Activity 30: Create a multi-process hot folder

Who should complete this activity

- Prepress operators
- Prepress managers

Why you should complete this activity

Prinergy Evo allows you to associate more than one process template with a hot folder. This allows you to create a single hot folder that will direct files to several process templates at the same time. If you have some jobs or types of work that will frequently require the same, predictable outputs, this functionality may assist you to automate some of your processing.

Prinergy Evo hot folder functionality also offers some automated controls that determine which incoming files should be processed. Using options available when you assign a process template to a hot folder, you can now specify what file types should be processed by each process template. When a user submits a file to the hot folder, the system will check the file type criteria and process only files that meet those criteria.

In this activity, you will use the multi-process hot folder functionality to create a hot folder that will simultaneously output both a Prinergy Virtual Proofing System TIFF file set and a hard copy proof for each imposition file submitted to the folder. You will use file types criteria to direct the system to process only supported imposition files and to ignore all other files.

Recommended reading

- In the Prinergy Evo Workflow Client user guide for your version of Prinergy Evo Workflow software, search for:
  - Creating a new multi-process hot folder
  - Assign process templates options

Time required to complete this activity

25 minutes

What you'll learn

- How to configure multi-purpose hot folders
- How to use Prinergy Evo multi-purpose hot folders to create an automated workflow for simultaneous Prinergy Virtual Proofing System software and hard copy proof
- How to specify for a Prinergy Evo hot folder which files the associated process template should process

What you'll need

- Access to an installed and configured Prinergy Evo system
- Ability to configure and use a hot folder in a Prinergy Evo working environment
- An output from imposition process template such as the one you created in *Activity 29: Create a Signature Booklet Proof*

- An output-ready imposition file such as the `EvoITP_Fat.poool_impo.jdf` file that you created in Activity 29
- Sample PDF digital master files. You will use these files to experiment with how hot folders handle different file formats. Suitable files include:
  - The PDF layout flats created in Activity 27: Create a Layout Using Output PDF Process Template Settings: (`EvoITP_Fat.1A.PDF`, `EvoITP_Fat.1B.PDF`, `EvoITP_Fat.2A.PDF`, `EvoITP_Fat.2B.PDF`)
  - The `EvoITP_Fat.poool.pdf` through `EvoITP_Fat.poo16.pdf` files found in the location to which you extracted the activity files, in the **ITP Files\PreRefinedPages** folder

What you'll do

- Consider the benefits of multi-process hot folders that you can apply in your own working environment
- Use file-matching criteria to streamline a hot folder workflow
- Learn which imposition file types can be used with Prinergy Evo