



# **Configuring the clusters into a MetroCluster configuration**

## **ONTAP MetroCluster**

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# Configuring the clusters into a MetroCluster configuration

You must peer the clusters, mirror the root aggregates, create a mirrored data aggregate, and then issue the command to implement the MetroCluster operations.

## Configuring intercluster LIFs

You must create intercluster LIFs on ports used for communication between the MetroCluster partner clusters. You can use dedicated ports or ports that also have data traffic.

### Configuring intercluster LIFs on dedicated ports

You can configure intercluster LIFs on dedicated ports. Doing so typically increases the available bandwidth for replication traffic.

#### Steps

1. List the ports in the cluster:

```
network port show
```

For complete command syntax, see the man page.

The following example shows the network ports in cluster01:

```
cluster01::> network port show
```

(Mbps)		Speed				
Node	Port	IPspace	Broadcast Domain	Link	MTU	Admin/Oper
-----						
-----						
cluster01-01						
	e0a	Cluster	Cluster	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0b	Cluster	Cluster	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0c	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0d	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0e	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0f	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
cluster01-02						
	e0a	Cluster	Cluster	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0b	Cluster	Cluster	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0c	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0d	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0e	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0f	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000

## 2. Determine which ports are available to dedicate to intercluster communication:

```
network interface show -fields home-port,curr-port
```

For complete command syntax, see the man page.

The following example shows that ports "e0e" and "e0f" have not been assigned LIFs:

```
cluster01::> network interface show -fields home-port,curr-port
vserver lif                home-port curr-port
-----
Cluster cluster01-01_clus1 e0a       e0a
Cluster cluster01-01_clus2 e0b       e0b
Cluster cluster01-02_clus1 e0a       e0a
Cluster cluster01-02_clus2 e0b       e0b
cluster01
    cluster_mgmt           e0c       e0c
cluster01
    cluster01-01_mgmt1     e0c       e0c
cluster01
    cluster01-02_mgmt1     e0c       e0c
```

## 3. Create a failover group for the dedicated ports:

network interface failover-groups create -vserver system\_SVM -failover-group failover\_group -targets physical\_or\_logical\_ports

The following example assigns ports "e0e" and "e0f" to the failover group "intercluster01" on the system SVM "cluster01":

```
cluster01::> network interface failover-groups create -vserver cluster01
-failover-group
intercluster01 -targets
cluster01-01:e0e,cluster01-01:e0f,cluster01-02:e0e,cluster01-02:e0f
```

4. Verify that the failover group was created:

network interface failover-groups show

For complete command syntax, see the man page.

```
cluster01::> network interface failover-groups show
Vserver      Group      Failover
-----
Targets
-----
Cluster
Cluster
cluster01-01:e0a, cluster01-01:e0b,
cluster01-02:e0a, cluster01-02:e0b
cluster01
Default
cluster01-01:e0c, cluster01-01:e0d,
cluster01-02:e0c, cluster01-02:e0d,
cluster01-01:e0e, cluster01-01:e0f
cluster01-02:e0e, cluster01-02:e0f
intercluster01
cluster01-01:e0e, cluster01-01:e0f
cluster01-02:e0e, cluster01-02:e0f
```

5. Create intercluster LIFs on the system SVM and assign them to the failover group.

ONTAP version	Command
9.6 and later	network interface create -vserver system_SVM -lif LIF_name -service-policy default-intercluster -home-node node -home-port port -address port_IP -netmask netmask -failover-group failover_group

9.5 and earlier	<pre>network interface create -vserver system_SVM -lif LIF_name -role intercluster -home-node node -home-port port -address port_IP -netmask netmask -failover-group failover_group</pre>
-----------------	---

For complete command syntax, see the man page.

