#### Tax Tips for Amazon Sellers

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- Two types of taxes
  Income
  - 1099-K
  - Staying Compliant: Common Mistakes by Amazon sellers
  - Deductions: Common deductions taken by Amazon sellers... are you saving as much on taxes as you could?
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#### Annual Income Taxes

#### Income Tax Filing is due April 15<sup>th</sup>



(unless you file for an extension - 10/15)



### When do you pay your income tax?

#### Estimated Taxes = $1/4^{th}$ of your annual income tax

It is paid on:

- Jan 15
- April 15
- June 15
- Sept 15

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"Quarterly Estimated taxes" are just your annual income taxes paid quarterly.

#### **Big For Amazon Sellers:**

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Account number (see instructions)			
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The 1099-k is a form that Amazon sends to you and to the IRS to report your revenue

### Who gets a 1099-k?

- Amazon will be sending them around 1/31
- You get one if:
  - You had \$20,000 or more in sales AND
  - You sold 200 or more items
- Notes:
  - The limits are based on the total of all of your Amazon accounts
  - You can also get one from Etsy or PayPal... but same limits apply



### What do I do with my 1099-K?

- <u>Reconcile</u>... make sure it's right
- <u>Expenses</u>... lower your taxes
- <u>Deductions</u>... lower your taxes
- <u>Double</u> Check... your gross receipts

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#### Reconcile

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#### Which of these are included?

- Shipping revenue
- Sales tax collected
- Fraudulent payments received
- Personal payments received (PayPal)
- Sales that were returned





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## Commonly Missed Expenses

- Marketplace Fees
- Obsolete Inventory
- Attending SCOE
  - Baggage Fees





#### Deductions

- Make sure that you are taking all of the deductions you legally can
- We'll talk about common deductions for Amazon sellers soon





#### **Double Check**

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#### Inventory – All Shapes & Sizes

# Inventory can be the items you resell



#### Or things that go into making the items you sell





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#### Inventory – 3 things to know

 Know your end of year inventory for taxes

• You can't expense inventory until you sell it (or scrap it... or donate it)

• It's not as scary as it may sound!



#### Paying Yourself a Salary

• No!\*

\*This is for sole proprietors who file a Schedule C





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## More Money For Your **BUSINESS**



#### Home Office Deduction

Write off a percentage of your mortgage payment or rent and utilities

- Follow the IRS rules, like "exclusively and regularly"
- Take a picture of your home office





#### **Contribute to Retirement**

 Retirement plans aren't just for "big company" employees

Individual 401(K)SEP IRA



Both allow you to defer your profits (and taxes) until retirement





- Tracking Mileage:
  - Download Mile Bug or Outright for your smart phone
  - Take a picture of your odometer and the start and end of business trips
- Common Mistakes:
  - You get either cents per mile OR gas
  - You can only deduct interest paid





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#### Sales Taxes

## Paid by your customer... but collected and submitted by you!





#### Sales Tax Steps

- <u>Nexus</u>... which states?
- Investigate and Register... Prepare to collect
- •<u>Collect</u>... Set up and Collect
- Track and Remit... Send in the money

Acronym: NICT





#### Nexus

#### Where do you have a physical location?

- Your house
- FBA Fulfillment Centers!!
- Selling at tradeshows
- Employee Locations (or helpers)
- Suppliers, in some unique circumstances
- States to watch:
  - California (if over \$1M)
  - Pennsylvania, Illinois, and Connecticut
  - South Carolina and Tennessee
- Eventually, there may be a national law...



### Investigate and Register

#### • For each state, find out:

- Requirements
- Rates
- Exempt Items
- How to Register



Check out our resources page in your conference booklet for the link



The easy part:

- Collecting through Amazon... they charge a fee
- Not collecting, but paying anyways

Search Help:	Topic or Keyword	Search Seller Help
Tax Collection Services	Terms	

The following terms apply to the tax collection services Amazon makes available to Marketplace Professional sellers and Webstore sellers.

**Registration.** If you are a Marketplace Professional seller or Webstore seller, you may register for tax collection services by providing to Amazon, in the format and manner we require, collection settings for the jurisdictions for which you wish to collect taxes or other transaction-based charges that we support for your Marketplace Professional or Webstore transactions, and any related information we request.

**Collection Services.** We will collect sales and use taxes and other transaction-based charges supported by the functionality we make available for Marketplace Professional or Webstore transactions based on your collection settings and any related information we request.

