

# Aatrix V17 Quick Start Guide

Welcome to Aatrix V17 and the V17 Start Up Guide. This guide gives you short, simple instructions and tips for quickly getting started with V17. It is handy as a quick reference guide but is not meant to replace the full User Guide, which covers the payroll program in detail. This guide is for Top Pay, Ultimate, and Paycheck version 17's.

## OS Requirements

The V17 series of our payroll program **requires Mac OS 10.3** and higher operating systems. It will work with either the **Power PC** or the **Intel®** based **Mac** computer. It will **not** work properly on systems below 10.3.

## Installing the Program

V17 can be downloaded by internet download or by ordering a CD for a nominal fee. Follow the instructions that accompany the product to install the program.

## Before Starting New Company

If you plan to use the program with Quickbooks®, you will need be sure that you have the accounts necessary for payroll and then export the chart of accounts.

### **Accounts Needed in Quickbooks for Payroll**

In Quickbooks®, you will need accounts set up as a Type **Other Current Liability** to track the amounts of the taxes and deductions for payroll and accounts set up as a Type **Expense** that tracks the company's expense for payroll. Please consult with your accountant for guidance on setting up the accounts in Quickbooks®.

### **Exporting the Chart of Accounts from Quickbooks®**

Once you have the accounts needed in Quickbooks® set up you will need to export your Chart of Accounts from your Quickbooks® program to the desktop.

The Export command in Quickbooks® is located under the **File** menu. Select **List to IIF** files, select your Chart of Accounts, save as **COA** ( short for Chart of Accounts ) and select the destination as the desktop. For assistance in exporting your Chart of Accounts you can contact your accountant or Quickbooks® Technical Support.

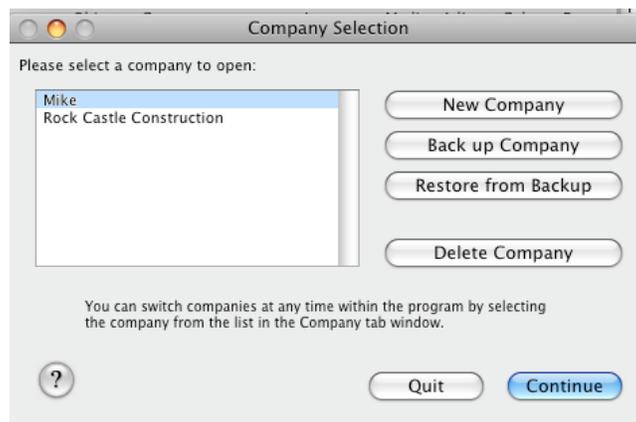
## Starting a New Company

To set up the company in the payroll program, open the payroll program by going onto your Hard Drive, into the Applications folder and into the Aatrix Top Pay folder and double click on the Aatrix Top Pay 17 application to open the program.

If you have not entered your **Customer Number** and **Registration Code** for the **Tax Tables**, it will prompt you. This would have been sent to you by email or if you ordered a CD it would accompany it.

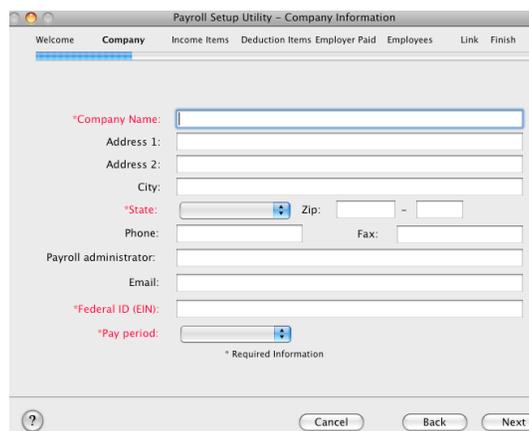
Once you have entered the Customer Number and Registration Code it will bring up a box asking if you want to register the program. This will take you to our website so you can fill in information for our records about your company.

Then you will come to the **Company Selection** Screen.



Click on **New Company**. This will launch the Setup Wizard which will walk you thru entering information about your company and employees. Click **Next** in the first screen.

## Entering the Company Information



The first screen will have you enter the information about the company. The fields in red are required fields.

Once you have entered the company information click the **Next** button.

