Beyond Strategic Planning: The Case for Integrated Planning

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Topics

Integrated Planning Overview

Major Planning Areas

- Strategic Planning
- Program Planning
- Business Planning

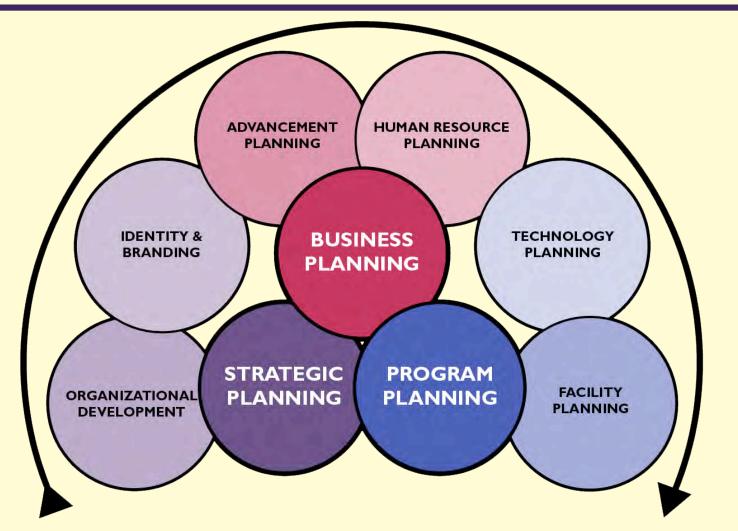
Other Planning Areas

- Organizational Development
- Identity and Branding
- Advancement Planning
- Human Resources Planning
- Technology Planning
- Facility Planning

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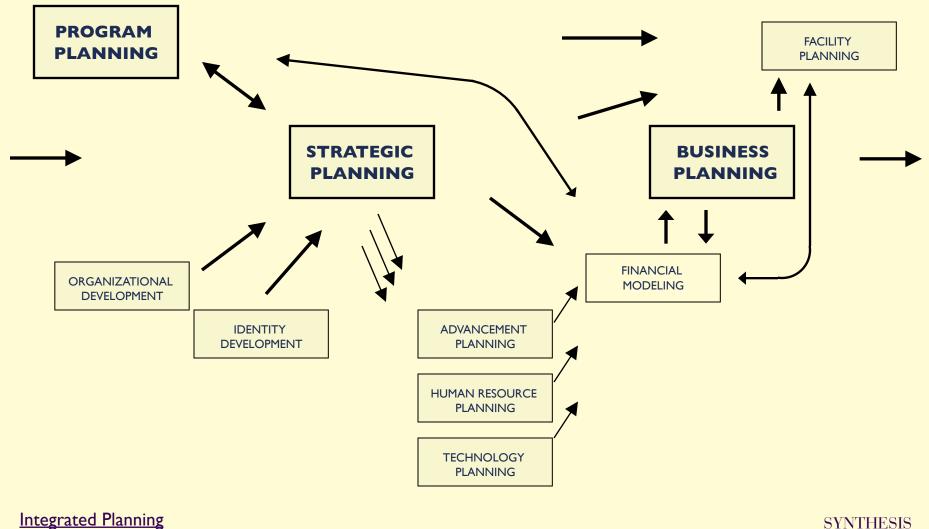


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The Planning Cycle



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Development of direction, focus and consensus

Process:

- Prepare
- Assess
- Engage
- Plan
- Implement

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Why Plan?

Circumstance

Change happens

Operations

- Dismiss distractions
- Develop critical metrics
- Build the case for fundraising

Wisdom

- The obvious is often wrong
- Multiple perspectives add value
- Get out of comfort zone

Cultivation

- Develop strategic thinking
- Empower stakeholders
- Build connection and enthusiasm.
- Improve understanding of organization and role
- Develop board and leadership

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I. Prepare

- Get governing board commitment
- Design the process
- Develop work plan and timeline
- Appoint planning committee chair
 - Understanding of planning and governance
 - Leadership and management skills
 - Willing and able to commit the needed time
 - Future leader

Select committee members

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I. Prepare

Typical Timeline

	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	
Board Meetings	XXX		Initia	l Retreat	Review			Review			Adopt Plan
PREPARATION											
Review and pre-plan											
ASSESSMENT						2					
Identify Critical Issues											
Benchmarking / Research											
ENGAGEMENT											
Initial Retreat	XXX		Initia	l Retreat		2					
Constituency Meetings											
Survey (by ISB)											
PLANNING											
Develop Goals & Objectives					XX						
Shape Actions, Measures, Tin	ieline, C	Costs									
Assemble Full Plan & Report											
Revise and Refine						1					
IMPLEMENTATION											
Design											
Monitor	XXXA										

