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The Battery Pass Technical Standard Stack

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This document aims to provide a brief overview on the Technical Standard Stack developed by the Battery Pass consortium







The Battery Passport





The EU introduces digital product passports (DPP) as part of its broader regulatory ambition towards sustainability with the first being required for batteries from 2027

European Green Deal

Comprehensive plan to make the EU climate-neutral by 2050, safeguard biodiversity, establish a circular economy and eliminate pollution, while boosting the competitiveness of the European industry and ensuring a just transition for the regions and workers affected.

Circular Economy Action Plan

Initiative promoting the sustainable use of resources, especially in resource-intensive sectors with high environmental impact.

Ecodesign for Sustainable Product Regulation

- Proposed in Mar 2022, as central part to the Commission's strategy for eco-friendly and circular products
- Extends beyond current Ecodesign Directive, which exclusively addresses energy-related products
- Aims to promote environmental sustainability across a broader range of products

Introduces **digital product passports** as a general concept

Battery Regulation

- Initially proposed in 2020 complementing the Strategic Action Plan for Batteries
- Entered into force in Aug 2023 replacing the EU Battery Directive
- Provides a legal framework aiming to promote sustainability, circularity, safety and transparency

Mandates a **battery passport** for all EV, LMT, and industrial (>2kWh) batteries starting Feb 2027

End-of-Life Vehicle Regulation

proposal

- Proposed in Jul 2023, as result of the review of the End-of-life Vehicle Directive
- Will replace the End-of-life Vehicle Directive as well as the Typeapproval Directive
- Governs the entire vehicle lifecycle, from design to end-of-life treatment

Mandates a **circularity vehicle passport** starting 7 years after entry into force of the regulation







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The regulatory frameworks for the battery passport are the EU Battery Regulation and Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation (ESPR)



The purpose of the battery passport is to provide transparency and awareness, enable the shift to a circular economy, and create a level playing field

Purpose of the battery passport



Enable the shift from linear to circular economies

- Provide the required "situational awareness" for batteries including, for example a "productas-a-service" mode, instead of considering a product a consumable only
- Keep products within the system to save resources and minimize the amount of actual waste
- Leverage data for optimizing circularity processes

Provide transparency to impact decisions

- Enable informed decisions based on comprehensive data being provided digitally
- Bridge information gaps in the battery value chain to maximize lifetime value
- Leverage new insights from use and fate for design and production

Create a battery level playing field

- Build the future battery value chain on multi-stakeholder responsibilities
- Move stakeholders to compete on sustainable innovation
- Develop business models that operate on value creation, value capture, and value conservation









The Battery Passport is defined in Article 77 of the Battery Regulation and encompasses reporting requirements covering the entire battery life cycle



The scope of information to be made available via the battery passport is extensive with up to 90 data attributes which can be clustered into seven categories

Not exhaustive

Data categories for the battery passport (select data attributes shown below)





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1) Labels and symbols are covered in section 5. "Battery materials and composition" in the following. Information on compliance can be found in the main Guidance Document.

The battery passport will be required for EV, LMT and industrial batteries > 2 kWh from February 2027 with the main responsibility lying with the "economic operator"

Specifications for the battery passport

Ŏ	Timeline	The battery passport will be required from 18 February 2027
	Scope	 Batteries in light means of transport (LMT) Industrial batteries with a capacity greater than 2 kWh Electric vehicle (EV) batteries
	Responsibility	The responsibility lies with the economic operator (or an authorized representative) placing the battery on the market
	Stakeholder Groups	 The "general public" "Notified bodies, market surveillance authorities and the Commission" "Any natural or legal person with a legitimate interest in accessing and processing that information"

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The battery passport will unlock major value along the value chain

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Value of the passport:

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Regulatory compliance and potential additional value pending conditions beyond regulatory requirements

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Direct value add along several dimensions (environmental, social and economic)

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Select examples

Recycler: "More efficient recycling"

Availability of data on battery composition and dismantling enables more efficient recycling processes by e.g., reducing sampling efforts and optimizing the dismantling process.

Collector: "Precise risk assessment for transport of used batteries"

Information about the history of the battery (e.g., accidents) supports the correct categorization and thereby minimizes the risk of using insufficient transport precautions.

