

#### **ScPoEconometrics**

#### Summarising, Visualizing and Tidying Data

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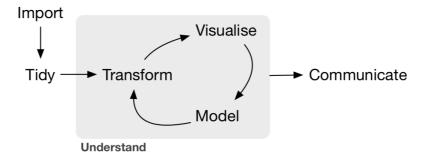
#### Today

- Deeper dive into data wrangling with R:
  - summarizing data,
  - visualisation data,
  - tidying data



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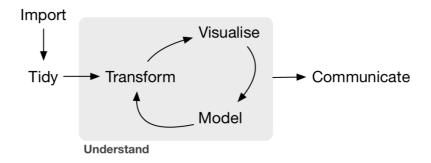
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- According a to 2014 NYTimes article, "data scientists [...] spend from 50 percent to 80 percent of their time mired in this more mundane labor of collecting and preparing unruly digital data, before it can be explored for useful nuggets."
- In the next two lectures you will learn to the basics of summarizing, visualising and tidying data



# The gapminder dataset: Overview

• Let's first load a dataset with these commands:

```
library(dslabs)
gapminder <- gapminder</pre>
```

Here are the first 3 rows

```
head(gapminder, n = 3)
## country year infant_mortality life_expectancy fertility population
                                                                      gdp continent
                                                                                          region
## 1 Albania 1960
                         115.4
                                                 6.19 1636054
                                                                            Europe Southern Europe
                                       62.87
                                                 7.65 11124892 13828152297 Africa Northern Africa
## 2 Algeria 1960
                      148.2
                                       47.50
## 3 Angola 1960
                         208.0
                                       35.98
                                                 7.32 5270844
                                                                       NA Africa Middle Africa
```



# The gapminder dataset: Overview

What variables does this dataset contain?

• tail gives you the last (6) rows.

```
tail(gapminder)
```



# The gapminder dataset: Datatypes

- It's important to know how the data is stored.
- We can use str for that:



# Task 1 (7 minutes)

- Create a new variable called gdppercap corresponding to gdp divided by population
- Which countries had a 2011 GDP per capita greater than 30.000?
- Filter the dataset to only keep the year 2015: gapminder\_2015
- How many countries have an infant mortality in 2015 greater than 90 (per 1000)?
- What is the average life expectancy in Africa in 2015?



# Summarizing

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- Let's look at two features: *central tendency* and *spread*.



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1. mean(x): the average of all values in x.

$$ar{x} = rac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i$$

```
x <- c(1,2,2,2,2,100)
mean(x)

## [1] 18.16667

mean(x) == sum(x) / length(x)

## [1] TRUE</pre>
```

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1. median: the value  $x_j$  below and above which 50% of the values in  $\mathbf{x}$  lie. m is the median if

$$\Pr(X \leq m) \geq 0.5 \text{ and } \Pr(X \geq m) \geq 0.5$$

median(x)

## [1] 2

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• What is confusing is that

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NA == NA
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• It's easy to illustrate like that:

```
# Let x be Mary's age. We don't know how old she
x <- NA

# Let y be John's age. We don't know how old he i
y <- NA

# Are John and Mary the same age?
x == y

## [1] NA

#> [1] NA
# We don't know!
```



# Spread

- Another interesting feature is how much a variable is *spread out* about it's center (the mean in this case).
- The *variance* is such a measure.

$$Var(X) = rac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - ar{x})^2$$

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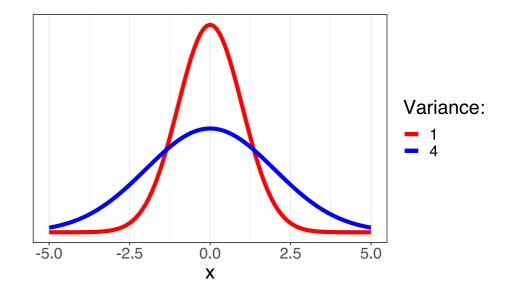


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• Compute with:



# The table function

• table(x) is a useful function that counts the occurrence of each unique value in x:

table(gapminder\$continent)			
## ## Africa Americas Asia ## 2907 2052 2679	•		
table(gapminder\$region)			
## Australia and New Zealand ## 114 ## Eastern Europe ## 570 ## Northern Europe ## 570 ## Southern Europe ## 684	Caribbean 741 Melanesia 285 Polynesia 171 Western Africa 912	Central America 456 Micronesia 114 South America 684 Western Asia 1026	Central Asia 285 Middle Africa 456 South-Eastern Asia 570 Western Europe 399



