

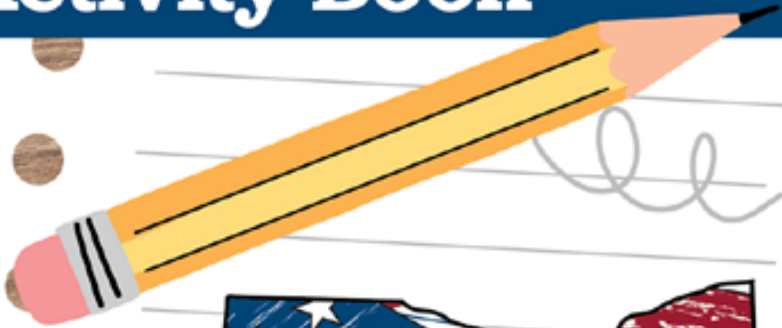


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# Ohio

## Activity Book



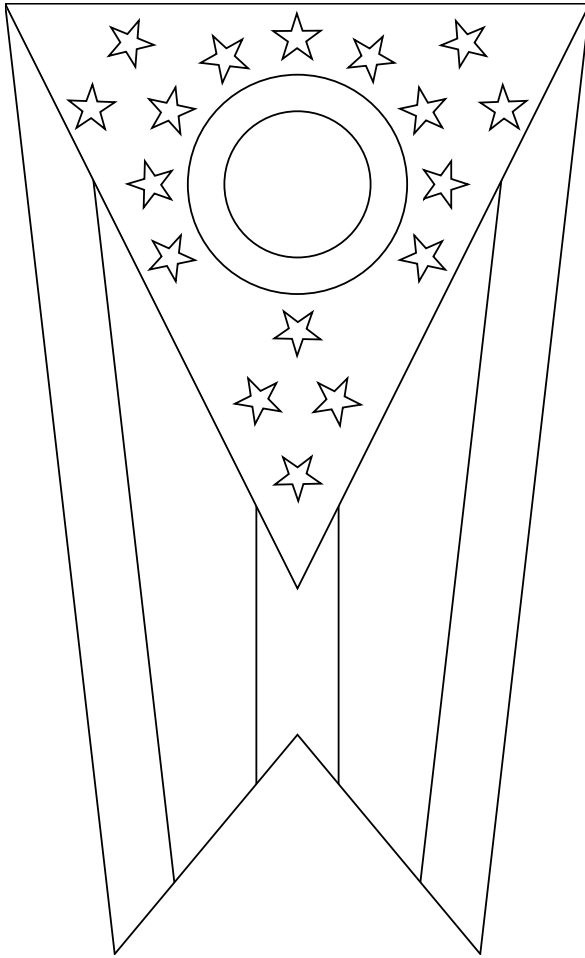
# FLAG HISTORY



Ohio's official flag was adopted by an act of the Ohio Legislature on May 9, 1902. The Ohio Burgee, as the swallow-tailed design is properly called, was drawn by John Eisenmann, architect and designer for the Ohio State Pan-American Exposition Commission.

Ohio is the only U.S. State with a flag that is not rectangular. The Ohio flag has three red and two white horizontal stripes. At its staff end is a blue triangular field, with one of its tips at the center of the middle red stripe. Seventeen white, five-pointed stars are grouped around a red disc outlined with a white, circular "O."

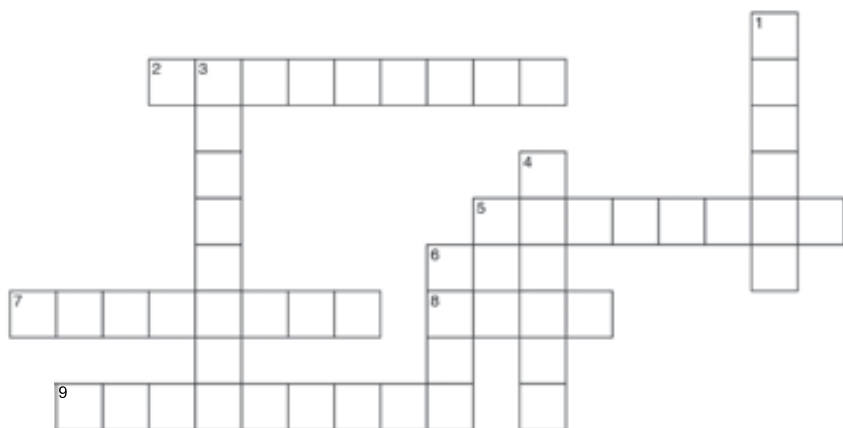
The Ohio state flag first flew in Buffalo, NY, at the Pan-American Exposition. It was at this exposition that Ohioan Thomas Edison captured the wonder of the many light bulbs illuminating the event with one of his early moving-picture cameras.