The following example creates intercluster LIFs "cluster01\_icl01" and "cluster01\_icl02" in the failover group "intercluster01":

```
cluster01::> network interface create -vserver cluster01 -lif
cluster01_icl01 -service-
policy default-intercluster -home-node cluster01-01 -home-port e0e
-address 192.168.1.201
-netmask 255.255.255.0 -failover-group intercluster01

cluster01::> network interface create -vserver cluster01 -lif
cluster01_icl02 -service-
policy default-intercluster -home-node cluster01-02 -home-port e0e
-address 192.168.1.202
-netmask 255.255.255.0 -failover-group intercluster01
```

#### 6. Verify that the intercluster LIFs were created:

<b>In ONTAP 9.6 and later:</b>
<pre>network interface show -service-policy default-intercluster</pre>
<b>In ONTAP 9.5 and earlier:</b>
<pre>network interface show -role intercluster</pre>

For complete command syntax, see the man page.

```
cluster01::> network interface show -service-policy default-intercluster
```

	Logical	Status	Network	Current
Current Is				
Vserver	Interface	Admin/Oper	Address/Mask	Node
Home				Port
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
cluster01	cluster01_icl01	up/up	192.168.1.201/24	cluster01-01 e0e
true	cluster01_icl02	up/up	192.168.1.202/24	cluster01-02 e0f
true				

## 7. Verify that the intercluster LIFs are redundant:

### In ONTAP 9.6 and later:

```
network interface show -service-policy default-intercluster -failover
```

### In ONTAP 9.5 and earlier:

```
network interface show -role intercluster -failover
```

For complete command syntax, see the man page.

The following example shows that the intercluster LIFs "cluster01\_icl01" and "cluster01\_icl02" on the SVM "e0e" port will fail over to the "e0f" port.

```
cluster01::> network interface show -service-policy default-intercluster
-failover
```

Vserver	Logical	Home	Failover	Failover
	Interface	Node:Port	Policy	Group
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
cluster01	cluster01_icl01	cluster01-01:e0e	local-only	
intercluster01			Failover Targets: cluster01-01:e0e,	
			cluster01-01:e0f	
	cluster01_icl02	cluster01-02:e0e	local-only	
intercluster01			Failover Targets: cluster01-02:e0e,	
			cluster01-02:e0f	

## Configuring intercluster LIFs on shared data ports

You can configure intercluster LIFs on ports shared with the data network. Doing so reduces the number of ports you need for intercluster networking.

### Steps

1. List the ports in the cluster:

```
network port show
```

For complete command syntax, see the man page.

The following example shows the network ports in cluster01:

```
cluster01::> network port show
```

(Mbps)							Speed
Node	Port	IPspace	Broadcast	Domain	Link	MTU	Admin/Oper
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
cluster01-01							
	e0a	Cluster	Cluster		up	1500	auto/1000
	e0b	Cluster	Cluster		up	1500	auto/1000
	e0c	Default	Default		up	1500	auto/1000
	e0d	Default	Default		up	1500	auto/1000
cluster01-02							
	e0a	Cluster	Cluster		up	1500	auto/1000
	e0b	Cluster	Cluster		up	1500	auto/1000
	e0c	Default	Default		up	1500	auto/1000
	e0d	Default	Default		up	1500	auto/1000

2. Create intercluster LIFs on the system SVM:

#### In ONTAP 9.6 and later:

```
network interface create -vserver system_SVM -lif LIF_name -service-policy  
default-intercluster -home-node node -home-port port -address port_IP -netmask  
netmask
```

#### In ONTAP 9.5 and earlier:

```
network interface create -vserver system_SVM -lif LIF_name -role intercluster  
-home-node node -home-port port -address port_IP -netmask netmask
```

For complete command syntax, see the man page.

The following example creates intercluster LIFs `cluster01_icl01` and `cluster01_icl02`:



```
cluster01::> network interface create -vserver cluster01 -lif
cluster01_icl01 -service-
policy default-intercluster -home-node cluster01-01 -home-port e0c
-address 192.168.1.201
-netmask 255.255.255.0

cluster01::> network interface create -vserver cluster01 -lif
cluster01_icl02 -service-
policy default-intercluster -home-node cluster01-02 -home-port e0c
-address 192.168.1.202
-netmask 255.255.255.0
```

