

# Sample: Adding input files with a hot folder drop rule

Use the Hot Folder Refine sample rule set to add input files to a job using a hot folder, register the files in the job, and optionally refine the files. The Hot Folder Refine rule set is located at **Rule Set Library > Rule Sets > Sample Rule Sets**.



## What the rule does

When a file is dropped in a job hot folder, it is registered in the job and then refined using the Refine process template indicated in the parameters.

## Why it is useful

A hot folder drop rule automates a common workflow task.

## Events and actions used

| Event               | Actions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| Job Hot Folder Drop | Add Input Files<br>Refine Input File<br>Import Imposition (optional)<br><b>Note:</b> If you use the same hot folder for both input files and impositions, use a <b>Filter Items</b> flow action to separate input files from impositions. |

## Key parameters

| Event or action | Parameter                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Add Input Files | <b>Job:</b> Click  . On the <b>Event Properties</b> tab, select <b>Job</b> and click <b>OK</b> .<br><b>UNC File Paths:</b> Use the <b>Files</b> tab to select a job hot folder, or use the <b>String</b> tab to type a specific location, or use the <b>Event Properties</b> list to select a matching value. |

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| Refine<br>Input<br>File | <b>Process Template Path:</b> Specify the refine process template to be used for refining the files. |
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## Where to enable it

This rule is suitable for enabling in a job.

## Other considerations

The job hot folder must exist before the rule set can execute.

If you set the **UNC File Paths** parameter of the **Add Input Files** action to a specific location and not to a value from the **Matching Event Properties** list, in the Create Hot Folder dialog box, select the **Use Custom Location** check box and identify the same path.

(Optional) If you intend to use the job as a template job, set up any desired font search paths, image search paths, and other settings needed in jobs that will be based on this template job.

## See also

[Creating a basic rule set](#)