# Ohio Flag

- The white circle with a red center represents the letter “O,” the first letter of “Ohio.” The triangles formed by the main lines of the flag represent Ohio’s hills and valleys. The red and white stripes represent its roads and waterways.
- The Ohio flag has 17 stars in total. The 13 stars grouped about the circle represent the 13 original states of the Union. Four more stars were added to bring the total to 17 because Ohio was the seventeenth state admitted to the Union.

# CROSSWORD



## ACROSS

2. Form of government in which leaders are elected into office by the people
5. Ohio's state capital
7. The official state bird of Ohio
8. The Buckeye State
9. The official state flower of Ohio

## DOWN

1. The Ohio State University mascot, \_\_\_\_\_ Buckeye
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Day - held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November
4. How Americans elect leaders
6. Common yellow crop grown in Ohio



### **Coloring Key**

Sun, Sky, and Wheat = Gold

Hills = Brown

Fields = Green

River = Blue

# Seal and Motto

- The Great Seal of the State of Ohio has changed many times over the years. Currently, the seal uses the coat of arms pictured above.
- In 1958, a 10-year-old Cincinnati boy suggested the motto "With God, All Things Are Possible." The Ohio Legislature adopted this motto in 1959.

# MATCH THAT FACT

- |                                                                   |                             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| A. Ohio's official state beverage                                 | 1. Chillicothe              |
| B. Number of presidents from Ohio                                 | 2. Pawpaw                   |
| C. Wapakoneta, Ohio, native who was the first to walk on the moon | 3. Tomato juice             |
| D. Ohio's tallest building                                        | 4. "Hang on Sloopy"         |
| E. Number of counties in Ohio                                     | 5. Cincinnati Red Stockings |
| F. First baseball team made entirely of professional players      | 6. Neil Armstrong           |
| G. Ohio's official state native fruit                             | 7. Bullfrog                 |
| H. The first and third state capital of Ohio                      | 8. Eight                    |
| I. Ohio's official state frog                                     | 9. Key Tower                |
| J. Ohio's official state rock song                                | 10. 88                      |



State Flower

# Scarlet Carnation

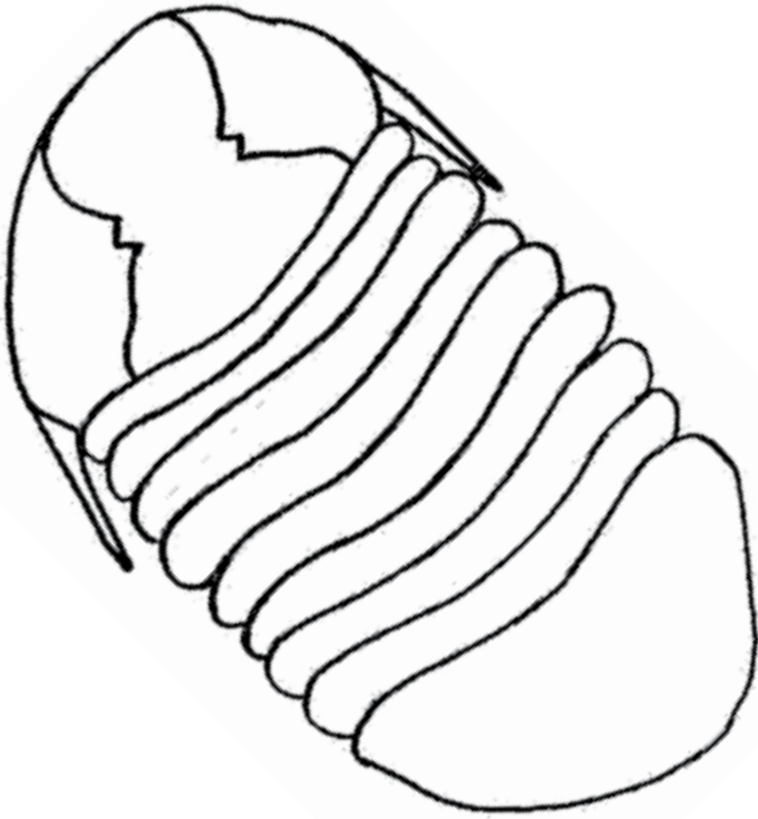
- Carnations are not native to North America. They come from the area around the Mediterranean Sea.
- The scarlet carnation became Ohio's state flower on February 3, 1904, in memory of Ohio-born U.S. President William McKinley, who regularly wore a red carnation on his lapel.



