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# PlanetPress Watch

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# OVERVIEW

PlanetPress Watch is a simple to configure output management tool that directs dynamic data to PlanetPress forms. These forms print on local and remote printers. The core of Objectif Lune's output management software works seamlessly with forms designed with PlanetPress. It enables output job splitting, cluster printing, remote printing, archiving to PDF and document distribution via e-mail and fax.

PlanetPress Watch automatically distributes print jobs to clusters of printers, taking advantage of the high speed and redundancy of this type of configuration. PlanetPress Watch intelligently distributes print data to PlanetPress forms that reside on clustered printers. This greatly reduces network traffic.

PlanetPress Watch comes with a complete toolkit so you can create customized automated processes quickly and efficiently. New wizards guide you through the creation of Watch and printer configurations.

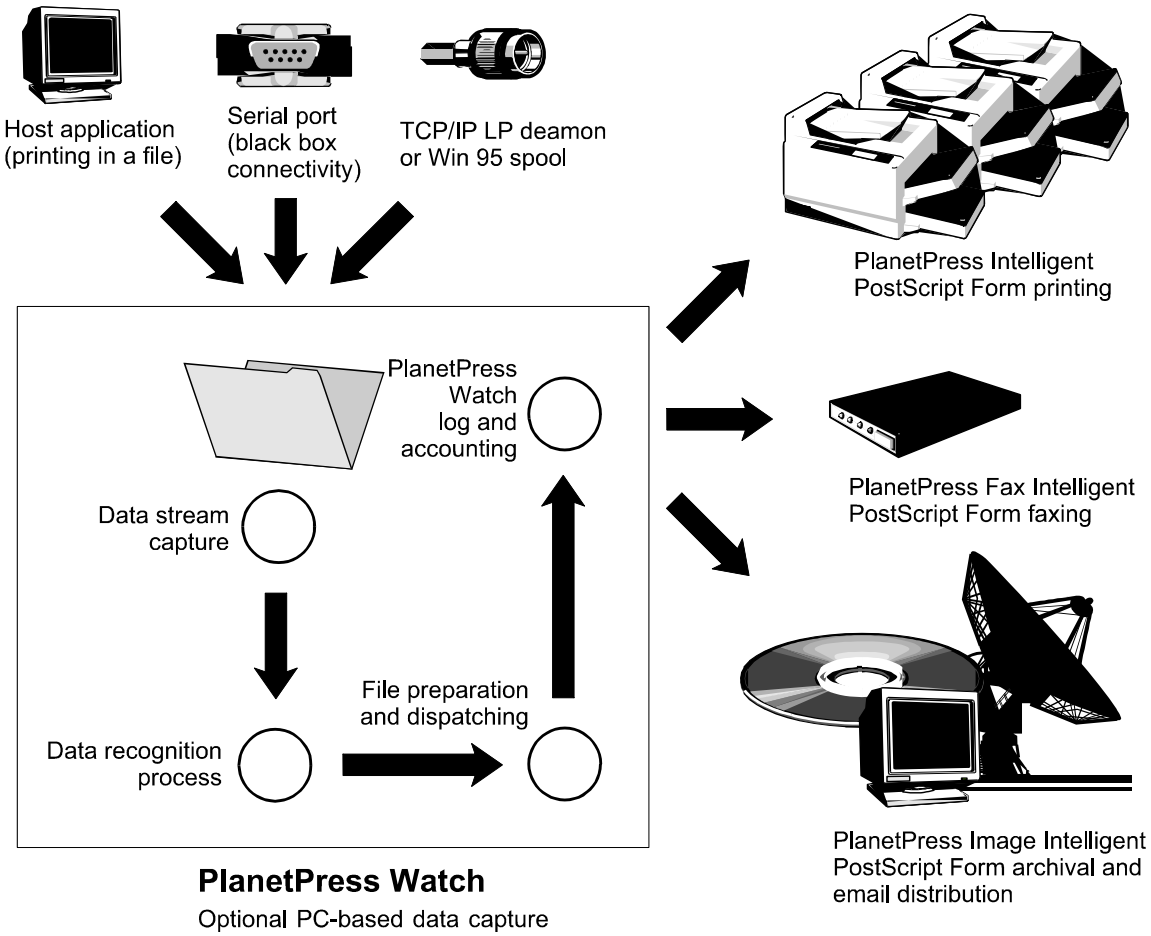
The Watch Editor and Debugger window now makes it possible to view a graphic representation of a watch configuration at a glance. From this window, you can modify, delete, copy or insert new components in a watch configuration. An icon identifies each configuration component and each component contains specific information.