2nd hand user: "Simplified residual value assessment"

Refiner

Performance and durability data (e.g., remaining capacity) enable downstream businesses and private users to better assess the residual value of the battery to decide between recycling or 2nd life and its specific 2nd life application.











Cell and module producer

implementation.

OEM: "Reliable communication of ESG data"

Economic operators excelling on ESG performance (e.g., due diligence report, carbon footprint) can leverage the battery passport for product differentiation.

Consumer: "Informed purchasing decisions"

Access to reliable and comparable information about the battery (e.g., carbon footprint) facilitates wellinformed purchasing decisions. .





The Battery Pass Consortium





The Battery Pass is a consortium of 11 partners from industry, science, technology and beyond, co-funded by BMWK aiming to provide guidance on the EU battery passport

Key facts on the Battery Pass Consortium

- Evolved from the Circular Economy Initiative Germany (CEID)
- 11 consortium partners from industry, science, technology and beyond
- Co-funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK) with EUR 8.2 mn
- Aiming to advance the implementation of and provide guidance on the EU Battery Passport
- Five work packages including:
 - Project coordination and stakeholder engagement
 - Guidance on content requirements
 - Guidance on technical battery passport system
 - Development of a physical and software demonstrator
 - Value assessment of individual use cases and overall
- 3-year timeframe from April 2022 to April 2025

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Kick-off event of the Battery Pass Consortium in Berlin in April 2022







The Battery Pass draws upon a network of associated and supporting partners and guidance of its Advisory Council

The Battery Pass partner network



The Battery Pass supports and collaborates with other major initiatives active in the digital product passport space



- European Commission "Digital-2021-Trust-01-DIGIPASS" winner
- Kicked off in October 2022 lasting 18 months (March 2024)
- Funding volume: EUR 2 mn
- Partners: 31 organisations
- Objective: build a common understanding of a cross-sectoral DPP
- Focus: Batteries, Textiles, Electronics



- Leading global voluntary passport initiative
- Objective: enabling transparency and accountability for risks and ESG impacts in EV battery value chains by creating a digital twin of the battery and aggregating data in a battery passport
- 3 early-stage proof of concepts were launched at WEF 2023
- Release of first set of ESG metrics (GHG Rulebook, Child Labour and Human Rights Indices) with additional metrics to follow



- Developing a comprehensive data ecosystem with standardized global data exchange for data-driven value chain in the automotive industry
- Based on GAIA-X data space technology to support data sovereignty with distributed data management and sophisticated identity and access management
- Focusing on several use cases including decarbonization and ESG reporting, circularity & battery passport and others





The Battery Pass project runs 3 years: starting with content requirements, the technical system will be analysed, a demonstrator built, and a value assessment conducted



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Technical system model

Demonstrator in use

4 Use case model and follow-up for implementation



The Battery Pass reached its first milestone at Hannover Messe in April 2023 with the handover of its Battery Passport Content Guidance to State Secretary Kellner





Handover of Content Guidance at Hannover Messe

Battery Passport Content Guidance





Data attribute longlist Excel file



PDF report



All documents available on the Battery Pass website

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Carbon Footprint Rules Carbon Footprint EOL Analysis PDF report

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Results of the Content Guidance have been building the foundation for further Battery Pass publications which will soon be released



Technical Guidance

- Objective: provide an overview on how ٠ the technical battery passport system could look like and which required technical standards it must support
- Scope: Technical Standard Stack incl. mapping of existing standards as well as key challenges and recommendations

Battery Passport
Technical Guidance
Technical challenges, standards, and recommendations
for a battery passport system
Main document (version 0.5)
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To be released Q1 2024



- Objective: provide a platform which integrates results on battery passport data and system and verifies technological feasibility of the passport
- Scope: software prototype (TRL 5) covering exemplary real-world data



Draft demonstrator to be released Q1 2024



Value Assessment

- Objective: Provide an analytical study to motivate stakeholders to use the battery passport proactively and leverage its full potential.
- Scope: benefit modelling of individual use cases as well as the battery passport overall (incl. a qualitativeconceptual evaluation and exemplary quantification)



First results to be released O1 2024



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The Digital Battery Passport System

