



Writing a Compass Plugin

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2. ***Where* can my plugin fit into Compass?**
3. ***How* can my plugin fit into Compass?**
4. **Example**

Feature Tour



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Why write a plugin?

- Limitless potential: Customized charts, specific DB commands, show cluster health, and more...
- Can solve your specific problems. Plugins can be as personalized as you like.
- Can use plugins to share views, tools, or debug
- It is fun and easy!

Where does my plugin fit visually into Compass?

Plugin Roles

1. Header.Item
2. Instance.Tab
3. Database.Tab
4. Collection.Tab
5. CollectionHUD.item (Heads Up Display)

My Cluster

4 DBS 3 COLLECTIONS

filter

Venues

Restaurants

> admin

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> test

localhost:27017 STANDALONE

Venues.Restaurants

DOCUMENTS 25.4k

TOTAL SIZE
10.1MBAVG. SIZE
419B

INDEXES 1

TOTAL SIZE
240.0KBAVG. SIZE
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Documents

Schema

Explain Plan

Indexes

Validation

FILTER { field: 'value' }

OPTIONS

FIND



INSERT DOCUMENT

VIEW

LIST

TABLE

Displaying documents 1 - 20 of 25356

```
{
  "_id": ObjectId("59f7306e037d92ff4dc2a272"),
  "borough": "Brooklyn",
  "cuisine": "American",
  "grades": Array,
  "name": "C & C Catering Service"
}
```

```
{
  "_id": ObjectId("59f7306e037d92ff4dc2a273"),
  "address": Object,
  "borough": "Brooklyn",
  "cuisine": "Chinese",
  "grades": Array,
  "name": "May May Kitchen",
  "restaurant_id": "40358429"
}
```

```
{
  "_id": ObjectId("59f7306e037d92ff4dc2a274"),
  "address": Object,
  "borough": "Manhattan",
  "cuisine": "American",
  "name": "1 East 66Th Street Kitchen",
  "restaurant_id": "40359480"
}
```

```
{
  "_id": ObjectId("59f7306e037d92ff4dc2a275"),
  "address": Object,
  "cuisine": "Jewish/Kosher",
  "grades": Array,
  "name": "Seuda Foods",
  "restaurant_id": "40360045"
}
```

Header.Item

- **Purpose:**

- Top-level: display global information (e.g. MongoDB version, topology)

- **UI Considerations:**

- Header space is very small
- Lengthy information should be hidden until asked for

- **Potential Plugins:**

- Current user information



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Databases

Performance

name option renders the tab name

CREATE DATABASE

component option renders the component in the frame

Database Name ^

Storage Size

Collections

Indexes

Venues

4.5MB

1

1



admin

16.0KB

0

2



local

36.0KB

1

1



test

32.0KB

1

1



Instance.Tab

- **Purpose:**
 - Large instance-level features (e.g. real time server stats). Currently have “Databases” and “Performance”.
- **Potential Plugins:**
 - Cluster Health
 - List of All Users

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Collections

CREATE COLLECTION

Collection Name ^	Documents	Avg. Document Size	Total Document Size	Num. Indexes	Total Index Size	
Bars	1,255	33.0 B	40.4 KB	1	24.0 KB	
Clubs	688	33.0 B	22.2 KB	1	4.0 KB	
Hotels	1,800	33.0 B	58.0 KB	1	28.0 KB	
Restaurants	25,356	418.8 B	10.1 MB	1	240.0 KB	

Database.Tab

- **Purpose:**
 - Large database-level feature. Right now we just have a list of collections.
- **Potential Plugins:**
 - System.profile Charts
 - List all users

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`grades: Array`

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Collection.Tab

- **Purpose:**
 - Large collection-level features (e.g. CRUD, Explain Plan, or schema analysis)
- **Potential Plugin:**
 - Object size histogram of schema sample

