Machine Number.
Posted by FennecTheFox - 17 Nov 2013 17:30

I'm just trying to install Lightworks, and I'm promoted with this message...

"Enter a machine number between 1 and 2703. this should be unique amongst the group of machines that are likely to share edits or clips."

I don't know what this means.

How do I know what number I should pick?

Thanks.

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Re: Machine Number.
Posted by Great White - 17 Nov 2013 17:39

If you have a number of systems that you intend to network together (so that they can share projects, etc) then it's important that they each have a different number. Otherwise, you can choose any number you like.

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Re: Machine Number.
Posted by RWAV - 17 Nov 2013 21:03

As a matter of curiosity - is it still possible to change a system's machine number?

I can recall more than one instance in the past where a change was needed when two systems were brought in to work on a project but had the same number - eventually shots with the same cookie number did happen - so one machine number was changed.

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Re: Machine Number.
Posted by Great White - 17 Nov 2013 23:31

RWAV wrote:
As a matter of curiosity - is it still possible to change a system's machine number?
Yes, that should be fine

Re: Machine Number.
Posted by AJShiller - 04 Jan 2015 17:59

Lol i just put in the number 8 and it did something 😊

Re: Machine Number.
Posted by jwrl - 04 Jan 2015 23:58

What is confusing about this is that the window shows a machine number of "1" when it first displays. However if you really want to call your machine number 1 you still have to type the number in.

To me that's confusing.

Re: Machine Number.
Posted by shaunthesheep - 05 Jan 2015 19:39

Perhaps change this so that the number field is empty with a brief message explaining what this stage in the installation process is for?

Re: Machine Number.
Posted by jwrl - 05 Jan 2015 22:46

That would work for me!
A simple written instruction in the set-up directions document would also work for me.

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So how do you change the machine number? I cannot seem to find the option and I do not want to reinstall Lightworks, out of fear of losing my files.

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start regedit, press f3 and search for `machine.num`

then set a new value (all projects should be finished).

greets

simon

(mac) afaik the file is `/Users//Lightworks/machine.num`

ps. how to set it in linux? (prob. same as mac)

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`lightwrks wrote:`

how to set it in linux?

`/home//Lightworks/machine.num alias ~ /Lightworks/machine.num`

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Re: Machine Number.
Posted by pfbr6a - 09 Dec 2017 07:12

A small proposal: if there is not a machine number already, the program could choose it randomly and offer that - users would only change it if they understood why and needed to.

This reduces the likelihood of clashing cookies from different sources, which is not improbable when you download projects from other places: I've seen a couple of times.

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Re: Machine Number.
Posted by jwrl - 09 Dec 2017 18:26

Possibly a number based on a hash of the MAC number, or possibly based on the RTC? They could yield reasonable alternatives too.

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Re: Machine Number.
Posted by David Rasberry - 09 Dec 2017 18:52

Mine are numbered 1 and 2. When I install new Lightworks versions, the numbers follow the activation license and I don't need to reenter them.

I don't think random numbers are very useful. It is a means of identifying and managing multiple machines on a network. It may have something to do with setting user access to media libraries or projects.

I don't think you can change the number for a machine that has an assigned activation license. It follows the license.

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