Outlined by the Battery Pass Project



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A digital product passport (DPP) consists of data and a system



A digital product passport (DPP) is a novel concept making available comprehensive lifecycle information of a physical product in digital format

Core elements and functioning of the battery passport system



Overview on regulatory references by passport system process steps

Regulatory references (ESPR and Battery Regulation)

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The Battery Pass Technical Standard Stack

Meta structure for implementing an interoperable DPP system



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With missing regulatory details, the Battery Pass developed a "Standard Stack", the technical backbone to operate the passport and perform required systems management

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The Technical Standard Stack is representing the minimum required technical standards to be implemented as:

- IT infrastructure
- (Distributed) Software functions
- Management systems
- Governance systems



Via a top-down approach an initial longlist of standards for each element of the Technical Standard Stack has been identified and evaluated afterwards



The interoperability requirements are numerous – a selection



Why common data models are important for interoperability



One DPP system applicable for different product sectors in the future

Data points are mapped into interoperable semantic models based on RDF



• Technology agnostic application in other sectors









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Battery passport data relates to lifecycle stages and product component levels

Two dimensions of granularity have been identified

Technical Standard Stack Data models

Regulatory requirements

DPP shall help consumers make informed choices by providing access to product information relevant to them (standardisation request based on ESPR)

Lifecycle stages

- **As-specified:** Technical product characteristics defined during specification phase for model passport prior to concrete technical design
- **As-designed:** Technical product characteristics defined during design phase. Uses averaged ESG metrics based on assumptions, sourced from engineering bill of material (eBOM)
- **As-planned:** Specific production details, including manufacturing processes. Provides more accurate ESG metrics. Information sourced from manufacturing bill of material (mBOM)
- **As-built:** Includes manufacturing conditions, e.g., raw material details. Offers precise ESG metric definition for production stages.
- **As-used (serialized products only):** Individual serial numbers enable tracking of information during product use, incorporating upstream value chain data.

Product component levels

- Battery pack
- Battery module

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• Battery cell









While the battery passport only relates to the pack level, module and cell data will feed into it







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The Technical Standard Stack Elements





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Technical Standard Stack: Responsibilities and Rules

Standard Stack element in focus

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Description of selected Standard Stack element

In the intricate landscape of a complex IT system like the battery passport system, the concepts of responsibilities and rules emerge as pivotal cornerstones, safeguarding the integrity, security, and efficiency. While this building block doesn't delve into the definition of technical standards, it outlines the specific responsibilities and rules that various stakeholders are entrusted with, particularly in the context of managing lifecycle business cases and addressing incidents.

One prime illustration of the significance of these responsibilities and rules arises when contemplating a change in the economic operator responsible for a battery passport. Such transitions must be executed seamlessly that the continuity of service and data integrity are upheld. Equally paramount is the consideration of bankruptcy scenarios involving companies responsible for data within the battery passport system. In such unfortunate circumstances, it's imperative that the established rules come into play, offering a framework for managing data assets and ensuring that critical information remains accessible and secure.

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Technical Standard Stack: Processes and Process Types

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Description of selected Standard Stack element

Typically, processes are separated into **Management, Core Value and Support Processes.** This also applies for the battery passport.

- Management Processes are accreditation, registry, monitoring / measures for organizations, IT-system and eco-system
- The Core Value Processes are the up- and downstream process along the value chain of a battery and its components. Based on the ESPR and Battery Regulation, the battery passport originally does not cover processes from mining to integration. To understand characteristics of these processes, which contribute to the passport, the Battery Pass consortium covers these specifics as well
- Support processes are the operations of technical and organizational resources, required for operating the DPP system

Due to their relevance in the technical battery passport business, the Battery Pass consortium separates **Data and Information Flow** processes along and across the Management, Core Value and Support Processes.

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Technical Standard Stack: Core Passport Services

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Description of selected Standard Stack element

Central to the functionality of the battery passport system (and all DPP initiatives), are its core services. These integral components provide the bedrock upon which the system operates, offering a range of essential functionalities that are indispensable for its operation. Core services could be, e.g.:

- Basic CRUD API operations (Create, Read, Update, Delete)
- Onboarding services
- Registration services
- Transfer services
- Issuance service
- Archiving service
- View services (e.g. filter)

To specify the functionality and how the core services can be invoked and interacted with, the Battery Pass consortium recommends the use of a Service Definition Language (SDL). An SDL provides a standardized way to define service interfaces, ensuring that services can communicate and interoperate seamlessly, regardless of the technologies used to implement them.





