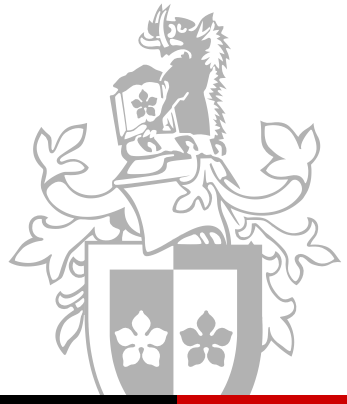
COS30041 Creating Secure and Scalable Software

Lecture 01B – Introduction to Java EE



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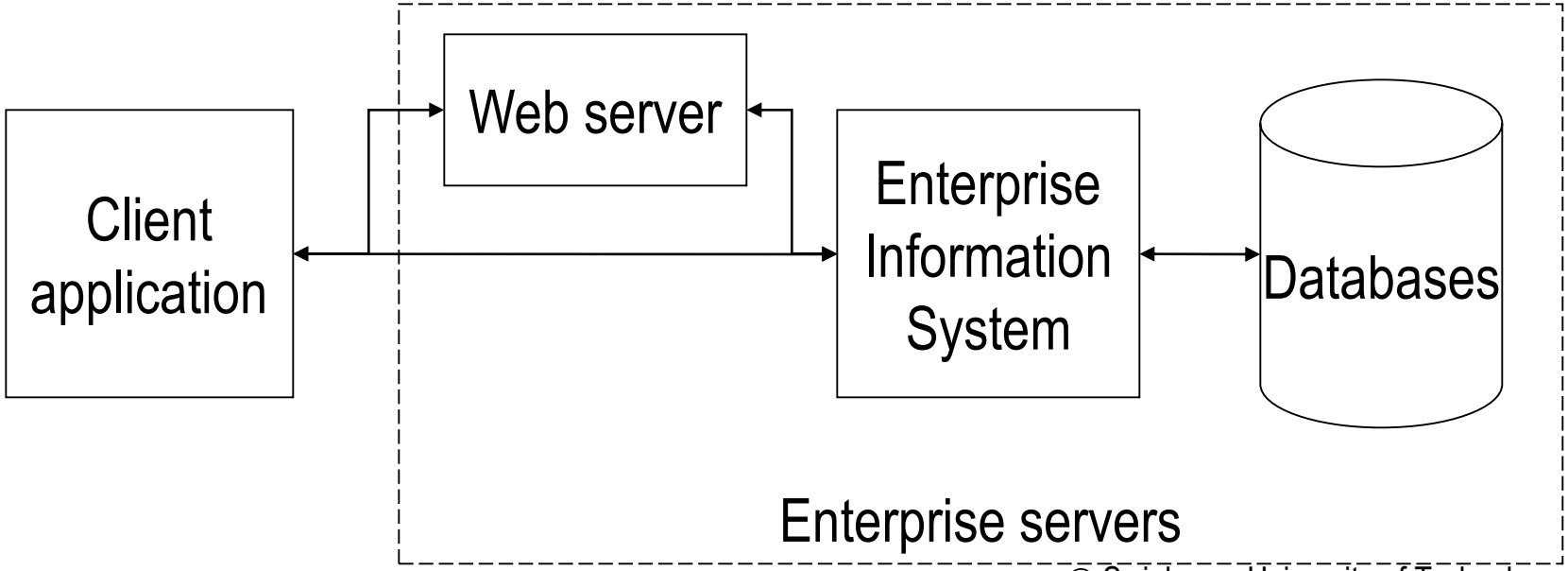
Learning Objectives

