

# The Beginning of Your GraphQL Journey with Magento 2.3



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# Introduction

What is GraphQL?

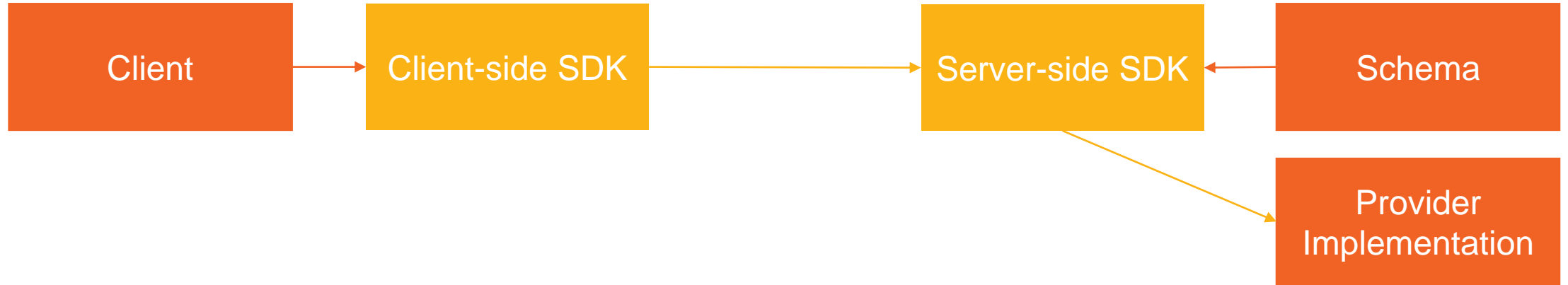


# What is GraphQL?

<https://graphql.org/>

- Open-source data query and manipulation language for APIs
- Developed internally by Facebook in 2012
- Released as open source in 2015
- Moved to the GraphQL foundation in 2018
- Still under active development

# Structure



- Typically, both the client and server integration uses an SDK
- SDKs provide an abstraction layer from the communication protocol, although some actions might be supported or not
- Given the schema, the SDK takes care of serialization, deserialization, validation and of invoking the actual implementation of the provided functions

# What is good about GraphQL?

- Optimize network utilization
  - Specify the fields you need
  - Get multiple entities in one request
- Loose coupling between server and client
- Strong typing
- Developer tooling

# GraphQL vs REST

GraphQL	REST	
Query	GET	Return an entity, or a list of entities
Mutation	POST / PUT / PATCH / DELETE	Creates, modifies or deletes an entity
Subscription	Webhooks	Listen to an entity's real time updates

# GraphQL query

```
{
  products(
    filter: { sku: { like: "24-WB%" } }
    pageSize: 20
    currentPage: 1
    sort: { name: DESC }
  ) {
    items {
      sku
    }
  }
}
```



# GraphQL mutation

```
mutation updateCustomerMutation($email: String!, $password: String!) {  
  updateCustomer(  
    input: {  
      email: $email  
      password: $password  
    }  
  )  
  {  
    customer {  
      id  
      email  
    }  
  }  
}
```

# GraphQL in PHP

<https://github.com/webonyx/graphql-php>

```
composer require webonyx/graphql-php
```

```
$schema = new \GraphQL\Type\Schema([  
    'query' => $queryType,  
    'mutation' => $mutationType,  
]);
```

```
// ...
```

```
$result = GraphQL::executeQuery($schema, $query);
```

# GraphQL in PHP - Query

```
$queryType = new \GraphQL\Type\Schema\ObjectType([
    'name' => 'Query',
    'fields' => [
        'echo' => [
            'type' => Type::string(),
            'args' => [
                'message' => ['type' => Type::string()],
            ],
            'resolve' => function ($root, $args) {
                return 'Hello ' . $args['message'];
            }
        ],
    ],
]);
```

# Usage

```
# php -S localhost:8080 ./example.php &
```

```
# curl http://localhost:8080  
  -d '{"query": "query { echo(message: \"World\") }" }'
```

```
'{"data":{"echo":"Hello World"}}'
```

