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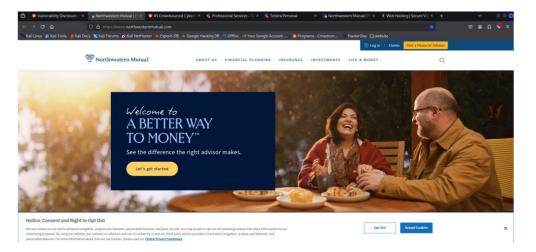
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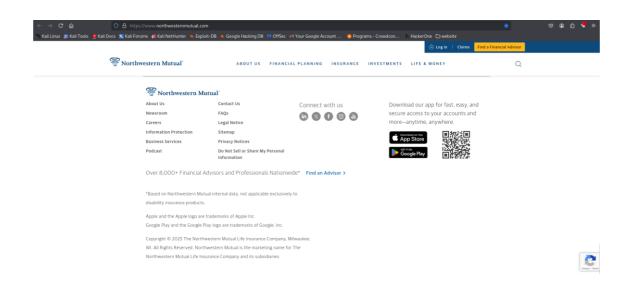
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Domain – https://www.northwesternmutual.com/



- Link https://www.northwesternmutual.com/
- Category Vulnerability Disclosure Program (VDP)
- Type Financial planning and life insurance company.







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1. Sensitive data Exposure

1.1. nslookup & whois Enumeration

```
(binosh@BINZ)-[-/Desktop/WS Assingment/Tools]
$ nstookup northwesternmutual.com
Server: 10.0.2.3
Address: 10.0.2.3#53
Non-authoritative answer:
Name: northwesternmutual.com
Address: 216.20.178.205
```

```
Registrar Abuse Contact Family Commission of the Company Registrar Re
```

```
Tech Name: Domain Administrator
Tech Organization: The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company
Tech Street: 720 East Wisconsin Avenue
Tech City: Milwaukee
Tech City: Milwaukee
Tech State/Province: WI
Tech Postal Code: 53202
Tech Country: US
Tech Phone: 1.4146651444
Tech Phone Ext:
Tech Fans: +1.4146552467
Tech Fax: +1.4146552467
Tech Fax Ext:
Tech Email: webmastergnorthwesternmutual.com
Name Server: ns6.northwesternmutual.com
Name Server: ns6.northwesternmutual.com
Name Server: ns1.northwesternmutual.com
```

The nslookup and whois information that have gathered provides insight into the website's domain and the associated IP address.

Here's how this information could potentially be used by malicious actors.

- Information disclosure
- DNS-related attacks
- Phishing
- Network reconnaissance
- IP address blocking

These are some remedies.

- Ensure that sensitive information such as server IP addresses, software versions, and network configurations are not publicly disclosed.
 - Implement DNS security best practices.
- Educate users about phishing techniques and encourage them to verify the authenticity of emails and websites before providing sensitive information.
 - Regularly audit your network for vulnerabilities.
 - Implement firewall rules and other security measures.



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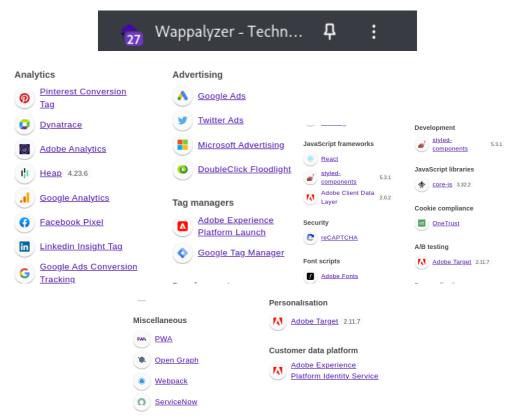
1.2 Retire.js



Summary fo the above vulnerabilities.

