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Teaching and Research Interests:

Primary interests: Contracts, Business Associations, Intellectual Property.

Additional interests: Corporate Finance, Torts, Law and Economics, Empirical Methods in Law, Comparative Law, Law and Technology.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

University of Science and Technology Beijing, School of Humanities and Social Science

Associate Professor of Law

Feb. 2021 – Present

- Contracts, Intellectual Property Cases and Law.
- Assist in developing the Research Center of Intellectual Property (e.g., applying for funding on IP education, and conducting survey and writing reports about IP education in China, etc.).
- Serve as a committee member for graduate school admission (2023), undergraduate student graduation (2021-2023), and graduate student graduation (2021-2023).
- Construct IP standards initiated by the China IP Society.
- Initiate, organize, and moderate Major-Country IP Conference annually.
- Lead an internship and externship program for undergraduate and graduate students, which contributes to alternative dispute resolution organizations and courts in Beijing.
- Advise graduate and undergraduate students and assist to advise Ph.D. students.

Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago-Kent College of Law

Research Affiliate at the Department of Empirical IP

Sep. 2020 – Feb. 2021

Empirical IP Fellow

Aug. 2018 – Aug. 2020

- Legal Writing Seminar (co-teach, full-year class to LLM students in the International Intellectual Property Program), Introduction to Intellectual Property, Corporate Finance.
- Coordinated the conference of the Supreme Court IP Review (SCIPR) and IP Colloquium.
- Connected the law school and several Chinese law schools (e.g., Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Beijing University of Chemical Technology, etc.) to recruit LL.M. students.

George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School

Thomas Edison Innovation Fellow

Spring 2018 – Spring 2019

Attended four workshops and conducted a research project about IP law in China.

Institute of Intellectual Property, Tokyo, Japan

Invited Researcher

June – July 2018

Conducted an empirical research project about the patent valuation for Japanese patent applications and global trade. Interviewed JPO officials, domestic scholars, patent agents, and lawyers to understand IP protection and IP transactions in Japan. Presented the research project to JPO representatives, domestic scholars, and companies.

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign College of Law

Post-Doctoral Research Associate

Fall 2016 – Fall 2018

- Conducted empirical research on various topics, including U.S. Supreme Court cases addressing patent eligibility issues, the effects of *Alice*, *Myriad*, and *Mayo*, patent value of various patent holders, and cyber security litigation claims.
- Collaborated with professors to prepare conference materials regarding the economic rationales of various patent regimes, SSOs and FRAND, and clinical research.
- Instructed and assisted other J.S.D. students and J.D. research assistants to conduct research in patent law, trademark law, and empirical research design.
- Attended an exhibition at the China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL) on behalf of the law school and made a presentation to interested students.

Referee: *Research Policy* with Elsevier; *Information Processing & Management* with Elsevier; *Journal of Law, Technology & Policy (JLTP)* at the University of Illinois; *Nankai Business Review* at Nankai University.

Law Practice Admission: New York, 2018; China, 2022.

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

IP Compass, online Jan. 2016 – Present
Blog Chief Editor

Initiate, write, organize publications with others and edited essays on IP Compass, which is a WeChat blog and created weekly updates regarding IP or business law related news and knowledge.

Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), Beijing, China 2023-Present
Board Committee Member of CAS Institute of Policy and Management's IP Policy and Management Committee

University Committee of China Intellectual Property Society, Beijing, China 2022-Present
Secretary

Facilitate to organize some annual conferences; support academic research called by the China IP Society; communicate with the China IP Society; write activity reports and annual reports.