### 3. Verify that the intercluster LIFs were created:

#### In ONTAP 9.6 and later:

```
network interface show -service-policy default-intercluster
```

#### In ONTAP 9.5 and earlier:

```
network interface show -role intercluster
```

For complete command syntax, see the man page.

```
cluster01::> network interface show -service-policy default-intercluster
```

	Logical	Status	Network	Current	
Current Is					
Vserver	Interface	Admin/Oper	Address/Mask	Node	Port
Home					
cluster01	cluster01_icl01	up/up	192.168.1.201/24	cluster01-01	e0c
true					
	cluster01_icl02	up/up	192.168.1.202/24	cluster01-02	e0c
true					

### 4. Verify that the intercluster LIFs are redundant:

#### In ONTAP 9.6 and later:

```
network interface show -service-policy default-intercluster -failover
```

### In ONTAP 9.5 and earlier:

```
network interface show -role intercluster -failover
```

For complete command syntax, see the man page.

The following example shows that the intercluster LIFs "cluster01\_icl01" and "cluster01\_icl02" on the "e0c" port will fail over to the "e0d" port.

```
cluster01::> network interface show -service-policy default-intercluster
-failover
```

Vserver	Logical Interface	Home Node:Port	Failover Policy	Failover Group
cluster01	cluster01_icl01	cluster01-01:e0c	local-only	
	192.168.1.201/24			
		Failover Targets: cluster01-01:e0c, cluster01-01:e0d		
	cluster01_icl02	cluster01-02:e0c	local-only	
	192.168.1.201/24			
		Failover Targets: cluster01-02:e0c, cluster01-02:e0d		

## Mirroring the root aggregates

You must mirror the root aggregates to provide data protection.

By default, the root aggregate is created as RAID-DP type aggregate. You can change the root aggregate from RAID-DP to RAID4 type aggregate. The following command modifies the root aggregate for RAID4 type aggregate:

```
storage aggregate modify -aggregate aggr_name -raidtype raid4
```



On non-ADP systems, the RAID type of the aggregate can be modified from the default RAID-DP to RAID4 before or after the aggregate is mirrored.

### Steps

1. Mirror the root aggregate:

```
storage aggregate mirror aggr_name
```

The following command mirrors the root aggregate for controller\_A\_1:

```
controller_A_1::> storage aggregate mirror aggr0_controller_A_1
```

This mirrors the aggregate, so it consists of a local plex and a remote plex located at the remote MetroCluster site.

2. Repeat the previous step for each node in the MetroCluster configuration.

## Implementing the MetroCluster configuration

You must run the `metrocluster configure -refresh true` command to start data protection on the nodes that you have added to a MetroCluster configuration.

### About this task

You issue the `metrocluster configure -refresh true` command once, on one of the newly added nodes, to refresh the MetroCluster configuration. You do not need to issue the command on each of the sites or nodes.

The `metrocluster configure -refresh true` command automatically pairs the two nodes with the lowest system IDs in each of the two clusters as disaster recovery (DR) partners. In a four-node MetroCluster configuration, there are two DR partner pairs. The second DR pair is created from the two nodes with higher system IDs.

### Steps

1. Refresh the MetroCluster configuration:

- a. Enter advanced privilege mode:

```
set -privilege advanced
```

- b. Refresh the MetroCluster configuration on one of the new nodes:

```
metrocluster configure -refresh true
```

The following example shows the MetroCluster configuration refreshed on both DR groups:

```
controller_A_2::*> metrocluster configure -refresh true
```

```
[Job 726] Job succeeded: Configure is successful.
```

```
controller_A_4::*> metrocluster configure -refresh true
```

```
[Job 740] Job succeeded: Configure is successful.
```

- c. Return to admin privilege mode:

```
set -privilege admin
```

2. Verify the networking status on site A:

network port show

The following example shows the network port usage on a four-node MetroCluster configuration:

```
cluster_A::> network port show
```

Node	Port	IPspace	Broadcast Domain	Link	MTU	Speed (Mbps) Admin/Oper
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
controller_A_1						
	e0a	Cluster	Cluster	up	9000	auto/1000
	e0b	Cluster	Cluster	up	9000	auto/1000
	e0c	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0d	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0e	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0f	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0g	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
controller_A_2						
	e0a	Cluster	Cluster	up	9000	auto/1000
	e0b	Cluster	Cluster	up	9000	auto/1000
	e0c	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0d	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0e	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0f	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000
	e0g	Default	Default	up	1500	auto/1000

14 entries were displayed.

