

## Configuring

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# Defining input devices

Input devices are the RICOH ProcessDirector objects through which RICOH ProcessDirector receives jobs.

RICOH ProcessDirector provides several input devices. You can make minor modifications to the properties of any of these input devices and use them in the installation. You can also copy them to create new input devices.

⬇ **Note:** If you plan to create Download input devices and you want to receive messages from the Download daemon in a language that is different from the language that you chose when you installed the RICOH ProcessDirector server, set the **Device language** property of the input device to the appropriate language.

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### [Using supplied input devices](#)

RICOH ProcessDirector provides several predefined input devices. If your print environment is simple and does not require many input devices, you can modify the properties of the predefined input devices and use them in your environment.

### [Copying input devices](#)

You can copy an input device so you can use it as a template for creating another input device. Copying input devices can save you time, especially when you need to create several input devices with similar properties.

### [Creating input devices](#)

When you need an input device that has very different properties from existing input devices, you can create a new one.

### [Setting up hot folder input devices to process batch jobs](#)

To set up a hot folder input device to process batch jobs, you must configure it to use the appropriate batching method and to recognize the input files.

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You can define a Hot folder input device that you can use to receive input files that need to be sent to the RICOH Transform features or to the Advanced Transform feature for conversion into a different data stream.

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