Jingwei Law Offices, Beijing, China Sep. 2022 – Present
TianTai Law Firm, Yinchuan, Ningxia, China July 2023 – Present
Consultant

Zhongwei Arbitration Center, Ningxia, China Nov. 2022 – Present
Arbitrator

IP Valuation Committee, China IP Society, Beijing, China July 2023 – Present
Pudong IP Protection Committee, Shanghai, China 2022 – 2025
Expert Committee Member

Beijing Xicheng People's Court, Beijing, China May 2018
Haidian District People's Court (Middle People's Court), Beijing, China May – Aug. 2011
Clerk

Illinois International Programs, Champaign, IL Apr. 2018
Volunteer Interpreter

Bruno Law Offices, Urbana, IL Jan. – Feb. 2017
Paralegal

Beijing Youth Daily, Beijing, China July – Sep. 2009
Trainee Journalist for Financial Pages

Hetian & Jintianping Law Offices, Yinchuan, China Aug. – Sep. 2008
Paralegal

Tianhua Accounting Firm, Yinchuan, China July – Aug. 2008
Auditor Assistant

EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign College of Law
Judicial Science Doctor (J.S.D.) Aug. 2016

Dissertation: “Stimulating Technical Innovation by Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises in China.”

Created original IP and finance datasets of 115 publicly traded Chinese SMEs and analyzed their accounts to determine loans, grants, and subsidies. Conducted empirical research on the effects of various private sectors and public policies, such as tax policies, on innovation by Chinese SMEs and Chinese SMEs’ patenting propensity.

Master of Laws (LL.M.)

May 2013

Columbia University in the City of New York

Attended American Language Program

Sep. 2011 – May 2012

Beihang University, Beijing, China

Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering

B.S., 2011

Bachelor of Laws

LL.B. Double Major, 2011

¥ 1,000 SRTP grants by the School of Economics and Management, Beihang University (Sep. 2008 – Mar. 2010).

B.S. thesis: “Management and Legal Research in China Regarding Opening Low Altitude Airspace to Private Aviation” (Feb. – May, 2011).

LL.B. thesis: “The Renewal of Resident Land-Use Right in China” (Feb. – May, 2009).

PUBLICATIONS

Research Articles

Runhua Wang, Jyh-An Lee, Jingwen Liu, “Governing the NFT Market by Static and Dynamic IP Laws,” *American Business Law Journal*, Vol.61, Issue1 (forthcoming 2024).

Runhua Wang & Jay Kesan, “Do Tax Policies Drive Innovation by SMEs in China?” *Journal of Small Business Management*, Vol.60, Issue 2 (2022).

Runhua Wang, “Modify State ‘Piracy’ After Allen: Introducing ‘Apology’ to the U.S. Copyright Regime”, *Buffalo Law Review*, Vol. 69, Issue 2 (2021).

Runhua Wang, “Information Asymmetry and the Inefficiency of Informal IP Strategies Within Employment Relationships,” *Technological Forecasting & Social Change*, Vol. 162, (Jan. 2021).

Jay P. Kesan & Runhua Wang, “Eligible Subject Matter at the Patent Office: An Empirical Study of the Influence of Alice on Patent Examiners and Patent Applicants,” *Minnesota Law Review*, Vol. 105 (2020).

Runhua Wang, “Decoding Judicial Reasoning in China: A Comparative Empirical Analysis of Guiding Cases” *Cleveland State Law Review*, Vol. 68, Issue 3 (2020).

Runhua Wang, “Judicial Reward Allocation for Asymmetric Secrets,” *Pace Law Review*, Vol. 40, Issue 2 (2020).

Runhua Wang, “New Private Law? Intellectual Property ‘Common-Law Precedents’ in China,” *UMKC Law Review*, Vol. 89, Issue 2, (2020).

Runhua Wang, “A Defense of Utility Models: The Case of China,” *Yonsei Journal of International Studies*, Vol.7, Issue 2, 2015, available at <http://theyonseijournal.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Wang-Utility-Models.pdf>.

Runhua Wang, “The Distribution of the Value of Japanese Patents in the World,” Aug. 2018 (on file with the Institute of Intellectual Property and Japan Patent Office).

Runhua Wang, “The Distance Between ChatGPT and Patents: Theories of Patent Protection for Artificial Intelligence in the U. S.,” *Journal of Shanghai Normal University Philosophy Social Sciences*, Vol. 2023, Issue 3, 2023 (in Chinese)

Runhua Wang, “Learning How the Alice Judgment Affected Patent Examiners and Patent Applicants by an Empirical Study,” *Internet Law Review*, 2022 (in Chinese).

