

Creating a mark rule

Use the Mark Rules Editor to create the rules for adding marks to autocreated and autoganged layouts.

1. Perform one of the following actions:
 - Select **Resources > Mark Rules Editor**.
 - In the Utilities folder, double-click the PrepsMarkRulesEditor file to start the software.
 2. In Mark Rules Editor:
 - In Mac OS: Select **PrepsMarkRulesEditor > Preferences**.
 - In Microsoft Windows: Select **Tools > Options**.
 3. In the Preferences dialog box, load the profile to be used and set the **Unit** for specifying dimensions in the criteria settings.
 4. Click **[+]** to add a new rule.
 5. Configure the criteria in the rule settings.

It is not necessary to provide a value for each setting. For example, a generic rule to apply crop marks to all auto-created signatures might contain only the rule name.
 6. In the **SmartMarks** list, choose a mark to be applied by this rule. Double-click it to add it to the **Marks to be added** list.

Note: Add as many marks as desired for this rule.
 7. Click **Save Rules**.
 8. Repeat as needed to set up additional rules.
 9. To activate the rules for JDF auto signature creation, enable the **Add SmartMarks based on mark rules** option on the **JDF** tab of the Preferences dialog box.
- The mark rules are added to the markrules.xml file in the Printers folder.
 - For JDF auto signature creation, rules are applied based on the JDF data's work style, binding type, front and back colors, and sheet size (or size range).
 - For AutoGang, rules are applied based on the flat work binding style and specified sheet size in the AutoGang Preset.
 - When more than one rule matches a press run, all matching rules are applied.