Configuring

Creating page groups

You can create page groups in AFP files. Page groups organize AFP files into smaller, uniquely identifiable units. When you create page groups, any existing page groups defined in the AFP file itself are not used.

You can create page groups that are a fixed number of pages long, or you can create page groups of variable length by defining triggers. You can also define which pages are used for header and trailer pages. AFP Indexer creates the first page group after the defined number of header pages. It creates the final page group before the defined number of trailer pages.
The sample AFP file must contain page groups before you can define header and trailer pages, create index tags for a page group, or make any other enhancements. If page groups are defined in the AFP file itself, you can use these page groups or you can create new page groups.

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[Creating page groups of fixed length](#)
You can create page groups that are of fixed length. This is useful if all page groups in the AFP file always consist of the same number of pages.

[Creating page groups with triggers](#)
You can create page groups by defining one or more **triggers**. A trigger is a block of text that occurs in a consistent location on the first or last page of all page groups.

[Creating page groups when white space is found](#)
You can create page groups when white space is found in an area. White space does not contain IOCA (Image Object Content Architecture) image data. As an alternative, you can create page groups when IOCA image data is found in an area.

[Defining header and trailer pages](#)
After you create fixed-length page groups or page groups with triggers, you can define header and trailer pages and decide if the pages are kept in the final output for viewing and printing.

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