



### THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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#### MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN, ICAI AHMEDABAD

Dear Aspiring CAs,

It is with immense gratitude and a deep sense of responsibility that I take over as the Chairman of the Ahmedabad Branch of ICAI. This branch has a legacy of excellence, and I am committed to carrying forward this tradition with renewed energy and a progressive vision.

Our profession is evolving rapidly, with new challenges and opportunities shaping the role of Chartered Accountants. As students, you stand at the threshold of a promising future, and our endeavor at the Ahmedabad Branch will be to empower you with the knowledge, skills, and exposure necessary to thrive in this dynamic environment.

We will continue to organize insightful seminars, interactive workshops, and networking forums to bridge the gap between theoretical learning and practical application. I urge you all to actively participate in these initiatives, as they are stepping stones to your professional success.

Beyond academics, I firmly believe in fostering leadership, ethical values, and innovation among students. The future of our profession lies in your hands, and we are here to support, mentor, and guide you at every step of your journey.

I look forward to an exciting year ahead, filled with learning, collaboration, and growth. Let us work together to make our branch a hub of excellence and inspiration for the entire CA fraternity.

Wishing you all the very best for your studies and future endeavors!

CA. Neerav Agarwal Chairman, Ahmedabad Branch of WIRC of ICAI



#### MESSAGE FROM CHAIRPERSON, WICASA AHMEDABAD

#### Dear Students,

It is with immense gratitude and enthusiasm that I write my first message as the Chairperson of WICASA Ahmedabad. Taking on this role is both an honor and a responsibility, and I am committed to ensuring that this year is filled with enriching learning experiences, skill-building opportunities, and active student engagement.

At the outset, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to CA Rinkesh Shah, our Immediate Past Chairperson, for his outstanding leadership and dedication. I also express my sincere gratitude to CA Neerav Agarwal, Chairman of Ahmedabad Branch, for placing his trust in me to lead WICASA Ahmedabad. Their unwavering support and guidance have been instrumental in shaping this platform for students.

As we embark on this journey together, my vision for WICASA this year is centered on "Learning with Fun & Experience"—because knowledge is best absorbed when it's interactive, engaging, and practically applied. Our key focus areas will include:

- ✓ Industry & Corporate Visits Gaining real-world exposure beyond textbooks.
- ✓ Technical Workshops & Training Enhancing expertise in emerging areas such as AI, Data Analytics, and Litigation in GST.
- ✓ Practical Assistance & Exposure Strengthening skills in key domains like Concurrent Audits and other high-potential fields.
- ✓ Residential Refresher Courses Encouraging peer learning and professional networking.
- ✓ Sports & Life Skills Training Promoting discipline, teamwork, and holistic personality development.

With the collective enthusiasm and participation of our students, I am confident that this year, we will secure the 1st prize for WICASA Ahmedabad at both the WIRC and National levels!

I look forward to an exciting and impactful year ahead. Let's make the most of this journey together!

Best regards,
CA Shikha Agarwal
Chairperson, WICASA Ahmedabad
Western India Chartered Accountants Students Association

#### EDITORIAL BOARD



#### Welcome back Readers!!!

Seeking knowledge is like opening doors, and our Team knows that the doors are everywhere.

With the said pursuit, we are back with another stupendous and proficient issue of our monthly newsletter!!

Starting with the inspiring and empowering words from our honorable team leaders, continuing with knowledgeable articles and facts, and finally ending with loring comprehensions, well this issue promises even more prudent and colossal content.

As said, The chase of knowledge is never ending, and we very well understand the ambience.

We are grateful to all our readers and writers for their optimistically immense and remarkable contributions.

To all the readers, we hope that you enjoy reading of last month's newsletter, and some of you feel inspired to contribute to the next. You can write us @ wicasaahmedabad@icai.org

Enjoy the read! Positivity awaits you...!

MESSAGE FROM JOINT SECRETARY



HARKIRAT SINGH

Dear Friends,

Best wishes and heartiest congratulations to all the newly Qualified CAs and to those who have successfully cleared their Intermediate level exams, and to those who couldn't make this time I would like to quote them that "Failure is not the outcome—failure is not trying. Don't be afraid to fail." As it is rightly said that taking even a small step towards your dream and your goal is the first step towards the success so never get disappointed by the short-term failures. Also best wishes to all the CA Foundation students for their upcoming results.