Runhua Wang, “The Development of Empirical Legal Studies in European and the U.S.-In the Case of American Criminal Law,” *Jurisprudence*, Vol.7, Issue 1, 2021 (in Chinese).

Runhua Wang, “Influence of the Development of U.S. FDA Laws on American Biomedical Innovation,” *Chinese Journal of Medical Management Sciences*, Vol.9, Issue 1, 2019, p.50 (in Chinese).

Runhua Wang & Jianwei Chen, “Innovation Stimulating through the Patent System under Globalization: An Analysis of New Institutionalism,” *Journal of Social Development*, Vol. 3, 169, 2015 (in Chinese).

Runhua Wang, Jingbo Yang, and Hang Jin, “Study of Factors Affecting the Growth of High and New Tech SMEs in West China,” *Market Modernization*, No. 15, 2010, p. 82 (in Chinese).

Books or Book Chapters

Runhua Wang et al., Exploring the Nature of NFTs: A Mixed Approach Combining Technology, Economy and Law, in *Digital Platform Governance*, Routledge (invited, forthcoming 2024).

Runhua Wang, Solving Trade Secret Disputes in Chinese Courts: Some Empirical Evidence, in *Research Handbook on Empirical Studies in Intellectual Property Law*, Edward Elgar Publishing (invited, 2023).

Runhua Wang & Wujun Zhang, *Legal Analysis of Artificial Intelligence*, Intellectual Property Publishing House, 2023 (in Chinese).

Runhua Wang et al., *Legal Protection for Scientists and Engineers: Cases, Policies, and Legal Advice*, Intellectual Property Publishing House, 2022 (in Chinese).

Runhua Wang, *Trade Secret Protection in the United States*, Intellectual Property Publishing House, 2021 (in Chinese).

Runhua Wang, *Introduction to the Theories of Legal Protection for Intellectual Property*, Intellectual Property Publishing House, 2022 (in Chinese).

Working Papers or Books

Ioana Stefan & Runhua Wang, “Advantages and Challenges of Standard Setting Organizations in Open Innovation.”

Runhua Wang, “Of Machine Rationality: Artificial Intelligence’s Legal Identity and Liability” (in progress).

Runhua Wang, “Who Are Unwilling SEP Licensees?” (in progress).

Runhua Wang, The Path of Protecting the Fourth Intellectual Property: Cases of Trade Secrets (book in Chinese, in progress).

Runhua Wang, “The Use of Patent Prosecution Data: An Example of Japanese Patent Applications” (in progress).

Carlos Delvasto & Runhua Wang, “Books off the Shelf & the Problem of Copyright Term Extension: An Empirical Analysis of Books Written by Nobel Prize Authors in Literature” (under review by a Latin American law journal).

Other Publications

Research Report on “Intellectual and National Security,” selected to be reported to CNIPA, 2022, with Wujun Zhang et al.

Runhua Wang, “Collaborating with the Federal System in Protecting Against International Cybertheft,” *NYU Journal of Intellectual Property & Entertainment Law Blog*, April, 19 2021, available at <https://blog.jipel.law.nyu.edu/2021/04/collaborating-with-the-federal-system-in-protecting-against-international-cybertheft/>.

Runhua Wang, “Patent Transaction and Patent Financing in China: The Difficulties and Opportunities for Third-Party Service Providers,” *Timely Tech, Journal of Law, Technology and Policy (JLTP)*, Mar. 22, 2017, available at <http://illinoisjltip.com/timelytech/patent-transaction-and-patent-financing-in-china-the-difficulties-and-opportunities-for-third-party-service-providers/>.

Runhua Wang, “Stimulating Technical Innovation by Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises in China,” July 11, 2016 (J.S.D. Dissertation, on file with University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), available at <https://www.ideals.illinois.edu/handle/2142/92906>.

Runhua Wang, “Utility Models Revisited: The Case of Investing in China,” *Timely Tech, Journal of Law, Technology and Policy (JLTP)*, Nov. 6, 2015, available at <http://illinoisjltip.com/timelytech/utility-models-revisited-the-case-of-investing-in-china/>.

