# FirstPROOF

## Configuring PDI Inputs

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# Configuring Inputs

## Configuring FirstPROOF with a PDI Workflow

Before you can start viewing data, you must set up connections to the PDI (Presstek DI) Files that you want FirstPROOF to view jobs from. These connections are referred to as ***PDI Inputs***.

### Manually configuring a PDI Input

- Launch FirstPROOF
- Select ***Input Manager*** from the ***Tools*** menu, or click the icon on the ***Toolbar***.

- Click the ***Add*** button and select PDI from the list.

The Configure PDI Input dialog is divided into four sections.

## Input Settings

This is the main configuration section for a PDI Input.

- Enter a unique name to identify the PDI Source that FirstPROOF is being connected to in the ***Input Name*** box, and then click the ***Browse*** (…) button to choose the PDI's ***Input Folder*** or type a path to the PDI's Input folder.
- Select the checkbox ***Scan sub-folders of Input Folder*** to scan for PDI files in the sub-folders residing within the input folder.
- Select a ***File Name Filter***. Refer to the document titled 'Defining File Name Filters' for information on creating and using PDI File Name Filters.
- You may also choose the ***Language*** in which you wish to view the Job Names.

Jobs ripped on platforms running a language other than English may not display correctly on an English system. FirstPROOF allows you to choose an alternative language and uses this when displaying Job Names.

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## Output Settings

The Output operation for a PDI Input moves the job from the Input Folder to the Output Folder. Selecting an Output Folder is optional; if no Output Folder is selected, then the Output button in FirstPROOF is disabled.

- You may click the ***Browse*** (…) button to choose the PDI's ***Output Folder*** or type a path to the PDI's Output folder.
- If ***Scan sub-folders of Input Folder*** has been selected in the Input section, you may also select the options to:
  - Delete any empty Input Sub-Folder on Output
  - Move the files in the Input Sub-Folder to the Output Folder, rather than to their equivalent Sub-Folder.
- You may also specify the option to ***Backup PDI Files***. Once this option is selected, you will be asked to provide a folder where the PDI files will be copied when a job is ***Output***.

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## Unit Settings

This section allows you to set the units used for reporting information about the job and for the Measurement Tools.

- You may set the unit of measurements that will be used for this ***PDI Input***.

  in reporting Job Information:

  - Page Dimension
  - Image Resolution

  in the Measurement Tools:

  - Screen Frequency
  - Color / Density

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## Advanced Settings

This section allows you to configure a PDI Input to deal with special or unusual situations.

- You may specify a period that FirstPROOF will wait while a PDI file stabilizes.

  This may be required for applications that directly write PDI files without using a temporary file. If the file does not change (in size) after this amount of time has passed, it is considered a complete file.

Click the ***OK*** button once you are happy with the settings, or ***Cancel*** to discard the changes.

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## Editing a PDI Input

- Launch FirstPROOF
- Select ***Input Manager*** from the ***Tools*** menu, or click the icon on the ***Toolbar***.
- Select the ***PDI Input*** you want to edit.
- Click the ***Edit*** button or double click on the ***Input Name***.
- The ***Configure PDI Input*** screen will launch.
- You may now edit the information.

When you have finished editing the ***PDI Input***, click the ***OK*** button to return to the ***Input Manager*** screen.

## Deleting a PDI Input

- Launch FirstPROOF
- Select ***Input Manager*** from the ***Tools*** menu, or click the icon on the ***Toolbar***.
- Select the ***PDI Input/s*** you want to delete.
- Click the ***Delete*** button.

Click the ***Close*** button to confirm that you have finished.

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