Library	Version	Found at	Vulnerability Description	Severity	Reference
		URL			(CVE/GHSA)
Axios	1.6.8	Vendors	Server-Side Request Forgery	High	CVE-2024-39338,
		Main JS	(SSRF) vulnerability		GHSA-8hc4-vh64-
					cxmj
Axios	1.6.8	Vendors	Requests Vulnerable to SSRF	High	CVE-2023-27152,
		Main JS	& Credential Leakage via		GHSA-j5fj-v2jv-69x6
			Absolute URL		

1.3 Wappalyzer



Check for exposed tracking IDs, misconfigured scripts, and excessive data collection that may lead to privacy issues.

Review JavaScript injections, third-party cookie risks, and improper iframe handling.

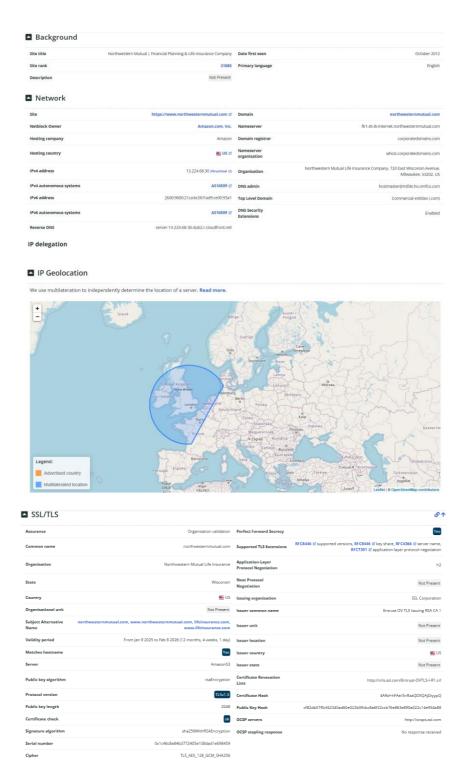


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Identify outdated versions, vulnerable dependencies, and potential supply chain risks. Ensure proper implementation of reCAPTCHA, CSP headers, and anti-CSRF tokens.

1.4 Netcraft





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Certificate Transparency

Signed Certificate Timestamps (SCTs)

Source	Log	Timestamp	Signature Verification
Certificate	Unknown ZBHEDKQS7Ke3HKICLgC8q88089QeNSer6v7VA819zfA∞	2025-01-09 17:31:11	Unknown
Certificate	Unknown GYbuxy1qb/66A294Kk88KarOLXIxb670XX88LSWk39q=	2025-01-09 17:31:11	Unknown
Certificate	Unknown DleuvPouqT42GyyZ87P3kN+bwj1xMixdIaklrGHFTiE=	2025-01-09 17:31:11	Unknown

SSLv3/POODLE

This site does not support the SSL version 3 protocol.

More information about SSL version 3 and the POODLE vulnerability

SSL Certificate Chain



Sender Policy Framework

A host's Sender Policy Framework (SPF) describes who can send mall on its behalf. This is done by publishing an SPF record containing a series of rules &. Each rule consists of a qualifier followed by a specification of which domains to apply this qualifier to. For more information please see open-spf.org &.

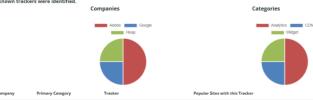
Warning: It appears that this host does not have an SPF record. There may be an SPF record on northwesternmutual.com: Check the site report

Setting up an SPF record helps prevent the delivery of forged emails from your domain. Please note that an SPF record will only protect the domain it is added to and not any mail-enabled subdomains & it is recommended to add an SPF record to any subdomain with an MX record.

Web Trackers

Web Trackers are third-party resources loaded onto a webpage. Trackable resources include social sharing widgets, Javascript files, and images. These trackers can be used to monitor individual user behaviour across the web. Data derived from these trackers are primarily used for advertising or analytics purposes.