Last month on releasing of the results our branch has conducted the press release and a rankers talk where students interacted with the Rankers of Nov 23 at CA Final and Intermediate level. This talk sparked an light amongst the student regarding the preparation and their perspective towards the examination and the towards the studies.

With lots of joy and lots of happiness I would like to extend my heartiest wishes to everyone on occasion of Pran-Prathistha of Shree Ram Mandir at Ayodhya on 22nd January, 2024. The bells of Ayodhya echo across the nation, carrying a message of peace and unity. I pray that this year ushers in a new era of peace and wisdom.

Jay Shree Ram

Thanks & Regards, Harkirat Singh Joint Secretary WICASA Ahmedabad MESSAGE FROM
JOINT SECRETARY



**SWARA SHAH** 

Pranam My fellow CA Aspirants.

Aspirants....

The word itself gives us confidence to achieve the two letters before our name.

Ranchod baba na kaha tha,

"Success K Peeche Mat Bhaago, Excellence Ka Peecha Karo, Success Jhak Maarke Tumhare Peeche Ayegi"

And we CA students follow it to the core.

We run after knowledge so much that we even sacrifice our college life.

The way we are trained for our future is amazing. After all the hard work, sometimes we still face the fail on our result day and than also we fight back with more strength and don't seat down, we strive for success with every failure.

I would like to say that Success is not an accident, but it is result of all the hardwork and determination.

After going through all turbulent events we can then finally achieve the success. So, Strive for the success and you will definitely achieve it to all the students preparing for upcoming attempt.......DON'T QUIT and you should GO ON ...... It is just one more step away.

Thanks and Regards, Swara Shah, Jt. Secretary, WICASA Ahmedabad MESSAGE FROM TREASURER



VALLABH IYER

Greetings Readers,

The Union Budget isn't just about numbers—it's a vision for the future, a roadmap that shapes our economy and opportunities. As aspiring Chartered Accountants, understanding the Budget is not just an academic exercise but a crucial step toward becoming finance professionals who can interpret, analyze, and contribute to the nation's financial growth.

This year's Budget brings new policies, reforms, and challenges, and I encourage you all to dive deep, discuss, and develop insights that will prepare you for the dynamic world of finance. Let's stay curious, keep learning, and embrace the ever-evolving financial landscape with enthusiasm.

Wishing you all an insightful Budget season!

Thanks and Regards, Vallabh Iyer, Treasurer, WICASA Ahmedabad

### Message from Managing Committee Member



#### SARANGI BHOOT

Dear WICASA Members,

As we step into the month of February, I am delighted to bring you the latest updates from our vibrant WICASA community. It has been an eventful start to the year, and our commitment to fostering growth, learning remains unwavering.

First of all my heartiest congratulations to all the newly qualified Chartered Accountants.

This January, we proudly commemorated Republic Day.

The patriotic fervor echoed through our activities, showcasing the unity and diversity that defines our great nation. Members participated wholeheartedly in flag hoisting .It was a moment of reflection on our constitutional values and a reminder of our shared responsibility in upholding them.

At this age, wherever we go, whosoever we meet and whatever we learn matters a lot to us. Every single second of our life contributes to our success, instead of regretting for the choices we made, try to convert our wrong decisions right.

Be an alarm clock for the world, no matter how many times they make you snooze. WICASA believes in giving back. Stay tuned for information on our upcoming community service initiatives, where we aim to make a positive impact beyond our professional realm. As we navigate through February, let us embrace the opportunities for growth, learning, and collaboration. WICASA is not just an association; it's a family where each member plays a vital role in shaping our collective success.

Thank you for your continued enthusiasm and dedication.