## Income Items

Payroll Setup Utility - Income Items

Welcome Company **Income Items** Deduction Items Employer Paid Employees Link Finish

Regular pay, overtime, double overtime, bonus and commission income types are automatically created for you. Select any additional income types you would like to use from the list below.

Vacation Pay  
 Sick Pay  
 Holiday Pay  
 Tips  
 Reimbursement

NOTE: Items can be added or customized later

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**Regular Pay, Overtime Pay, Double Overtime Pay, Commission Pay and Bonus Pay** are already created for you. In this section select any income items listed that would apply for your company.

Click **Next** to continue with the company setup

## Deduction Items

Payroll Setup Utility - Deduction Items

Welcome Company Income Items **Deduction Items** Employer Paid Employees Link Finish

Select the deduction items needed:

	Method	Rate	Wage base
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal Income Tax	Pre-defined table		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Security	Pre-defined	6.20	102,000.0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medicare	Pre-defined	1.45	(no limit)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CA State Tax	Pre-defined table		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CA SDI	Tax rate percentage:	0.80	86,698.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Pension	Amount: \$		
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Insurance	Amount: \$		

NOTE: Items can be added or customized later

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In this example the company is being set up for California. The program automatically creates and assigns the **Federal Income Tax, Social Security, Medicare, California State Tax** and the **California State Disability Insurance (SDI)**.

There is also a choice for a **Pension** and **Health Insurance** Deductions that you can select. Once selected, from the drop down menu, select the calculation method (Amount \$, or Percent of Gross) and then enter the rate or amount.

Click **Next** to go on to the next section.

## Employer Paid

Select the contribution items needed:	Method	Rate	Wage base
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FUTA	Pre-defined	0.06	7,000.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Security	Pre-defined	6.20	102,000.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medicare	Pre-defined	1.45	(no limit)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CA SUI	Tax rate percentage:	3.40	7,000.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CA ETT	Tax rate percentage:	0.10	7,000.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Pension	Amount: \$		
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Insurance	Amount: \$		

NOTE: Items can be added or customized later

These are the items that the company pays. The **SUI** is your State Unemployment. The rate that is listed is the rate for a new company in your state. Verify your Company Unemployment Contribution Rate and enter it **in percentage form**. If you do not know your rate contact the State Unemployment Agency or your accountant for assistance.

If the company pays a portion of the Pension or Health Insurance, you can assign them here, select the calculation method ( Amount \$ or Percent of Gross ) then enter the rate or amount.

Click **Next** to continue with setup.

## Employees

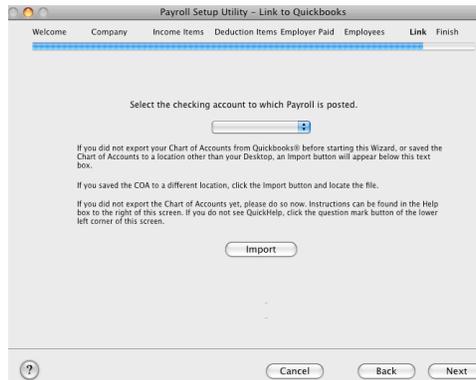
Employee: Charlie Chaplin SSN: 123-45-6789  
Address: 123 Silent Film Star Blvd  
City, State, Zip: Los Angeles CA 00000 -  
Phone:   
EIC:  Eligible  Both spouses  
Number of claims: 2 Extra Withholding:  Exempt:  Filing Status: Married  
Federal: 2 State: 2 Local:   
Pay period is: Weekly  
 Hourly  Salary \$ 1500 per period

This is where you will enter your information for your employees. Click the **New** button and enter the information. It would be a good idea to double check when entering the **Number of Claims** and **Filing Status** for the Taxes.

Once you have the information entered for the employee, click **Save** and the employee will be added to the list on the left side. Repeat these steps to create your employees.

Once you have the employees created, click **Next** to continue the setup.

## Link for Net Pay



If you exported your Quickbooks® Chart of Accounts, this is where we will import them into the payroll program. If you do not use Quickbooks®, or will not be using payroll in connection with an accounting program simply click **Next**.

On the screen, click the **Import** button. Navigate to the desktop. Highlight the COA.IIF file and click **Open**.

From the drop down menu in the Link window, select the **Checking Account** to be used for the payroll checks and click **Next**.

