

Travel Agency Case Study Matrix Analysis

This book systematically sets out the main types of frameworks that have been used in tourism research, examining their distinguishing features and how they are used, and illustrating these with specific examples. In this way, the book seeks to assist researchers to become more conscious of the range of frameworks available and be more aware of the opportunities for using them; to foster a critical appreciation of appropriate frameworks, both in their own work and the work of others; and to develop and/or apply frameworks more effectively and thereby enhance the quality of their research and the way in which it is communicated. The book has 10 chapters, an author index, and a subject index.

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Tourism economics is a rapidly expanding field of research and interest in the subject has been growing steadily over the past decade. As a field of study it is one of the small band of areas, such as energy and transport economics, that draws on, and applies, developments in general economics. This highly accessible and comprehensive Handbook presents a cutting edge discussion of the state of tourism economics and its likely directions in future research. Leading researchers in the field explore a wide range of topics including: demand and forecasting, supply, transport, taxation and infrastructure, evaluation and application for policy-making. Each chapter includes a discussion of its relevance and importance to the tourism economics literature, an overview of its main contributions and themes, a critical evaluation of existing literature and an outline of issues for further conceptual and applied research. Larry Dwyer and Peter Forsyth have assembled a fascinating Handbook that will be an invaluable and much welcomed reference book for tourism economics scholars and researchers at all levels of academe. General economics scholars will also find much to engage them within the book.

How statistical thinking and methodology can help you make crucial business decisions Straightforward and insightful, *Statistical Thinking: Improving Business Performance*, Second Edition, prepares you for business leadership by developing your capacity to apply statistical thinking to improve business processes. Unique and compelling, this book shows you how to derive actionable conclusions from data analysis, solve real problems, and improve real processes. Here, you'll discover how to implement statistical thinking and methodology in your work to improve business performance. Explores why statistical thinking is necessary and helpful Provides case studies that illustrate how to integrate several statistical tools into the decision-making process Facilitates and encourages an experiential learning environment to enable you to apply material to actual problems With an in-depth discussion of JMP® software, the new edition of this important book focuses on skills to improve business processes, including collecting data appropriate for a specified purpose, recognizing limitations in existing data, and understanding the limitations of statistical analyses.

In simple and non-technical terms, this text illustrates a wide range of techniques and approaches used in social research projects.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 9th International Conference on Software Reuse, ICSR 2006, held in Torino, Italy, in June 2006. The book presents 27 revised full papers and 13 revised short papers, carefully reviewed and selected from numerous submissions. The Coverage includes COTS selection and integration; product lines, domain analysis, and variability; reengineering maintenance; programming languages and retrieval; aspect-oriented software development; approaches and models; and components.

This article proposes an algorithmic approach for group decision making (GDM) problems using neutrosophic soft matrix (NSM) and relative weights of experts. NSM is the matrix representation of neutrosophic soft sets (NSSs), where NSS is the combination of neutrosophic set and soft set. We propose a new idea for assigning relative weights to the experts based on cardinalities of NSSs. The relative weight is assigned to each of the experts based on their preferred attributes and opinions, which reduces the chance of unfairness in the decision making process. Firstly we introduce choice matrix and combined choice matrix using neutrosophic sets. Multiplying combined choice matrices with the individual NSMs, this study develops product NSMs, which are aggregated to find out the collective NSM. Then neutrosophic cross-entropy measure is used to rank the alternatives and for selecting the most desirable one (s). This study also provides a comparative analysis of the proposed weight based approach with the normal procedure, where weight is not considered. Finally, a case study illustrates the applicability of the proposed approach.

'Business Strategy: an introduction' is an accessible textbook that provides a straightforward guide for those with little or no knowledge of the subject. It presents complex issues and concepts in a clear and compact manner, so that readers gain a clear understanding of the topics addressed. The following features are included: * A comprehensive introduction to the subjects of business strategy and strategic management * Complex issues explained in a straightforward way for students new to this topic * Student friendly learning features throughout * Case studies of varying lengths with questions included for assignment and seminar work * A discussion of both traditional theory and the most recent research in the field This second edition features new and updated case studies as well as more depth having been added to the material in the book. New chapters on business ethics, types and levels of strategy, and how to use case studies have been incorporated. A range of pedagogical features such as learning objectives, review and discussion questions, chapter summaries and further reading are included in the text resulting in it being a user-friendly, definitive guide for those new to the subject. A web-based Tutor Resource Site accompanies the book.