## State Bird

# Cardinal

- The cardinal was named by the early American settlers, after Catholic Cardinals, who dress in bright red robes.
- The cardinal was adopted as Ohio's state bird in 1953.



## State Invertebrate Fossil

# **Isotelus Trilobite**

- In 1985, Ohio House Bill 145 made the isotelus trilobite Ohio's official invertebrate fossil. Invertebrates are animals that do not have a backbone, such as insects, worms, or clams.
- The Bill was passed at the suggestion of two elementary school classes in Dayton.

# WORD SEARCH



Burgee

Business

Candidate

Carnation

Columbus

Democracy

Election

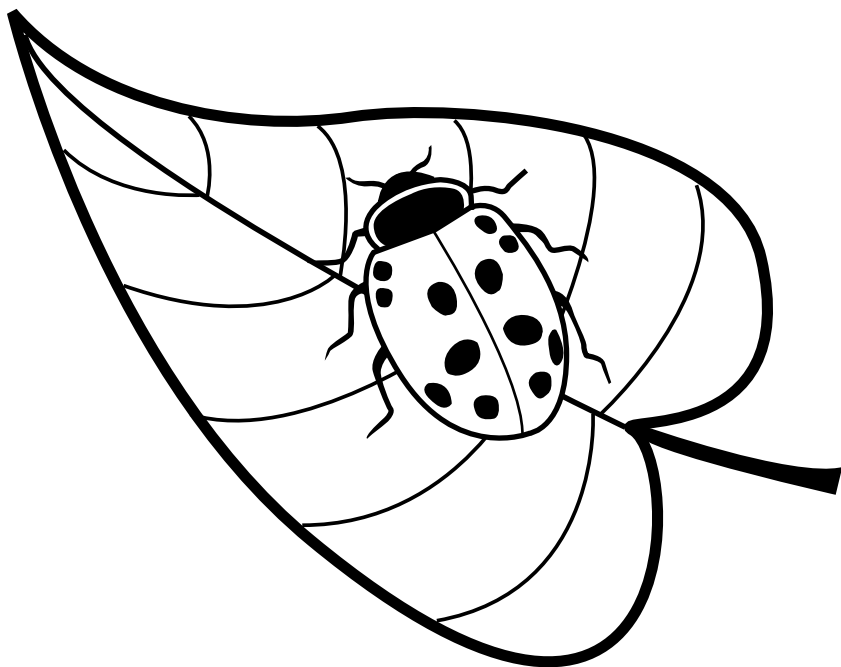
Notary

Ohio

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State

Vote



State Insect

# Ladybug

- In 1975, the Ohio Legislature declared the common ladybug, officially named the ladybird beetle, as the state insect.



## Vote Sticker

- The “Ohio Voted” design won the “I Voted” Sticker Design Contest in 2019. It received more than 15,000 votes.
- Ohio students in 6th through 12th grades entered more than 2,000 designs in the contest.