## Finishing Setup



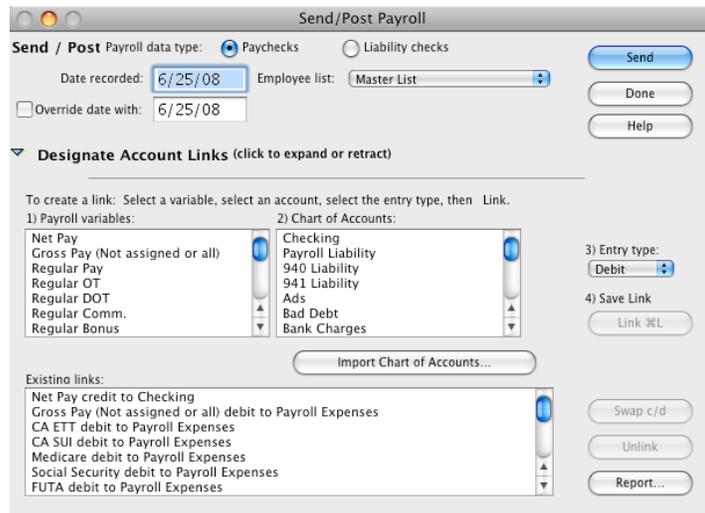
Click **Finish** and the payroll program will open to the **Payroll Navigator** screen to the company that you just set up.

## Links for Payroll Variables

The program opens to the **Payroll Navigator** screen. If you are using Quickbooks® and imported the Chart of Accounts when setting up the program, click on the **Quickbooks Links** selection in the bottom right of the Navigator screen.



The Quickbooks Links will open the **Send / Post Payroll** window. If you do not see anything below **Designate Account Links**, then click on the arrow to the right to expand the bottom part of the window.



If you have not already, you can click the **Import Chart of Accounts** button and import your Chart of Accounts. You will have to first however, export the Chart of Accounts List from your Quickbooks® program and save to the desktop. If you need assistance please contact your Quickbooks® consultant or contact Quickbooks®.

The following are the links for the payroll variables that are **required**.

<b>Variable</b>	<b>Entry Type</b>	<b>Account</b>
NET PAY	CREDIT	CHECKING ACCOUNT
GROSS PAY	DEBIT	WAGE EXPENSE ACCOUNT
ALL DEDUCTIONS	CREDIT	PAYROLL LIABILITY ACCOUNT
ALL EMPLOYER PAID	CREDIT	PAYROLL LIABILITY ACCOUNT
ALL EMPLOYER PAID	DEBIT	PAYROLL TAX EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Again, these are the **required links** for payroll to post properly.

**NOTE 1 ---** The **Liability Accounts** needed should be set up as a Type **Other Current Liability** Account in your Quickbooks® program.

**NOTE 2 ---** Also notice that there are **TWO required links** for the items that the company pays. One is a **Credit** to the **Liability Account** to show the amount that is owed, the other link is a **Debit** to the **Tax Expense Account** to show the expense since the company will pay these items.

**NOTE 3 --** The **Gross Pay ( Not assigned or all )** link that you will create will track **all** items that make up Gross Pay into the account designated. If that is Ok with you you, after creating the **Gross Pay ( Not assigned or all )** link, you can skip down the variable link to the **Federal Income Tax**.

If you wish to track the Regular Pay separate from Vacation Pay for example, you would create the links for those variables into their respective Expense Accounts.

Creating the links is a four step process:

**Step 1 -** Select the variable from the **Payroll Variable List** ( for example Federal Income Tax )

**Step 2 -** Select the Account to track the item in from the **Chart of Accounts** ( Using the Federal Income Tax as an example select the Payroll Liability Account for the Federal Withholding )

**Step 3 -** Select the **Entry Type** ( again for the Federal Income Tax it would be a Credit )

**Step 4 -** Click the **Link** button and it will add the link to the **Existing Links**.

The **Reports** button will pull up the **Export Format** report that will show each Item, whether is a Credit or Debit and the account it is linked to. At the bottom will be a list of

Missing Items for the deductions and employer paid items. Also there is a hint as to what links are needed.

When you have finished, click **Done** to return to the Payroll Navigator.

