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Memo Operating Guidance

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To: CGX System Contacts Contract & Grant Officers

Subject: New Data Elements and File Layouts for Proposal and Award File Submissions

As has been discussed extensively with our CGX System Contacts at each campus, the corporate Contracts & Grants System (CGX) will undergo several changes as part of the overall update and modernization of the information systems managed by University of California Office of the President (UCOP), affecting the quarterly Proposal and Award data submissions from all reporting locations.

The new Proposal and Award files will be integrated into a set of data tables and a reporting system referred to as the Sponsored Projects System (SPX). This memo specifies the new data elements and values that will be incorporated into the quarterly Proposal and Award data submissions from campuses, and the fixed record-length file layouts for these submissions are appended to this document.

Sponsored Projects System (SPX) and Research Enterprise Management System (REMS)

SPX is designed to provide both campuses and UCOP with more complete sponsored projects data made available through a flexible, online reporting environment. The preliminary phase for this upgrade has already been completed with the deployment of the Research Enterprise Management System (REMS), a campus-based data capture application for assigning sponsor codes to new project sponsors and for managing indirect cost exceptions.

Through REMS, every reporting location may generate new sponsor codes directly, without waiting for a centralized assignment process (though the new code and associated information will still be validated centrally). **SPX will require that every proposal record include a valid sponsor code**. The placeholder 9850 sponsor code currently used in CGX Proposal records will not be used in SPX Proposal records, and the *Sponsor Name – Non-Federal, Non-State* data element will no longer be part of the Proposal file.

This process change means that campuses will need to obtain a valid sponsor code at the time that a proposal record is generated in their local proposal and award managements systems.

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Data Submission Timelines

The next phase of this upgrade project involves changes to the Proposal and Award data files submitted by campuses and other reporting locations, as well as their respective data tables and reporting environments.

These changes will be effective as of January 1, 2013, and will apply to all proposals and awards reported for Q213 (October-December 2012). Data files for this quarter's activity should be submitted no later than March 1, 2013.

Consultation with each of the reporting locations has determined that this abbreviated period is generally feasible, but some of the new data elements may require a phase-in period. For this reason, as well as for purposes of system testing and data validation, both the current CGX system and the enhanced SPX system will be operated in parallel for a few quarters. However, reporting locations, once they have converted their data extracts to the new file layouts need submit only one set of Quarterly Proposal and Award data files.

Testing Extracts and Backfilling Records with Prior-Period Data

To ensure that the new data extract programs and CGX/SPX edit and load systems are functioning properly, the submission and load process for each location should be tested prior to the March 1, 2013 submission requirement, utilizing proposal and award data from at least one previous reporting period. In addition, locations will be requested to submit a single extract of all available historic data, even if some of the newly required data elements cannot be supplied. This will allow OP and reporting locations to align and re-synchronize proposal and award data for previous fiscal periods, correcting prior errors and making the data more consistent with campus information systems. Arrangements for submitting prior-period data will be made individually with each reporting location.

File Naming Conventions

Current Format

Proposal and Award files are currently submitted via File Transfer Protocol (FTP) with the following file naming conventions:

'CGXPRP.Qqyy' for Proposal Files 'CGXAWD.Qqyy' for Award Files where q is the quarter and yy the fiscal year

New Format

Files in the new format should also be submitted via FTP, but with the following filenaming conventions, which replace "CGX" in the filename with "SPX":

'SPXPRP.Qqyy' for Proposal Files

'SPXAWD.Qqyy' for Award Files

See <u>secure FTP guidelines for vsftp.ucop.edu</u> for more information on VSFTP (Very Secure File Transfer Protocol) transmittal.

Summary of Changes to the Current CGX System Proposal and Award Files

Three types of changes will be made to Proposal and Award files:

- 1. Modification of current data elements.
- 2. Addition of a new code value for Project Type.
- 3. A number of new data elements, some of which are intended for future use.

These changes are detailed below, and the full file layouts for Proposal and Award data submissions follow in an appendix.

