networkable	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
K	Hosted version	No	No	No	Yes
L	Import/Export	No	CSV	Yes	Yes
M	Multi currency	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
N	Work from SAL template	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
O	Links to other software	No	Express Invoice, Excel	MS Office, Outlook, Mac Mail	MS Office. Lots of third party Apps on Intuit marketplace
P	Moving datafile	Yes	Difficult- need to move entire program folder	Yes	Yes
Q	Datafile usable offsite	Yes	Difficult	Yes	Yes
R	Helpdesk	No	Yes	Until 2011	Yes
S	Partner Scheme	No	No	Small	Huge
T	Advantages	Good screens. Easy to use.	Cheap, multi platform system. Links to other software.	Existing customers will follow the interface.	Simple to use with features such as payroll, stock and multi currency. E-filing of PAYE and VAT return.
U	Disadvantages	No interlink between sales and customers	Simple navigation; could be better. Simple VAT recording. Not ledger-based.	Licence to expire 2011. Poor networking for macs.	You will have to learn a new interface (menu is not ledger-based). Complex reporting suite. New datafile required: new coding structures etc...
V	Website	itbix.com	nchsoftware.com/accounting	simpleaccounting.co.uk	quickbooks.co.uk
W	Cost excl VAT	\$45	\$129	£0 if you are on your current licence. You must move from this by December 2011.	Single user no Payroll: £199.20 one off payment. 1 user Licence with Payroll, Updates and Support: £499.20 pa. 3 user Licence with Payroll, Updates and Support: £806.40 pa

Other Reviewed

	Program Name	ABC6	Acceptum	Access Accounting	Accomplish Cash Manager Standard	Accounted
A	Amendability	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
B	Year End Rollback	?	No	No	No	No
C	Windows/ Mac	Windows	Windows	Windows	Windows	Both
D	Multi-user	Yes	n/a	Yes	No	Yes
E	Tax Compliance	Yes	Poor	Good	Good	Poor
F	Payroll	Optional	No	Add-on	No	No
G	How is the software paid for	Proprietary	Proprietary	Proprietary	Proprietary	Proprietary
H	Drill down	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes but not available from within reports	Yes
I	Ledger Based	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
J	Networkable	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
K	Hosted version	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
L	Import/Export	?	Yes	Yes	Excel, CSV	Yes
M	Multi currency	No	n/a	Yes	No	Yes
N	Work from SAL template	Yes	n/a	Yes	Yes	No
O	Links to other software	Has internal spreadsheet and word processor	Not easy	MS Office	No	Quickbooks, MYOB
P	Moving datafile	Yes	Not easy	Yes	Yes	Yes
Q	Datafile usable offsite	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
R	Helpdesk	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
S	Partner Scheme	Tiny	?	Yes	Yes	No
T	Advantages	Ledger based menus	Amendable.	Good functionality. Amendable.	Three companies as standard. VAT.	Link to Studiometry. Sales Order processing. Simple interface.
U	Disadvantages	Not amendable	Hard to use the ledger analysis. Complex modular costing.	Awkward navigation. Expensive.	No multi user access. No general ledger in the UK.	Not UK configured. No account numbers.
V	Website	abc6.co.uk	acceptum.co.uk	theaccessgroup.com	accomplishglobal .com	oranged.net
W	Cost excl VAT	£600	N/A	£5000-£10,000	From £235	\$60

Other Reviewed

	Program Name	AccountMate 8	Accountz	Appgen Mybooks	Astra	Big Business
A	Amendability	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
B	Year End Rollback	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	?
C	Windows/ Mac	Windows	Interchangeable	Both	Both	Interchangeable
D	Multi-user	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
E	Tax Compliance		Good	Poor	Poor	Poor
F	Payroll	No	No	No (US Only)	Yes	No
G	How is the software paid for	Proprietary	Proprietary	Proprietary	Proprietary	Proprietary
H	Drill down	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
I	Ledger Based	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
J	Networkable	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
K	Hosted version	No	No	No	No	No
L	Import/Export	Yes	To be introduced	Yes	n/a	Yes
M	Multi currency	Yes	Optional	No	Yes	Yes
N	Work from SAL template	Yes	Yes	?	n/a	No
O	Links to other software	Large range of US software integration.	Excel	Quickbooks, Sage	n/a	No
P	Moving datafile	Yes	By backup/ email	Yes	n/a	No
Q	Datafile usable offsite	Yes	Yes	Yes	n/a	No
R	Helpdesk	Yes (US)	Yes	Yes (US)	n/a	Yes
S	Partner Scheme	Yes	Small	Yes	Partial	No
T	Advantages	Highly customizable,	One click VAT. Amendable. Linux interchangeable. Additional options available between £85 and £400.	Look and feel is similar to MYOB.	Larger scale Mac alternative to AccountEdge. Strong networking.	Appears to cover most ledgers available in MYOB. ODBC add on.
U	Disadvantages	Fairly expensive modular system. Only works natively on windows.	Interface 'from' and 'to' are a bit like Debit and Credit, not easy for user. Not enough visual clues.	Not being upgraded very regularly. Not amendable.	Not amendable. Looks too much like a database.	Comprehensive but irritating. Several features appear clumsy. Tricky to use and expensive.
V	Website	accountmate.com	accountz.com	appgen.com	astraccounts .co.uk	bigbusiness.com
W	Cost excl VAT	\$1,000- \$7,000	Single user: £120. £99 per extra user.	\$79	From £120	\$595 per user