## The Payroll Navigator



The **Payroll Navigator** is the main screen of the program. It is the gateway into the payroll program. There are buttons here to access the various functions of the program.

## PAY EMPLOYEES



This is where you go to start the process of paying your employees. The first thing that will pop up is a box asking you to enter the **Pay Period Ending Date** so it can check for any holidays during the pay period. This will walk you thru the basics of processing a payroll. For detailed instructions on processing payroll please to refer to the User Manual.

Once you have entered the Pay Period Ending Date, click **Continue**.

## Step 1, Processing the Paychecks

The screenshot shows the 'Pay Employees' window with the following data for Susan C. Adler:

Income:		Pay Rate:	Hours:	Amount:
Regular Pay	13.75	0.00	1,100.00	
Regular Overtime	20.63	0.00	0.00	
Regular Double Overtime	27.50	0.00	0.00	
Regular Commission	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Regular Bonus	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Vacation Pay	13.75	0.00	0.00	
Holiday Pay	13.75	0.00	0.00	
BoOnus	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Deductions:</b>		<b>Tips:</b>	<b>Wages:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>
Federal Income Tax		1,100.00	39.00	
Social Security	0.00	1,100.00	68.20	
Medicare	0.00	1,100.00	15.95	
CA SDI		1,100.00	8.80	
CA State Tax		1,100.00	11.34	
<b>Employer Paid:</b>		<b>Wages:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>	
FUTA		0.00	0.00	
CA SUI		0.00	0.00	
CA ETT		0.00	0.00	
Medicare		1,100.00	15.95	
Social Security		1,100.00	68.20	

Summary: Gross Pay: 1,100.00; Net Pay: 956.71

The first step of the process is where you will select the employees to be paid and make any changes necessary.

When you select an employee from the list the program will automatically check the box to **Print Check** for this employee. If the employee is set up for Direct Deposit it will automatically mark **DD**. See the User Manual for guidance on setting up Direct Deposit.

The **Record Only** when selected will not print a check, but will record the check into the employee's Pay History records within the program. This is useful when entering prior paychecks, or if a printed check is not needed.

The check information will also automatically enter with default information based on what is entered into the program for this person. Make any changes necessary, for example if this is an hourly employee, enter the hours and then Tab out of the field and the paycheck recalculates the gross, the deductions and net pay.

If you make any changes to the default information on the paycheck, when you highlight the next person it will ask you to **Save Changes to Paycheck**.

Save changes to "paycheck" before closing?

Don't Save    Cancel    Save

**Don't Save** will revert the paycheck to the default values when processed, **Save** will save the check to be processed with the changes for this payroll only.

Repeat the steps for all employees to be paid for the current payroll.

There is an **Undo All** button below the listing of employees that will undo all the employees marked.

There is also an **Exit Payroll Process** in the bottom of each step of the payroll process. It will allow you to exit the payroll process and save where you are at in the process as all steps of the process have to be gone thru to complete the process and have it reset for the next payroll run.

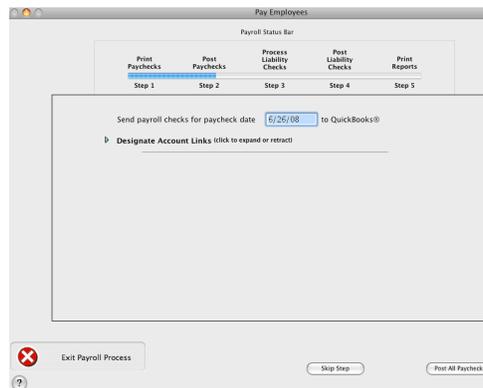
There is a **Quick Help** question mark that will bring up a quick help information window that will give you a handy quick reference guide to assist you. There is a Quick Help link in each step.

The **Reports** button will pull up some reports that you can choose from that will give you information about the payroll to be processed.

The **Time Card Summary** is used in conjunction with the **Time Card Sheets** within the payroll program. Please Refer to the User Manual for detailed information.

The **Skip Step** is used to skip any step not necessary at the time payroll is being processed. This allows you to bypass that step to go on to the next step so you can complete the remaining steps of the current payroll. There is a Skip Step in all of the steps of the process.