1. Modification and Expansion of Current Data Elements

- **a. Principal Investigator** name field will be replaced by three name fields of 30 characters each, for First, Middle and Last names. This follows the name field convention of the PATH system.
- **b. Co-Principal Investigator** name field will also be replaced by three name fields of 30 characters each, similarly following the name field convention of the PATH system. If there are multiple co-principal investigators, reporting locations may use their discretion as to which is included.
- c. Project Cost Proposed, Award Amount and Matching Funds fields will be expanded from 8 to 10 characters, in conventional numeric format with negative amounts indicated by a minus sign, rather than a signed numeric.
- **d.** Award Number and Proposal Identifier Number fields will be expanded from 10 to 50 characters and 10 to 50, respectively.
- e. Project Name will be expanded from 135 to 256 characters.
- f. Sponsor Name Non-Federal, Non-State data element is being removed from the Input file.
- 2. Additional Code Value for Project Type
 - **a. Project Type Codes** are used in both Proposal and Award records to identify the type of the award, and will receive the additional code value of 'C' to specify scholarships, fellowships and other similar awards intended primarily to provide student support. Current code values are 1-9 plus A and B, and they will retain their current definitions.

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3. New Data Elements

- a. Project Indicator Numbers should be used to identify all proposals and awards associated with a specific research project, including all of its continuations, extensions and renewals. The Project Identifying Number should be assigned when the first Proposal is submitted to a sponsor, or when the initial award is received from a sponsor when there is no prior proposal. The format of the Project Identifying Number may be established by each reporting location. It may, for example, be the same as the first Proposal Identifying Number, or the first Award Number, or any unique alphanumeric string, not to exceed 50 characters in length. This data element is required for both Proposal and Award records.
- **b.** Proposal Indicator Numbers are required for all Proposal records, and should also be included in all Award records if a proposal was submitted to the sponsor, or if an internal Proposal record was generated at the same time as the Award record was created. This data element should not exceed 50 characters
- c. Employee ID Numbers should be used to identify Principal Investigators and Co-Principal Investigators in both Proposal and Award Records. This data element will be required, but only after the reporting location has indicated that it is available through their data systems. Currently, all UC Employees have a 9-digit Employee ID, and these numbers should be submitted until the PATH ID is implemented for each location, at which time the PATH ID should be used.
- **d.** Researcher ID Number (future use): This data element will be implemented when an industry-standard Researcher ID Number has been agreed to systemwide. The ORCID system (<u>http://about.orcid.org/</u>) is the most likely candidate.
- e. Federal Award Numbers are required for Federal Awards and should be reported here without modification. Some reporting locations report a modified Federal Award Number as the Award Number in their Award files. This data element should not exceed 50 characters.
- **f. Indirect Cost Exception Numbers** are assigned through the REMS system, and are required in Proposal and Award whenever the indirect cost rate varies significantly from the standard federal rate for indirect cost recovery.
- **g.** Originator Sponsor Code identifies the originating sponsor when UC receives a subaward from a prime contractor. The prime contractor is still identified using the Sponsor Code data element.
- **h.** Clinical Trial Code is identified with values of 1, 2, 3 or 4 depending on the phase of the trial.
- i. Human Subjects Indicator identifies awards that involve human subjects with a Y or N flag. Null is interpreted as "Unknown". This data element is not included in Proposal records.
- **j. Full IRB Committee Review Indicator** identifies awards that involve human subjects and Institutional Review Board involvement with a value of Y or N. Null is interpreted as "Unknown". This data element is not included in Proposal records.
- **k. SBIR/STTR Award Indicator** identifies proposals and awards intended to stimulate small businesses through the Small Business Innovation Research

(SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer Research programs (STTR). Such awards are identified with a value of Y or N. Null is interpreted as "Unknown".

 F&A Class Code assists in efforts to improve indirect cost/F&A recovery analysis. OMB Circular A-21provides definitions of Organized Research, Instruction and Other Sponsored Activities—categories that are also used in UC's F&A rate agreements. These categories will be used to classify all proposal and award records, regardless of sponsor type (i.e. both federal and non-federal proposals and awards will be classified with an F&A Class Code).

