

Configuring the behavior of hot folders

Configure the group size, wait time between dropped files, and group type for hot folders in the Prinergy system.

1. From the **Tools** menu, select **Configure System**.
2. In the Configuration Options dialog box, click the **Hot Folders** tab.
3. Set the following options:

Setting	Specifies
Group Size	The number of files that are processed together when files are dropped into a hot folder. Grouping files reduces the number of active tasks, which reduces processing overhead and can speed up processing. For example, if Group Size is set to 1 and you drop 1000 files into a hot folder, each file is processed individually. Icons representing the 1000 processes appear in the Active Processes pane of Job Manager in Workshop, and 1000 messages appear for the job in the History view. Likewise, if Group Size is set to 200 and you drop 1000 files into a hot folder, five processing groups are created, icons representing the five groups appear in the Active Processes pane, and five messages appear for the job in the History view. The default Group Size setting is 200.
Wait Time Between Dropped Files	The number of seconds that the Prinergy system waits after a file is dropped into a hot folder before creating a group. If the time specified as the Wait Time Between Dropped Files has elapsed, the Prinergy system concludes that no more files are coming and it creates a group, even if fewer files than the Group Size number have been dropped into the hot folder. The default Wait Time Between Dropped Files setting is 20 seconds.
Wait Time Between Dropped Files of a Multi File Set	The number of seconds that the Prinergy system waits for the master file of a multi-file set to be dropped into a hot folder. When you drop files from a multi-file set into a hot folder, if the file format does not indicate that the file is part of a multi-file set, the Prinergy system waits for the number of seconds specified in the Wait Time Between Dropped Files of a Multi File Set option. If the master file is not dropped into the hot folder within this time, the files are submitted for processing as individual files. After the master file is dropped into a hot folder, the Prinergy system knows which files belong to the multi-file set. The set is not submitted for processing until all files are in the hot folder. If the file format indicates that an input file is part of a multi-file set (for example, TIFF-IT), Wait Time Between Dropped Files of a Multi File Set is not applied to the files. The set is not submitted for processing until all files are in the hot folder. A multi-file set can be DCS 1, multi file DCS-2, CT/LW, or TIFF/IT. The default Wait Time Between Dropped Files of a Multi-File Set setting is 20 seconds.

Group Type	Options for Group Type are: All Single File Formats: If this option is selected, PostScript, EPS, PDF, and TIFF files are grouped. None: If this option is selected, files are not grouped. All files are processed one at a time, regardless of the Group Size setting. PS, EPS, PDF: If this option is selected, PostScript, EPS, and PDF files are grouped. The default Group Type setting is All Single File Formats.
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4. Click **OK**.
5. Stop and restart Prinergy.