3. Verify the MetroCluster configuration from both sites in the MetroCluster configuration:

a. Verify the configuration from site A:

```
metrocluster show
```

```
cluster_A::> metrocluster show
```

Configuration: IP fabric

Cluster	Entry Name	State
-----	-----	-----
Local: cluster_A	Configuration state	configured
	Mode	normal
Remote: cluster_B	Configuration state	configured
	Mode	normal

b. Verify the configuration from site B:

```
metrocluster show
```

```
cluster_B::> metrocluster show
```

```
Configuration: IP fabric
```

Cluster	Entry Name	State
-----	-----	-----
Local: cluster_B	Configuration state	configured
	Mode	normal
Remote: cluster_A	Configuration state	configured
	Mode	normal

## Creating a mirrored data aggregate on each node

You must create a mirrored data aggregate on each node in the DR group.

### About this task

- You should know what drives will be used in the new aggregate.
- If you have multiple drive types in your system (heterogeneous storage), you should understand how you can ensure that the correct drive type is selected.
- Drives are owned by a specific node; when you create an aggregate, all drives in that aggregate must be owned by the same node, which becomes the home node for that aggregate.

In systems using ADP, aggregates are created using partitions in which each drive is partitioned in to P1, P2 and P3 partitions.

- Aggregate names should conform to the naming scheme you determined when you planned your MetroCluster configuration.

### Disk and aggregate management

### Steps

1. Display a list of available spares:

```
storage disk show -spare -owner node_name
```

2. Create the aggregate:

```
storage aggregate create -mirror true
```

If you are logged in to the cluster on the cluster management interface, you can create an aggregate on any node in the cluster. To ensure that the aggregate is created on a specific node, use the `-node` parameter or specify drives that are owned by that node.

You can specify the following options:

- Aggregate's home node (that is, the node that owns the aggregate in normal operation)
- List of specific drives that are to be added to the aggregate

- Number of drives to include



In the minimum supported configuration, in which a limited number of drives are available, you must use the `force-small-aggregate` option to allow the creation of a three disk RAID-DP aggregate.

- Checksum style to use for the aggregate
- Type of drives to use
- Size of drives to use
- Drive speed to use
- RAID type for RAID groups on the aggregate
- Maximum number of drives that can be included in a RAID group
- Whether drives with different RPM are allowed

For more information about these options, see the `storage aggregate create` man page.

The following command creates a mirrored aggregate with 10 disks:

```
cluster_A::> storage aggregate create aggr1_node_A_1 -diskcount 10
-node node_A_1 -mirror true
[Job 15] Job is queued: Create aggr1_node_A_1.
[Job 15] The job is starting.
[Job 15] Job succeeded: DONE
```

3. Verify the RAID group and drives of your new aggregate:

```
storage aggregate show-status -aggregate aggregate-name
```

## Configuring FC-to-SAS bridges for health monitoring

### About this task

- Third-party SNMP monitoring tools are not supported for FibreBridge bridges.
- Starting with ONTAP 9.8, FC-to-SAS bridges are monitored via in-band connections by default, and additional configuration is not required.



Starting with ONTAP 9.8, the `storage bridge` command is replaced with `system bridge`. The following steps show the `storage bridge` command, but if you are running ONTAP 9.8 or later, the `system bridge` command is preferred.

### Step

1. From the ONTAP cluster prompt, add the bridge to health monitoring:
  - a. Add the bridge, using the command for your version of ONTAP:

ONTAP version	Command
---------------	---------

9.5 and later	<code>storage bridge add -address 0.0.0.0 -managed-by in-band -name <i>bridge-name</i></code>
9.4 and earlier	<code>storage bridge add -address <i>bridge- ip-address</i> -name <i>bridge-name</i></code>

b. Verify that the bridge has been added and is properly configured:

```
storage bridge show
```

It might take as long as 15 minutes to reflect all data because of the polling interval. The ONTAP health monitor can contact and monitor the bridge if the value in the "Status" column is "ok", and other information, such as the worldwide name (WWN), is displayed.