In addition to Organized Research, Instruction, and Other Sponsored Activities, there will be a "Special Rate" category to accommodate instances where projects are covered by a specially-negotiated rate in a campus's F&A rate agreements (e.g. "Space Sciences Laboratory" rate at Berkeley), and an "Intergovernmental Personnel Act Agreements" category for campuses that have negotiated such rates in their F&A rate agreements.

The code values associated with the F&A Class Code data element are as follows:

- R Organized Research
- I Instruction
- O Other Sponsored Activities
- S Special Rates
- P Intergovenmental Personnel Act Agreements

The consistent classification of projects using the definitions from A-21 and UC's F&A rate agreements will enhance data analysis and reporting with respect to indirect cost recovery.

These revised data elements are the result of an exhaustive vetting process with our campus research data and technical leads, and I would like to thank our campus colleagues for participating in this effort.

In the coming months, RPAC and Institutional Research will coordinate with systemwide C&G and research data leadership to implement this new data collection process and collaboratively establish best practices to ensure more consistent data collection throughout the UC research enterprise. These efforts will serve as a cornerstone for the University's on-going effort to provide richer data analysis of the research enterprise.

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Attached to this memo you will find descriptions of the new proposal and award file layouts for SPX as well as documentation of the data element edit messages.

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Attachments: Proposal and Award File Layouts Data Element Edit Messages

Contracts & Grants System

SPX

Proposal File Header Record Description

		<u>N</u> ew/	
Position	Element	Length Changed	Field Format
1	Proposal File Code	1	Alphanumeric (value: 'P')
	UC Location Code 1 - Major		
2 - 3	Location	2	Alphanumeric
4	Header Record Indicator	1	Alphanumeric
5 - 24	Literal	20	Alphanumeric (value:'HEADER SP DATA FOR')
25	Fiscal Quarter Code - UC	1	Alphanumeric
26 - 27	<u>Fiscal Year - UC</u>	2	Alphanumeric
28 - 32	Filler	5	Blank
33 - 38	File Creation Date	6	Alphanumeric
39 - 660	Unused	622 C	Blank
	Total Record Length	660	

		<u>N</u> ew/	
Position	Element	Length <u>C</u> hanged	Field Format
1	Proposal File Code	1	Alphanumeric
2 - 3	UC Location Code 1 - Major Location	2	Alphanumeric
4 - 7	Sponsor Code	4	Alphanumeric
8 - 11	Originator Sponsor Code	4 N	Alphanumeric
12	Filler	1	Blank
13	Contact / Grant Code	1	Alphanumeric
L4 - 63	Project Identifier Number	50 N	Alphanumeric
54 - 319	Project Name	256 C	Alphanumeric
20	F&A Class Code	1 N	Alphanumeric
321	Project Type Code	1	Alphanumeric
322 - 324	Project Duration - Proposed	3	Alphanumeric
25	SBIR/STTR Award Indicator	1 N	Alphanumeric
26 - 375	Proposal Identifying Number	50 C	Alphanumeric
76	Filler	1	Blank
77 - 386	Project Cost - Proposed	10 C	Numeric
87 - 396	Matching Funds	10 C	Numeric
97 - 403	Indirect Cost Exception Number	7 N	Alphanumeric
04 - 409	Account Number-Project	6	Alphanumeric
10	Special Fund Source	1	Alphanumeric
11	Filler	1	Blank
12 - 441	Principal Investigator Last Name	30 N	Alphanumeric
42 - 471	Principal Investigator First Name	30 N	Alphanumeric
72 - 501	Principal Investigator Middle Name	30 N	Alphanumeric
602 - 512	Principal Investigator Employee Identifier	11 N	Alphanumeric
513 - 532	Principal Investigator Researcher Identifier	20 N	Alphanumeric
33 - 562	Co-Principal Investigator Last Name	30 N	Alphanumeric
63 - 592	Co-Principal Investigator First Name	30 N	Alphanumeric
93 - 622	Co-Principal Investigator Middle Name	30 N	Alphanumeric
23 - 633	Co-Principal Investigator Employee Identifier	11 N	Alphanumeric
34 - 653	Co-Principal Investigator Researcher Identifier	20 N	Alphanumeric
54	Filler	1	Blank
55 - 660	Transaction Reference Number SPX	6	Alphanumeric
	Total Record Length	660	