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```
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## TRUE 49 20 27 0 8
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• With prop. table, we can get proportions:

```
# proportions by row
prop.table(table(gapminder_2015$fertility_above_2,gapminder_2015$continent), margin = 1)
# proportions by column
prop.table(table(gapminder_2015$fertility_above_2,gapminder_2015$continent), margin = 2)
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• 1 To obtain tables or crosstables with NAs, use the useNA = "always" or useNA = "ifany"



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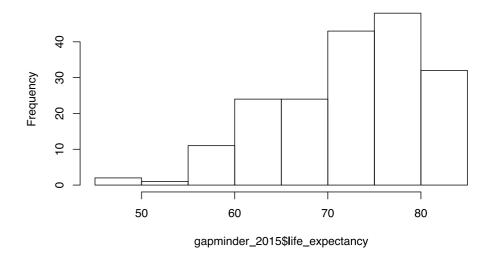


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hist(gapminder\_2015\$life\_expectancy)</pre>

#### Histogram of gapminder\_2015\$life\_expectancy



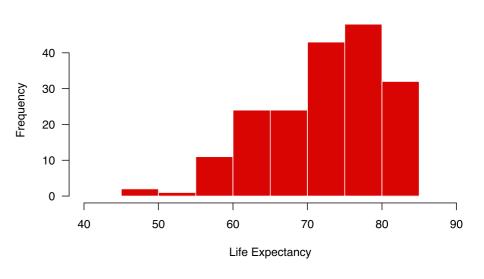


## A Nicer Histogram

- We can give additional arguments to hist.
- Look at ?hist for more.

```
hist(gapminder_2015$life_expectancy,
    xlab = "Life Expectancy",
    main = "Histogram of life expectancy in 2015",
    breaks = seq(from = 40, to = 90, by = 5),
    las = 1, # horizontal y-axis values
    col = "#d90502",
    border = "white")
```

#### Histogram of life expectancy in 2015



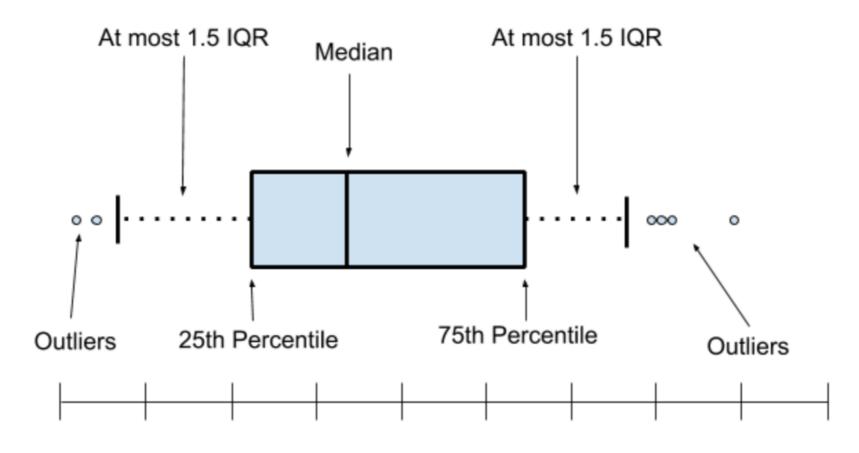


## **Looking for Outliers: Boxplots**

- An *outlier* is a datapoint far removed from the center of a distribution.
- Boxplots are an effective way to visualise the distribution of a variable.
- The *box* typically denotes the **interquartile range** (observations between 25th pctile and 75th pctile).
- The *thick line* corresponds to the **median**.
- The *dots* are **outliers** ( no universally accepted definition).



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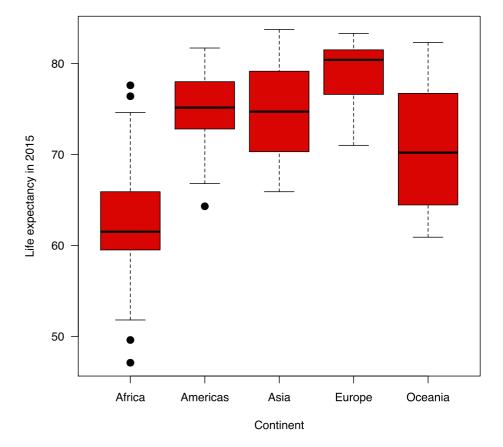
X Axis
Shows data range and labels the values you are graphing.

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```
boxplot(life_expectancy ~ continent,
   data = gapminder_2015,
   xlab = "Continent",
   ylab = "Life expectancy in 2015",
   main = "Life expectancy by continent in 2015",
   pch = 20, cex = 2, # colour and size of outliers
   col ="#d90502",border = "black", las = 1)
```