# GraphQL in PHP - Mutation

```
$mutationType = new \GraphQL\Type\Schema\ObjectType([
    'name' => 'Calc',
    'fields' => [
        'sum' => [
            'type' => Type::int(),
            'args' => [
                'x' => ['type' => Type::int()],
                'y' => ['type' => Type::int()],
            ],
            'resolve' => function ($root, $args) {
                return $args['x'] + $args['y'];
            },
        ],
    ],
]);
```

# Usage

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# php -S localhost:8080 ./example.php &
```

```
# curl http://localhost:8080  
-d '{"query": "mutation { sum(x: 2, y: 2) }" }'
```

```
'{"data":{"sum":4}}'
```

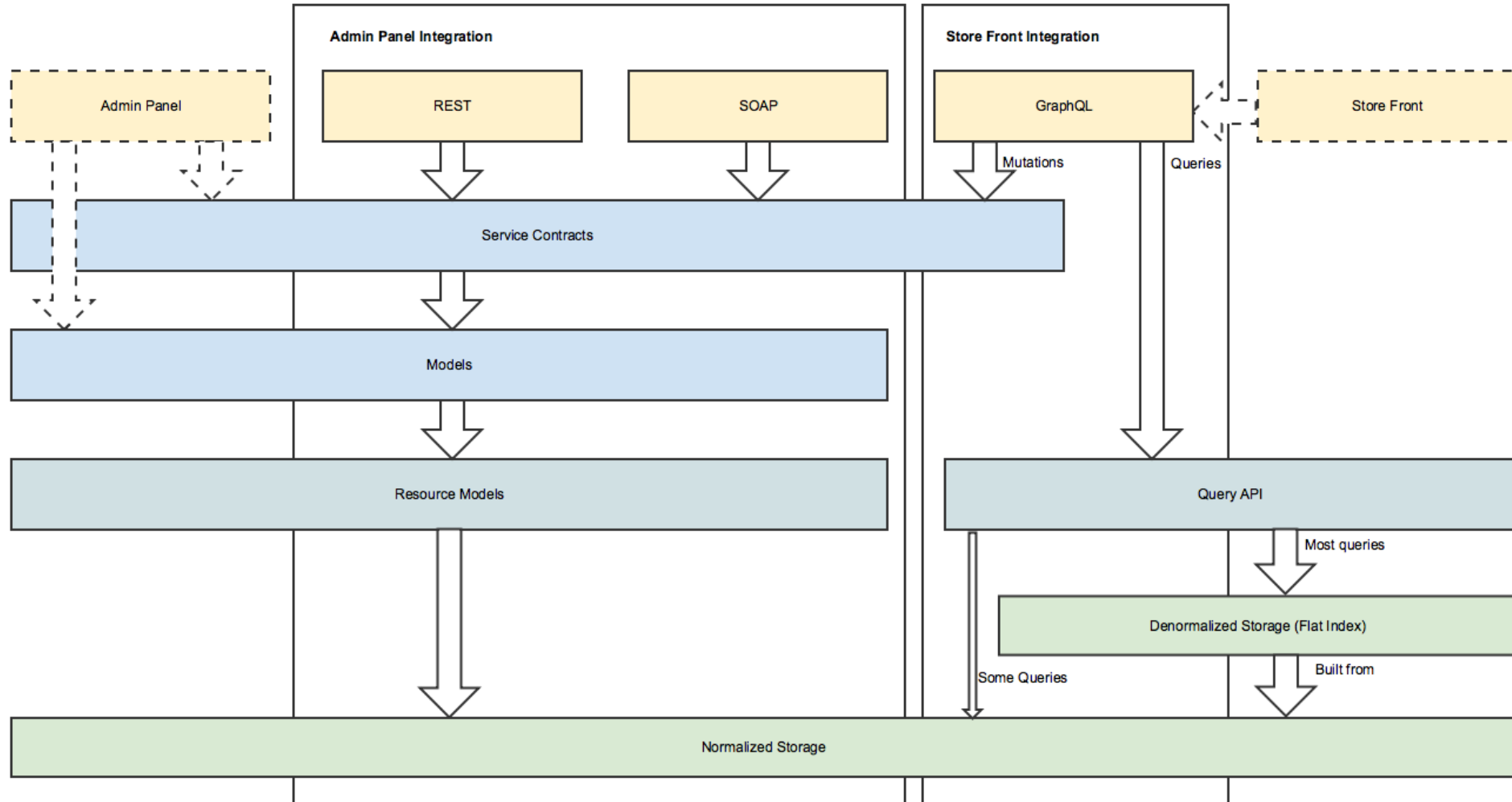
# GraphQL in Magento

Current structure and future improvements.



# Architecture

Web API - Request Processing - High Level Overview





# Magento 2.3.1 Code structure

Base implementation:

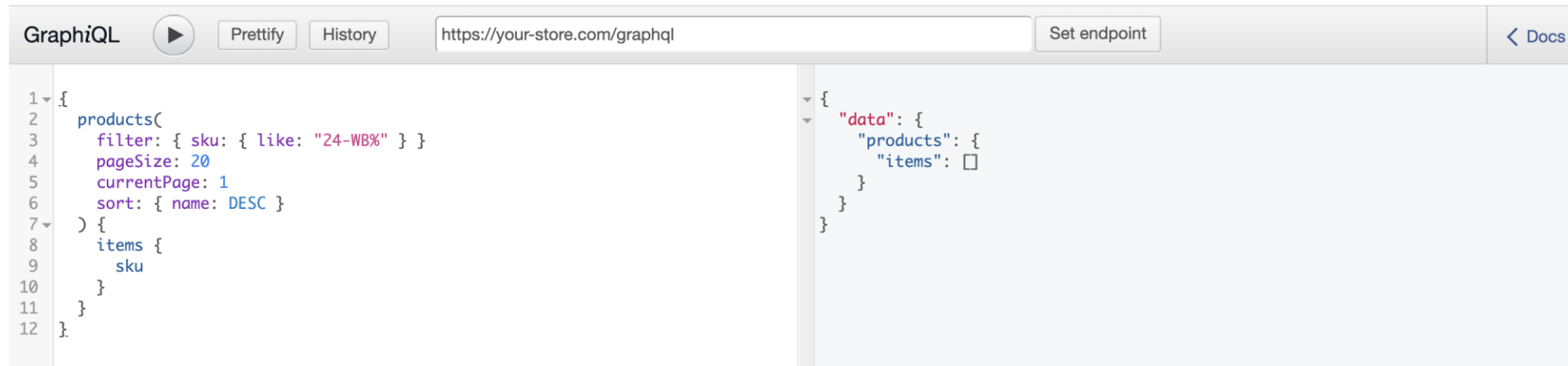
- Framework\GraphQL
- Framework\GraphQLSchemaStitching
- Magento\GraphQL

Extending core functionalities to provide queries and mutations:

- Magento\_Customer
  - Magento\_CustomerGraphQL
- Magento\_Directory
  - Magento\_DirectoryGraphQL
- ...

# Usage

- Chrome ChromeiQL extension
- Access the */graphql* path on your store



The screenshot shows the GraphiQL interface with a query on the left and a JSON response on the right. The query is:

```
1 {  
2   products(  
3     filter: { sku: { like: "24-WB%" } }  
4     pageSize: 20  
5     currentPage: 1  
6     sort: { name: DESC }  
7   ) {  
8     items {  
9       sku  
10    }  
11  }  
12 }
```

The JSON response is:

```
{  
  "data": {  
    "products": {  
      "items": []  
    }  
  }  
}
```

*Note: accessing that url with a browser will cause an error, as only content type json is supported in the request*

# Magento 2.3.1 Support

- Store configuration
- Url rewrites
- All product types
  - Search and category
  - Layered navigation and filtering
  - Sort and pagination
  - Pricing
- Customer
  - Login/logout
  - Query and modify main account information and addresses
  - Wishlist
- Cart
  - Initialization and add simple/configurable products
  - Set shipping/billing address
  - Add/remove coupons

# Future developments

In Magento 2.3.2:

- Checkout
  - Offline shipping and payment method selection
  - Order placing
- MSI
  - Detailed stock information
- Performance improvements
  - Varnish caching

Following:

- Query API (GraphQL to SQL query)

# Customization

Implement GraphQL for your entities.



# Implement a custom Query or Mutation

- Add your custom GraphQL schema
- Implement a Resolver for your resource

## Example

<https://github.com/renatocason/Imagine2019-storepicker-example/>

## Warning

The current GraphQL implementation is not *@api*:  
minor upgrades could break your code.

GraphQL schema, on the opposite side, is *@api*.

# etc/schema.graphqls