## Step 2, Posting the Paychecks



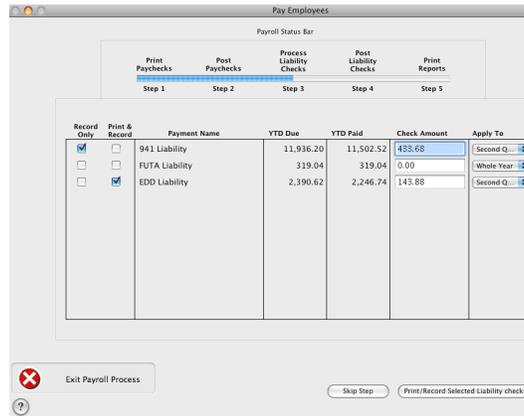
This is where the paychecks will be posted to your Quickbooks® program.

First, make sure Quickbooks® is open to your company, then verify the date that is to be posted and click **Post All Paychecks**.

You will get a message that there is payroll information ready to import. At that point click OK and import the payroll. Go into Quickbooks® and verify that you see the

paychecks in the checking account register on the paycheck date. After verifying the checks did import, go back to the payroll program and it is on to step 3.

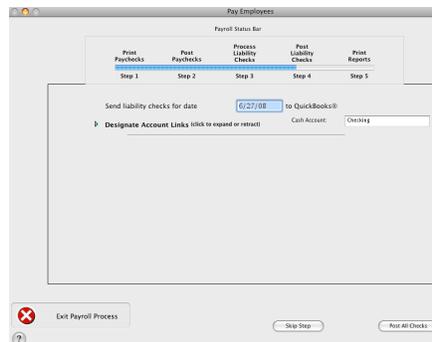
### Step 3, Processing Liability Payments



The third step of the payroll process allows you to select any payments that need to be done at this time. You can select to **Print & Record**, or if it is an electronic payment, or is done over the phone and do not need a check printed, you can select to **Record only**. After selecting the payments to be processed, verify the period to apply the payment to. Once you have done that, click the **Print Record Selected Liability Checks** and enter the correct check date and starting check number.

If you do not need to make any payments at this time, click the **Skip Step** button to bypass this step and continue.

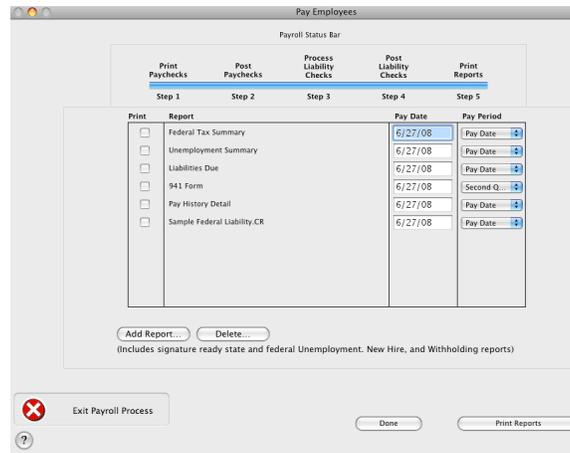
### Step 4, Posting Liability Payments



Any Liability Payments that were processed in the previous step can be posted to Quickbooks® in this step.

Verify that your Quickbooks® program is open to your company, then verify the date of the payments to be posted then click **Post All Checks** and the payments will be posted. Once the payments have been posted, verify that the checks appear in your checking account register. Then go back to payroll and it is on to the next step.

## Step 5, Reports



The final step of the Pay Employees process is the processing of any reports needed at the end of the payroll. There are several Standardized Reports built into the program that can be processed. The Federal and State Forms that are required by the government can also be processed at this step as well. To process the Federal and State Forms to file would require enrollment in our **Print & Mail Payroll Reports Subscription**. You can contact our Sales Staff at **800-426-0854** for more information and to enroll. You can also efile the forms and payments for an additional nominal fee.

Reports can be added and deleted from the list by clicking the **Add Report** and **Delete**.

Select the forms to be filed by checking the box under the **Print** column for the reports you wish to process, then click the **Print Reports** button. For detailed information on processing reports please refer to the User Manual.