State Gemstone

## Ohio Flint

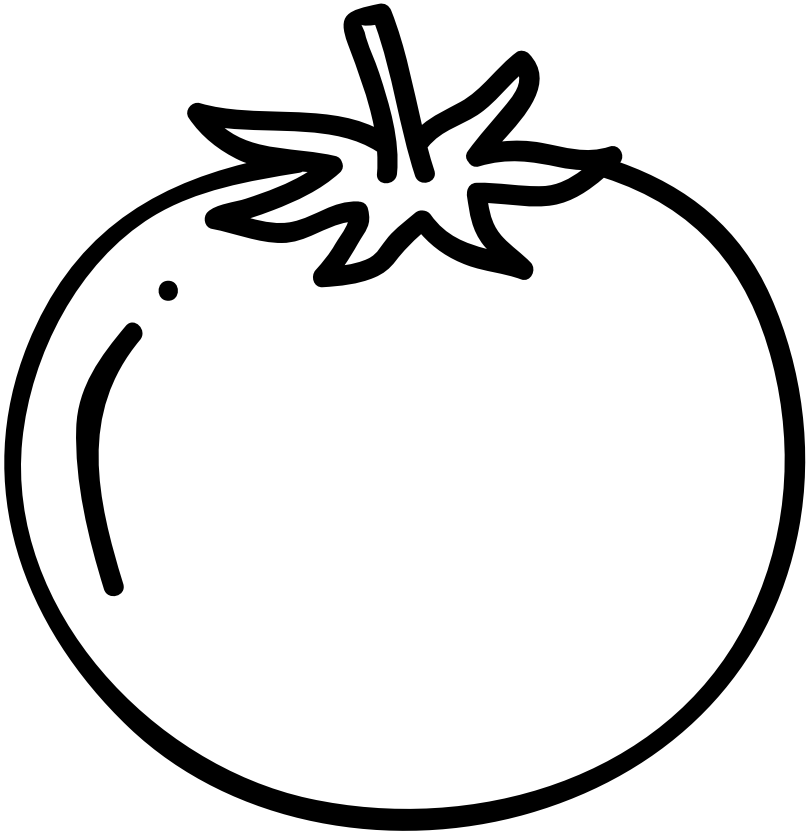
- Flint has been Ohio's state gemstone since 1965. Flint is a smooth, hard, sedimentary rock, rocks that form from materials deposited by water, wind, or ice.
- Native Americans mined flint in several locations to make weapons and tools. The best known is Flint Ridge, located in Licking and Muskingum counties.



State Animal

# White-Tailed Deer

- The white-tailed deer was adopted as the state animal in May 1988.
- Because deer hunting was poorly regulated, by the early 1900s, Ohio's deer population was wiped out. Due to improved hunting laws and wildlife management, today deer live in all of Ohio's 88 counties.

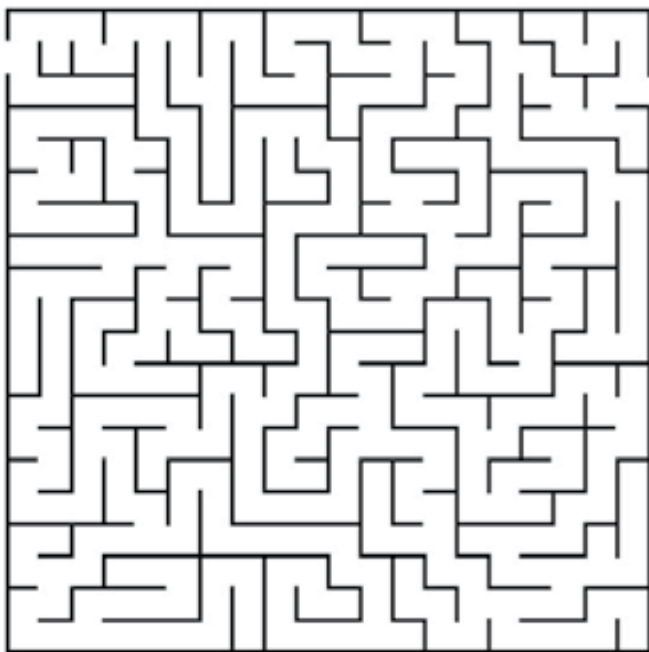


State Beverage

# Tomato Juice

- Tomato juice was adopted as the state beverage in 1965.
- Reynoldsburg-born seed marchant Alexander W. Livingston developed the first commercially successful variety of tomato in 1870. Ohio has long been a national leader in the production of tomatoes and tomato juice.

