Appendix D - Data Field Color Meanings

The background colors of various data fields or labels have meanings. Here is a list of some of them:

Yellow background data description label:
  a) With a white 3-D data field box (ex “Load/Commodity” data field in Figure D-1):
     - Dropdown list for data with limited values (ex: the “Make this shipment” data field in Figure D-1).
     - Text for data with any value
  b) With a flat (non 3-D) data field with a pale green background (ex: “Average grade between stations” data field in Figure D-2):
     - Data that interacts with other data.
     - Calculated data that can be adjusted to fine tune the operation, but which in most cases should be left alone.
  c) Display with the associated data field having a darker green background:
     - Data related to a data field on the same line (ex “STCC” data field in Figure D-1).

Light Purple data description label:
  a) Previous data when comparing to new data.
  b) Data description explanation label.
      (Note that the light purple background labels are mostly used in DCC and weighscale sections).

Middle Green (ex: “Charges $” data field in Figure D-1):
  a) An instruction. (ex: The text with the Middle Green background above the two radio buttons in Figure D-3).
  b) Data calculated/managed by ProTrak and based at least in part on a “flat” data field box with a white background. The Middle Green data should be left alone, but can be fine-tuned by altering the entry in the associated white data field. Resulting data forms an instruction, or is related to an instruction.

Middle Blue background (ex: Last line in right hand column of Figure D-1):
  a) “Test” data.
  b) Notice that the data needs to be changed.
  c) Option to select which “list of data” to display in the right-hand panel.
Red: Serious error or problem (with two exceptions):
   a) Missing siding numbers.
   b) Hotbox display.
   c) Exceptions:
      1. "STOP" button on DCC throttles.
      2. Label for "Railway Clearances" as the cover of the book is actually red.

Bright Yellow: operational issues warning
   a) Cutlist is pending for car routed into this train.
   b) No trains being held at yard.

Pink: Waybill information in the "Changing active car..." window.
   A colored background (pink) indicates the car has a waybill assigned but is on its way to the shipper. The car is "Empty for load" (tt).

Sample Windows

![Uniform Bill of Lading, Not Negotiable: 20 of: 31 available, of: 31 total](Image)

Figure D-1
Figure D-2
Figure D-3

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