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Frank Baker's Morristown & Erie Layout

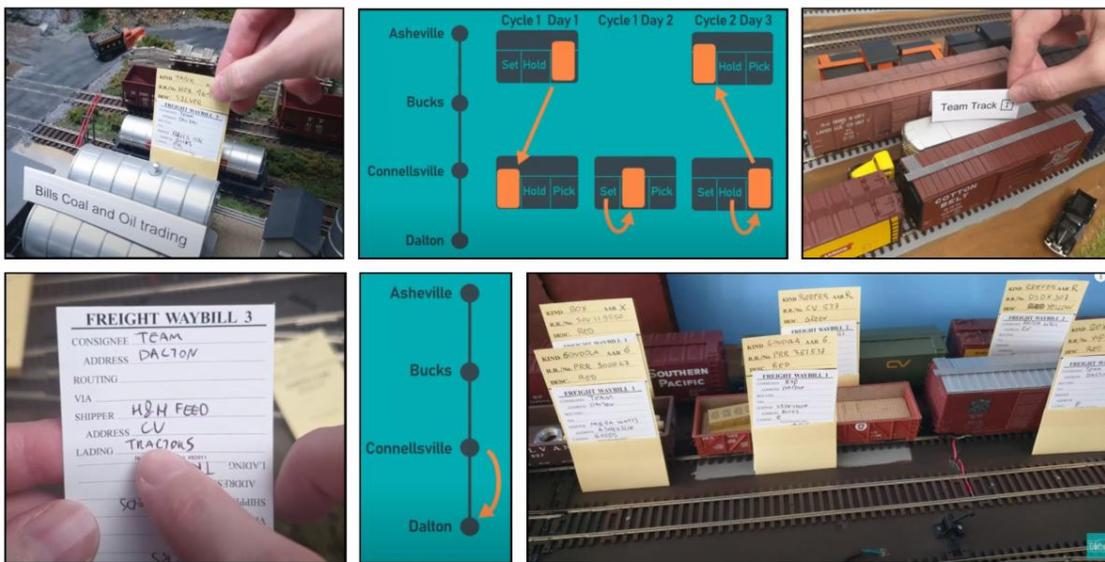


Morristown & Erie

Another great layout from the Southwest Region NMRA convention in Flagstaff Arizona. The Toy Man featured the layout eight years ago, since then Frank has made many improvements and finished the city area.

The Morristown and Erie is set in New England and features the classic mills of the area. The era is the 1950's. There are therefore mixtures of steam and early diesel locomotives pulling 40-foot roof-walk freight cars. Fantastic!!

Beginner's Guide to Model Railroad Ops



The Car Card System

Follow along in this new series all about model railroad operations. Dubai Trains explains the basics and puts the theory into practice as we follow several jobs around the layout. He has made it easy!

Use This Method to Start Building a Layout

- I don't have time

- I don't have space

- The layout is next after
<insert_project_name_here>

Goal

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

A goal is an idea of the future or desired result that a person or a group of people envision, plan and commit to achieve.^[1] People endeavour to reach goals within a finite time by setting [deadlines](#).

- **What are your goals for *this* layout?**
- **How much time do you have to devote?**
- **How much money can you *realistically* set aside?**
- **How much space can you reasonably devote?**
- **Current skill level?**
- **What things do you want to learn/improve at?**

Stop Lying to Yourself!

