# Web Services on IBM i with PHP and Zend Framework



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#### What we'll discuss

- How web services can help you
- Quick overview on Zend Framework
  - (ZF makes services easier)
- Web services case study with PHP on IBM i
  - Focus on the CLIENT side with SOAP
- Tips and techniques
- Questions

### PHP on IBM i

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#### Zend Server for IBM i

#### Current PHP stack for IBM i

#### Two license levels

- Zend Server for IBM i Community Edition (CE)
  - Available at no charge per IBM partnership
  - Includes "Optimizer+" that speeds up code
  - One year silver (email) support
- Zend Server for IBM i, a.k.a. Professional Edition (PE)
  - Subscription-based license
  - High value extra features, higher Support SLAs

#### Details of differences:

http://mikepavlak.blogspot.com/2010/08/i-want-to-do-php-onibm-i-so-what-do-i.html

#### Installation

#### http://www.zend.com/products/server/downloads

- Click on the "IBM i" tab
- Get version 5.6.0 or higher

#### Prerequisites

- v5r4 or higher and:
  - http://files.zend.com/help/Zend-Server-IBMi/i5\_installing\_zend\_server.htm
  - IBM's FastCGI PTF (free)

#### Try Zend Studio's IDE (no charge, courtesy of IBM)

- "Zend Studio for Eclipse, IBM i Edition"
- http://zend.com/en/products/studio/downloads
- Look for "IBM i Edition"

#### Cheat sheet for upgrade

#### http://alanseiden.com/2010/04/21/differencesbetween-zend-core-and-zend-server-on-ibm-i/

	Zend Core	Zend Server			
Installation folder	/usr/local/zend/core	/usr/local/zendsvr			
PHP.INI	/usr/local/zend/core/etc	/usr/local/zendsvr/etc			
Web server root(s)	/www/zendcore, /usr/local/zend/apache2	/www/zendsvr			
Document root	/www/zendcore/htdocs	/www/zendsvr/htdocs			
Zend Framework	/usr/local /Zend/ZendFramework	/usr/local/zendsvr/share /ZendFramework			
PHP binaries folder * * where php and php-cli reside	/usr/local/zend/core/bin	/usr/local/zendsvr/bin			
PHP Log files	/usr/local/zend/core/logs	/usr/local/zendsvr/ var/log			
Web user profile (assign authority to it)	NOBODY	QТМННТТР			
Default HTTP Port	:89	:10088			
Admin Interface URL	http://yourIBMi:89 /ZendCore/	http://yourIBMi:10088 /ZendServer/			

Zend Framework

#### **Zend Framework**

- A free, open source, cross-platform collection of components written in PHP
  - Simplifies over 70 common needs, including:
    - Web form creation
    - Database access
    - Web services
    - Multi-language (English, French, Spanish...)
- Included with Zend Server for IBM i and at http:// framework.zend.com

#### More than components

Optionally, a starting point for your applications, providing modular design

- It provides standards and functionality but does not limit you
- "Use at will" philosophy

#### More benefits of ZF

- Safe license for corporate use
  - Use ZF's code however you like
  - http://framework.zend.com/license
- High quality, unit tested
- It keeps up with trends and APIs
  - Databases, authentication standards (Windows AD) and APIs (Twitter)

#### **Zend Framework Community**

- Contributors include individuals and companies.
   Companies include:
  - Zend (of course)
  - IBM
  - OmniTI
- Technology partners:
  - Adobe, Google, IBM, Microsoft, nirvanix, StrikeIron
- Individuals:
  - Me! Improvements for IBM i developers

## Web services

#### Web services help computers talk

No middleware needed

- HTTP transport is used
  - Firewall-friendly
  - Many tools available to analyze
- Popular and well documented

#### Web Services are mainstream, growing

 Once you understand web services, they start solving problems for you

#### • Examples:

- Vendors or suppliers may require them
- Teams in your organization can cooperate and share data or application functionality

#### Your IBM i can be a server or client

#### As server:

- Selectively make your resources available to the outside
- Define the service you want to offer and who is allowed to "consume" it.
- As client: "consume" services provided by others
  - But IBM i is a server! It can be a client too?

