Activity 25: Create relative file paths

Who should complete this activity

- System administrators

Why you should complete this activity

Relative file paths enable you to reuse the same process template for different jobs, guaranteeing that the output file is saved to the correct location and that the OPI and font search paths do not break.

Use relative file paths when defining :

- Output file locations in the **File Delivery** section and ICC profiles in the **Match Colors** section of both the Refine to PDF process template dialog box and output process template dialog boxes
- The **PrintLink** section of the output process template dialog boxes
- The **OPI** and **Font** search paths in the Refine to PDF process template dialog box

  Important: You can use relative file paths only if you submit your files through the template palette or **File** menu submission channels.

  Relative output paths in process templates attached to hot folders and virtual printers do not work because the input file is not within the job folder structure–it is inside one of the work folders, and Prinergy Evo software will place the output files somewhere relative to the work folder and not the **JobData** folder subfolders. When you submit input files to Prinergy Evo software via hot folder or virtual printer submission channels, type a direct output path in the **Device Path** box in the **File Delivery** section in the process template dialog box.

Recommended reading

- In the Prinergy Evo Workflow Client user guide for your version of Prinergy Evo Workflow software, search for: Tell me more about using relative file paths
- In the Prinergy Evo Workflow System Administration Guide for your version of Prinergy Evo Workflow software, search for: Suggested Job folder organization using relative paths

Time required to complete this activity

20-30 minutes

What you'll learn

- Recommended practices for folder names and organizing files in a Prinergy Evo production environment
- How to use the Prinergy Evo relative paths feature to organize refined PDF files within a job folder
- How to configure relative image search paths using settings in the refine process template

What you'll need

- Before starting this activity, install the Geometry Editor plug-in
- In the location to which you extracted the activity files, find the **Activity 25** folder and these files:
  - `Job 16 jobsheet.pdf`
  - The files in the **Fonts**, **Images**, **Imposition Template**, **Postscript**, and **Source** folders, which are typical of the files that a Prinergy Evo user might receive from a customer

What you'll do

- Configure relative file paths for OPI image replacement
- Configure relative file paths for Prinergy Evo processed file output
- Learn the benefits of relative file paths to help organize files in a Prinergy Evo production environment