Seller Type	Fee
Marketplace Professional	2.9% of all sales and use taxes and other transaction-based charges we collect
Webstore	Sales tax collection service fees are included in the Webstore Payment Processing and Fraud Protection fees calculated on total sales proceeds

Tax Collection Services Fees. If you use the tax collection services, you will pay us the following fees:



#### **Track and Remit**





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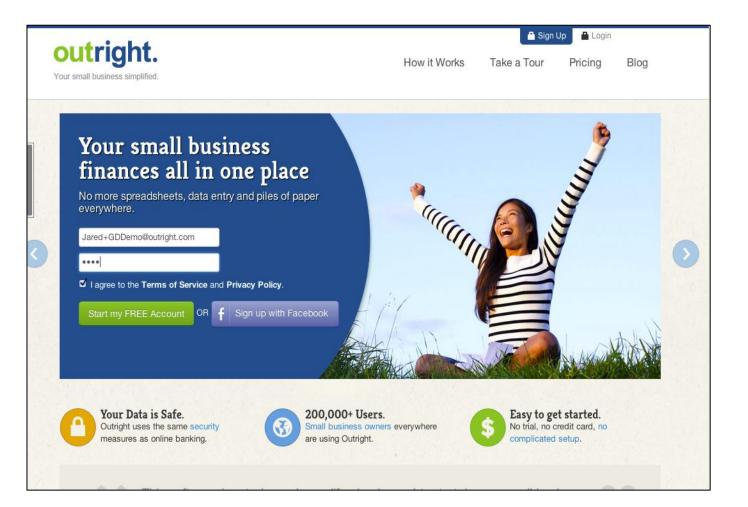
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#### Outright.com





### Link Your Amazon Account

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Welcome to Outright	
Sell Products? Link your biggest sales channel.	Sell services? Link your most important credit card or bank.
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bigcartel	
I own an online store	
Don't see your store? Recommend a Marketplace	

- Secure, Read-only connection
- Outright imports and organizes your transactions outright.

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#### XYZ Sellers \$51,453.42 Profile

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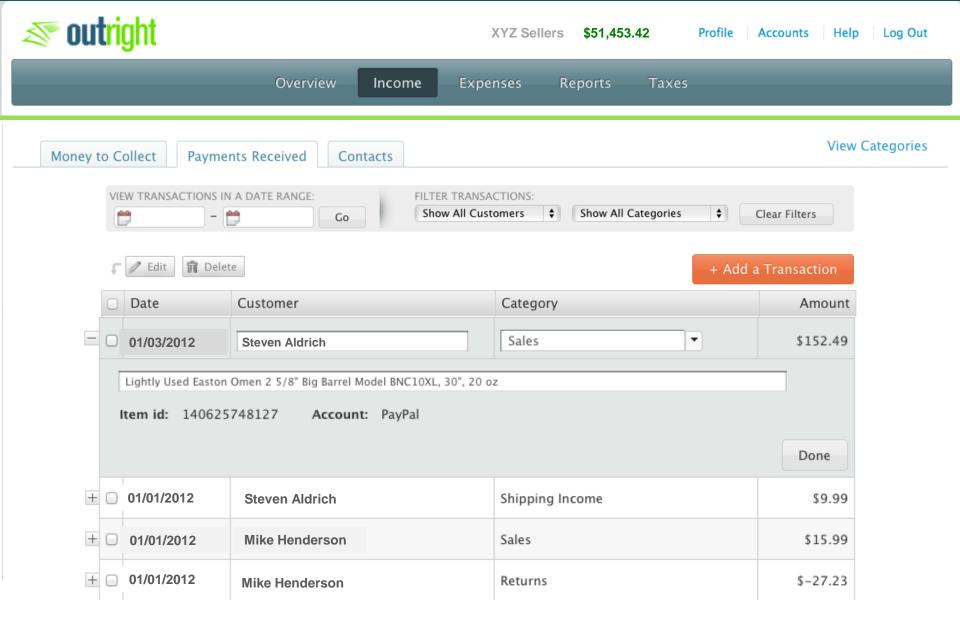
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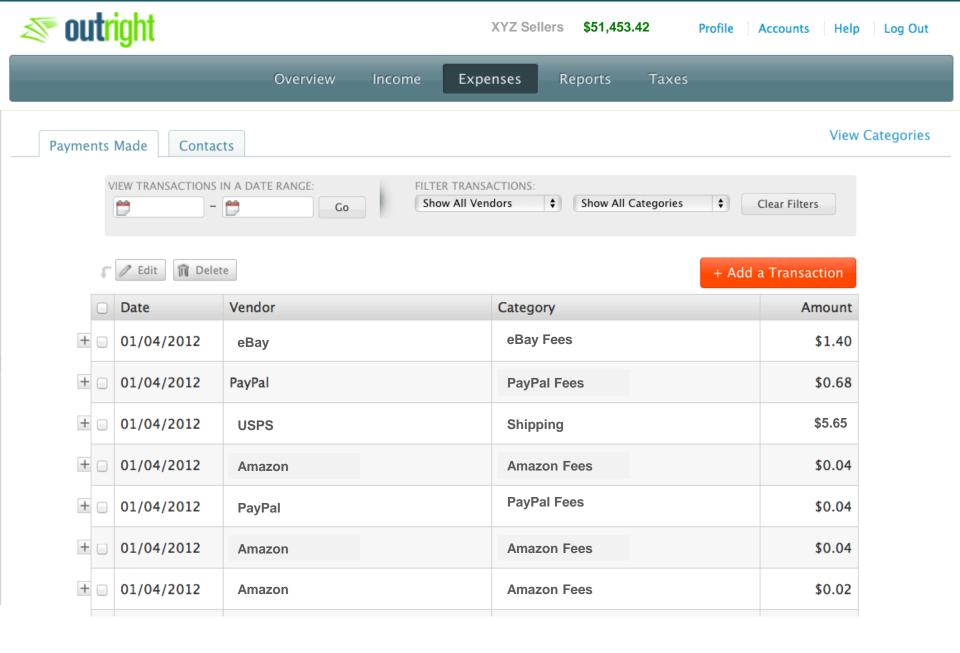