#### Your server can be a client!

#### Analogy: Your browser is a web client

- It makes a request to a web server
- It receives a response
- It interprets the response and shows you the result

#### Web services do the same thing

- But your <u>IBM i</u> is the web client
- It makes a request to a web server
- It receives a response
- It interprets the reponse and returns the results to your PHP application

#### Three situations that call for web services

- You need access to public web services
   Document conversions, search results from the web, databases, geolocators, stock quotes
- 2. Your organization's departments need to work together, yet not have to compromise on their favorite technology
- 3. Your customers, vendors, or service providers offer their web services, or require you to create a web service for them to use

# Sharing within one organization

#### Web services for sharing within an org

- I helped Waitsfield Valley Telecom in Vermont set up a server & client
  - Their IBM i and Linux servers both run PHP
  - IBM i is for internal users, Linux for external
  - IBM i uses db2, Linux uses MySql
  - Different teams, wishing to keep doing what they do well
  - But the systems need to share data and functionality



- Till now they've been copying files to synchonize. Messy and not timely
- They want real-time data sharing, and the ability to trigger actions on the other server, without mucking in the other's database
- Web services to the rescue!
- One phone call was sufficient to set up server/client with a few functions to expose needed data, using Zend Framework's SOAP classes

# Public web services

#### Many PUBLIC web services are available

- Some require a subscription
- Others are free
- Most need registration of some kind
- Let's take a look at a few
  - Zend Framework has built-in support

#### Zend Framework supports these services

You are not limited to these, but ZF has BUILT-IN support to make these especially easy to use. Some are SOAP-based, some are REST-based.

#### http://framework.zend.com/manual/en/zend.service.htm

- Zend Service Akismet
- Zend\_Service\_Amazon, Ec2, and S3
- Zend Service Flickr
- Zend Service LiveDocx
- Zend\_Service\_Nirvanix
- Zend Service ReCaptcha
- Zend Service ShortUrl
- Zend\_Service\_Simpy
- Zend Service SlideShare
- Zend Service Strikelron
- Zend\_Service\_Technorati
- Zend Service Twitter
- Zend Service WindowsAzure
- Zend\_Service\_Yahoo

#### Zend\_Service\_Yahoo

#### Search the web with Yahoo

- Get your application ID from http://developer.yahoo.com/ wsregapp/
- Class uses Zend Rest Client under the covers
- Sample search: IBM PHP

#### Results from \$yahoo->webSearch

#### Search: IBM PHP (these results are from early 2009)

IBM developerWorks: Blogs: Patrick Mueller http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/blogs/page/pmuellr?tag=php Informed Networker - Social News for IT Professionals. - IBM, Zend ... http://www.informednetworker.com/other/ib.platform/

:: News : PHP : Zend Core for IBM on Linux http://madpenguin.org/cms/?m=show&id=4775

:: News : PHP : IBM backs open-source Web software http://madpenguin.org/cms/index.php/?m=show&id=3567

Digg - IBM: PHP development within Eclipse http://digg.com/programming/IBM\_PHP\_development\_within\_Eclipse

Digg - Will IBM Buy Zend / PHP ? http://digg.com/linux unix/Will IBM Buy Zend PHP

php, simplexml | Diigo http://www.diigo.com/tag/php+simplexml

ibm, rest | Diigo http://www.diigo.com/tag/ibm,rest

IBM poop heads say LAMP users need to "grow up" http://naeblis.cx/rtomayko/2005/05/28/ibm-poop-heads

Hypergene MediaBlog " IBM, blogging and the rise of the world's biggest ... http://www.hypergene.net/blog/print.ph

#### Now try Yahoo local search

```
require once('Zend/Service/Yahoo.php');
// type of business and zip code are the GET parameters
$bizType = $ GET['type'];
$zip = $ GET['zip'];
// Anaheim zip near conference = 92802
// The few lines below do all the work
$yahoo = new Zend Service Yahoo('YAHOO APPLICATION ID');
$results = $yahoo->localSearch($bizType, array('zip' => $zip));
foreach ($results as $result) {
   echo $result->Title .'<br />';
```

