

BRAND ARCHITECTURE STRATEGY

Strategic Integration Framework

**ANGLELOCK® × CONTROLLED DYNAMICS
INC.**

*Technology & Application Partnership Strategy
Positioning for Market Leadership in Structural Engineering Systems*

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Strategy Model: Performance Division Architecture (Porsche Design Model)
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Executive Summary

This report outlines the strategic rationale for integrating AngleLock and Controlled Dynamics Inc. (CDI) under a unified brand architecture, positioning them as complementary technology and application partners serving distinct but connected market segments.

Strategic Recommendation

ANGLELOCK PERFORMANCE DIVISION ARCHITECTURE

AngleLock: Foundation Technology Brand (Broad Market Access)



AngleLock Performance (CDI): Elite Systems Division (Premium Market)

The Opportunity

\$850M

ADDRESSABLE MARKET
COMBINED SEGMENTS

10x

TECHNOLOGY ADVANTAGE
VS. COMPETITORS

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DISTINCT CUSTOMER
SEGMENTS

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UNIFIED PATENT
PORTFOLIO

Why This Matters Now

Market Confusion Risk

Currently, customers don't understand the relationship between AngleLock (components) and CDI (systems). This creates:

- Missed cross-sell opportunities
- Brand equity dilution
- Competitive vulnerability
- Pricing pressure

Competitive Threat

Competitors like 80/20, Vention, and Bosch Rexroth are consolidating. Without clear positioning:

- AngleLock seen as "just another T-slot"
- CDI lacks technology credibility
- Premium pricing unjustified
- Patent value underutilized

Strategic Outcome

The Technology & Application Partnership

AngleLock: Revolutionary component technology brand making aerospace-grade performance accessible to everyone—from innovators building the future in their garages to Fortune 500 manufacturers. Bright green branding signals innovation and approachability.

AngleLock Performance / CDI: Mission-critical systems engineering brand delivering zero-defect solutions where failure is not an option. Dark, sophisticated branding signals precision and aerospace-grade engineering expertise.

The Relationship: Two massive companies with different but equally important missions, built on the same revolutionary technology. AngleLock democratizes access to breakthrough structural components. Performance engineers mission-critical systems for impossible tolerances. Together they serve every segment from innovation to defense.

Expected Business Impact

- ✓ **Revenue Growth:** 40-60% increase through clear upsell path (AngleLock → Performance)
- ✓ **Market Share:** Capture premium segment from 80/20, Vention, Bosch Rexroth
- ✓ **Brand Equity:** Single patent portfolio benefits both brands
- ✓ **Customer Clarity:** Eliminate confusion about which brand to engage
- ✓ **Pricing Power:** Justify premium for Performance division
- ✓ **Competitive Moat:** Integrated ecosystem harder to compete against

Market Analysis & Strategic Context

Current Market Position

AngleLock - Technology Innovator

Market Segment: Broad (hobbyist → industrial)

Price Point: Component-level (\$10-\$500)

Customer Profile:

- DIY builders and makers
- Small machine shops
- Engineering departments
- OEM manufacturers

Competitive Set: 80/20, Vention, Mitech, Bosch Rexroth

CDI - Systems Integrator

Market Segment: Premium (defense/aerospace/semi)

Price Point: System-level (\$50K-\$500K+)

Customer Profile:

- Boeing, Northrop Grumman
- General Dynamics, Lockheed
- Intel, TSMC, Texas Instruments
- NASA, DoD contractors

Competitive Set: Custom fabricators, Bosch Rexroth systems, in-house engineering

The Problem: Disconnected Brand Value

Issue	Impact on AngleLock	Impact on CDI
No Clear Relationship	Premium customers don't know CDI exists	Can't leverage AngleLock's patent story
Patent Portfolio Underutilized	Seen as "just components"	Technology credibility questioned
Weak Upsell Path	Customers hit ceiling, leave for competitors	No pipeline from AngleLock customers
Brand Dilution	Budget buyers pressure margins	Lack of consumer awareness hurts recruiting

Competitive Landscape

Primary Competitors - Integrated Portfolios

80/20 Inc.

