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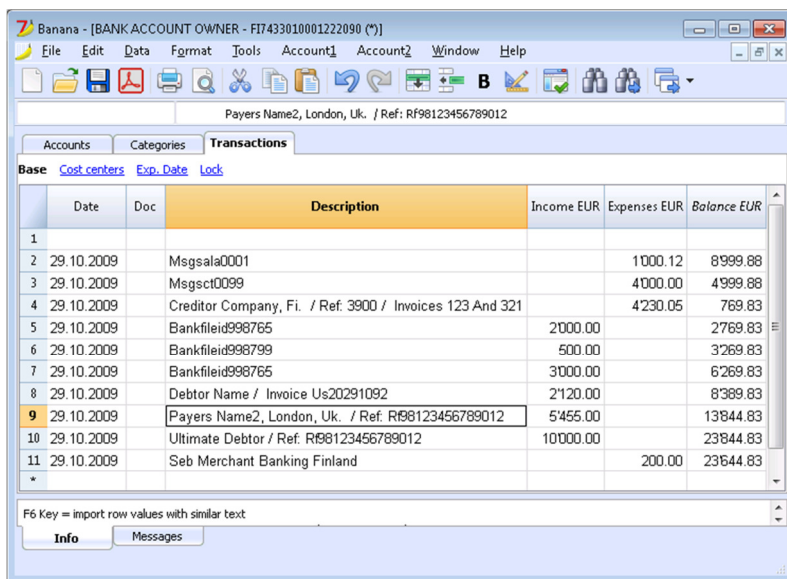
Free ISO20022 reader (electronic bank statement)

22.10.2013

Beginning October 2013, the [free version of Banana Accounting \(Starter Edition\)](#) for Windows, Mac and Linux, allows the user to view and print the contents of bank statement files in ISO 20022 format.

From January 1, 2014, all banks on the European continent will be required to provide electronic account statements with the international ISO 20022 standard. Those who want to view the contents of the ISO 20022 statements can simply download, install and start Banana Accounting and open (or drag and drop) the ISO 20022 file inside Banana.

Banana Accounting reads the data of the bank statement and displays them in tabular form, with the Date, Description of the transaction, Amount income, Amount expenses and Balance. The data can be printed or transferred in Excel or in other programs with the copy/paste function.



The screenshot shows the Banana Accounting software interface. The window title is "Banana - [BANK ACCOUNT OWNER - F17433010001222090 (*)]". The menu bar includes File, Edit, Data, Format, Tools, Account1, Account2, Window, and Help. The toolbar contains various icons for file operations and editing. The main window displays a transaction table with the following data:

Date	Doc	Description	Income EUR	Expenses EUR	Balance EUR
1					
2	29.10.2009	Msgsala0001		1000.12	8999.88
3	29.10.2009	Msgsct0099		4000.00	4999.88
4	29.10.2009	Creditor Company, Fi. / Ref: 3900 / Invoices 123 And 321		4230.05	769.83
5	29.10.2009	Bankfileid998765	2000.00		2769.83
6	29.10.2009	Bankfileid998799	500.00		3269.83
7	29.10.2009	Bankfileid998765	3000.00		6269.83
8	29.10.2009	Debtor Name / Invoice Us20291092	2120.00		8389.83
9	29.10.2009	Payers Name2, London, Uk. / Ref: R198123456789012	5455.00		13844.83
10	29.10.2009	Ultimate Debtor / Ref: R198123456789012	10000.00		23844.83
11	29.10.2009	Seb Merchant Banking Finland		200.00	23644.83

At the bottom of the window, there is a status bar with the text "F6 Key = import row values with similar text" and buttons for "Info" and "Messages".

Banana Accounting is a multilingual program, available in native versions for Windows, Mac and Linux.

The program is free, and freely downloadable from the site www.banana.ch.

With the paid version of Banana Accounting, you can save files that contain more than 70 transactions.

- [Download](#)
- [System requirements](#)
- [Technical details ISO 20022](#)
- [Free license of the complete version for schools](#)

Banana.ch is a software company based in Lugano in Switzerland, founded in 1990 and market leader in the field of accounting for small businesses, associations and individuals. Banana Accounting is a spreadsheet program for Cash management and Double-entry accounting.

Banana Accounting calculates the Balance Sheet, the Profit & Loss statement and other accounting reports, based on the transactions that have been entered or incorporated in the tables. Just as in Excel, data can be easily added or edited in Banana Accounting . It is available in different languages and with native versions for Windows, Mac and Linux. The free version of Banana Accounting (Starter Edition) offers all the features of the full program, except for saving files that contain more than 70 transaction rows. Over 150'000 Banana Accounting licenses have already been sold worldwide.

