**Q: What is the Quicken interchange format (QIF)?**

**A:** The **Quicken interchange format** (**QIF**) is a specially formatted text (ASCII) file that lets you to move **Quicken** transactions:

- From one **Quicken** account register into another **Quicken** account register, or
- To/From another application that supports the **QIF format**.

**Note:** For **Quicken** to translate data from a text file into the **Quicken** register as transactions, the text file <u>must</u> be in the **QIF format**.

**Required File Formatting**:

- Each transaction must end with a symbol, indicating the end of entry.
- Each item in the transaction must display on a separate line.
- When **Quicken** exports an account register or list, it adds a line to the top of the file that identifies the type of account or list. Listed below are the header lines **Quicken** adds to the exported files:

| Header | Type of data |
| --- | --- |
| !Type:Bank | Bank account transactions |
| !Type:Cash | Cash account transactions |
| !Type:CCard | Credit card account transactions |
| !Type:Invst | Investment account transactions |
| !Type:Oth A | Asset account transactions |
| !Type:Oth L | Liability account transactions |
| !Account | Account list or which account follows |
| !Type:Cat | Category list |
| !Type:Class | Class list |
| !Type:Memorized | Memorized transaction list |

You can force **Quicken** to import all transfers, regardless of whether Ignore Transfers is selected when the file is imported. You must add a line to the file being imported into a **Quicken** account.

Use a text editor or word processor to put the following line right after the header line at the top of the file:

!Option:AllXfr

## Items for Non-Investment Accounts

Each item in a bank, cash, credit card, other liability, or other asset account must begin with a letter that indicates the field in the **Quicken** register. The non-split items can be in any sequence:

| Field | Indicator Explanation |
|-------|----------------------|
| D | Date |
| T | Amount |
| C | Cleared status |
| N | Num (check or reference number) |
| P | Payee |
| M | Memo |
| A | Address (up to five lines; the sixth line is an optional message) |
| L | Category (Category/Subcategory/Transfer/Class) |
| S | Category in split (Category/Transfer/Class) |
| E | Memo in split |
| $ | Dollar amount of split |
| ^ | End of the entry |

**Note:** Repeat the S, E, and $ lines as many times as needed 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.

## Items for Investment Accounts

| Field | Indicator Explanation |
|-------|----------------------|
| D | Date |
| N | Action |
| Y | Security |
| I | Price |
| Q | Quantity (number of shares or split ratio) |
| T | Transaction amount |
| C | Cleared status |
| P | Text in the first line for transfers and reminders |
| M | Memo |
| O | Commission |

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|---|---|
| L | Account for the transfer |
| $ | Amount transferred |
| ^ | End of the entry |

### Items for Account Information

The account header !Account is used in two places-at the start of an account list and the start of a list of transactions to specify to which account they belong.

| Field | Indicator Explanation |
|---|---|
| N | Name |
| T | Type of account |
| D | Description |
| L | Credit limit (only for credit card accounts) |
| / | Statement balance date |
| $ | Statement balance amount |
| ^ | End of entry |

### Items for a Category List

| Field | Indicator Explanation |
|---|---|
| N | Category name:subcategory name |
| D | Description |
| T | Tax related if included, not tax related if omitted |
| I | Income category |
| E | Expense category (if category type is unspecified, **quicken** assumes expense type) |
| B | Budget amount (only in a Budget Amounts **QIF** file) |
| R | Tax schedule information |
| ^ | End of entry |

### Items for a Class List

| Field | Indicator Explanation |
|---|---|
| N | Class name |
| D | Description |
| ^ | End of entry |

### Items for a Memorized Transaction List

Immediately preceding the ^ character, each entry must end with one of the following file indicators to specify the transaction type.

- KC
- KD
- KP
- KI
- KE

With that exception, memorized transaction entries have the same **format** as regular transaction entries (non-investment accounts). However, the Date or Num field is included. All items are optional, but if an amortization record is included, all seven amortization lines must also be included.

| Field | Indicator Explanation |
| --- | --- |
| KC | Check transaction |
| KD | Deposit transaction |
| KP | Payment transaction |
| KI | Investment transaction |
| KE | Electronic payee transaction |
| T | Amount |
| C | Cleared status |
| P | Payee |
| M | Memo |
| A | Address |
| L | Category or Transfer/Class |
| S | Category/class in split |
| E | Memo in split |
| $ | Dollar amount of split |
| 1 | Amortization: First payment date |
| 2 | Amortization: Total years for loan |
| 3 | Amortization: Number of payments already made |
| 4 | Amortization: Number of periods per year |
| 5 | Amortization: Interest rate |
| 6 | Amortization: Current loan balance |
| 7 | Amortization: Original loan amount |
| ^ | End of entry |

## Examples of QIF files

### Normal Transactions Example

| Transaction Item | Comment (not in file) |
| --- | --- |

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|---|---|
| !Type:Bank | Header |
| D6/ 1/94 | Date |
| T-1,000.00 | Amount |
| N1005 | Check number |
| PBank Of Mortgage | Payee |
| L[linda] | Category |
| S[linda] | First category in split |
| $-253.64 | First amount in split |
| SMort Int | Second category in split |
| $-746.36 | Second amount in split |
| ^ | End of the transaction |
| D6/ 2/94 | Date |
| T75.00 | Amount |
| PDeposit | Payee |
| ^ | End of the transaction |
| D6/ 3/94 | Date |
| T-10.00 | Amount |
| PJoBob Biggs | Payee |
| MJ.B. gets bucks | Memo |
| LEntertain | Category |
| A1010 Rodeo Dr. | Address (line 1) |
| AWaco, Tx | Address (line 2) |
| A80505 | Address (line 3) |
| A | Address (line 4) |
| A | Address (line 5) |
| A | Address (line 6) |
| ^ | End of the transaction |

**Investment Example**

| Transaction Item | Comment (not in file) |
|---|---|
| !Type:Invst | Header line |
| D8/25/93 | Date |
| NShrsIn | Action (optional) |
| Yibm4 | Security |
| I11.260 | Price |
| Q88.81 | Quantity |
| CX | Cleared Status |

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|---|---|
| T1,000.00 | Amount |
| MOpening | Balance Memo |
| ^ | End of the transaction |
| D8/25/93 | Date |
| NBuyX | Action |
| Yibm4 | Security |
| I11.030 | Price |
| Q9.066 | Quantity |
| T100.00 | Amount |
| MEst. price as of 8/25/93 | Memo |
| L[CHECKING] | Account for transfer |
| $100.00 | Amount transferred |
| ^ | End of the transaction |

## Memorized List Example

| Transaction Item | Comment (not in file) |
|---|---|
| !Type:Memorized | Header line |
| T-50.00 | Amount |
| PJoe Hayes | Payee |
| MRent | Memo |
| KC | Check transaction |
| ^ | End of the transaction |
| T-25.00 | Amount |
| T-25.00 | Company Payee |
| LTelephone | Category |
| KP | Payment transaction |
| ^ | End of the transaction |

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