The Editor also includes a debugging tool. This new feature lets you easily test a new watch configuration before you use it. The Watch Debugger tests all parts of a watch configuration and indicates where problems (bugs) are encountered within the configuration. You can choose to run the debugging process non-stop, through the whole configuration, or step-by-step, so that the debugger will stop on each component. The debugger displays specific information on each component in the status panel.

PlanetPress Watch now supports a wider range of input sources, including LPD, Windows printer queue, serial port, and a MAPI client. It can also output to several new destinations, including LPR, Windows printer queue, MAPI client, and to a directory (with variables for the directory and filename).

# PLANETPRESS WATCH

PlanetPress Watch is an automated PC-based application that provides data capture, printing and distribution to all other PlanetPress Suite products. With PlanetPress Watch, you can capture data from any platform and send the data stream with Intelligent Form triggering to any network or locally connected printer.




**PlanetPress Watch**

Optional PC-based data capture and printing, faxing, archiving and distribution system

The same data can be sent to multiple printers on different forms or split between different printers for better throughput. You can also simultaneously send data to PlanetPress Image for archiving and e-mail distribution or to PlanetPress Fax. Data streams are recognized by user-defined criteria such as the presence of a particular word in the data stream. Once recognized, PlanetPress Watch sends the data stream to the appropriate process. Processes are designed so that data is sent to the following outputs in any combination:

- Specific printers
- Archive
- Fax

# KEY FEATURES OF PLANETPRESS WATCH

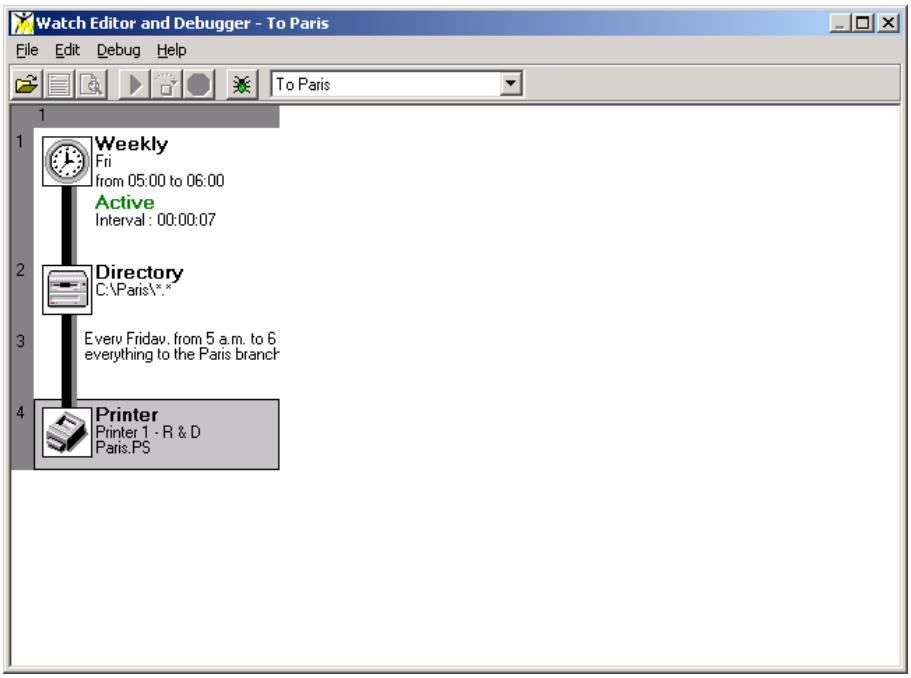
- Requires no macro code, or PostScript programming. All configurations are set up with a mouse.
- User-defined recognition of data stream type.
- Adds required Intelligent Form triggers.
- Automatically dispatches data stream to printer, fax or archive/e-mail.
- PlanetPress Fax and PlanetPress Image applications, used in combination with PlanetPress Watch, can now be installed anywhere on the network (in a shared directory).
- Use of several printers and possible printer load balancing.
- Automatic backup of data files for a given period allows you to resubmit files in case of an error.
- Automatic upload of forms compiled for Watch. PlanetPress Watch can automatically upload (update) a form on multiple printers.