Runhua Wang, “Why Does LG Continuously Sue Chinese Companies?: Punitive Damages for Patent Cases in the U.S.,” *China Intellectual Property News*, Nov. 27, 2019 (in Chinese).

Runhua Wang, “Carry Your Patents and Walk Stably on ‘One Belt One Road,’” *China Intellectual Property News*, May 24, 2017, p. 7 (in Chinese).

Linlin Wu & Runhua Wang, “Most Banks Announce Repurchase of Lehman Mini Debt,” *Beijing Youth Daily*, July 25, 2009, p. B3 (in Chinese).

Linlin Wu & Runhua Wang, “Nearly 80 Percent of Investors Tied up in New Stocks,” *Beijing Youth Daily*, Aug. 7, 2009, p. B7 (in Chinese).

Runhua Wang, “How Do People Invest in ETFs,” *Beijing Youth Daily*, Aug. 10, 2009, p. B6 (in Chinese).

Yangqing & Runhua Wang, “Rio Tinto Exported Iron Ores Valued over 7000 Billion Yuan by Stealing Information during the Past Six Years,” *Beijing Youth Daily*, Aug. 11, 2009, p. B5 (in Chinese).

Hui Fan & Runhua Wang, “The Economic Revival of Foreign Listed Companies Operating on the Internet,” *Beijing Youth Daily*, Aug. 14, 2009, p. B3 (in Chinese).

Lixia Che & Runhua Wang, “It Was Too Late to Escape Decreasing Stock Value,” *Beijing Youth Daily*, Aug. 18, 2009, p. B5 (in Chinese).

Runhua Wang, “There is a Purchasing Chance Near an Index of 2800,” *Beijing Youth Daily*, Aug. 24,

2009, p. B2 (in Chinese).

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations

“Is Ex-Post Patent Holdup Real in Standard Settings? Evidence from SEP Declarations and Involvement in 3GPP Standard Development,” 2023 Intellectual Property Scholars Conference, Yeshiva University, Cardozo School of Law, New York City, Aug. 4, 2023.

“Safe Harbors for NFT Platforms Under IP Law,” 15th Annual Intellectual Property Conference, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, July 29, 2023.

“Intellectual Property in Metaverses: Problems, Policies, and Laws,” WIPO Program, Remin University, Beijing, July 20, 2023.

“Copyright Licenses for NFTs in the Metaverse: Characteristics, Examples, and Problems,” Metaverse Law Conference, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, March 14, 2023.

“Solving Trade Secret Disputes in Chinese Courts: Some Empirical Evidence” & “Advantages and Challenges of Standard Setting Organizations in Open Innovation,” European Policy for Intellectual Property, University of Cambridge, Cambridge (Virtual Panels), Sep. 14-16, 2022.

“Governing NFT Transactions: An Intellectual Property-Oriented Model,” 20th Annual Intellectual Property Scholars Conference, Stanford Law School, Stanford, Aug. 12, 2022.

“Governing NFT Transactions: An Intellectual Property-Oriented Model,” 14th Annual Intellectual Property Conference, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong (Virtual Panels), July 28, 2022.

Panelist at “Online Symposium on Trade Secrets for Scholars and Practitioners,” Goldsmiths, University of London, London (Virtual Panels), Feb.25, 2022.

Panelist at “Global IP Issues,” 65th Annual IP Law Conference, the University of Illinois at Chicago, School of Law, Chicago (Virtual Panels), Nov.5, 2021.

“A Global View on Research Frontiers in Intellectual Property,” Faculty Workshop, the University of Science and Technology Beijing, the School of Social Science and Humanities, Sep. 22, 2021.

“US-China Policies,” WorldChicago, Chicago (Virtual Panel), Sep. 20, 2021.

“Do Patent Subsidy Policies Signal to Drive Patenting Propensity?,” European Policy for Intellectual Property, Centre of Humanities and Social Sciences of the Spanish National Research Council, Madrid (Virtual Panels), Sep. 8-10, 2021.

“Do Patent Subsidy Policies Signal to Drive Patenting Propensity?,” 21th Annual Intellectual Property Scholars Conference, Yeshiva University, Cardozo School of Law, New York City (Virtual Panels), Aug. 4, 2021.