# HELP THE LADYBUG FIND THE CARNATION

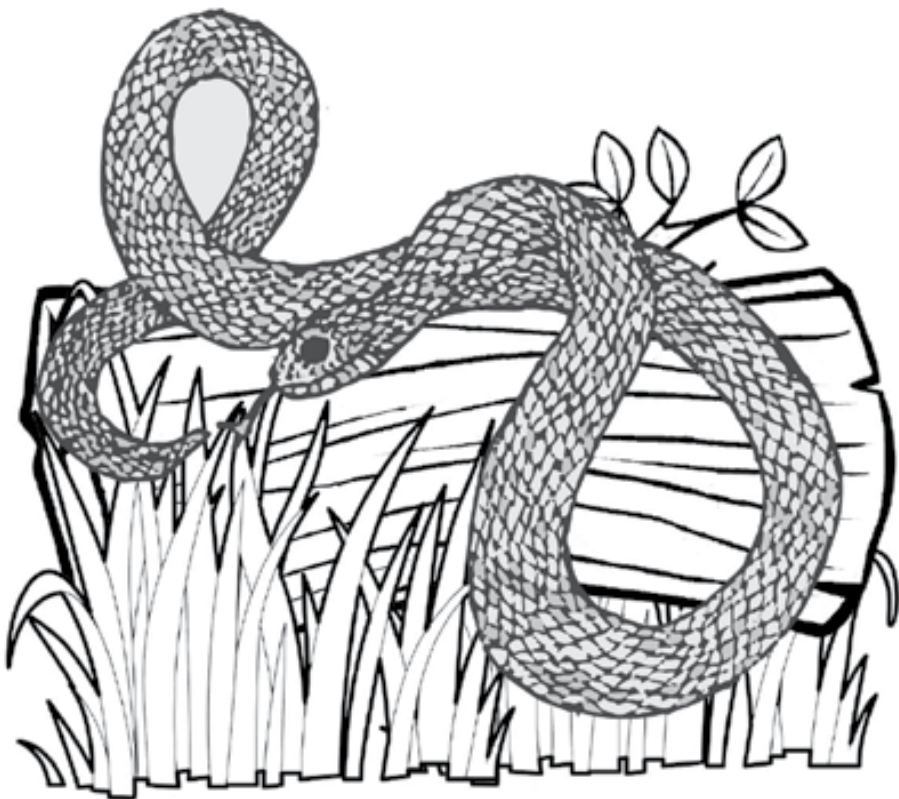




State Rock Song

## **“Hang on Sloopy”**

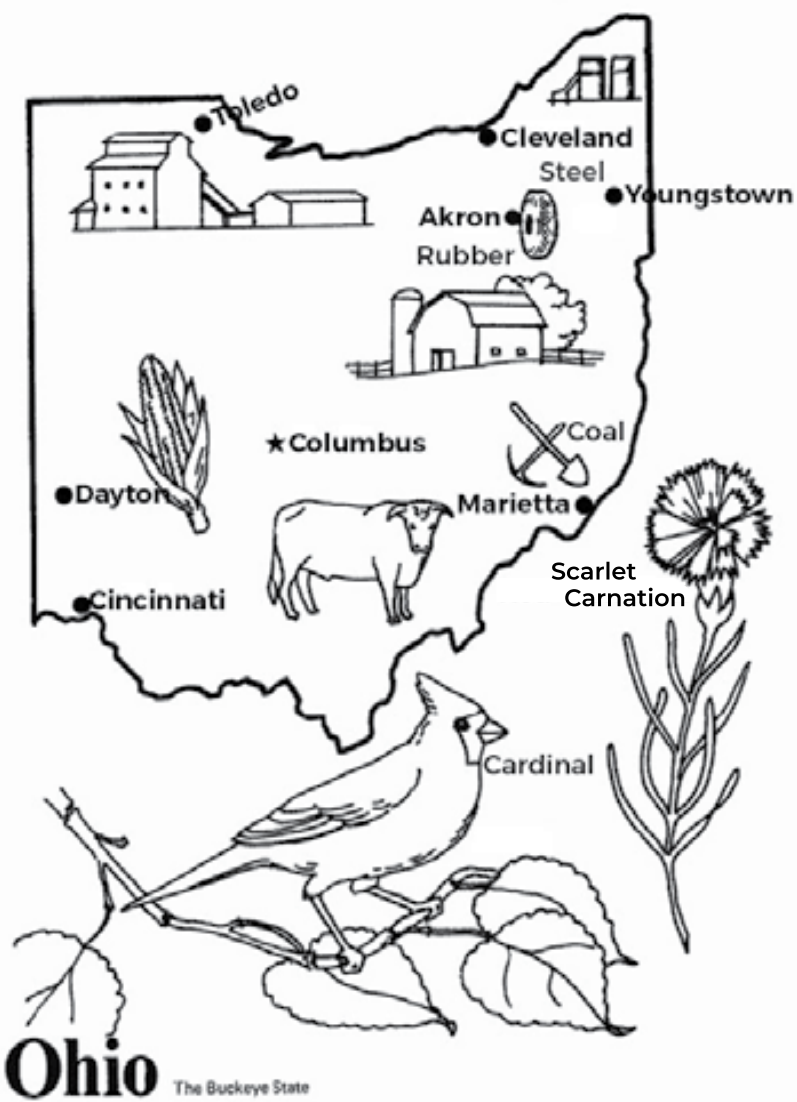
- Ohio’s General Assembly named “Hang on Sloopy” the state’s official state rock song in 1985.
- Rick Derringer, from Celina, Ohio, and his band, The McCoys, released the chart-topping song in 1965.
- “Hang on Sloopy” is now a popular song played by The Ohio State University Marching Band at Buckeye games.