# USING PLANETPRESS WATCH

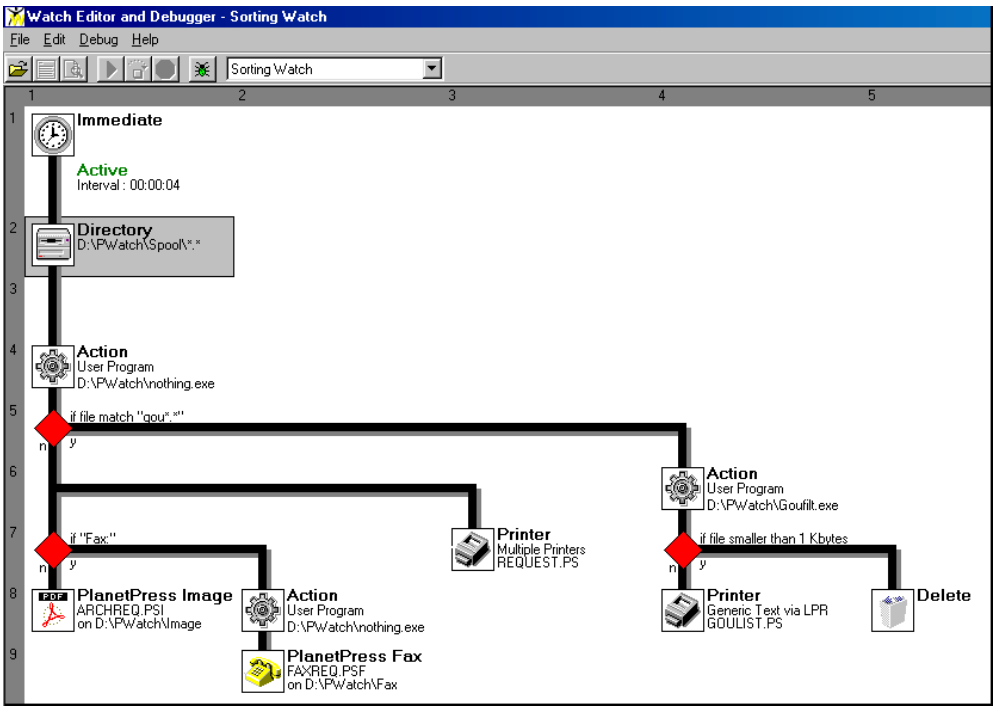
## *MAKING A WATCH PROCESS*

In the **PlanetPress Watch Configuration** window, you can create a watch process by clicking Add Watch. The wizard guides you through the creation of a new watch configuration.


Following the instructions to name the new watch process, enter the interval at which the watch process looks for input data within the schedule, and set input and output parameters.