New product development is vital for the future of the food industry. Many books have been written on NPD theory over the last 40 years, but much can still be learnt by studying actual experiences of NPD. Case studies in food product development describes specific NPD projects in a variety of industries internationally and also records overall comments, written by the very people who have completed the projects. Part one outlines new product development in the food industry and part two views product development strategy and management in different companies and organisations. Parts three, four and five are twelve case studies on respectively the product development process, technological development, consumer and market research. Part six considers product development in practice and the final chapter demonstrates how product developers are being educated. The case studies are written by experienced product

developers talking openly about experiences with their own products. It is hoped that those faced with similar challenges will gain from these real life experiences. Mary and Dick are also co-authors with Allan Anderson of Food product development, which has achieved international success. Case studies in food product development is a complement and a practical companion to this book. Describes new product development in a variety of international industries Outlines new product development in the food industry and views product management and strategy in different organisations Includes case studies focusing on the product development process, technological development, and consumer and market research

This book offers a collection of high-quality, peer-reviewed research papers presented at the International Conference on Intelligent Computing, Communication and Devices (ICCD 2017), discussing all dimensions of intelligent sciences – intelligent computing, intelligent communication, and intelligent devices. Intelligent computing addresses areas such as intelligent and distributed computing, intelligent grid and cloud computing, internet of things, soft computing and engineering applications, data mining and knowledge discovery, semantic and web technology, hybrid systems, agent computing, bioinformatics, and recommendation systems. Intelligent communication is concerned with communication and network technologies, such as mobile broadband and all optical networks that are the key to groundbreaking inventions of intelligent communication technologies. It includes communication hardware, software and networked intelligence, mobile technologies, machine-to-machine communication networks, speech and natural language processing, routing techniques and network analytics, wireless ad hoc and sensor networks, communications and information security, signal, image and video processing, network management, and traffic engineering. Lastly, intelligent devices are any equipment, instruments, or machines that have their own computing capability. As computing technology becomes more advanced and less expensive, it can be incorporated an increasing number of devices of all kinds. This area covers such as embedded systems, radiofrequency identification (RFID), radiofrequency microelectromechanical system (RF MEMS), very-large-scale integration (VLSI) design and electronic devices, analog and mixed-signal integrated circuit (IC) design and testing, microelectromechanical system (MEMS) and microsystems, solar cells and photonics, nanodevices, single electron and spintronics devices, space electronics, and intelligent robotics.

"This book brings together a comprehensive collection on commercial, government or societal exploitation of the Internet and ICT, representing cutting edge research from over 30 countries. The issues, applications and case studies presented facilitate knowledge sharing, which is key to addressing global eAdoption issues and the Digital Divide. It can be used to benchmark regional and national developments, avoid previous mistakes and identify potential partners and exploitation opportunities." -- Preface.

This comprehensive textbook has, at its core, the importance of linking strategic thinking with action in the management of tourism. It provides an analytical evaluation of the most important global trends, as well as an analysis of the impact of crucial environmental issues and their implications. Now in its third edition, and reviewing the major factors affecting international tourism management, this well-established student resource provides an essential overview of strategic management for students and professionals in the tourism sector.

Hospital service areas (HSAs) and hospital referral regions (HRRs) are considered more appropriate units than geopolitical units for analyzing the performance of health care markets and policy implementation. GIS Automated Delineation of Hospital Service Areas represents the state-of-the-art approach in delineating HSAs and HRRs by using GIS-automated processes. It provides the best practices for defining such areas scientifically, in a geographically accurate manner, and without a steep learning curve. This book is intended to mainly serve professionals in geography, urban and regional planning, public health, and related fields. It is also useful for scholars in the above fields who have research interests related to GIS and spatial analysis applications in health care. It can be used as a supplemental text for upper-level undergraduate and graduate students in courses related to GIS and public health. Features: Introduces innovative state-of-the-art methods for delineation of HSAs (Dartmouth method, Huff model, network community detection methods) Provides best practices and one-stop solution for related data processing tasks (e.g., distance and travel time estimation, identifying the best-fitting distance decay function) Automates the methods in ArcGIS Pro toolkits Includes free ready-to-download GIS tools and sample data available on authors' website Presents a methodology that is applicable to delineation of other service areas, catchment areas or functional regions for business analysis, planning, and public policy studies