“How the Alice Decision Has Affected Bio-Informatics Patent Applications?,” Wiet Life Science Law Scholars Workshop, Loyola University of Chicago School of Law, Chicago (Virtual Panels), Sep. 18, 2020.

Discussant for “Do Patents Enable Disclosure? Evidence from the Invention Secrecy Act,” the 13th Annual Conference on Innovation Economics, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Chicago (Virtual Panels), Aug. 27-28, 2020.

“Information Asymmetry and the Inefficiency of Informal IP Strategies Within Employment

Relationships,” 20th Annual Intellectual Property Scholars Conference, Stanford Law School, Stanford (Virtual Panels), Aug. 8-9, 2020.

“Big Data and Empirical Studies on Intellectual Property in the U.S.,” Shanghai International College of Intellectual Property of Tongji University, Shanghai (Virtual Panels), May 28, 2020.

“The Use of incoPat Patent Litigation Data,” incoPat Group Co., Online, May 13, 2020.

Guest lectured on Comparative Law, Chicago-Kent College of Law, Chicago, March. 23, 2020.

Guest lectured on The TRIPS Agreement, Chicago-Kent College of Law, Chicago, Nov. 20, 2019.

“New Private Law? Intellectual Property ‘Common-Law Precedents’ in China,” 10th Annual Asia Pacific Innovation Conference, Peking University, Beijing, China, Oct. 10-11, 2019.

“New Private Law? Intellectual Property ‘Common-Law Precedents’ in China,” 5th Annual Texas A&M Intellectual Property Scholars Roundtable, Texas A&M University School of Law, Sep. 27-28, 2019.

“New Private Law? Intellectual Property ‘Common-Law Precedents’ in China,” 19th Intellectual Property Scholars Conference, DePaul University College of Law, Chicago, Aug. 8-9, 2019.

“Public Interest-Concentrated Legal Reasoning: A Comparative Empirical Analysis of Legal Precedents,” Faculty Workshop, Chicago-Kent College of Law, Chicago, July 23, 2019.

Discussant for “Prioritized Examination and its Impact on Commercialization of Patents,” the 12th Annual Conference on Innovation Economics, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, June 19-20, 2019.

“How Do Patent Subsidies Drive Patenting by SMEs,” 16th Asia Law Institute Conference, the National University of Singapore, Singapore, June 11-12, 2019.

“The Chinese Path of the Law with Quasi-Precedents,” ASIL Junior Senior Workshop, Washington and Lee School of Law, Lexington, Virginia, May 13, 2019.

Guest lectured on Law and Judicial System in China: A Comparative View, Chicago-Kent College of Law, Chicago, April 1, 2019.

“The Chinese Path of the Law with Quasi-Precedents,” Center for the Protection of Intellectual Property Thomas Edison Meeting, Orlando, Florida, Jan. 17-18, 2019.

“How Do Patent Subsidies Drive Patenting by SMEs,” 9th Annual Asia Pacific Innovation Conference, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi, India, Dec. 13-14, 2018.

Guest lectured on The TRIPS Agreement, Chicago-Kent College of Law, Chicago, Nov. 21, 2018.

“How Do Pro-Patent Policies in China Drive Patenting by SMEs?” IP Faculty Workshop, Chicago-Kent College of Law, Chicago, Nov. 16, 2018.

“Do Tax Policies Drive SMEs’ R&D in China?” 13th Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, Michigan, Nov. 9-Nov. 10, 2018.

“An Empirical Study of Intellectual Property Guiding Cases in China,” Center for the Protection of Intellectual Property Thomas Edison Meeting, Antonin Scalia Law School, Arlington, Virginia, Sep. 6-7, 2018.

“The Distribution of the Value of Japanese Patents in the World,” Institute of Intellectual Property, Tokyo, Japan, July 4, 2018.

“Do Tax Policies Drive SMEs’ R&D in China?” 8th Annual Asia Pacific Innovation Conference, Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand, Nov. 30-Dec. 2, 2017.

