

BJT: Bipolar Junction Transistor



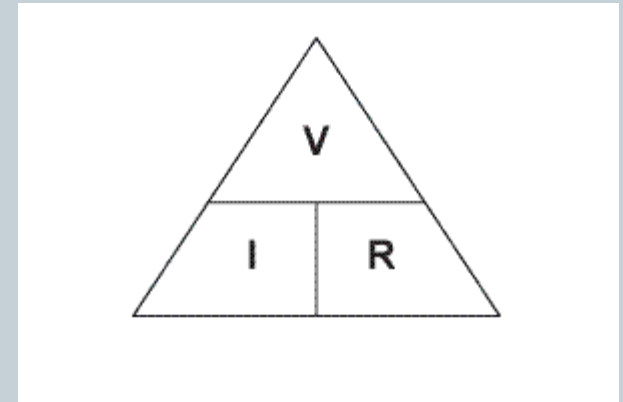
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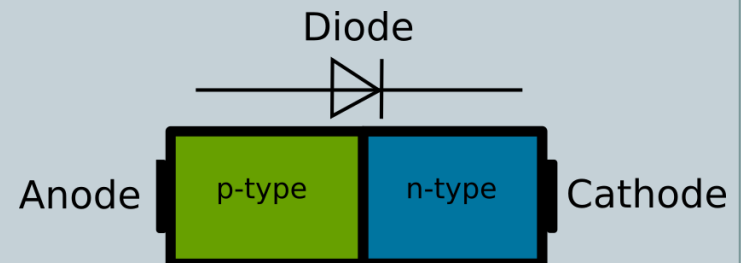
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- Kirchhoff's Voltage law
- Kirchhoff's Current law
- Diode: single PN junction
 - Steering diode
 - Zener diode



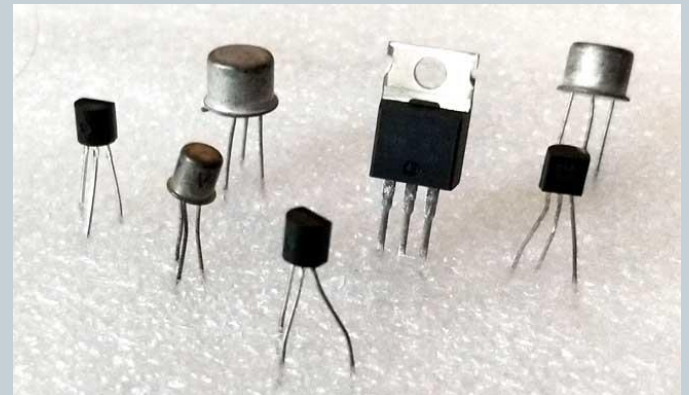
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Today's Lecture

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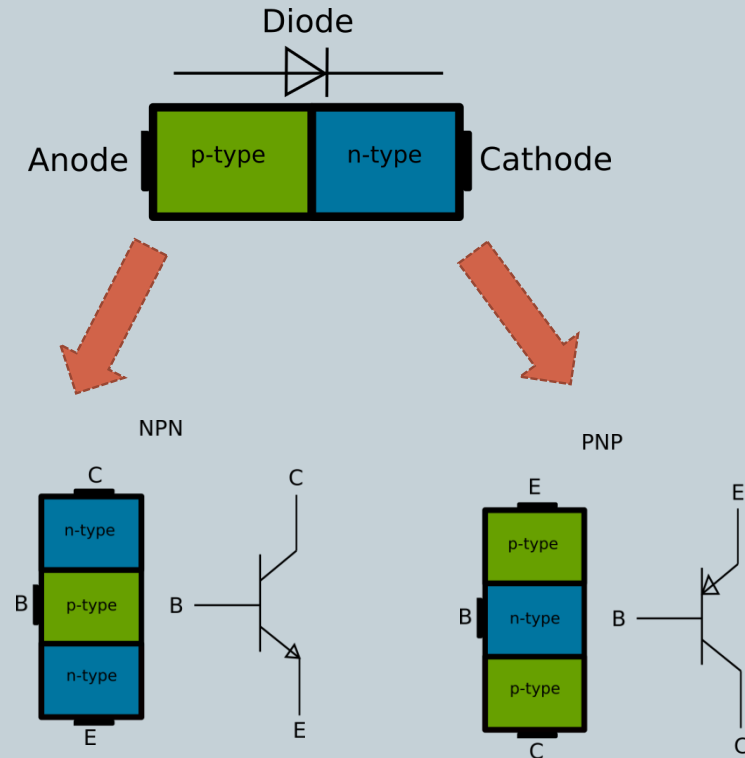
- Transistor basics!
 - Introduction to transistors
 - Current amplification (active mode)
 - Cutoff and saturation mode
- Basis of all electrical components