This volume highlights a broad selection of valuable research work by renowned professionals and scientists from academia and the travel industry, bridging academic perspectives and research with practical applications. It provides a wide-ranging vision of a multitude of trends in the global travel and tourism industry today and in the future. Adopting an integrated and interdisciplinary approach, the contributors examine a diverse selection of topics and share their research and exploratory investigations to frame their implications and outcomes. The volume reflects upon the wide-ranging conceptual approaches to the subject of tourism and includes varying paradigms and perspectives on the core elements of the tourism sector. The overall thrust of the book is to provide a required critical depth to tourism studies and to guide the reader through the fundamental themes of tourism, destination marketing, branding, and management.

"TRB's National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) Report 722: Assessing Highway Tolling and Pricing Options and Impacts provides state departments of transportation (DOTs) and other transportation agencies with a decision-making framework and analytical tools that describe likely impacts on revenue generation and system performance resulting from instituting or modifying user-based fees or tolling on segments of their highway system. Volume 2: Travel Demand Forecasting Tools provides an in-depth examination of the various analytical tools for direct or adapted use that are available to help develop the forecasts of potential revenue, transportation demand, and congestion and system performance based on tolling or pricing changes. Volume 1: Decision-Making Framework includes information on a decision-making framework that may be applied to a variety of scenarios in order to understand the potential impacts of tolling and pricing on the performance of the transportation system, and on the potential to generate revenue to pay for system improvements"--Publication information.

This edited book is a compilation of research studies conducted in the areas of business, management and economics. These cutting-edge articles will be of interest to researchers, academics, and business managers.

This book examines the concepts of open innovation, crowdsourcing and co-creation from a holistic point of view and analyzes them considering their suitability to the tourism industry. Methods, theories and models are discussed and examined regarding their practical applicability in tourism. The book illustrates the theoretical mechanisms and principles of Open Innovation, Crowdsourcing and Co-creation with case studies and best practices examples. In addition to the scientific target group, the book is a useful resource for managers of the entire tourism

industry. First, the book presents the theoretical fundamentals and concepts in 11 specific chapters. This basis is then enriched by three parts with case studies, focusing on information, creation and provision respectively. Finally in a concluding part the editors sum up the book and give an outlook on the implications, learnings and future perspectives of open innovation, crowdsourcing and collaborative consumption in the tourism industry.

Updated to include the current models, theories, and hospitality practices, *Hospitality Strategic Management: Concept and Cases, Second Edition* is a comprehensive guide to strategic management in the international hospitality industry. Author Cathy A. Enz uses the case study approach to cover current topics such as innovation, entrepreneurship, leadership, ethics, and franchising. Eight full case studies with exhibits and documents address the areas of lodging, food service, tourism e-commerce, gaming, cruise lines, and airlines, making this book ideal for executive level training courses or hospitality industry executives interested in developing their strategic management skills.

Considering the recent impact of the capital market on corporate strategy, this text analyzes, through argument and supportive case studies, how pressures from the capital bull market of the 1990s and bear market of the early 2000s, have reshaped management action and calculation in large, publicly quoted US and UK corporations. Beginning with the dissatisfaction with classical strategy and its limited engagement with the processes of financialization, the book moves on to cover three detailed company case studies (General Electric, Ford and GlaxoSmithKline) which use long run financial data and analysis of company and industry narratives to illustrate and explore key themes. The book emphasizes the importance of company and industry narrative, while also analyzing long term financial results, and helps to explain the limits of management action and the burden of expectations placed on corporate governance. Presenting financial and market information on trajectory in an accessible way, this book provides a distinctive, critical social science account of management in large UK and US corporations, and it is a valuable resource for students, scholars and researchers of business, management, political economy and non-mainstream economics. short listed for the 2007 IPEG Book Prize

This in-depth qualitative study in Lesotho examines the impacts of linkages between the Lesotho Child Grants Programme (CGP), the second largest national social protection programme supporting poor households with children 0-17 years, and the Sustainable Poverty Reduction through Income, Nutrition and Access to Government services (SPRINGS) pilot project, implemented by Catholic Relief Services (CRS) through UNICEF and European Union financing. It explores impacts of these combined programmes – namely social assistance through cash transfer and livelihood support, both at the household and at the local economy level and examines in-depth the causal links and channels - the how and why – that create these impacts, particularly regarding the areas of interest of this study: economic security and resilience and nutritional knowledge, dietary practices and infant and child care, as well as operational features.

