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Activating the Adobe PDF Print Engine conversion program

You can use either the Adobe PDF Print Engine (APPE) or Configurable PostScript Interpreter (CPSI) conversion program to transform PDF data to AFP.

We recommend using APPE for these reasons:

- Direct conversion of PDF data to AFP.
  CPSI first converts PDF data to PostScript, and then converts PostScript data to AFP.
- Support for modern PDF capabilities such as transparency and drop shadows.
- Better performance for color jobs.

By default, the TransformJobIntoAFP step uses CPSI to convert PDF data to AFP.

To activate the Adobe PDF Print Engine conversion program:

1. Click the **Workflow** tab.

2. Click the name of a workflow that includes the **TransformJobIntoAFP** step.

3. **Optional:** Disable the workflow by clicking the switch to the left of the workflow name.
   If you do not disable the workflow while you edit it, jobs that use this workflow continue to move through steps. When you save, the workflow is momentarily disabled then enabled again. Jobs that are processing in the workflow could move into error.

4. Click the name of the workflow.

5. Right-click the **TransformJobIntoAFP** step and select **Properties**.

6. On the **External** tab, find the **External control file template** property.

7. Change the value of the property from `/aiw/aiw1/control_files/external_programs/prepare_transform.cfg` to
   `/aiw/aiw1/control_files/external_programs/prepare_transform_APPE.cfg`.
   Both control files convert PostScript, PCL, and SAP data to AFP.

8. Click **OK**.

9. Save and enable the workflow.

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