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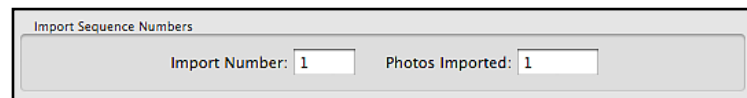
### **What's the difference between Import#, Image#, Sequence# and Total#?**

When you're setting up your file naming structure in the Filename Template Editor, you will notice that there are a number of different types of sequence number available.

Import # is a number identifying that particular import, which you may want to combine with Image #. It increases each time it's used, for example, if you import some photos from a memory card, that token would be replaced with the number 1, and the next time you import a batch of photos, it would be 2, and so forth. As it's specific to Import, you won't find it in the Library module renaming.

Image # is another ever increasing number that doesn't automatically reset.

Both Import # and Image # have starting numbers set in Catalog Settings > File Handling tab, with 'Import Number' used for 'Import #' and 'Photos Imported' used for 'Image #'.



Sequence # is an increasing number which starts at the number of your choice each time you use it—you set the start number in the File Naming panel in the Import dialog or later in the Rename Photos dialog. It's probably the most useful of the automatic numbers, and the variety we're most familiar with from other programs.

Total # refers to the number of photos it's renaming in one go, so if you're renaming 8 photos, the Total# token would be replaced with '8'. Like the Import # token, it usually needs to be used with a sequence number, otherwise Lightroom will have to add -1, 2, -3, etc., to each filename to make them unique within the folder. Total# only appears in the Library module Rename Photos dialog, which we'll come back to in a later chapter.