• see ?boxplot for more options

#### Life expectancy by continent in 2015





#### **Scatter Plots**

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- Two variables x and y
- Natural to ask: How often do certain pairs of  $(x_i,y_i)$  occur?

```
head(gapminder_2015[,c("fertility","infant_mortality")])
         fertility infant_mortality
## 10176
              1.78
                                12.5
              2.71
## 10177
                                21.9
          5.65
2.06
2.15
## 10178
                                96.0
                                 5.8
## 10179
## 10180
                                11.1
## 10181
              1.41
                                12.6
```

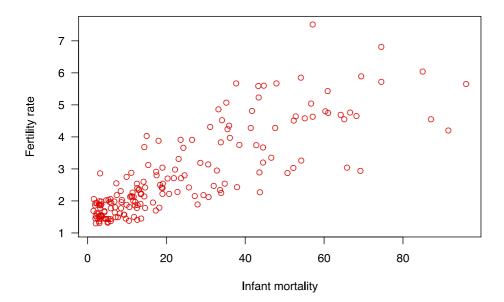
• That's what a scatter plots shows.



#### **Scatter Plots**

```
plot(fertility ~ infant_mortality,
    data = gapminder_2015,
    xlab = "Infant mortality",
    ylab = "Fertility rate",
    main = "Relationship between fertility and infar
    col = "#d90502",
    las = 1)
```

#### Relationship between fertility and infant mortality in 2015

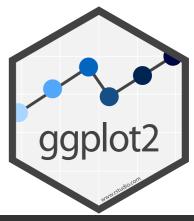


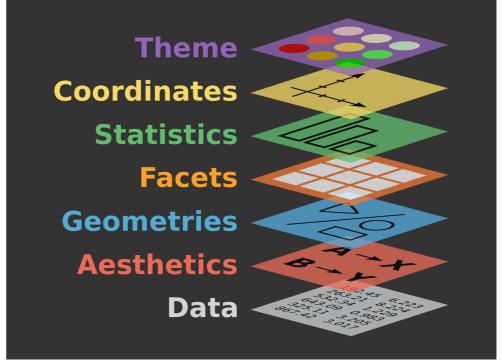
- Each dot is one pair  $(x_i, y_i)$ .
- We often call it one *observation*.
- Corresponding to one *row* of the data.frame.
- Why do some dots appear *darker* than others here?



#### Quick ggplot2 Intro

- Excellent cheatsheet on project website.
- Great intro to ggplot2 here.
- Based on *The Grammar of Graphics* (hence ggplot).
- More powerful than base R plotting
- Let's reproduce the previous graphs in ggplot





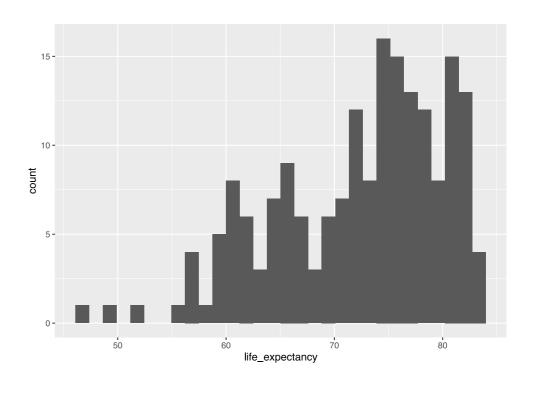


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# ggplot2: Basic Histogram

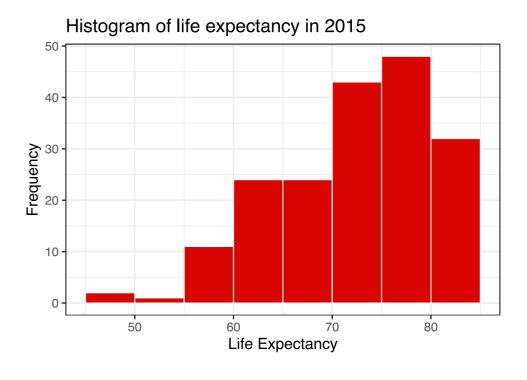
```
library(ggplot2)

ggplot(gapminder_2015,
        aes(x = life_expectancy)) +
    geom_histogram()
```