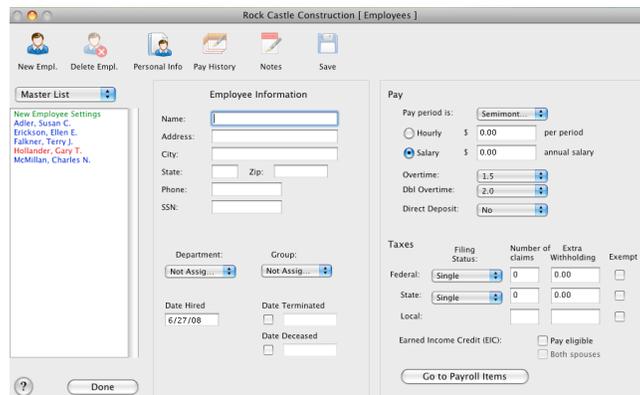
Once you have the reports needed, click **Done**. This will finish the payroll process and reset the process.

## Employee Information



Employee Information is where you manage your employees. Your **Employee Information, Pay frequency and pay rate, and Taxes** Information is stored here. This

is a quick overview of what is in the Employee Information screen. For details about Employee Information please refer to the User Manual.



You can change information on an employee by highlighting their name from the list on the left side. For example, an employee has moved and their address needs to be updated. When you change the information, click the **Save** from the top tool bar and the changes will be saved. You can enter as much, or as little information on your employees as you like.

You can create new employees by clicking the **New Empl** button on the top tool bar and enter the information. The employee will be saved and added to the list.

You can also click the **Delete Empl** to remove any employee from the program, such as a terminated employee. If you choose to delete an employee it will remove the employee from the program so be **absolutely sure** before deleting employees. Keep in mind the **IRS requires you to maintain payroll records for 4 years ( Refer to IRS PUBLICATION 15 )**

**Personal Info** contains contact information, birthdays and other information. Please refer to your User Manual for detailed information.

**Pay History** is where your employees paychecks are stored in the program. This is also the the area that payments and reports calculations are based on. Please refer to your User Guide for more detailed information.

**Notes** can be used to store information or notes about your employees for reference.

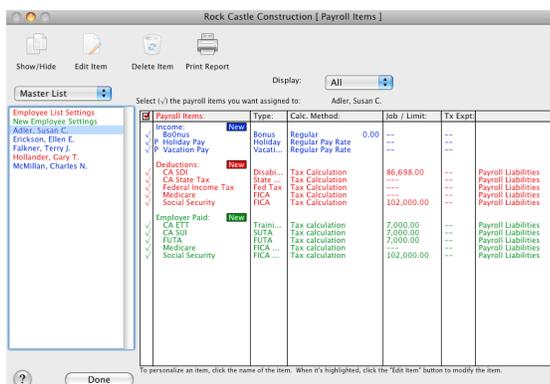
In the bottom left there is a **Quick Help** link question mark that you can use for helpful hints. There is a Quick Help link in each screen of the program.

When you are finished with the Employee Information screen, click **Done** to return to the Payroll Navigator.

# Payroll Items



**Income Items, Deductions, and Employer Paid Items** are managed here. This is a quick overview of Payroll Items. For more details about the Payroll Items screen please refer to the User Manual



You can create new items and assign items to your employees as needed, or edit existing items.

If you have an existing item that would apply to **All Employees**, select the **Employee List Settings** at the top of the employee listing on the left side and place a check in the first column of the item. This will assign it to all employees on the list.

The **New Employee Settings** is used to automatically assign items to any new employees that are created.

You can **Personalize** an item to calculate a specific value for each employee, such as contributions to Pensions, or Insurance Deductions where the amount for each employee would be different.

Highlight the employee and double click on the item. Enter the Value for this employee and click OK. It will place a **P** in the title of the item with the employee highlighted. That means it has been personalized for this person.

New Items are created by clicking the **New** across from the appropriate type of item to create. Enter the Title, Type and Calculation Method. If you are using Quickbooks® create the link to the appropriate account and click **OK** to create the item.

**NOTE -- The Taxes listed under the Type menu and the Tax Calculation selection under the Calculation Method should ONLY be used in conjunction with Taxes.**

When you have finished in Payroll Items, click **Done** to return to the Payroll Navigator.

# Manage Liabilities



This is where you can set up Liability Payment information and create payments to be made. This is a brief overview of what is in the window. For more detailed information on Manage Liabilities please refer to your User Manual.

