#### AUTONUM

Syntax:

AUTONUM [ switches ]

Description: In paragraphs formatted with one of the nine built-in heading [styles](styles.docx), paragraph [numbering](numbering.docx) restarts at 1 in each successive heading level. If headings that contain AUTONUM fields are followed by [body](body.docx) text paragraphs that also contain AUTONUM fields, the paragraph [numbering](numbering.docx) of the [body](body.docx) text is restarted at 1 after each heading. If the headings don't contain AUTONUM fields, [body](body.docx) text paragraphs that contain AUTONUM fields are numbered in a continuous, sequential series throughout the document. [Note: This field is supported for [legacy](legacy.docx) reasons, It is recommended that [LISTNUM](LISTNUM.docx) (§) be used instead. end note]

The [XML](XML.docx) generated for a complex field implementation shall not have the optional field value stored.

Field Value: A new paragraph number in ascending sequential order.

Switches: Zero or one of the general-formatting-switches, or zero or more of the following field-specific-switches.

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| \s field-argument | text in this switch's field-argument specifies the [separator](separator.docx) character to be used. If \s is omitted, a period (.) is used. |

[Example: When the following fields are updated:

AUTONUM  
AUTONUM \\* Arabic \s :  
AUTONUM \\* alphabetic \s " "xxx  
AUTONUM \\* ROMAN  
AUTONUM \\* OrdText

The results are:

1.  
2:  
c xxx  
IV.  
fifth.

end example]