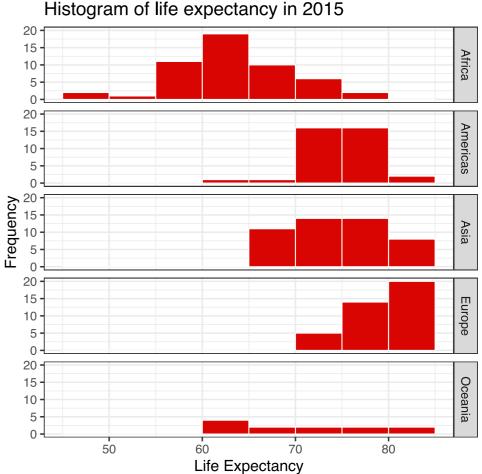


#### ggplot2: Fancy Histogram



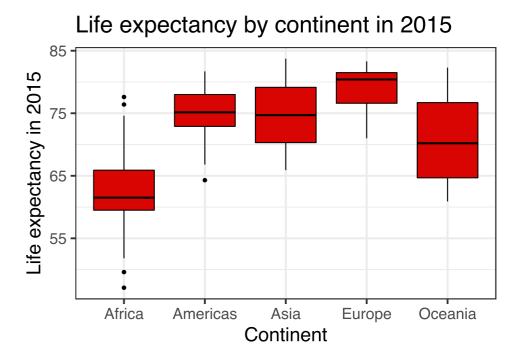


### ggplot2: Fancy Histogram with facet\_grid()





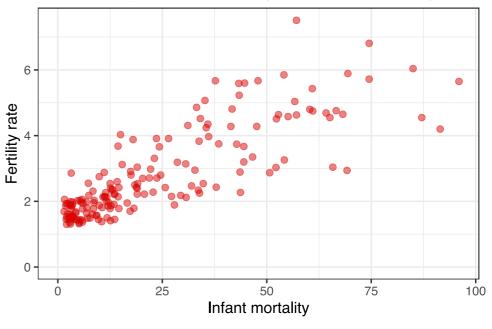
### ggplot2: Boxplots





#### ggplot2: Scatter Plots

#### Relationship between fertility and infant mortality in 20°





#### It's Tutorial Time!



#### Tutorial 1 (10 minutes)

Time for our first tutorial!!

Type this into your RStudio console:

```
library(ScPoEconometrics)
runTutorial('chapter2')
```

If you have trouble with the interactive doc, try this version (no interactive content):

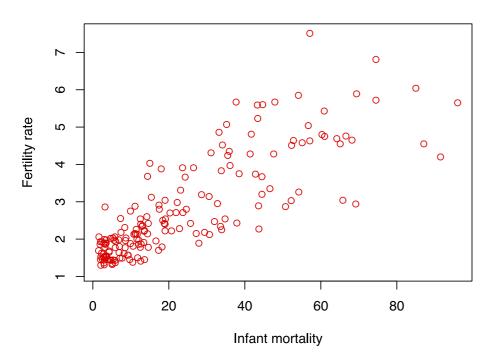
```
ScPoEconometrics::runTutorial('chapter2-script')
```



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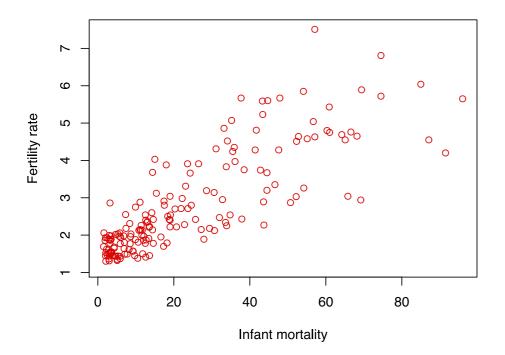




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• The covariance is a measure of **joint variability** of two variables.

$$Cov(x,y) = rac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - ar{x})(y_i - ar{y})$$

## [1] 24.21146

• The correlation is a measure of the strenght of the **linear association** between two variables.

$$Cor(x,y) = rac{Cov(x,y)}{\sqrt(Var(x))\sqrt(Var(y))}$$



## **Correlation App**

```
library(ScPoEconometrics)
runTutorial('correlation')
```

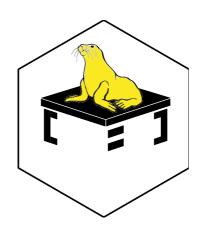


# Wrangling

### Intro to dplyr

- dplyr is part of the tidyverse package family.
- data.table is an alternative. Very fast but a bit more difficult.
- Both have pros and cons. We'll start you off with dplyr.