Technical Standard Stack: Identity and Access Management

Standard Stack element in focus

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Description of selected Standard Stack element

Identity and access management (IAM or IdAM) is a framework of policies and technologies to ensure that the right users (that are part of the ecosystem connected to or within an enterprise) have the appropriate access to technology resources. To ensure data sovereignty in a global battery passport data space, it is essential to prove the identity and stakeholder roles of any entity within it to enforce access policies to the partially restricted battery passport data attributes.





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Technical Standard Stack: Data Distribution / Exchange and Data Provision / Integration

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Description of selected Standard Stack element

This element refers to the standard methods and systems used to distribute and exchange data between different parties, such as through APIs or file sharing platforms. In the context of the battery passport, handling the Digital Twin-like data is a complex challenge.

The EU Battery Regulation defines:

"All information included in the battery passport shall be based on open standards and be in an interoperable format, transferable through an open interoperable data exchange network without vendor lock-in, machine-readable, structured and searchable, in accordance with the essential requirements laid down in Article 78." and "the battery passport shall be fully interoperable with other digital product passports required by Union law concerning eco-design, in relation to the technical, semantic and organisational aspects of end-to-end communication and data transfer".



Technical Standard Stack: Data Storage / Persistence

Standard Stack element in focus

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Description of selected Standard Stack element

Data storage and persistence are essential for the battery passport. The choice of storage method depends on factors like data volume, access patterns, performance requirements, and data integrity considerations. Due to the intended distributed management of data, multiple of the above-described methods will be applied. Data storage and persistence refer to the concept of retaining digital information in a way that it can be accessed and retrieved later. This is a crucial aspect of computing and information management, as it allows data to be stored beyond the duration of a single session or use.





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Technical Standard Stack: Data Processing

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Description of selected Standard Stack element

Data processing refers to the transformation of raw data into meaningful and useful information through a series of operations, computations, and manipulations. It involves collecting, organizing, analysing and converting data into a structured format that can be interpreted and used for various purposes, such as decision-making, reporting, and generating insights.

Data processing can encompass a wide range of activities, including data entry, validation, cleaning, aggregation, calculation, and visualization. The ultimate goal of data processing is to extract valuable insights, patterns, or knowledge from the data to support informed decision-making and improve business processes.

Standards play a significant role in the context of data processing for battery passports. They provide guidelines, specifications, and best practices for collecting, storing, managing, and exchanging data related to batteries throughout their lifecycle. Standards ensure consistency, interoperability, and reliability in data processing.

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Technical Standard Stack: Protocols / Data Formats

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Description of selected Standard Stack element

A protocol in IT defines a set of technical rules that control the exchange of information between different computers or computer networks. Following the major European data space initiatives, the use of the standard combination of HTTPS over TCP/IP should be the protocol standards candidates for the battery passport. A protocol stack that almost any company/developer should be well-experienced in.

A data format typically defines how data is structured, represented and encoded for storage in a computer. Common data formats for the exchange of structured textual information via the internet are XML, JSON and JSON-LD. Non-textual information like PDF documents, images or videos are represented by hyperlinks to external storage locations but not stored within the battery passport directly by following the linked data and semantic web concept.



Technical Standard Stack: Data Models

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Description of selected Standard Stack element

In an increasingly data-driven world, the effective management and interpretation of information are crucial for informed decision-making and innovative problem-solving. One of the fundamental tools that underpins this process is the data model. A data model serves as a structured representation of data, providing a framework for understanding, organizing, and manipulating information. It is a critical component in fields ranging from computer science and database management to business analysis and scientific research, playing an essential role in transforming raw data into valuable insights. From that perspective it's crucial for the battery passport.

To enable interoperability, a common data model approach is necessary to ensure that data exchange can be performed in a reliable way.

