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Enhancing AFP files for Postal Enablement

Most AFP files that are submitted to RICOH ProcessDirector need to be enhanced before they can be processed for Postal Enablement.

If you plan to use AFP Indexer to enhance AFP files, you must purchase and install the AFP Support feature.

To enhance AFP files for use with Postal Enablement:

1. If the AFP file does not have page group triggers (which identify the start of each mail piece in a job) or index tags defined for the mail piece data that you want to extract, AFP Indexer to add that information. Do these steps:
 1. Open the AFP file in the RICOH Visual Workbench.
 2. Select IndexAFP.
 3. Define the triggers that identify document boundaries.
 4. Add index tags for the mailing address data that you want to extract.
2. Use the Document Property Designer (DPD) mode to link each document property that your postal software requires to an index tag in the AFP file. Do these steps:
 1. Open the AFP file in the RICOH Visual Workbench and select the DPD mode.
 2. Double-click the document property name at the bottom of the window.
 3. Supply the requested information in the Define link options dialog.
When a document property is linked to an index tag, the value of the document property is the same as the value of the indexed data.

For more information, see the topics related to RICOH Visual Workbench and Document Property Designer.

3. Save the control file created by RICOH Visual Workbench and send it to the RICOH ProcessDirector server in a directory that the RICOH ProcessDirector system user has access to.
The control file contains Document Property Designer definitions.

 **Note:** When you configure your Postal Enablement workflows, specify the name of the Visual Workbench control file in a step based on the **IdentifyDocuments** step template.

4. **Optional:** Use the AFP Enhancer mode in RICOH Visual Workbench to edit an Enhance AFP control file if you want to:
 - Create a barcode with the updated mailing address data returned by the postal software.
 - Replace the original mailing address data with updated data returned by the postal software.
 - Hide areas that contain unwanted content.

Four sample Enhance AFP control files in the /aiw/aiw1/control_files/postal (Linux) or C:\aiw\aiw1\control_files\postal (Windows) directory replace a PostNet barcode with a Datamatrix barcode that identifies the job number and document number:

- PostalAFPReplaceAddr.cfg
This control file also replaces any addresses for which the postal software returned updated address data.
- PostalAFPBuildQualify.cfg
This control file also adds an Intelligent Mail barcode.
- PostalAFPBuildNonQualify.cfg
- PostalAFPBuildOther.cfg

5. Click **Tools** ⇒ **Export EnhanceAFP Control File** to export the Enhance AFP control file and send it to the RICOH ProcessDirector server in a directory that the RICOH ProcessDirector system user has access to.

 **Note:** When you configure your Postal Enablement workflows, specify the name of the Enhance AFP control file in the step based on the **BuildAFPFromDocuments** step template.

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