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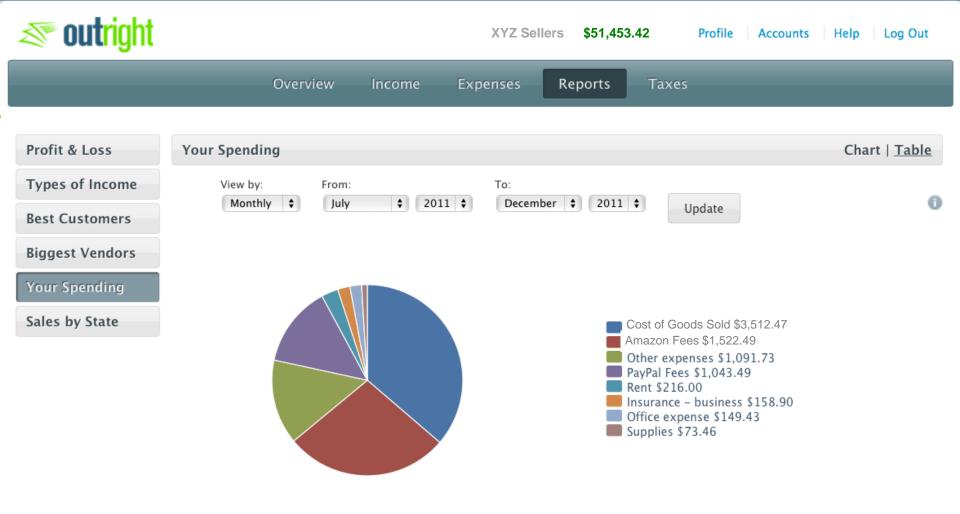
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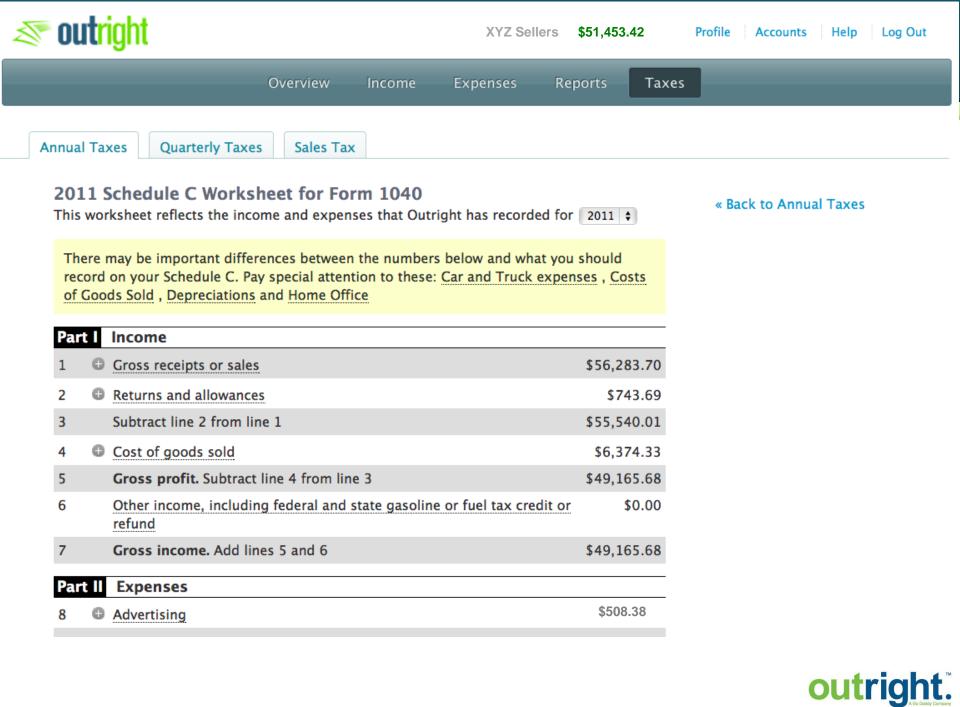


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Number of transactions per state







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