

Activity 28: Use Rules-Based Automation

Overview

Why you should complete this activity

Using Rules-Based Automation (RBA) software will save you time and effort by creating a fully automated workflow.

This activity is important because it illustrates how to:

- Use an RBA sample rule—Scenario 1
- Create and use a customized RBA rule—Scenario 2

Recommended reading

- *Rules-Based Automation User Guide*
- *Rules-Based Automation Self-Study Guide*

What you'll need

For this activity you need to locate:

- Prinerger Activity Practice Files /Act_28_RBA

The instructor or coach will provide you with the location of the practice files.

What you need to know

Use an RBA sample rule

You need to edit a sample rule that is used to automatically refine input files once they are dropped into a hot folder. The sample rule will first register the input file, and then automatically refine it.

Rules-Based Automation (RBA) software lets you automate almost every step of your workflow—from job creation to storage—with a simple drag-and-drop window. Instead of using Workshop to control Prinerger, you create rules that Prinerger follows automatically each time certain triggers occur.

The difference between rules-based automation and smart hot folder automation is the allowance of automation. Smart hot folders can automate portions of the Prinerger workflow, while rules-based automation allows the entire workflow to be automated.

Sample Rule Sets that ship with RBA are located in the Rule Set Library in Rule Set Manager.

You cannot enable an incomplete rule set; you must complete it first, usually by selecting required parameter values for the actions.

Note: Sample rule sets provided with Rules-Based Automation are protected with a read-only lock.

Note: If you are completing this activity on your own or coaching others in your shop, copy the Prinerger Activity Practice Files folder (available on the Kodak Partner Place internet portal at <https://partnerplace.kodak.com/>) directly to your workstation. For further information about these procedures, see Activity 1.

Process templates used:

- Refine process template: **Refine > Refine > 1st Ref-Normz**
- Loose page proof process template: **Loose Page Output > VirtualProof > VirtualProof. LoosePage**