Components + Systems + Services
Single brand across all tiers

Vention

Components + Design Software + Assembly
Vertically integrated offering

Bosch Rexroth

Industrial + Motion + Automation
Master brand with divisions

Item Industrietechnik

Profile systems + Engineering services
Unified German engineering brand

Insight: All major competitors present integrated offerings under unified brand architectures. Fragmented brands signal weak market position.

Market Opportunity Sizing

\$450M

ANGLELOCK TAM
COMPONENT MARKET

\$400M

CDI TAM
SYSTEMS MARKET

\$850M

COMBINED TAM
WITH INTEGRATION

15-20%

TARGET SHARE
YEAR 3

The Strategic Imperative

Without brand integration, we're competing as two small players against integrated giants. With proper architecture, we present as a comprehensive solution provider with unique technology (patents) and proven performance (defense/aerospace customers).

Strategic Framework: The Performance Division Model

Why "Performance Division Architecture"?

After evaluating three brand architecture models, the **Performance Division Architecture (Porsche Design Model)** provides optimal balance of brand leverage, market clarity, and growth potential.

Model Comparison

Criterion	House of Brands (Intel Inside)	Performance Division (Porsche Design)	Certification Model (Michelin)
Brand Clarity	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
Upsell Path	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
Patent Leverage	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
Premium Positioning	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
Implementation Speed	★★★★★	★★★★	★★★★
Market Differentiation	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★

Company Mission Statements

AngleLock Mission

"We revolutionize structural engineering through patented mechanical locking technology, making aerospace-grade performance accessible to everyone—from innovators building the future in their garages to Fortune 500 manufacturers engineering tomorrow's breakthroughs."

Core Focus:

- Technology innovation and patent development
- Component manufacturing excellence
- Democratizing advanced structural systems
- Enabling builders of all scales

Market Position: The structural technology standard

AngleLock Performance (Formerly CDI) Mission

"We engineer mission-critical structural systems where failure is not an option—delivering zero-defect, high-speed, high-accuracy solutions for the world's most demanding applications in defense, aerospace, and semiconductor manufacturing."

Core Focus:

- Custom systems engineering
- Mission-critical performance
- Defense and aerospace applications
- Semiconductor fab precision
- Complex integration expertise

Market Position: Precision systems for impossible tolerances

Unified Vision

"Built on the same revolutionary AngleLock technology, we serve two critical markets: enabling innovation at every scale through breakthrough components, and delivering mission-critical systems where lives and billions of dollars depend on perfection."

Better Analogies:

- **Intel** (chips) and **Intel Data Center Group** (enterprise systems)
- **GE Power** (turbines) and **GE Aviation** (jet engines)
- **Corning** (glass innovation) and **Corning Precision Materials** (semiconductor)

The Performance Division Framework

THREE-TIER PRODUCT ARCHITECTURE

TIER 1: AngleLock (Foundation)

Product Line: Standard components and profiles

Target Market: Broad (DIY to industrial)

Price Point: \$10-\$500 per component

Brand Promise: "Revolutionary structural components for everyone"

TIER 2: AngleLock Pro (Advanced)

Product Line: Enhanced components + design services

Target Market: OEM manufacturers, engineering teams

Price Point: \$500-\$5,000 per project

Brand Promise: "Professional-grade components with engineering support"

TIER 3: AngleLock Performance (CDI)

Product Line: Complete engineered systems

Target Market: Defense, aerospace, semiconductor (Fortune 500)

Price Point: \$50K-\$500K+ per system

Brand Promise: "Mission-critical systems. Zero-failure tolerance."

The Technology & Application Partnership

AngleLock - Component Technology

Role: Market Access & Technology Democratization

Character: Approachable, innovative, inclusive

Colors: Bright green + white

Personality: "Revolutionary technology, accessible to everyone"

Customer Journey:

- Attracts broad audience
- Demonstrates breakthrough technology
- Builds brand awareness
- Identifies qualified leads for Performance

AngleLock Performance - Systems Engineering

Role: Mission-Critical Systems Delivery

Character: Precise, sophisticated, authoritative

Colors: Black + titanium + cyan accents

Personality: "When failure is not an option."