Other Reviewed

Program Name	Big Red Book Plus	Business-ware	Connected Precision ERP	Corona	Datafile
A Amendability	No	Unpost	No	Yes	No
B Year End Rollback	Yes	Yes	No	No	n/a
C Windows/ Mac	Windows	Windows	Both	Both	Windows
D Multi-user		Yes	Yes	No	Yes
E Tax Compliance	Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Good
F Payroll	Addon	No	n/a	No (US Only)	?
G How is the software paid for	Proprietary	Proprietary	Proprietary	Proprietary	Proprietary
H Drill down	Yes	Yes	Yes, but not on reports	Yes	Yes
I Ledger Based	Yes	Yes	Partial	Yes	Yes
J Networkable		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
K Hosted version	No	No	No	No	Yes
L Import/Export	Yes	CSV	Yes	Yes	?
M Multi currency	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
N Work from SAL template	Yes	?	n/a	Yes	Yes
O Links to other software	Excel, CSV	Excel, Email	n/a	Mac addressbook	?
P Moving datafile	Yes	Yes	n/a	No	Yes
Q Datafile usable offsite	Yes	Yes	n/a	No	Yes
R Helpdesk	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
S Partner Scheme		No	Partial	No	?
T Advantages	Addon modules to extend functionality such as CRM, Stock.	Promising piece of software with inventory and sales. Very cheap.	Larger scale mac alternative to MYOB and Quickbooks.	Amendable.	
U Disadvantages	Windows 95 style screens. Difficult in and out ledger based layout. Look and feel very similar to Excel.	No mac version. No built in payroll. Not amendable.	Not amendable. Interface is too hard for those who are used to MYOB.	Very fiddly and complex. Lightweight.	Difficult interface. Incomplete reports. Drill down. Annoying lockups
V Website	bigredbook.com	business-ware .co.uk	accountek.com	designersdomain.com	datafile.co.uk
W Cost excl VAT	€ 799	From £89	N/A	\$64.95	From £300

Other Reviewed

	Program Name	DO\$H	Economacs	Genesis Accounting	GnuCash	Hansa
A	Amendability	Yes	Limited	Unpost	No	Only with difficulty
B	Year End Rollback	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
C	Windows/ Mac	Both	Mac	Both	Both	Both
D	Multi-user	No	No	Yes	?	Yes
E	Tax Compliance	Good	Fair	Poor	?	Good
F	Payroll	No	No	No	Yes	Extra
G	How is the software paid for	Proprietary	Proprietary	Proprietary	Open source	Proprietary
H	Drill down	Yes	Tricky	Yes	?	?
I	Ledger Based	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes - optional
J	Networkable	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
K	Hosted version	No	No	No	No	No
L	Import/Export	No	Export only	Yes, excel	Limited	Yes
M	Multi currency	No	Yes	No	Yes	?
N	Work from SAL template	?	Yes	No	?	?
O	Links to other software	?	Addressbook, Excel	Yes, Genesis Transactions and Business Metrics	?	?
P	Moving datafile	Yes	Yes	Yes	?	Yes
Q	Datafile usable offsite	Yes	Yes	Yes	?	Yes
R	Helpdesk	Yes	Yes	Email	Email	?
S	Partner Scheme	Yes	?	No	Unknown	Small
T	Advantages	Amendable and fairly easy to use	Good links with addressbook. Built in VAT number checker. Mac version. Amendable.	Fairly good screens. Further integration possible.	Linux Open source	Large number of multiuser. Multi platform
U	Disadvantages	Poor interface design. Very limited reports. No automatic VAT calculations	No PC version. Difficult to amend invoices. No drill down.	Poor tax compliance. Very expensive.	Tricky navigation. Odd use of double entry in entry screens. Difficult to trace transactions. Not amendable.	Difficult to amend transactions.
V	Website	mamut.com/uk/dosh	economacs.com/uk	newmillennium.com	gnucash.org	books.hansaworld.com
W	Cost excl VAT	From £49	£79	\$6000- \$10,000	Free	from £170

