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# Application server

An application server is a Windows system configured to communicate with RICOH ProcessDirector. If your workflows require processing by applications that run on Windows, you can access those applications by installing RICOH ProcessDirector application server code on a Windows computer.

Application servers share the database that the primary server uses and work with the primary server to process jobs effectively. Because application servers are installed on Windows computers, they can run steps that require applications on Windows. They cannot run other steps, such as **PrintJobs**.

Application servers can be the parent servers for Ricoh PDF printers, Custom PDF printers, and Passthrough printers. They cannot be the parent servers for other kinds of printers.

You can install application servers on these operating systems:

- Windows 10 Pro or Enterprise 64-bit
- Windows 11 Pro
- Windows Server 2019 64-bit
- Windows Server 2022 64-bit
- Windows Server 2025 64-bit

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