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Award File Header Record Description

		<u>N</u> ew/	
Position	Element	Length <u>C</u> hange	d Field Format
1	Award File Code	1	Alphanumeric (value: 'A')
	UC Location Code 1 -		
2 - 3	Major Location	2	Alphanumeric
4	Header Record Indicator	1	Alphanumeric
5 - 24	Literal	20	Alphanumeric (value:'HEADER SP DATA FOR')
25	Fiscal Quarter Code - UC	1	Alphanumeric
26 - 27	Fiscal Year - UC	2	Alphanumeric
28 - 32	Filler	5	Blank
33 - 38	File Creation Date	6	Alphanumeric
39 - 791	Unused	753 C	Blank
	Total Record Length	791	

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SPX

Award File Layout

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

FILE NAME:	SPXAWD.Qqyy
	where q is the quarter and yy is the fiscal year
RECORD FORMAT:	Fixed Block
RECORD LENGTH:	791
	The input file is to be transmitted via secure FTP (File Transfer Protocol) to UCOP's vsftp server, and deposited in the following directory: ftphome/ftpusr[n] where [n]is the campus numeric code or location alpha code.
	1 - Berkeley
	2 - San francisco
	3 - Davis
	4 - Los Angeles
	5 - Riverside
	6 - San Diego
	7 - Santa Cruz
	8 - Santa Barbara
	9 - Irvine
	10 - Merced
	ar - Agriculture and Natural Resources
	u - Office of the President

Ib - Lawerence Berkeley National Laboratory

See secure FTP guidelines for vsftp.ucop.edu for more information on vsftp transmittal. Each transmission will be accompanied by an E-mail note with the information specified below: The file transmittal note should be sent to:

IR&C Librarian at ISCLIB@UCOP.EDU

File transmittal note should give the following minimum information: Campus Contact Name and Phone Number File Name Record Count Creation Date If the file is a resubmission, indicate it

		N	ew/	
Position	Element	Length C	hanged	Field Format
1	Award File Code	1		Alphanumeric
	UC Location Code 1 -			
2 - 3	Major Location	2		Alphanumeric
4 - 7	Sponsor Code	4		Alphanumeric
8 - 11	Originator Sponsor Code	4	Ν	Alphanumeric
12	Filler	1		Blank
 13	Contract / Grant Code	1		Alphanumeric
 14 - 63	Project Identifier Number	50	Ν	Alphanumeric
54 - 319	Project Name	256	C	Alphanumeric
320	F&A Class Code	1	·	Alphanumeric
321	Project Type Code	1		Alphanumeric
322	<u>Clinical Trial Phase Code</u>	1	Ν	Alphanumeric
323	Human Subjects Indicator	1	N	Alphanumeric
824	Full IRB Committee Review Indicator	1	Ν	Alphanumeric
325	Filler	1		Blank
826 - 375	Proposal Identifying Number	50	Ν	Alphanumeric
376	Filler	1		Blank
77 - 426	Federal Award Number	50	Ν	Alphanumeric
27 - 476	Award Number	50	С	Alphanumeric
77	SBIR/STTR Award Indicator	1	Ν	Alphanumeric
78	Award Action Code	1		Alphanumeric
79 - 485	Indirect Cost Exception Number	7	Ν	Alphanumeric
86 - 491	Award Form Preparation Date	6		Alphanumeric
92 - 497	Award Period Start Date	6		Alphanumeric
98 - 503	Award Period End Date	6		Alphanumeric
04	Filler	1		Blank
05 - 510	Account Number-Project	6		Alphanumeric
11 - 515	Fund Number	5		Alphanumeric
516 - 525	Award Amount	10	С	Numeric
26 - 535	Matching Funds	10	С	Numeric
36	Special Fund Source	1		Alphanumeric
37 - 540	Indirect Cost - Applicable Rate	4		Numeric
41	Filler	1		Blank
42 - 571	Principal Investigator Last Name	30	Ν	Alphanumeric
72 - 601	Principal Investigator First Name	30	Ν	Alphanumeric
02 - 631	Principal Investigator Middle Name	30	Ν	Alphanumeric
32 - 642	Principal Investigator Employee Identifier	11	N	Alphanumeric
43 - 662	Principal Investigator Researcher Identifier	20	Ν	Alphanumeric
63	Filler	1	• ·	Blank
64 - 693	Co-Principal Investigator Last Name	30	N	Alphanumeric
594 - 723	Co-Principal Investigator First Name	30	N	Alphanumeric
24 - 753	Co-Principal Investigator Middle Name	30	N	Alphanumeric
/54 - 764	Co-Principal Investigator Employee Identifier	11	Ν	Alphanumeric