Other Reviewed

	Program Name	Instant Admin	Intact	Job Order	Kibiz	Luca
A	Amendability	Yes	Limited	No	No	Yes
B	Year End Rollback	No	?	No	Yes	No
C	Windows/ Mac	Both	Windows	Both	Both	Mac
D	Multi-user	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
E	Tax Compliance	OK	Good	Poor	Poor	Poor
F	Payroll	No	No	No	No	No
G	How is the software paid for	Proprietary	Proprietary	Proprietary	Compulsory Service	Freeware
H	Drill down	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
I	Ledger Based	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
J	Networkable	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
K	Hosted version	No	No	No	Yes	No
L	Import/Export	Export only to CSV	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes via MSQl and now CSV.
M	Multi currency	Yes	Yes	Limited	Yes	Yes
N	Work from SAL template	No	Yes	?	?	Yes
O	Links to other software	No	MS Office	Yes via CSV	Yes	?
P	Moving datafile	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Q	Datafile usable offsite	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
R	Helpdesk	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No/email
S	Partner Scheme	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
T	Advantages	Quick and easy to manage invoices and receipts.	Easy to use. Extremely flexible. Promising bit of software. Good for warehousing.	Beautiful interface. Integrated CRM.	Built in Contact Management, Inventory, Sales, Personnel and Accounting. Scalable for medium and large firms.	Advance features such as forex and auto postings.
U	Disadvantages	No chart of accounts, limited reporting functionality, no VAT e-filing, bank accounts etc...	No mac version. Not amendable.	Very pricey. Not amendable.	Poor tax compliance. No payroll. Not amendable. Quite pricey. Based on Filemaker.	Runs only on Snow Leopard.
V	Website	instantadmin.co.uk	intact.ie	joborder.com	kibizsystems.com	cutedgesystems.com
W	Cost excl VAT	£59	From £1500	\$14,950	from \$999	\$0- \$29.99

Other Reviewed

	Program Name	Mac Freelance	Mac Habu	Mamut Accounting Pro	Managemore	Moneyworks
A	Amendability	No	No	Limited	No	No
B	Year End Rollback	No	No	No	No	No
C	Windows/ Mac	Mac	Both	Windows	Windows	Both
D	Multi-user	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
E	Tax Compliance	Poor	Poor	Good	Some	Fair
F	Payroll	No	No	Optional	No	No
G	How is the software paid for	Proprietary	Proprietary	Software plus Compulsory Service	Proprietary	Proprietary
H	Drill down	No	Yes	Partial	?	Yes
I	Ledger Based	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
J	Networkable	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
K	Hosted version	No	No	Yes	No	No
L	Import/Export	No	Yes	Yes	?	Yes
M	Multi currency	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
N	Work from SAL template	No	Yes	?	?	Yes
O	Links to other software	Ical, Mac mail	No	MS Office	?	Excel, Word
P	Moving datafile	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Q	Datafile usable offsite	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes: zip, email
R	Helpdesk	Email	No	Yes	Yes- US based	No Email only
S	Partner Scheme	Yes	No	Medium	Not in UK	Weak in UK
T	Advantages	Lightweight and simple. Geared towards freelancers.			Very comprehensive system. Some functions which appear to work in a different way to MYOB.	Beautiful screens
U	Disadvantages	Poor tax compliance, limited functionality for small business needs. Not amendable.	Doesn't look sophisticated enough. Not amendable.	Poor amendability. Locked periods cannot be reopened. Licence and service agreement required on on a yearly basis.	Difficult to find transactions in a way similar to MYOB, (eg through using lists or enquiry modules or reports). Nice looking program but hard to use. Not amendable.	Interface a bit tough. Not amendable.
V	Website	macwareinc.com	mcrichter.macbay.de	mamut.co.uk	managemore.com	cognito.co.nz
W	Cost excl VAT	\$44.99	£35.98	£229 + £159 compulsory support	\$495	From £405 plus

Other Reviewed

Program Name	Mr Tax Filling Software	Multiledger	Nano Accounts	Nimble Creations
A Amendability	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
B Year End Rollback	No	Yes	No	No
C Windows/ Mac	Windows	Both	Mac	Windows
D Multi-user	No	Yes	No	Yes
E Tax Compliance	Fair	Poor	Poor	Good
F Payroll	No	Yes, addon	No	No
G How is the software paid for	Proprietary	Proprietary	Proprietary	Proprietary
H Drill down	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
I Ledger Based	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
J Networkable	No	Yes	No	Yes
K Hosted version	No	No	No	Yes
L Import/Export	No	Yes	Export to Excel. No import facility.	Yes
M Multi currency	No	No	Yes	No
N Work from SAL template	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
O Links to other software	No	Quickbooks	Excel, Mac Addressbook	?
P Moving datafile	?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Q Datafile usable offsite	no	Yes	Yes	
R Helpdesk	Yes	Yes	Email	Yes
S Partner Scheme	Yes	Yes	None	No
T Advantages	Offers tax calcs for self employed. Amendable.	Mac and Windows, amendable.	Very simple and cheap. Good amendability. Good links to Mac incl addressbook. Similar feel to MYOB.	Sales and backend office features.
U Disadvantages	Very difficult to use. Limited bookkeeping functions	Interface difficult to understand. US and Canadian	Very lightweight, no payroll. Difficult credit/debit. Unable to amend invoice template. Discontinued.	Inelegant site. Basic product menus. Not amendable.
V Website	mrtaxsoftware.com	checkmark.com	nano.com.au	nimsys.com
W Cost excl VAT	£139	\$399	Single user \$39.99	From NZ \$70 p/w