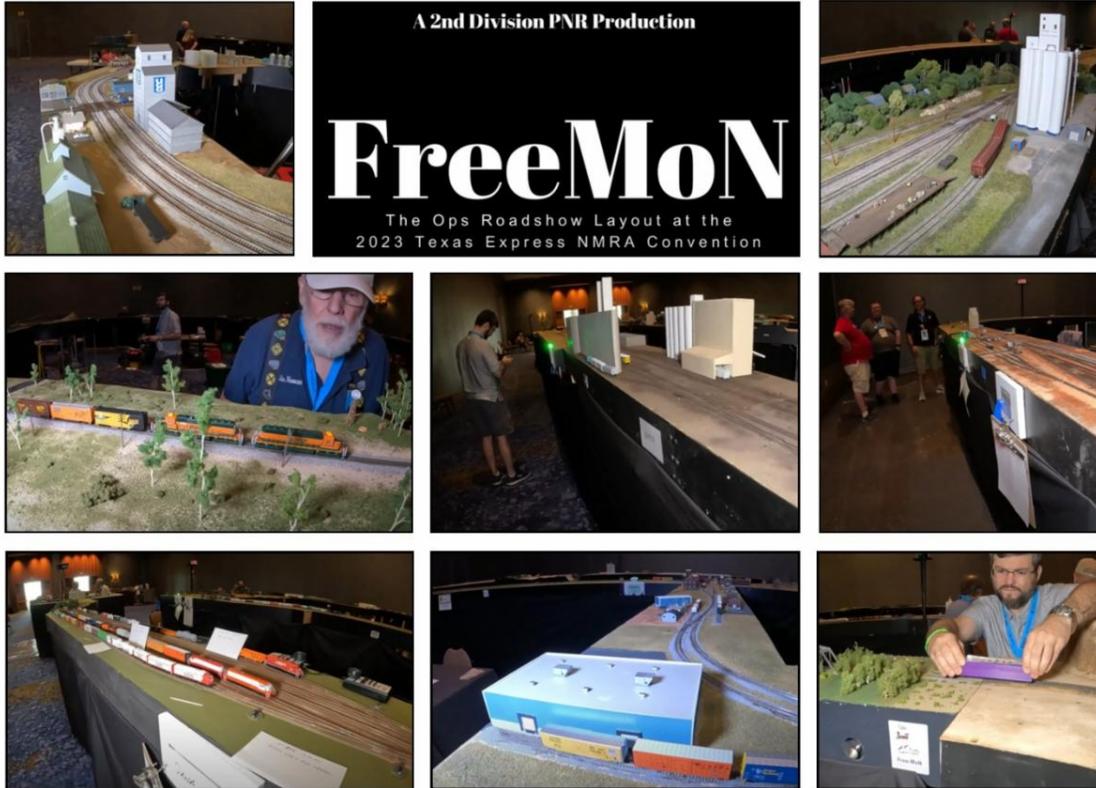
In the presenter's experience, this is often the case. He can't tell you how many times he's heard a variation of "I'm waiting until I can build my dream layout." As in, "I'm not gonna start a layout until the stars align and everything is perfect. Then I'll build."

Yes, the whole idea of your dream layout assumes that someday

you'll have all the time, money, energy, space and experience you need to make that dream come true.

And usually, this means you never build anything at all--ever. Do you WANT this to be your fate? Watch this video and break the cycle!

FreeMoN Layout at 2023 Texas Express NMRA National Convention



Operations Roadshow

FreeMoN modules from around the US came together at the 2023 NMRA National Convention to form a layout used for introducing people to model railroad operations.

Ohio: State of BIG Railroading



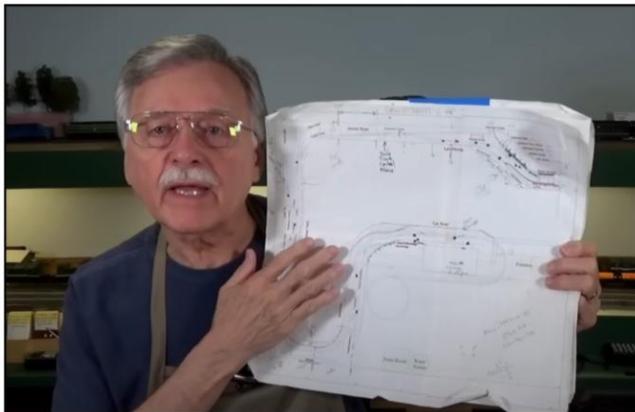
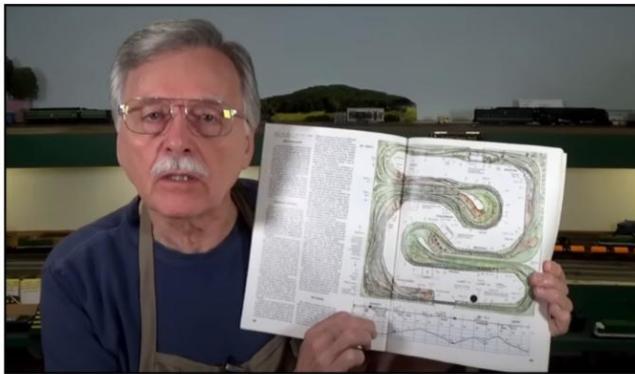


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Danny Harman got a birthday present from his son, Rob. A trip to Ohio... to see trains!