Regards, Sarangi Bhoot, Managing Committee Member, WICASA Ahmedabad. MESSAGE FROM
MANAGING COMMITTEE MEMBER



MANN SHAH

Hello Readers,

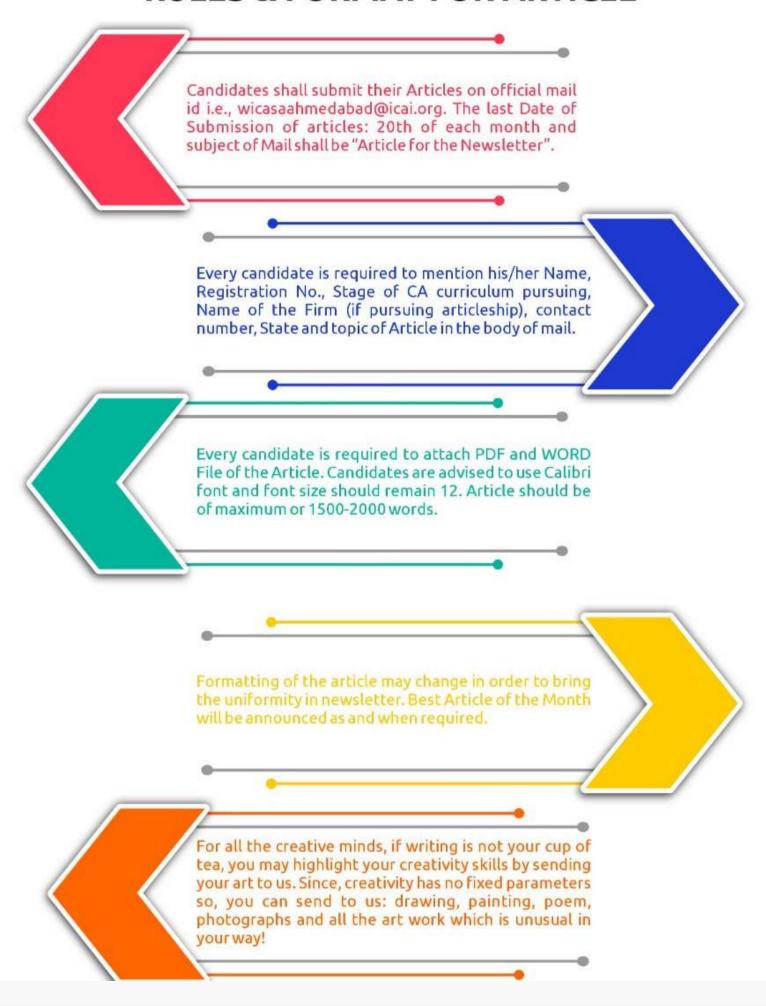
Wishing you all a wonderful start to the new year! I hope it has brought you much happiness, prosperity, and the opportunity to achieve your desired goals.

January was a month filled with joyous celebrations. We reveled in the vibrant colors and soaring spirits of Makar Sankranti, may the kites you flew represent the confidence and hope that takes you to new heights. We also proudly celebrated Republic Day, marking the historic implementation of our constitution and the vibrancy of the world's largest democracy.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the newly qualified CAs across India who have successfully transitioned from students to esteemed members. Your hard work and dedication are truly inspiring!

Warmly,
Mann Shah,
Managing Committee Member,
WICASA Ahmedabad.

#### RULES & FORMAT FOR ARTICLE



### Transfer Pricing and International Taxation: The Role of BEPS 2.0



In a world that's increasingly interconnected, businesses often operate across borders, with multinational corporations (MNCs) structuring their operations to maximize profits globally. However, this global business landscape also raises critical questions about how governments ensure fair taxation, especially when profits are shifted between jurisdictions to take advantage of favourable tax laws. This is where Transfer Pricing and the OECD's BEPS 2.0 (Base Erosion and Profit Shifting) initiative come into play.

#### What is Transfer Pricing?

Transfer pricing refers to the pricing of goods, services, and intellectual property transferred between related entities within a multinational group. In simple terms, it is how companies set prices for transactions between their subsidiaries in different countries. The challenge arises when MNCs use transfer pricing strategies to shift profits to low-tax jurisdictions, minimizing their overall tax burden. For example, a company might sell goods from its Indian subsidiary to a subsidiary in a tax haven, like Bermuda, at artificially low prices, thus shifting profits and avoiding taxes.

While businesses are always looking to reduce costs, tax authorities are keen on ensuring that companies pay a fair share of taxes where the economic activity takes place. This tug-of-war between businesses and tax authorities is at the heart of international tax policy, and the BEPS framework is designed to address this challenge.



