

Creating an Auto arrange hot folder

This hot folder arranges the incoming TIFF files on the layout automatically. See also the Marks preference to [Automatically apply selected marks](#).

General steps for creating a hot folder

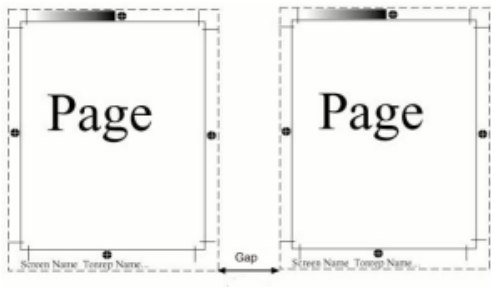
1. Select **Tools > Hot Folder Setup**.
2. In the Hot Folder Setup dialog box, click .
3. Type a name for the hot folder in the **Hot Folders** list, and click anywhere in the dialog box.
4. In the **Input folder** box, click **Select**, locate and select the desired folder (if needed, click  to create a new folder), and click **Select**.
5. To define an output folder for the output TIFF file, click **Select** in the Output folder box, select an output folder, and click **Select**.
6. To delete the input files after the output file is created, select the **Delete input files after output** check box.

Setting up the Auto arrange hot folder

1. In the **Hot folder type** list, select **Auto arrange**.
2. Set the hot folder options as needed.
3. Click **Save**.

Hot folder options for Auto arrange

Option	Settings	Notes
Template layout	User selection	To attach a template layout to the hot folder, click Select, select a template layout (CTA file), and click Select. In the Layout Setup dialog box, adjust settings as needed for the selected template layout. • To auto-fit all files added to a layout (auto-crop to actual pixel boundaries), ensure that the Auto-Fit new files check box is selected. • To prevent accumulation of unnecessary files for this hot folder, you can override global preferences that automatically create cutting files or generate Media Usage reports. Select Cut File > Don't Create. In the Layout Setup, disable the Media Usage Report option.
Resample files to layout resolution automatically	Check box	Select to resample the resolution of incoming files to the layout resolution.

Preview layout	Check box	Select to enable previewing the layout.
Timeout	User-defined	Select to activate the hot folder and create the layout when the specified timeout is reached.
Media coverage	User-defined	The hot folder creates the layout when the specified coverage is reached. Note: If you also select the Timeout check box, the hot folder creates the layout when the first condition is reached (Media coverage or Timeout).
Alignment	Top Left Top Right Bottom Right Bottom Left Center Center	Specify the point on the layout to which the bounding box is aligned.
Direction	Horizontal Vertical	Horizontal arranges the elements so that the maximum number of elements fit across the layout. Vertical arranges the elements so that the maximum number of elements fit down the layout.
Element gap	User-defined	In the horizontal  and vertical  boxes, type the amount of space between each image. 
Align elements for cutting	Check box	Select to automatically align the elements when you intend to cut the layout with a guillotine. All elements are aligned to the first element according to the selected Direction .

Allow element rotation for best fit	Check box	Select to rotate elements for an optimized arrangement.
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