

## Procedure for “convincing” QuickBooks to rebuild a file

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Sometimes, qbooks files get damaged in such a way that when you open them, qbooks goes into a loop attempting to rebuild the file.

When it's happened to me, it's been like this:

You try to open the file.

Qbooks complains about damage and asks if you'd like to continue opening.

Then offers to backup the file prior to rebuilding.

Then complains that rebuild wasn't possible and offers to backup again.

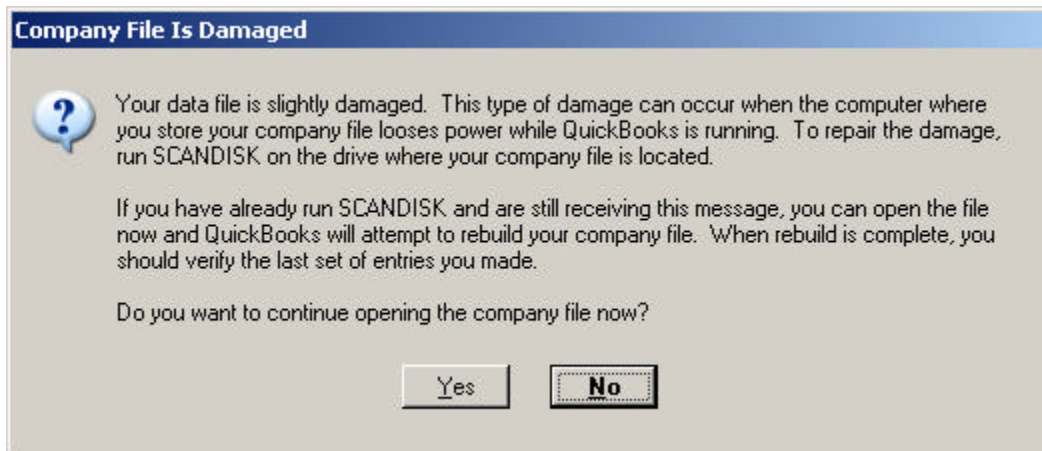
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And so on...

Here are the steps to get Qbooks out of this loop. The version I tried this on is Qbooks Version 6.0 r3.

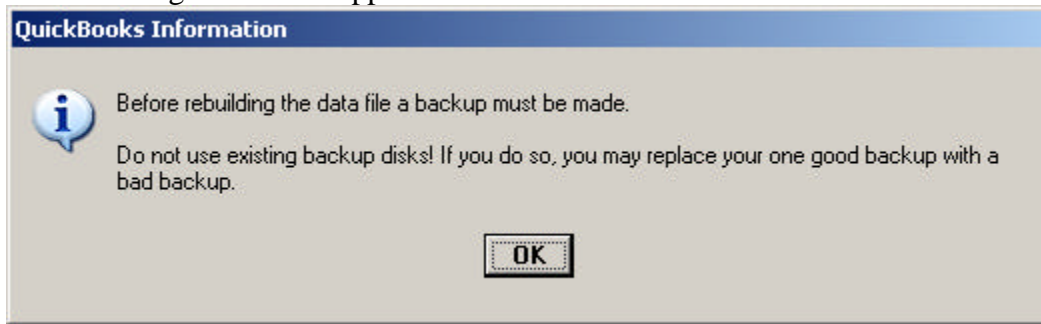
If you get the following screen when trying to open quickbooks:



Click YES.