4 known trackers were identified



Company	Filliary Category	Hecker	ropular sites with this fraction
Adobe 🗹	Analytics	Adobemarketingcloud	www.canada.ca, www.ibm.com, www.dhl.de
Adobe &	CDN	Adobe TypeKit Web Fonts	www.newsnow.com, www.kaldata.com, www.comptia.org
Google 🗹	Widget	Googlewidget	www.lifattoquotidiano.it, www.behance.net, www.kaggle.com

Heap Analytics Analytics Ifetched today)

Cloud & PaaS

Cloud computing is the use of computing resources (hardware and software) that are delivered as a service over a network (typically the Internet). Platform as a service (PaaS) is a category of cloud computing services that provide a computing platform and a solution stack as a service.

Technology	Description	Popular sites using this technology
Amazon Web Services - S3 📽	Cloud storage service (Simple Storage Service)	www.eccouncil.org, www.nike.com, www.techtarget.com
Amazon Web Services - CloudFront ☑	Amazon Content Delivery Network	www.imdb.com, www.primevideo.com, www.wappalyzer.com

Server-Sid

Includes all the main technologies that Netcraft detects as running on the server such as PHP.

Technology	Description	Popular sites using this technology
SSL &	A cryptographic protocol providing communication security over the Internet	

Client-Side

Includes all the main technologies that run on the browser (such as JavaScript and Adobe Flash).

Technology	Description	Popular sites using this technology
JavaScript &	Widely-supported programming language commonly used to power client- side dynamic content on websites	www.deepl.com, www.netflix.com, www.amazon.com
Asynchronous Javascript	No description	www.microsoft.com, www.tiktok.com, www.virustotal.com



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Client-Side Scripting Frameworks

rameworks or libraries allow for easier development of applications by providing an Application Program Interface (API) or a methodology to follow whilst developing,

Technology	Description	Popular sites using this technology
Adobe TypeKit Web Fonts	No description	www.behance.net, www.kaldata.com, www.newsnow.co.uk

Content Delivery Network

A content delivery network or content distribution network (CDN) is a large distributed system of servers deployed in multiple data centers in the Internet. The goal of a CDN is to serve content to end-users with high availability and high performance.

Technology	Description	Popular sites using this technology
Cloudfront	No description	www.crunchyroll.com, www.amazon.es, www.amazon.fr

Character Encoding

A character encoding system consists of a code that pairs each character from a given repertoire with something else such as a bit pattern, sequence of natural numbers, octets, or electrical pulses in order to facilitate the transmission of data (generally numbers or text) through telecommunication networks or for data storage.

Technology	Description	Popular sites using this technology
UTF8 &	UCS Transformation Format 8 bit	www.twitch.tv, www.amazon.de, discord.com

HTTP Compression

HTTP compression is a capability that can be built into web servers and web clients to make better use of available bandwidth, and provide greater transmission speeds between both.

Technology	Description	Popular sites using this technology
Gzip Content Encoding 🗹	Gzip HTTP Compression protocol	www.lobthai.com. www.amazon.co.ip. www.expedia.com

Web Browser Targeting

Web browser targeting enables software applications to make use of specific functions of the browser as well as optimizing the application for specific browser versions.

Technology	Description	Popular sites using this technology
X-Content-Type-Options ☑	Browser MIME type sniffing is disabled	docs.google.com, mail.google.com
Document Compatibility Mode 😢	A meta-tag used in Internet Explorer 8 to enable compatibility mode	erp.fxpro.com, chat.deepseek.com, app.powerbi.com
X-Frame-Options Same Origin	Do not allow this site to be rendered within an iframe	
Strict Transport Security &	Web security policy mechanism whereby a web server declares that complying user agents are to interact with it using only secure HTTP connections	
X-XSS-Protection Block 🗹	Block pages on which cross-site scripting is detected	teams.microsoft.com
Referrer Policy 😢	Restrict referrer information included in subsequent requests	www.perplexity.ai, www.startpage.com, paragon-fe.amazon.com
Strict-Transport-Security (including subdomains)	No description	

Doctype

A Document Type Declaration, or DOCTYPE, is an instruction that associates a particular SGML or XML document (for example, a webpage) with a Document Type Definition (DTD).

