

Re: Restart Numbering Hit and Miss

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Hi Rod

On your specific question about why the restart/continue gets greyed out, as far as I understand it this would indicate that the selected paragraph is being interpreted as the first item of a separate list, rather than a member of a list that has members earlier in the document. (This will happen if you change pane when in Format > Bullets and Numbering, but Word may also screw you when it pastes numbered items.) This is not at all good news if you are trying to use styles and keep some predictability in your numbering, as it means that the list formatting is *not* coming from your style, even if it looks like it is. Having multiple lists also probably means that you are building up list formats in your document, which may be a further source of difficulties.

The problem should resolve if you press Ctrl-Q (to reapply the style) – that will produce continuous numbering, so you would then need to use your chosen method to restart numbering if that's what you want.

Personally I think the restart command works fine in short and short-lived documents where you can see what is going on, but is really quite dangerous in something like a user guide where you are likely to edit over a long period, copy, cut, paste and change your mind on list items etc. If it is too late for you to change your style set up to restart on higher level, I would suggest you leave the list numbering continuous during editing, and set the restarts when you check and tidy pagination ('proofing' stage, if you think like that) before distribution of a draft. You might want to look at Steve Hudson's 'restart after headings' macro in this case.

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"Rod MacIolm" <rodmac-n-o-s-p-a-m@adelphia.net> wrote in message news:P7WdnbtI9OSTzgzcRVn-qg@adelphia.com...

> Well thanks, Suzanne, I read through all those excellent pages. None
> answered my question, actually. And there was a warning on one page to
> avoid the Format > Bullets and Numbering dialog to restart list
numbering --

> which of course is what I've been doing ever since I lost my VBA macro a
> long time ago after a new install.

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> All in all Word numbering remains a hairy proposition. Crossed fingers
(and
> toes) seem to be in order most of the time!
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> "Suzanne S. Barnhill" <sbarnhill@mvps.org> wrote in message
> news:eEjbOnqxEHA.3624@TK2MSFTNGP09.phx.gbl...
> > See <http://www.syntagma.demon.co.uk/FAQs/ListRestartMethods.htm>
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> > Suzanne S. Barnhill
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> > Words into Type
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> > Email cannot be acknowledged; please post all follow-ups to the
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> so
> > all may benefit.
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> > "Rod Macloim" <rodmac@adelphia.net> wrote in message
> > news:sYadnSWFb8IkkgzcrVn-3A@adelphia.com...
> > > Still in W2000. Doing User Guides with numbered lists all over the
> > place,
> > > and of course they are styled, and as usual Word continues numbering
> > from
> > > the previous list regardless of where I start a new list. I open
Bullets
> > and
> > > Numbering and click Restart numbering (I used to have a macro for
doing
> > > this). However every now and then the Restart numbering option is
> > > grayed
> > > out. I have a tedious work around, but can anyone tell me why this
> > > happens?
> > > I cannot get a handle on it that explains why or when it decides not
to
> > be
> > > an available option.
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> > > Rod.
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