#### Results from \$yahoo->localSearch

URL: http://myIBMi.com/yahoolocal.php?type=pizza&zip=92802

**Starbucks** 

**Deli-Icious Cafe** 

**Coco's Bakery Restaurant** 

McCormick & Schmick's Seafood - Anaheim

California Pizza Kitchen

**Starbucks** 

**Starbucks** 

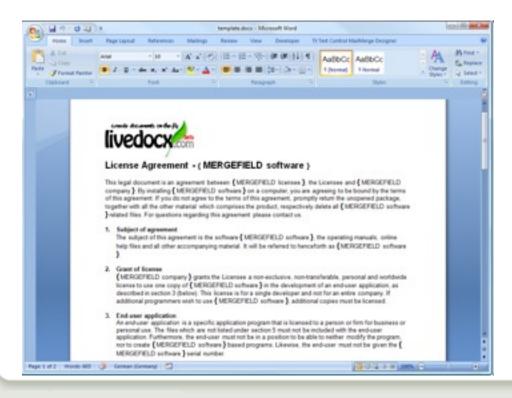
J W's Steakhouse

**Starbucks Coffee** 

**Starbucks** 

#### LiveDocx service

LiveDocx is a SOAP service that allows developers to generate word processing documents by combining structured data from PHP with a template, created in a word processor. The resulting document can be saved as a PDF, DOCX, DOC, HTML or RTF file. LiveDocx implements mail merge in PHP.



# Case study problem and solution

#### The Challenge

- Allied Beverage Group, NJ's largest wine and spirits wholesaler, needed an online delivery tracker
- Their customers ask: "Where is my wine?"
- Real-time delivery data was available in a UPS RoadNet system on a Windows server
- How to get that data and bring it into the IBM i-based website built with PHP and Zend Framework?

#### How it was done before

- A previous attempt by an earlier consultant accessed the RoadNet server's Oracle database directly (it was a .NET site)
- This worked fine until UPS upgraded their software and database structures changed
- "BOOM"
- I didn't want that to happen to us

#### RoadNet defined a Web Services API

- Vendors support their APIs (unlike database structures)
  - UPS can upgrade database and their API will still work
  - They will answer questions and support their product
- IBM i can "consume" RoadNet's service
  - We are the web services "client"
  - We make function calls and receive data from the service
- APIs can do some of the work
  - Example: RoadNet calculated time zones on dates/times

## What the final page looks like on "i" (pardon the blurring):

			Arrival Times				Total	More
<b>Rt#</b>	Stop#	Acct Name, City	9:00 AM/9:28 AM	Delivered 0:28 Behind	ROJAS, EDGAR	Acct Phone#	Pieces planned: 28 actual: 28	Info
32	5	STEAMER LABOURS, PARTICULA PRETTY	9:43 AM/10:06 AM	Delivered 0:22 Behind	GARCIA, SD(TO	(873) 345-2674	planned: 27 actual: 27	
42	6	A S T VAC S US, LITERARD? (NET)	9:45 AM/9:52 AM	Delivered 0:07 Behind	MARTIN, CHRISTOPHER J	(201) 465-9633	planned: 3 actual: 3	
690	6	MACE SATURE NO DEPOSITE PARTY.	9:56 AM/10:32 AM	Delivered 0:36 Behind	FRANCHI, STEVE	(856) 227-8735	planned: 3 actual: 3	
45	8	SHEET)	10:07 AM/10:00 AM	Delivered 0:06 Ahead	MORAN, HECTOR	(201) 947-4013	planned: 18 actual: 18	
42	9	HET)	10:32 AM/10:14 AM	Delivered 0:18 Ahead	MARTIN, CHRISTOPHER J	(201) 246-8110	planned: 3 actual: 3	4
39	10	SURE SELECTION RESPECT NUMBER (NET)	10:55 AM/11:27 AM	Delivered 0:31 Behind	STRASSBERG, MICHAEL	(201) 641-1792	planned: 3 actual: 3	
32	12	CHECK THEORY & SHE PARTITION (MET)	11:21 AM/12:06 PM	Delivered 0:45 Behind	GARCIA, SD(TO	(973) 345-7946	planned: 25 actual: 25	
09	15	Curticities, Culticities (NET)	11:34 AM/12:05 PM	Delivered 0:31 Behind	CULLER, CLARENCE	(973) 772-6149	planned: 3 actual: 3	
31	13	SECTION OF REAL PROPERTY.	12:07 PM/1:33 PM	Delivered 1:25 Behind	TANGNEY, DONALD P	(281) (40-7777	planned: 6 actual: 6	
32	15	SAME DESCRIPTION OF THE PARTY O	12:22 PM/1:55 PM	Delivered 1:32 Behind	GARCIA, SIXTO	(873) 345-6616	planned: 8 actual: 8	