The study aims to provide insight and understanding of combined programme benefits, drawbacks and processes to inform government policy and programme decisionmaking. This particularly of priority as government is on the cusp of revising and rolling out an expanded social assistance livelihoods programme, supported notably by the World Bank. This is an opportune form of analytical evidence to generate informed decisions at national level. It is of great value to government who has already indicated interest in the drafts' findings. It will certainly inform a wider audience notably in Africa and also globally on benefits of multi-sectoral coordination approaches in poverty reduction efforts.

This book examines electric car sharing in cities from a variety of perspectives, from service design to simulation, from mathematical modeling to technology deployment, and from energy use improvement to the integration of different kinds of vehicle. The contents reflect the outcomes of the Green Move project, undertaken by Politecnico di Milano with the aim of fostering an innovative and easily accessible electric vehicle sharing system. The first section of the book illustrates the car sharing service, covering service design, the configuration of the vehicle sharing model and the Milan mobility pattern, analysis of local demand and supply, testing of the condominium-based car sharing model, and communication design for social engagement. The second section then explains the technological choices, from the architecture of the system and dynamic applications to information management, the smartphone-based energy-oriented driving assistance system, automatic fleet balancing systems, and real-time monitoring of vehicle positions. In the final section, readers will find descriptions of the simulation model, a model to estimate potential users of the service, and a model for a full-scale electric car sharing service in Milan.

Software architectures that contain many dynamically interacting components, each with its own thread of control, engaging in complex coordination protocols, are difficult to correctly and efficiently engineer. Agent-oriented modelling techniques are important for the design and development of such applications. This book provides a diverse and interesting overview of the work that is currently being undertaken by a growing number of researchers in the area of Agent-Oriented Software Engineering. The papers represent a state-of-the-art report of current research in this field, which is of critical importance in facilitating industry take-up of powerful agent technologies. This volume constitutes the thoroughly refereed post-conference proceedings of the 9th International Workshop on Agent-Oriented Software Engineering, AOSE 2008, held in Estoril, Portugal, in May 2008 as part of AAMAS 2008. The 20 revised full papers were carefully selected from 50 initial submissions during two rounds of reviewing and improvement. The papers have been organized into four sections on: multi-agent organizations, method engineering and software development processes, testing and debugging, as well as tools and case studies.

Strategic Management for Travel and Tourism is the must-have text for students studying travel and tourism. It brings theory to life by using industry-based case studies, and in doing so, 'speaks the language' of the Travel and Tourism student. Among the new features and topics included in this edition are: * international case studies from large-scale businesses such as Airtours, MyTravel and South West Airlines * user-friendly applications of strategic management theory, such as objectives, products and markets and strategic implementation, together with illustrative case studies, and longer case studies for seminar work and summaries * contemporary strategic issues affecting travel and tourism organizations, such as vertical integration and strategic alliances *Strategic Management for Travel and Tourism* is a well-rounded book, ideal for all undergraduate and postgraduate students focusing on strategy in travel and tourism.

Handbook of Tourism Economics: Analysis, New Applications and Case Studies provides an up-to-date, concise and readable coverage of the most important topics in tourism economics. It pays attention to relevant traditional topics in tourism economics as well as exciting emerging topics in this field — topics which are expected to be of continuing importance. In doing this, it takes account of advances in economic thought, analysis and applied methods. Contributions provide applications of economic analysis to tourism policy and constructive assessment of contemporary thought about tourism economics. The handbook includes several in-depth case studies such as the contribution of tourism to economic development in selected countries

including China, India, Japan and Australia, Portugal and Fiji. Coming from diverse countries (both industrialised and developing) and established in the field of tourism economics, travel and management, many of the contributors have been consultants to governments, private organisations, and international bodies, including the UN World Tourism Organisation, the OECD and UNEP. Experts contributing to this volume include the President of the International Association of Tourism Economics, as well as its Secretary-General, the Secretary-General of the Tourism Research Centre (Association of Tourism Research Institutes), the Founder-Fellow of the International Academy for the Study of Tourism and the former Director of the UK's Centre for Social and Economic Research on the Global Environment (CSERGE).

