How to Find a SOLIDWORKS Serial Number?

Why is the SOLIDWORKS serial number so important?
The serial number determines the exact set of products a user is entitled to install and use. It only requires a serial number and installation media to have everything you would require to install a functioning copy of SOLIDWORKS. It is important to keep track of where it is and who is using it as machines may malfunction and the serial number can not be retrieved from the machine itself.

How do I find out what serial number my machine has in it?
If CAD Administrator or IT is not yet keeping track of what serial numbers are installed in what machines a user can utilize any of the following to find out what serial number is in a specific machine.

Inside SOLIDWORKS
1. Open SolidWorks
2. Go to ‘Help’, ‘About SolidWorks'
3. Click on the link for “Show Serial Number” to show the SOLIDWORKS serial number currently installed in this machine.
Inside the Windows Control Panel (for non-Admin Images only)

1. Go to the Windows Control Panel
2. Go to ‘Programs and Features’ (or ‘Uninstall a Program’)
3. Locate the SolidWorks installation in the list of programs, right click on it, and select to ‘Change’ it
4. In the Installation Manager that comes up select ‘Modify the individual installation (on this computer)’ and proceed next

5. Collect up all serial numbers listed (there may be many as all serial numbers for a particular installation will be inserted here during installation)
Inside the Windows Registry Editor

1. Go to the Windows Start Menu
2. Run a search for “regedit.exe” then open the utility with that same name from the search results
3. Browse in the folder structure to this location:

   HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\SolidWorks\Licenses\Serial Numbers

4. Collect the ‘Data’ values for all the keys listed in this folder location