

# **Drupal 8 Integration with Slack**

#### WHO ARE WE?

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- Love the Drupal community (that's you!).
- I enjoy back-end development the most.
- Former BBSer.



What am I doing with this?



### **MULTI-USER DUNGEON**

MUDs are Multi-User Dungeon games. They're usually text-based adventure games that involve killing monsters or solving puzzles to gain levels and get more powerful.

I build my first modem when I was 8 or 9. It was a 300 baud Heathkit and I used it to dial into Compuserve and a bunch of bulletin board systems. The first multiline one I remember calling was a "ddial" BBS called Point ZerO, which was a multi-line chat BBS. After that, I spent a whole lot of time on Galacticom MajorBBS systems like Electropolis and Mulligan's Place. One of my favorite things on these BBSs was the gaming. There were multi-player interactive games - picture Zork, but for 32 players. The one I've ported is called Kyrandia, and it was available for the MajorBBS software starting in 1989.

#### **Entertainment Add-ons for the BBS**

#### Kyrandia (Fantasy-world)

Our premier text-adventure, Kyrandia is a world of magic, wonder, and romance. Dvorak's Guide to PC Telecommunications writes that Kyrandia is "the most advanced multiuser text-adventure game created to date".

Kyrandia (Fantasy-world), including source ......\$395



# Demo time!

# **DEMO**

Let's take a quick look at the app and see:

- What kinds of interactions we have,
- What kinds of data Drupal serves up,
- How Slack presents them,
- And what the app actually looks like.

# Architecture

#### ARCHITECTURE

The app is usually hosted on a free Pantheon site. (But we're using ngrok on a local instance today.)

The Slack app is created through usual Slack app creation, and the URLs are set to the dev Pantheon site (or our ngrok URLs for today).

We use the following new/custom modules for this game:

- word grammar
- slack\_incoming
- slack\_mud
- kyrandia
- kyrandia\_migrate

# **WORD GRAMMAR**

Needed mechanism for:

- "a" or "an" for nouns
- Nicely formatted lists with Oxford commas (which is a parameter but, c'mon, it should always be TRUE)

Service for these operations in module word\_grammar.

Available now at:

https://drupal.org/projects/word\_grammar

# PORTING THE OLD GAME

#### Data files:

- Locations
- Items
- Spells
- Descriptions
- Message text
- Levels

#### C functions

- Command routines
- Location handling routines
- System interaction routines

# **Importing Ancient Data**

#### IMPORTING FROM MAJORBBS SOURCE CODE

I have the original source code for Kyrandia, written by Scott Brinker and Richard Skurnick for the Galacticomm MajorBBS software. It's C code with MSG files that contain the actual messages and descriptions.

First, let's look at how we can import all of that.

```
STATIC void
reader(void)
                                   /* handle reading something (spellbook) */
    qi baqthe();
    if (!sameas(margv[1],"spellbook")) {
       if ((obiptr=fqmpobi(marqv[1])) != NULL) {
          if (objptr->flags&REDABL) {
             tqmpobj(objno);
             scroll((int)(objptr-Objects));
             prfmsg(READER1,dobutl(objptr));
             outprf(usrnum);
             sndutl("having severe eye problems.");
          prfmsg(READER2);
          outprf(usrnum);
          sndutl("is suffering from mental instability.");
    else {
       looker();
```

```
HLPMSG {
Help is available for the following subjects:
  commands ... what you can do
  fantasy .... a note from the author
  gold ..... "money" of Kyrandia
  hits ..... your strength/combat
  levels .... advancing in Kyrandia
  spells ..... the magic of Kyrandia
  winning .... solving the game
Type "help <subject>" (example: "help fantasy") at the prompt.
To exit type "X". You will be placed in the same spot when you return.
} T Kyrandia description
HLPCOM {...Suddenly, a small elf runs out from nowhere! He gives you a nod and a
smile and whispers in your ear...
```

### **MSG FILES**

#### **GALKYRM.MSG**

#### Actual record:

FDES04 {...Dressed in a heavy dark cape, %s sticks out in the crowd. Lightly sprinkled upon the cape is a substance of silvery dust. You detect a strong aura of magical power which makes you very weary of this person. Sewn by black threads on the side of the black cape is a Patch of Sorcery inscribed with the word "Magician". She seems to be holding } T Kyrandia description

We need a Migration Source that can parse this!