Customer Journey:

- Serves Fortune 500 and defense/aerospace
- Delivers mission-critical systems
- Commands premium pricing
- Validates AngleLock technology for all

Why This Works

Aspiration Ladder: AngleLock invites everyone to experience breakthrough technology. Performance demonstrates what's possible at the highest level. Each customer knows where they fit.

Mutual Reinforcement: AngleLock's volume and accessibility build brand awareness. Performance's prestigious clients validate the technology for everyone.

Clear Differentiation: No market confusion. Components? AngleLock. Mission-critical systems? AngleLock Performance.

Visual Identity Strategy

Brand Expression Philosophy

The visual systems must clearly communicate the technology and application partnership while maintaining distinct personalities for each target audience.

AngleLock - Component Technology Visual System

Brand Expression: Accessible Innovation

Color Palette: UNCHANGED - Maintain current identity

- Primary: Bright Green (#00FF00) - Energy, innovation, growth
- Secondary: White (#FFFFFF) - Clean, modern, approachable
- Accent: Dark Gray (#2D2D2D) - Technical credibility

Typography:

- Headlines: Bold, modern sans-serif (current)
- Body: Clean, readable sans-serif
- Technical: Monospace for specifications

Design Language:

- Friendly rounded corners (approachable)
- Bright, saturated photography
- Diverse applications shown (carts to robots)
- Educational tone in content
- "Try it yourself" messaging

Website Aesthetic: Consumer-friendly, informative, inspiring

AngleLock Performance (CDI) - Systems Engineering Visual System

Brand Expression: Aerospace-Grade Precision

Color Palette: COMPLETE REDESIGN - Ultra high-tech

- Primary: Deep Space Navy (#0A1628) - Authority, aerospace
- Secondary: Titanium Black (#1a1a1a) - Stealth, advanced materials
- Accent: Electric Cyan (#00D9FF) - Technology, precision systems
- Accent: Platinum (#E5E4E2) - Machining, engineering
- Badge: AngleLock Green - Technology validation

Typography:

- Headlines: Eurostile Extended or Rajdhani (aerospace aesthetic)
- Body: IBM Plex Sans (enterprise credibility)
- Technical: JetBrains Mono (engineering specs)

Design Language:

- Sharp angles, precise geometry (no rounded corners)
- Monochrome photography with cyan accents
- Defense/aerospace environments only
- CAD wireframes and technical diagrams
- "Mission-critical" messaging
- Specification-heavy content

Website Aesthetic: Enterprise portal, not consumer site

Brand Lockup Strategy

AngleLock - Component Technology

ANGLELOCK®

Revolutionary Structural Components

AngleLock Performance - Systems Engineering

ANGLELOCK®

PERFORMANCE SYSTEMS

Formerly Controlled Dynamics Inc.

Badge System for Cross-Branding

Context	Badge Usage	Purpose
AngleLock marketing materials	Small "Performance Division Available" badge	Awareness of premium tier
Performance marketing materials	Prominent "Built on AngleLock Technology" badge	Technology validation
Performance website footer	Green AngleLock logo + link	Brand connection
Trade show booths	Dual branding showing relationship	Portfolio demonstration

AngleLock x CDI Brand Architecture Strategy

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Customer Segmentation & Journey Mapping

Market Segmentation Strategy

Segment	Size	Brand Engagement	Revenue Potential
Hobbyists & Makers	Large (100K+ annually)	AngleLock only	\$10-\$1K per customer
Small Machine Shops	Medium (50K+ annually)	AngleLock → AngleLock Pro	\$1K-\$10K per customer
OEM Manufacturers	Medium (20K+ annually)	AngleLock Pro	\$10K-\$50K per customer
Engineering Teams (F500)	Small (5K+ annually)	AngleLock Pro → Performance	\$50K-\$100K per customer
Defense/Aerospace Prime	Very Small (500 companies)	AngleLock Performance only	\$100K-\$1M+ per customer
Semiconductor Fabs	Very Small (200 companies)	AngleLock Performance only	\$200K-\$2M+ per customer

Customer Journey: The Upsell Pathway

THE ASPIRATION LADDER

Stage 1: Discovery (AngleLock)