They were only there for three days, but he could have stayed two weeks!

Five Costly Model Railroading Mistakes



Five Model Railroading Mistakes

It's all too easy to get caught up in the excitement of building a model railroad and charge ahead without taking the time to do some

planning. This can lead to costly mistakes which in the long run may sour newcomers to the hobby. In this video, Larry goes over 5 of what he considers are the most common mistakes and gives you some tips on how to avoid them.

10-Tips for Laying Flex Track Like A Pro



Laying Flex Track Like a Pro

In this video, Andy shares with you 10 tips for laying flex track that will prevent derailments, save you money, and leave your track looking like a master modeler has laid the track.

Motor Car Trip On The Former Camas Prairie 3rd Sub

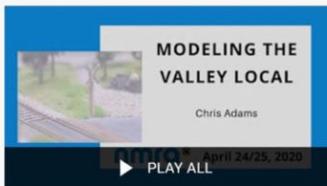




Former Camas Prairie 3rd Sub

Ride by motorcar along the Snake River west from Lewiston, Idaho to Riparia. Pacific Railcar Operators event 10/19/2014. For more information about motorcars see: www.narcoa.org

NMRAx Video Clinics on YouTube

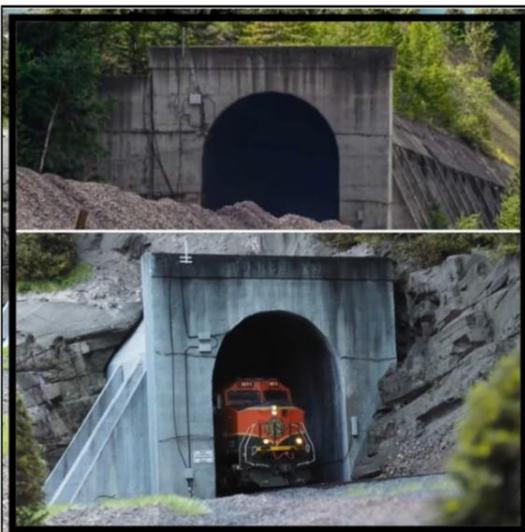


Our NMRA-X channel on YouTube contains over 170 model railroad clinics that were shown at past NMRAx events.

Shown at right are just a few of the many clinics that are available to be viewed by you!

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BNSF Marias Pass Layout Update