#### What is BEPS 2.0?

The OECD/G20 BEPS 2.0 initiative, which was finalized in 2021, is a comprehensive set of guidelines aimed at curbing tax avoidance strategies used by MNCs. BEPS 2.0 is a major update to the original BEPS framework, which sought to address base erosion and profit shifting by creating international tax standards. The new framework builds upon these principles by introducing two key pillars:

<u>Pillar One:</u> Ensures that taxing rights over profits are aligned with where economic activity occurs, not just where a company is legally established. This allows countries where MNCs have significant business activities, such as sales or marketing, to tax those profits more fairly.

Pillar Two: This facet encompasses regulations for a new global minimum tax, which received approval in December 2021 from 141 jurisdictions actively participating in the BEPS 2.0 undertaking. The Pillar Two Model Rules delineate the implementation of a global minimum tax set at 15%, applicable to multinational enterprise (MNE) groups with a global turnover amounting to €750 million or exceeding said threshold. Together, these pillars aim to stop the harmful tax competition between countries, where firms shift profits to low-tax jurisdictions to avoid contributing to the countries in which they do business.

#### The Role of Transfer Pricing in BEPS 2.0

Transfer pricing plays a vital role in the BEPS 2.0 framework because it is the primary vehicle through which companies shift profits between jurisdictions. By setting transfer prices too high or too low, companies can manipulate where profits are recognized, often diverting them away from countries with higher tax rates. With the implementation of BEPS 2.0, tax authorities have gained more power to scrutinize these pricing strategies.

BEPS 2.0 introduces more stringent reporting requirements for MNCs, demanding greater transparency in their transfer pricing arrangements. The goal is to ensure that profits are allocated based on the actual value created in each jurisdiction. Under the new rules, companies are required to document and report their transfer pricing policies more extensively, especially in terms of how their profits align with economic activity. These changes require businesses to adopt more robust and transparent pricing mechanisms that reflect real economic substance, not just accounting tactics.

#### **Challenges and Opportunities**

While the BEPS 2.0 framework is a significant step forward in creating a fairer global tax system, implementing these changes presents challenges for both businesses and tax authorities. MNCs must reassess their pricing strategies, tax structures, and global operations to ensure compliance with the new rules. For tax authorities, the increased volume of information to be processed and analysed can place a strain on resources.

However, BEPS 2.0 also offers an opportunity for businesses to move away from aggressive tax avoidance strategies and instead adopt a more sustainable and transparent approach. Companies that align their operations with the new tax rules can reduce their exposure to legal risks and penalties while contributing to a fairer global tax environment.

#### **Conclusion**

BEPS 2.0 represents a paradigm shift in international taxation, with transfer pricing at its core. By curbing profit shifting and ensuring a fairer distribution of taxing rights, it aims to create a tax system that better reflects the globalized world we live in.

While there will undoubtedly be challenges in implementing these changes, the goal is to create a level playing field where tax practices are more transparent, equitable, and aligned with economic realities.

For multinational corporations, navigating this new terrain will require careful planning, but it is a critical step toward building trust with tax authorities and stakeholders across the globe.

## Drawings









Not gonna lie Feeling I die

Cry? Not an option to choose Gear up, one month left or else get ready to loose

It's not a failure, then what is it Its Success that still await

Dry cry, die on that bed You are a winner don't feel bad

## YET!

Day is not far, waiting for you to own the victory
It will be the most pleasant kiss of victory
Ehhh don't worry you have such of the history

You have your person and the family In any and all situations to tell you ily

For four fears those haunts you Tell them win is coming even without mountain dew

## YET!

Luck is on roll of two slaps and one kiss Wait will reach to a level where talk of work to luck will be a diss

Blank mind it is that is on my head 1 month it is to do it or awaits a moment of dead

But ik I'll do it, and do it with a bang! For I'm a fighter who gets up after every scar that scares!!

## YET!

It's scary and all blurry, but god surely has to say, "don't hurry kid, fears will bury and success will flourish".

!!! IT IS GOD'S PLAN !!!