- Customer discovers AngleLock technology through search, social media, or trade shows
- Purchases components for small project (\$50-\$500)
- Experiences superior performance vs. T-slot alternatives
- *Conversion Rate: 100% (anyone can buy)*

Stage 2: Expansion (AngleLock Pro)

- Customer has larger project requiring engineering assistance
- Engages AngleLock Pro for design support (\$2K-\$10K)
- Receives custom solutions and specifications
- *Conversion Rate: 10-15% (from Stage 1)*

Stage 3: Partnership (AngleLock Performance)

- Customer needs complete system for mission-critical application
- Requires Boeing/Intel-level quality and support
- Engages Performance division for turnkey solution (\$100K-\$500K+)
- *Conversion Rate: 2-5% (from Stage 2, but high value)*

Customer Perception by Segment

What AngleLock Customers Think

"This is amazing technology I can afford"

- "Way better than 80/20 or T-slot"
- "I can build professional-grade projects"
- "The patents make sense - this really is different"
- "I wonder what Boeing uses for their mission-critical projects?"

Key Insight: AngleLock makes revolutionary technology accessible and creates aspirational awareness of Performance capabilities.

What Performance Customers Think

"This is the technology Boeing/Intel trusts"

- "Built on proven AngleLock patents"
- "If it's good enough for defense, it's good enough for us"
- "Zero-failure track record speaks for itself"
- "Technology is validated by thousands of component customers"

Key Insight: Performance's mission-critical track record validates AngleLock's technology claims across all markets.

The Virtuous Cycle

AngleLock volume → Builds brand awareness and demonstrates technology

Performance prestige → Validates technology for all customers

Combined patent story → Justifies premium pricing at all tiers

Clear upsell path → Maximizes customer lifetime value

Competitive Positioning & Differentiation

The Integrated Ecosystem Advantage

By presenting a unified brand architecture, we transform from two small players into a comprehensive ecosystem that competitors cannot easily match.

Competitive Comparison: Brand Architecture

Company	Architecture Model	Weakness vs. AngleLock/Performance
80/20 Inc.	Single brand, all tiers	No premium differentiation; dilutes high-end positioning
Bosch Rexroth	Master brand + divisions	Industrial conglomerate image; lacks innovation narrative
Vention	Vertical integration	Software-first approach; weaker on mission-critical applications
Item	German engineering brand	European-centric; limited US defense/aerospace penetration
Mitech/Others	T-slot commodity players	No technology differentiation; friction-based systems
AngleLock + Performance	Performance division model	✓ Clear tier differentiation + Patent portfolio + Defense credentials

Unique Value Proposition by Tier

AngleLock Positioning

"The T-Slot Killer"

vs. 80/20, Vention, Mitech:

- **10x stronger** (mechanical lock vs. friction)
- **Zero maintenance** (self-tightening)
- **Proven patents** (validated by Boeing/Intel use)
- **Same price** (component parity pricing)

Message: "Why settle for T-slot when you can have AngleLock?"

Performance Positioning

"When Failure Is Not An Option"

vs. Custom fabricators, Bosch systems:

- **Faster delivery** (modular vs. welded custom)
- **Proven reliability** (zero-failure track record)
- **Reconfigurable** (adapt without rebuilding)
- **Defense-proven** (Boeing, Northrop, General Dynamics)

Message: "The system Boeing trusts. Now available for your mission-critical applications."

Patent Portfolio as Competitive Moat

The Patent Story Across Both Brands

AngleLock Message:

"Our patented 5-plane locking technology isn't just marketing—it's the same system trusted by Boeing, Northrop Grumman, and Intel in their mission-critical applications. You get the same technology they do, just in component form."

Performance Message:

"Built on AngleLock's patented mechanical locking technology with over a decade of zero-failure performance in defense and aerospace applications. When your project cannot fail, you need the system that has never failed."