#### Now for more details...

- REST vs. SOAP
- How it's done
- What's WSDL?????
- Tips and more

# REST/SOAP

## Two main philosophies of web services

#### REST: Representational State Transfer

- More of an architecture or philosophy than a protocol
- URL-based, could make requests from browser address bar
- CRUD-oriented with GET/POST/PUT/DELETE
- Not limited to XML. JSON or other formats OK
- Various implementations, including Zend Framework's Zend\_Rest\_Server and \_Client

#### SOAP: (Not an acronym any more...see next slides)

- Popular Web Services protocol, been around a long time
- Uses XML to send and receive
- Specific implementation, rules, strict data types
- Not 'hip' anymore but is well documented and solid
- We will be focusing on SOAP today for our case study



# SOAP is no longer an acronym

- Used to be:
  - "Simple Object Access Protocol"
- Now it's just SOAP

# **SOAP** is language-independent

- PHP-.NET
- PHP-PHP
- .NET-PHP
- RPG-LISP (someone here probably knows how to do that)
- more

# It's like being there

Use functions/methods as if the server were local

Leverage your existing PHP skills

- Example from RoadNet:
  - retrieveLocationsByCriteria()

# WSDL defines it

#### WSDL defines the transactions and data

- Web Services Description Language
  - Defined at <a href="http://www.w3.org/TR/wsdl">http://www.w3.org/TR/wsdl</a>
- WSDL is fairly readable once you get the hang of it
- Even if the service provider does not give you a manual, WSDL tells the story

# Web service provider will give you the WSDL

 If not, you'll have to define all the classes and data types manually

- Ask nicely for WSDL
  - WSDL makes your life easy

#### WSDL defines the server to access

```
<service name="TransportationWebService">
  <documentation>UPS Logistics Technologies
   Transportation Web Service</documentation>
  <port name="TransportationWebService"
   binding="tns:TransportationWebService">
     <SOAP:address location="http://192.168.99.223:82"/
     >
     </port>
  </service>
```

#### More from the WSDL file

```
<!-- "function/method" definition -->
 <element name="RetrieveLocationsByCriteria">
   <complexType>
    <sequence>
     <element name="criteria"</pre>
     type="ns1:LocationCriteria" minOccurs="0"
     maxOccurs="1" nillable="true"/>
    </sequence>
   </complexType>
  </element>
```

# More from WSDL: complex type defined

```
<!-- Complex data type defined of simpler types that
  will translate to objects in your PHP -->
 <complexType name="LocationCriteria">
   <sequence>
     <element name="regionID" type="xsd:string"</pre>
  minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
     <element name="locationType" type="xsd:string"</pre>
  minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
     <element name="locationID" type="xsd:string"</pre>
  minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
     <element name="description" type="xsd:string"</pre>
  minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"/>
   </sequence>
  </complexType>
```

# SOAP and PHP

#### PHP has SOAP client extension built in

http://www.php.net/manual/en/class.soapclient.php

- Excellent tutorial
  - http://devzone.zend.com/article/689
  - by Dmitry Stogov, one of the authors of PHP's SOAP extension
- Example use of PHP's SOAP client:

```
    <?php
    $client = new SoapClient(
    "http://services.xmethods.net/soap/urn:xmethods-delayed-
    quotes.wsdl");

print($client->getQuote("ibm"));
?>
```

# ZF's SOAP Client

#### Zend Framework has a SOAP client class

- It's called Zend\_Soap\_Client
  - http://framework.zend.com/manual/en/zend.soap.client.html
- Wraps around PHP SOAP extension
  - More foolproof than ordinary PHP SOAP
    - · Checks that the SOAP extension is loaded
    - Validates URLs before passing to SOAP
    - Better error/exception handling if incorrect params passed
  - Caching of WSDL handled directly rather than needing set\_ini
- Provides additional functionality
  - Example: getLastMethod()