The book . . . does exactly what the editors say it does, it delivers a rich variety of European research. . . it comprehensively inspires important and worthwhile dialogue. Anne M.J. Smith, International Journal of Entrepreneurship & Innovation This overview of the current research in the field will provide academics, researchers and policy makers with new insights through which to understand the contextual dimensions and the broadening aspects of the current state-of-the-art in European research. International Journal of Sustainability in Higher Education The authors of the chapters offer a broad variety of topics and approaches that significantly contribute to the understanding of changes in society, and the diversity of the contexts in which entrepreneurship occurs. I am convinced that the book will inspire a dialogue, not only among researchers, but also between research and policy-makers in order that the changes and dynamics of society be better understood. From the foreword by Hans Landström, Lund University, Sweden This book introduces the expanding European dialogue between entrepreneurship, environment and education. It considers the shape, dimensions and horizon of this multidisciplinary landscape in entrepreneurship research. The striking differences and contradictions in entrepreneurial activities, readiness and innovativeness within European countries and the proactive attitude and activities of European competitors impose a demand for a better understanding of the complex dynamics. The Dynamics between Entrepreneurship, Environment and Education reflects how the European landscape of entrepreneurship research is now more complex than ever. It presents an overview of the current state of entrepreneurship research in Europe and also reflects on the future directions of research in this field. The dynamics between entrepreneurship and society are evaluated, and the discussion is then continued from an education perspective. The authors also focus on the ability and capability of different kinds of ventures to compete in different contexts. This comprehensive overview of the current research in the field will provide academics, researchers and policy-makers with new insights through which to understand the contextual dimensions and the broadening aspects of the current state-of-the-art in European research.

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Although traditional texts present isolated algorithms and data structures, they do not provide a unifying structure and offer little guidance on how to appropriately select among them. Furthermore, these texts furnish little, if any, source code and leave many of the more difficult aspects of the implementation as exercises. A fresh alternative to

With the continuous growth of the service sector, the ability to develop and implement information systems is important in order to measure progress. Implementation and Integration of Information Systems in the Service Sector is a collection of research which discusses the application of information systems as well as the established ideas and advancements in the service sector. This book aims to utilize new theories, technologies, models, and methods in order to discover effective functions in this area.

Annotation Following a preface by the originator of the term "ecotourism," Kirstges (economics and tourism, U. of Applied Sciences, Wilhelmshaven, Germany) overviews economic, socio-cultural, and ecological issues in sustainable tourism. Lck (recreation and leisure studies, Brock U., Ontario, Canada) discusses whether large-scale ecotourism is an oxymoron, and the future of responsible tourism. Other contributors propose strategies from case studies of national parks and other sites in Latin America, Africa, Asia, and the South Pacific. Co-published as , v.5, nos.3&4, 2002. Lacks an index. Distributed in the US by UTP Distribution. Annotation (c)2003 Book News, Inc., Portland, OR (booknews.com).

Identity theft and other confidential information theft have now topped the charts as the leading cybercrime. In particular, credit card data is preferred by cybercriminals. Is your payment processing secure and compliant? The new Fourth Edition of PCI Compliance has been revised to follow the new PCI DSS standard version 3.0, which is the official version beginning in January 2014. Also new to the Fourth Edition: additional case studies and clear guidelines and instructions for maintaining PCI compliance globally, including coverage of technologies such as NFC, P2PE, CNP/Mobile, and EMV. This is the first book to address the recent updates to PCI DSS. The real-world scenarios and hands-on guidance are also new approaches to this topic. All-new case studies and fraud studies have been added to the Fourth Edition. Each chapter has how-to guidance to walk you through implementing concepts, and real-world scenarios to help you relate to the information and better grasp how it impacts your data. This book provides the information that you need in order to understand the current PCI Data Security standards and how to effectively implement security on network infrastructure in order to be compliant with the credit card industry guidelines, and help you protect sensitive and personally-identifiable information. Completely updated to follow the most current PCI DSS standard, version 3.0 Packed with help to develop and implement an effective strategy to keep infrastructure compliant and secure Includes coverage of new and emerging technologies such as NFC, P2PE, CNP/Mobile, and EMV Both authors have broad information security backgrounds, including extensive PCI DSS experience