### **CUSTOM MIGRATION SOURCE**

Custom iterator to pull the data out.

```
* {@inheritdoc}
* @throws \Drupal\migrate\MigrateException
oublic function initializeIterator() {
$contents = file_get_contents($this->configuration['path']);
 $contents = str_replace("\r\n \r\n", "\n\n", $contents);
 $raw_rows = preg_split("/([^|\n].*{)/", $contents, -1, PREG_SPLIT_NO_EMPTY | PREG_SPLIT_DELIM_CAPTURE);
 // The preg_split gives us content items in multiple rows.
 $rows = [];
 foreach ($raw_rows as $index => $raw_row) {
  * $row = * [];
  if (strpos($raw_row, '{') == FALSE) {
    // This is the content row. Its name is in the row before.
    *spriorRow = array_key_exists($index, $raw_rows) ? $raw_rows[$index - 1] : '';
     $name = str_replace(' {', '', $priorRow);
     $endPos = strpos($raw_row, '}');
     $description = substr($raw_row, 0, $endPos);
    $rawType = substr($raw_row, $endPos);
     $type = str_replace(['} T'', "\n"], '', $rawType);
    *$row['name'] = *$name;
    $row['description'] = $description;
    $row['type'] = $type;
     * $rows [] -= * $row:
 return new \ArrayIterator($rows);
```

#### **CUSTOM MIGRATION SOURCE**

#### In the migration:

- Source plugin
- Path to MSG file
- Process pulls fields
- Saves to a node or a taxonomy term

```
angcode: en
status: true
id: kyrandia_messages
- kyrandia
- items
nigration_group: kyrandia_messages
plugin: kyrandia_msg
 path: ./modules/custom/kyrandia/modules/kyrandia_migrate/data/GALKYRM.MSG
 name: name
  plugin: default_value
description/value: description
  plugin: default value
  default_value: 1
default_bundle: kyrandia_message
     -- kyrandia_migrate
igration dependencies:
   - kyrandia_game
```

## DRUPAL ENTITIES

We bring in the ported data as nodes and taxonomy terms. Let's have a look at what those look like in Drupal.

- Locations
- Items
- Messages
- Levels
- Spells

### **CRON**

We have a couple of things we need to do with cron.

Every day, the game resets. Default items need to appear where they belong, and extra stuff needs to be cleaned up.

The regular game cycle needs to run. This used to run every 8 seconds on the original BBS. This reduces or removes temporary effects in the game, like spell duration or actions performed in locations with temporary effects.

Drupal Cron doesn't like running every 8 seconds so I set it up with a free service: <a href="https://cron-job.org">https://cron-job.org</a>. This lets me run it every minute, which isn't as fast as MajorBBS but it works.

**Playing the Game** 

### **COMMANDS**

Text adventure games use textual commands. Players type in commands to do things like move around, look at or talk to people, interact with objects, cast spells, and so on.

- > inventory
- > move north
- > get diamond
- > drop ruby
- > attack dragon

### MUD COMMAND ARCHITECTURE

To handle these commands and re-use the same gaming engine across multiple games, we'll use custom plugins to handle the players' commands. The MUD event listener gets the command string that the player typed, determines what plugin to use, then instantiates that plugin and performs the action.

# Events

#### **EVENTS**

This is how an event is fired.

```
/** @var \Drupal\slack_incoming\Event\SlackEvent $slackEvent */
    $slackEvent = new SlackEvent($package);
    $slackEvent = $this->dispatcher->dispatch(SlackEvent::SLACK_EVENT, $slackEvent);
    if ($response = $slackEvent->getResponse()) {
        return $response;
    }
}
```

Instantiate your custom event class (SlackEvent).

Pass the event name and the instantiated event class to the dispatcher's dispatch() method. (Get Dispatcher from the container with 'event\_dispatcher'.)

Each event subscribers listening for that event will run and do their thing.

Then we can get the results from SlackEvent's getResponse() method, which returns an array of responses created/modified by event subscribers.

#### **CUSTOM EVENT CLASS**

The event class has a constant that defines the event name that a listener will use.