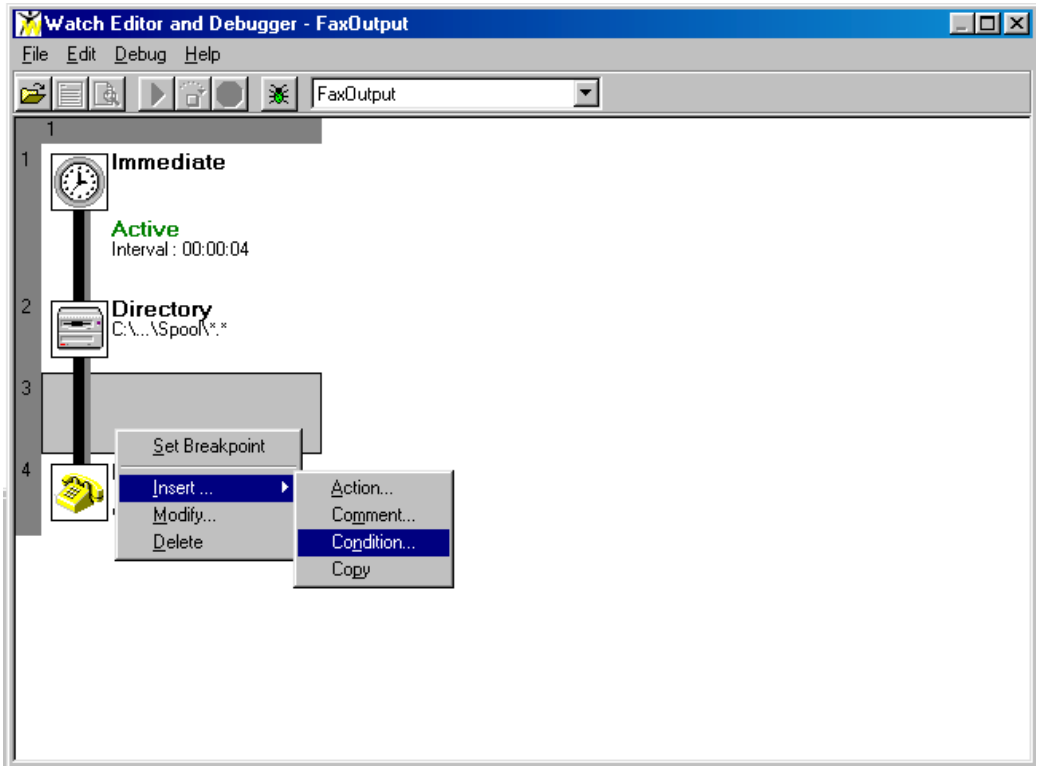

Once a simple watch process is created, PlanetPress Watch lets you insert conditions, add an action, define printers, make a copy of the output and define several outputs. The following is an example of a watch process:



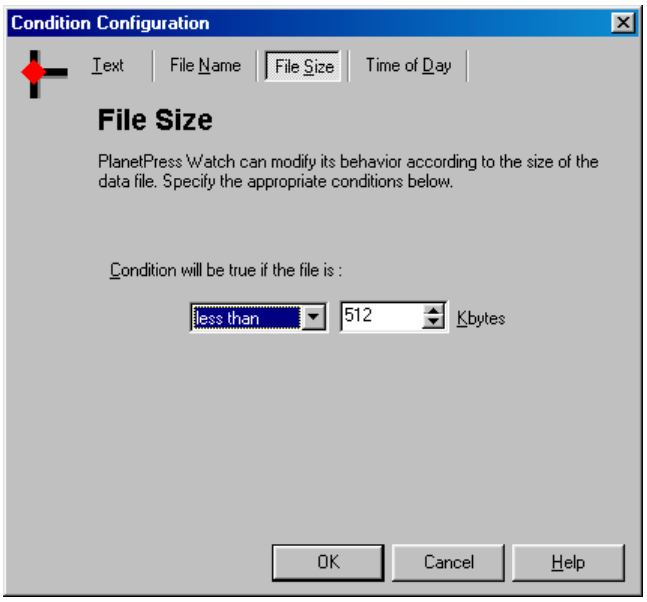
## *ADDING A CONDITION*

PlanetPress Watch lets you add conditions that modify the path of the watch process. Right-click a path to add a condition.

