

Two sets of books, one company

Merging two QuickBooks Enterprise files into one QuickBooks Online Advanced company

Paint One merged legally in 2022 but kept two sets of books in QuickBooks Enterprise. We combined them into one QuickBooks Online Advanced company, rebuilt jobs as projects and restored job profitability reporting.

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desktop files combined into one QBO company

224,751

transaction lines from January 2025 in the two source files

120

geographic classes in the two source files

Aug 6

final delivery, ahead of the August 10 commitment

THE CHALLENGE

Paint One is a drywall and painting subcontractor based in Matthews, North Carolina, working for homebuilders across North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama. Paint One, Inc. and Paint One Coastal merged legally in 2022, but the books never followed. Each company kept its own QuickBooks Enterprise file.

The business tracked work by job under each customer and by geographic class. Its team relied on job profitability reporting, and the client suspected one of the two files was corrupt.

The specific problem

Combining two files meant two charts of accounts had to become one, with conflicting numbers and names. QuickBooks Enterprise treats jobs as their own level under each customer; QuickBooks Online has no jobs, only projects. And the combined data had to tie back to two separate sets of books, one of them suspected to be damaged.

STARTING POSITION

FROM

QuickBooks Enterprise

- Two desktop files, one per former company
- Jobs under customers for job tracking
- Separate charts of accounts
- Geographic classes in each file
- A file with suspected corruption

TO

QuickBooks Online Advanced

- One company for the merged business
- Jobs rebuilt as QBO Projects
- One chart of accounts, conflicts resolved
- Geographic classes from both files
- Live daily from August 10, 2026

THE SOLUTION

We merged both files into one QuickBooks Online Advanced company. Jobs became QBO Projects, geographic classes from both files carried over, and the two charts of accounts were rolled up with agreed rules for every conflict.

KEPT IN DESKTOP FILES

2024 and earlier
Prior years
Stay in both desktop files

MIGRATED INTO QUICKBOOKS ONLINE ADVANCED

Jan 1, 2025 to Mar 31, 2026
First load
Both files merged into one company

Apr 1 to Jul 31, 2026
Final load
Catch-up before go-live

Transactions from January 1, 2025 moved over in two loads: a first load through March 31, 2026, and a final load through July 31, 2026. Earlier years stay in the two desktop files.

VALIDATION

We tied AR and AP after the first load, then checked trial balances, balance sheets and income statements, and AR and AP agings at each cutoff. Legacy differences in the source files were resolved with the client before go-live.

RESULT

Paint One has run daily in QuickBooks Online Advanced since August 10, 2026, as one company. The final load was delivered on August 6, ahead of the August 10 commitment, and the client confirmed on August 11 that validation of the numbers was complete.

TIMELINE



WHAT WENT WRONG, AND HOW WE HANDLED IT

Job profitability came up blank.

Before go-live, the report the team relies on showed no data. We fixed it the next day.

Details we missed.

Journal entry memos and bill line descriptions did not come across. We re-loaded them and added a PO field.

A reset at the start.

The client deactivated about 10,000 customers after the assessment, so extraction restarted.

Legacy differences.

A crash-damaged entry and a payment posted only to the AR aging were resolved on the client's instructions.

ENGAGEMENT MODEL

Paid complexity assessment of both files, then a fixed-fee scope covering the merge, jobs to projects, and two loads with a final catch-up. After go-live we added a PO field, outside the original scope, and re-loaded missed memo detail.

Still running two sets of books after a merger?

Talk to us about combining your QuickBooks Enterprise files into one QuickBooks Online Advanced company, with your jobs and classes intact.

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