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Restaurants

	_id ObjectId	borough String	cuisine String	grades Array	name String
1	59f7306e037d92ff4dc2a272	"Brooklyn"	"American"	[4 elements	"C & C Catering Service"
2	59f7306e037d92ff4dc2a273	"Brooklyn"	"Chinese"	[5 elements	"May May Kitchen"
3	59f7306e037d92ff4dc2a274	"Manhattan"	"American"	No field	"1 East 66Th Street Kit"
4	59f7306e037d92ff4dc2a275	No field	"Jewish/Kosher"	[5 elements	"Seuda Foods"
5	59f7306e037d92ff4dc2a276	"Brooklyn"	"Ice Cream, Gelato, Yogurt, "	[5 elements	"Carvel Ice Cream"
6	59f7306e037d92ff4dc2a277	"Queens"	"Ice Cream, Gelato, Yogurt, "	[3 elements	"Carvel Ice Cream"
7	59f7306e037d92ff4dc2a278	"Brooklyn"	"Delicatessen"	[3 elements	"Nordic Delicacies"
8	59f7306e037d92ff4dc2a279	"Manhattan"	"American"	[5 elements	"Glorious Food"
9	59f7306e037d92ff4dc2a27a	"Brooklyn"	"American"	[4 elements	"The Movable Feast"
10	59f7306e037d92ff4dc2a27b	"Queens"	"Delicatessen"	[4 elements	"Sal'S Deli"
11	59f7306e037d92ff4dc2a27c	"Manhattan"	"Delicatessen"	[4 elements	"Bully'S Deli"
12	59f7306e037d92ff4dc2a27d	"Queens"	"Delicatessen"	[4 elements	"Steve Chu'S Deli & Gro"
13	59f7306e037d92ff4dc2a27e	"Manhattan"	"Chicken"	[6 elements	"Harriet'S Kitchen"
14	59f7306e037d92ff4dc2a27f	"Manhattan"	"American"	[4 elements	"P & S Deli Grocery"
15	59f7306e037d92ff4dc2a280	"Manhattan"	"American"	[4 elements	"Angelika Film Center"

CollectionHUD.Item

- **Purpose:**

- Display statistical information relevant to a collection

- **UI Considerations:**

- Should not distract users from the main content of the collection body
- Should be text-based

- **Potential Plugin:**

- Mongotop / server statistics



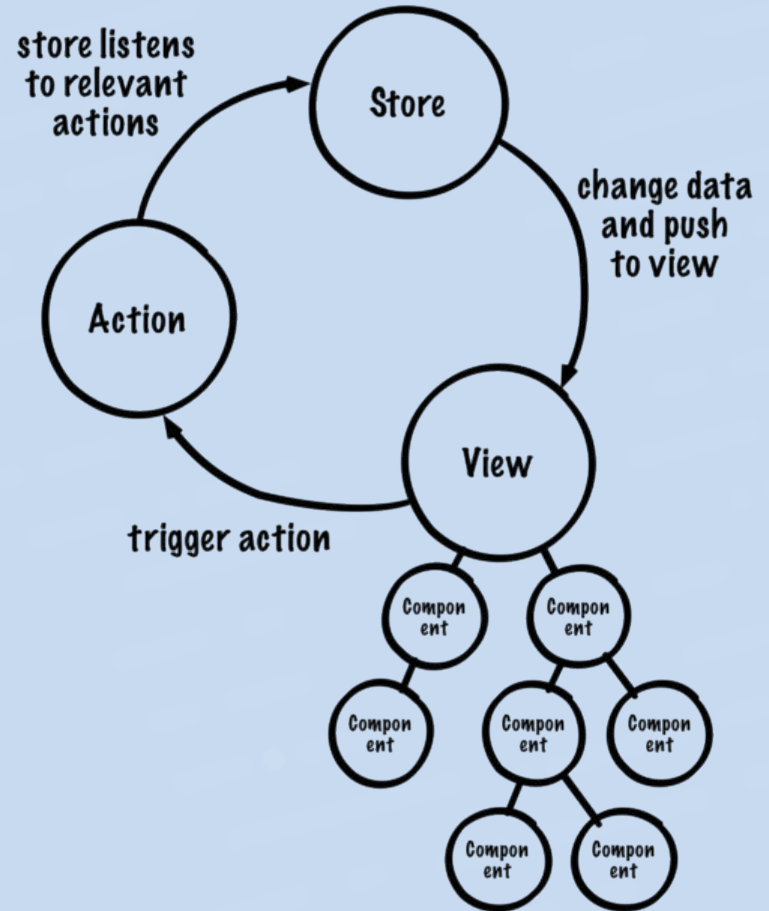
What makes up a plugin?

Compass and any plugins are React applications.

React

React is a framework made up of Stores, Components, and Actions.

- **Stores** are “smart”, they keep track of state information and pass it to the Components.
- **Components** are “dumb”, they just receive data from the store and render it.
- **Actions** are how components communicate with the store to trigger changes.