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2. Assess

Assemble documentation

Identify critical issues

Gather data (benchmarks, trends)

Define resource requirements through component plans

- Business
- Program
- Advancement
- Membership
- Human resource
- Technology

Conduct a board self-assessment

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Conduct an opening retreat

- Governing board
- Senior staff
- Planning committee
- Others

Draw all stakeholders into the process

How (based on culture, circumstances, situation)

- Meetings (interactive)
- Surveys (quantitative)
- Focus groups (qualitative)

What

- Gathering and dissemination of ideas among critical constituencies
- Feedback

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3. Engage

Start from mission

- Broad mission-based goals
- More focused supporting objectives

Obtain board endorsement

-and begin to transfer ownership to the board

Assemble a full draft

- Cross-category action items (measurable, scheduled, assigned, budgeted)
- Examine for ambition, achievability, balance
- Cross check

Adjust and prioritize the plan

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4. Plan

Public Plan

Dedication to Excellence

Goal 1 St. George's will operate as a single school in pursuit of its mission.

To preserve St. George's unique culture and to ensure that the school stays true to its mission and provides consistent quality and efficiency in the delivery of that mission, the school must operate as a single entity with a focus on understanding the value of inter-relatedness and diversity in providing a rich learning environment for students.

Objective 1

Ensure that learning experiences across all campuses are student-centered and prepare students for a diverse global world by providing the opportunity for authentic discovery of ideas and skills in order to foster a love of learning.

The student experience – whether in the classroom or in an after-school or summer program – is at the core of a St. George's education. Through goal-setting, reflection, and teacher comments, students at all levels will be guided to an understanding of the learning process and a love of learning for learning's sake.

Objective 2

Develop an understanding among the St. George's community of the value of excellence in education created by the St. George's model.

The St. George's model is not just an added value of the school, it is an essential feature of the St.

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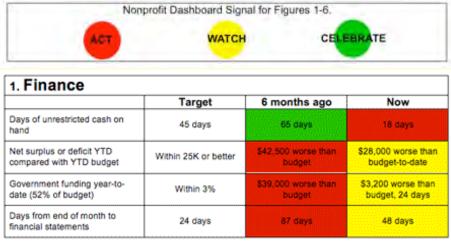
5. Implement

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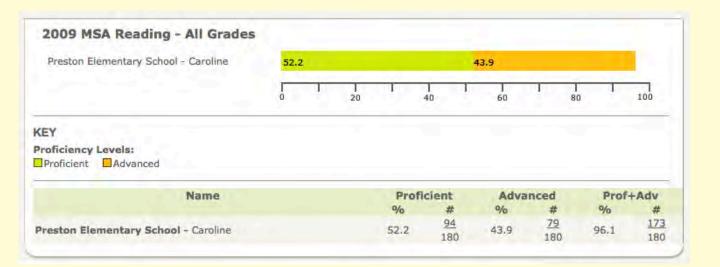
Dashboards



from Blue Avocado (http://www.blueavocado.org)

	Target	6 months ago	Now	
Number of first-time clients enrolled	360 this year	160	205	
GED certificates obtained	90%	70%	82%	
E-petition signatures	5,000	Not started yet	6,400 75% 7 YTD	
Paid seats per theatre performance	90% of performance space	85%		
Presentations to churches, companies, neighborhood groups	15 for year	7 YTD		

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	Target	6 months ago	Now
New foundations or corporations	10 this year	6	8
New individual donors	100	11	82



