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Cross-Site Unique Identifier for SharePoint Documents and List Items

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This article describes how to create and use cross-site sequences to generate unique numbers for SharePoint documents and list items.

Introduction

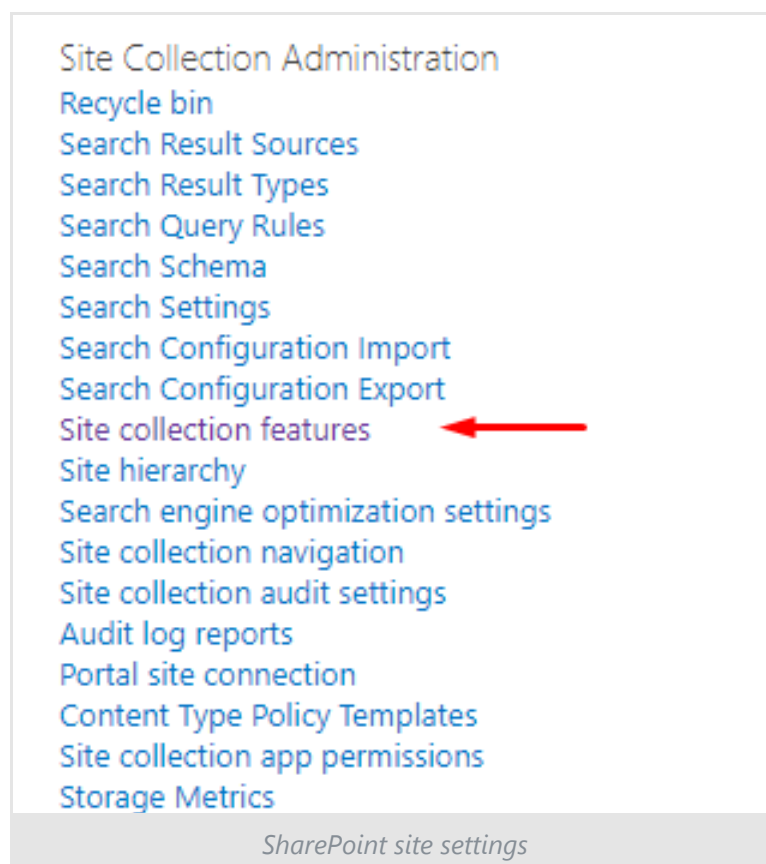
[Vitextra Number Generator](#) allows to set up sequences that can be used for unique number generation.

All Vitextra sequences are stored in a generic SharePoint list which is located on the root web of the site collection.

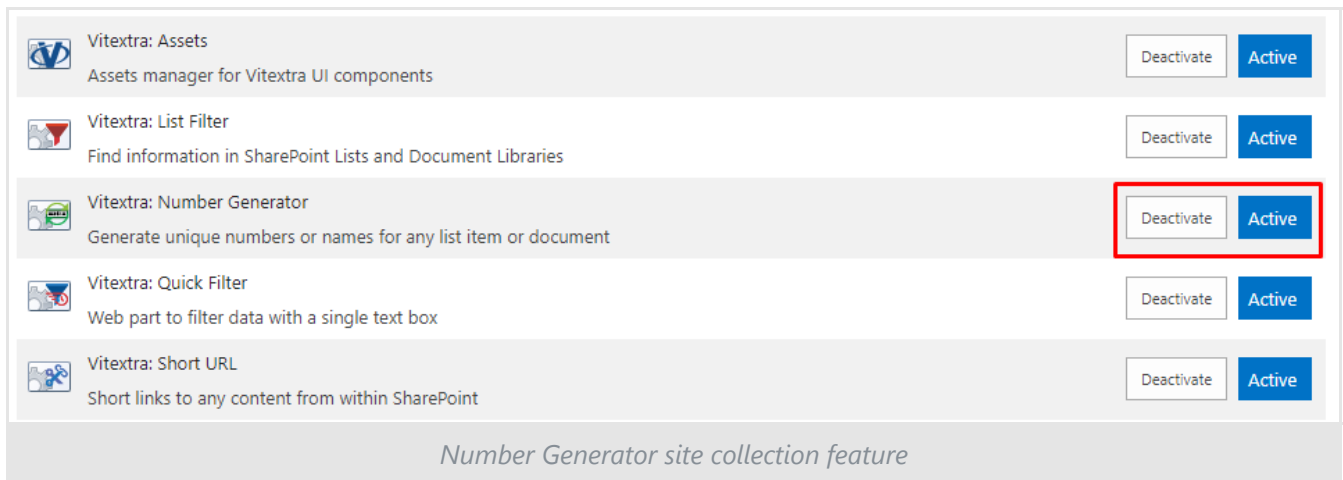
Preconditions

To be able to set up and use sequences make sure the **Vitextra: Number Generator** feature is activated on site collection level.