Technology	Description	Popular sites using this technology
HTML5 ₺	Latest revision of the HTML standard, the main markup language on the web.	www.linkedin.com, webmail.vinccihoteles.com, accounts.google.com

HTML 5

HTML5 is a markup language for structuring and presenting content for the World Wide Web and a core technology of the Internet. It is the fifth revision of the HTML standard.

Technology	Description	Popular sites using this technology
Viewport meta tag	HTML5 tag usually used for mobile optimization	chatgpt.com

CSS Usage

Cascading Style Sheets (CSS) is a style sheet language used for describing the presentation semantics (the look and formatting) of a document written in a markup language (such a XHTML).

Technology	Description	Popular sites using this technology
External 🗹	Styles defined within an external CSS file	stackoverflow.com, mail.yahoo.com



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1.5 Katana

1.6 SecretFinder

cat ~/ north /katana.txt | while read url; do python3 SecretFinder.py -i \$url -o cli >> ~/north/SecretFinder.txt; done

The aim of using this tool is to read URLs from the katana.txt file and then utilize SecretFinder.py to find sensitive data in those URLs and output them into the SecretFinder.txt file.

python3 SecretFinder.py -i ''\$url'' -o cli >> \sim /north/SecretFinder.txt \rightarrow To run SecretFinder.py for each URL (\$url), specifying the input URL with -i, output format as CLI with -o cli, and appends the output to SecretFinder.txt.

Potential SIDs were detected. Need to validate them before utilizing them.



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2. Firewall Detection

2.1. Wafw00f

AWS Elastic Load Balancer (Amazon) was detected as the firewall that is being used. There is a single known vulnerability in AWS Elastic Load Balancer (Amazon). Need to be cautious about it and regular updates are a necessity.

3. Multi tool web Vulnerability Scanning

3.1 Rapidscan

```
(binosh®BINZ)-[~/Desktop/WS Assingment/Tools/rapidscan]
$ python3 rapidscan.py -u "https://www.gapinc.com/en-us/"
```

Doesn't have IPv6 Address

```
Vulnerability Threat Level
into Does not have an IPv6 Address, It is good to have one.

Vulnerability Definition

Use a vulnerability, just an informational elect. The host does not have IPv6 support. IPv6 provides nore security as itses (responsible for CIA - confidentiality, vulnerability and information to this model is at 19 pool to have IPv6 support.

Vulnerability Remediation
It is recommended to implement IPv6. More information on how to implement IPv6 can be found from this resource. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/solutions/collateral/enterprise/cisco-on-cisco/lPv6-Implementation_CS.html
```

An RDP server was detected over UDP, posing a high-risk vulnerability that could allow attackers to exploit remote access, crash the service, or attempt brute-force authentication. Restricting access and securing configurations is strongly advised.



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4. OWASP ZAP

```
> 🏴 Vulnerable JS Library (3)
    Absence of Anti-CSRF Tokens
    Content Security Policy (CSP) Header Not Set
    Pu Cross-Domain Misconfiguration (9)
                                                                                                                                                > 🎮 Cookie Poisoning (29)
> Nulnerable JS Library
                                                                                                                                                        > 🎮 Information Disclosure - Suspicious Comment
> Pa Cookie No HttpOnly Flag (3)
                                                                                                                                                   > 🎮 Loosely Scoped Cookie (15)
Name Site Attribute None
    Cross-Domain JavaScript Source File Inclusion > Nodern Web Application (4)
> Name of the second se
    Server Leaks Version Information via "Server" > 🎮 Re-examine Cache-control Directives (54)
    ^{\square} Strict-Transport-Security Header Not Set (26 > ^{\square} Retrieved from Cache (47)
     Timestamp Disclosure - Unix (132)
    X-Content-Type-Options Header Missing (10) > 
ightharpoonse 
ightharpoonse  Session Management Response Identified (16)
```