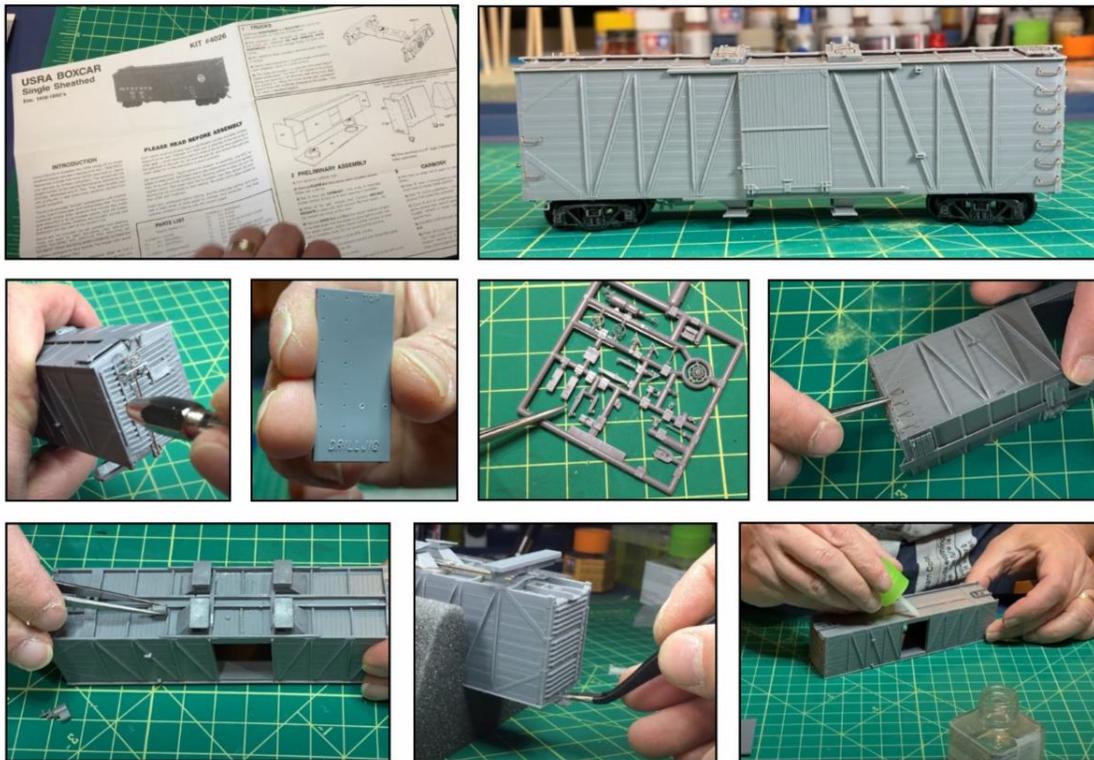




BNSF Marias Pass Layout Update

An update about what has been done on the layout since the last video.

Building a Tichy Cement Car



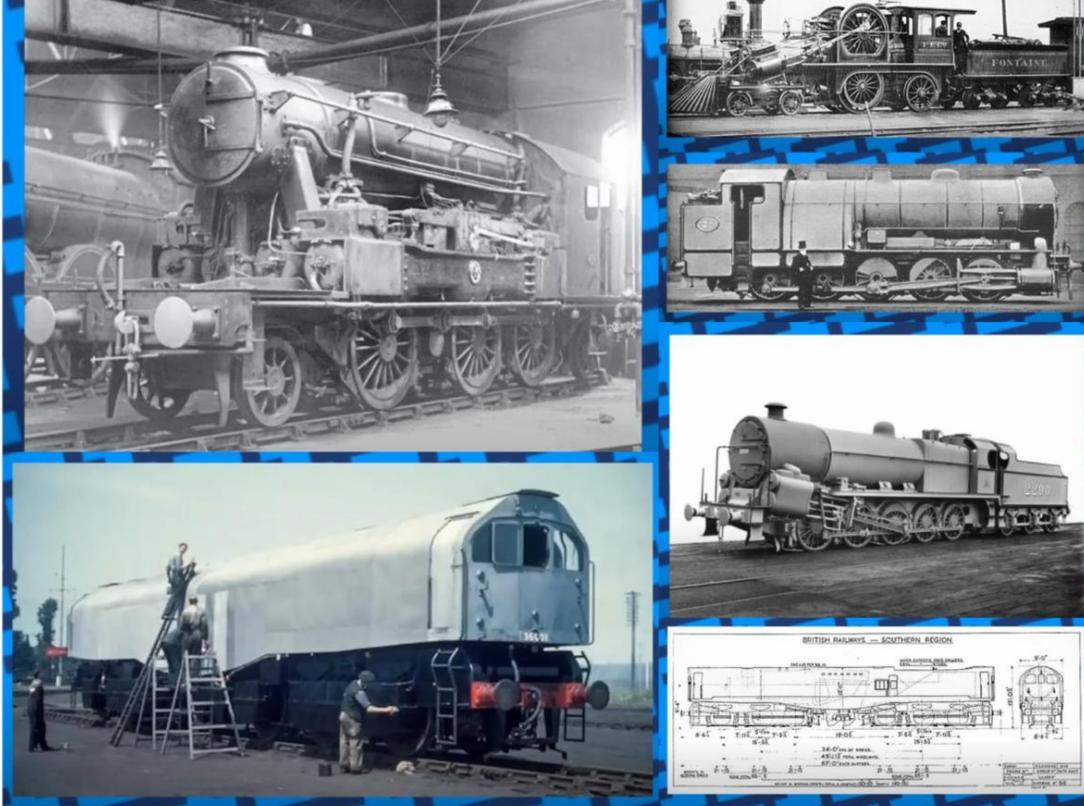
Building a Tichy Cement Car

In this episode, Drew is building a cement car for his model railroad. This is a detailed model with lots of challenges.