Selected items for this check	Type	Amount
Federal Income Tax	Federal	0.00
Social Security	Social Security	0.00
Medicare	Medicare	0.00
Social Security	Emplr.	0.00
Medicare	Emplr.	0.00
Amount Not Allocated		0.00
Amount Not Allocated		0.00

To calculate a payment to be made, down the left side, box 1 - select the payment to be made, 2 - select the employee list to use, 3 - select the period to apply the payment to and 4 - calculate the amount due. The payment amount pulls in to the right with the breakdown of what the payment includes and amounts for each item below.

**NOTE -- When moving about the screen after calculating a payment, be sure to use your Mouse or the Tab key on your keyboard.**

You can select to **Print Check**, or to just **Record Check** if you do not need a printed check. The check will process and record into the program. You can also choose to **efile Payment** as well. efilng the payment requires a subscription to the Print & Mail Payroll Reports and enrollment in our efilng system. Please contact our Sales Staff at **800-426-0854** for details and enrollment.

**View Register** is like a checking account register in any accounting program. The register in the payroll program stores the checks so they can be exported to your Quickbooks® program.

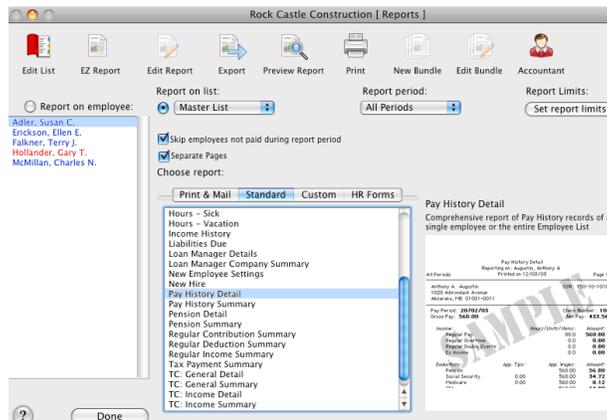
You can maintain the checking account within payroll, write checks for bills, make withdrawals, deposits and reconcile it as well. If you post the payroll to Quickbooks® into your checking account you do not need to worry about reconciling the checking account in the payroll program.

The other selections across the top tool bar are covered in depth in the User Manual.

# Reports Plus



Reports are processed in this section. The reports are broken down by Type. Reports Plus is covered in more detail in the User Manual. This will give you an overview of this window. For more detailed information about Reports Plus please refer to the User Manual.



The Types of reports in the program are **Print & Mail, Standard, Custom** and **HR Forms**. Usage of the **Print & Mail** and the **HR Forms** require subscriptions for the forms to process. For subscription information please contact our Sales Staff at **800-426-0854**.

## Creation of Standard Reports

Creating the reports is the same for any type report selected. This will go thru creating a Standard Report.

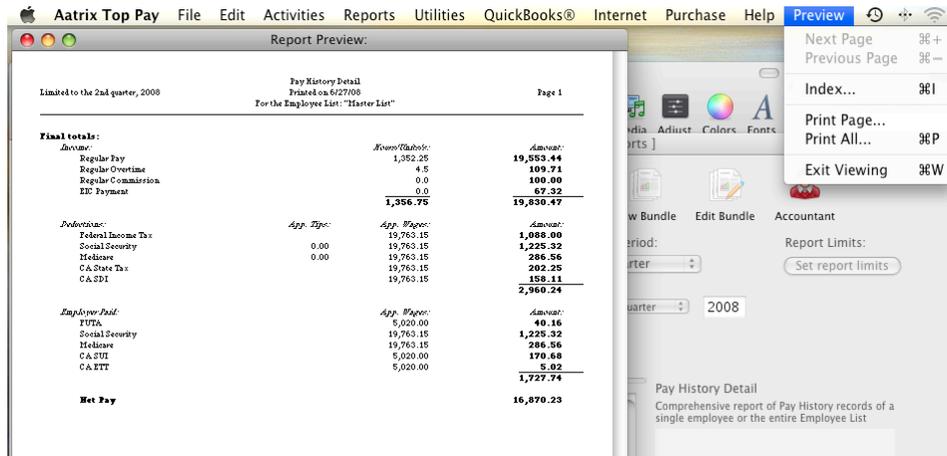
Click on the **Standard** selection at the top of the list of reports in the window. Select the desired **Report Period**, and click **Preview Report** From the top tool bar and the report pulls up on the screen for you.