765 - 784 785 786 - 791	Filler		Ν	Alphanumeric Blank Alphanumeric
	Total Record Length	791		

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Data Element	Applies To	<u>Condition</u>	Level	Message
Account Number	Award/Prop	a) blank	W	ACCOUNT NUMBER MISSING
		b) not numeric	W	ACCOUNT NUMBER NOT NUMERIC
		c) not found in AFP	W	ACCOUNT NUMBER INVALID
Award Action Code	Award	a) blank	Е	AWARD ACTION CODE MISSING
		b) must be '1' or '2'	Е	AWARD ACTION CODE INVALID
Award Amount	Award	a) blank	Е	AWARD AMOUNT MISSING
		b) not numeric	Ē	AWARD AMOUNT NOT NUMERIC
		c) not in range:	<u>W</u>	AWARD AMOUNT EXCEEDS 20 Mill or
		-20M thru 20M for BK, SF, LA,	<u></u>	AWARD AMOUNT EXCEEDS 10 Mill
		DV, LA, SD, or IR		
		-10M thru 10M for others		
Award Form Preparation Date	Award	a) blank	E	AWARD FORM DATE MISSING
		b) not a valid date (yymmdd)	E	AWARD FORM DATE INVALID
		c) same date as another transaction	W	AWARD ALREADY PREP THIS DAY
		d) fewer than 15 days between transactions	W	NOT 2 WEEKS SINCE AWARD PREP
Award Number	Award	a) blank	Е	AWARD NUMBER MISSING
Award Transaction Period Begin Date	Award	a) blank	Е	START DATE MISSING
		b) not a valid date (YYMMDD)	Е	START DATE INVALID
		c) Begin Date after End Date	W	START DATE AFTER END DATE
Award Transaction Period End Date	Award	a) blank	Е	END DATE MISSING
		b) not a valid date (YYMMDD)	Ē	END DATE INVALID
		c) End Date is more than 7 years	W	AWARD PERIOD GREATER 84 MOS
		beyond Begin Date		
Award / Proposal Code	Award / Prop	a) blank	S	AWARD/PROPOSAL CODE MISSING
	110p	b) must be 'A' or 'P'	S	AWARD/PROPOSAL CODE INVALID
		of must be A of I	6	AWARD/I KOI OSAL CODE INVALID
Clinical Trial Phase Code	Award	Must be Null, '1', '2', '3, or '4'	W	CLINICAL TRAIL PHASE CODE INVALID

E = Error message, transaction will not be processed.

W = Warning message, transaction processed.