This car will service a ready-mix concrete factory on my railroad. Drew completes the build from start to finish and will feature paint and weather in an upcoming video. He faced a few challenges along the way and had to come up with some creative solutions to these challenges.

Unusual Experimental Engines

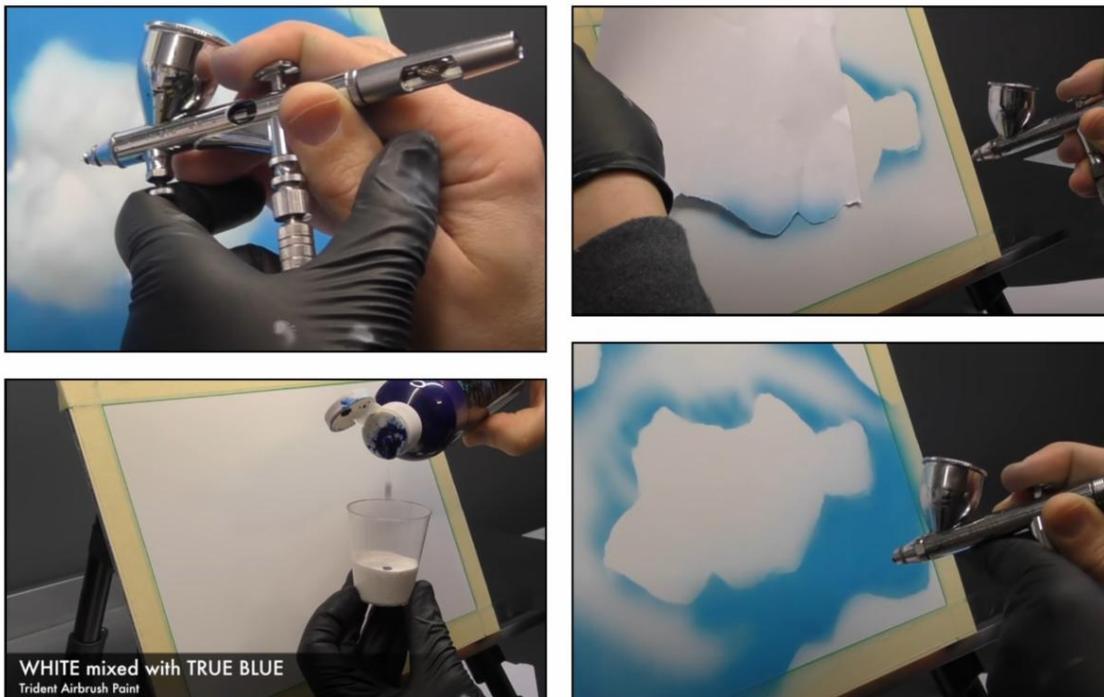




Unusual Experimental Engines

A binge compilation of some weird, one-of-a-kind engines for you to study, share, or otherwise enjoy yourself.

Painting Clouds



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In this tutorial video you will see how to easily airbrush clouds using

only a few basic colors and simple paper template techniques combined with some freehand airbrushing.

2023 National Train Show NRail/N-Trak/T-Trak/FreeMoN Anniversary Layout



Anniversary Layout

In celebration of the 50th Anniversary of N-Trak, the first successful modular railroad standard, N-scale modular railroaders gathered at the 2023 National Train Show to create a very large layout combining N-Trak, T-Trak, and FreeMoN modules.

2023 Breslau Model Train Show

Breslau, Ontario

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

10:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

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[Managers of the Paris Train Show.]