It also has the properties that identify the relevant information to the listeners, and the properties that the listeners will use to pass data back to the event caller.

```
const SLACK_EVENT = 'slack_incoming.slack_event';
* Response to send.
* @var \Symfony\Component\HttpFoundation\Response
rotected $response;
* Get the current response to be sent.
* @return \Symfony\Component\HttpFoundation\Response
ublic function getResponse() {
 return $this->response;
* Set a new response to be sent.
* @param \Symfony\Component\HttpFoundation\Response $response
ublic function setResponse(Response $response) {
$this->response = $response:
```

## **CUSTOM EVENT SUBSCRIBER SERVICE**

The event subscriber needs to be defined in the module's services.info.yml file. Inherit from EventSubscriberInterface.

```
slack_incoming.slack_service_subscriber:
class: Drupal\slack_incoming\EventSubscriber\SlackEventSubscriber
arguments: ['@slack_incoming.slack_service']
tags:
--{ name: event_subscriber }
```

#### **CUSTOM EVENT SUBSCRIBER CLASS**

The subscriber class needs to define which events it's listening for in getSubscribedEvents(). SLACK\_EVENT is the same constant we defined in the event class.

#### **CUSTOM EVENT LISTENER**

This is the function we listed in getSubscribedEvents().

It takes the event as an argument.

Then we do some stuff with it. One condition sets the response on the event to the challenge response. The other posts a Slack message back to the user in the app's Home tab.

```
* @param \Drupal\slack incoming\Event\SlackEvent $event
* @throws \GuzzleHttp\Exception\GuzzleException
ublic function onSlackEvent(SlackEvent $event) {
// back the challenge token.
$package = $event->getSlackPackage();
if (array_key_exists('type', $package)) {
  switch ($package['type']) {
      $event->setResponse(new JsonResponse(['challenge' => $package['challenge']]));
    case 'event callback':
      switch ($package['event']['type']) {
        case 'app home opened':
          $this->slack->slackApi('views.publish', 'POST', [
            'user id' => *package["event"]["user"].
            'view' => $homeBlockContent,
```

# Plugins

#### **CUSTOM PLUGINS**

#### Custom plugins need:

- Annotations
- Plugin manager
- And to be helpful, a base plugin class

```
/**

** Defines · Look · command · plugin · implementation.

**

** @MudCommandPlugin(

** · · · id · = · "look",

** · · · module · = · "slack_mud"

** · )

**

** · @package · Drupal \ slack_mud \ Plugin \ MudCommand

**/

class · Look · extends · MudCommandPluginBase · implements · MudCommandPluginInterface · {
```

#### **CUSTOM PLUGIN ANNOTATIONS**

The annotation class defines what parameters the plugin can use in its annotation.

We have an id string parameter, a name string parameter, and a synonyms parameter.

(Although synonyms aren't working yet!)

This class lives in slack\_mud/src/Annotation.

```
class MudCommandPlugin extends Plugin {
  * The pluain ID.
  * @var string
 public $id;
  * The name of the plugin.
   * @var \Drupal\Core\Annotation\Translation
  * @ingroup plugin_translatable
 public $name;
  * An array of synonyms that can also be used to call this command plugin.
  * @var string[]
 public $synonyms = [];
```

#### **CUSTOM PLUGIN MANAGER**

Custom plugins need a plugin manager to define the directory structure, namespaces, module handler, plugin interface, and plugin annotation class. It also defines the alterInfo method and determines the caching mechanism. It goes in slack\_mud/src.

```
lass MudCommandPluginManager extends DefaultPluginManager {
 * Constructs the MudCommandPluginManager object.
 * @param \Traversable $namespaces
 * An object that implements \Traversable which contains the root paths
 * keyed by the corresponding namespace to look for plugin implementations.
 * @param \Drupal\Core\Cache\CacheBackendInterface $cache_backend
     Cache backend instance to use.
 * @param \Drupal\Core\Extension\ModuleHandlerInterface $module_handler
 * The module handler to invoke the alter hook with.
public function construct(\Traversable $namespaces, CacheBackendInterface $cache backend, ModuleHandlerInterface $module handler) {
  parent::__construct('Plugin/MudCommand',
    *module handler.
    'Drupal\slack_mud\MudCommandPluginInterface',
    'Drupal\slack mud\Annotation\MudCommandPlugin');
  $this->alterInfo('slack_mud_command_info');
  $this->setCacheBackend($cache backend, 'slack mud command plugins');
```

### **CUSTOM PLUGIN INTERFACE**

Your plugin's interface defines the methods used by all the custom plugins of this type. For our MUD Command plugin, we need a perform() method that each plugin will use to process the commands and return block or text results.