Other Reviewed

	Program Name	One Step Accounting	OSAS	Pastel Accounting (keytime)	Peachtree	Pegasus
A	Amendability	n/a	Yes	No	No	No
B	Year End Rollback	n/a	Yes	No	?	No
C	Windows/ Mac	Windows	Both	Windows	Windows	Windows
D	Multi-user	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
E	Tax Compliance	Poor	Good	Good	Poor	Good
F	Payroll	No	Addon	Yes	Addon module	Optional
G	How is the software paid for	Proprietary	Proprietary	Proprietary	Proprietary	Proprietary
H	Drill down	?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
I	Ledger Based	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
J	Networkable	?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
K	Hosted version	No	No	Yes	No	Yes
L	Import/Export	?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
M	Multi currency	?	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
N	Work from SAL template	?	Yes	Yes	n/a	Yes
O	Links to other software	?	Yes	CSV Export	Quickbooks, MS Office	Yes
P	Moving datafile	Not easy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Q	Datafile usable offsite	Not easy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
R	Helpdesk	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
S	Partner Scheme	No	Yes	Yes	US Only	Yes
T	Advantages	Free	Multi platform works on Mac, Linux and Windows. Has a series of modules that can be integrated.	Not amendable.	Peachtree has a lot of features and functions, but is simple to learn and easy to use.	
U	Disadvantages	Not very intuitive screens.		Not amendable. Sage owned.	Sage owned.	Not amendable
V	Website	enablecomputing .com	osas.com	pastel.co.nz	peachtree.com	pegasus.co.uk
W	Cost excl VAT	FREE	n/a	£620	\$199	

Other Reviewed

	Program Name	Sage 50 Accounts Pro	Speed-e-books	Tas Books	The Accountant
A	Amendability	Difficult	Yes	Yes	?
B	Year End Rollback	No	Yes	No	?
C	Windows/ Mac	Windows	Both: Excel based	Windows	Windows
D	Multi-user	Yes	No	Yes	?
E	Tax Compliance	Good	Fair	Good	?
F	Payroll	Optional	No	Optional	?
G	How is the software paid for	Proprietary	Proprietary	Proprietary	Proprietary
H	Drill down	Yes	Yes	Yes	?
I	Ledger Based	Yes	Yes	Yes	?
J	Networkable	Yes	No	Yes	?
K	Hosted version	No	No	No	?
L	Import/Export	Yes	No	Yes	?
M	Multi currency	Yes	Yes	Yes	?
N	Work from SAL template	Yes	Yes	Yes	?
O	Links to other software	Yes	Yes	Yes	?
P	Moving datafile	Yes	Yes	Yes	?
Q	Datafile usable offsite	Yes	Yes	Yes	?
R	Helpdesk	Yes	Yes	Yes	?
S	Partner Scheme	Yes	No	Yes	?
T	Advantages	Well documented and supported. Huge partner program. Remote access through a mobile phone.	Looks sophisticated enough for small cash based businesses. Amendable.	Easy to use. Well documented	Comprehensive system. Some functions appear to work in a way completely different from MYOB (say the bank rec).
U	Disadvantages	No amendability. Not easy to use	No invoicing or stock. Spreadsheet – so many codes have to be entered repetitiously.	No integrated payroll. Limited multi currency functions. Limited import	Online shop is broken. Very difficult navigation in the example datafile.
V	Website	sage.co.uk	speed-e-books.com	tassoftware.co.uk	maqcon.com
W	Cost excl VAT	Single user: £1095 3 user Licence: £1595	\$29	£395	N/A

Other Reviewed

	Program Name	Thesaurus Solutions Free v2010	Turbocash	Vision X	xTuple Postbooks
A	Amendability	Yes	Yes	Unpost	Yes
B	Year End Rollback	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
C	Windows/ Mac	Windows	Windows	Both	Both
D	Multi-user	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
E	Tax Compliance	Fair	Yes	Poor	Poor
F	Payroll	Optional	Yes	Poor	No
G	How is the software paid for	Freeware	Open source	Proprietary	Proprietary
H	Drill down	Poor	Yes	Yes	Yes
I	Ledger Based	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
J	Networkable	?	Yes	Yes	Yes
K	Hosted version	No	No	No	Yes
L	Import/Export	Limited	Yes	Yes	Yes
M	Multi currency	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
N	Work from SAL template	No	CSV export	Yes	Yes
O	Links to other software	No	Yes	Third party payroll and CRM	
P	Moving datafile	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Q	Datafile usable offsite	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
R	Helpdesk	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
S	Partner Scheme	None	No		Yes
T	Advantages	Offers online filing, Amendable, CIS module	Some amendability	Easily customised.	Good CRM, inventory and eRP features for manufacturing.
U	Disadvantages	Very poor interface for bookkeeping product. Payroll and CIS products not free	Lookup lists are difficult to find. Has odd glitches. No proper help desk. Clunky, cannot use more than one window at a time.	Unfriendly interface. Poor amendability. Very pricey.	Screens difficult to follow. No VAT return or e-filing facilities.
V	Website	thesaurussoftware.co.uk	turbocash.co.uk	logisoftinc.com	xtuple.com
W	Cost excl VAT	Free	Free, £172 pa for support	\$4000 plus \$495 per workstation	\$350 per user per annum

