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# OpenAI launches ChatGPT for Accounting: draft entries, reconciliations and review notes across QuickBooks, Xero and NetSuite

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*On 18 November 2026 OpenAI launched ChatGPT for Accounting, an Accounting plugin for the ChatGPT desktop app. It prepares draft entries from invoices and receipts, gathers records for reconciliations and drafts review notes on workpapers. Eight partner plugins connect it to tools including Intuit QuickBooks, Xero, Oracle NetSuite, BILL and FreshBooks.*

## Global reference

- Vendor: OpenAI
- Product: ChatGPT for Accounting (Accounting plugin in the ChatGPT desktop app)
- Key date: 18 November 2026, per OpenAI's release notes as reported by Business Upturn
- Partners: Intuit QuickBooks, Xero, BILL, FreshBooks, Oracle NetSuite, Oracle QuickStart, Rillet and Campfire
- Access: Business members can install without admin approval. In Enterprise workspaces an admin must approve it first

## What it does

- Invoices: draft entries with suggested account coding, with unclear details flagged for review.
- Reconciliation: gathers invoices, statements and payment records from email, files and accounting apps.
- Review: compares workpapers with records and drafts notes on possible duplicates, missing information and unexplained differences.
- Reports: keeps your existing Excel report layout, and saves templates and checks as reusable skills.
- Xero (United States): month-end close review, client portfolio review and quarterly review preparation.

## Controls OpenAI describes

- Workspace admins choose which apps are enabled. ChatGPT "respects their existing app permissions".
- Business and Enterprise data is not used to train OpenAI's models by default.
- Read access and entry access may be set up with different permissions. OpenAI asks users to check company, destination and amounts before approving an entry.
- Customer figures on OpenAI's page, for example a controller saving five to six hours a month, are customer statements, not tested results.

## What to do now

- Decide whether staff may install the plugin. On Business plans no admin approval is needed.

- Allow read-only connections first. Approve write access to the ledger only after a pilot.
- Keep normal journal approval for every AI-drafted entry, and log which entries AI prepared.
- Check client and company context when switching between entities, as OpenAI itself advises.

## Our take

This is the same move Anthropic and Microsoft have made: AI working directly in the accounting tools, not beside them. The value is in the first draft. The risk is in write access. Start read-only, keep segregation of duties, and treat the AI like a new preparer whose work is always reviewed.

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