## Subtle difference when using ZF

#### Creating instance of regular PHP SOAP object:

- \$client = new SoapClient(\$wsdl);
- Connects immediately, interprets WSDL; generates exceptions if errors found, or if OK, returns SOAP client object

#### Creating instance of ZF's SOAP object:

- \$client = new Zend\_Soap\_Client(\$wsdl);
- Does not connect until first remote method/function is executed
- To connect and get SOAP client object immediately, add: \$soapClient = \$client->getSoapClient();
- ZF's "lazy loading" technique gives developer more control

#### Other reasons I use ZF's SOAP client

- It fixes some glitches connecting to .NET
- Easy to customize if you need to
  - Extend Zend\_Soap\_Client with logging, performance metrics, or pre- and post-processing for unique situations
  - Method definitions provided for you:
    - \_preProcessArguments(\$arguments)
    - preProcessResult(\$result)
- I use ZF for everything anyway!

# How to use ZF SOAP Client

## Include/Require the class

- This "include/require" is not needed if you use ZF and its Auto-Loader
- Do it if you use Zend\_Soap\_Client from a regular PHP script

```
require 'Zend/Soap/Client.php';
```

#### **Connect with WSDL**

```
$wsdl = '/mypath/FileTheyGaveYou.wsdl';
$soapClient = new Zend_Soap_Client($wsdl);
```

#### Then use your methods to retrieve data

```
$locCrit = new stdClass(); // generic class in PHP
$locCrit->criteria->regionID = $region;
$locCrit->criteria->locationID = $locationId;
$locCrit->criteria->locationType = 'SIT'; // site
// try it with our first choice of location id.
$locations = $soapClient->RetrieveLocationsByCriteria($locCrit);
// Now, $locations is an object containing a list of matching locations. Use foreach() to loop through
```

Tricks and Traps

## WSDL is cached locally by default

- Caching improves performance but can be confusing
- "I changed the WSDL file but I'm getting the same results"
- Look in the /tmp folder by default
- Configured in PHP.INI (see below)

```
[soap]
soap.wsdl cache enabled = "1"
; enables or disables WSDL caching feature
soap.wsdl cache dir = "/tmp"
; sets the directory name where SOAP extension will cache files
; SUGGESTION: use "/tmp/wsdlcache" so you can find it
soap.wsdl cache ttl = "86400"
; (time to live) sets the number of seconds while cached file will be used
   instead of original one
<?php
// or handle in PHP: disable caching while testing different WSDL variations
ini set('soap.wsdl cache enabled', '0'); // disable WSDL cache while in dev
?>
```

## The "optional" parameter that wasn't

- I thought I was following the spec
- But there was an "optional" parameter that I needed to specify
- It caused an error on the server
- Chain reaction:
  - Service crashed and restarted
  - But there wasn't enough virtual memory on the Windows server to restart
- The UPS support team researched this, admitted a bug, and suggested I add the optional param

# SOAP Servers

#### **Quick notes on SOAP Server with ZF**

 This presentation is mostly about the client side but I wanted to encourage you to try the server part, too.

## AutoDiscover generates WSDL for you

#### It's free and included in Zend Framework

Class name: Zend\_Soap\_AutoDiscover

```
http://framework.zend.com/manual/en/zend.soap.autodiscovery.html
function function1() {
require_once('Zend/Soap/AutoDiscover.php');
$autodiscover = new Zend_Soap_AutoDiscover();
$autodiscover->setUri('http://myIBMi.com/url-of-service');
$autodiscover->addFunction('function1');
$autodiscover->addFunction('function2');
$autodiscover->addFunction('function3');
$autodiscover->handle(); // outputs WSDL
// Note: Use "PHPDoc" comments on your PHP functions so that
  autodiscover can map your input params and return types into the WSDL (see documentation link above for examples)
```