The interface is used by the plugin manager to create and return plugin instances.

```
* Defines the interface for MUD commands.
nterface MudCommandPluginInterface extends PluginInspectionInterface, ContainerFactoryPluginInterface {
 * Return the name of the plugin.
 * @param string $commandText
      Command text to execute.
 * @param \Drupal\node\NodeInterface $actingPlayer
     The player performing the action.
  * @param array $results
     Response array where the player node ID is the key and the value is an
      array of the response messages to return to that player. Multiple players
         1735 => [
           'You do not see anything here.',
           'You might be eaten by a grue.',
           'Jack is looking around.',
      A command may add to the results array or modify existing elements in the
 public function perform($commandText, NodeInterface $actingPlayer, array &$results);
```

#### **CUSTOM PLUGIN BASE CLASS**

Your plugin's base class should define your default create() and \_\_construct() methods. This makes services from the container available to all plugin classes that extend from the base class. It should also implement your interface.

Let's look at \Drupal\slack\_mud\Plugin\MudCommand\MudCommandPluginBase.

#### **CUSTOM PLUGINS**

We're working with MudCommand plugins, so our classes all go in src/Plugin/MudCommand.

We define the annotation parameters with an id and a name, extend from the base class, and implement the interface.

Let's look at Kyrandia's kyrandia\_cast plugin and see how it works.

# Slack

# INTERACTING WITH THE GAME

Here's the part we've all been waiting for:

How do we integrate the game with Slack?

#### **SLACK\_INCOMING MODULE**

The slack\_incoming accepts messages from Slack for all sorts of interactions:

- Messaging
- Slash commands
- Events

It can also make Slack API calls like chat.postMessage and views.publish.

You can find this module at <a href="https://drupal.org/project/slack\_incoming">https://drupal.org/project/slack\_incoming</a>.

#### **AUTHENTICATION**

Slack messages should be authenticated to make sure some rando isn't sending your app weird messages pretending to be Slack.

Slack's scheme for authentication uses a signing secret defined for your application.

The slack\_incoming module uses an authentication provider to check the incoming messages and is defined as a parameter on any additional routes you might want to add like additional slash commands.

#### **SLACK EVENTS**

#### Slack message behavior:

- 1. User sends the bot a message in Slack.
- 2. Slack sends the event request URL a message.
- 3. The slack\_incoming provider authenticates the message.
- 4. The slack\_incoming controller decodes the message and fires a SlackEvent.
- 5. The SlackEvent's listeners process the message and generate responses.
- 6. The slack\_incoming controller returns a 200 response. Slack expects a 200 within 3 seconds or it will re-send the messages. (Sometimes several times.)
- 7. The SlackEvent's listeners use slackApi() to send a message back to the user.

#### **SLASH COMMANDS**

#### Slack slash command behavior:

- 1. Define slash command in Slack application.
- 2. Define controller method and route, including the \_slack\_incoming\_signing\_secret requirement.
- 3. User sends a slash command in Slack.
- 4. Slack sends a message to the endpoint defined in the Slack application.
- 5. The slash command controller method reads the message and does some stuff.
- 6. The controller returns a response.
- 7. Slack displays the response to the user.

#### **SLACK WORKSPACE**

Create a new Slack workspace for your own testing.

Go to <a href="https://slack.com/create">https://slack.com/create</a> and enter your email. Confirm your identity.

Describe your team. We'll pick "Something else."

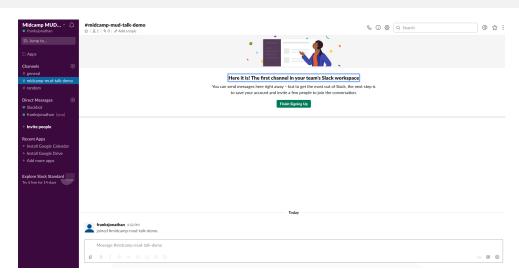
Enter a name for your team.

Enter what you're working on.

Skip adding people.

Click "Launch Workspace".