Go to **Site Settings** and click **Site collection feature**:

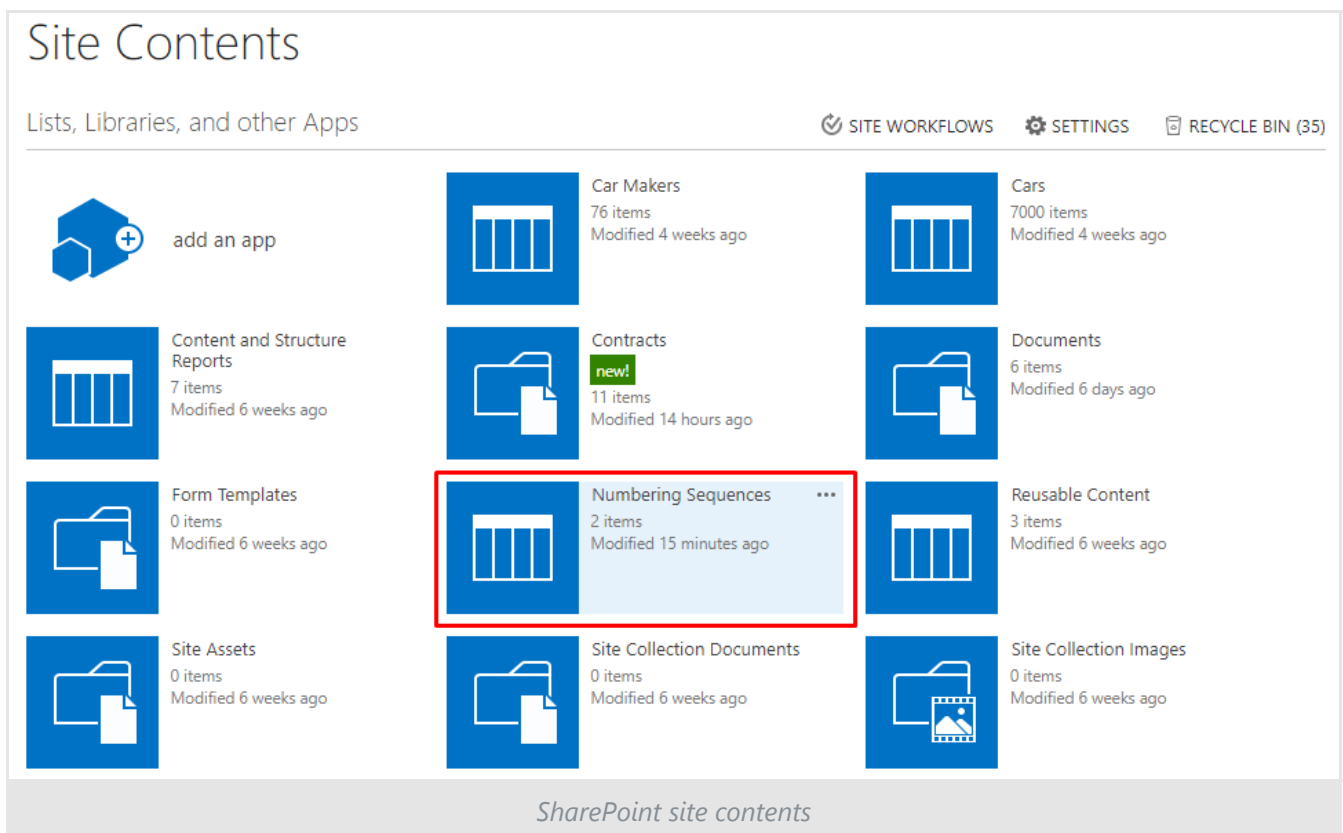


Scroll down to the feature and click **Activate** in case it is not activated yet:

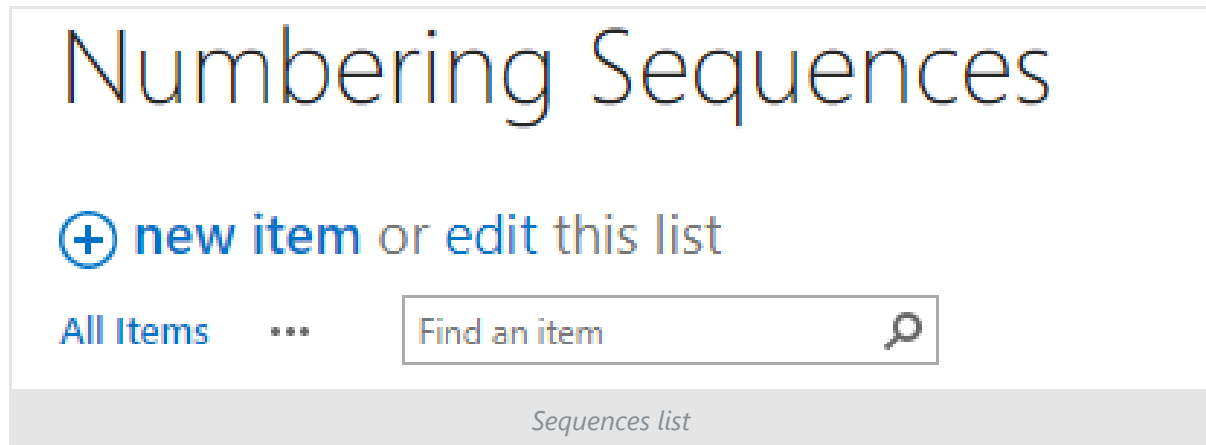


Create Sequence

On root web of the site collection where you want to use sequence functionality go to **Site Contents** and click the **Numbering Sequences** list:



Click **New Item**:



Each sequence has the following attributes:

- **Name.** Used to reference the sequence in numbering sequences;
- **Initial Value.** Starting value from where the sequence starts;
- **Step.** Value by which sequence will increment itself.
- **Start Over.** The rule to reset sequence value to the initial value.