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Technical Standard Stack: Unique Identifiers

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Description of selected Standard Stack element

A crucial element in the realm of battery passports is the utilization of a unique, non-significant string of characters designed to distinguish individual items. This unique identifier assumes a central role, serving as the reference point for the seamless exchange of battery passport data among all relevant stakeholders, encompassing both individual batteries and various battery types. Fundamentally, each battery, without exception, must be assigned its distinct and exclusive identifier. This imperative step ensures that every battery can be identified uniquely within the system, facilitating effective tracking, monitoring, and management. Moreover, the scope of unique identifiers extends beyond batteries themselves. Organizations and individuals involved in the battery ecosystem are also required to possess unique identifiers. This broader application is necessary to maintain clarity and precision in passport information, ensuring that every entity involved is easily distinguishable. In cases where specific equipment is a requisite component of passport information, these too must be assigned unique identifiers. One noteworthy linkage specified by the standard is the serialization of component identifiers to the overall battery identifier. This linkage ensures that all components within a battery system and their corresponding data, regardless Supported by: of their complexity, can be systematically linked to the overarching Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action identifier.

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Technical Standard Stack: Data Carriers

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Description of selected Standard Stack element

A data carrier, in the context of information technology and data management, is a medium or device used to store, transport, or transmit data. Data carriers come in various forms and technologies (e.g., Data Matrix Code, QR Code, NFC Tag, etc.) and serve as containers for digital information. According to the Battery Regulation, the battery passport should be accessible via a data carrier by storing a unique identifier. Both data carrier and unique identifier must follow ISO/IEC 15459 as per regulation (Battery Regulation, Article 77(3)).





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Technical Standard Stack: Policy Management and Enforcement

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Description of selected Standard Stack element

Policy management and enforcement refers to the way policies and procedures related to data are managed and enforced. Typically, this includes using specific policy management tools or frameworks, languages or processes to ensure that policies are followed, evaluated in real-time and enforced consistently to user requests for access to protected resources such as a computer application or sensitive database.

Generally, usage policies are defined as part of the terms and conditions established when data resources or services are published or negotiated between providers and consumers. However, the battery passport is not composed of individual data offers, but data that follows the EU Battery Regulation in a mostly standardized way.







Technical Standard Stack: IT Governance

Standard Stack element in focus

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Description of selected Standard Stack element

The IT Governance describes the efficient oversight and management of the technical infrastructure necessary for the functioning of the battery passport system. This module encompasses a set of responsibilities, principles, and processes that ensure the seamless operation of the battery passport system and its associated functions. IT Governance involves a systematic approach to decision-making and control, aiming to align IT strategies with broader objectives. Within the realm of the battery passport system, this governance structure encompasses several key functions that play a pivotal role:

- General Management
- Core IT Service Management
- Technical Management

In addition to these functions, the IT Governance module oversees the accreditation, monitoring, and auditing of eligible partners who operate passport functions within the battery passport system. This includes ensuring that these partners adhere to the established guidelines and standards, maintaining the integrity of the entire value chain processes. In essence, the IT Governance module provides a comprehensive framework to regulate, manage, and optimize the technical elements of the battery passport system.



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Technical Standard Stack: Security Infrastructure

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Description of selected Standard Stack element

Cyberattacks are an ongoing threat to security infrastructure, carrying the risk of disrupting operations, getting in the way of customer service and causing damage to a company's reputation. Today, there are diverse reasons for cyberattacks: theft, blackmail, sabotage, terrorism, information warfare, etc.

Security infrastructure refers to the way security is implemented and maintained within a system. It should be an ongoing and active process of security implementation and maintenance to function successfully and reliably.

Security infrastructure typically includes aspects of access control, application security, behavioural analytics, firewalls, virtual private networks, vulnerability management, intrusion detection and prevention, virus protection, security and integrity monitoring, etc. It has become a complex, important and constantly evolving industry as attackers also evolve and their techniques grow more sophisticated.

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Outlook





After the Battery Pass Technical Guidance report will be released in March 2024, we will conduct several activities at the Fraunhofer booth at Hannover Messe



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Meet us at Hannover Messe from 22 to 26 April 2024 and learn more about our work on the technical battery passport system and beyond





Fraunhofer booth at Hannover Messe 2023



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