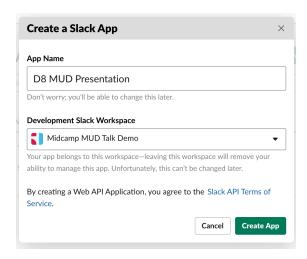
Your workspace has been created!



#### CREATING A SLACK APPLICATION

How to set up a new Slack application.

- Go to https://api.slack.com and log in. Click "Your Apps".
- Create new application.
- Enter an App Name.
- For your Development Slack Workspace, drop down and sign into a workspace.
- Enter the URL for your new workspace and press Continue.
- You might need to come back to api.slack.com and go to create app again.
- Enter your App Name, select your new Development Slack Workspace.
- Press Create App.

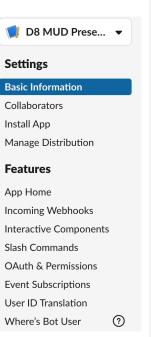


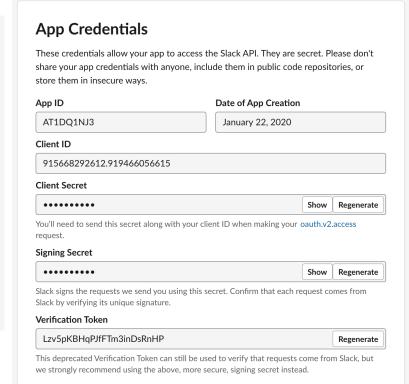
#### SETTING UP SLACK\_INCOMING

In your Drupal site, go to Configuration > Web Services > Slack.

In your Slack application, go to Basic Information.

Enter your Signing Secret in slack\_incoming configuration and press "Save configuration".





#### SETTING UP YOUR SLACK APPLICATION

Enable events and set your URL. Click the "Event Subscriptions" link in the "Features" section. Click the On/Off control to turn events On.

Enter your URL. Using the slack\_incoming module, your controller is at /slack/action-endpoint.

This makes a call to your Drupal site that slack\_incoming handles. It returns the challenge parameter back to Slack when the endpoint is hit with the verification event.

# Your app can subscribe to be notified of events in Slack (for example, when a user adds a reaction or creates a file) at a URL you choose. Learn more. Request URL Verified https://fba82265.ngrok.io/slack/action-endpoint Change We'll send HTTP POST requests to this URL when events occur. As soon as you enter a URL, we'll send a request with a challenge parameter, and your endpoint must respond with the challenge value. Learn more.

#### **SUBSCRIBING TO EVENTS**

Slack has a bunch of events to subscribe to. Our MUD only cares about a few. We're going to select:

- app\_home\_opened This allows us to populate the Home tab of the Slack app's workspace.
- message.im This allows the app to receive messages via DM, which is how users communicate with the game.

Now press Save Changes.

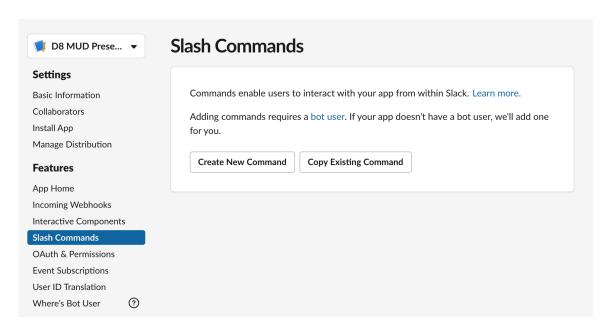
#### **SLASH COMMANDS**

We'll have two slash commands:

- /games
- /joingame <game id>

We set these up in our slack\_mud controller.

Enter them into the Slack app by clicking Slash Commands in the left menu and clicking Create New Command.