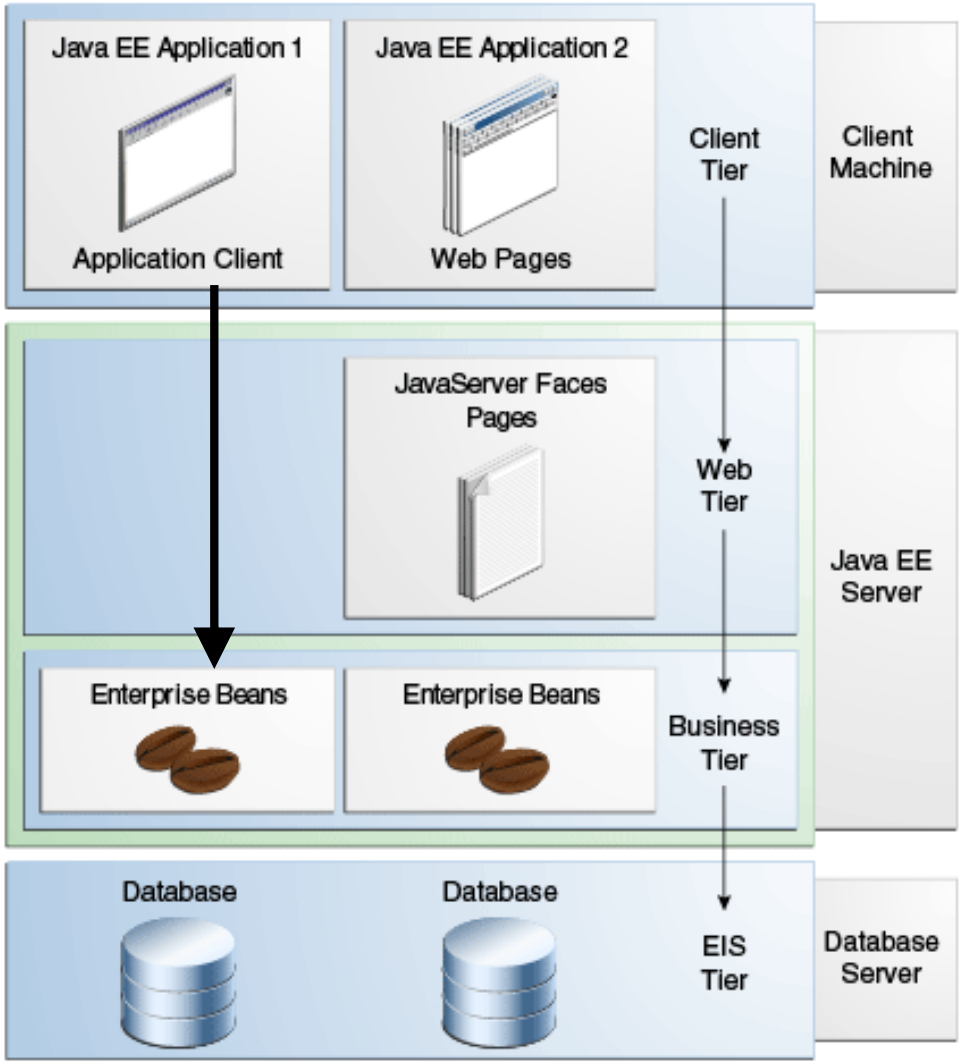
- After studying the lecture material, you will be able to
  - Understand and describe what Java EE is
  - Explain why you want to use Java EE to develop your Enterprise application
  - Explain the 3-tier and 4-tier architecture frameworks of Java EE
  - Explain why there is a need to separate the following tiers
    - Presentation tier
    - Business tier
    - Data tier

Java Enterprise Edition, Java EE

- Collection of APIs and specifications
  - for developing, deploying, and managing multi-tier server-centric applications
- Large-scale business systems
- Distributed environment



Java EE – A Framework (3-Tier / 4-Tier)



Note: Adapted from Fig.1-1 from [JEE7T]

Java EE – Major challenges

- Scalability & Performance
- Security
- Integration
- Development Productivity
- Maintenance
- Portability

