

About watched folders

You can configure Distiller to look for PostScript files in certain folders called watched folders. Distiller can monitor up to 100 watched folders. When Distiller finds a PostScript file located in the In folder of a watched folder, it converts the file to PDF and then moves the PDF (and usually the PostScript file and any associated log file) to the Out folder. A watched folder can have its own Adobe PDF settings and security settings that apply to all files processed from that folder. Security settings for a watched folder take priority over the security settings for Distiller. For example, Distiller does not convert a PostScript file in a watched folder if the file is marked with read-only permission.

Set watched folders

1. In Acrobat Distiller, choose Settings > Watched Folders.
2. Click Add Folder, and select the target folder. Distiller automatically puts an In folder and an Out folder in the target folder. You can place In and Out folders at any level of a disk drive.
3. To define security options for a folder, select the folder and click Edit Security. Click OK to return to the Watched Folders dialog box.

Note: A security icon is prepended to any folder name for which security is set. To return a folder to the original options selected in the Distiller window, select the folder, and click Clear Security.

4. Set Adobe PDF conversion settings for the folders:
 - * To edit the Adobe PDF settings to be applied to a folder, select the folder, click Edit Settings, and edit the Adobe PDF settings. Click OK to save it to the watched folder as folder.joboptions.
 - * To use a different set of Adobe PDF settings, select the folder and click Load Settings. Use any settings that you have defined, named, and saved, and then click OK.
5. Set options to manage the processing of files:
 - * Enter a number of seconds to specify how often to check the folders. You can enter up to 9999. (For example, 120 equals 2 minutes, and 9999 equals about 2-3/4 hours.)
 - * Choose what to do with a PostScript file after it has been processed. The file can be moved to the Out folder along with the PDF file or deleted. Any log file is also automatically copied to the Out folder. (It's a good idea to keep the postscript file if a client approves the proof version you can use the same postscript file rather than recreating it)
 - * To delete PDFs after a certain period of time, enter a number of days, up to 999. This option also deletes PostScript and log files, if you have chosen to delete them.
6. If you want to remove a folder, select the folder and click Remove Folder. Make sure that Distiller has finished processing all the files in the folder before you remove it.

Note: When you remove a watched folder, Distiller does not delete the In and Out folders, their contents, or the folder.joboptions file. You can delete these manually when appropriate.

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We want the students to create both a low-resolution watched folder as well as a high-Resolution watched folder. The Low-res watched folder will be set up with the settings “SMALLEST FILE SIZE” in the folder settings. The High-Res folder settings will be set up to “Press Quality”.

When you have created your file from print window, place your postscript file into the “IN” folder for the Low-Res watched folder first - Then take the postscript file from the out folder of the LOW-RES watched folder and place into the “IN” folder of the High-res watched folder.

Compare the difference between the size of the files by getting info on each file.

Printing companies use watched folders to process files from clients on a service