There are 1 high risk alert and 4 medium ,8 low risk alerts shown above.

```
Vulnerable JS Library
LIRI ·
             https://www.northwestern mutual.com/react-assets/templates/vendors{\sim} main.df7b945e.js
Risk:
             M High
Confidence: Medium
Parameter:
Attack:
Evidence:
             return"[Axios v1.6.8] Transitional
CWF ID:
            1395
WASC ID:
Source:
            Passive (10003 - Vulnerable JS Library (Powered by Retire.js))
Input Vector:
 Description:
 The identified library appears to be vulnerable.
 Other Info:
 The identified library axios, version 1.6.8 is vulnerable.
 CVE-2024-39338
```

Absence of Anti-CSRF Tokens

URL: https://www.northwesternmutual.com/private-wealth-management/
Risk: Medium

Confidence: Low
Parameter:
Attack:
Evidence: /">

Come class="sc-iju/qt bfmjQS sc-ixNrWl eksAjh" method="POST" id="private-wealth-management-pcg-directory-form" action="
/">

CWE ID: 352
WASC ID: 9

Source: Passive (10202 - Absence of Anti-CSRF Tokens)
Input Vector:
Description:
No Anti-CSRF tokens were found in a HTML submission form.
A cross-sile request forgery is an eattack that involves forcing a victim to send an HTTP request to a target destination without their knowledge or intent in order to perform an action as the victim. The underlying cause is application functionality using predictable

Other Info:
No Norwan Anti-CSRF token fanticsrf. CSRFToken. RequestVerificationToken. csrfmiddlewaretoken. authenticity token.

Confidence: High
Parameter:
Attack:
Evidence:
CWE ID: 693
WASC ID: 15
Source: Passive (10038 - Content Security Policy (CSP) Header Not Set)
Alert Reference: 10038-1
Input Vector:
Description:
Content Security Policy (CSP) is an added layer of security that helps to detect and mitigate certain types of attacks, including Cross Site Scripting (XSS) and data injection attacks. These attacks are used for everything from data theft to site defacement or distribution of malware. CSP provides a set of standard HTTP headers that allow website owners to declare approved sources of content that browsers



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```
Cross-Domain Misconfiguration

URL: https://use.typekit.net/kyp5dev.css
Risk: № Medium

Confidence: Medium

Parameter:
Attack:
Evidence: Access-Control-Allow-Origin: *

CWE ID: 264

WASC ID: 14

Source: Passive (10098 - Cross-Domain Misconfiguration)

Input Vector:
Description:

Web browser data loading may be possible, due to a Cross Origin Resource Sharing (CORS) misconfiguration on the web server.
```

```
Vulnerable IS Library
URL:
            https://www.northwestern mutual.com/template/assets/3.10.9/js/nmx-template.js\\
Confidence: Medium
Parameter:
Attack:
Evidence:
            /*! @license DOMPurify 3.1.5
CWF ID:
            1395
WASC ID:
Source:
            Passive (10003 - Vulnerable JS Library (Powered by Retire.js))
Input Vector:
 Description:
 The identified library appears to be vulnerable.
 Other Info:
 The identified library DOMPurify, version 3.1.5 is vulnerable.
CVE-2025-26791
```

5. Injection

5.1 Uniscan

With root privileges can start the scanning.

```
uniscan -u <a href="https://www.northwesternmutual.com/">https://www.northwesternmutual.com/</a> -qd qd \rightarrow To enable directory and dynamic checks.
```

The scan results indicate that the crawler successfully found one URL during the crawling process. However, the scan did not find any vulnerabilities or issues related to FCKeditor File Upload, Web Backdoors, Source Code Disclosure, PHPinfo() Disclosure, E-mails, File Upload Forms, External Hosts, or Timthumb < 1.33 vulnerability.



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Dynamic tests:
| Plugin name: Learning New Directories v.1.2 Loaded.
| Plugin name: FCKedior tests v.1.1 Loaded.
| Plugin name: FCKedior tests v.1.1 Loaded.
| Plugin name: Finthumb <= 1.32 vulnerability v.1 Loaded.
| Plugin name: Find Backup Files v.1.2 Loaded.
| Plugin name: Blind SQL-injection tests v.1.3 Loaded.
| Plugin name: Local File Include tests v.1.1 Loaded.
| Plugin name: PGGI Argument Injection v.1.1 Loaded.
| Plugin name: Remote Command Execution tests v.1.2 Loaded.
| Plugin name: Remote File Include tests v.1.2 Loaded.
| Plugin name: SQL-injection tests v.1.2 Loaded.
| Plugin name: Cross-Site Scripting tests v.1.2 Loaded.
| Plugin name: Web Shell Finder v.1.3 Loaded.
| Plugin name: Web Shell Finder v.1.3 Loaded.
| FCKeditor tests:
| Skipped because https://www.northwesterrnmutual.com/testing123 did not return the code 404



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6. Using Components with Known Vulnerabilities

6.1. Nmap

Nmap can be used to find the servers running in the domain as well as their versions along with the port numbers.

namp -sV -v https://www.northwesternmutual.com/