Background

- A programming model for building enterprise systems using Java
- Use with different underlying vendor implementations of an enterprise system infrastructure
- Various Java EE or J2EE
  - Java EE 7 (Jun 2013)
  - Java EE 6 (Dec 2009) – EJB version 3.1 [*still to find suitable free ebook*]
  - Java EE 5 (2006) – EJB version 3.0 [free ebook is available]
  - J2EE 1.4 (2003) – EJB version 2.1
  - J2EE 1.3 (2002) – EJB version 2.0

Java EE Technologies

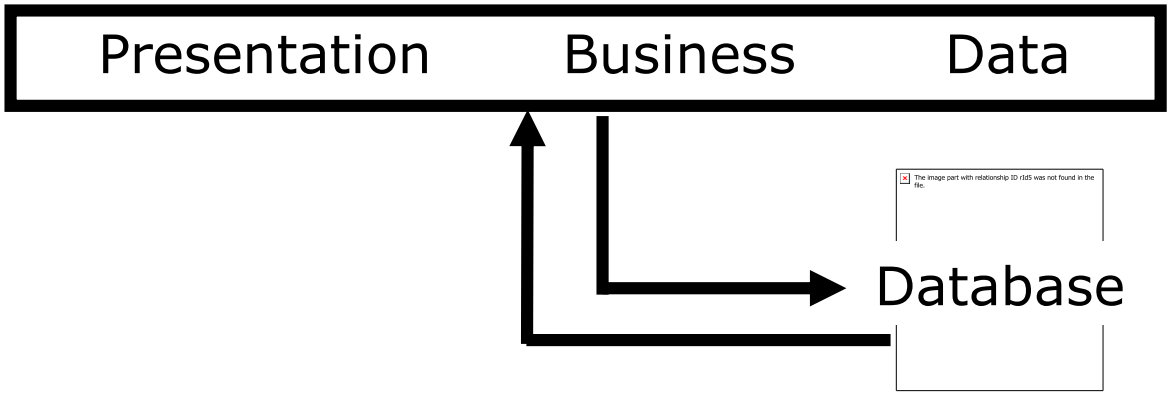
- For Web Tier – Handling web presentation
  - JavaServer Faces
- For Business Tier – Handling business logic
  - Session Bean* (an Enterprise JavaBean, EJB)
  - Message Driven Bean*, MDB (an EJB)
  - Java Message Services*, JMS [used by MDB]

Java EE Technologies (cont'd)

- For Data Tier – Handling data storage (persistence)
  - Java Persistence API* (starting from Java EE 5.0, EJB 3.0)
  - Entity Bean* (an EJB) (J2EE 1.4 or earlier)
- For communication infrastructure
  - Java RMI over IIOP (RMI–IIOP)* - underlying technology for remote objects
  - Java DataBase Connectivity (JDBC)* - underlying technology for database updates
- …