Not recommended

Program Name	4th Quarter	Adminsoft Accounts	Clients & Profits X	Connected Accounting	EziSolution	FileClerk
Windows/ Mac	Both	Windows	Both	Both	Windows	Mac/ DOS
Advantages		Good drill down. Comprehensive features.	Designed for agencies, graphic design firms, and corporate marketing departments	Ledger based	Free download of shareware	Open source Mac accounting for farmers
Disadvantages	Mac and PC accounting source code for developers. Too complex	Not amendable. Ugly yellow screens.	Too expensive	Installation crashed on my Mac (10.4). Not amendable. Year-end can't be reversed.	No Drilldown, old fashioned feel and operations, glitches in the system changes window which appears multiple times.	Written only for older Mac OS versions and DOS
Website	4thquarter.com	adminssoftware .biz	cnp-x.com	goconnected .com	EziSolution.co.uk	landrumsoftware .com
Cost	\$2500	Freeware	\$9999+	£0	£100	
Program Name	Free Accounting Software	Microphage/ TRT	T Accounting	TinyBooks		
Windows/ Mac	Windows	Mac	Mac	Mac		
Advantages	Fairly pleasing on the eye. Multiuser. Currency stock and SOP.	Mac accounting		simple, flexible, non bloated, single entry bookkeeping		
Disadvantages	No amendability. Average to poor website. PC only.	Too lightweight	This appears to be simultaneously too light a package and too complex to administer. Ugly looking reports.	Too lightweight and a bit ugly. No drill down on reports.		
Website	freeaccountingsoftware .net	microphage .qc.ca	double-entry-accounting-software.com	winograd.com		
Cost	£0		\$175	\$69		

Personal Finance

Program Name	Moneydance RECOMMENDED	Quicken RECOMMENDED	BS1	Budget	BudgetfM	Cha Ching	Checkbook	Checkbook Rec
Windows/ Mac	Both	Windows/ Mac	Windows	Mac	Mac	Mac	Mac	Mac
Advantages	Well reviewed on web. Imports electronic bank statements. Portfolio management. Budgeting	Mac accounting						
Disadvantages		Not tailored for the UK						
Website	moneydance.com or tescooftware.com/financedetailed.php	quicken.intuit.com	dbsonline.com/accounting/	snowmintcs.com/	budget software.de	chachingapp.com/	splasm.com	cornerstonedesigns.biz
Cost	£9.98 or £40.60	\$49.99-\$99	Free	\$30	\$15	\$40	\$18	\$9
Program Name	Conto FREE	Easy Accounting	EasyMoney	Finance	Finance2go	Hold Up FREE	Horizon	iBank
Windows/ Mac	Mac	Mac	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Advantages					Simple			
Disadvantages					lightweight			
Website	conto.en.softonic.com	compu-ex.com	ttpsoftware.com	yenco.com	fastforwardsw.com/financetogo	pol-online.net/hold_up/us_home.html	lucernesys.com	iggsoftware.com/ibank
Cost	Free	\$99	\$20	\$20	£44	Free	\$30	\$40
Program Name	iCash	iCompta	Jumsoft Money	Personal Finance Pro	Quick Finance	SpendThrift FREE		
Windows/ Mac	Yes	Windows/ Mac	Mac	Windows	Mac	Mac		
Advantages	Works on iphone and ipad.	Multi-platform	Now available on the iPhone	Easy to use for budgeting managing loans				
Disadvantages								
Website	maxprog.com	lyricapps.com	jumsoft.com/money	financesoftware.com	quickfinance-mac.com	blackllamafaction.org/spendthrift		
Cost	£49.90	\$19.99	\$23	\$29.95	\$24	Free		

Web based

	Program Name	Clearbooks RECOMMENDED	AccountsiQ	Acctvantage	Arithmo	Bill.com
A	Amendability	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
B	Year End Rollback	Yes	?	Yes	No	No
C	Windows/ Mac	Web based	Web based	Web based	Web based	Web based
D	Multi-user	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
E	Tax Compliance	Good	Fair	?	Good	Poor
F	Payroll	In beta	Yes	No	No	No
G	How is the software paid for	Rental	Rental	Proprietary	Rental	Rental
H	Drill down	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
I	Ledger Based	Yes	Yes	?	Yes	No
J	Networkable	Web	Web	Web	Web	Web
K	Hosted version	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
L	Import/Export	Yes	Yes	Excel	Excel	Yes
M	Multi currency	Yes	Yes	Yes		No
N	Work from SAL template	Yes	No	?	No	No
O	Links to other software	Yes using export	?	Yes	Excel	Quickbooks, Peachtree, Intacct
P	Moving datafile	CSV/ Excel	?	?	No	Export
Q	Datafile usable offsite	No	No	?	Yes	No
R	Helpdesk	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
S	Partner Scheme	Small	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
T	Advantages	PAYE, VAT, multicurrency. Add nominals. Cheaper than other competitors and has more functionality.		ERP with sales and inventory management.		Sync with Quickbooks. Payment portal for customers to view and pay invoices. Can import chart of accounts.
U	Disadvantages	Limited reports			No amendability. Screens are slightly dated.	Limited to just the sales function. Only US configured.
V	Website	clearbooks.co.uk	accountsiq.com	acctvantage.com	arithmo.co.uk	bill.com
W	Cost per person per month	From £5	N/A	N/A	Standard - £35 pa Premium - £45 pa	\$24.99 per month \$9.99 per additional user