from Maryland Report Card

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Program Planning

Mission-based Goals

Description of Programs

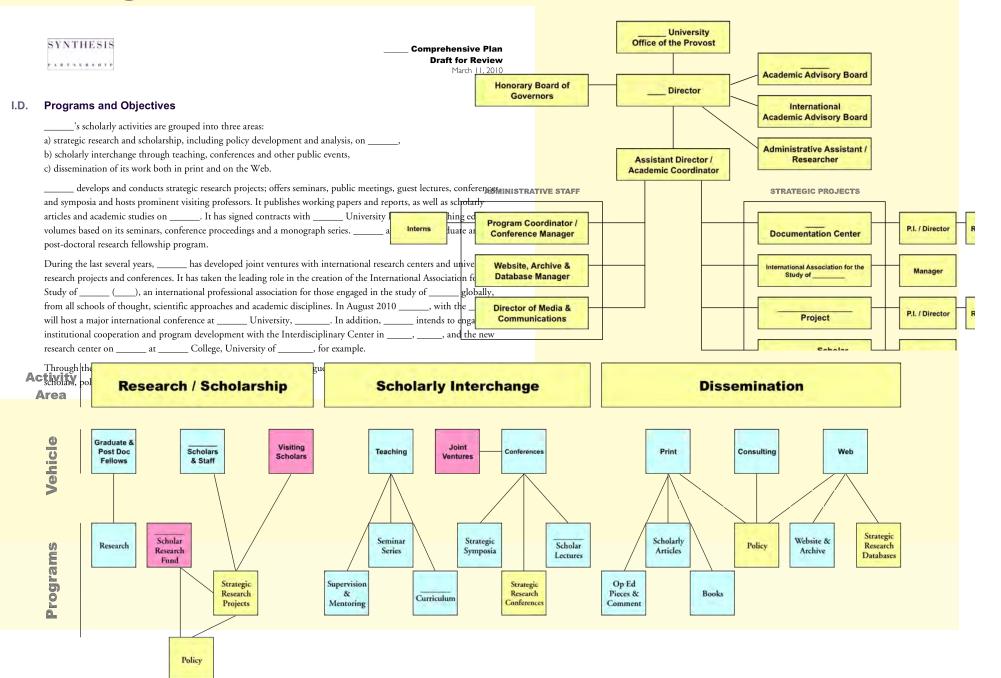
Program Objectives

- What's essential?
- What's distinctive?
- What are the challenges?
- What improvements are needed?
- What resources will be required to make them?

Organizational Structure Resources

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Program Plan



Program Plan

Approaches

	Notes as of October 20, 20		Sector Sector Sector	
Educational Pro	Goals for the 1. To define a school-wide m	developmental needs of its students.	division based on the social	
	2. To articulate how this mod	In Lower School the Model differentiates by:	Other critical features of Lower	
Strategic Goals: Responsible a Integrated Curriculum; Independ thinkers, etc Global Scholarship / Citizen Education for a global perspecti understand her or his communit effective judgments. It includes including our own and others(Multicultural Education & Comprehensive World La	 To identify a plan to fully The Model can be The Model can be will likely be seen as an extract 1. The Model The Model develop understanding of how he self-advocacy -taking ow o developing a curious r o pursuing answers by s o utilizing a range of skill 	 Emphasis on core values and character development: Respect, Responsibility and Service using the LS Motto: Treat Others As You Would Like To Be Treated Differentiated learning opportunities in math and reading Outdoor experiential science program that uses the campus as a classroom Emphasis on interdisciplinary teaching and learning Experiential learning opportunities (4th and 5th grade Explorations program, Gr. 2-5 attendance at the opera, Great Impressions Program) Cross divisional experiences Morning Tradition/LS assemblies Emphasis on development of public speaking skills 	 Strong communication between hom school Foreign Language program Community service program Strong arts program including: Arts V Musical, Grand Friends Day program Showcase, Puddles Comprehensive Writing program (W Celebration) Strong Early Childhood program 	
 Conflict Resolution / Med Environmental Responsil 	 thoughtful and responsible initiative to meet the need 	In Middle School the Model differentiates by:	Other critical features of Middle	
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 Authentic Investigations Thematic Focus 	with their craft	In Upper School the Model differentiates by:	Other critical features of Upper	
 Thematic Focus Character Education Character education is about details 	 preserving a small, close c making use of our unique 	 Harkness program Student laptop program Senior seminar Senior projects/internships. Chewonki wilderness program and Washington, DC field 	 Strong advisory program AP program Student life, performing arts, and athl programs Co-curricular activities 	

School Model

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Business Planning

Market analysis

(market conditions, competition, market share, extra programs, pricing)

Business strategy (positioning, marketing, competitive advantage) Business / Financial Goals

(programs and services, staff development, fundraising, investments)

Requirements

(personnel, facilities, technology, risk management)

