EcWatch

EcWatch is an accessory which watches directories and automatically converts image files to a specific type. This allows you to convert any source file format supported by Eclipse into any supported output format.

EcWatch can also perform separations when converting from RGB to CMYK using predefined separation settings.
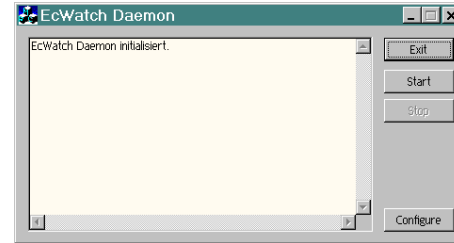
EcWatch eliminates the need for loading images into Eclipse to change their format. You simply drop files into an EcWatch Hotfolder and the conversion happens automatically.

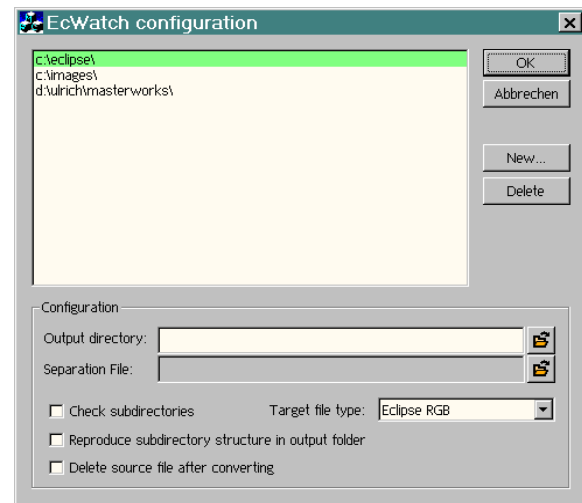A Hotfolder can be any directory on your network, either local or remote.

Using EcWatch
To create a Hotfolder:
1 To start EcWatch, double-click on the EcWatchD(aemon) icon in the Eclipse folder in the **Programs** section of your **Start** menu. EcWatch displays the EcWatch Daemon.

The EcWatch Daemon

- Click **Start**, if you have configured EcWatch already.

- Click **Configure** to get the EcWatch configuration dialog.

EcWatch configuration dialog

2 To select the folder to be converted into a Hotfolder, click the **New** button and choose a folder from the dialog. The folder name is placed in the Hotfolder list.

3 If you want EcWatch to place the converted files into a folder different from the Hotfolder, choose one by clicking the Output directory Open folder button.

4 Select the format to convert to from the Target file type menu.

5 Choose wether you want to include the subdirectories of the chosen Hotfolder in the process.

6 Choose wether you want EcWatch to generate the same subdirectory structure in the output folder as in the input folder. If you do not check this option, all output files are created in the output directory.

7 Choose wether you want to delete the source files after conversion.

WARNING
Make sure to copy, not move files into the Hotfolder if you have chosen this option.

8 Click **OK** to create the Hotfolder. Click **Start** in the EcWatch Daemon to start EcWatch. The folder is then monitored continuously for file activity.

Managing Hotfolders
To disable any active folder:
1 Select the folder by clicking its name in the EcWatch configuration dialog.

2 Click the **Delete**. This removes the folder from the list.
Click **OK** to save the current state.

WARNING
Disabling a Hotfolder cannot be undone. To make the folder a Hotfolder again, you must go through the steps of creating a Hotfolder again.

To change a Hotfolder type:
Select the Hotfolder from the list and change its settings.

To make separations
Note the Separation File field in the EcWatch configuration dialog. Clicking on the Separation File selection button displays a File Open dialog which allows you to select a separation file.

If you select a CMYK file format in the File Type menu, any RGB file dropped into the Hotfolder will be automatically separated and converted to the CMYK file format, using the selected separation setting. If no setting is selected, EcWatch will use the default setting. You can create your own separation files in Eclipse (*see chapter 10.2 of the Manual*), then select them through EcWatch.