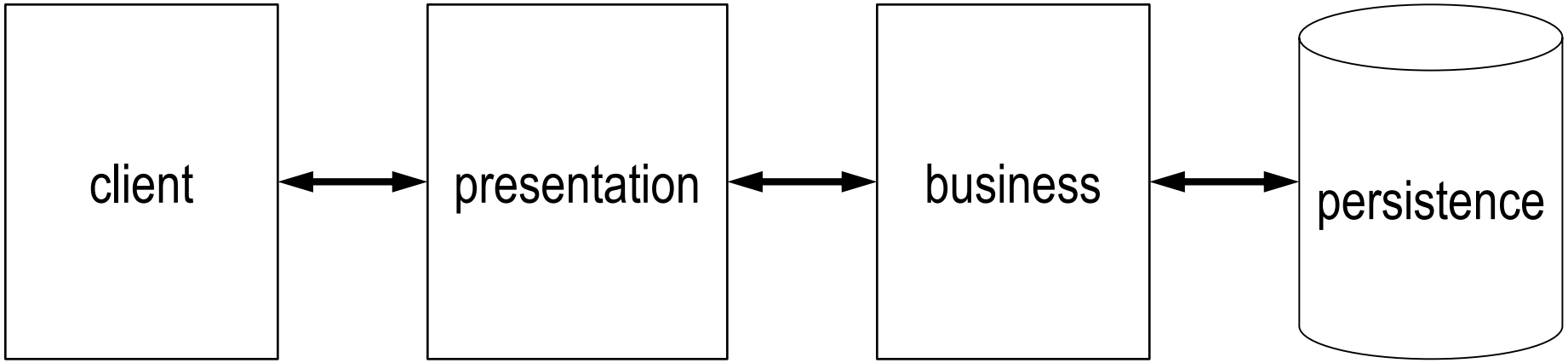
Enterprise Architecture – Good old days

- Use monolithic architectures and ***thick clients***
  - ☐ installation & deployment issues
  - ☐ difficult to modify



Enterprise Architecture – Modern style

- Use different tiers to hold different responsibilities
- Tiers use components to increase modularity
  - Developer productivity
  - Code reuse
  - Maintenance



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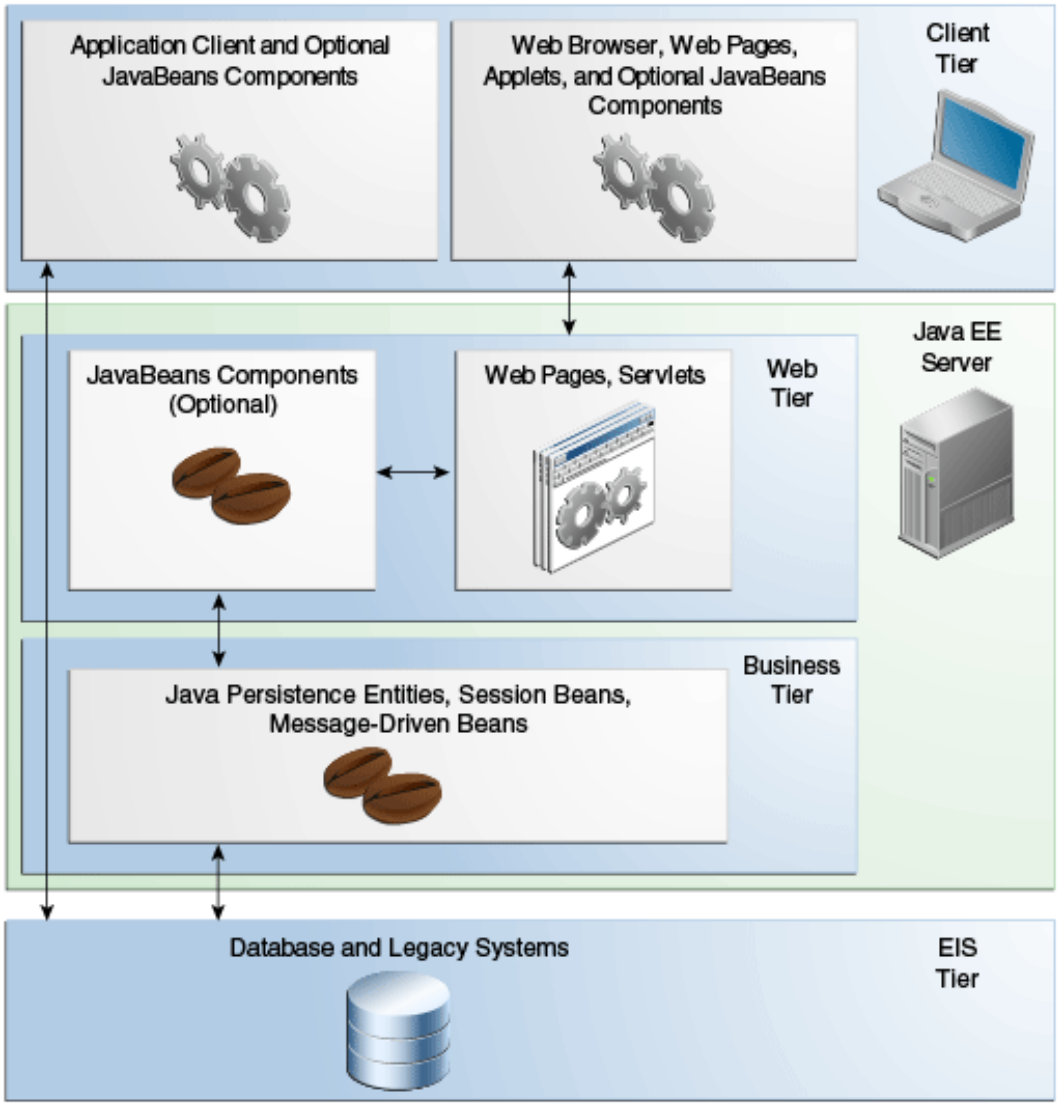