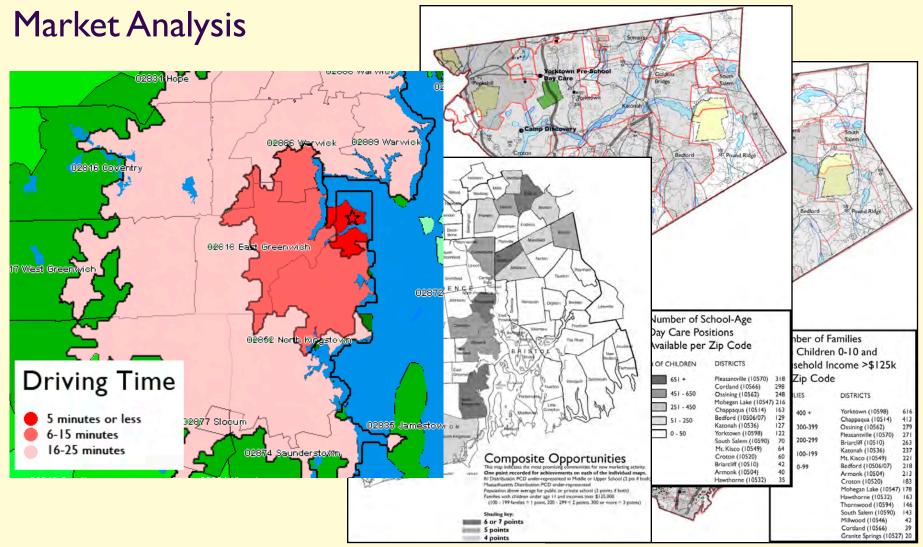
Organization structure

Financial, investment, development policies/procedures

Financial Statements

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Insights



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Board Issues

Develop a cohesive, balanced board with all required expertise

Identify and recruit capable board leadership

Focus the board on its primary responsibilities

- Planning
- Finance
- Fundraising
- Oversight
- Renewal

Conduct regular self-assessments

Use available resources

BoardSource and other websites

Staff Issues

Organizational structure

Professional development

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Planning and the board

Role

Own the planning process Set the strategic direction Approve mission-based goals & supporting objectives Monitor implementation Distinguish governance from management

Benefit: Awareness of

Issues

Organization

Roles

Opportunities

Needs

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Tools

Job descriptions

Board Chair Job Descrip As the senior volunteer le organizational policies an maintained. The board c obligations. Along with t spokesperson for the orga

Responsibilities:

Meetings and Committee

- Work with the execu
- Preside at board and Assure that meetings
- Call special meetings ٠
- Appoint committee
- Serve as ex-officio m

Board Development

- Work with the gover
- Assure an adequate of
- Consult periodically I will pledge
- Cultivates leadership Ensure an annual sel

Policy and Planning

- Work with the executive director to pro-
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2008 Individual Service Plan

What important qualities will the nominee bring to the board? (brief description of the nominee in relation to the profilecategories above; include any knowledge you have of the nominee's participation on other boards).

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Board Self Assessment Tool

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Institutional Identity Development

- What is identity?
- Why does it matter?
- Identity vs. brand
- Clarifying your identity
- Developing your brand
- Expressing your brand

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Institutional Identity

Mission & Mission Statement

Mission Statement

Moses Brown, a Friends school, exists to inspire the inner promise of each student and instill the utmost care for learning, people, and place.

Our Philosophy a Moses Brown is a nourished. We str students reach the Our values direct students' growth own sake, resourc Moses Brown has ٠ Friends Education within a stimulati ٠ arts and athletics. ٠ integrity, commu Leadership and C

I'm Too Young For This! Cancer Foundation
Our mission is to
end isolation and improve quality of life for young adults affected by cancer.
We do this by:

serving as a support and
educating p
advocating
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movement and drive change.
gaining a better understanding of the needs of young adult survivors.
using music and the arts to connect and unite young adults, build community and make it hip to

openly about their experiences.