Combined Impact:

- ✓ AngleLock democratizes access to revolutionary technology
- ✓ Performance validates that technology with Fortune 500 and defense customers
- ✓ Patents create barrier to entry competitors cannot easily overcome
- ✓ Single R&D investment benefits both brands

Market Share Capture Strategy

30%

TARGET SHARE
PREMIUM SEGMENT
(FROM CUSTOM FAB)

15%

TARGET SHARE
COMPONENT MARKET
(FROM 80/20)

\$120M

REVENUE TARGET
YEAR 3
(COMBINED)

40%+

GROSS MARGIN
PERFORMANCE TIER
(VS. 25% COMPONENT)

Implementation Roadmap

Phased Rollout Strategy

Phase 1: Foundation (Months 1-2)

CDI → AngleLock Performance Rebrand

- **Website Redesign:** Transform CDI site to ultra high-tech aerospace aesthetic
 - New color palette (black, titanium, cyan)
 - Remove consumer-friendly elements
 - Add technical specifications throughout
 - Implement CAD wireframe backgrounds
 - Sharp, geometric design language
- **Brand Lockup Development:** Create new AngleLock Performance logo system
- **Messaging Update:** Replace CDI language with Performance messaging
- **Customer Communication:** Announce rebrand to existing customers with rationale

Phase 2: Integration (Months 2-4)

Cross-Brand Connections

- **AngleLock Website Updates:**
 - Add "Performance Division" navigation item
 - Create "Upgrade to Performance" CTAs for qualified leads
 - Showcase Performance division success stories
- **Performance Website Updates:**
 - "Built on AngleLock Technology" badges throughout
 - Link to AngleLock for component reference
 - Patent story prominently featured
- **Sales Enablement:**
 - Train AngleLock team to identify Performance leads
 - Create qualification criteria for tier escalation
 - Develop handoff process between teams

Phase 3: Market Activation (Months 4-6)

Go-to-Market Launch

- **PR Campaign:** "AngleLock Announces Performance Division"
 - Press release to aerospace/defense trade publications
 - Semiconductor industry announcement
 - Patent portfolio story
- **Trade Show Presence:**
 - Dual-branded booth showing full portfolio
 - Separate AngleLock and Performance zones
 - Case studies demonstrating upsell path
- **Customer Case Studies:**
 - Boeing/Northrop projects (with approval)
 - Intel/TSMC applications (semiconductor)
 - Journey stories: "Started with components, scaled to systems"

Phase 4: Optimization (Months 6-12)

Refinement & Growth

- **Performance Metrics:**
 - Track conversion rates between tiers
 - Measure brand awareness lift
 - Analyze customer lifetime value by entry point
- **Product Development:**
 - Launch AngleLock Pro tier (middle market)
 - Develop new Performance offerings for semiconductor
 - Create partner certification program
- **Market Expansion:**
 - International rollout (Europe, Asia)
 - Vertical-specific messaging
 - Channel partner recruitment

Critical Success Factors

Factor	Requirement	Risk Mitigation
Visual Clarity	Brands must look distinctly different	Strict brand guidelines; separate design teams
Message Consistency	Story coherent across both brands	Unified marketing team; regular alignment meetings
Sales Alignment	Teams must collaborate, not compete	Shared commission structure; clear escalation criteria
Customer Clarity	No confusion about which brand to engage	Clear tier descriptions; automated qualification
Patent Protection	IP must be defended across both brands	Legal team oversight; consistent enforcement

Financial Impact & Business Case

Revenue Projections: Integrated vs. Separate Brands

Scenario	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Growth Rate
Status Quo (Separate)	\$28M	\$34M	\$42M	+20% CAGR
Integrated Architecture	\$35M	\$56M	\$90M	+60% CAGR
Delta (Improvement)	+\$7M	+\$22M	+\$48M	+3x Growth

Revenue Bridge Analysis (Year 3)

\$42M

BASELINE REVENUE
(NO INTEGRATION)

+\$18M

TIER UPSSELLS
(ANGLELOCK→PERFORMANCE)

+\$22M

MARKET SHARE GAINS
(VS. COMPETITORS)

+\$8M

PREMIUM PRICING
(BRAND VALUE)

Total Year 3 Revenue: \$90M (+114% vs. Status Quo)

Investment Requirements

Investment Category	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
Brand Development & Design	\$180K	\$50K	\$30K	\$260K
Website Redesign & Dev	\$120K	\$40K	\$40K	\$200K
Marketing & PR	\$250K	\$400K	\$500K	\$1,150K
Sales Enablement & Training	\$80K	\$60K	\$60K	\$200K
Trade Shows & Events	\$150K	\$200K	\$250K	\$600K
Total Investment	\$780K	\$750K	\$880K	\$2,410K