The following example shows that the FC-to-SAS bridges are configured:

```
controller_A_1::> storage bridge show
```

Bridge Vendor Model	Symbolic Name Bridge WWN	Is Monitored	Monitor Status
ATTO_10.10.20.10 FibreBridge 7500N	atto01 20000010867038c0	true	ok
ATTO_10.10.20.11 FibreBridge 7500N	atto02 20000010867033c0	true	ok
ATTO_10.10.20.12 FibreBridge 7500N	atto03 20000010867030c0	true	ok
ATTO_10.10.20.13 FibreBridge 7500N	atto04 2000001086703b80	true	ok

```
4 entries were displayed

controller_A_1::>
```

## Moving a metadata volume in MetroCluster configurations

You can move a metadata volume from one aggregate to another aggregate in a MetroCluster configuration. You might want to move a metadata volume when the source aggregate is decommissioned or unmirrored, or for other reasons that make the aggregate ineligible.

### About this task

- You must have cluster administrator privileges to perform this task.
- The target aggregate must be mirrored and should not be in the degraded state.

- The available space in the target aggregate must be larger than the metadata volume that you are moving.

## Steps

1. Set the privilege level to advanced:

```
set -privilege advanced
```

2. Identify the metadata volume that should be moved:

```
volume show MDV_CRS*
```

```
Cluster_A::*> volume show MDV_CRS*
Vserver   Volume                Aggregate             State      Type      Size
Available Used%
-----
Cluster_A
          MDV_CRS_14c00d4ac9f311e7922800a0984395f1_A
                    Node_A_1_aggr1
                                online    RW      10GB
9.50GB    5%
Cluster_A
          MDV_CRS_14c00d4ac9f311e7922800a0984395f1_B
                    Node_A_2_aggr1
                                online    RW      10GB
9.50GB    5%
Cluster_A
          MDV_CRS_15035e66c9f311e7902700a098439625_A
                    Node_B_1_aggr1
                                -         RW      -
-         -
Cluster_A
          MDV_CRS_15035e66c9f311e7902700a098439625_B
                    Node_B_2_aggr1
                                -         RW      -
-         -
4 entries were displayed.

Cluster_A::>
```

3. Identify an eligible target aggregate:

```
metrocluster check config-replication show-aggregate-eligibility
```

The following command identifies the aggregates in cluster\_A that are eligible to host metadata volumes:



```
Cluster_A::*> metrocluster check config-replication show-aggregate-eligibility
```

```
Aggregate Hosted Config Replication Vols Host Addl Vols Comments
-----
Node_A_1_aggr0 - false Root Aggregate
Node_A_2_aggr0 - false Root Aggregate
Node_A_1_aggr1 MDV_CRS_1bc7134a5ddf11e3b63f123478563412_A true -
Node_A_2_aggr1 MDV_CRS_1bc7134a5ddf11e3b63f123478563412_B true -
Node_A_1_aggr2 - true
Node_A_2_aggr2 - true
Node_A_1_Aggr3 - false Unable to determine available space of aggregate
Node_A_1_aggr5 - false Unable to determine mirror configuration
Node_A_2_aggr6 - false Mirror configuration does not match requirement
Node_B_1_aggr4 - false NonLocal Aggregate
```



In the previous example, Node\_A\_1\_aggr2 and Node\_A\_2\_aggr2 are eligible.

