

# DTE SOLUTIONS

## The Down To Earth Software Information Newsletter

### Helpful Hints

#### Accurate 1099s for 2010

The end of another year has come and gone and government reporting is complete. But if you noticed the 1099 data needed adjusting and not sure why, keep reading to better understand how the 1099 reported dollars are managed in Down To Earth.

There are two windows that work together to control what and how 1099 earnings are reported – the **Vendor Tab (master)** and the **A/P Invoice distribution**. Because they work together, it's important to understand how for accurate year end reporting.

#### Vendor Tab (master)


There are two fields within the Vendor Tab that determine the 1099 definition - 1) **Print 1099/1042** and 2) **1099/1042 default**.

- ✓ The **Print 1099/1042** (yes/no) field value is used to decide if the vendor is getting a 1099 at year end. If **Yes**, this vendor is included in the 1099 print process.
- ✓ The **1099/1042 default** is the 1099 code most often used as the reporting category within the vendor invoice Distribution window. For example, M07 is Non-employee compensation. However, that default may need to be changed during invoice entry, depending on the situation.

#### A/P Invoice Distribution

This window controls whether an amount is reported on a 1099 when the invoice is paid. However, the value may require adjustment based on the type of distribution. For example,

- ✓ If a vendor has more than one type of 1099 reporting, the operator must tell DTE if the distribution is for something other than the default. Usually Non-employee compensation (M07) but sometimes Medical Care (M06).
- ✓ If a vendor receives non-employee compensation AND expense reimbursements, non-employee compensation is reportable, expense reimbursement is not. The expense reimbursement must be entered as **:None** for the 1099 code.

With a better understanding of how DTE 1099s work throughout the year, your 2010 reporting will be a piece of cake! 

### Down To Earth Support Available 24/7


Down To Earth has been a part of “instant access” on the Internet for over 15 years. Most any topic or question that has come to our Technical Support team more than once or twice, has in turn been published with an answer online.

Frequently Asked Questions are just that. Within the FAQ section of the DTE Support Web-site, you'll find answers to some of your questions, easily and quickly...

- **By Application** – Common issues for Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, General Ledger, Inventory, Payroll, Purchase Order, Sales Order, and Water Billing.
- **Procedures** – such as Fiscal and Calendar Year End, Financial Statement Formats, Physical Year End, and suggestions re Purging Data.
- **Import & Export** – of DTE data files and procedures for several applications with this option available.
- **Operator Security** – set up new and change current Operator IDs access to DTE
- **Printer definitions** - get the most from your printer, system, and options for design.
- **Situations during a Post process** – possible causes and the next step if your post should display an error.

For answers to your questions, you can always look online at:

[www.datvsn.com/d2esupport/FAQ.html](http://www.datvsn.com/d2esupport/FAQ.html)

And, even if you're not able to categorize your question into one of the above topics, our new **Site Search** feature provides a link to each page where your Search subject is found. 

### DTE Solutions Archives

Can't find your past Quarterly DTE Solutions newsletters? That's OK. You can always download the PDF version from our support web-site. Link to:

[www.datvsn.com/d2esupport/Newsletters.html](http://www.datvsn.com/d2esupport/Newsletters.html)

to find just the one you were looking for.

# Frequently Used Geek Terms

## Next Generation of Wireless... 3G vs 4G

Many people use 3G and may not know what it is. And now they're talking 4G! So what exactly are they talking about?

It's billed as the **Third Generation** (3G) of wireless and mobile communication. The 3G technology allows telephone conversation coverage from a wide area as well as internet access and video conferencing.

And it's fast – data transfer can travel up to 2mb per second when the phone is indoors and stays in one place. (The speed decreases in a moving vehicle.)

The 3G technology sounds great so how is 4G better? The **Fourth Generation** will do everything 3G does ... but better and faster.

Comprehensive and more secure IP (Internet Protocol) access will provide “anytime, anywhere” access. Also included is the ability for HD (High Definition) video and data transfer standard of 100 Mbps (megabytes per second).

With the enhanced technology of 4G, new opportunities will open up not only for telephones but for any wireless network and communication system.

Although this technology is not available to the general public just yet, look for 4G technology announcements by the end of 2010. Then you, too can talk, download, & watch videos – in a flash!



### Web-links:

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[www.datvsn.com/d2esupport](http://www.datvsn.com/d2esupport)  
[www.dtewebdesigns.com](http://www.dtewebdesigns.com)

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# Colorizing Down To Earth

Choosing your unique colors to use in Down To Earth for Windows isn't as hard as you might think. That standard grey background with black lettering is OK but if you'd like to add some **color** to your day, read on ...

There are two parts to each window – the MS Windows® top bar and the DTE software colors within each window. Anyone can easily change the MS Windows top bar on their individual PC. Changing DTE colors requires a little bit more information and knowledge of DTE **synergy.ini** file.

### Windows bar color changes:

Right click anywhere on your desktop and choose “Properties.” The **Themes** Tab displays, offering standard desktop choices including the blue bar, “Windows Classic.” Or choose the **Appearance** Tab to change a color listed for your style.

### Colorizing DTE in Windows

The color scheme of all aspects of DTE is a little more than will fit in this newsletter so we've narrowed it to the basics. If you need help setting up your colors, call DTE Support for more information and samples.

First, choose a color you want for the 1) font and the 2) background for your input windows. Next, you'll need to make a backup copy then edit your **synergy.ini** file. (File location defined by the system environment logical, SFWINIPATH):

- The **Synergy.ini** file contains a [Colors] section under the DTE Logicals. Within that section, there are several “Color#” commands.
- DTE primarily uses **Color0**, **Color9**, and **Color15** to control the **font**, **text display**, and **background** colors, respectively with Down To Earth windows.

Now you need to know the Hex code for the color you want. For example, the Hex code for **black** is #000000, **white** is #FFFFFF, **blue** is #000080 and **red** is #800000.

The Hex code value is divided into the three sections for the synergy.ini **Color#** command. For example,

- A **black** font is coded: COLOR0=0x00, 0x00, 0x00
- A **blue** font is coded: COLOR0=0x00, 0x00, 0x80

The same is true for the window background but use **Color15**:

- **white** (no color) is: COLOR15=0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF
- **Light Grey** is: COLOR15=0xE8, 0xE8, 0xE8

The above information gets you started. But for more detailed information, Color chart links, and window color samples, visit, **Changing DTE colors** at:

[www.datvsn.com/d2esupport/Changing-DTE-Colors.html](http://www.datvsn.com/d2esupport/Changing-DTE-Colors.html)