New: Banana Accounting also for Linux

09.10.2013

From now on, Banana Accounting 7 is also available for the Linux Operating System and can be downloaded from our website at the [Download](#) page.

Prices:

[in Switzerland](#), [Abroad](#)

New version 7.0.4 has been released

02.10.2013

We advise Banana 7 users to update, at no cost, to the new version 7.0.4 on our [Download](#) page. This version has different improvements compared to the earlier versions. Apart from eliminating some small defects, we've added several additional functions, that make the program even more enjoyable to use. For more details, please refer to the [complete list of modifications](#).

Enhanced statement with groups for the Income & Expense accounting

30.08.2013

In the most recent version Banana Experimental, a new feature has been added for the printouts of the Enhanced statement with groups for the Income & Expense accounting, similar to the already existing feature in the Double-entry accounting. The version 7 users who wish to do so can open their accounting files with the Banana Experimental version and be the first to try out the new features. They can also actively participate in the process of improving the features and fine-tuning by making their experiences known.

An interesting fact...

30.08.2013

In the Italian magazine "Telesette", we find this interesting article:

"Banana" is an almost universal term

Across Europe, including Russia, and even in Japan, the term "banana" designates the popular fruit, the fourth most eaten food in the world. It is a word originating in West Africa, but we know for sure that the first banana cultivations can be traced back to at least 7000 years ago, in New Guinea. However, before conquering the western markets, the banana made a detour through Africa thanks to Arab merchants who introduced it first in the Middle East and then, from on the 7th century, to a great part of the Black Continent. And it is here (in the Gulf of Guinea) that, in the years '500, the Portuguese got the know the banana and started to exploit it, planting it in South America, where the biggest cultivations still take place, and selling it in Europe under its African name.

[See the original article](#)

Banana 7 for Linux

24.06.2013

Release Candidate Banana 7 for Linux is ready. The earlier version has been updated, and apart from other small modifications referring to the final version that will be released at the end of September, most of all the graphic interface has been improved for the high contrast themes.

The Release Candidate can still be used until December 31, 2013.

New Import Filter "Open financial exchange"

19.04.2013

For Banana 7 users is now available the import filter for the "Open financial exchange" format (ofx/ofc), used most of all by the American banks: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Open_Financial_Exchange

In order to use this new option, just [update the import filters](#).

New Version 7.03

01.04.2013

Version 7.03 of Banana Accounting has been released: several small errors and imperfections have been corrected and some interesting new features have been added, like the availability of the Spanish and Portuguese languages (program and examples). For the ISO 20022 import, three others formats have been added, camt.052, camt.053 and camt.054. These allow the user to not only import monthly bank statements, but also daily reports and payment confirmations. In the status bar, apart from the sum of the different selected amounts, we have added also the information about the number of selected amounts, useful when checking the accounting transactions.

We recommend the Banana accounting 7 users to update their version at no cost at our [Download](#) page. For more information, please consult the [Modifications history](#) page.

Free license for schools: version 7

20.03.2013

Following the considerable demand of schools and in an effort to promote the use of Banana Accounting software in bookkeeping classes, Banana.ch SA has decided to offer a free license, also for the latest **version 7**, to the schools.

The full and unlimited license can be installed on all school computers and covers both [the Windows 7 version](#) and [the version 7 for Mac](#). For more information and to take advantage of this offer, just follow the instructions given on our page [Free license for schools](#).

On our page [List of Schools / Resources](#), apart from some specific information, a list of schools that are already using the free license can be found.

New feature: Flat tax rate method (Switzerland)

08.02.2013

Banana Accounting 7 has a new feature that allows you to automatically calculate the VAT according to the

Flat tax rate method and view its Report, after which the data have to be transferred manually in the respective numbers of the Official VAT Form.

More details can be found on the related web pages in [German](#), [French](#) and [Italian](#).

Note: The VAT report for the Flat tax rate method is operational starting with version 7.02. In case you have version 7.0 or 7.01, you can update your version at our [Download page](#).

Banana 7 Manual in PDF format

08.02.2013

The Banana Accounting 7 user manual is now available in PDF format. All documentation has been published in a single file for easier reference.

[Banana Accounting 7 user manual](#)

Big success for the native Mac version

07.02.2013

We are happy to announce that the newly released native version for Mac of Banana Accounting 7 is having a big success among our users. You can download it from our [Download](#) page. The installation is really easy and emulators are not necessary anymore. Compatibility with Windows versions and with Banana Accounting's previous versions is guaranteed: Banana 7 reads files from all previous versions and files created with Banana 7 can be read from on version 5.0.12 and more recent. For more information please visit the [Version for Mac page](#).