Web based

	Program Name	Brightpearl	Brightbook	Concur Breeze	ERPLY Small Business	Expensify
A	Amendability	No	Yes	Yes	yes	Yes
B	Year End Rollback	No	No	n/a	No	n/a
C	Windows/ Mac	Web based	Web based	Web based	Web based	Web based
D	Multi-user	Yes	No	Yes		Yes
E	Tax Compliance	Good	Good	Poor	Poor	Poor
F	Payroll	No	No	No	No	No
G	How is the software paid for	Rental	Free	Rental	Rental	Rental
H	Drill down	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
I	Ledger Based	Yes	No	No	No	No
J	Networkable	Web	Web	Web	Web	Web
K	Hosted version	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
L	Import/Export	Excel	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
M	Multi currency	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
N	Work from SAL template		No	No	No	No
O	Links to other software	Office	Export data for any accounting package. Iphone app to upload expense receipts.	Quickbooks	Magento, Prestashop, Quickbooks	Quickbooks
P	Moving datafile	No	CSV	Yes	Yes	Yes
Q	Datafile usable offsite	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
R	Helpdesk	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
S	Partner Scheme	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
T	Advantages	In built CRM, Website, EPOS, stock system and payment processing terminal.	Nice looking screens with plenty of functionality for very small businesses. Amendable invoices. Bank statement import facility. Bad debts dealt with ease.	Exportable to Quickbooks. Upload expenses to account using iphone and Android App.	Comprehensive set of addon modules. Excellent screens and functionality with built in EPOS, customer mail merging and inventory system.	Exportable to Quickbooks. Upload expenses to account using iphone and Android App. Automatic mileage calculator.
U	Disadvantages	Very expensive when other modules are added. Data entry screens are very dated, and don't have ease of use like other systems.	No nominal coding, bank reconciliation or new account creation facilities. Very limited reports.	Limited to entering expenses and importing purchases. No other accounting function.	No tax reports.	Limited to entering expenses. No other accounting function.
V	Website	brightpearl.co.uk	brightbook.co.uk	concur.com	erply.com	expensify.com
W	Cost per person per month	Basic 1 user: £20. 3 user licence: £150.	FREE	Free for first 2 users then \$8 per additional user	From €55	Free for first 2 users then \$5 per additional user

Web based

	Program Name	FreeAgent Central	FreshBooks Mighty Oak	IAC-EZ	Invoicera	IRIS OpenBooks
A	Amendability	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
B	Year End Rollback	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
C	Windows/ Mac	Web based	We based	Web based	We based	Web based
D	Multi-user	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
E	Tax Compliance	Good	Poor	Fair	Poor	Good
F	Payroll	No	No	US Only	No	No
G	How is the software paid for	Rental	Rental	Rental	Rental	Rental
H	Drill down	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
I	Ledger Based	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
J	Networkable	Web	Web	Web	Web	Web
K	Hosted version	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
L	Import/Export	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
M	Multi currency	Coming soon	Yes	Yes	Yes	Coming soon
N	Work from SAL template	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
O	Links to other software	iphone Apps	iphone App, integrates with many other apps such as salesforce, outright, xero.	Freshbooks	Integrates with many other Google Apps.	iphone Apps, Iris AP
P	Moving datafile	CSV	CSV	CSV	CSV	No
Q	Datafile usable offsite	No	No	No	No	No
R	Helpdesk	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
S	Partner Scheme	Small	Small	Small	Small	Small
T	Advantages	Business Tax Calculation. Intuitive, easy access. Online VAT filing.	Online invoicing and billing. Iphone App, send paid printed invoices direct from the account (paid option within US).	Easy to use and navigate around the screen. Good functionality for small businesses.	Online invoicing and billing.	Business Tax Calculation. Intuitive, easy access. A re-badged version of FreeAgent Central. Online VAT filing.
U	Disadvantages	Cannot add nominals coding.	Limited accounting functionality.	Some feature access quite flaky. Currently only US customers allowed access.	Limited accounting functionality.	Cannot add nominals coding.
V	Website	freeagentcentral.com	freshbooks.com	iacez.com	invoicera.com	irisopenbooks.co.uk
W	Cost per person per month	From £15	\$39.95 / month £10 per additional user	\$19.95	\$19.95 / month	From £15

