

Windows : Recovering the Encore 5 Registration code

Introduction

The Encore registration code (also called license code) was normally received via mail, or printed on the delivery box. After installation, it must be entered at one of the following places:

- On the panel obtained from “About” entry in the Help Menu
- On the same panel, when obtained the first time one issues a “save” or “export” command. Without a valid code, the operation will not succeed.
- This entry panel is also displayed at the first “print” request. But without a valid code, the print is nevertheless performed, with a red watermark full of the “Demo” word.

A valid registration code is then stored in the Windows registry.

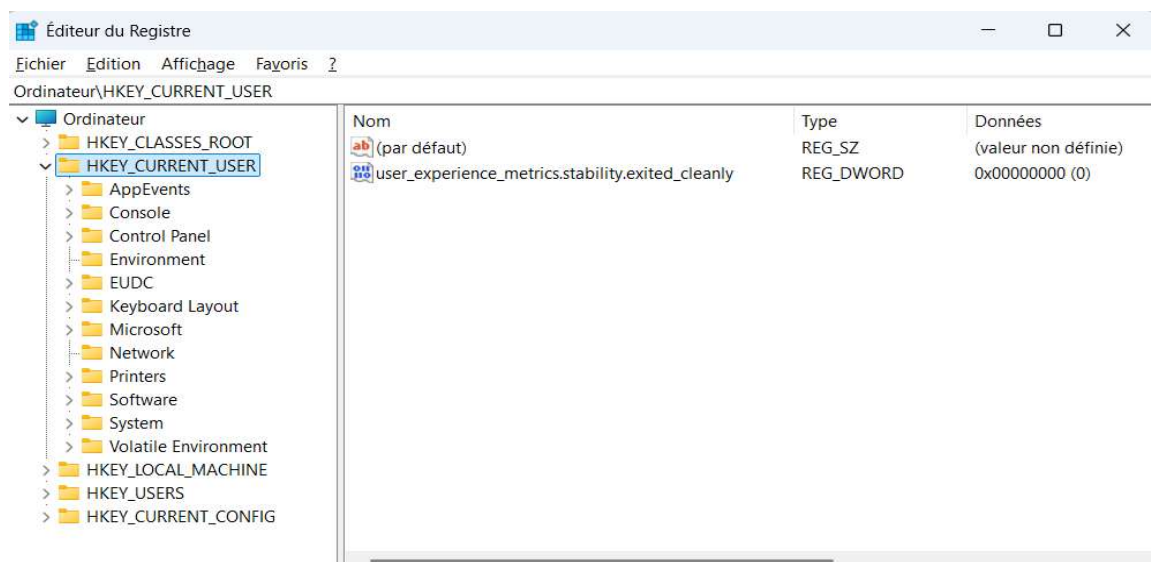
When the user will, later on, want to reinstall the product (with the same license) on a new computer, the license code will need to be entered again. If the original document has been lost, the code can be recovered from the registry.

The REGEDIT Utility program

This program will be needed to browse the registry entries. It has remain unchanged since several versions of Windows, but the way to call it has somewhat changed.

1. In the latest levels of Windows 11, one can call it from the panel obtained via the “Windows Key” on the keyboard, or the  icon on the taskbar. Simply type **regedit** on the top entry line.
2. On earlier Windows levels, the same might work, but one can also enter **regedit** on the “command prompt” screen (which is quite equivalent to the oldish “DOS screen”).

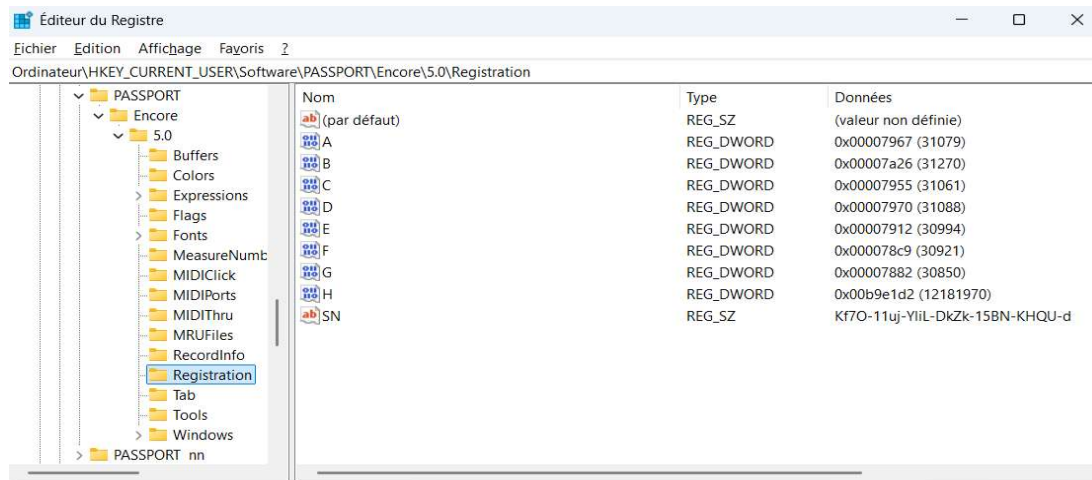
The REGEDIT panel will be similar to the following image:



There are 5 major entries (starting with HKEY_), which may be expanded by clicking the > sign at the left, or compressed by clicking the same sign but pointing downwards.

The program remembers the last level of expansion, the first time only the 5 major entries are visible.

You should navigate to HKEY_CURRENT_USER/Software/PASSPORT/Encore/5.0/Registration, and get an image such as the following:



The last value (last column “DATA”) **Kf7O-11uj-YliL-15BN-DkZk-KHQU-d** is the license key. *Note that the shown string is NOT a valid one, it is forged in the real format for publication.*

For old levels of Encore 5, you should find **GVOX** instead of **PASSPORT**.
For some experimental levels, you may find **PassportMusic** .

Notes:

1. This document only applies to Windows. On Mac systems, the registration code is probably saved in a similar way, but that should be documented by somebody knowing the Mac operating systems.
2. It applies only to Encore 5 (and also to MusicTime 4 – with detail changes). The storing method was different with earlier versions, and no recovery process is known for these levels).
3. My version of Windows being a French one, the REGEDIT panels are in French. I would welcome anybody with an English installation to provide me with equivalent screen shots.