

Page name patterns

Construct the page name pattern carefully to ensure that the automatic linking results are as you intended. After defining a page name pattern, it is important to check that it links refined pages to versioned pages correctly.

Prinerger enables you to define multiple page name patterns for each layer in the version plan. Having more than one page name pattern provides flexibility in the naming of refined pages and the matching of the layers of the versioned plan to the job's refined pages. For example, you can add another page name pattern that contains the string "correction" and then if a page needs to be corrected, you name the corrected page accordingly. When the operator receives the corrected page that is named in the appropriate way, the operator simply refines the page and it is automatically populated into the correct position in the **Versioned Pages** tab. Page name patterns are separated by a semi-colon. Prinerger looks for a match according to the order of the page name patterns in the table.

Tip: If you create a version plan with page name patterns that you can use for other jobs, the job can become a template for other jobs.

For more information, see the *Use Layered PDF Versioning with Automated Page Assignment* lesson in the *Prinerger Workflow Workshop Activity Guide*.

What is a page name pattern?

A page name pattern is a set of characters that matches the refined page names for a layer, where wild cards are used to represent the characters that change between each refined page name.

Important: Use page name patterns to match refined page names; not to match input file names. For example, the single page input file, RC_English.pdf becomes RC_English.p1.pdf after refining.

Wild cards

The following wild cards are supported:

- **#**—match numbers
- **%**—match letters
- **\$**—match letters and/or numbers

Wild card rules

- All wild cards must be enclosed in square brackets. For example, [#]
- You can use one or more wild cards in a page name pattern.

Important: Although the pattern matching wild cards are very similar to that used in APA (Advanced Production Automation), you cannot use the APA Editor in Prinerger to create the pattern matching expressions for LPV. You must use the version plan.

Page name pattern errors

If no refined pages match the page name pattern, the refine process completes, the refined pages are added to the **Pages** view, but versioned pages are not created, and the refined pages are not linked.

After a failed auto-linking process, do one of the following to link your refined pages:

- Fix the page name pattern—after correcting the page name pattern, perform a minimal rerefine to apply automatic linking. Ensure that the **Build Versioned Pages** check box (**Normalize** pane) is selected in the refine process template.
- Link refined pages to versioned pages manually

Names of automatically created versioned pages

When using page name patterns without back references, versioned pages that are automatically created are named with the 'VP' prefix. For example, versioned page one is named VP_1.pdf.

If you use back references, you can define the versioned page name prefix.