Fig.1-4 from [JEE7T]

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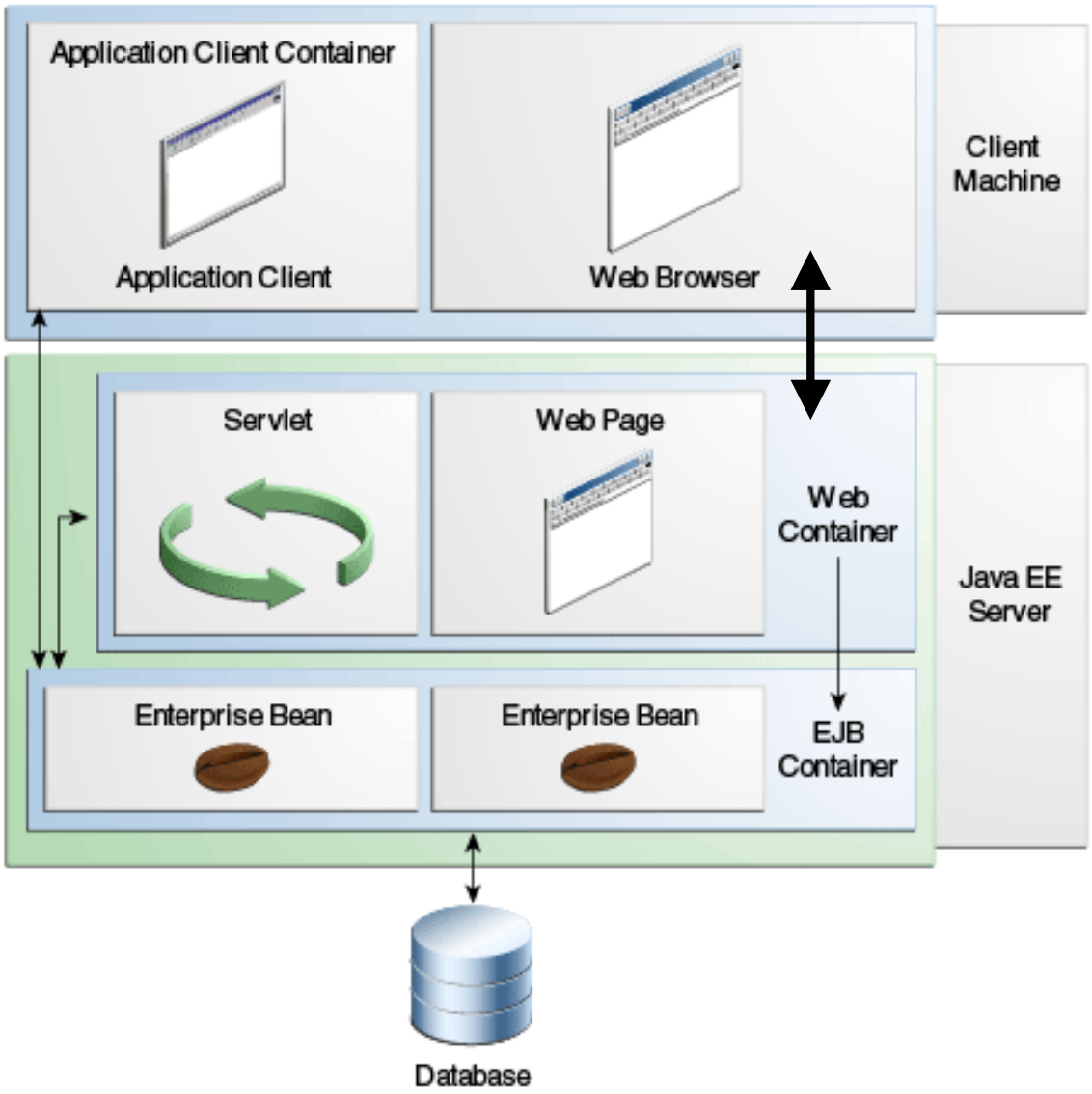