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Data Element	Applies To	<u>Condition</u>	Level	Message
Contract & Grant Code	Award / Prop	a) blank b) must be 'A', 'G' or 'K'	E E	CONTRACT/GRANT CODE MISSING CONTRACT/GRANT CODE INVALID
Federal Award Number	Award	a) Blank and Sponsor Category code = '01'	W	FEDERAL AWARD NUMBER MISSING
Full IRB Committee Review Indicator	Award	Must be Null, 'Y', or 'N'	W	FULL IRB COMMITTEE REVIEW INDICATOR INVALID
Fund Number	Award	a) blank	W	FUND NUMBER MISSING
		b) not found in AFP	W	FUND NUMBER INVALID
F&A Class Code	Award / Prop	a) blank b) is not 'R', 'I' 'O, 'S' or 'P'	W W	F&A CLASS CODE IS MISSING F&A CLASS CODE INVALID
Human Subjects Indicator	Award	Must be Null, 'Y', or 'N'	W	HUMAN SUBJECTS INDICATOR INVALID
Indirect Cost-Applicable Rate	Award	a) not numeric b) greater than 75%	E W	INDIRECT COST RATE NOT NUMERIC INDIRECT COST RATE OVER 75%
Indirect Cost Exception Number	Award	a) not blank and not in REMS	W	INDIRECT COST EXCEPTION NUMBER INVALID
Matching Funds	Award / Prop	a) not numeric b) greater than \$100,000	E W	MATCHING FUNDS NOT NUMERIC MATCHING FUNDS OVER 100 THOU
Originator Sponsor Code	Award / Prop	 a) = 9850 b) value not in REMS c) value in REMS & status = Deactivated d) value in REMS & status = Saved or Submitted 	E E E	ORIGINATOR SPONSOR CODE INVALID ORIGINATOR SPONSOR CODE INVALID ORIGINATOR SPONSOR CODE INVALID ORIGINATOR SPONSOR CODE NOT APPROVED

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Data Element	Applies To	Condition	Level	Message
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Principal Investigator Employee Identifier	Award / Prop	a) blank	Е	PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR EMPLOYEE IDENTIFIER MISSING
Principal Investigator First Name	Award / Prop	a) blank	Е	PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR FIRST NAME MISSING
Principal Investigator Last Name	Award / Prop	a) blank	Е	PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR LAST NAME MISSING
Co-Principal Investigator First Name	Award / Prop	a) blank and a Co-Principal Investigator Employ Identifier or Co- Principal Investigator Last Name exists	W	CO-PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR FIRST NAME MISSING
Co-Principal Investigator Last Name	Award / Prop	a) blank and a Co-Principal Investigator Employ Identifier or Co- Principal Investigator First Name exists	W	CO-PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR NAME MISSING
Project Cost-Proposed	Proposal	 a) blank b) not numeric c) not in range: 2M thru +5M d) sum is less than 0 e) sum of transactions is more than 25K AND second transaction greater than 60 % increase over first trans. 	E E W W	PROJECT COST MISSING PROJECT COST NOT NUMERIC PROJECT COST EXCESSIVE SUM OF PROJ COST LESS THAN 0 PROJECT > \$25K: INCR EXCEEDS 60 %
Project Duration	Proposal	a) blankb) not numericc) greater than 7 years	E E W	DURATION MISSING DURATION NOT NUMERIC DURATION GREATER 84 MONTHS
Project Identifier Number	Award / Prop	a) blank	Е	PROJECT IDENTIFIER NUMBER MISSING
Project Name	Award / Prop	a) blank	Е	PROJECT NAME MISSING

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Data Element	Applies To	Condition	Level	Message
Project Type Code	Award / Prop	a) blank b) must be '1' thru '9' or 'A' or 'B' or 'C'	E E	PROJECT TYPE CODE MISSING PROJECT TYPE CODE INVALID
Proposal Identifying Number	Award / Prop	a) blank b) appears on Proposal file more than once	E W	PROPOSAL NUMBER MISSING DUPLICATE PROPOSAL TRANS
Sponsor Code	Award / Prop	 a) blank b) = 9850 c) value not in REMS d) value in REMS & status = Deactivated e) value in REMS & status = Saved Submitted f) changes within quarter 	E E E W	SPONSOR CODE MISSING SPONSOR CODE INVALID SPONSOR CODE INVALID SPONSOR CODE INVALID SPONSOR CODE NOT APPROVED SPONSOR CODE CHANGE AWARD/PROP
UC Location Code	Award /Prop	a) must be 01-10, 20-23, or 52	S	INVALID LOCATION

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