

Tech Tip Tuesday—April 19, 2016

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Chauffeur Driven Executive Retreat We will be participating in the Chauffeur Driven Executive Retreat in New Orleans on May 1-3. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

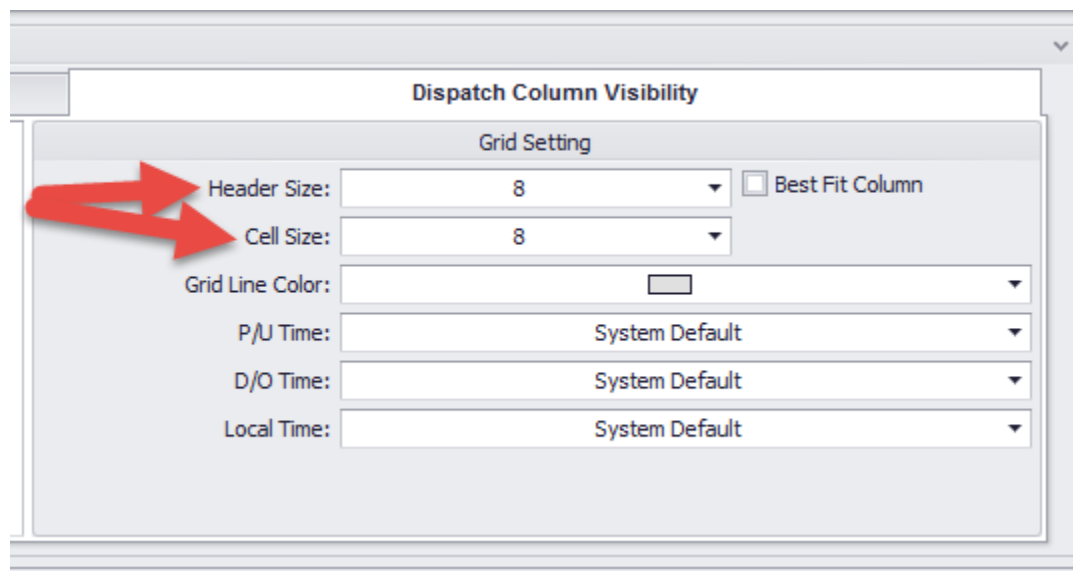
LiveryCoach.net Please note that in this and future Tech Tips, the screen shots and descriptions will all be from LiveryCoach.net, the new version of Livery Coach. Some of the tips we mention will also apply to the older “VB6” version. We will try to point out which tips only apply to LiveryCoach.net. If you aren’t already running LiveryCoach.net, please contact support@liverycoach.com to schedule your update. Note that there will be no more enhancements to Livery Coach VB6, and support will end at the end of this year.

Dispatch Grid Font Size

If you have a high resolution computer screen, especially if it is not a really big screen, then sometimes the print can be a bit small, especially for those of us with aging eyes.

On the Dispatch Grid, you can control the font size of the text, as well as the color of the gridlines, and the format of the PU date.

On the dispatch grid, select the Dispatch Column Visibility tab. There you will see controls for the font size of both the Header (column headings) and the Cell Size (the actual data in the columns).



The default is 8 points (fairly small)—if you want the text bigger, simply select a larger number from the dropdown.

Below is a sample of the same data in both 8 point and 12 point. Note that with the larger text, you may need to re-adjust your column widths to fit what you want to see in the cell.

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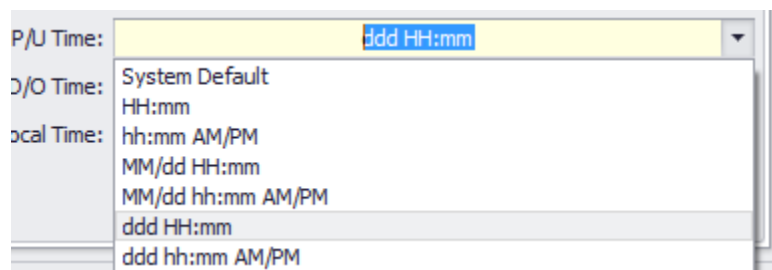
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Below the setting for the Font Sizes, you can set the grid line colors. Some people like it dark, some people like it light, and some people like it to disappear completely. It is your choice.

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Finally, there are settings for the format of the time in the Pickup (P/U) Column, the DropOff (D/O) column, and the Local time (for farmouts). The reason you might want a custom format is so that you can narrow your column width to gain more screen real estate for other columns, but still see exactly when the trip is.

“System Default” uses the Windows default setting, which is mm/dd/yy hh:mm in either 12 or 24 hour format. The dropdown lets you select from other formats. For example, if you select ddd HH:mm you get the day of the week (abbreviated) along with the time (in 24 hour format).



P/U Time
Fri 04:30
Fri 04:30
Fri 05:30
Fri 05:30

The system uses the Windows standard abbreviations—that is, HH is the hour in 24-hour format, whereas hh is the hour in 12 hour format. dd is the day of the month (in numbers); ddd is the abbreviation for the day of the week, and dddd is the full day of the week. If you don’t see a format you like in the dropdown, you can use the templates to remind you what stands for what, and you can create your own. In our final example, I wanted the month and day, time (24 hr), and day of week. So I typed MM/dd HH:mm ddd

Cell Size:	8
Grid Line Color:	
	MM/dd hh:mm ddd
D/O Time:	System Default
Local Time:	System Default



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