

## Configuring

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### Preparing to submit batch jobs

Hot folder and SFTP input devices can submit every file they receive as a separate job, or they can group files together to create larger jobs, called **batch jobs**. The simplest batch jobs contain only data files. More complex batch jobs include files that set job properties and files that locate files that list the other files in the job.

Before you submit batch jobs, you must determine the kind of files that your jobs include and the appropriate batching method.

 **Note:**

- Only hot folder and SFTP input devices can submit batch jobs. Web services input devices cannot.

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The way that hot folder and SFTP input devices submit jobs is determined by the **Batching method** property of the input device.

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