#### 4. Start the volume move operation:

```
volume move start -vserver svm_name -volume metadata_volume_name -destination
-aggregate destination_aggregate_name*
```

The following command moves metadata volume "MDV\_CRS\_14c00d4ac9f311e7922800a0984395f1" from "aggregate Node\_A\_1\_aggr1" to "aggregate Node\_A\_1\_aggr2":

```
Cluster_A::*> volume move start -vserver svm_cluster_A -volume
MDV_CRS_14c00d4ac9f311e7922800a0984395f1
-destination-aggregate aggr_cluster_A_02_01

Warning: You are about to modify the system volume
         "MDV_CRS_9da04864ca6011e7b82e0050568be9fe_A".  This may cause
severe
         performance or stability problems.  Do not proceed unless
directed to
         do so by support.  Do you want to proceed? {y|n}: y
[Job 109] Job is queued: Move
"MDV_CRS_9da04864ca6011e7b82e0050568be9fe_A" in Vserver
"svm_cluster_A" to aggregate "aggr_cluster_A_02_01".
Use the "volume move show -vserver svm_cluster_A -volume
MDV_CRS_9da04864ca6011e7b82e0050568be9fe_A" command to view the status
of this operation.
```

#### 5. Verify the state of the volume move operation:

```
volume move show -volume vol_constituent_name
```

6. Return to the admin privilege level:

```
set -privilege admin
```

## Checking the MetroCluster configuration

You can check that the components and relationships in the MetroCluster configuration are working correctly. You should do a check after initial configuration and after making any changes to the MetroCluster configuration. You should also do a check before a negotiated (planned) switchover or a switchback operation.

### About this task

If the `metrocluster check run` command is issued twice within a short time on either or both clusters, a conflict can occur and the command might not collect all data. Subsequent `metrocluster check show` commands do not show the expected output.

### Steps

1. Check the configuration:

```
metrocluster check run
```

The command runs as a background job and might not be completed immediately.

```
cluster_A::> metrocluster check run
The operation has been started and is running in the background. Wait
for
it to complete and run "metrocluster check show" to view the results. To
check the status of the running metrocluster check operation, use the
command,
"metrocluster operation history show -job-id 2245"
```

```
cluster_A::> metrocluster check show
Last Checked On: 9/13/2018 20:41:37
```

Component	Result
nodes	ok
lifs	ok
config-replication	ok
aggregates	ok
clusters	ok
connections	ok

6 entries were displayed.

2. Display more detailed results from the most recent `metrocluster check run` command:

```
metrocluster check aggregate show
```

```
metrocluster check cluster show
```

```
metrocluster check config-replication show
```

```
metrocluster check lif show
```

```
metrocluster check node show
```

The `metrocluster check show` commands show the results of the most recent `metrocluster check run` command. You should always run the `metrocluster check run` command prior to using the `metrocluster check show` commands so that the information displayed is current.

The following example shows the `metrocluster check aggregate show` command output for a healthy four-node MetroCluster configuration:

```
cluster_A::> metrocluster check aggregate show
```

```
Last Checked On: 8/5/2014 00:42:58
```

Node Result	Aggregate	Check
-----	-----	-----
controller_A_1	controller_A_1_aggr0	mirroring-status
ok		disk-pool-allocation
ok		ownership-state
ok	controller_A_1_aggr1	mirroring-status
ok		disk-pool-allocation
ok		ownership-state
ok	controller_A_1_aggr2	mirroring-status
ok		disk-pool-allocation
ok		ownership-state
ok		

```

controller_A_2      controller_A_2_aggr0
ok
                        mirroring-status
                        disk-pool-allocation
ok
                        ownership-state
ok
                        controller_A_2_aggr1
                        mirroring-status
ok
                        disk-pool-allocation
ok
                        ownership-state
ok
                        controller_A_2_aggr2
                        mirroring-status
ok
                        disk-pool-allocation
ok
                        ownership-state
ok

18 entries were displayed.

```

The following example shows the `metrocluster check cluster show` command output for a healthy four-node MetroCluster configuration. It indicates that the clusters are ready to perform a negotiated switchover if necessary.

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Cluster	Check	Result
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mccint-fas9000-0102	negotiated-switchover-ready	not-applicable
	switchback-ready	not-applicable
	job-schedules	ok
	licenses	ok
	periodic-check-enabled	ok
mccint-fas9000-0304	negotiated-switchover-ready	not-applicable
	switchback-ready	not-applicable
	job-schedules	ok
	licenses	ok
	periodic-check-enabled	ok

10 entries were displayed.

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