```
type Query {  
  locations: [Location]  
    @resolver(class: "Rcason\\StorePicker\\Model\\Resolver\\Locations")  
    @doc(description: "The locations query provides information for all supported  
                      countries and the related stores.")  
}
```

```
type Location {  
  country_id: String  
  store_id: String  
  country: Country  
}
```

# Model/Resolver/Location.php

- Extends *Magento\Framework\GraphQL\Query\ResolverInterface*
- Implements the *resolve* method
- It is not mandatory to use service contracts, collections and direct SQL queries are allowed

```
public function resolve(
    Field $field,
    $context,
    ResolveInfo $info,
    array $value = null,
    array $args = null
) {
    $searchCriteria = $this->searchCriteriaFactory->create();
    $locations = $this->locationRepository->getList($searchCriteria);
    $countries = $this->getCountriesById();

    $output = [];
    foreach ($locations as $location) {
        $output[] = $this->dataProcessor->buildOutputDataArray($location, LocationInterface::class);
    }
    return $output;
}
```



# Usage

```
{
  locations {
    country_id
    country {
      full_name_english
      full_name_locale
    }
    store_id
  }
}
```

```
{
  "data": {
    "locations": [
      {
        "country_id": "GB",
        "country": {
          "full_name_english": "United Kingdom",
          "full_name_locale": "Regno Unito"
        },
        "store_id": "1"
      },
      {
        "country_id": "US",
        "country": {
          "full_name_english": "United States",
          "full_name_locale": "Stati Uniti"
        },
        "store_id": "1"
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

# Testing

- Extend *Magento\TestFramework\TestCase\GraphQLAbstract*
- Rely on fixtures, sharing them across API interfaces

```
/**
 * @magentoApiDataFixture Magento/Customer/_files/customer.php
 */
public function testGetCustomer()
{
    $currentEmail = 'customer@example.com';
    $currentPassword = 'password';

    $query = <<<QUERY
query {
  customer {
    firstname
    lastname
    email
  }
}
QUERY;
$response = $this->graphqlQuery($query, [], "", $this->getCustomerAuthHeaders($currentEmail, $currentPassword));

$this->assertEquals('John', $response['customer']['firstname']);
$this->assertEquals('Smith', $response['customer']['lastname']);
$this->assertEquals($currentEmail, $response['customer']['email']);
}
```

# Caching and Performance

Keep your store fast.

# N+1 Problem

```
1 {  
2   customer {  
3     email  
4     firstname  
5     lastname  
6     addresses {  
7       street  
8       city  
9       country_id  
10    }  
11  }  
12 }
```

```
{  
  "data": {  
    "customer": {  
      "email": "renato.cason@gmail.com",  
      "firstname": "Renato",  
      "lastname": "Cason",  
      "addresses": [  
        {  
          "street": [  
            "Test 1"  
          ],  
          "city": "London",  
          "country_id": "GB"  
        },  
        {  
          "street": [  
            "Test 2"  
          ],  
          "city": "London",  
          "country_id": "GB"  
        }  
      ]  
    }  
  }  
}
```

- In the example, we are loading one customer, and two addresses
- If they are fetched individually from the database, this will result in 3 queries (N+1: 2+1)

*Usually resolved with batching, which in this case would result in 2 queries.*

# Caching

<https://graphql.org/learn/caching/>

- In endpoint-based APIs, HTTP caching can be used  
*i.e. Varnish or similar, plus CDN*
- Providing Object Identifiers allows clients to build rich caches  
*needs the client to be smart, and implement the caching logic*

# HTTP Caching

*Can* work, but might not be as efficient

Client A:

```
{
  products(
    filter: { sku: { like: "24-WB%" } }
    pageSize: 20
    currentPage: 1
    sort: { name: DESC }
  ) {
    items {
      sku
      name
    }
  }
}
```