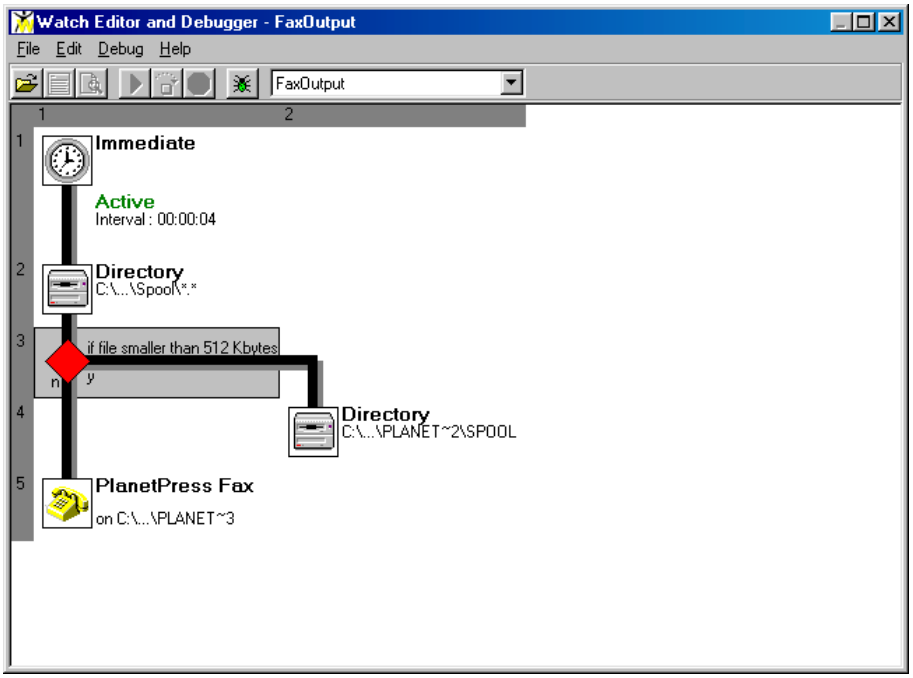
As an example, you can define a condition for the data that contains the invoice number 123. When this condition is true, the form can be faxed instead of e-mailed.




You can define conditions based on text in the data, by file size, by file name or by the time of day.