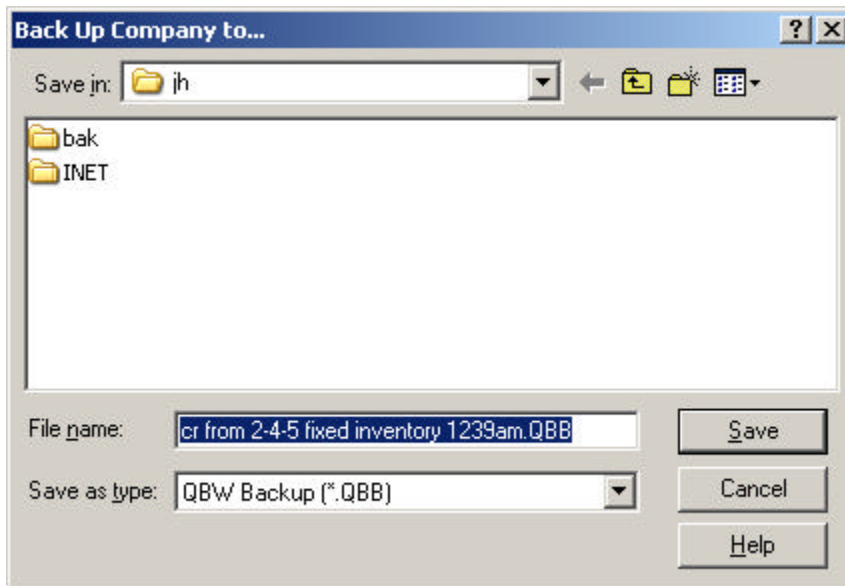
If asked for it, enter the administrator's password (delta).

The following screen will appear:



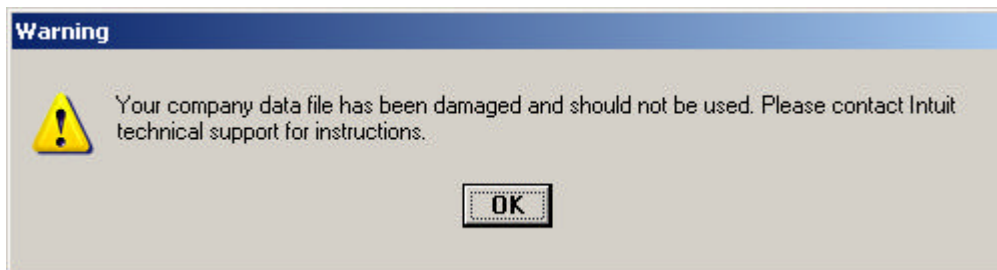
Hit OK.

The you will see the screen below (except the filenames and folders will be different):



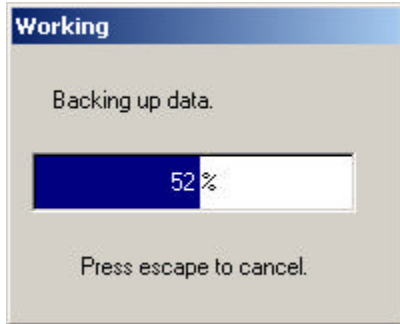
Click on Save. If qbooks indicates that you are about to over-write a file, let it be so. It doesn't matter.

Then you will see this screen:



Click OK.

Then the backup will start:

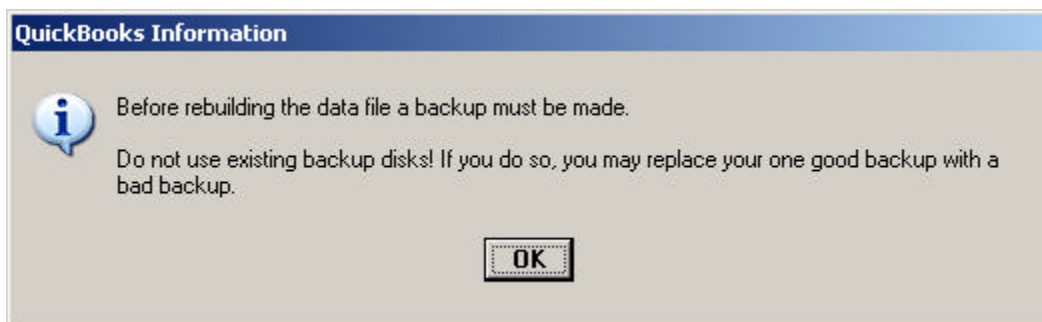


Once the backup is done, you will see the following screen:



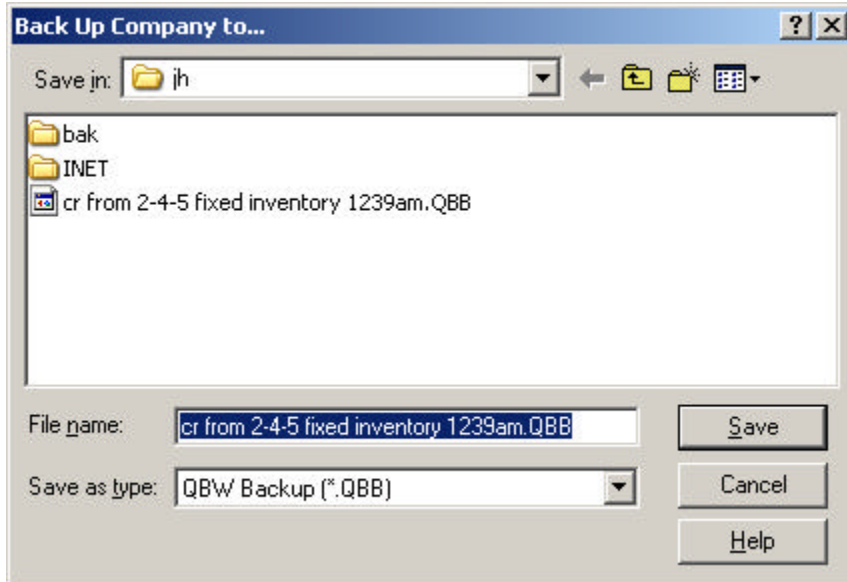
Click YES.

This will bring up the backup screen again (don't worry, this is normal):



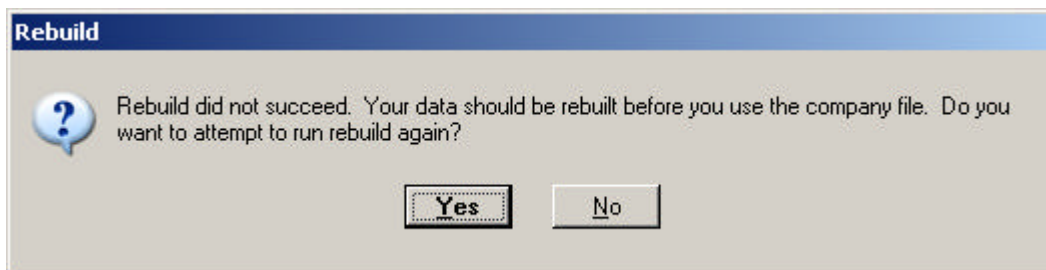
Click OK.

Now the file selection screen will come up again:



This time, click CANCEL.

Quickbooks will complain with the following screen:



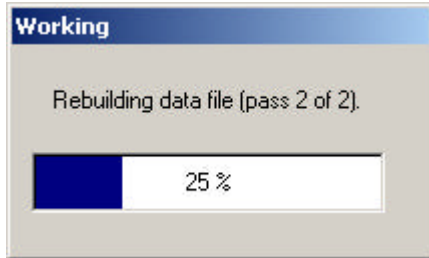
Click **NO**.

This will bring up the following screen:

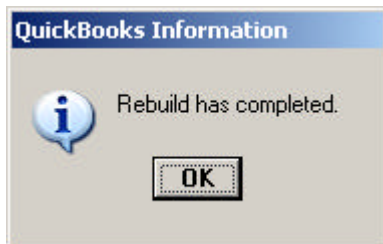


Click OK.

Now qbooks will start rebuilding the file. You'll see a couple of screens like this one:



Once the rebuild is complete, you'll see the following:



Click OK and you're done.