~C.A.J











#### Union Budget 2025-26

#### **Budget Estimates:**

- Total receipts (excluding borrowings): ₹34.96 lakh crore
- Total expenditure: ₹50.65 lakh crore
- Net tax receipts: ₹28.37 lakh crore
- Fiscal deficit: 4.4% of GDP
- Gross market borrowings: ₹14.82 lakh crore

#### **Agriculture:**

- Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana: To develop 100 agri-districts, benefiting 1.7 crore farmers.
- Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses: Focus on Tur, Urad, and Masoor pulses.
- National Mission on High Yielding Seeds: Strengthening research and development of high-yield seeds.
- Makhana Board in Bihar: To improve production, processing, and marketing of makhana.

#### **MSMEs**:

- Enhanced Credit: Loan limit under the Modified Interest Subvention Scheme increased from ₹3 lakh to ₹5 lakh.
- Revision in Classification Criteria: Investment and turnover limits for MSMEs enhanced to 2.5 and 2 times, respectively.

#### **Infrastructure:**

- Capex Expenditure: ₹11.21 lakh crore (3.1% of GDP) earmarked for FY2025-26.
- Urea Plant in Assam: Annual capacity of 12.7 lakh metric tons to be set up at Namrup, Assam.

#### Social Welfare:

- No Income Tax: On average monthly income up to ₹1 lakh.
- Salaried Class: Nil income tax up to ₹12.75 lakh per annum in the new tax ₹10 crore, unlocking ₹1.5 lakh crore in additional credit over the next five years.

#### Union Budget 2025-26

• Gig Workers: Identity cards, registration on e-Shram portal, and healthcare under PM Jan Arogya Yojana.

#### **Education and Technology:**

- 50,000 Atal Tinkering Labs: To be established in government schools over the next five years.
- Centre of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence: With a total outlay of ₹500 crore.

#### <u>Urban Development:</u>

• ₹1 Lakh Crore Urban Challenge Fund: For 'Cities as Growth Hubs.'

#### **Energy:**

- Nuclear Energy Mission: For R&D of small modular reactors with an outlay of ₹20,000 crore.
- Modified UDAN Scheme: To enhance regional connectivity to 120 new destinations.

#### **Healthcare:**

• BCD Exemptions: On 36 lifesaving drugs and medicines for treating cancer, rare, and chronic diseases.

#### Finance Bill 2025-26

#### **Tax Reforms:**

• New Income Tax Bill: Aims to replace the existing Income Tax Act of 1961, simplifying tax compliance and reducing complexity by up to 60%.

#### **Revised Tax Structure: Under the NEW regime:**

TAXABLE INCOME	NEW TAX RATE		
0-4 LAKH	NIL		
4-8 LAKH	5%		
8-12 LAKH	10%		
12-16 LAKH	15%		
16-20 LAKH	20%		
20-24 LAKH	25%		
ABOVE 24 LAKH	30%		

The Tax slabs under the OLD tax regime remain unchanged.

#### Rebate u/s 87A:

• Increased from ₹25,000 to ₹60,000, providing zero tax liability for individuals with income up to ₹12,00,000.

#### **TDS/TCS Rationalisation:**

- Section 193: Interest on securities NIL to ₹10,000
- Section 194A: Interest other than interest on securities:
  - ₹50,000 for senior citizens
  - ₹40,000 for others (banks, cooperative societies, post offices)
  - ₹5,000 in other cases
- Section 194J Amendment:
  - Threshold Limit Increase: The TDS threshold for professional and technical services has been raised from ₹30,000 to ₹50,0002.

#### Finance Bill 2025-26

• TDS Rates: 2% for technical services (not being professional services) or royalty-like consideration for the sale, distribution, or exhibition of cinematographic films, and 10% in other cases.

#### **Financial Sector:**

- FDI Limits for Insurance: Raised from 74% to 100%, subject to companies investing the entire premium in India.
- KYC Process Simplification: Revamped Central KYC Registry to be rolled out in 2025.
- ULIP Taxation: Simplified and rationalized, with gains on non-exempt ULIPs treated as capital gains.

#### **Investment and Credit:**

- Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups: Limit increased from ₹10 crore to ₹20 crore.
- Micro and Small Enterprises: Increased credit guarantee cover from ₹5 crore to ₹10 crore, unlocking ₹1.5 lakh crore in additional credit over the next five years.