To print this report go to the **PREVIEW** menu and select **Print Page** to print the current page or **Print All** to print the entire report.

Some reports will have more than one page. To view the next page you can go to the **Preview** menu and select **Next Page**.

Some reports will have separate pages for each employee. To view the report for the next employee go to the **Preview** menu and select **Next Employee**.

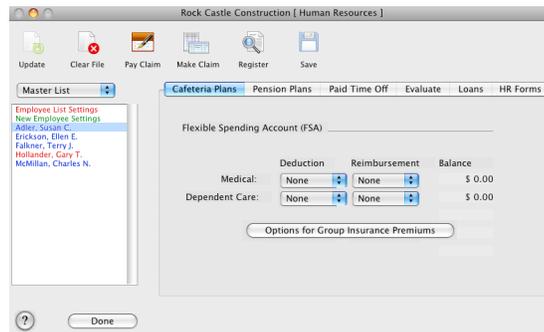
To exit the report and return to the Reports Plus screen, go to the **Preview** menu and select **Exit Viewing**.



## Human Resources

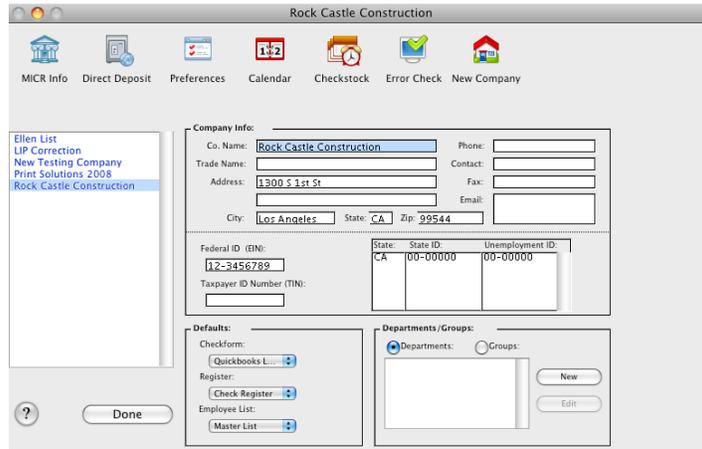
This section is where you can set up the program to track contributions to **Cafeteria Plans** and **Pension Plans**, **Paid time off** tracking for your employees, **Evaluations**, **Loans / Advances** and the **HR Forms**.

The Human Resources section is covered in detail in the User Manual.



## Company Information

This screen is where the information for the company is stored. The information here is used to fill in the Company Information on the forms within the program. This section is covered in more detail in the User Manual

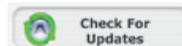


## Bottom Selections



The selections across the bottom allow you to perform various tasks within the payroll program. Some of them will be discussed here. For more information about these selections, please refer to the User Manual.

### Check For Updates



This will verify that your payroll program and the Tax Tables are current. Internet connection is required. When you check for updates, if an update is available it will tell you, or if you are up to date, it will tell you that no installation of updates is needed. This ensures that your program is current.

We do recommend checking for updates **at least** once a quarter, however, you can check as often as you like.

You can also get updates by CD for a nominal fee. Contact our Sales Staff at **800-426-0854**.

### eFiling Information



This will take you to our efile website and give you information about eFiling and enrollment procedures. Efilng **requires** enrollment in the **Print & Mail Payroll Reports Subscription Service**. Additional fees apply for eFiling. For more information about the Reports Subscription and fees for eFiling contact our Sales Department at **800-426-0854**.

## Quickbooks Links



This contains a listing of all the payroll items, your Chart of Accounts and the existing links.

## Manual



This link will take you to our documentation site where you can access the on line User Manual.

## **Additional Help**

Our Technical Support Staff is available to help you at **701-746-6017 Monday thru Friday 8AM to 5PM Central Standard Time**. You can also contact our support Staff by email at [support@atrix.com](mailto:support@atrix.com)

We also offer **Web Seminars** that are conducted one on one over the internet. The seminars cover the operation of the program. You can ask questions, or cover a specific area that you want more information on. The seminar allows you to visually see how the program works. For enrollment contact our Technical Support Staff.