Web based

	Program Name	Kashflow	Kashoo	Less Accounting	LibertyAccounts	myERP
A	Amendability	No	Yes	No	Limited	Yes
B	Year End Rollback	?		?	Yes	Yes
C	Windows/ Mac	Web based	Web based	Web based	Web based	Web based
D	Multi-user	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
E	Tax Compliance	Good	Poor	Poor	Fair	Poor
F	Payroll	Addon	No	No	Yes	No
G	How is the software paid for	Rental	Rental	Rental	Rental	Rental
H	Drill down	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
I	Ledger Based	Yes		Yes	Yes	
J	Networkable	Web	Web	Web	Web	Web
K	Hosted version	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
L	Import/Export	Yes		Yes	CSV import, export only transactions	Yes
M	Multi currency	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
N	Work from SAL template	Probably		Yes	Yes	?
O	Links to other software	Ecommerce, Time/Project management, Payroll	Freshbooks	Basecamp, Shopify, Highrise, Less time spent, Paypal	?	Google calender,
P	Moving datafile	No		Export	Yes	
Q	Datafile usable offsite	No	Yes	Yes, QuickBooks	Just	
R	Helpdesk	Yes	Yes	?	Yes	Yes
S	Partner Scheme	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
No	Advantages	Free API		CRM	Online VAT filing, P11D production	Integrated CRM, Sales, Purchasing and Accounting functionality.
U	Disadvantages	Clunky		US version, Limited reports.	Very spreadsheet like.	
V	Website	kashflow.co.uk	kashoo.com	lessaccounting.com	libertyaccounts.com	myerp.com
W	Cost per person per month	£192	\$9.95 per month	\$20	From £15	Free for upto 2 users. \$29 per month

Web based

Program Name	Nola Pro	Quickbooks Online Plus beta	Rhino Accounting	Strategicfrontend
A Amendability	Yes	?	n/a	Yes
B Year End Rollback	Yes	?	n/a	n/a
C Windows/ Mac	Web based	Web based	Web based	Web based
D Multi-user	Yes		n/a	Yes
E Tax Compliance	Fair	Very good	n/a	Poor
F Payroll	Fair	No	No	No
G How is the software paid for	Free	Rental	Rental	Rental
H Drill down	Partial	?		Yes
I Ledger Based	Yes	?	Yes	n/a
J Networkable	Web	Web	Web	Web
K Hosted version	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
L Import/Export	Limited	Yes	n/a	n/a
M Multi currency	Optional	?	n/a	N/a
N Work from SAL template	n/a	?	n/a	n/a
O Links to other software	n/a	Quickbooks, MS Outlook, Excel	n/a	n/a
P Moving datafile	Not easy	?	n/a	n/a
Q Datafile usable offsite	Not easy	?	n/a	n/a
R Helpdesk	Email	Telephone, Email	Yes	Yes
S Partner Scheme	Not in UK	Large	No	No
T Advantages	Elegant initial navigation	Simple and easy to use. Has built in budgets, over 65 reports and VAT e-filing.		Suitable for companies with a corporate or multinational management structure.
U Disadvantages	Browser means that you can only use one window at a time; actual data entry is very slow; difficult to trace transactions.	Currently in beta testing. Monthly prices likely to rise significantly.		Limited to just mngement performance improvement, no accounting functionality.
V Website	nolapro.com	quickbooks.co.uk	rhinoaccounting.com	strategicfrontend.com
W Cost per person per month	\$200 pa support	£5	£0	From \$29

Web based

Program Name	Winweb	Xero	Yendo Standard	Zoho Invoice	
A Amendability	No	No	Yes	Yes	
B Year End Rollback	No	Yes	Yes	No	
C Windows/ Mac	Web based	Web based	Web based	Web based	
D Multi-user	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
E Tax Compliance	Good	Good	Fair	Fair	
F Payroll	No	No	No	No	
G How is the software paid for	Rental	Rental	Rental	Rental	
H Drill down	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes	
I Ledger Based	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
J Networkable	Web	Web	Web	Web	
K Hosted version	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
L Import/Export	Yes	CSV	Yes	Yes	
M Multi currency	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
N Work from SAL template	No	Yes	No	No	
O Links to other software	Mail, Calender, Skype, cashflow tool	Yes	Basecamp	Zoho CRM	
P Moving datafile	No	No	Backup as XML	No	
Q Datafile usable offsite	Online	No	No	No	
R Helpdesk	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
S Partner Scheme	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
T Advantages	Simple and easy to use. Intuitive screens, with loads of features and integration with other winweb office solutions.	Easy to use	Good visula grpahs under each ledger. Clean GUI and easy navigation. Built in management reports feature. Mobile edition works nicely with iphone.	Accept online payments, invoice tracking and overdue reminders.	
U Disadvantages	No payroll.			Limited to just invoicing no other function.	
V Website	winweb.com	xero.com	yendo.com	zoho.com/invoice	
W Cost per person per month	From £19.99	£19	From \$26	From \$8	

Payroll

	Program Name	12Pay	Qtac Payroll	Mamut Payroll	Payroo
A	Delete and re-enter	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
B	Year End Rollback	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
C	Windows/ Mac	Windows	Windows	Windows	Browser based
D	Multi-user	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
E	Online filing	Good	Good	Good	Good
F	P11Ds	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
G	How is the software paid for.	Proprietary	Proprietary	Proprietary	Proprietary
H	Drill down	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
I	Ledger Based	Yes	Yes	Yes	?
J	Networkable	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
K	Hosted version	?	?	?	Yes
L	Links to other software	Yes	Yes	Yes	?
M	Helpdesk	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
N	CIS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
O	Advantages	Fairly easy to use. Excellent helpdesk. Can handle CIS deduction and director pay.			Employee access to view/print payslips, P60 and P11Ds. Auto tax code updates. Data exportable in CSV format.
P	Disadvantages		Difficult screens for users to follow.	Difficult screens for users to follow.	Cumbersome screens to enter data.
Q	Website	12pay.co.uk	qtac.co.uk	mamut.com	.payroo.com
R	Cost	£59 pa	£120 pa	£180	Free for upto 9 employees. Over 10 employees £2 per employee.