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11:00 – 11:45 Introduction to Model Railroading - NMRA
12:00 – 12:45 Researching & Finishing 3D Printed Brick Houses - Yelton
1:00 – 1:45 Finishing Techniques for ITLA Brick Walls - ITLA
2:00 – 2:45 Introduction to Model Railroading - NMRA

2023 Breslau Model Train Show



The Failure of the SPSF Rail Merger

Amidst the corporate consolidations of the 1980s, two major railroads attempted a merger.. and it failed miserably. This documentary tells the full story of the SPSF rail merger, which remains one of the most infamous corporate stories in American railroading.

NER CONVENTION



October 5-8, 2023

Uniondale, NY



The Sunrise Trail Division will be your host for what will be a fantastic convention for the North-eastern Region. The convention takes place on October 5-8 at the Long Island Marriott in Uniondale, NY. A tour of Grand Central Terminal in Manhattan is the centerpiece, with a train ride to the terminal from Long Island included. The convention will have a Free-Mo layout in the convention hotel for participants to operate. And, as in all conventions, there will be a wide selection of clinics cov-

ering topics on modeling, history, laser-cutting, 3D printing, operations, and more. Plus don't forget to bring a model or photo for the "Celebration of Models" and "Celebration of Photos", where you can enter them into a contest or just have them for display. A convention reception, dinner banquet, and awards breakfast will be held at the convention hotel, too. Nearby, there are great historical sites, art museums, gardens, and more for your traveling companion to see.

Register for the convention today & reserve your hotel room by visiting the convention website at: <https://ner-conventions.org/cannonball-express/index.html>

All About Landscapes An Airbrush Painting Lesson



All About Landscapes

This video is the first part of advanced landscape painting using an airbrush and acrylic paint. The artist tried his best to take a complicated painting and simplify it, so hopefully this one is helpful to some of you out there. Thanks for watching!

BNSF's Puget Sound Mainline





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Trains, ships, and sunsets! Follow BNSF's Scenic Subdivision between Seattle and Everett. Mainline freight trains mix with Sounder commuter trains, Amtrak Talgo train sets, the Empire Builder, and the Rocky Mountaineer.

NMRA's Partnership Program



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TSG Multimedia

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Uses for Double-Sided Tape

Featured in the *Division Business Car Column* appearing in the August 2023 issue of NMRA Magazine.

Here is an item you should add to your workbench area: double-sided tape. Richard Bradley, MMR® shows you the many ways he uses double-sided tape in the *Builder's Plate*, the newsletter of the Mid Central Region's Division 12. Once you start using it, you will likely find other uses for this product.



Weathering the 611

Featured in the *Division Business Car Column* appearing in the August 2023 issue of NMRA Magazine.

You are thinking of the wrong 611! But now that we have your attention, you will want to read Ron Smith's article in the *Keystone Corridor*, the newsletter of the Mid Central Region's Division 11.

Ron shows you his techniques for weathering Delaware & Hudson Alco C628 number 611 without using an airbrush.

Tom O'Connor's On3 Central Grove Lumber Company

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Take a tour of Tom O'Connor's On3 Central Grove Lumber Company. The tour was featured in the Mid-Eastern Region's Susquehanna Division newsletter, *Susquehanna Sidetracks*. While Tom may work in the modern day world of nuclear reactors, his beautiful layout features a bygone era of geared locomotives, old structures, and unique rolling stock in great scenes.



Painting a Brass Locomotive

Featured in the *Division Business Car Column* appearing in the August 2023 issue of NMRA Magazine.

If you still have an unpainted brass locomotive in your roster and would like to paint it, look no further than Keith Stampler's article in the Niagara Frontier Region's newsletter, *The Flimsy*. Keith provides his tips on dismantling, cleaning, safety, painting, applying decals, weathering, and installing windows and a crew in his article.

months in NMRA Magazine. It's loaded with great modeling ideas, plus useful information that can help make your Division, Region, or 100% NMRA Club even better. The information comes from articles published in Region, Division, and Club newsletters. The best of these articles are posted on the NMRA website. You can read the entire archive, from as far back as 2011 right up to the latest posting, by clicking [here](#).

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