

RE: Caption Figures in Word rennumbers (Word 2003)

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When you delete the switch, it should remain deleted – something special is going on.

I think the next thing to check is this:

Could it be that you have a macro – in your Normal.dot or in an add-in – that is named "UpdateFields" – in that case that macro could be the culprit (that macro will run each time you update fields).

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Regards

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"Marilyn" wrote:

I reset the Switch to just read {SEQ Figure * ARABIC} but they keep going back to the old switch {SEQ Figure *ARABIC \s 2}. I even try saving the file immediately after I update the fields but it does not work. I also searched all 95 pages for anything with Heading 2 and there's only one title at the beginning of the document with Heading 2. Everything else has from Heading 3 down.

It is so frustrating when things dont work the way they should.

"Lene Fredborg" wrote:

I think that the switch "\s 2" is the key to your problem.

Here is what Word help says about that switch:

Resets the sequence number at the heading level following the "s". For example, { SEQ figure \s 2 } starts numbering at the Heading 2 style.

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If you want all numbers in the document to be sequential without restarting no matter what, then I suggest that you delete "\s 2" from all your SEQ field. You can do that using Find and Replace while field codes are shown. Search for e.g. "*ARABIC \s 2" and replace by "*ARABIC".

Hope this solves the problem.

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"Marilyn" wrote:

Lene,

I looked over the document and this is the code behind the Field Code starting from the first one: {SEQ Figure *ARABIC \s 2} they all seemed to follow that format even the one that starts re-numbering at 1 instead of giving me a 58. The one difference I noticed was in the formatting of the text. Some have a Caption Style and others have Caption + style. Each Figure is inserted in a table with two rows. The top row has the Inline Picture and the second row has the Figures.

I'll keep looking around to see what other differences I can find. Let me know if you think of something else.

Thanks,

"Lene Fredborg" wrote:

I assume that you inserted the figure captions via Insert > Reference > Caption.

The figure caption numbers are fields and a document can contain up to 32,000 fields according to the article

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"Operating parameter limitations and specifications in Word" found at <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/211489/en-us>.

If there is a limit of the numbers, it must be high (I just made a test with 5000 figure captions, all numbered correctly).

Things you could check:

Are all fields updated (Ctrl+A, then F9) – if you copy a figure caption field and paste it elsewhere, the old field number will remain until you update the field.

Try to toggle field codes (Alt+F9). The code of every field should be something like this:
{ SEQ Figure * ARABIC }

Have a look at the field with the wrong number. Does it contain exactly the same text string between the field braces as the preceding field (which was correct)?

Note that all SEQ fields with the same identifier (in this case "Figure") will show sequential numbers. If you change the identifier, you will start another numbered list – the first item in the list will be numbered "1". If, for example, the identifier in your caption 57 is Figure and the identifier in caption 58 has been changed to Figur , the number in caption 58 will be "1" (not a member of the same list anymore).

SEQ fields with the same identifier can also be reset to a specific number by adding a switch, "\r", followed by the desired number. For example:
{ SEQ Figure * ARABIC \r 3 } will reset the sequence number to 3.
If more fields of the type { SEQ Figure * ARABIC } follow, they will be numbered 4, 5, 6, etc.

For more details about the SEQ field, see the

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Word help on "Field codes: Seq
(Sequence) field".

Hope this helps.

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"Marilyn" wrote:

I'm working on a 95 page
document. I have Figures
and Cross references
inserted in the document.
The figures work fine until I
go to Insert Figure
58. When I go to insert what
should be Figure 58, it
rennumbers the Figures
and it starts again at Figure
1. Is 57 the limit of Figures
you can have?
I'm not sure what to look at
in the document since I have
not made major
changes.

Thanks,