Client B:

```
{
  products(
    filter: { sku: { like: "24-WB%" } }
    pageSize: 20
    currentPage: 1
    sort: { name: DESC }
  ) {
    items {
      name
      sku
    }
  }
}
```

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      sku
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  }
}
```

# Caching – Server side

Use Magento's built in caching tools to bypass database access.

Pros:

- Relatively easy to implement

Cons:

- Not applicable to all resource types
- Can make Redis become a bottleneck



# Caching – Client side

Use the client's library to cache the data.

i.e. <https://www.apollographql.com/docs/react/advanced/caching>

Pros:

- Totally bypasses the network

Cons:

- Needs to be implemented for each client (i.e. web and mobile)
- Doesn't scale for multiple users

# Authorization

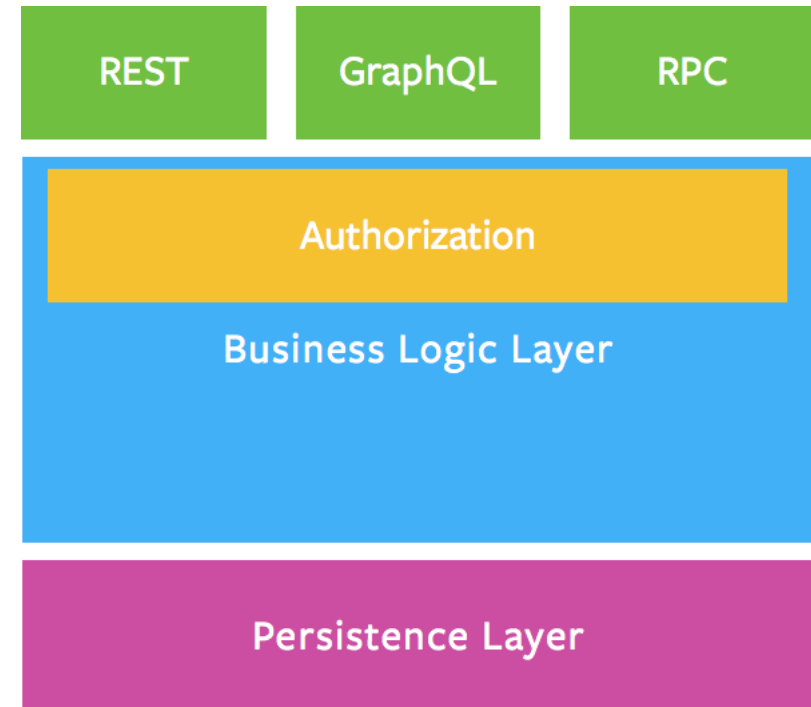
Secure your queries and mutations.



# Authentication and Authorization

<https://graphql.org/learn/authorization/>

- Delegate authorization logic to the business logic layer
- Your business logic layer should act as the single source of truth for enforcing business domain rules



# Authentication

<https://devdocs.magento.com/guides/v2.3/graphql/get-customer-authorization-token.html>

- Only customer authentication is supported
- No plan in the short/mid term to support admin authentication

# Authentication

```
mutation {  
  generateCustomerToken(email: "customer@example.com",  
                        password: "password") {  
    token  
  }  
}  
  
{  
  "data": {  
    "generateCustomerToken": {  
      "token": "hoyz7k697ubv5hcpq92yrtx39i7x10um"  
    }  
  }  
}
```

# Authorization

Uses a Bearer Token, exactly as REST does

Example:

*Magento\QuoteGraphQl\Model\Resolver\CreateEmptyCart*

```
public function resolve(...) {  
    $customerId = $context->getUserId();  
}
```

# Conclusion

Wrapping up.



# Conclusion

- Simple to learn
  - Many online resources
  - Easy syntax
  - Great developer tools
- Main advantages are for building highly flexible APIs
  - Suitable for customer facing functionalities
  - Not ideal for ERP integrations
- Caching can be complex
  - If you need to scale, design your application to that from the beginning



**Thank you.**

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