Actions

- **Events** triggered when a user performs an action.
- Can be button clicks, link clicks, text entry, etc.
- Actions are sent from Components and listened to by Stores.

Components

- Components make up the **User Interface**.
- This is where you use JSX to define what the plugin should look like.
- Styles are imported from a local `.less` file with the same name as the component.

Stores

- **Reflux/Redux Stores** that hold the application state.
- Each plugin can listen to other stores/have its state changes listened to by others.
- Flow of data:
 - Actions should be listened to by stores
 - Stores should be subscribed to by components

The AppRegistry

- **Holds all Compass + plugin actions, components, and stores**
 - All plugins must register with the AppRegistry.
- Information flows from Compass to plugins and back through the AppRegistry.
- It is available to all Plugins globally by calling **`global.hadronApp.appRegistry`**.

Lifecycle Hooks

**How do Compass and my plugin
become aware of each other?**

activate(): Tell Compass about the plugin

- Compass will look in the plugins directory.
 - `~/mongodb/compass/plugins` on OSX
- It will call the **activate** method in the root **index.js**.
- The plugin should register its actions, components, and stores with the AppRegistry in this method.
- **This is where you specify what role you want your plugin to occupy.**


```
5 const ROLE = {
6   name: 'Whoami',
7   component: WhoamiPlugin
8 };
9
10 /**
11  * Activate all the components in the Whoami package.
12  * @param {Object} appRegistry - The Hadron appRegistry
13  */
14 function activate(appRegistry) {
15   // Register the WhoamiPlugin as a role in Compass
16   appRegistry.registerRole('Header.Item', ROLE);
17   appRegistry.registerAction('Whoami.Actions', WhoamiActions);
18   appRegistry.registerStore('Whoami.Store', WhoamiStore);
19 }
```

onActivated(appReg): Tell plugin about Compass

- When all plugin registration is completed, the **onActivated** method is called on any **registered** store.
- In this method, the plugin can get and listen to any stores in Compass or another plugin.
- Guarantees everything has been registered before any plugin tries to get anything from the registry.

```
31
32 /**
33  * This method is called when all plugins are activated. You can register
34  * listeners to other plugins' stores here, e.g.
35  *
36  * appRegistry.getStore('OtherPlugin.Store').listen(this.otherStoreChanged.bind(this));
37  *
38  * If this plugin does not depend on other stores, you can delete the method.
39  *
40  * @param {Object} appRegistry - app registry containing all stores and components
41  */
42 onActivated(appRegistry) {
43   appRegistry.on('data-service-intialized', (dataService) => {
44     dataService.command(...)
45   });
46
47   appRegistry.on('collection-changed', (namespace) => {
48     this.setCollection(namespace.collection);
49   });
50
51   ...
52
```

The AppRegistry will emit events

- data-service-connected
- collection-changed
- database-changed
- query-changed

... or any other events you want to add!

My First Compass Plugin



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Who is the current user?

- Since it's global to the Compass instance, it can take the role **Header.Item**
- The **connectionStatus** DB command lists authenticated users and their roles.

Final Product

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User: Role

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Databases

Performance

CREATE DATABASE

Database Name	Storage Size	Collections	Indexes	
Venues	4.5MB	1	1	
admin	48.0KB	0	3	
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Step 0: Get the Template



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~/ .mongodb/compass/plugins \$

> npm install -g kaos

> kaos create mongodb-js/compass-plugin ./whoami

> git init && git add . && git commit -m "init"

> npm install

Compass without plugin

The screenshot shows the MongoDB Compass Dev application running on localhost:27017. The interface is in 'STANDALONE' mode and displays the 'Databases' tab. A green 'CREATE DATABASE' button is visible. Below the button, a table lists the existing databases: 'Venues' (4.5MB, 1 collection, 1 index), 'admin' (48.0KB, 0 collections, 3 indexes), and 'local' (36.0KB, 1 collection, 1 index). Each database entry has a trash icon for deletion.