```
(binosh@ BINZ)-[-/Desktop/WS Assingment/Tools]

Snamp -sV -v northwesternmutual.com
Starting Namp -sV -v horthwesternmutual.com
Starting Namp -sV -v horthwesternmutual.com
NSE: Loaded 47 scripts for scanning.
Initiating Ping Scan at 12:20
Scanning northwesternmutual.com (216.20.178.205) [4 ports]
Completed Ping Scan at 12:20, 0.025 elapsed (1 total hosts)
Initiating Parallel DMS resolution of 1 host. at 12:20
Completed Parallel DMS resolution of 1 host. at 12:20, 0.355 elapsed
Initiating SVM Stealth Scan at 12:20
Scanning northwesternmutual.com (216.20.178.205) [1000 ports]
Discovered open port 80/tcp on 216.20.178.205
Siscovered open port 80/tcp on 216.20.178.205
Siscovered open port 843/tcp on 216.20.178.205
Siscovered open port 843/tcp on 216.20.178.205
Siscovered open port 843/tcp on 216.20.178.205
Siscovered open port 80/tcp on 216.20.20/78.205
Siscovered open port 80/tcp on 216.20.20/78.205
Siscovered open port 80/tcp on 216.20.178.205
Siscovered open port 80/tcp on 216.20.20/78.205
Siscovered open port 80/tcp on 216.20.178.205
Siscovered open port 80/tcp on 216.20.20
Siscovered open port 80/tcp on 216.20.20
Siscovered open port 443/tcp on 21
                                                                                     25-TCP:V=7.95%1=7%D=5/4%Time=68173F6E%P=x86_64-pc-linux-gnu%r(Hello
"552\x20Invalid\x20domain\x20name\x20in\x20EHLO\x20command\.\r\n");
Info: Device: load balancer
                                                      data files from: /usr/share/nmap
ice detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 40.35 seconds
Raw packets sent: 3011 (132.416KB) | Rcvd: 17 (700B)
```

Even if the open ports are discovered the specific versions were not discoverable. One or more of the following factors could be the reason for it.

Firewall Restrictions – The target system may have a firewall that is blocking the version detection probes used by nmap.

Service Configuration – The service on the target system may be configured not to respond to version detection requests.

Privilege Level – The nmap scan may not have sufficient privileges to determine the service versions.

Even if, it is noticeable that the following ports are open.

- 1. Port $25 \rightarrow SMTP$
- 2. Port $80 \rightarrow HTTP$
- 4. Port $443 \rightarrow HTTPS$

And it is also notable that F5 BIG-IP load balancer http proxy is being used on HTTP processes. Despite conducting an aggressive Nmap scan, no results were obtained.

nmap -A northwesternmutual.com



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Mitigation methods

- Use dependency management tools to monitor and patch vulnerabilities.
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- Implement CSRF protection mechanisms (e.g., synchronizer tokens or SameSite cookies).
- Use security frameworks that provide built-in CSRF defense.
- Define a strict CSP to control resource loading and mitigate XSS attacks.
- Limit script execution by enforcing **script-src** 'self' policy.
- Avoid exposing sensitive times timestamps in responses or metadata.
- Implement format standardization to reduce fingerprinting

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