## Serving the SOAP service is similar

http://framework.zend.com/manual/en/zend.soap.server.html

```
require_once('Zend/Soap/Server');

// $wsdlLocation can be a local file or remote URL

$server = new Zend_Soap_Server($wsdlLocation, $options);

$server->addFunction('function1');

$server->addFunction('function2');

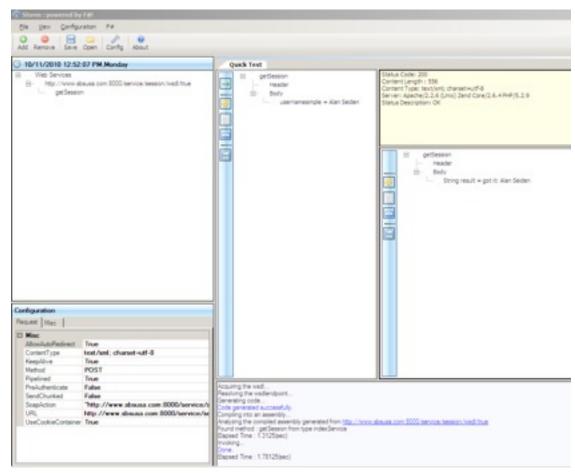
$server->addFunction('function3');

$server->handle(); // outputs the SOAP response
```

# Debugging Tactics

## Generic client makes testing painless

- "STORM": a free, generic SOAP Client
- http://storm.codeplex.com
- Uses:
  - Check validity of WSDL
  - Test server output
  - Verify your client's results
  - View raw XML if desired
  - Runs on Windows only
- Some prefer soapUl
  - http://www.soapui.org/
  - Cross-platform (OK on Mac)



# Or get raw XML via your PHP code

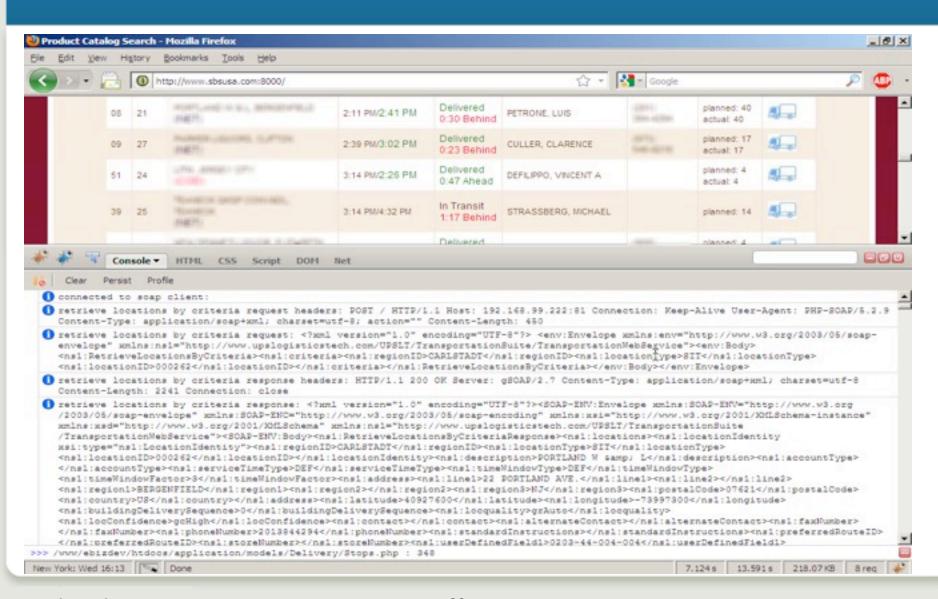
- If you get unexpected results but can't duplicate them with a generic tool such as STORM, you can collect and log the XML from within your application
- Four functions/methods give you the XML

```
$client->getLastRequestHeaders()
$client->getLastRequest()
$client->getLastResponseHeaders()
$client->getLastResponse()
```

# Useful tools are Firefox + Firebug + FirePHP

- Free tools
- Firebug (<a href="http://getfirebug.com">http://getfirebug.com</a>) lets you analyze web pages in Firefox
- FirePHP (<a href="http://firephp.org">http://firephp.org</a>) plugs into Firebug.
  - Lets you see server-side data, for testing purposes, that you provide to it in your PHP code.

## Logging XML with Firebug/FirePHP



## You won't normally need to examine XML

- But good to know you can
- Try it once as a learning experience
  - Seeing the XML demystifies the process of SOAP

Demo or recording

Now it's your turn

# Questions? How will you use web services?

- Need to share data or functionality between two systems on different servers?
- Want your teams to work together?
- Or access remote content?
- This could be a job for web services!

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