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Compass with **unchanged** plugin

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The current status is: **enabled**

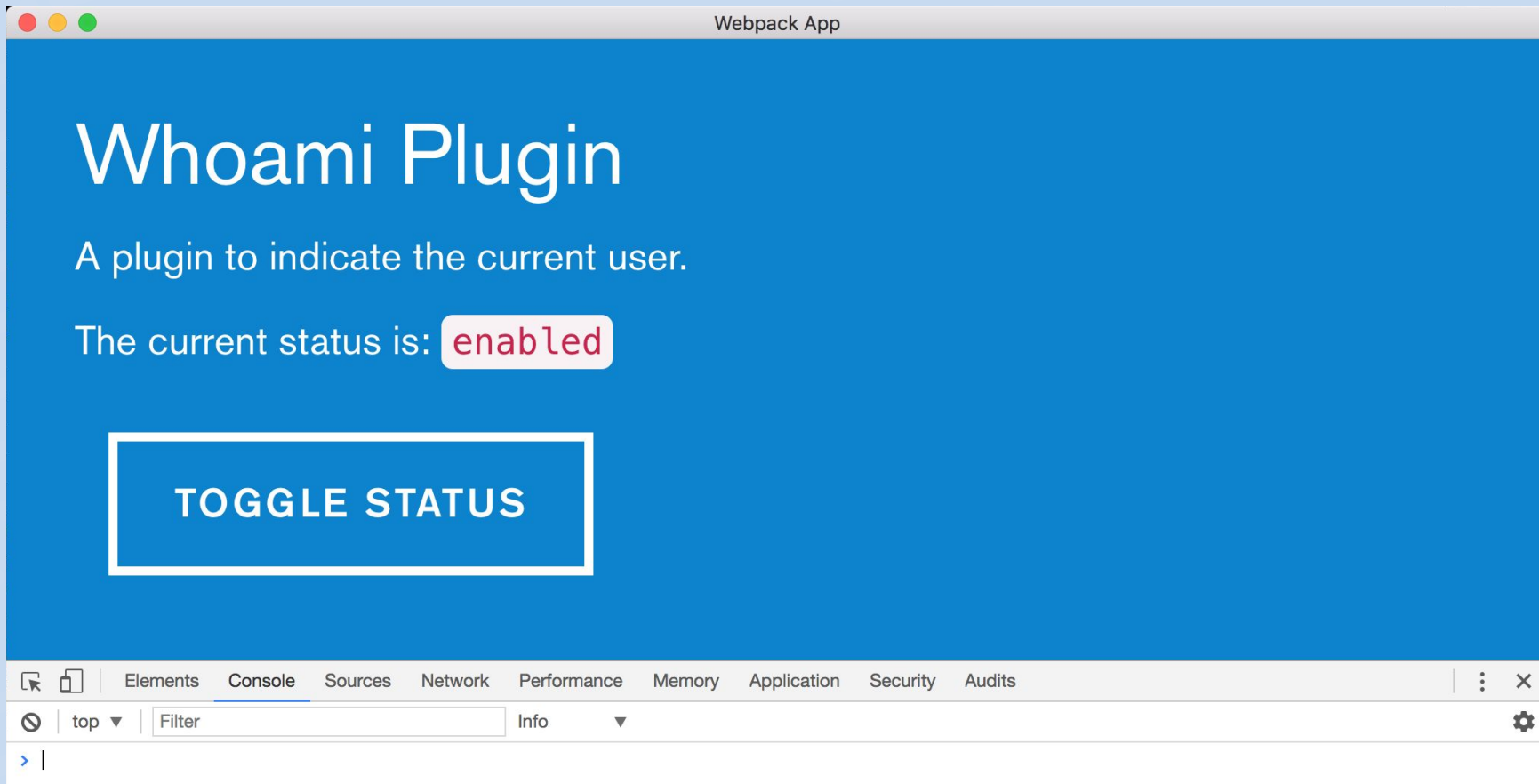
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Plugin running **standalone**



Step 1: The Store

src/stores/store.js:

- We set the initial state to empty.
- **onActivated**: when the DataService is connected, we want to run the **connectionStatus** command.
- When the command returns, we set the state to the results.