Asset Register

Program Name	Mamut Asset register	Computerise your assets	Asset Manage	Fixed Asset Pro	Turbo Cash Addon
Windows	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Advantages	Free download prog for calculating depreciation either by straight line or by reducing balance methods. Change of method allowed.	US based but local tailoring. Asset register with ownership and warranty, service checking etc. Domestic use for insurance and inheritance tax planning.	US based but local tailoring. Asset register with ownership and warranty, service checking. Depreciation is a feature of this software.		
Disadvantages	There is an awkward uninspiring feel to the software. No automatic updating of screens. No Drill down on reports. Warranties and insurance renewal dates.	No depreciation is a key problem with this software.	However a key problem is that it cannot easily cope with a changed depreciation policy.		
Website	mamut.co.uk	cya2day.com	assetmanagesoftware.com		
Cost	Free	\$49.95	\$195		

CRM

Program Name	ACT!	Amphis Software	Contactizer	Daylite	Goldmine	Holy Mackerel CRM Haven	Jumsoft Relationship
Mac/ Windows	Windows	Windows	Mac	Mac	Windows	Both	Mac
Advantages	Highly used by small businesses. Ability to store contacts, documents. Integration between Sage Accounting packages and Google calendar.	A cheap and powerful way of extending a PC single user system.	Very intuitive to use. Easily add and preview files for each stage. Excellent workflow.	Quick easy templates that can be tailored for many businesses. Integration with AccountEdge Mac and billings software		Online and cross platform.	Affordable
Disadvantages		CRM only. Draws up word invoices and can export to accounting packages.	OS maybe too high for older Mac but workable on macbook	Difficult to attach files to activities and customers. No preview function.		Seems very complex to use.	No standard processes with multiple dates. No preview of attachments to events.
Website	sage.co.uk	amphis-software.com	objective-decision.com	marketcircle.com	pcdi.co.uk	holymackerel software.com	jumsoft.com
Cost	£190+VAT	£100-£200	\$114.90	£129	From £140	\$99	£27

CRM

Program Name	Legrand	Merlin	Redlien	Salesforce.com	Small Biz Admin	SOHO Organiser
Mac/ Windows	Mac	Mac	Mac	Web based	Both	Mac
Advantages				Includes all Contact Manager features plus: Opportunity tracking, Customizable sales process, Email templates & tracking	Built in CRM, Sales, Invoices and Reports. New version releasing with job management features.	Affordable
Disadvantages		Project planner rather than office manage, or file logger.	Based on OpenBase datafile which won't install		No built in accounting functionality. Need to export into third party accounts package.	OS 10.5 plus required. Unclear if standard processes can be attached to a specific client. No preview function.
Website	legrandcrm.com	projectwizards.net	redlien.com	salesforce.com	dataartistry.co.uk	chronosnet.com
Cost		\$199	?	From £10 /user/ month.	From £49	\$99

CRM

Program Name	Studiometry	X- Now Software	SOHO Organiser
Mac/ Windows	Both	Yes	Mac
Advantages	Cross platform, Links with accounts package.		Affordable
Disadvantages	Difficult to attach file to records and preview them	No longer supported	OS 10.5 plus required. Unclear if standard processes can be attached to a specific client. No preview function.
Website	oranged.net	nowsoftware.com	chronosnet.com
Cost	\$199.95		\$99

ePOS

	Program Name	Checkout POS	Easify 2009	LightSpeed POS	Mamut POS
A	Amendability	No	Yes	Yes	?
B	Windows/ Mac	Mac	Windows	Mac	Windows
C	Multi-user	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
D	How is the software paid for	Proprietary	Proprietary	Proprietary	Proprietary
E	Drill down	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
F	Import/Export	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
G	Multi currency	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
H	Links to other software	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
I	Helpdesk	Phone and Email	Phone and Email	Online, US phone	Phone and Email
J	Advantages	Large customer base, good screen layout and very easy to use.	Good screen layout. Built in stock control, CRM and EPOS system. Three tiered pricing for each stock item.	Amendability of invoices, ipod style layout which is appealing to users, and ability of upscaling operations.	Large customer base, good screen layout and very easy to use.
K	Disadvantages	Not amendable	Limited accounting reports, no chart of accounts. Fairly complex stock input procedure.	Fairly pricey	Costly agreement fee.
L	Website	checkoutapp.com	easify.co.uk	xsilva.com	mamut.co.uk
M	Cost	329 Euro	£99 per user	\$795	£399 plus £13/month Service Agreement