“Do Tax Policies Drive SMEs’ R&D in China?” 17th Intellectual Property Scholars Conference, Yeshiva University, Cardozo School of Law, New York City, Aug. 10-11, 2017.

“Books off the Shelf & the Problem of Copyright Term Extension: An Empirical Analysis of Books Written by Nobel Prize Authors in Literature,” 2017 International Meeting on Law and Society, Mexico City, Mexico, June 20-23, 2017.

“A Chinese Policy Quandary: How Do Small and Medium-Sized Enterprise Efficiently Deploy Patents?” Brown Bag Talk, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies, Champaign, Illinois, Jan. 27, 2017.

“Stimulating Technical Innovation by SMEs in China: A Case Study of the Zhongguan-Cun Science Park,” 1st Works-in-Progress Conference “IPScholars Asia,” Singapore Management University, School of Law, Singapore, Jan. 28, 2016.

“Stimulating Technical Innovation by SMEs in China: A Case Study of the Zhongguan-Cun Science Park,” 4th Annual Western Empirical Legal Studies Conference, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, Mar. 7, 2015.

Interviews

“Chinese Enterprises Shall Prepare to Strengthen Technology Reserve,” *China Intellectual Property News*, June 6, 2016 (in Chinese).

“Can Patents Help Huawei Expand Territories in the U.S.?” *China Intellectual Property News*, July 27, 2016 (in Chinese).

“Foxconn Buys Sharp, Increases Independent Innovation, and Decreases Dependent Original Equipment Manufacturing: Is it a Smart Strategy to Transform from an OEM Empire?” *China Intellectual Property News*, May 16, 2016 (in Chinese).

FUNDING & HONORS

200,000 RMB, 2023-2024, research funding, *principle investigator*, “Policies on Trademark Examination in Virtual Environments,” China Intellectual Property Society.

500,000 RMB, 2023-2024, innovation funding, *co-principle investigator*, “Intellectual Property Management Service Platform for Universities,” Tencent and Ministry of Education of the PRC.

100,000 RMB, 2021-2023, faculty research funding, *principle investigator*, “Technical Innovation Starts’ Effect on Innovation in Enterprises,” the University of Science and Technology Beijing.

300,000 RMB, 2021-2022, publication funding, *principle investigator*, “Case Compilation of Legal Protection for Scientists and Engineers,” Service Center for Societies of China Association for Science and Technology.

100,000 RMB, 2021-2024, education research funding, *co-principle investigator*, “New Humanities: Reforming and Practicing Intellectual Property Under the Discipline of Law,” Ministry of Education of the PRC.

31,000 RMB, 2021-2022, policy research funding, *co-principle investigator*, “Intellectual Property and National Security: Relationships and Solutions,” China Intellectual Property Society.

10,000 RMB, 2021-2022, academic research funding, *principle investigator*, “Artificial Intelligence Products’ Tort Liability: A Normative Study,” Civil Law Seminar of China Law Society.

2023 Best Paper Award, the 4th China Intellectual Property Policy and Management Development Forum, the Chinese Academy of Sciences Institute of Policy and Management & Intellectual Property Policy and Management Committee.

2022 Third Place Best Articles in Applied Jurisprudence, the 1st China Applied Jurisprudence Forum, the Supreme People’s Court of China.

2022 The Most Popular Young Authors, Intellectual Property Publishing House.

2021 Selective Paper Proposal for Young Scholars at China Law Society, Civil Law Program.

2021 Teaching Proposal Award at the University of Science and Technology Beijing.

2013 CALI award in International Intellectual Property, at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

2010 Third Place Fengru Cup Award for research paper in Logistics Management, serving as the leader of a three people team, at Beihang University.

2009 2nd Rank in Student Research Training Project for project design and research, as the leader of a three people team, at Beihang University.

2009 Outstanding student working at the Campus Radio, Beihang University.

2009 Best thesis among all students with a second bachelor’s degree in Law, Beihang University.

2009 Second Place in Dubbing Competition among Chinese university students, serving as leader of the Beihang University team.

2008 Second Place Fengru Cup Award for research paper on Economics and Management among 2,500 competitors at Beihang University.

REFERENCES

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