Initialize State

```
getInitialState() {  
  return {  
    user: null, role: null  
  };  
}
```

Call DB command on activation

```
appRegistry.on('data-service-connected', (error, dataService) => {  
  if (!error) {  
    dataService.command(  
      'admin',  
      {connectionStatus : 1},  
      (err, res) => {  
        if (!err && res.authInfo && res.authInfo.authenticatedUsers) {  
          this.setState({  
            user: res.authInfo.authenticatedUsers[0].user,  
            role: res.authInfo.authenticatedUserRoles[0].role  
          })  
        } else {  
          this.setState({user: null, role: null});  
        }  
      }  
    );  
  }  
});
```

Step 2: The Component

src/components/whoami/whoami.jsx

- The store state will be passed to the component as **this.props.user** and **this.props.role**
- Component must render the username and role
- If not provided, render “no user”

Define and Set Default Props

```
static propTypes = {  
  user: PropTypes.string.isRequired,  
  role: PropTypes.string.isRequired  
};  
  
static defaultProps = {  
  user: '', role: ''  
};
```

Render Props

```
render() {  
  if (!this.props.user) {  
    return (  
      <div className={classnames(styles.root)}>  
        <FontAwesome name="user-times"/>  
        No User  
      </div>  
    );  
  }  
  return (  
    <div className={classnames(styles.root)}>  
      <FontAwesome name="user"/>  
      <i> {this.props.user}:{this.props.role}</i>  
    </div>  
  );  
}
```

Step 3: The Actions

(not used in this plugin)

Step 4: Styles

src/components/whoami/whoami.less

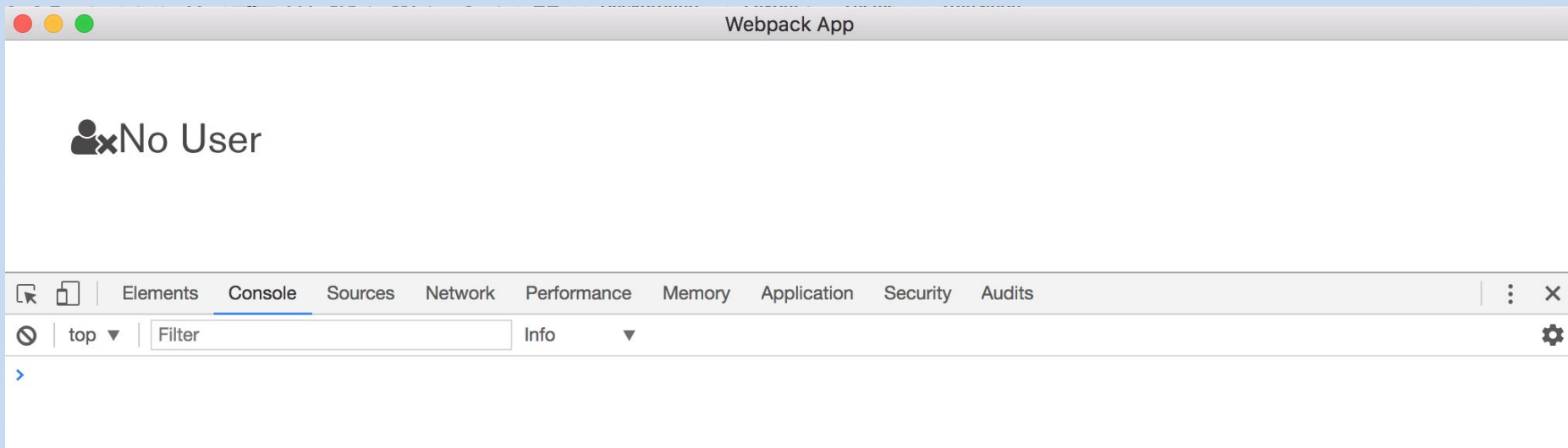
- Every component has a .less file with the same name located in the same directory
- In this case just want to remove the colors.

```
.root {  
  background: #0e83cd;  
  color: @pw;  
  padding: 2.4rem;  
}
```



Run It Standalone!

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Run Compass!

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Writing a Plugin is Easy!

- **We are here to help!**
 - Email team-compass@mongodb.com
- **All plugin documentation:**
 - <https://docs.mongodb.com/compass/master/plugins/creating-compass-plugins>
- **The “whoami” plugin + these slides are on GitHub**
 - <https://github.com/aherlihy/compass-plugins-talk>

Security Restrictions

- **Accessing network resources** over any protocol outside of the DB connection. This includes network access via NodeJS or DOM APIs such as XMLHttpRequest.
- **Accessing the filesystem** outside of DOM APIs such as IndexedDB.
- **Spawning child processes.**

Future Plans

- We encourage everyone to share their plugins!
- MongoDB can provide marketing and support
- When there are enough plugins there will be a plugin marketplace
- Until then, MongoDB can list the plugins the same way we list community drivers



THANK YOU!

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