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Components & Containers

Component

- An application level software unit

Container

- A system level “entity” that provides runtime support of all Java EE components
- It controls and runs the components inside it

Components & Containers (cont'd)

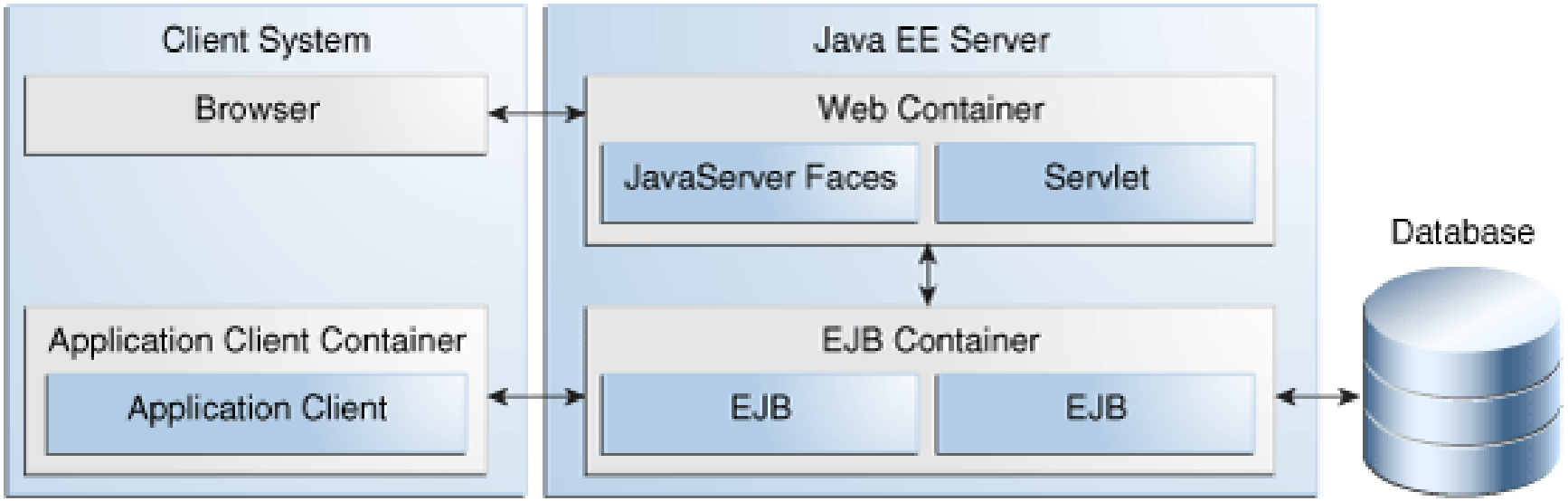

Fig.1-6 from [JEE7T]

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