Warning

The name of the sequence is the only way to reference it in the numbering scheme.

Start Over Options

There are four possible options to define the rule to start over the sequence:

- **Monthly.** Reset the sequence on the first day of each month;
- **Quarter.** Reset the sequence on January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1;
- **Yearly.** Reset the sequence on January 1;
- **Never.** The sequence is never reset.

The default option is **Never**.

Type in field values and click **Save** to create a new sequence.

Name *	<input type="text" value="Unique Document Number"/>	Name of the sequence. Use it to reference the sequence in scheme formula
Initial Value *	<input type="text" value="1"/>	Starting value from where the sequence starts
Step *	<input type="text" value="1"/>	Value by which sequence will increment itself.
Start Over Period *	<input type="text" value="Never"/>	Define the rule to reset sequence value to the initial value
		<input type="button" value="Save"/> <input type="button" value="Cancel"/>

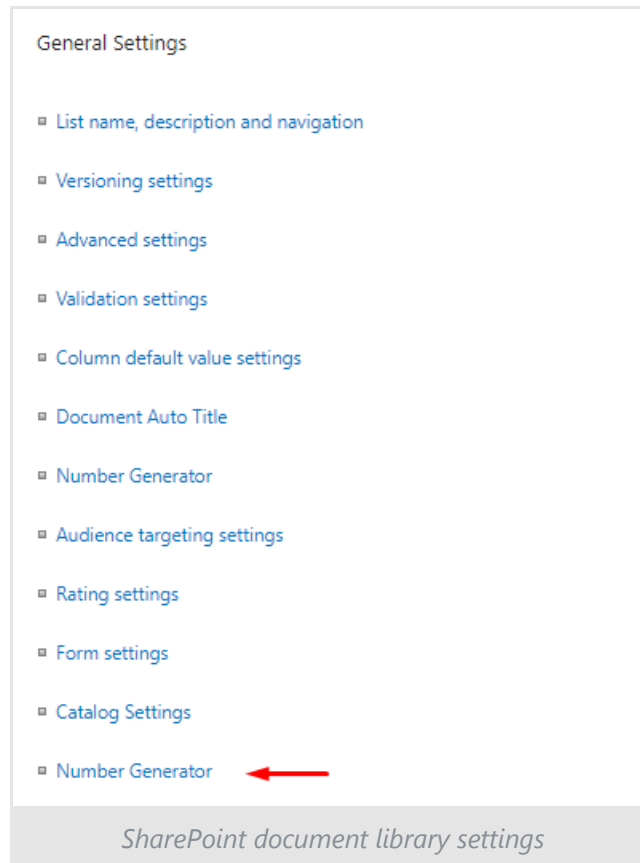
New sequence form

Once the sequence is created you are able to use it in Numbering Scheme.

Create Numbering Scheme

To create a new or modify the existing Numbering scheme open the list or document library where you need to implement an automatic numbering and go to Settings.

Click **Number Generator** under **General Settings** heading:



On the list of existing schemes click **New Item**:

Numbering Schemes

+ New Item ←

Name	Content Type	Field	Formula	Regenerate
Contract Number	Document	Number	[!Sequence:0000]	Yes
Contract Title	Document	Title	[Company] - [Date:yyyy] - [Number]	Yes
Image Unique Name	Image	Title	[Date Picture Taken:yyyy-MM-dd].[Keywords]	Yes

List of existing numbering schemes of the list/document library

Type in name of the new scheme, choose the field in which the Number Generator will write the value.

New Numbering Scheme

Name *
Name of the scheme

Unique Number

Content Type
Specify the content type in the library to automatic generation the field value

Document

Field *
Choose the field which should use the scheme

Title

Formula *
Specify the formula that you want to use to calculate the value

[!Unique Document Number:00000]

Regenerate
Specify the formula that you want to use to calculate the value

☐ Recalculate the value on update and check-in

Save Cancel

New numbering scheme form

To use sequence in formula reference it by typing its name with **!** prefix:

[!Unique Document Number:00000]

! character means you reference the sequence, **:00000** means that the number must be five characters long. For more information about formatting read [Format Column or Sequence Value in Numbering Scheme](#) article.

Click **Save** to create the scheme.

Tip

You can use any text you need in the formula. Number Generator does not modify it.

Create schemes for other lists and libraries where you need to use the sequence for numbering.

Uploading documents

Once the scheme is set up you can create new list items or upload documents.

[Number Generator](#) automatically populate the column with the sequence value.