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Advancement Planning

Ongoing work Communications External relations Donor relations Alumni relations Annual Giving Periodic planning Capability assessment Fundraising assessment Campaign planning

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Human Resource Planning

Establish fair, predictable, & comprehensive policies

Develop an organizational chart with job descriptions Establish hiring and evaluation procedures Establish a clear compensation and benefit plan Clarify procedures and responsibilities

Devote resources appropriately to needs and values

Attract, support & retain the best possible faculty and staff Provide professional development opportunities Provide sufficient staffing levels Monitor performance Reward performance

Comply with all regulations and requirements

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Technology Planning

Information technology

Hardware (administrative / program / networking / voice / smartphone) Software (administrative / program / web)

Program technology

Group technology (fixed / synchronous) Dispersed technology (individual / asynchronous) Web technology (broadcast / interactive)

Knowledge management

Administrative records Advancement records Program content

Upkeep

Support

Content maintenance

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Facility Planning

Building Understanding: Facility Issues for Nonprofits

Topics:

- Master Planning
- Facility Planning
- Architectural Programming
- Budgeting
- Selection of Architects & Construction Companies
- Contracts
- **Design & Construction**
- Financial Modeling

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Control over costs

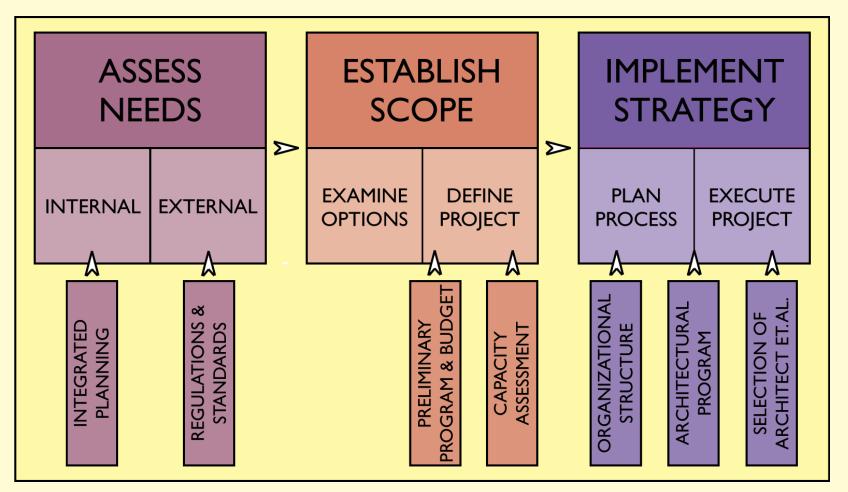


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Facility Planning Fundamentals

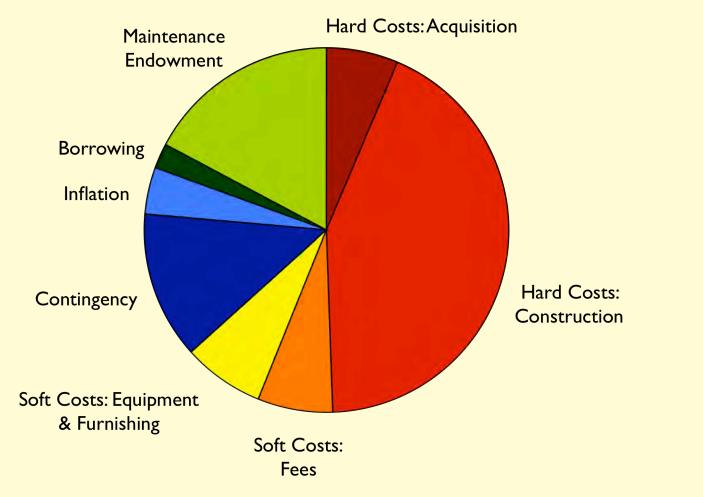
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Programming and Budgeting Project Budget



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Financial Modeling

Purposes

View the big picture Test options & strategies Evaluate the impact of decisions Reduce uncertainty & risk Maintain control over operating & capital budgets

Areas of Interest

Operating budget Capital budgets or new programs Debt capacity and financing Cash flow Relationships among the above

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Financial Modeling Components

Typical Model Variables

Capital Costs

Acquisition costs Design costs Borrowing

Furnishing, Fixtures & Equipment Construction costs Inflation

Legal costs Contingency

Endowment Needs

General endowment

Program-specific fund

Maintenance fund

Campaign Costs and Revenues

Administrative costs of campaign

Projected campaign revenues

Operating Costs and Revenues

Existing operating budget inflation Staffing increases Overhead cost increases New operating revenues

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3/31/2010 Linking Income to Outcomes

3/31/2010 (2:30 EDT / 11:30 PDT) What is a brand (and why does it matter to nonprofit organizations)?

4/7/2010 Searching for Diversity

4/14/2010 Ten Steps to Creating a Fundraising Plan

4/21/2010 Using Social Media to Listen, Attract Fans and Convert Critics

4/28/2010 Integrating Social Media Into Essential Organizational Functions

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