Bipolar Junction Transistor (BJT) Basics

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- **Transistor:**
 - Builds on from the diode model
 - Two PN junctions
 - Amplifies current
- **Two types of BJT transistors**
 - NPN
 - PNP
- **Each layer has a name and a wire connected to it**
 - Base
 - Emitter
 - Collector
- **Arrow indicates what type of transistor it is**



Rules for Amplification

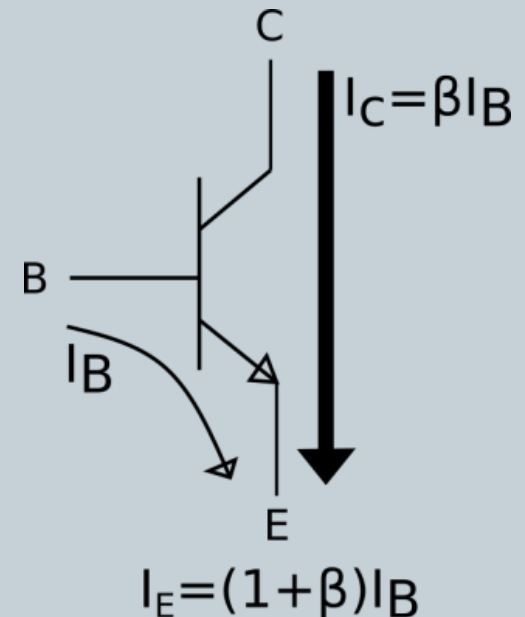
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1. To turn on the transistor (NPN):

- $V_B > V_E + V_{SAT}$
- What is V_{SAT} ?
 - ✦ Saturation voltage

• Equations governing the transistor:

1. $I_C = \beta I_B$
 2. $I_E = (1 + \beta) I_B$
- What is β ?
 - ✦ Also known as h_{FE}
 - ✦ It is the gain of the transistor



NPN Properties

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Electrical Characteristics ($T_a = 25^\circ\text{C}$ unless specified otherwise)

Description	Symbol	Test Condition	Value		Unit
			Minimum	Maximum	
Collector Emitter Breakdown Voltage	BV_{CEO}	$I_C = 10\text{mA}, I_B = 0$	30	-	V
Collector Base Breakdown Voltage	BV_{CBO}	$I_C = 10\mu\text{A}, I_E = 0$	60	-	
Emitter Base Breakdown Voltage	V_{EBO}	$I_E = 10\mu\text{A}, I_C = 0$	5	-	
Collector Leakage Current	I_{CBO}	$V_{CB} = 50\text{V}, I_E = 0$	-	10	nA
		$V_{CB} = 50\text{V}, I_E = 0$ $T_a = 150^\circ\text{C}$		10	μA
Collector Emitter Saturation Voltage	$*V_{CE(\text{Sat})}$	$I_C = 150\text{mA}, I_B = 15\text{mA}$ $I_C = 500\text{mA}, I_B = 50\text{mA}$	-	0.4 1.6	V
Base Emitter Saturation Voltage	$*V_{BE(\text{Sat})}$	$I_C = 150\text{mA}, I_B = 15\text{mA}$ $I_C = 500\text{mA}, I_B = 50\text{mA}$	0.6	1.3 2.6	