State Reptile

# Black Racer Snake

- In 1995, the black racer snake was named Ohio's official reptile. Black racers get their name because of how quickly they can move.
- The snake can be found in each of Ohio's 88 counties and is called the "farmer's friend" because it eats rodents, which eat harvested crops.





# State of Ohio Quarter

- The Ohio quarter was issued on March 11, 2002.
- To honor Ohio's status as the 17th state admitted to the Union, it was the 17th quarter issued as part of the U.S. Mint's 50 State Quarters Program.
- The quarter honors the state's contribution to the history of aviation, depicting an early aircraft and an astronaut.



# Ohio Counties

- Ohio has 88 counties.
- The three largest counties in Ohio by population are Franklin, Cuyahoga, and Hamilton counties.

# Ohio

## by the Numbers

- 948 - Ohio's tallest building, the 63-story Key Tower in Cleveland, is 948 feet tall.
- 44 - The amount of Ohio covered by prime farmland is 44 percent.
- 75,000 - The number of spectators at the 1962 All-American Soap Box Derby. This event has been held in Akron since the 1930s.
- 8 - More of our country's presidents came from Ohio than from any other state. Eight of 45 American presidents were elected from the Buckeye State, earning Ohio the nickname "the Mother of Presidents."
- 200 - Ohio produces more than 200 different crops; corn and soybeans are top by volume.
- 1869 - Two Ohioans, William Semple and Amos Tyler, are both credited with inventing chewing gum. Semple, a doctor from Mount Vernon, made his chewing gum from rubber and claimed it could clean teeth. Tyler, a Toledo resident, patented his chewing gum in July 1869.
- 30 - Former Governor James Rhodes proposed the idea that a college should be within a 30-minute drive for every Ohioan.

## ANSWERS:

## Crossword Puzzle

## ACROSS

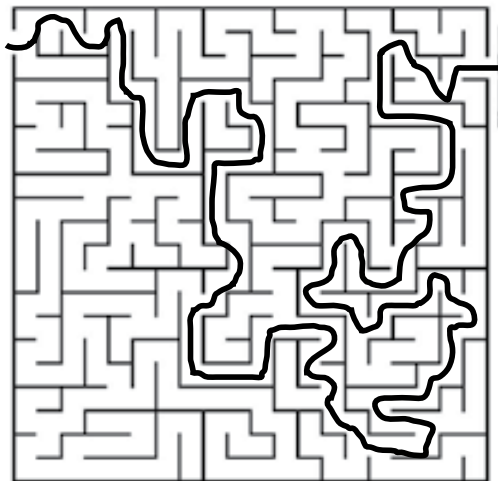
2. Democracy  
5. Columbus  
7. Cardinal  
8. Ohio  
9. Carnation

## DOWN

1. Brutus
3. Election
4. Voting
6. Corn

### Match that Fact

- A. 3  
B. 8  
C. 6  
D. 9  
E. 10  
F. 5  
G. 2  
H. 1  
I. 7  
J. 4





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