#### **SLASH COMMANDS**

We'll have two slash commands:

- /games at/commands/games
- /joingame <game id> at /commands/join\_name

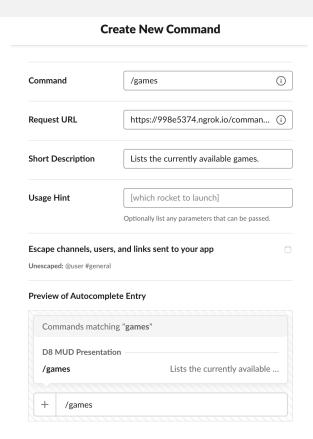
We set these up in our slack\_mud controller.

```
slack_mud.games:
  path: '/commands/games'
     _controller: '\Drupal\slack_mud\Controller\SlackMudCommandController::games'
    _title: 'List current games'
  methods: [POST]
    slack incoming signing secret: 'TRUE'
slack mud.join game:
  path: '/commands/join_game'
    controller: '\Drupal\slack mud\Controller\SlackMudCommandController::joinGame'
    _title: 'Join a game'
  methods: [POST]
    _slack_incoming_signing_secret: 'TRUE'
```

#### **SLASH COMMANDS - / GAMES**

We declared /games in our slack\_mud controller at /commands/games.

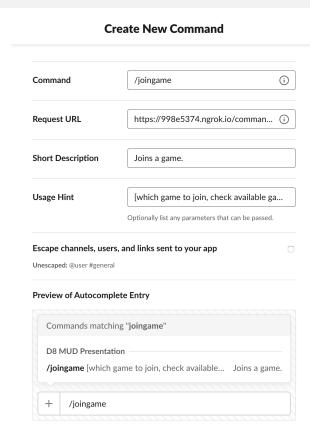
Press Save when you're done entering your slash command info.



#### **SLASH COMMANDS - /JOINGAME**

We declared /joingame in our slack\_mud controller at /commands/join\_game.

Press Save when you're done entering your slash command info.

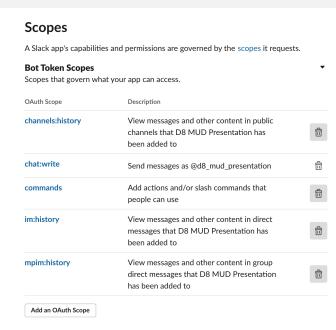


#### **SETTINGS**

Go back to the App Home page and enable Always Show My Bot as Online and Home Tab.

We'll need to add a scope that allows slack\_incoming to message users. Click OAuth & Permissions and scroll down to Scopes. Click Add an OAuth Scope and select chat:write. This is important! If you don't do this, your app won't be able to send messages to the users.

If your messages aren't appearing in Slack, double check your OAuth bot key first, then this scope setting second.

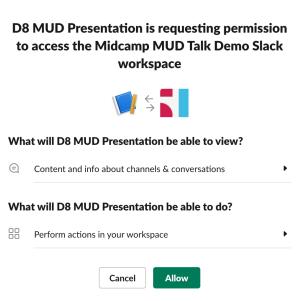


#### **OAUTH**

We need one more key to fully integrate the app.

Go to OAuth & Permissions in api.slack.com and press Install App to Workspace. It will verify the permissions it needs. Press Allow to finish installing the app.

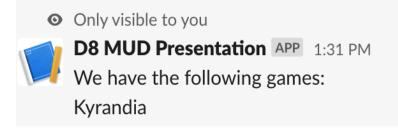
Now you'll have a Bot User OAuth Token. Copy that and paste it into your slack\_incoming settings (Configuration > Web services > Slack).



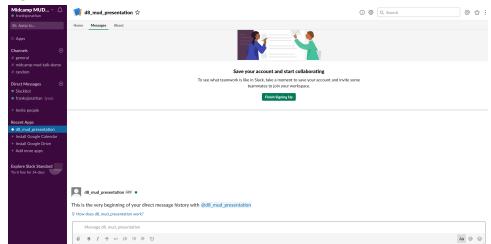
#### **USING THE APP**

Go to your workspace in Slack. You'll see the new application bot under Recent Apps.

Test a command, like /games.



Now /joingame kyrandia.



## Testing

#### **TESTING**

- Testing the plugins with Behat Kernel tests would have been another option, but for every command we need to test, we need to mock so many things that it was faster and more readable to use Behat.
- Manually testing Slack.

### Resources

#### **SOURCE CODE AND SLIDES**

Everything we used in this talk is located at github. The original Galacticomm source code is posted without permission in the repository with my ported version.

The slack incoming module can be found on d.o.

The word\_grammar module can be found on d.o.

(The slack mud module might eventually be found on d.o. Not available yet!)

You can find the source code from this presentation at <a href="https://tiny.cc/SlackMud">https://tiny.cc/SlackMud</a>.

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