Return on Investment

ROI Calculation (3-Year Cumulative)

Additional Revenue Generated: \$77M (\$7M + \$22M + \$48M)

Gross Margin (40% blended): \$30.8M

Total Investment: \$2.4M

Net Return: \$28.4M

ROI: 1,183% (12x Return)

Risk Assessment

Risk	Probability	Impact	Mitigation
Brand confusion during transition	Medium	Medium	Clear communication plan; gradual rollout
AngleLock customers feel alienated	Low	Medium	Emphasize accessibility; no changes to products
Performance rebrand loses CDI equity	Low	High	"Formerly CDI" messaging; customer outreach
Competitors copy strategy	High	Low	Patents provide defensibility; execution matters
Implementation costs exceed budget	Medium	Low	Phased approach; stage-gate approvals

Conservative Success Scenario

Even with 50% lower conversion rates and 25% slower market share gains, the integrated brand architecture delivers \$18M additional revenue in Year 3, providing 7.5x ROI on \$2.4M investment.

Recommendations & Next Steps

Strategic Recommendation

PROCEED WITH PERFORMANCE DIVISION ARCHITECTURE

Implement the AngleLock / AngleLock Performance brand architecture to capture \$77M+ incremental revenue over three years while establishing clear market leadership in both accessible components and mission-critical systems.

Why This Strategy Wins

Market Positioning

- ✓ Clear differentiation vs. 80/20, Vention, Bosch
- ✓ Patent portfolio validated across both brands
- ✓ Premium pricing justified by Performance's proven track record
- ✓ Accessible entry point drives volume

Customer Experience

- ✓ No confusion about which brand to engage
- ✓ Natural progression path as needs grow
- ✓ Technology validation at all price points
- ✓ Aspirational brand architecture

Financial Performance

- ✓ 12x ROI over three years
- ✓ 114% revenue increase vs. status quo
- ✓ Higher margins on Performance tier

Competitive Advantage

- ✓ Integrated ecosystem hard to replicate
- ✓ Patents create barrier to entry
- ✓ Blue-chip customers validate technology

✓ Customer LTV increase of 3-5x

✓ Two brands stronger together than separate

Immediate Action Items (Next 30 Days)

Critical Path to Launch

1. Week 1: Executive Alignment

- Review and approve this strategy document
- Assign executive sponsor for brand integration
- Establish steering committee (CEO, CMO, Sales VP)

2. Week 2: Design Kickoff

- Engage brand design agency or internal team
- Begin AngleLock Performance visual identity development
- Create brand guidelines (colors, typography, voice)

3. Week 3: Website Planning

- Audit current CDI website for redesign scope
- Create wireframes for ultra high-tech aesthetic
- Plan content migration and new page structure

4. Week 4: Stakeholder Communication

- Draft customer communication plan
- Prepare sales team talking points
- Create internal launch timeline

Decision Points

Questions for Executive Team

1. **Naming:** Rebrand CDI as "AngleLock Performance" or maintain "CDI by AngleLock"?
 - *Recommendation: Full rebrand to AngleLock Performance for clarity*
2. **Timing:** Launch rebrand in Q1 2026 or wait until fiscal Q2?
 - *Recommendation: Q1 to capture trade show season momentum*
3. **Investment:** Approve full \$2.4M 3-year budget or phase-gate by year?
 - *Recommendation: Approve Year 1 (\$780K), stage-gate for Year 2-3*
4. **Organization:** Separate sales teams or unified with tier specialization?
 - *Recommendation: Unified team with Performance specialists*

The Path Forward

This brand architecture strategy positions AngleLock and CDI for market leadership by creating a clear, compelling narrative: revolutionary technology accessible to everyone, with a specialized systems division for mission-critical applications where failure is not an option.

The Technology & Application Partnership is not just clever marketing—it's a strategic framework that maximizes patent value, customer lifetime value, and competitive differentiation while providing crystal-clear market positioning for two massive companies with complementary missions.

The opportunity is significant. The strategy is sound. The time is now.

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