## GLIMPSES OF PAST EVENTS

















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## CAN HOU BOLVE?

#### **Budgeting for a Small Business**

#### Scenario:

You are the financial advisor for a small business named "GreenCrafts," which specializes in eco-friendly handmade products. The business has been growing steadily, and the owner is looking to expand operations in the next fiscal year. Your task is to help the owner create a budget for the upcoming year.

#### **Current Financial Data:**

- Revenue for the current year: ₹50,00,000
- Cost of Goods Sold (COGS): ₹20,00,000
- Operating Expenses: ₹15,00,000
- Net Profit: ₹15,00,000

#### **Expansion Plans:**

- New Product Line: Introduction of a new range of organic skincare products, expected to generate an additional ₹10,00,000 in revenue.
- Marketing Budget Increase: An additional ₹3,00,000 allocated to marketing for promoting the new product line.
- Hiring: Plans to hire 2 more employees, with an additional salary expense of ₹4,00,000.
- New Equipment: Purchase of new equipment worth ₹5,00,000, to be depreciated over 5 years.

#### Tasks:

- 1. Calculate the projected revenue and expenses for the upcoming year, considering the expansion plans.
- 2. Determine the projected net profit for the next year.
- 3. Provide recommendations on how to manage the budget to ensure profitability.

## CAN HOU BOLVE?

#### **Budgeting for a Small Business**

#### **Assumptions:**

- No changes in the COGS percentage relative to revenue.
- Operating expenses (excluding new marketing budget and hiring) will increase by 10% due to inflation.
- Depreciation on new equipment will be calculated using the straight-line method.

#### **FOR ANSWERS:**

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## RIDDLE IT UP

#### Riddle 1:

I track the money flowing in and out, Balancing the books without a doubt. Assets, liabilities, revenues too, What am I, can you guess true?

#### Riddle 3:

I'm a report showing financial health, For investors, I'm a source of wealth. Profit and loss, balance sheet array, What am I, guiding the way?

#### Riddle 5:

Balancing the books is my everyday game, Checking for fraud or any false claim. I uphold the integrity of financial truth, What am I, known for my meticulous sleuth?

#### Riddle 2:

To keep businesses on the right path, I audit their books and do the math. Searching for errors, big or small, Who am I, standing tall?

#### Riddle 4:

I'm a student of finance, law, and more, Preparing for exams that make me sore. In pursuit of a title revered and grand, What am I, with balance sheets in hand?

**FOR ANSWERS:** 

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## How To Improve Your Money Mindset



#### Track your spending

It's important to be aware of where your money is going. Use a budget or tracking app to help you stay on top of your spending.

#### Make a plan

If you're trying to save money or pay off debt, it's important to have a plan. Set realistic goals and create a timeline for reaching them.





#### Stay disciplined

It can be difficult to stick to your financial goals, but it's important to stay disciplined. Try setting up automatic payments to help you stay on track.

#### Avoid comparing yourself to others





#### Seek professional help

If you're struggling to get a handle on your finances, seek out professional help. A financial advisor can offer guidance and support to help you reach your goals.

### WHY WICASA?

#### **WICASA**

A platform given by ICAI for the students, by the students and of the students, is an association which provides students a platform to learn, share, participate and perform. It's a platform for a visionary to build its networking, its social circle and to sharpen its leadership skills by participating in the various activities held in WICASA. Being a part of this family helps a CA aspirant to shape and understand the CA profession.

#### **Network Expansion**

Whether it's through volunteering with a professional committee, helping to run a charity, or mentoring a youngster, you'll meet new and interesting people from a variety of backgrounds, areas of expertise and walks of life.

#### Self-confidence Booster

Your role as a volunteer can also give you a sense of pride and identity. And the better you feel about yourself, the more likely you are to have a positive view of your life and future goals.



#### Fun and Fulfilment to your Life

Doing volunteer work you find meaningful and interesting can be a relaxing, energizing escape from your day-to-day routine of work, college or family commitments. Volunteering also provides you with renewed creativity, motivation, and vision that can carry over into your personal and professional life.

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