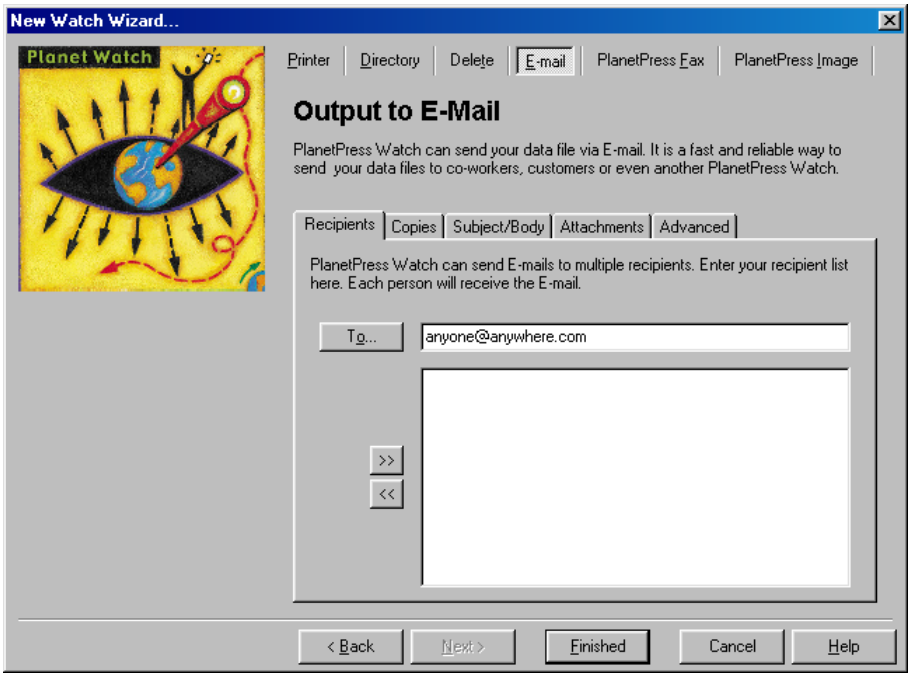

Once the condition is defined, the result is displayed in the watch process. The previously defined condition is displayed in the **Watch Editor and Debugger** window.



## *USING THE E-MAIL OUTPUT*

The output configuration is the last component in the graphic representation of a watch process. The output is the place where Watch looks to display the processed data files. PlanetPress Watch supports six types of output: Printer, Directory, Delete, E-mail, PlanetPress Fax and PlanetPress Image.

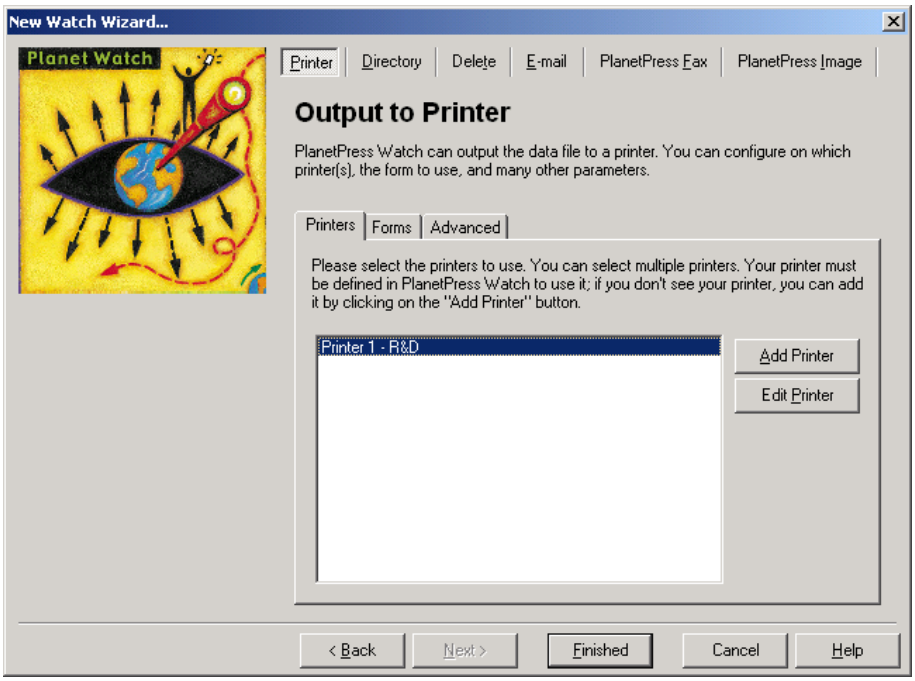
A new and unique feature available in PlanetPress Watch is e-mail output. The recipient's addresses, text, subject, attachments are all defined in the same window. You can even create password-protected zip attachments to reduce the size of e-mail messages.



## *USING THE PRINTER OUTPUT*

The **Printer** tab lets you select one or more printers for a given job output. This tablets you send jobs to different printers. You can split a job in equal parts. You can also split print job according to printer speed.

For example, printer A (110 ppm capacity) prints 110 pages, while printer B (40 ppm capacity) prints 40 pages. This ensures that both jobs finish at the same time.



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