This is the first book to provide the student of tourism, hospitality and events with all that they need to undertake statistical analysis using SPSS for research in their industry. Employing examples directly from the tourism, hospitality and events sector, it provides a comprehensive explanation on how appropriate statistical tools and methods can be identified for this research context and provides a step-by-step demonstration on how to carry out the chosen statistical operations. Each chapter opens with a sector-specific case study reflecting current research trends and issues from a range of different countries that are affecting the industry today. It is followed by an examination of the SPSS procedures relating to the case study and various solutions are offered. The implementation of clear, step-by-step demonstrations on how to carry out statistical operations using a combination of screenshots, diagrams, and tables aids the reader's understanding. Chapters close with thorough guidance on how to appropriately write up interpretations of the research in a report. Research implications and recommendations for tourism and hospitality businesses are also provided, to enable them to successfully create and manage research strategies in action. Adopting an interdisciplinary perspective and written by a range of industry experts from all over the globe, this book will be essential for all students and researchers in the field of tourism, hospitality, and events as well as all those in related fields with an interest in statistical data analysis.

The aim of Co-operation and Partnerships in Tourism: A Global Perspective is to provide inspiration and guidance on how to build, implement, and further develop partnerships--focusing on strategic and operational issues in partnering and lessons learned from past partnering experiences. By examining cases from all regions of the world and from several different areas in tourism, this study provides insight

that can be applied beyond the specific cultural and economic contexts of each case. As tourism is increasingly becoming a sector successfully built on cooperation and partnerships, this study is a valuable resource for anyone interested in Public-Private Sector Cooperation.

Big Data and Mobility as a Service explores MaaS platforms that can be adaptable to the ever-evolving mobility environment. It looks at multi-mode urban crowd data to assess urban mobility characteristics, their shared transportation potential, and their performance conditions and constraints. The book analyzes the roles of multimodality, travel behavior, urban mobility dynamics and participation. Combined with insights on using big data to analyze market and policy decisions, this book is an essential tool for urban transportation management researchers and practitioners. Summarizes current fundamental MaaS technologies Shows how to utilize anonymous big data for transportation analysis and problem-solving Illustrates, with data-enabled shared transportation service examples from different countries, the similarities and differences within a global urban mobility framework

Every enterprise needs an understanding of the strategies used by its competitors, and a basic knowledge of how the business environment impacts on its organization before it can formulate a marketing plan. Subjects covered include: * marketing strategy * analyzing the business environment * the customer in the market place * targeting and positioning * marketing mix strategy. This fresh new introductory text examines the nature of competitive marketing strategy, highlights the importance of adopting new marketing practices in order to reap most benefit from the business opportunities of the twenty-first century, and considers how effective management of internal and external relationships is vital to action the strategy. Case studies, case histories and thought-provoking questions make this a valuable resource for students and practising managers alike.

This book constitutes the workshop proceedings of the 16th International Conference on Database Systems for Advanced Applications, DASFAA 2011, held in Hong Kong, China, in April 2011. The volume contains six workshops, each focusing on specific research issues that contribute to the main themes of the DASFAA conference: The First International Workshop on Graph-structured Data Bases (GDB 2011); the First International Workshop on Spatial Information Modeling, Management and Mining (SIM3 2011); the International Workshop on Flash-based Database Systems (FlashDB 2011); the Second International Workshop on Social Networks and Social Media Mining on the Web (SNSMW 2011); the First International Workshop on Data Management for Emerging Network Infrastructures (DaMEN 2011); and the Fourth International Workshop on Data Quality in Integration Systems (DQIS 2011).

This second edition of a GCSE computer studies text includes chapters on personal computers and desktop publishing, spreadsheets and their applications, and detailed case studies illustrating how a computer system can revolutionize the working environment. The Data Protection Act is also included, together with project work, an extended section on coursework, advice on how to revise and hints on how to pass examinations. Key words are explained in the text in context and highlighted with bold type, and also explained in an extensive glossary.

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