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			Minimum	Maximum	
DC Current Gain	h_{FE}	$I_C = 0.1\text{mA}, V_{CE} = 10\text{V}^*$ $I_C = 1\text{mA}, V_{CE} = 10\text{V}$ $I_C = 10\text{mA}, V_{CE} = 10\text{V}^*$ $I_C = 150\text{mA}, V_{CE} = 1\text{V}^*$ $I_C = 150\text{mA}, V_{CE} = 1\text{V}^*$ $I_C = 500\text{mA}, V_{CE} = 10\text{V}^*$	35 50 75 50 100 30	300	-
Dynamic Characteristics					
Transition Frequency	f_t	$I_C = 20\text{mA}, V_{CE} = 20\text{V}$ $f = 100\text{MHz}$	250	-	MHz
Output Capacitance	C_{ob}	$V_{CB} = 10\text{V}, I_E = 0$ $f = 100\text{kHz}$	-	8	pF
Input Capacitance	C_{ib}	$V_{EB} = 0.5\text{V}, I_C = 0$ $f = 100\text{kHz}$	-	30	
Switching Characteristics					
Delay Time	t_d	$I_C = 150\text{mA}, I_{B1} = 15\text{mA}$	-	10	ns
Rise Time	t_r	$V_{CC} = 30\text{V}, V_{BE(\text{off})} = 0.5\text{V}$	-	25	
Storage Time	t_s	$I_C = 150\text{mA}, I_{B1} = 15\text{mA}$	-	225	
Fall Time	t_f	$I_{B2} = 15\text{mA}, V_{CC} = 30\text{V}$	-	60	

*Pulse Condition: Pulse Width $\leq 300\mu\text{s}$, Duty Cycle $\leq 2\%$.

Common Collector (NPN)

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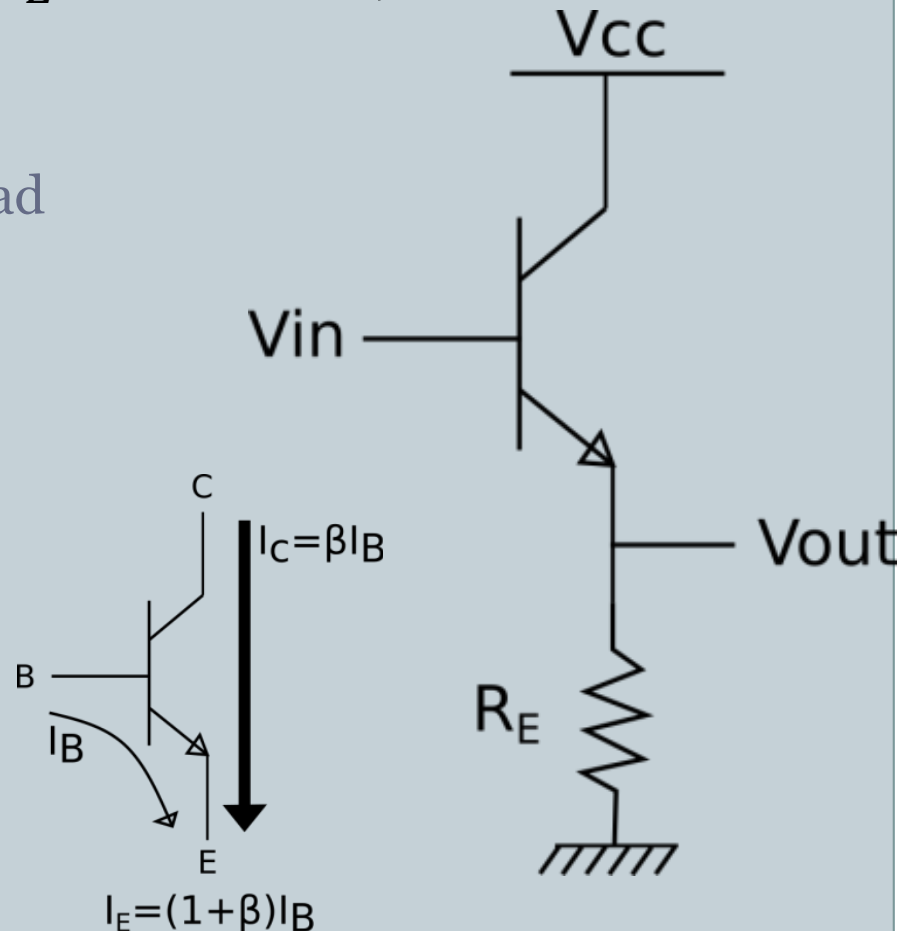
- If: $R_E = 1k, V_{CC} = 5V$ (Often R_E is the load)
- According to rule 1:

- $V_{out} = V_{in} - 0.6$
- Can vary the voltage across the load

- If:

- $V_{in} = 5V$
- $V_{out} = V_{in} - 0.6$
- $I_E = \frac{V_{out}}{R_E} = \frac{5-0.6}{1000} = 4.4mA$
- $I_E = (1 + \beta)I_B$
- $\therefore I_B = \frac{I_E}{(1+\beta)} = \frac{0.0044}{101} = 43.6\mu A$

- What if $V_{in} = 3V$?



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- If: $R_1 = 500\Omega$, $R_B = 10K\Omega$, $V_1 = 2V$

- $V_{Forward LED} = 1.5V$

- According to rule 1:

- $V_B = V_E + 0.6 = 0.6V$

- $\therefore I_B = \frac{V_1 - V_B}{R_B} = 14mA$

- According to governing equations:

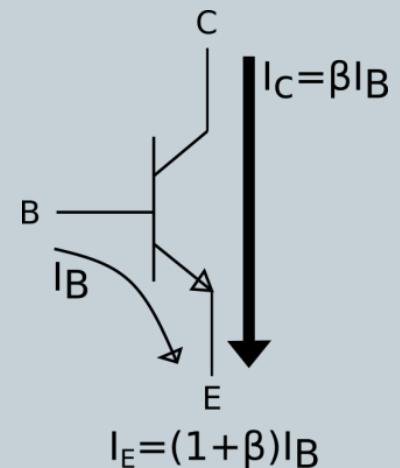
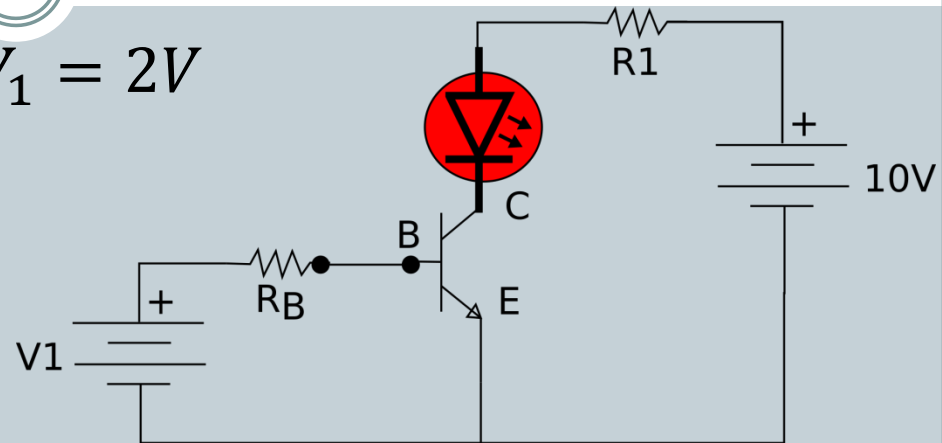
- $I_C = \beta I_B = 100 \times 14mA = 1.4A$

- Maximum current due to load:

- $I_{max} \approx \frac{10 - V_{Forward LED}}{R_1} = 17mA$

- **IMPOSSIBLE!**

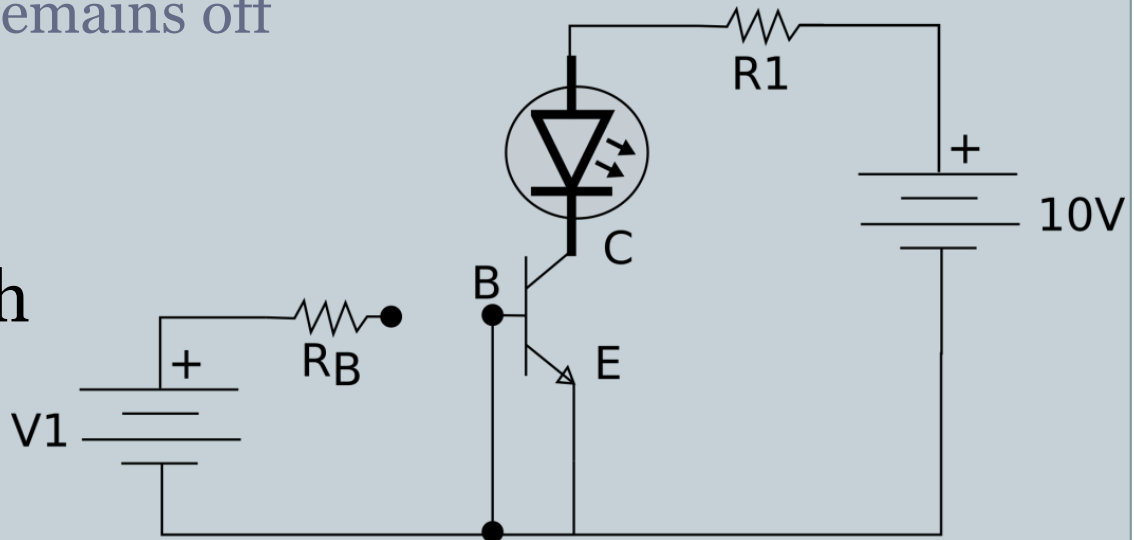
- Transistor enters saturation mode!



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- $V_{Forward\ LED} = 1.5V$
- $V_B = 0V$
 - $V_B \not\geq V_E + V_{SAT}$
 - Therefore transistor remains off
 - $I_C = 0A$
- Cutoff mode
- Operates as a switch



Summary

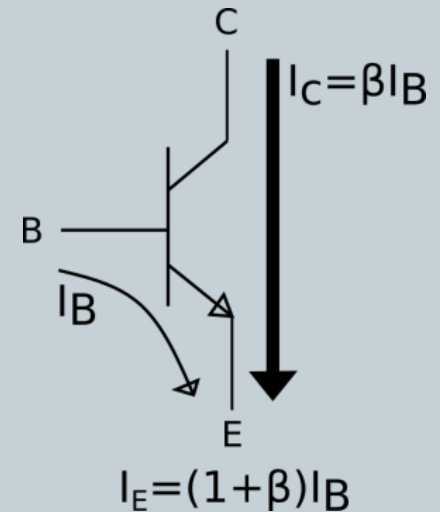
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Homework

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- We require 30 mA flowing through the LED (forward voltage of 1.5V), $R_1 = 100\Omega$
- Calculate:

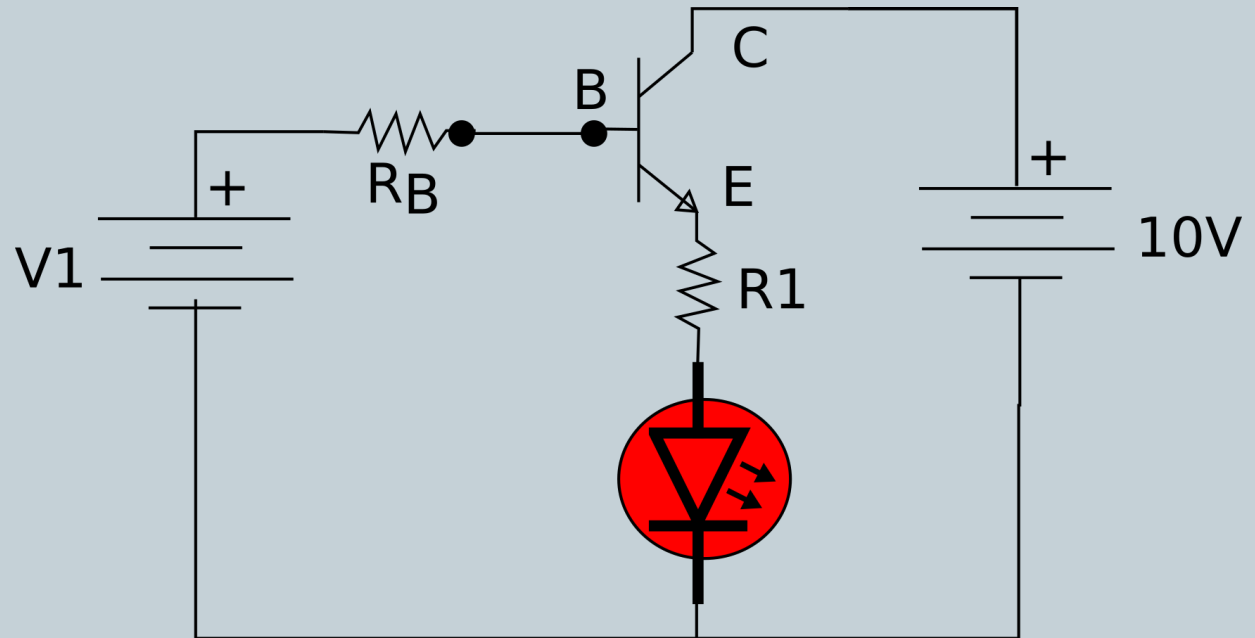
○ V_1

○ R_B

○ I_B

○ I_C

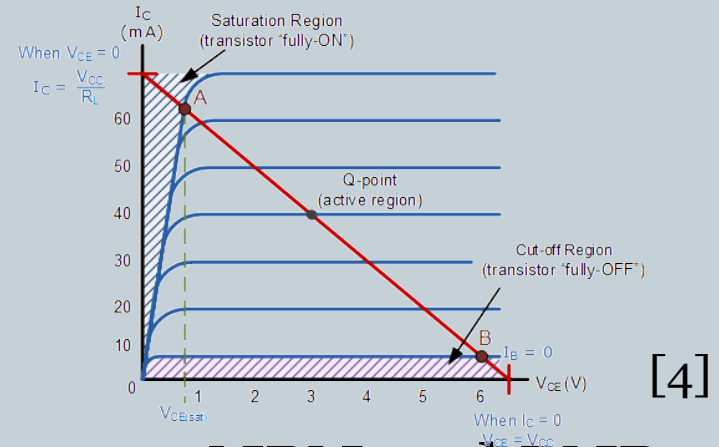
○ I_E



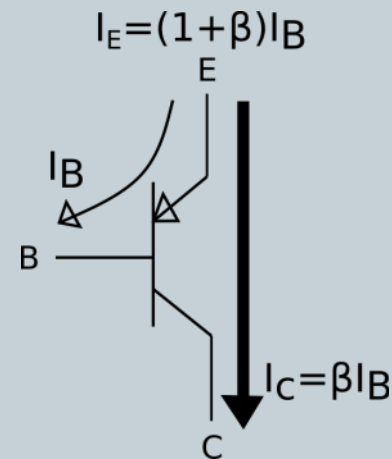
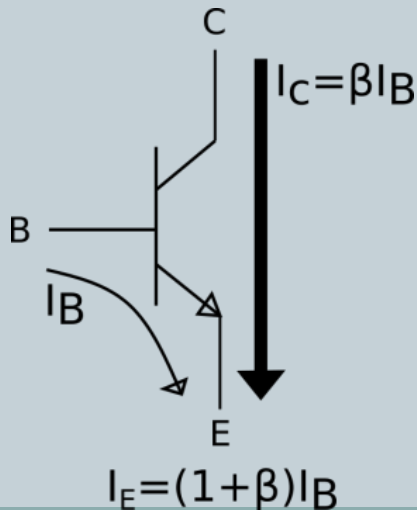
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- Investigate the Q-point:



- Investigate the difference between NPN and PNP



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Any Questions?

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