### dplyr Overview

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#### Verbs

- 1. filter(): Choose observations based on a certain value (i.e. subset)
- 2. arrange(): Reorder rows
- 3. select(): Select variables by name
- 4. mutate(): Create new variables out of existing ones
- 5. summarise(): Summarise variables



#### Data on 2016 US election polls from the dslabs package

• This dataset contains **real** data on polls made during the 2016 US Presidential elections and compiled by **fivethirtyeight** 

```
library(dslabs)
library(dplyr)
data(polls_us_election_2016) # this data is from fivethirtyeight.com
polls_us_election_2016 <- as_tibble(polls_us_election_2016)
head(polls_us_election_2016[,1:6]) # show first 6 lines of first 6 variables</pre>
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 6
    state startdate enddate
                                 pollster
                                                                                            grade samplesize
                      <date>
                                 <fct>
   <fct> <date>
                                                                                            <fct>
                                                                                                       <int>
## 1 U.S. 2016-11-03 2016-11-06 ABC News/Washington Post
                                                                                                        2220
## 2 U.S. 2016-11-01 2016-11-07 Google Consumer Surveys
                                                                                                       26574
## 3 U.S. 2016-11-02 2016-11-06 Ipsos
                                                                                                        2195
                                                                                                        3677
## 4 U.S. 2016-11-04 2016-11-07 YouGov
## 5 U.S. 2016-11-03 2016-11-06 Gravis Marketing
                                                                                                       16639
## 6 U.S. 2016-11-03 2016-11-06 Fox News/Anderson Robbins Research/Shaw & Company Research A
                                                                                                        1295
```

This is a tibble (more informative than data.frame)

What variables does this dataset contain?



### filter(): subset a data.frame

- filter has the same purpose as subset
- Example: Which A graded poll with at least 2,000 people had Trump win at least 45% of the vote?

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filter(polls_us_election_2016,
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## # A tibble: 1 x 15
   state startdate enddate pollster grade samplesize population rawpoll_clinton rawpoll_trump rawpoll_johnson raw
## <fct> <date>
                     <date>
                                <fct>
                                         <fct>
                                                    <int> <chr>
                                                                              <dbl>
                                                                                            <dbl>
                                                                                                            <dbl>
## 1 Indi... 2016-04-26 2016-04-28 Marist ... A
                                                     2149 rv
                                                                                                               NA
## # ... with 2 more variables: adjpoll_johnson <dbl>, adjpoll_mcmullin <dbl>
```



#### Create a Filter: Comparisons and Logical Operators

• We have a standard suite of comparison operators:

```
>: greater than,
<: smaller than,</li>
>=: greater than or equal to,
<=: smaller than or equal to,</li>
!=: not equal to,
=: equal to.
```

• Construct more complex filters with logical operators

```
1. x & y: x and y
2. x | y: x or y
3. !y: not y
```

• R has the convenient x %in% y operator (conversely !(x %in% y)), TRUE if x is a member of y.

```
3 %in% 1:3
## [1] TRUE
c(2,5) %in% 2:10 # also vectorized
## [1] TRUE TRUE
c("S","Po") %in% c("Sciences","Po") # also strin
## [1] FALSE TRUE
```



#### mutate(): create new variables

- Example: What was
  - 1. the combined vote share of Trump and Clinton for each poll?
  - 2. the difference between Trump's raw poll vote share and 538's adjusted vote share?

#### select(): only keep some variables

• *Example*: Only keep the variables

```
state,startdate,enddate,pollster,rawpoll_clinton,rawpoll_trump
```

```
select(polls_us_election_2016,
    state,startdate,enddate,pollster,rawpoll_clinton,rawpoll_trump)
```



#### Task 2 (10 minutes)

- 1. Which polls had more vote intentions for Trump than for Clinton.
- 2. How many polls have a missing grade?
- 3. Which polls were (i) polled by American Strategies, GfK Group or Merrill Poll, *and* (ii) had a sample size greater than 1,000, *and* (iii) started on October 20th, 2016?

For the following questions you should use filter and mutate.

- 1. Which polls (i) did not have missing poll data for Johnson, (ii) had a combined raw poll vote share for Trump and Clinton greater than 95% *and* (iii) had a sample size greater than 1,000.?
- 2. Which polls (i) did not poll for vote intentions for Johnson, (ii) had a difference in raw poll vote shares between Trump and Clinton greater than 5, and (iii) were done in the state of Iowa?



#### Split-Apply-Combine

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```
1. group_by(polls_us_election_2016,
    grade) groups/splits
    polls_us_election_2016 by pollster
    grade:

    polls_grade = group_by(polls_us_election_2016, gr
```

2. summarise each chunk and re-combine



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#### Works for all dplyr verbs:





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